

## Council Commissioner Matt Latimer - Key Three

### The Annual Charter Renewal (Recharter) and You

Summer is slowly winding down. The days are getting shorter and the air is becoming more crisp. Football is returning to TV. That can only mean one thing... BSA Charter Renewal (recharter) time is upon us! Don't fret! It's easy. Here's what units should be doing now:

- Identify an adult to be the renewal processor for Internet Rechartering.
- Make sure all your adult leaders have completed their required training. Remember, Mount Baker Council's youth protection training is required each year.
- Identify opportunities for leaders to complete required training by using the *Mountain Echo* newsletter and the Council Website. The University of Scouting on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in Arlington is an excellent "last chance" training opportunity.
- Obtain the charter renewal packet for your unit at your October District Roundtable. See your district calendar for dates and locations. Like prior years, each packet will have detailed instructions for how to complete Internet Recharter and will include notice of your District Recharter Turn-In Night.
- Review your unit's *Journey to Excellence* progress and begin planning for improvement in 2018!

The experienced Scouting leaders known as Unit Commissioners are here to help, so please reach out to them if you have questions. As in years past, our goal is to have all charter renewal packets submitted before Thanksgiving so that our unit leaders, district leaders and council staff can have an enjoyable and less stressful holiday season.

The Mount Baker Council is known throughout the BSA's Western Region as being the BEST at rechartering (among other things). Let's make it happen again this year!