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Tomb presentation

On the occasion of the 79th Annual IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Grand Master Joe Picanco, accompanied by his wife Kathi Picanco, had the honor of placing a memorial wreath during the Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows pilgrimage is a solemn ceremony that we have named "The Pilgrimage to the Tomb." It is the result of a privilege that was afforded to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs by our 32nd President of the United States and an Odd Fellow, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was in the White House from 1933-1945.

Five students making the UN trek this year

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

From the Jurisdiction of Washington, five students have been selected for the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour this year. Additionally, the Sovereign Grand Lodge UNP Committee has chosen Sylvia Summers from our Jurisdiction as an adult tour leader who will accompany the students from Portland, Oregon to Philadelphia and return. The delegates will depart Portland on Saturday June 23 and return July 5. There will be a total of 157 students on this tour from the United States, British Columbia, Manitoba, Finland, Alberta, and Norway.

On Friday evening, June 22, there will be a send-off dinner in honor of the delegation at the Oregon Odd Fellows Home, 3102 Holgate Blvd. in Portland, commencing at 5:30 p.m. The students and tour leaders will spend the night at an airport hotel before they depart on their tour.

Thank you go to Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3 for their support and sponsorship of students from the Jurisdiction of Washington. I, too, thank those lodges who have thoughtfully contributed financial support towards the UNP program from our Jurisdiction.

— Frank L. Wilson, UNP Chairman, 2011-2012

PGM Glen Benjamin passes away May 13 in Goldendale

Glen R. Benjamin, 84, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, passed away on May 13 in the Goldendale Hospital. Glen served as Grand Master in 1978-79. He joined Alimus Odd Fellow Lodge in 1943 and served in many offices in the lodge over the years. He was Noble Grand in 1949.

Brother Glen was born May 26, 1927 in Winchester, Idaho. He worked in Yemen for the PUD from 1979 to 1989. He then worked for the PUD in the Philippines from 1990 to 1994.

Glen is survived by his wife Patricia, four children and ten grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, May 31 in the United Methodist Church in Goldendale. He was later interred in the cemetery in White Salmon.



GLEN BENJAMIN

134th Sessions

Mardi Gras comes to Sessions in Yakima June 15 through 21

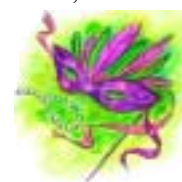
During the 134th Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the All Unit Grand Banquet will be on Monday evening, June 18. The banquet theme this year is "Mardi Gras." All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to dress for the theme. *Life is a masquerade! So, let's have a ball!*

The annual proceedings of Units of our Order for the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for 18-21 June at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima. Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington; Rebekah Assembly of Washington; Theta Rho Assembly of Washington; Grand Encampment of Washington; and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington. Officers of all Units of the Order will be elected and installed during the Sessions.

Additionally, Brother George L. Glover III, Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Sister Laura Argue, Vice-President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, will be in attendance.

Major scheduled events include:

- **Friday, June 15** — Theta Rho Picnic, Pool Party
- **Saturday, June 16** — Theta Rho Sessions begin, Theta Rho Banquet/Awards, Fun Night
- **Sunday, June 17** — Past President's Banquet, Theta Rho Installation, All Branch Memorials
- **Monday, June 18** — Sessions Begin, President's Breakfast, Grand Master's Breakfast, All Branch Banquet (Mardi Gras Theme)
- **Tuesday, June 19** — TaNaMaKa Breakfast, IOOF Representatives' Breakfast, Installation of 2012-2013 Officers
- **Wednesday, June 20** — Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast, Ice Cream Social and Fun Night for all Units
- **Thursday, June 21** — Grand Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Breakfast Grand Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Luncheon



Bring your used glasses to Sessions

Our organization has done a great job of collecting eye glasses this past year. If you have eye glasses and would like to bring them to Grand Sessions in Yakima, we would be happy to take them. Look for the collection box at Sessions. Together we are making an impact for those in need of glasses.

— Margaret Truttmann, Chairman,
Visual Aid Committee



JOE PICANCO

From your 2011-2012 Grand Master

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I would like to start out by first and foremost thanking each and every one in our Order throughout the Jurisdiction of Washington who have put your confidence in me to serve as your Grand Master for this past year. It has been a tremendous privilege and honor. I thank you for placing your trust in me and I hope that I have not let you down.

As I traveled within the state, I had the opportunity to enjoy your company at different lodge meetings and installations, all of which will be detailed in my Grand Master's Report. It has truly, truly been a pleasure. As I traveled around, I learned that Brothers and Sisters hold the values, principles, tenets, virtues of this great Order dearly. I ask, as I have asked throughout the course of the year, don't just hold them dearly. . . live them. Thank you and may God bless you all.

To the Officers of the Grand Lodge elected and appointed, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, and members of our Order who have assisted me on this journey, a very special thank you for your support this past year. Also, a heart filled thanks to you, the members who go about the business of our Order each and every day.

LODGES INSTITUTED THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

Colfax IOOF Lodge #14 — Instituted June 13, 1878

Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 — Instituted June 21, 1889

Oak IOOF Lodge #291 — Instituted June 29, 1911

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Joseph M. Picanco, Grand Master*

East-West Picnic moves to Olympia September 16

The annual East-West Picnic will be held at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1's Odd Fellow Park at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2012. The Odd Fellow Park is located at 6500 79th Ave NE in Olympia.

Everyone is invited for fun, games, walks on the beach, fellowship and, of course, some good food. Additionally, the Theta Rho Girls' Clubs plan to camp at the park the night before and remain for the picnic the next day, giving us a super opportunity to interact with the youth of our Order.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite picnic side dish to share and enjoy. Your dish will most certainly be appreciated by all attending.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to: Joe or Kathi Picanco at (360) 561-2220 so we might know how much food to prepare.

— *Your host and Picnic President, Joe Picanco*

On Camano Island

Pork chops & chicken on the barbecue July 8

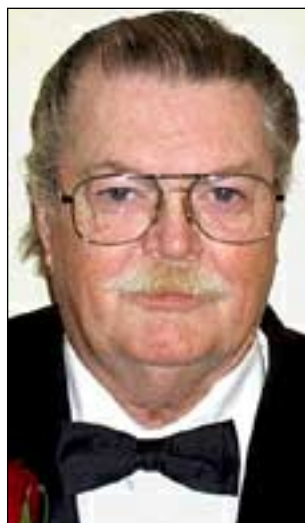
H.P. Downs Unified Encampment, with the help of members from Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 and Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge #23, will once again host the annual Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island. The annual event is scheduled for Sunday, July 8. The meal will be served around noon. We hope many of you will come and bring your friends for a day of good food and fellowship.

The cost of the meal is \$10 and includes a pork chop or chicken breast, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. The cost of the meal includes one piece of meat. If you would like more, it may be purchased at a nominal fee if there is extra.

The meal will be followed by the meeting of the Odd Fellows Park Board. Any member of our Order may attend the meeting.

We hope to see you on Camano Island this summer.

— *Judy Diekman, Scribe H.P. Downs Unified Encampment*



HARRY W. "BILL" COULTER

From the desk of the Grand Secretary

GRAND SESSIONS THIS MONTH

As we come to the end of another Odd Fellow year, my wish is for all to have a happy and harmonious Session in Yakima. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington as Grand Secretary these past few months.

In addition to fulfilling the routine duties of the office, it has been a pleasure to share our history with members and non-members with information of a relative's past Odd Fellow connection.

REPRESENTATIVES

Just a reminder, be sure you bring your lodge's copy of the Advance Reports — "Take Me" — and your Representative's Certificate with you to Grand Lodge.

MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

To all, remember that following the opening of Grand Lodge and after new Past Grands receive their Grand Lodge Degrees, the Grand Lodge is open in the Third Degree. This means that any Third Degree member may enter Grand Lodge to observe business. Grand Lodge is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required.

The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Brother George L. Glover III, Past Sovereign Grand Master, who hails from the Jurisdiction of Rhode Island. Let's all meet and greet him and welcome him to the Jurisdiction of Washington.

To all, I hope to see you in Yakima. I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

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The Grand Lodge office is experiencing some problems with our data base for members' names and addresses for mailing out the newspaper. Please check the mailing label when you receive your copy. If you find an error, please let the Grand Lodge office know as soon as possible, either by mail, telephone or e-mail, so we can make corrections. The mailing address is: Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF, P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377; telephone: 1-800-345-1766 or e-mail: grandsec@qwestoffice.net

— *Fraternally, Harry W. "Bill" Coulter, PGM, Grand Secretary*

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

~ and ~

Olympia Odd Fellows #1



**Cordially Invite You To A
Dual Reception In Honor Of The
President Of The Theta Rho
Assembly of Washington**

~ And ~

**The Grand Master Of The
Grand Lodge Of Washington**

Saturday, September 15, 2012

At 3:00 p.m.

Olympia Odd Fellows Hall

405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia, WA 98501

*Theta Rho Retreat to follow the reception at the
Puget Beach Odd Fellows Park*

And the East/West Picnic on Sunday, September 16

From your 2011 - 2012 Assembly President



LENA SWETZ

A BUSY SUNDAY AT SESSIONS

I hope our members have sent their Assembly registrations to the host committee for this years Sessions in Yakima. I know many of you will not arrive until Sunday June 17. Activities for Sunday are the Theta Rho Installation of Officers at 11 a.m., Board of Instructors at noon to 4 p.m., the Past Presidents' Banquet at 4 p.m., and the Joint Memorial Service at 7 p.m.



FRIENDSHIP, FRATERNITY AND FUN

My aim this year was Friendship, Fraternity and Fun. Friendship has three ingredients: thoughtfulness, kindness and love. We are all aware of the loss of membership, including the ability for some lodges to continue.

Communication has been a big problem. We often do not take the time to keep in contact with members who are not always able to attend meeting. Are your meetings planned to include some activities?

Are you the missing link who does not attend meetings, conduct proper elections, or attend to vote? Or are you the link who is always willing to let someone else do the job or try to "run" everything? Do you sign up new members, then forget them? Or are you a member who invokes that old rule, "We never did it that way before." This is food for thought.

A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

My project was a joint project with our Grand Master — funds for the IOOF Home. Several projects have been completed this past year. Our goal was to raise \$5,000 and we should be able to make it. I hope you were also able to support our scholarships, Visual Aid, and Theta Rho Clubs.

MY LAST LETTER

This will be my last official communication as your Assembly President. Words cannot express how much your acts of kindness and support have ment to me. I was not able to visit as much as I wanted to, but I do plan to visit more lodges as just a "Rebekah Sister." What a pleasure it was to see some lodges. Even if their active members were limited, they still conducted their meetings the same as if they had 30 members present. They all knew their charges, they all conducted their meetings and business of the lodge in proper form. Keep up the good work!

SCRAPBOOK ITEMS NEEDED

Just a reminder, Sharon Harris is my scrapbook person. If you have any pictures or items of interest, please send them to her at 1323 5th Ave. SW, Puyallup, WA 98371.

I am glad I am a Rebekah!

*With Rebekah Love In F., L. & T.,
Lena Swetz, President Rebekah Assembly of Washington
199 Canyon Rd., Silver Creek, WA 98585-9708
Home Phone: (360) 983-3105, Cell: (360) 520-2436*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

OUR SESSIONS ARE HERE

Well, here we are. The month of June has arrived and I am sure that our Sisters and Brothers of the Rebekah Lodges of Washington are busy preparing for our Assembly Sessions. Our Sessions will be Monday, June 18 through Wednesday, June 20 at the Clarion Inn in Yakima. Our Sessions will again follow Fathers' Day weekend. Take a moment and when you see a Brother of our Order at Sessions, wish him a "Happy Fathers' Day." These Brothers have given up being with their families on Fathers' Day to be at our Sessions in time to attend the first morning sessions on Monday.

I hope that as many as are able, will be in attendance at our Sessions this year. There are changes that will be voted on, both financially and by legislation, for changes to our Rebekah Assembly Constitution and By-Laws. Please take the time to review our 2012-2013 Budget in the "Take Me" with your lodge members and get their input on the changes that will be voted on at Assembly.

A REMINDER TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS

As a reminder, those voting members of the Assembly are listed in the Rebekah Assembly Constitution and will transact all of the business of the Assembly. The Assembly Officers, Past Presidents, Secretaries Emeritus, Treasurers Emeritus, and duly qualified Representatives in attendance at the Assembly Session and District Deputy Presidents who may not be Representatives are eligible to vote on all business that is legally brought before the Assembly. All Brothers and Sisters in good standing, in this Jurisdiction, who have taken the Assembly Degree and are present at the Sessions of the Rebekah Assembly, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Assembly Officers, but shall have no further voice in the Assembly, excepting that by special permission of the President, they will be permitted to speak on any questions. The Assembly shall open in the Assembly Degree and then revert to the Rebekah Degree to admit members who are not Past Noble Grands to sit in our Assembly Sessions.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

There have been some of the Rebekah Lodges of Washington that received notice from the IRS that their non-profit status has been revoked. Other Jurisdictions have been notified in the last two years, following a change in ruling of the IRS Division by the State Legislation, with no notification to those affected by these changes, prior to the notice of lose of non-profit status. Let me know if your Rebekah Lodge received this notice. I will have forms and report numbers for making out the necessary forms to reapply.

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION

I was watching a play-off baseball game involving my grandson's baseball team not too long ago and saw a number of young people in attendance. They were very busy talking, texting and not paying much attention to the game until someone hit the ball or there was a play that those watching the game reacted to. It seems that sometimes, that is the way of life these days. You only pay attention when something exciting is happening or you hear a reaction from someone else near by. We need to pay more attention to what is happening around us and deal with the solutions before things get out of hand. "Don't believe in half truths. You may get the wrong half."

*With Lots of Rebekah Hugs, in F., L. & T.,
Marcia Presley, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*



Our newest Rebekahs

Washington's newest Rebekah Lodge, Oddesses #337 on Orcas Island, was instituted on April 4 in Eastsound. At the same time, by special dispensation, officers were installed and members were initiated at Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 in Oak Harbor. Rebekahs initiated into Oddesses Lodge are, from left, Susan Slapin, Lesley Liddle, Challin Ellis, Susan Malins, Paula Capitano and Samara Shaw. Kathy Reed, far right, was initiated into Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge. The next initiation for Oddesses Lodge will be at Oak Leaf Lodge on Wednesday, June 6.



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From your 2011-2012 Theta Rho President

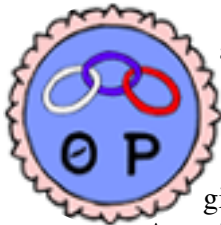


ALLISON STEWART

ASSEMBLY IS FINALLY HERE

Greetings,

Theta Rho Assembly is days away. This year has gone by so fast.



My Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club had a fun sleepover and participated in the Holland Happening Parade at the end of April. We missed the Spunky Bluebirds.

The Theta Rho Retreat in Olympia was loads of fun because of the "First Amazing Theta Rho Race." The girls all said they would like a "Second Annual Theta Rho Amazing Race" next year. We had good food and good weather

and we practiced hard for Assembly. Eta Lorraine from Oregon came and made it all the more fun. There were so many girls and advisors.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Mardi Gras celebration on Fun Night in in Yakima.

My club always helps with the barbecue at the IOOF Park in July and I look forward to seeing as many of you as can come.

Thank you for all of your support during my year as President. See you at Sessions.

*In Happiness Through Service ,
Ally Stewart, Theta Rho Assembly President*



At Monterose's Friendship Meeting on May 3 are, from left, Rebekah Assembly President Lena Swetz and VG Bonnie Hadaller, along with Dorothy Ray and Alberta Hagen. May 3 was also Bonnie's birthday. Lena wished her a happy birthday as the picture was taken.

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

We had a wonderful turnout of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows at our Friendship Meeting and Rebekah Assembly President's visit on Thursday, May 3. Visitors came from Sylvan Glen, Harmony, Longview and Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodges. It was like old times when everyone came.

We are pleased to have two Sisters who are planning to attend the Yakima Sessions this month. They are Rosalie Davis and Bonnie Hadaller. We give them our support and know they will do well to represent Monterose #46.

Cookie Music reported she had a very enjoyable evening with the Ocean Beach Rebekahs on May 1. President Lena was visiting Ocean Beach that evening and it was their Friendship Meeting. They are a friendly group.

Rosalie visited Longview's meeting and Lena's visit on May 5. She also had a good time and felt most welcome.

I hope you all had a happy Mothers' Day.

— In F., L., & T., Cookie Music, PNG & Reporter



At left, a couple of Odd Fellows from Longview were in attendance at our May 3 Friendship Meeting — John Bonsey and Charlie Muslof. At right, we were pleased to have with us Aileen Wideman and Leona Treznoski, along with our own Monterose Sister Evelyn Woody.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We have been busy with our pizza card sales and have added some funds to our treasury to help us get to Assembly.

We had our sleepover and participated in the Holland Happening Parade. but members of the Spunky Bluebirds ended up having a conflict of dates and were not able to join us this year. We missed them, but had a good time with our own members.

This past month we also delivered carnation corsages and Mothers' Day cards to the residents of the nursing home to brighten their Mothers' Day.

The Theta Rho Retreat was a lot of fun even though most of our girls did not get to go.

We continue to write to our pen pal in Florida. He sent us a picture of a wall hanging he had made that is being entered in a state contest.

We do not have any plans for this month except to work on our assignments for Sessions and to complete the work on our scrapbook.

We will be helping at the Pork Chop Barbecue at the IOOF Park in July.

We are looking forward to spending time with the other clubs at Sessions. It sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun. See you all in Yakima.

*— Until Next Month In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79*

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We were delighted to have Al and Polly Komarek present at our meeting on April 17. They now reside in Spokane Valley. It was great to see them and we hope they will surprise us again.

It was good to have Myrtle Milliman from Bee Hive as a guest.

Jeanne Elder, who has joined Narcissa Lodge by transfer of membership from Unity Lodge in Auburn, also was present. We welcome her and look forward to working with her in the future.

During our time of fellowship, everyone enjoyed the chance to catch up on the latest as we enjoyed the goodies provided by our refreshment hostess, Barbara Lechner.

In addition to the many members of Alice Davidson's family, several Narcissa Lodge members were on hand to help her celebrate her 90th birthday on April 14.

April 15-21 was designated as "National Volunteer Week." At our last meeting in April, Noble Grand Rose shared the good news of receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the Activity Department at the Odd Fellows Home for her volunteer work of helping in "The Courtyard" gift shop as well as for her "Flower Project". Rose thanked Elsie Wells, Marthann Hall, Barbara Tvrtz, Jeannine Griffin and Sharon Sousa for their assistance. Two of her helpers, Jean Hanson and Bridget Buley Copler, are not lodge members but have been willing to serve as drivers and have helped to create flower arrangements. Included in those being remembered are IOOF Home staff members and those who are celebrating birthdays. Most recipients have not only been surprised, but also are very appreciative as indicated by both written and verbal thank you's we have received. Many residents are now calling Rose "the flower lady" and her response to that is, "What fun!"

Another one of our lodge Sisters has made an important contribution to our community. Robertta Hunt was recognized in our local newspaper for her successful endeavor in providing a lunch for the homeless on Mondays at her church. She said that after reading the book, "Breakfast at Sally's" by Richard LeMieux, she became more aware of the plight of the homeless and decided it was time to do something about it. When she asked her church to consider sponsoring a lunch for the homeless, her request was well received and the response has been

great. When more than 20 people showed up for the very first lunch on Monday, December 5, Robertta knew she had made the right decision. Now there are several churches in Walla Walla who are providing lunch four days a week.

We continue to pray for our Sisters who are experiencing some health problems. Beth Entze and Jacqueline Klicker are both doctoring from eye problems, but getting along okay. Pat Grigg had knee surgery and is recuperating at Park Manor. Judy Zohner is undergoing tests for some recent health problems and Jane Hanson is still getting adjusted to her cancer treatments. This summer, Aramae Buckingham is facing carpal tunnel surgeries in both hands. Our prayers are for those surgeries to be successful.

Condolences have been read and accepted for our two departed Sisters, Marie Turnbow and Ruth Gibson. Marie, who passed away in early April, joined Narcissa on May 27, 1960 and was a 52-year member. Ruth, who also died in April, was a seven-year member of Narcissa, having joined on November 16, 2004.

On April 17 we draped the Charter in memory of Past President of the IARA, Marie Pryor Johnson.

A note, from the "Pantry Shelf" was read thanking Narcissa for the 112 pounds of food and cash donations in March, which helped make it possible to distribute food to 577 people that month. John Paulson of the IOOF Home also sent an acknowledgment and thank you for our contribution to the Endowment Fund in memory of Marie Turnbow who passed away recently.

Barbara Lechner gave a positive report regarding the District Meeting which took place on April 21. There were 25 in attendance and Narcissa Lodge was well represented.

With the idea of "planting a tree after thee" and in conjunction with the Living Legacy Fund, we voted to give a monetary donation to the Odd Fellows Home for the purpose of planting a tree. Also, the members voted to make a monetary contribution to the President's Project.

We are happy to report that we have a new member, Alco Canfield, who was initiated on May 1. We already appreciate her enthusiasm. She was presented a dainty floral arrangement containing a pink rose.

May all of you have a very pleasant and wonderful summer!

In F.,L.&T., Nancy Klicker, Reporter

From your 2011-2012 Grand Matriarch



JUDY DIEKMAN

SEE YOU IN YAKIMA

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My year as Grand Matriarch is coming to an end and I want to thank each of you for all the support you have given to me this year. I value the friendship of each and everyone of you. Because of you, I have many pleasant memories of this past year.



My projects have done well, but I am a little below my goal for the Theta Rho Hotel Fund. I will have my raffle set up at the Yakima Sessions on Sunday after the Theta Rho Installation and I will continue to sell chances up until Monday night. Please stop by and show your support for our girls by purchasing some tickets. The winners will be announced at the All Branches Banquet on Monday evening.

We have three officers who need to be installed and that will be done Thursday morning before we start our meeting.

Thank you all again for a wonderful year. See you in Yakima!

In Faith Hope & Charity, Judy Diekman, PP, Grand Matriarch

Come and march in the Olympia Parade July 21

It's time for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to **not** be a well-kept secret anymore.

Please join us Sunday, July 21 for the Olympia Lakefair Parade. All members of our Order are invited. The parade starts at 6 p.m. We'll be meeting at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall at 4 p.m. and then heading to the start of the parade.

To walk in the parade, you must sign a release of liability form. Please contact Laurel Delony, (253) 606-7620 or (253) 983-7619 if you wish to participate and to obtain a liability form.

There will be an open house after the parade at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall. Refreshments and information about our Order will be available to those interested in becoming members. Let's tell the world know that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is alive and well.

PP's to have sales table

The Rebekah Assembly of Washington's Past Presidents' Association will have a sales table during our Assembly Sessions in Yakima. If you have any items that you **can** live without, bring them to the Sessions. Please put prices on your items as this makes it easier for those staffing the sales table.

We will again have a formal sale, so if you have a dress or two that you no longer wear, bring them for the Past Presidents' sale.

If there are any past Presidents who would be available to staff our Past Presidents' table, please let me know.

— *Fraternally, Marcia Presley, PPRA
And President of the Past Presidents' Association.*

Thank you!!

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 and the Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #260 donated the hall and their time to set up and clean up for my mother Florence's memorial on April 15. They also provided yummy treats and a beautiful spray of flowers for the entrance. Being a member of this lodge made me feel truly supported in my time of need and I wish to express my deepest gratitude.

— *Sincerely,
Nora Carria Secretary
Ballard- Alki IOOF #170*



From your 2011-2012 Grand Patriarch



GREG POWERS

THANKS AGAIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A big thank you for giving me the honor to serve you as Grand Patriarch this past year. This last year has been a great one for Odd Fellowship. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Sessions this year. The theme for the Grand Banquet is "Mardi Gras." Dress festive, bring your masks, beads and Laissez les bon temps rouler. For Catholics around the world, Mardi Gras is the last blowout before the fasting of Lent, when people prepare for Easter's High Holy Days. This will be our chance to blow off some steam before getting down to the work of Sessions. I must also encourage our first timers to avail themselves of the sublime ritual of TaNaMaKa. The princesses hunger for bear meat! Please be ready with a song or a party piece for the ice cream social on Wednesday night. Let's work and play hard.



AS ABOVE, NOT SO BELOW

Our country is in need of Odd Fellowship now more than ever. It hasn't been more politically polarized since the Civil War. Our Congress is more interested in making the opposing party look bad rather than looking out for the good of the whole. It reminds me of General Sheishkopf in "Catch 22," categorizing every event as either a feather in his cap or a black eye. The entire war effort broken down to how each minuscule event reflected on his personal goals of promotion and power. As we stand now, both sides refuse to compromise for fear of giving the enemy a victory. Yes, Pogo, you're right, "We've met the enemy and he is us." Unlike our rulers, we will work together. As we move into Sessions, let's concentrate on what we agree on and what our common goals are. We may differ on how to achieve them, but let's do that openly, honestly and respectfully. There is plenty of room for all opinions. The opportunities may seem overwhelming, but working together, we'll face them. Just remember, how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. Pass the ketchup.

THE GOLDEN FUTURE OF ORDER

Odd Fellowship is alive and well. The reports of it's death are premature. Around the world new recruits are burning with it's spirit. the Philipinos seem to be starting a new lodge every week. In this country lodges are thriving with energies of new Brothers. Orcas Island has started up a new Rebekah Lodge. In San Francisco's Golden Gate Encampment, I saw a 19-year-old installed as Junior Warden. He's bringing his friends in. In some parts of the country, they think the IOOF is a motorcycle club. One of the California Lodges raises money for charity by presenting punk rock operas. Women now stand equal in the lodge hall with their male brethren. These modalities might seem bizarre to some, but they reflect the true spirit of our Order. We are called on to set aside our differences and work for the common good. In our Order, we see no difference in race, creed, gender or status. There is room under this tent for all.

Thank You for letting me serve you.

*Yours In Faith, Hope & Charity;
Greg C. Powers,*

Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington

TaNaMaKa Be on the lookout for 'Bear Meat'

President Joyce Miller has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night, June 18 at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima following the All Branch Banquet. The Princesses and Princes need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meet."

We will also have a sales table this year, so bring any "treasures" you would like to contribute to the sale. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work the table during the Sessions. If you are willing to help, please contact TaNaMaKa Secretary Margaret Truttmann at:

maggie@olynet.com or phone **(360) 482.2923**.

We hope to see many of the Princesses and Princes at our annual meeting.

— *Margaret Truttmann, Secretary*



Gathered at Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge are, from left, Olney Patch, Marla Johnson, Sandy Thissell, Althea Miller, Linda Zuern (behind the kite), Betty

Pierce (at the desk), Sue Johson (in raincoat), Rebekah Assembly President Lena Swetz (seated) and Dorothy Music.

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 hosts President Lena

May Day, May Day! Yes, on the first day of May at our regular first meeting of the month, President Lena Swetz made her official visit to our lodge, along with Sisters Dorothy Music and Alberta Luurs. Prior to opening our meeting, we feasted on a ham dinner with potatoes, salads and rolls, all while enjoying conversation around the tables. Brother Bob Jacobson took some outstanding pictures, as you can see.

During the Good of the Order portion of the meeting, a poem was read by Sister Sue Johnson while Linda Zuern, Marla Johnson, Olney Patch, Sandy Thissell and Aletha Miller entered the room with items relating to the poem. Noble Grand Cathy Kary presented our President with a basket of locally-grown, canned and made items relating to our Long Beach Peninsula. Marla Johnson provided the dessert served after the meeting. We also presented a check to Sister Lena for her project.

We just learned that Sister Beverly Gilpin took another fall and was in the hospital for a short time. This was back in May. She should be doing better by now. Sister Donna reported that Bessie Braschuk (her 100-year-old mom) is doing okay. Sister Opal Eaton (Bessie's sister) had eye surgery and now doesn't have to wear her glasses. Sister Lucy Aydelott had foot surgery. She is doing okay.

Betty Pierce served at our second meeting in May with a red, white and blue theme to celebrate Memorial Day. Placing flowers and flags on the graves of those we have lost in battle and through other illnesses is a priority for some of us who still feel the pain of those loved ones now gone. Cemeteries deserve our care and maintenance and I hope you all give them your labor and donations for their preservation and beauty.

There are just two meetings left in June before we vacation for the summer. We have Flag Day and the Fourth of July to celebrate during our hiatus. These are two events which we will have another chance to honor our servicemen, those serving and those gone. Fly those flags proudly.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer and let's hope we have some sunshine and warmth to make our days more fun.

We will continue to play Bunco through the summer. Some of our ladies

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We are awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior. In September, we will reveal the winner of the scholarship and the presenter.

Noble Grand Carolyn Turner and a carload of members went to Toledo for a friends meeting. Everyone was happy with the lunch and the entertainment.

THOUGHT

"Tell no one when you are wronged. Tell everyone when you are blessed."

We send our sympathies following the loss of Sylvia Sutley. She was our District Deputy last year. What a fabulous lady she was. I feel privileged to have known her.

Leona Treznoski served the lunch — a very tasty lasagna. She was

assisted by Alice Silbernagle. Alice furnished the food and Leona did the work.

THOUGHTS

"The joy that you give others is the joy that comes back to you."

"Don't find fault. Fine a remedy."

Alice is currently in California helping her daughter who is recovering from cataract surgery.

Spring has been late this year, along with being very wet.

Jerry and Wayne Purtell took a vacation to Nevada. We hope they are having fun.

We wish everyone a happy spring. We all know that summer is coming.

With love and best wishes to all.

In F., L. & T., Luellyn Ainsworth, PNG, Chaplain and Reporter

belong to a Friendship Club and will meet during the summer.

So, enjoy your summer and enjoy Bob Jacobson's pictures accompanying this article.

In F., L. & T., Sue Johnson, PNG and Reporter



From left are Noble Grand Cathy Kary, Rebekah Assembly President Lena Swetz and Dorothy Music on May 1 at Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313.

In Kennewick

Althea #182 bows out

This is the swan song for Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 in Kennewick. Our Charter has been surrendered with deep regrets. As with so many lodges we haven't been able to get younger members as our economy demands two wage earners. Time with family has to come first, then after activities with children there is very little time for anything else. We will miss our meetings but we can still get together over a cup of coffee and have a good chat.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Noah was a faithful man. He set sail with two termites."

"Lifeguard on duty " mine walks on water."

"The mighty oak was a little nut that stood its ground."

"Remember that all things in life are temporary."

No jokes this time. Surrendering a Lodge Charter is like losing a loved one — leaving a vacant place in our hearts.

— Val DeVall, Reporter

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Well, warm weather has finally come to the Northwest.

We are having a garage sale during the first two weeks of June at our Noble Grand's house rather than the rent-a-table we planned. We ran into a conflict with the big "Relay for Life" event during the first weekend and felt we would not have very good luck at renting tables.

On Wednesday, June 6, we will once again be hosting an initiation for some more candidates from the new Rebekah Lodge on Orcas Island. It will start at 3:30 p.m. Coffee and tea with goodies will be served prior to

the initiation.

Our Noble Grand will be representing our lodge at the Senior Awards Night to present our scholarship for this year.

We will be going on summer break for July and August, but will share our summer news in September.

To our Sisters who are not able to attend, we miss you and hope that you keep up with our lodge through the newspaper.

Everyone, have a wonderful summer!

In Rebekah Love, Judy Diekman, PPRA & Reporter

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Glen R. Benjamin**, Past Grand Master 1978-79, PG, 69 year member Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Goldendale.

• **Harlan R. Grant**, PG, PCP, 27 year member, Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge #23.

• **Joyce Murphy**, PNG, 36 year member, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.

• **Sylvia Sutley**, PNG, 16 year member of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 and 10 year member of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

I think Summer finally made it!! The flowers are blooming at our IOOF Park, thanks to brother P.J. Fluetsch and his crew. There is nothing more relaxing than sitting in the sun out front of the kitchen with Mt. Rainier on the horizon, the waters of Puget Sound gently rolling along the shore, green grass on the hillside and the colors of a multitude of plants framing the porch. We are a blessed people to be able to enjoy such a place as this.



Megan Wilson, Ruth's youngest member, was married on May 4. Her mother, Joanie Stein, is on the right.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 had a busy month, as usual. We were privileged to work with "Mary's Marvelous Pit Bar-B-Q" in sponsoring a dinner to benefit the Little Red Schoolhouse. This is a project we have worked with the past few years. The Little Red Schoolhouse provides a variety of school supplies for those in need. If you missed the barbecue, there is still time to donate to this cause. The actual distribution of supplies will take place on August 16. We will be providing labor that entire week — helping to set things up, distribute items, and clean up afterwards. If you are interested in participating in this project, please leave a message for Cathy Garcia at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, (360) 352-8601.

Our annual Memorial Day Service was wonderful. The weekend started at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning with a group of volunteers putting flags at the graves of all the veterans buried in our cemetery. Several members put in many hours making sure the grounds

were mowed, weeded and manicured beautifully for the service. Thank you to everyone who helped. The service itself included a Cannon Salute, special music, speakers, and refreshments. In all, it was a beautiful tribute to our military and the freedom we enjoy.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 had the honor of showering our youngest member with gifts of love following her recent wedding. Megan Stein, daughter of our Past Noble Grand Joanie Stein, became Megan Wilson on Friday May 4. Congratulations and best wishes to Megan and Mike.

We also honored our current Noble Grand, Jennie Cole, as she celebrated her 91st birthday. Thank you for all you do, Jennie.

Just a reminder, Ruth #17 will go dark during July and August. Wednesday, June 13 is the date of our last meeting of the season.

Olympia #1 will be hosting the annual Seafood Dinner on Saturday, August 25. Particulars are still in progress. As this is the last newspaper until September, feel free to contact any member of our lodge for more information as the summer progresses. Or... just plan on camping with us that weekend and enjoy the park.

Starting in June the Park Board will meet at the park on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are open to all Odd Fellows members and your input is important. Also, from June through September, Olympia IOOF #1 will hold the second meeting of each month at the park.

Have a great summer and we hope to see you on the beach.

— In F., L. & T.,
Cathy Garcia, Secretary



Spokane area Rebekah Lodges pass the dollars to Guilds' School

In February, the Spokane Guilds' School for children with muscular problems was thrilled to accept a very generous combined gift from Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145 and Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238. Both lodges are in the Spokane area. Their gift was a wonderful surprise that gives the school joy and hope by reminding everyone that community members care deeply about the future of the Spokane Guilds' School and the precious children who are served. From left are Yvonne Haugeto, Dick Boysen, Tim Moon and Sandy Haugeto.



Rebekah Assembly President Lena Swetz, left, chats with Ruth Short of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11 on March 27. Ruth was honored for her 77 years of membership with a 75-year Jewel.

In Port Townsend

Mizpah #11's Ruth Short honored for her 77 years!

On March 27, 2012, Lena Swetz, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and the host Lodge, Mizpah #11 of Port Townsend, had the privilege of presenting a 75-year Jewel to Ruth Short, who has been a member for 77 years.



RUTH SHORT

Ruth was Noble Grand for the first time in 1939, and has been an active member and Noble Grand several times since.

She was honored with a luncheon provided by Secretary Phyllis Rodgers and Treasurer Judy Inman of Mizpah #11. Lena, with some of her Assembly Officers and Past Assembly Officers, were present along with members from Mystic Lodge Rebekah Lodge #168 in Bremerton. We also had two Past Rebekah Assembly Presidents, two Past Grand Masters and a Past President from Oregon in attendance, along with her family — two sons, a daughter and three granddaughters.

We look forward to having Ruth around for a long time with her easy story telling and great sense of humor. Thank you, Ruth, for your dedication and many contributions to this great Order of ours, the Rebekah Assembly of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Port Townsend is a better place because of people like you.

In F., L. & T., Phyllis Rodgers,
Secretary, Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

First of all I want to send a heartfelt thank you to all Rebekahs, Past Presidents, Theta Rho Girls, and Rebekah Lodges who sent me cards and offered prayers. I don't know if all of you know it, but I was in -the-hospital for 17 days and ICU for 11 days. I had a heart attack in the hospital and now have degenerative heart disease. I've been going to the doctors every day and on weekends, having shots to keep up my white blood count and platelets. I'm also having blood transfusions once a week. My blood pressure keeps dropping below 83. At this time don't know if the doctor will let me come to Assembly. Love you all, and again a big thank you.

I am very sorry I let Grand Chaplain Pam Newman down. I gave her some ideas before ending up in the hospital. I understand Barbara Reitan has been helping her. A big thank you to Barb.

Carol Robertson has been in and

out of the hospital with stomach pain. She found out she has to have her para-thyroid removed. Pray that she stays well enough to get this done. Our prayers are with you, Carol.

Our new member had to have shoulder and wrist surgery, and now cataract surgery. We are glad that you are doing better.

Flossie Morey had cataract surgery. She had more than one cataract in her good eye. She is also having shots in her knee. Get better, Flossie.

Our Noble Grand Joan Lundy has been having wonderful and interesting meetings. We had tea party for her Friendship Night on May 17. We are having a program for Flag Day. Joan has each meeting planned, and it is great. Everyone is enjoying her very much.

Not being at lodge, it is difficult to write what has been going on.

In F., L. & T.,
Sharon Harris, Reporter



Chowder winner

Bill Ostlund, a longtime member of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75, won the amateur division of "Best of the Coast" Clam Chowder Contest held in Ocean Shores on March 24. Bill is also editor of *The Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper.

— Photo by Kevin Hanson
Enumclaw Courier-Herald

'Best on the Coast'

Editor's clam chowder wins top honors at Ocean Shores

Apparently Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 Brother and Editor of *The Washington Odd Fellow* can brew up a mighty fine kettle of clam chowder. At least that's what the judges at the Ocean Shores Razor Clam Festival said on March 24 when they awarded Bill the top prize and proclaimed his chowder, "The Best on the Coast."

Bill has been tinkering with the recipe passed down from his grandmother to mother and finally to son. Bill's 93-year-old mother still makes an occasional pot of chowder, providing Bill digs the fresh razor clams. Growing up, his family headed to the beach every summer for days of razor clam digging. It's a passion that has lasted a lifetime and throughout the years, Bill knew he had perfected a pretty good recipe. A year ago, he entered the Ocean Shores Chowder Contest for the first time, but it ended with disastrous results. The cream, which goes in last, was sour.

This year things went much better. The panel of judges, headed by Cathy Casey, a Seattle cooking show host and author of many cookbooks, said Bill's chowder was by far the best of the 17 entered. "Perfect! clams cooked well. Base well seasoned," she said. For his efforts, Bill received a blue ribbon hanging on a hand-carved razor clam and a check for 200 "clams" — dollars that is.

Bill claims his recipe is pretty simple, but time consuming. It takes him about five hours to complete a kettle of chowder. Fresh ingredients are crucial. Bill's recipe calls for Yukon Gold potatoes, diced into half-inch cubes and boiled in clam juice, along with a few bay leaves. Likewise, the carrots are finely diced and simmered in clam juice. A good quality bacon (this time from the smokehouse at the IGA in Buckley), is diced and fried, but not crispy. The Walla Walla Sweet onions are sauteed in the bacon grease. All ingredients are added to a pot and finally the finely-diced razor clams are introduced. Bill freezes his clams in water so they are as fresh as the day they were dug.

Seasonings include granulated garlic, salt and white pepper. The mixture is brought up to just under the boiling point. An hour or so before serving, Bill adds heavy cream and a few drops of Tabasco sauce. After this reaches a temperature of just under boiling, he adds his roux to thicken the entire mix. The roux is a couple of tablespoons of flour added to a stick of melted butter.

Bill's clam chowder is available at the Wilkeson Eagles almost every Friday night where he also roasts up some pretty savory prime rib.

Lodge Cards will return

Because of the large volume of material this month for *The Washington OddFellow*, the Lodge Cards usually printed on page 8 have been left out. They will return as soon as possible. Your Lodge Card will be extended for the time it was left out.

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Hello again from Trinity Rebekah Lodge. It is June already and we have already celebrated Mothers' Day.

So far we have three Sisters who plan to attend Sessions in Yakima this month. They are Alberta Luurs, Florence Reith and Cookie Music. We hope they all have a good time and learn a lot. We're sure our Representative Alberta will bring back an interesting report.

In July for "Fun Time Days," we have a change of plans. Instead of a breakfast, we are holding a community garage sale in our lodge hall. Hot dogs will be served for lunch. Of course, we will take time out for the parade.

Our time at the Toutle River Rest Area coffee stop is coming in early August. This is one of our biggest money-making projects of the year. We all take part with a shift and bring homemade cookies. Once out there, I

enjoy seeing the people stop for a break and a cup of coffee.

Our Southwest Washington Fair runs from August 14-19. The Fair's theme this year is "Heart of the Harvest." Wednesday is Senior Citizens Day — the best time to go. I do hope you all come and stop by the Floral Building to see Cookie's floral projects.

On Saturday, August 25, we are holding our Rebekah Picnic. There will be games, fellowship and a potluck luncheon. The picnic will be at the home of Candy and Lee Koons in Napavine. We usually have a good turnout of Rebekahs, and of course we have a lot of fun. Invitations will be sent out. We hope to see you at the picnic.

Our congratulations go to Cookie on her recent retirement.

In F., L. & T.,

Cookie Music, PNG and Reporter



Cookie Music, right, of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine, was honored at her retirement party on Saturday, April 21. Her handicapped friends with her are Josh and Stephen.

Trinity's Cookie Music retires

We give Cookie Music congratulations on her recent retirement. April 30 was her last day of employment as a caregiver for the handicapped. It was a job she enjoyed for the last nine years. Before that, she was a laundry aid for ten years. Over the course of her lifetime, she worked at a tree farm, was a hotel maid, dishwasher and cleaned at a fast food restaurant. What she enjoyed the most were the seasonal jobs she picked up at the Southwest Washington Fair. It was fun.

Working has kept Cookie busy. Going back to 1985, she needed to be employed to help with bills and make a living.

"It is hard to believe I have reached this milestone in my life," Cookie said. "Being a senior citizen, I guess it is about time."

Cookie is going to relax and enjoy the things she never had enough time to do — gardening, camping, cross stitching and, of course, the Rebekahs.

A party was held for Cookie by her coworkers and handicapped friends on Saturday, April 21 at the monthly dance. It was party time with lots of dances, chatter and snacks. We wish the Rebekahs could have come, but there were rules to follow.

As of now, Cookie plans to help more with Rebekah activities.

— *In F., L. & T., Debbie Lee, RSNG and PNG*

Reception for Col. Jackson to be in Oregon on July 22

You are cordially invited to a Picnic Reception in honor of Col. Allan Jackson, Department Commander Pacific Northwest Department Patriarchs Militant, IOOF on Sunday, July 22 at 4 p.m. at the home of Bill and Diane Hawes, 32264 Tangent Drive in Tangent, Oregon 97389. Their phone number is (451) 926-5970.

DIRECTIONS

Take Interstate 5 south to exit 228 toward Corvallis, turn left 3/4 mile, and then right onto Tangent Drive. Go about 1-3/4 miles to the address. (There will be a sign.) If you wish you may bring a salad or dessert.

