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Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 of South Tacoma were in great spirits as they awaited their flight from SeaTac to Dallas, Texas on August 13. Front row, from left, are Faith Ghramm, Julia Collier and Piper Fyffe. In the back row are Advisor Sylvia Summers, Christina Dirks and Lauren Lozano.

Yee haw, Texas style!

Six Spunky Girls plunge deep in the heart of Texas

In August, six members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club had a golden opportunity to join Theta Rho Assembly President Faith Ghramm at the SGL- IARA Youth Days in Fort Worth, Texas. This good fortune was made possible by several amazingly fortunate coincidences, as well as the wonderful support of our South Tacoma and Olympia Odd Fellows Lodges. Big thanks to all who helped provide the girls with this exciting and memorable experience.

Six Jurisdictions (Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Michigan, and Texas) and 51 kids were in attendance at Youth Days. At the orientation meeting on Friday, youth and advisors' discussions were held. It was great to have the chance to discuss questions and concerns and get to know each other better.

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You Are Invited You To A Reception In Honor Of

Faith Ghramm

President Of The Theta Rho Assembly Of Washington

Laurel Delony

Grand Master Of The Grand Lodge Of Washington

Barbara Nelson

President Of The Rebekah Assembly Of Washington

Frank Wilson

Grand Patriarch Of The Grand Encampment Of Washington

Donna Tonn

Grand Matriarch Of The Grand Ladies Encampment Of WA

Saturday, September 26, 2015 At 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Portland Avenue Community Center

3513 East Portland Ave, Tacoma, WA 98404

We Are Asking All Attending To Bring A Salad To Share And The Five Heads Will Provide Sandwiches & Beverages

From the desk of your Grand Master

Introducing Your New Grand Officers

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I would like to start off my first letter as your Grand Master by thanking the Jurisdiction of Washington for the



LAUREL DELONY

• Grand Master Laurel Delony, Olympia #1

also want to thank the following

Brothers and Sisters for accepting an

your elective and appointive officers

office and I also want you to know who

• Deputy Grand Master Duard Fyffe, South Tacoma #211

• Grand Warden Kelly Hughes, Skookumchuck # 129

• Grand Secretary Harry Coulter, Chimacum #343

• Grand Treasurer Steve McCord, Des Moines #305

• Grand Chaplain Dave Delony, Silvia #38

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• Grand Marshal Stuart Carlson, Olympia #1

• Grand Conductor Jim Boyd, Yakima #22

• Grand Herald Tim Moon, Samaritan #52

• Grand Guardian Nora Carria, Ballard Alki #170

• Grand Color Bearer John Otterstrom, Des Moines #305

• Grand Canadian Color Bearer Brandon Marek, South Tacoma #211

• Grand Musician Toby Hanson, Buckley #75

• Grand Parliamentarian Joe Picanco, Olympia #1

• Past Grand Master Jr. Grade C. Allan Reitan, Titusville #34

If you need anything please let us know. We are here to work for you.

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

Now, with that being said I am going to "challenge" you this year. Every month I am going to give you a challenge. I want you to challenge your lodge. I want you to challenge other lodges. I want you to challenge your members. I want you to challenge yourself. And what I mean by "challenge" is to pick one thing, one simple thing to accomplish for the Order. Now that could be getting one new member. It could be opening the doors to your lodge and having an open house. It could be contacting your local schools and see what they desperately need. It doesn't have to cost you anything; it could be just mentoring a student. It could be a community project, like weeding a garden or cleaning up a road, donating to a food bank, or helping to cook a meal for the homeless. The opportunities are endless, but you have to take the "challenge" and I know that you and I can do this.

My Reception

My reception this year will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portland Avenue Community Center, 3513 East Portland Ave. Tacoma, WA 98404. This year the receptions will be for all of the heads of the Order:

- Laurel Delony, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington.
- Faith Ghramm, President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington.
- Barb Nelson, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.
- Frank Wilson, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington.
- Donna Tonn, Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington.

The heads will be providing sandwiches and we ask everyone to please bring a salad or potluck dish. This will be one reception so you only have to take out one weekend. We should have a lot of fun. We hope to see you there.

"LUNCH & LEARNS" TO RETURN

On October 24 at the Olympia IOOF Hall, there will be a District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting. During this meeting we'll be discussing the duties of the DDGM's and then there will be a "Lunch and Learn" right after. I am all about teaching, so please, if you can make it, come to the meeting and please let me know if you will be attending as we'll need a head count for lunch. I'll be scheduling more "Lunch and Learn" sessions during the year, so if you can't make it, be on the lookout for other times and places.

My pins are in and available for \$3 each. Proceeds go to my project. My Program

• Colors: Red, Black and Silver

• Flowers: Wild Flowers

• *Emblem:* Smiley Face

• Songs: "Amazing Grace" and "In The Mood"

• Motto: "Step up to the 'Challenge'" and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

- Scripture: James 1:2-4: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."
- **Project:** In conjunction with the Rebekah Assembly President and the Grand Patriarch: "Junior Achievement"

Okay, I've gone over my word limit and our editor is going to cut me off so until next month,

Step up to the "challenge!"

— In Friendship, Love and Truth & Fraternal Hugs, Laurel Delony Your 2015-2016 Grand Master

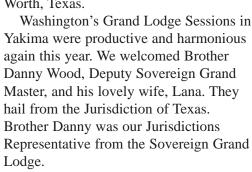
From the desk of your Grand Secretary

On To Sovereign

Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this month's article, several Grand Lodge Officers were attending the 2015 Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions which were held on Monday August 17 through

Friday afternoon on August 25 in Fort Worth, Texas.





HARRY W.

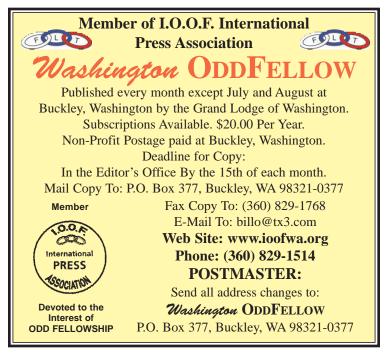
GROUP IRS RETURNS

This year we were sent something new "BILL" COULTER from Sovereign Grand Lodge. The IRS has approved for The Sovereign Grand

Lodge IOOF to file a group return, which will allow those units that have lost their group exemption to be reinstated by being part of the group return. Even those units that are currently in good standing may be part of the group return. Each Lodge, Encampment, and Ladies Encampment were mailed a form to be signed and returned to the Grand Lodge office for your unit to be included in the group return. Please ensure that these forms are signed and returned by Tuesday, September

~ In Memoriam

- Patricia Grigg, 23 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- Dorothy McGee, PNG, 60 year member, Mytic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton. Last member of Jewel Rebekah Lodge #227.



I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer season. Now it is time for you to return to our lodge halls to carry on with the work of our Order.

— Fraternally,

Harry W. "Bill" Coulter, PGM, Grand Secretary

From your Wardens

Let's work on retaining our 'forgotten' members

As your newly-elected Wardens, Kelly Hughes and Cathy Garcia, we would like to thank you for the honor of serving you in these positions. We both have a lot to learn and are excited about the opportunities ahead of us.

One of the responsibilities of this office is encouraging local lodges with ideas to attract new members. At a time when membership is dropping in most all Fraternal and Social organizations, this is indeed an important priority if our lodges are to remain active, vital elements of our communities. We have committed to meet together regularly and brainstorm possible ideas to help us all reach out to our communities and stav visible.

As important as growing with new members is the fact we all have members on our books who no one has seen for many months (or longer). These are Brothers and Sisters who, at one time, were excited about joining our lodges. The hectic schedule of life in general has gotten in the way for many of them.

A great place to start this fall might be for each one of us to commit to one of these "forgotten" members and call them a couple times a month, just to see how they are doing, and let them know they are missed. If each of us were successful in bringing one member back to regular attendance, our meeting size would double. Give it a try.

In F., L. & T., Kelly Hughes & Cathy Garcia



Support our Youth, buy some pins!

Brothers and Sisters, I have returned from SGL and I have been appointed to the SGL-

IARA Joint Youth Committee (JYC). I am excited to be working with the youth and I have brought back Youth Pins. The pins sell for \$4 each and the proceeds go to the Youth. Support our Youth by purchasing a pin. When you see me ask to purchase a pin.

We thank you for your support.

— Laurel Delony, SGL-IARA JYC

From the desk of the Assembly President

THANK YOU REBEKAH LODGES

I wanted to start my first article off by saying thank you to all the Rebekah Lodges for putting your faith in me over



BARBARA NELSON

last couple of years as I continue to move through the offices of the Rebekah Assembly. It has been a pleasure to meet and learn about our great Order. I look forward to visiting all the lodges and meeting the members. As I look to the coming weeks of busy travel and learning many things I hope to do my very best to represent Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

In many ways the month of September brings many things. Trees start to lose their leaves, days get shorter, and summer vacation is over. But for our Order we head back to lodge to

accomplish good things in our communities.

ONE RECEPTION

Usually the month of September is full with going to all the officers' receptions. This year, however, you have one reception to attend for all five branches. Now that is cooperation! So please join us for the joint reception on Saturday, September 26 for all five branches of the Order being held at the Portland Avenue Community Center in Tacoma.

My Program

Along with getting back to lodge I want to let you know

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Hello from Trinity. Goodness, where did our summer go? We have a new Sister who has joined Trinity. She is Erma Strom. She was born in Toledo and grew up there. She joined our lodge on May 27, so it is now official.

A thank you to members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for hosting the ceremony and to Lena Swetz and her Initiation Team. Also, a big thank you to LouAnn Hoffman who was in charge of the car pool.

Our community garage sale was held on July 17-19. It was a three-day event during the "Fun Time Days" in Napavine. We served breakfast, lunch and breakfast again on Sunday morning for the classic car show crowd. It was a busy time, but working together as a team really helps. I also understand we took in a good profit. Great!!

When all the work was done, Cookie was ready for a vacation. Along with hubby Jim, we travelled to Rockaway Beach where there is a beautiful view of the ocean. We love it there.

Cookie and Alberta Luurs also travelled to the Sessions in Yakima. We had a very good time. Cookie gave a report at our June 25 meeting. Alberta will add to it in the fall.

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

about my program for this year. The charity I am working with is Junior Achievement of Washington. Since the youth is our future, it is worthwhile to make sure they are receiving a good financial education. Junior Achievement of Washington educates kids from K-12th grade in financial responsibility for themselves and gives them and understanding of business financials. My emblem is the dragonfly. My flower is the Gerber daisy. My scripture is Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

VISITATION SCHEDULE

I am starting my September very busy with visitations. Here is the list for September. I hope to see you all at a lodge or two.

• September 3: South Tacoma #160

• September 10: Trinity #179

• September 15: Mystic #168

• September 16: Fall City #59 & Oak Leaf #254

• September 21: Odessa #337

• September 22: Columbian #220

• September 23: Ruth #17

Remember to watch for the kids as they go back to school. Be kind to others and they will be kind in return.

Coach members. . . And they will learn,
Challenge members. . . And they will grow,
Believe in our lodges. . . And we will succeed.
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Barbara Nelson, President.
Rebekah Assembly of Washington



Trinity's newest Sister, Erma Strom, along with Delia McNelly, following Erma's Initiation held at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 on May 27.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

A VERY BUSY SUMMER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have had a busy Summer and I hope things slow down

a little so I can catch up.



MARCIA PRESLEY

INTRODUCING OUR NEW OFFICERS

Our Rebekah Assembly Sessions went well, thanks to our Assembly President Maggie Truttmann. Those who were able to attend were glad they were there. We have a new slate of Assembly Officers for the next year. Our Assembly President is Barbara Nelson; Assembly Vice President is Kathi Picanco; our newly-elected Assembly Warden is

Cathi Garcia; and our newly-elected Assembly is Treasurer Judy Diekman, P.P.

THANKS TO YVONNE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring Treasurer Yvonne Haugeto for all her diligent work as our Treasurer for the last 15 years (2000-2015). The Rebekah Assembly voted to award Yvonne the Treasurer Emeritus Jewel. The numerous phone calls to and from her will be missed, but they will not stop just because she is no longer our Treasurer.

IRS FILING

Each Rebekah lodge should have received a letter from the Sovereign Grand Lodge on our non-profit e-postcard filing that needs to be done each year to the IRS. The Sovereign Grand Lodge will be filing this report for all of the Rebekah Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and those that have had some problems with their filing will be reinstated.

Thank you to all the Secretaries who have signed the lodge report they received and returned them to me by the September 15, 2015 deadline date. If I have not received all of the reports back from the Rebekah Lodges, those that did not return them to me, will have to deal with the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

I would like to remind the line officers and all of the committee chairmen that want to have a supplemental report in the Journal of Proceedings of the 2015 Rebekah Assembly Sessions, that you need to get them to me as soon as you can so that I can include them in the Journal before it goes to be printed.

PORK CHOP BARBECUE CANCELLED

Because of the lack of interest from our membership, the Pork Chop Barbecue and the Ice Cream Social at the IOOF Recreational Park on Camano Island were both canceled.

We will be having a work party prior to our next Park Board Meeting to get started on a trail to the lake. We need to get the word out about our beautiful park. Some of our members don't know anything about it. Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but you don't get anywhere.

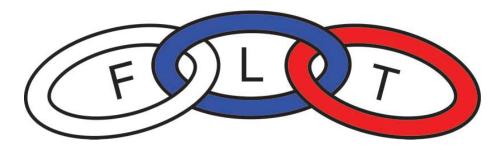
With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
 In Friendship, Love and Truth
 Marcia Presley,
 Past President, Secretary



Sign in please

Donna Tonn, Grand Senior Warden, signed in at the 2015 Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary meeting in Yakima last June. Following the meeting, she was installed as the new Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington.

~ Lodge Cards ~



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For new Lodge Cards, information must be received by the 10th of the month for insertion in the next month's edition.

F., L. & T. DRILL & DEGREE TEAM

NOW MEETS AT THE ELK PLAIN GRANGE HALL,

21817 Mountain Hwy. E. (Hwy. 7), Spanaway the 3rd Thursday every other month. We're available for Installations and Initiations.

Call Drill Captain Lena Swetz for details!

(360) 983-3105

ALIMUS I.O.O.F. LODGE #15

Meets At: 301 NW 2nd St., Goldendale, WA 98620. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Mike House, 786 Cedar Valley Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620-2307. Ph: (509) 773-4004. Sec'y: Mavis. House, 786 Cedar Valley Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620-2307. Ph: (509) 773-4604

BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Michael Douglas, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. Ph: (206) 250-2165. Sec'y: Crystal Rain Forest, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107.

BOTHELL I.O.O.F. LODGE #124

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th, Bothell. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Mary Harper, Ph: (425) 836-4871. Sec'y: Bruce Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. Ph: (425) 765-0630. Email: brucekenyon70@yahoo.com

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Greg Hulet, 1035 NW Huckle Dr., Bremerton, WA 98311. Main Ph: (360) 692-8919, Cell: (360) 421-1428, Email: cocktobec@hotmail.com. Sec'y: Michael Scheurich, C/O 1052 SE Deep Lake Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98367-7531. Ph: (360) 731-0975 (Home & Work)

BUCKLEY I.O.O.F. LODGE #75

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Doug Smith, 25327 155th St. E., Buckley, WA 98321. Ph: (206) 335-6783. Email: dug1027@gmail.com. Sec'y: Stephanie Sykes, PO Box 777, Wilkeson, WA 98396. Ph: (253) 906-0211. Email: oddfellowsassy@gmail.com

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: 101 E. 7th, second floor, Bucoda. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. Ph: (360) 278-3188. Sec'y: Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530-0248. Ph: (360) 402-1600

CHEWELAH REBEKAH LODGE #162

Meets At: 108 N. Second St. E., Chewelah, PO Box 1122, Chewelah, WA 99109 Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Barbara Miller, 1051 E. Lincoln, Chewelah, WA 99109. Ph: (509) 935-6751. Sec'y: Tracy Hatch, 33213 VanDissel Rd. N., Valley, WA 99181. Ph: (509) 680-3195

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. Recess:, July, Aug., NG: Anca Hale, 10408 NE 190th St., Bothell, WA 98011. Ph: (425) 482-6376. Sec'y: Linda Lindgren, 21827 2nd Ave. SE, Bothell, WA 98021. Ph: (425) 877-1534

DES MOINES I.O.O.F. LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. Recess: None. NG: John Crispin, 20622 - 18th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98198. Ph: (206) 799-9233. Email: johncrispin@hotmail.com. Sec'y: Morgan Hicks, PO Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. Email: all-pointsvarn@aol.com

EOLA REBEKAH LODGE #63

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar Street, Buckley. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: John Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092 Ph: (253) 249-7442. E-Mail: Fr8dude65@comcast.net Sec'y: Karen Hoylman, 2252 Ventura Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022-9257. Ph: (360) 825-3554. E-Mail: KarensKastle@aol.com

FALL CITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 p.m. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Tom Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. Ph: (425) 836-4871. Sec'y: Florence Harper, PO Box 507, Fall City, WA 98024-0507. Ph: (425) 392-3013

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., Noon. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Kiane Keener, 440 Main Ave. S., #209, North Bend, WA 98045. Ph: (425) 888-4347. Sec'y: P. Mary Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. Ph: (425) 836-4871

FERN REBEKAH LODGE #26

Meets At: 116 Marcy Ave. W., Montesano. Time: 2nd & 4th Mon, 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Donna Tonn, 388 Giesler Rd., Montesano, WA 98563. Ph: (360) 249-6290. Sec'y: Frances Jonason, PO Box 205, Cosmopolis, WA 98537. Ph: (360) 533-6232

GOLDEN RULE I.O.O.F. LODGE #207

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Phill McDaniel, PO Box 520, Salkum, WA 98582. Cell Ph: (360) 880-1111, Home Ph: (360) 985-2821. Sec'y: Tom Epling, PO Box 1223, Napavine, WA 98532-1223. Cell Ph: (360) 219-5582, Home Ph: (360) 748-8365

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Sandra Moon, PP, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. Ph: (509) 328-1029. Sec'y: Carol Hare, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. Ph: (509) 328-1029

HUNTERS I.O.O.F. LODGE #216

Meets At: Hunters IOOF Lodge, 4945 Hwy. 25, Hunters, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Russ Stringfellow. Sec'y: Mick Schwartz, PO Box 133, Hunters, WA 99137-0133. Ph: (509) 722-3382

ILWACO I.O.O.F. LODGE #118

Meets At: 106th & 1st St., Ilwaco. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. NG: Joyce Benson, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. Sec'y: Fred Molsby, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. Ph: (360) 642-4510

KAPOWSIN REBEKAH LODGE #241

Meets At: Elk Plain Grange, 21817 Mountain. Hwy. E., (Hwy. 7) Spanaway. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Lorraine Kramer, 8915 - 107th St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. Sec'y: Lena Swetz, 199 Canyon Rd., Silvercreek, WA 98585. Ph: (360) 983-3105

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 2602 Ocean Beach Hwy., Longview, WA 98632 Ph: (360) 703-3917. Sec'y: Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626 Ph: (360) 425-9793

LORRAINE REBEKAH LODGE #289

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Barbara Reitan, 858 Reiten Rd., Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 854-3254. Sec'y: Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 631-5503

MONTEROSE REBEKAH LODGE #46

Meets At: 150 E. 2nd St., Toledo. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:30 pm. Recess:, July, Aug., NG: Bonnie Hadaler, 397 Cinebar Rd., Cinebar, WA 98533. Ph: (360) 520-1355. Sec'y: Kay Pratt, PO Box 267, Toledo, WA 98591. Ph: (360) 864-4299

MONROE I.O.O.F. LODGE #156

Meets At: 610 So. Lewis, Monroe, WA 98272. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 8 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Darrell Ridlow. Sec'y: Aloha Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. Ph: (360) 794-8338

MT. CONSTITUTION I.O.O.F LODGE #88

Meets At: 112 Haven Rd., East Sound, WA. Time: Every Wednesday., 7:30 pm. Recess: None. NG: Robin Kucklick, 394 Buckhorn, East Sound, WA 98245. Ph: (360) 376-2501. Sec'y: John Olson, PO Box 1286, East Sound, WA 98245. Ph: (360) 376-8007

MYSTIC REBEKAH LODGE #168

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Beverly Pry, 1205 Fox Run NW, Bremerton, WA 98311. Ph: (360) 876-2161. Sec'y: Florence Cowdery, 1052 SE Deep Lake Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98367-7531. Ph: (360) 876-1819

NARCISSA REBEKAH LODGE #2

Meets At: Washington Odd Fellows Home, 534 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla. Time: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 2 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Patricia Newell, 205 S. Clinton, #6108, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Ph: (541) 971-0433. Sec'y: Barbara Tvrz, 805 Wauna Vista Dr., Walla Walla, WA 98362. Ph: (509) 525-2735

OLYMPIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #1

Meets At: 405 Columbia St. NW, Olympia. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Robert Vick, 1313 Gemini St. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Ph: (360) 402-0978. Email: lindaandbob4ever@msn.com Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-0400. Ph: (253) 606-7620. Email: laureljdelony@gmail.com

OAK I.O.O.F. LODGE #291

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Time: 2nd & 4th Mon., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Alyce A. Lane, PO Box 985, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 279-1412. Sec'y: Jeff Hunziker, PO Box 245, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 610-6876

OAK LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #254

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Kathy Reed, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Sec'y: Mary Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 632-9231

PILGRIM I.O.O.F. LODGE #187

Meets At: 234 Olympic Blvd., Everett, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug & the 4th Thursdays in Nov. & Dec. NG: Anna Miller, 1115 Rainier Ave., #212, Everett, WA 98201-5416. Ph: (425) 252-7458. Sec'y: Bill Wade, 63631 NE 194th Pl. RR 1, Gold Bar, WA 98251-9125. Ph: (360) 793-0665

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: Silver Creek Ethel Grange, 1624 U.S. Hwy. 12, Onalaska. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530. Ph: (360) 273-3188. Sec'y: Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531 Ph: (360) 736-6717

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia. Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Joe Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. Ph: (360) 705-1966. Sec'y: Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. Ph: (360) 413-7014

SALMON BAY REBEKAH LODGE #217

Meets At: 1706 NW Market St., Seattle (Ballard). Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs, 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Genie Coston, 2312 S. 128th St., Burien, WA 98168. Ph: (206) 550-7818. Sec'y: Betty Young, 26501 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 631-5503

SKOOKUMCHUCK IOOF LODGE #129

Meets At: 202 S. Main, Bucoda. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. Time: 2nd & 4th Fri., 7:30 pm. Recess: None. NG: Kelly Hughes, PO Box 182, Bucoda, WA 98530-0182. Ph: (360) 402-1684. Sec'y: Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131.

SO. TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Rebecca Burk, 6104 Knoble Rd. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Ph: (253) 847-7105. Sec'y: Carol Robertson, PNG, 1803 - 139th St. Ct. E, Sp. 172, Tacoma, WA 98445-6096. Ph: (253) 472-0081

SO. TACOMA I.O.O.F LODGE #211

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98406. Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Brandon Marek, 28215 - 13th Ave. E., Roy, WA 98580. Ph: (253) 222-6029. Sec'y: Duard Fyffe, 5715 Orchard St. W. #33, Tacoma, WA 98467-5801. Ph: (253) 476-3537

SUNRISE REBEKAH LODGE #189

Meets At: Above Hunters Store, Hunters, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Nadine Johnston, PO Box 63, Hunters, WA 99109. Ph: (509) 722-4745. Sec'y: Jean Hartill, 2114 Hwy. 395 S., Chewelah, WA 99109. Ph: (509) 935-0564

SILVIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #38

Meets At: 118 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Ray Nartinson. Sec'y: Karyl Martinson, PO Box 527, Montesano, WA 98563-0527 Ph: (360) 249-5711

TITUSVILLE I.O.O.F. LODGE #34

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: John E. Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092-8776. Ph: Cell: (253) 740-8038 Home: (253) 249-7442. Sec'y: Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PO Box 337, Kent, WA 98035-0337. Ph: (253) 854-3254

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. Ph: (360-262-3186. Sec'y: Alberta Luurs, 497 S. R 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Ph: (360) 219-7629

VANCOUVER I.O.O.F. LODGE #3

Meets At: Barberton Grange #571, 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665 Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Stormy Sager, 1053 8th Ct., Washougal, WA 98671. Ph: (360) 600-3337. Sec'y: Tari Romo, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. Ph: (360) 260-2310.

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Meets At: 888 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Charles Miller. Sec'y: Joyce Gilson, 1849 NW 27th Ave., Camas, WA 98607-9386. Ph: (360) 844-5495

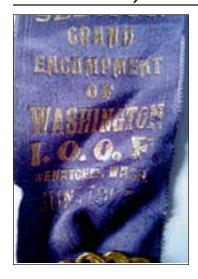
YAKIMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #22

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut, Yakima. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. Recess: June, July, Aug. NG: Jim Boyd, Jr., 7702 W. Lincoln Ave., Yakima, WA 98908. Ph: (509) 823-4123. Sec'y: Tomas J. Cox, 206 W. Walnut, Yakima, WA 98901-3445. Ph: (509) 452-0910

YELM REBEKAH LODGE #296

Meets At: 206 - 3rd St. SE, Yelm, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 1:00 pm. Recess: June, July. NG: Carol Moline, PO Box 253, Roy, WA 98580. Ph: (253) 843-3154. Sec'y: Marlene Lenz, 5928 S. 280th, Roy. WA 98580. Ph: (253) 843-2319.







C.W. Gillespie

Do any of you know of this Grand Patriarch?

I came across a medal/ribbon recently at a local antique shop. This item has a photograph of C.W. Gillespie who was the Grand Patriarch of the 42nd Annual Sessions of the Grand Encampment of Washington in Wenatchee in June of 1925.

I called the Grand Lodge in Buckley and it was suggested that I send you this information in hopes that you could place this in your June, 2015 newsletter. The gentleman that I spoke to at the Grand Lodge was able to verify that C.W. Gillespie was the Grand Patriarch in 1924-1925.

I would very much like to find a living descendant of C.W. Gillespie and perhaps there may be a current or recent past member of the IOOF who would be related to Mr. Gillespie. It could be that a member may know of this family and would let them know about this artifact.

If you have any further questions about this, please let me know. I hope that you will have room in your next IOOF publication for this article and photograph.

- Sincerely, Art Kelly, Richland, WA.

(Editor's note: If any of our readers have information about Mr. Gillespie, please contact Grand Secretary Harry Coulter in the Grand Lodge of Washington Office in Buckley.)



Encampment leaders

The new Grand Encampment of Washington officers for 2015-2016 gathered in Yakima during Grand Lodge Sessions this past June. From left are: GP Frank L. Wilson; GSW Nora Carria; GJW C. Allan Reitan; Grand Musician Toby Hanson, PGP; Grand Marshal Joe Picanco; Grand Scribe Harry W. Coulter; PGP John Otterstrom; Canadian Color Bearer Sherry Pond, PGP; Jean Coston, PGP; and Outside Sentinel John Wagner.

From your 2015-16 **Grand Patriarch**

Dear Patriarchs,

Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Patriarch this year. My pledge to you is that I will do



my best to live up to your expectations as a leader of our Grand Encampment.

By the time you receive your fraternal newspaper, I will have returned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in Fort Worth, Texas, and will be reporting any changes that affect our Encampments in future articles.

Although the hot dry summer continues, time has gone by so fast I hardly know where to start. Let me begin by welcoming you back to your Encampment activities

FRANK WILSON

and say this is a good time to ask someone to join your Encampment.

I hope that some of you were able to attend the celebration of Olympia Lodge 160th anniversary and sea food meal at their park. My Program

- *Emblem:* Campaign Hat with Three Links
- Scripture: Matthew: 5:4A-16: "You are the light of the world — Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and praise your father in Heaven."
 - Hymn: Amazing Grace
 - Song: American the Beautiful
 - Flower: American Beauty Rose
 - Colors: Red, White and Blue
 - Motto: "Act humbly, love completely, live differently."
 - Project: Junior Achievement K-12 Programs.

Please visit www.ja.org

In Faith, Hope & Charity, Frank Wilson Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington

From your 2015-16 **Grand Matriarch**

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I have so many to *thank* for this past year who have helped me on my way to becoming your Grand Matriarch.

So a very special *thank you* to all the

Our lives change as we grow older, some of it for the better. I know my life will be happy and filled with joy. I wish the same for all of you.

I will be seeing you on the road as I will be travelling.

> In Friendship, Love and Truth With Faith, Hope & Charity Donna Tonn. Grand Matriarch



DONNA TONN

From your 2015-16 Theta Rho President

GREETINGS FROM TRA PRESIDENT, FAITH

I hope everyone had a great summer! Between Theta Rho Assembly, taking part in the United Nations Pilgrimage for the Youth, and representing Washington at this year's SGL-

> IARA Youth Days in Fort Worth, Texas. my summer has been one to remember.

FAITH GHRAMM

THANK YOU SO MUCH

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge, the Olympia, the South Tacoma Odd Fellows and everyone else who helped me get to Youth Days and sponsoring me for the UNP. I've made some friends and met some people I will stay in contact for a very long time.

I have a lot planned for this year and I can't wait to kick this year off with our Joint Reception on Saturday, September 26! Afterwards there will be a sleepover/retreat

for the Theta Rho Girls. Bring your sleeping bags because it will be a blast! In Happiness Through Service,

Faith Ghramm, Theta Rho Assembly President



Ballard Encampment

Members of Ballard Encampment #76 enjoy a pot luck meal after their meeting on June 7. From left are: CP Michael Douglas, FS Greg Powers, JW John Beull, HP Karen Lindquist, Bob Duniway, and Treasurer Kanjin Cederman. Not shown, Scribe Nora Carria.



Colorful gift

Past Grand Patriarch Greg Powers, right, gifts John Otterstrom a flag of his colors at the All Branches Banquet at Grand Sessions in Yakima last June.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Is summer over already? I don't know about you, but I haven't finished all my projects for this summer yet? I always think these few months will be quiet on the lodge front and I can get "caught up." It never seems to happen that way, though.

While Ruth was dark for July and August, most of us kept in touch with each other and talked about things we hope to accomplish this coming year. Several of us were able to attend the picnic that Kapowsin Lodge hosted. We had a wonderful time.

Members of both Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 stayed busy with the Little Red School House project. Members washed another 200 coats that were picked up from lost and found at local schools, collected socks and underwear, and braved a rain storm while standing on the street corner with other School House volunteers to collect money for school supplies. Then came the big day! A record number of students went through the line to receive a warm coat and a back pack filled with school supplies, as well as new socks and underwear to start the school year off strong.

Thank you to all the members who showed up at 6:30 a.m. to help park cars and those who came throughout the day to distribute items and help put everything away at the end of a very busy day.

We ended the summer with our annual Seafood Dinner. It was wonderful!!! I think the clam chowder gets better every year. We combined this year's dinner with a celebration commemorating our 160th anniversary. I know this wasn't what was originally planned or what was mentioned in the last newsletter, but it is the way it worked out. Many of you were there to honor our lodge and we appreciated seeing you.

At this year's event we also honored Robert Barney Wagner with the first of what we hope to be an annual "Humanitarian Award." Kathi Picanco did some research and discovered Mr. Wagner's many contributions to people in need in our community.

And now it's time to jump into fall and this season's activities. Ruth #17 will reconvene on Wednesday, September 9 with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. prior to our meeting. Our Assembly President will be joining us on Wednesday, September 23 for her official visit. We have some exciting plans to encourage attendance, increase membership and build our bank account in the coming months.

Olympia Odd Fellows will again be holding a Degree Day in October, so be planning ahead for new members to join us and received all four degrees in one fun day. Lunch is always provided.

We're looking forward to a great fall and we hope you are, too!

> — Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth, Cathy Garcia, Reporter

Start thinking now about sponsoring a UN student

Brothers and Sisters,

With the successful 2015 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth tour complete, *now* is the time for all branches of the Order to consider sponsorship or joint sponsorship of delegates for the 2016 tour. The Sovereign Grand Lodge Board of Directors of the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth will announce the dates and fees for the 2016 Tour after the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions.

The tour is an educational opportunity of a lifetime where high school students around the world come together to study and learn about the United Nations. Applicants must be a high school student age 16 or 17 at the time of the tour with at least one year of high school remaining. Each applicant is required to write an essay and may be required to participate in a local speech contest.

Please contact your jurisdictional director for school distribution material if your lodge plans to sponsor a student.

DEADLINES

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has set deadline dates which must be met without exception. Therefore, students completed application forms and essay must be received by the jurisdictional director no later than *December 15* in order to complete the selection process. Program details may be found at:

www.unpilgrimage.org

— In F.,L.&T., Frank Wilson, PGM And United Nation Pilgrimage Director Grand Lodge of Washington



Springfest in White Salmon

Goodwill IOOF Lodge #188 has enjoyed helping the community of White Salmon during the city's Springfest by monitoring parade setup and then being the last entry in the parade to pickup the orange cones from the parade site. This enable the local authorities to open the road to traffic. Goodwill Lodge also had a booth set up during the festivities to show our support to the community. We are Odd Fellows and the shirts do not let us go unnoticed. Manning the booth are Henry Balsiger, John Childs and Tom Smith. Springfest was held on the last weekend of May.

— Henry Balsiger, Past Noble Grand



Grand send-off

Faith Ghramm and Spunky Bluebirds Advisor Sylvia Summers were having great time at the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth send-off dinner in July. Faith was one of four students from Washington who participated in the annual tour. Faith was sponsored by Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in Olympia. Other Washington participants and their sponsoring lodges were: Felicia Lozinski and Surabhi Mundada, sponsored by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, and Alexis Sager, sponsored by Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3.



Visitor from Norway

Ivan Knutsen visited Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 on June 25 from Bodeo, Norway, right on the heals of returning from Grand Lodge and Encampment Sessions! Standing, from left, are Ivan Knutsen, Mylinda Sneed, Michael Douglas, Bob Duniway, Donna Lawrence and Katie Rose Aldridge. Seated, from left, are Nora Carria, Sandy Shepherd, Dale Kellogg and Greg Powers.



Several Rebekah members, along with residents and staff of the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the dedication of Narcissa's plaque marking the lodge's 130th anniversary on May 19.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

The weather has finally cooled down to seasonal normal temperatures after a lot of really hot weather. It is a welcome relief.

On May 19 we dedicated the bronze plaque that Narcissa commissioned to commemorate our 130th anniversary. It was installed in front of the brick building at the Odd Fellows Home here in Walla Walla. Speakers for the occasion were Shirley Ruble; Barbara Tvrz; NG Patty Newell; and



A bronze plaque was commissioned to honor the 130th Anniversary of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2.

John Brigham, Director of the Odd Fellows Home. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Klicker, a prayer was given by Chaplin Robertta Hunt, and the dedication was led by Patty Newell. We all enjoyed refreshments and visiting. It was a moving ceremony on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Our last meeting before going dark was a potluck picnic held at the Clinton Street Courtyard. We always enjoy seeing each other one last time before summer. We were pleased to have Neita Sterns and Cora May Davis from Schuyler join us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELSIE

Several of us attended Sister Elsie Wells' 90th birthday party hosted by her family. Elsie was queen for the day and enjoyed visiting with her large extended family. There was a lovely buffet and a delicious cake. Happy birthday, Elsie, and many more.

Sadly I must report the unexpected passing of our dear Sister Patricia Grigg. Pat was one of the sweetest people that I knew and will be greatly missed. She was a 23 year member of Narcissa.

We hope that everyone's summer went well. See you in September.

In F., L. & T., Barbara Tvrz, Reporter

Fall 2015 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING ~ Nov. 6, 7 & 8, 2015 ~ Yakima Valley Hotel

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Scholarship winner!!!

Catherine Childs, center, was the recipient of one of Goodwill IOOF Lodge #188's scholarship this year. She is flanked by Mary (left) and John Childs.

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Six Spunky Bluebirds whoop it up in Texas!

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Later that day and evening we were treated to dinner at the Stockyards, followed by a rip-roaring night at the rodeo. On Saturday morning each jurisdiction presented a report on what they were doing in their clubs/lodges.

After lunch an interesting *unplanned* activity occurred when the "Molly Trolley" we were riding was involved in an accident. We all got tossed around a bit and Christina and Sylvia got to take an extra tour of the local emergency room. No permanent damage was done as they were just a bit sore, and we still made it back in time to attend the banquet and watch all the great talent and amusing skits. The night was capped off with a very lively pool party.

It was a busy and fun three days and such great fun to meet other Theta Rho Girls and Junior Odd Fellows. We are

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looking forward to next year in South Dakota.

— Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93

Grand Lodge wins wins S.G.L. appeal

At the 2015 Sovereign Grand Communication in Fort Worth, Texas, the Committee on Appeals and Petitions reviewed the matter of Lisa Ghramm, and others vs. the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Grand Representatives of the Jurisdiction of Washington responded to the charges and allegations presented in the appeal, and addressed questions of procedures within the SGL Code and Washington Digest to the Representatives on the committee.

The Committee's findings were that the actions taken in the Expulsion of the Charters of South Tacoma Lodge #211, and Buckley Lodge #75 by the Grand Master were in following with due process of enforcing necessary corrective actions on many individuals. Furthermore, the Committee upheld the method of handling the matters subsequently reviewed by the Grand Lodge Executive Committee, and the full Grand Lodge while in sessions. Sovereign Grand Lodge approved the findings of the Appeals and Petitions committee in a unanimous vote of 114-0. This concludes the appeals process for the members of the Odd Fellows Motorcycle Club who have been expelled for cause with their respective Lodge Charters.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, C. Allan Reitan, PGM and Grand Representative