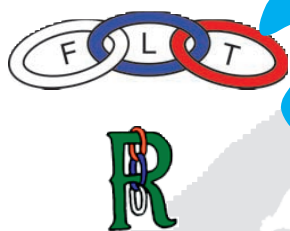


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Thanks for a great Theta Rho Retreat

The whole gang offered their thanks near the end of the Theta Rho Retreat April 8-10 at the Olympia Odd Fellow Park in Olympia. From left are: MaLana Barbas, Danny Cupps, Teanna Gardner, Menyea' Barbas, Moira

Struthers, Kiaria Moore, Riley Moore, Evan Floyd, Lucy Crouch, Alana Wheatherlow, Shauna Schultz, and Sarah Thomas. See pages 20 and 21 for more photos and details.



Acorn's Easter project

What are these Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club members doing? They are working on Easter Bunny Treat Bags, part of their "Welcome Home" for Easter project. Shauna Schultz and Sarah Thomas work on the Easter Bunny Treat Bags. See pages 10 and 11 or more photos and a detailed report.

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Olympia's
Memorial
Weekend
Events*



From the desk of your Grand Master

WHAT A MIXED BAG OF WEATHER!

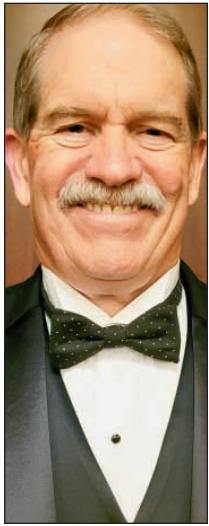
Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that April was a wonderful month for everyone. What with all the crazy weather, hot days, rain, hail, snow, and wind — I think we had it all.

A GREAT DD MEETING

We had a District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting that I felt was very productive. Some good comments and ideas were brought up; some of which will be shared with you to assist you in your meetings and communicating with other members, not only in our jurisdiction, but other ones as well. With 27 lodges we are looking at adding another DDGM to make it easier for all our

lodges to have more representation. Of course, with the past two years being a mix of what we can and cannot do, all of us have suffered from a lack of meetings and get togethers.



DAVE DELONY
Grand Master



Grand Master Dave Delony teaches a couple of Theta Rho Girls how to fold and dispose an American Flag at the Theta Rho Retreat.

A BREAK OUT YEAR FOR THETA RHO

On the weekend of the April 8-10, I was fortunate to visit the Theta Rho Retreat at the Olympia #1 Park in Olympia. It was a pleasure to be able to see our young ladies again. I really believe this will be a breakout year for the Theta Rho. There is even action to revive the Pasco chapter with new girls and advisors from the Spokane area. That will be a very big win for the Theta Rho and the Jurisdiction of Washington as a whole.

Saturday night at the retreat I was able to make a spaghetti dinner for all the girls, advisors, and guests. Of course I had a lot of help from your Deputy Grand Master Tim Moon and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony. I guess that really means I did very little. But it was well worth the time spent.

I have again challenged the girls to come up with a winning pin design for the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in August as they did last year. So let's wish them luck and success in a repeat this year.

A BEAUTIFUL EASTER DAY

Hopefully you all were able to spend a wonderful Easter with your friends and loved ones. The weather was absolutely beautiful — at least where we were. Of course we all ate too much and didn't rest up afterwards enough. Next year we hope to be able to have the egg hunt out at the Olympia #1 Park again. As I know we all are tired of hiding and not getting together again.

OFF TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS MONTH

The month of May brings up many more travels for some of us. The first weekend many of us are headed to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery to lay our jurisdiction's wreath at the base of the Tomb, along with those members from all the other states. This will be the first time we have really been able to see all those Brothers and Sisters we have missed so much.

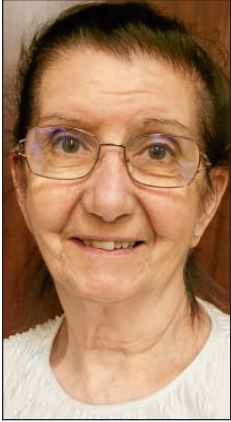
OREGON SESSIONS

Then we are off to the Oregon Grand Lodge Sessions starting on Thursday, May 12. This is another great opportunity to visit with those we have missed for so long. It would also be a good time for those of you who can attend to come down and see Oregon's Sessions in action, and visit our members from Oregon and some of the other jurisdictions that may be in attendance. *Continued on Page 28*

From the desk of the Assembly President

YES, SESSIONS ARE ALMOST HERE!

My Brothers and Sisters.



MARGARET
"PEG" OGILVIE
Assembly President

The time for our annual Sessions is coming up soon and I am looking forward to seeing all of you. We have an interesting agenda. Don't forget your slippers for Tuesday. Get your registration in early!

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

With our lodge meeting getting more and more back to normal, we need think about our District Association meetings starting up again. My dear Rebekahs, we have a tendency to think that when we have been in the Order

for a long time we don't need schools of instruction. That is when we need them the most — even if there is only a couple if lodges close together. Make it a potluck lunch and work on some of these. We all need to work together.

We forget the way we use the ballot box or work our way in to lodge after it has opened, taking up the password, etc.

LET ME KNOW IF YOUR COMING TO SESSIONS

Please let me know if you are planning to be at Sessions. Send me a text, email or voicemail and let me know.

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*
And Rebekah Hugs.

Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Checking accounts

Are your signers up to date? Check with your bank?

I just wanted to touch bases with all lodges and ask the question, "Do you know who your signers are on your accounts?" You might want to do some investigating just to make sure that your members are aware.

When was the last time your lodge updated your signers card? It's important to make sure you know. I found out that my Rebekah lodge hadn't updated their accounts in a while. I also found out that I was still a signer from way back — and that two members that resigned from the Order were still on the accounts.

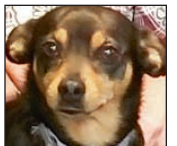
Wow! Talk about being blindsided! You don't want to be blindsided, especially if you only have one living signer left. I've seen this happen before, where your members pass on and the accounts are never updated. So make sure that you know who your signers are and keep your signer cards up to date with your bank.

— *With Fraternal Hugs*
Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary

Monroe Odd Fellow found Sammy in April

Who found Sammy in the April edition of *The Washington OddFellow*? It was Cheryl Blain, is an Odd Fellow from Monroe IOOF Lodge #156.

For her efforts, Cheryl will be sent an Odd Fellow's wearable (hat, t-shirt, etc.) courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Washington.



HELP FIND SAMMY AGAIN

We are continuing with our "Guess Sammy" contest again this month. Get your magnifying glass out and you can win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just send your email to **grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com** or call **800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than May 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!


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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

REMEMBER MAY DAY?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, it's May. It was a pretty interesting April, but hopefully we truly are enjoying spring weather and getting ready for summer.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly Secretary

Why not do something special for someone on May 1.

Remember the old May baskets you put on a front porch, rang the bell and ran away? Some little act of kindness just might make someone's day — and you may never know how much.

SESSIONS TIME

It's almost June and our Annual Sessions are only weeks away. If all went according to plan (?) the "Take Me" should be on its way to

each lodge. Please be sure your Representative gets it and goes over it with members. There is a lot to be covered. Read through the Bills carefully as they involve changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your Committee spent many hours going through these items and updating each one to be efficient and productive, as well as making certain that we are in line with the Sovereign Grand Lodge guidelines.

STANDING RULES CHANGES

Also in the "Take Me" you will find changes to the Standing Rules. Statements taken out have a line through them, and new items are in bold type and underlined. Hopefully, this will make it easy to read and understand what the new Standing Rules will look like if accepted at Sessions.

LODGE DISTRICTS

Lastly, your Executive Committee has updated the Lodge Districts and re-numbered them. Unfortunately, we still have two lodges that are far enough away from any other lodge, that they are in a District by themselves. Hopefully, we can encourage some new lodges to emerge and strengthen our Order.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I recently sent each lodge a form regarding "State of the Order" issues. Please be sure this get completed and returned to Maggie Truttman in the next week or so. We hope to have a report of what each lodge has been doing to share with the Assembly.

SPRING PER CAPITA BILL

You should have received your Spring Per Capita Bill by now. Remember, this must be paid by May 23 if your lodge is to be represented at Sessions.

SEE YOU ALL IN YAKIMA

Well, that is a lot of information, and I hope I didn't forget anything. Have a wonderful May and I am truly looking forward to seeing all of you in Yakima.

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary

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From your 2021-22 Theta Rho President

IT WAS A WONDERFUL RETREAT!

Hello again. April was good with our retreat and my Presidential visits.

The retreat at the IOOF Park in Olympia was great. We had a total of 12 girls there and we had a wonderful time.

My visits were fun, and I was glad to see everyone who was not at the retreat.

With Acorn members, I helped participate in an Earth Day clean-up. I had a great time.

Along with the Spunky Bluebirds, I spent the night at Advisor Sylvia's cabin and had so much fun with

everyone.

I am getting prepared for Assembly and I cannot wait to see everyone who couldn't make it to the retreat. I hope everyone had a good Easter and got to spend time with their families.

— In Happiness
Through Service,
Moira Struthers,
Theta Rho Assembly President
Of Washington



MOIRA STRUTHERS

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

SPRING IS HERE! GRAND SESSIONS NEXT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Sessions will be soon upon us and I hope that you have gotten your registrations in and your rooms booked. There is a limited window of opportunity so make sure to get it done soon if you haven't already. All the information and registration forms are in this issue.



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

REGALIA INFO

Well, you know me! When I visit lodges or an issue comes up and I think it is important or interesting information, I will share it. So, did you know that in your Rituals or Charge Books, in the very back on page A-3 there is a description of the regalia for your

lodges? Yep! And there have been some challenges on what the Recording Secretary regalia is. If you

look at the fourth line down in the list, "Recording Secretary:" two crossed quills upon an open book. Now I have had some challenges from some Past Grand Masters that the crossed quills are the Recording Secretary, but that isn't correct, and I show them the book, and the list of officer regalia. The two crossed quills are the regalia of the "Financial Secretary." So, if you are new and aren't sure what's what, just grab your Charge Book or Ritual and take a look.

As a matter of fact, there is an interesting section for **HOW TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL FLAG OF ANY COUNTRY UNDER THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE**, Page A-1. Check this out as well.

YEAR-END REPORTS FINISHED

The Year-End Report is finished and sent to SGL. We were pushing my timeline but we just made it. That's why I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to get your reports in by the deadline. Thank you to those who did.

And once again I thank all of you Secretaries. I appreciate you! Lodges, thank your Secretaries. It's a lot of work.

— With Spring Hugs
Laurel Delony, PGM,
Grand Secretary



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Hooray! Hooray! Spring Is Here!

~ From your 2021-22 Grand Patriarch ~

SPRING & SESSIONS

In spite of a little late winter, spring is finally here!



DUARD FYFFE
Grand Patriarch

I wish to thank the Encampments for working with me and making me feel so welcome during our installation season. I am looking forward to Sessions this year and seeing you all again.

We have a wonderful order here and such a legacy to leave behind to the next generation, Let's hit the pavement with gusto this summer and spread the word of Odd Fellowship.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Once again I would like to remind each of you that we at the Grand Encampment are here to serve your needs. If you have questions, need help with the Degrees or anything else, please contact me!

CODE BOOK CHANGES

I would also like to encourage you to review the code books. We have a number of changes for this year and if you spot anything that you feel needs addressing, bring it to my attention and I will be more than glad to help you bring it to the floor.

Thanks again for all of the support.

— Yours in Faith, Hope & Charity,

Duard Fyffe, Grand Patriarch

(253) 282-3472 Email: amtdewey@gmail.com

~ From your 2021-22 Grand Matriarch ~

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Dear Matriarchs,

Installations are over and I want to congratulate all the new officers on the positions they have assumed. I wish for all of you a successful year in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship.

I installed the officers of Mt. Angeles #88 in Chimacum recently.

Grand Patriarch Duard Fyffe and I initiated Jack Moon into Unique Unified Encampment #32 in Spokane. Then we installed their

officers. I know that if we all work together, we can build our Encampments and Auxiliaries.

WE WILL MISS JOYCE MILLER

Sadly, we lost one of our Past Grand Matriarchs, Joyce Miller. She served as Grand Matriarch 2010.

Joyce was President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington in 2013. She was a member of Mt. Angeles #88 LEA and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.

HONORING MOTHERS & OUR MILITARY

May is the Month that we celebrate mothers on Sunday, May 8. This day is observed in 40 countries. Then we honor the Armed Forces on Saturday, May 21. Please remember our men and women who are now serving in the different branches of the military. We should also pray for those who lost a loved one in war. We honor our military men and women who have departed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"She who plants A Garden, Plants Happiness"

— As always in Friendship, Love, and Truth,
And Faith, Hope and Charity,

Jennie Reed, PP, Grand Matriarch

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Samaritan, Boy Scouts team up for Christmas!

Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge #52 in Spokane recently began sponsoring a Scout Troop. This mostly entails use of our temple for their meetings and occasional camp-ins.

For a Christmas project Samaritan #52 created "Shoe Box Gifts" for a local nursing care facility. Each member decorated a shoe box size package and

filled it with items from the Dollar Store such as lotion, hand sanitizer, Chapstick, pens, puzzle book, socks, hat, gloves, and body wash.

Our Scout Troop matched our gift boxes in kind, and we were able to give 30 gift boxes to a local care facility.

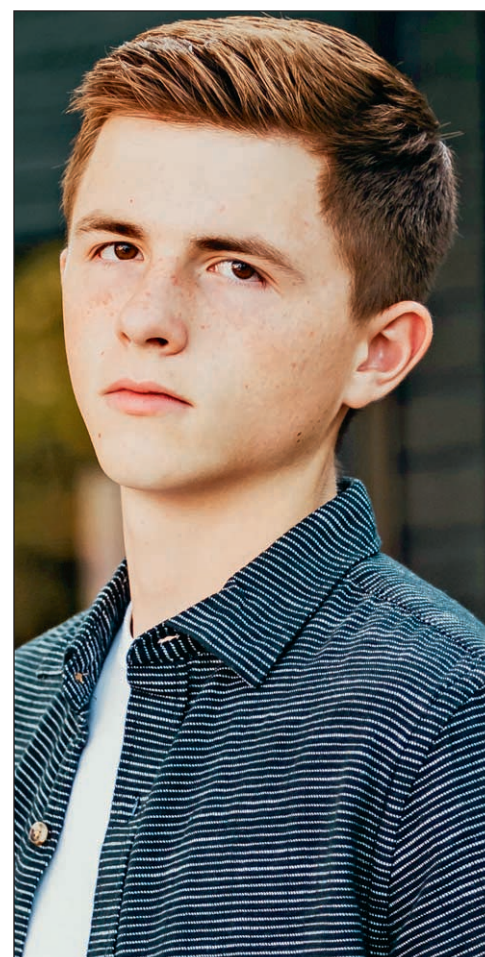
— Dusti Trebe, Reporter



RAYCHEL SQUIBB



SARAH MERFELD



PAYTON LAMBDIN

2022 Scholarship winners selected

RAYCHEL SQUIBB

Castle Rock High School senior Raychel Squibb has been awarded this year's \$5,000 L.J. Jones Memorial scholarship from Washington Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. She is a member of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 with her grandmother Alberta Luurs.

The fourth generation Rebekah has been doing community service work for the lodge before she was initiated in 2021. She has placed flags on deceased members' graves, helped with special events such as dinner fund raisers and assisted in Bingo games.

Raychel is a leader on the school softball team and on a community fast pitch team. She mentors younger players and is a role model to them. She has committed to join the Lower Columbia College softball team. Her major will be elementary education.

SARAH MERFELD

Sarah Merfeld, a senior at Bickleton High School, will receive the \$2,500 scholarship for a girl. She is a community volunteer at the Carousel Museum and

Pioneer picnic grounds. She also helps keep Bickleton clean by picking up trash along roadways. Sarah plans to attend Whitworth University to study library science. Her mother, Crystal Merfeld, is a member of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80.

PAYTON LAMBDIN

Payton Lambdin is the recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship for a boy. He attends Southridge High School in Kennewick. The graduating senior enjoys playing soccer. He works as a sales associate for Concrete Jungle Outdoor Décor.

Payton has been accepted to Washington State University where he will major in computer science. The 18-year old is the great-grandson of Janet Mains, a member of Bickleton Rebekah Lodge #80.

MANY THANKS

Scholarship committee chairman Jody Morris thanks all applicants and lodge secretaries who submitted names for 2022 scholarships. In addition, thanks goes to Deputy Grand Master Tim Moon whose team judged the applications.

— Jody Morris, Scholarship Committee Chairman



A very good visit to Samaritan

Grand Master Dave Delony made his official visit to Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52 in Spokane on April 11. From left are: Ken Daniel, Elizabeth Winship, Joey Lock (seated),

Don Brown (seated), Dawn Brown, Dusti Trebe, Tedd Swanson, Dave Delony, Jack Moon, and Dave Rains. Grand Secretary Laurel Delony took the picture.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

WELCOME TO SPRING!

Greetings from Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 6 with Patricia Nave, Noble Grand, presiding. It was great to see Dusti Trebe, our Chaplain, back among us after being hospitalized in the VA Hospital and Sacred Heart Medical center. **Welcome back Dusti!**

Your Reporter Tedd Swanson is healing at home with physical therapy after falling on the ice in January and breaking his hip. Brother Tedd is maneuvering around with a walker.

Brother Tedd Swanson received his 50-year Rebekah Veteran Jewel at our meeting. Tedd was initiated into Truth Rebekah Lodge in Spokane on January 27, 1971. Tedd became a member of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in 1998 by consolidation of Truth Rebekah Lodge into Hope Rebekah Lodge. Brother Tedd was escorted to the center of the floor and was presented his 50-year Rebekah Veteran Jewel by Dusti Trebe, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and Past President of the

Montana Rebekah Assembly.

Tedd Swanson was elected Representative to the Rebekah Assembly in Yakima. Dusti Trebe, Assembly Warden, will be in attendance.

Tim Moon, our Treasurer and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, will be in attendance. Also welcome back to our Noble Grand Patricia Nave following knee surgery. Host for the meeting was Tedd Swanson who served a delicious red velvet cake.

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL

*“Nothing is impossible,
The word itself says I’m POSSIBLE”*

— Audrey Hepburn

—In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Tedd Swanson PNG and Reporter
PG Samaritan Lodge #52 IOOF





Officers for Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52 are bottom row, from left, are: Treasure Dusti Trebe, Warden Maralana Francis, Secretary Jack Moon, Noble Grand Dawn Brown, and Right Supporter to Vice Grand Joey Lock. Top row, from left, are: Left Supporter to the Noble Grand Tim

Moon, Chaplain Ron Hanson, Conductor Ken Daniels, Right Supporter to the Noble Grand Dave Rains, and Vice Grand Don Brown. Not pictured are Left Supporter to the Vice Grand Tedd Swanson, and Inside Guardian Elizabeth Winship.

Samaritan IOOF raises \$335 for Humane Society

Happy Springtime to all the other Lodges from Samaritan Odd Fellows Lodge #52 in Spokane.

We just wanted to share that we just finished a fundraiser for the Humane Society by selling Krispy Kreme Donut Certificates, and we are proud to say we earned \$335 for the shelter.

Our Noble Grand and Vice Grand also donated two certificates for the staff and volunteers to have a

well-deserved sweet treat for the hard work they do for the animals. We would also like to say thank you to Polly Gill and Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 for helping us. It is awesome when the lodges can work together to help others.

*—In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Samaritan Odd Fellows Lodge #52
Spokane*

Samaritan Lodge #52 plans open house

We want to let everyone know that Samaritan IOOF Lodge in Spokane will have an open house on Saturday, May 21 to draw in new members for the Odd Fellows, Hope Rebekahs and Encampment.

There will be representatives for Theta Rhos who will talk to young ladies about starting up a chapter in the Spokane area again. We will offer information about each group and there will also be refreshments

available. Our lodge is planning to have speakers on different topics that day. Everyone is welcome!

Samaritan Odd Fellows Lodge #52 would like to thank Grand Master Dave Delony and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony for their visit and wonderful ideas for the open house.

*—In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Samaritan Odd Fellows Lodge #52*



Showing off their Bunny Treat Bags are, from left: Shauna Schultz, Autumn Scheiderer, Leilah McNichols, Alana

Weatherlow, Riley Moore, Sarah Thomas, and Lucy Crouch.

Acorn Theta Rho busy in Oak Harbor

HOORAY, HOORAY IT'S MAY!

We can't believe it's May already. Thank you to the JYC, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and the Grand Lodge for a fun weekend at our retreat last month.

We were honored to have Theta Rho President Moira Struthers make her official visit and participate in our Earth Day project. Afterwards we went to the beach for a picnic lunch. We presented her with a check for her project.

HOLLAND HAPPENING

Members of Spunky Bluebirds came up and stayed with us the last weekend so they could do the Holland Happening parade with us. After the parade we all went to Wendy's for lunch.

We made our bunny treat bags (see pictures) for "Welcome Home" for Easter. You can see it was a really busy month for us.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

This month we will be making Mother's Day cards for the ladies of Welcome Home.

We will also be welcoming home Desiree and Stacy Gardiner the last weekend as their mom is finally back from her deployment.

WE'RE PLANNING FOR SESSIONS

Of course, we will also be working on our assignments for Assembly Sessions and doing some more scrapbooking.

We are planning on taking 14 girls to Yakima. We are having to rent a van for \$600 for the weekend so

if any of your lodges would like to help us out, your help would be very much appreciated.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in June in Yakima.

*In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79*

— **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE**



Amber Scheiderer and Leilah McNichols concentrate on making their Bunny Bags.

See You In Yakima!



Aren't the Bunny Treat Bags cute?



Riley Moore, Alana Weatherlow, and Lucy Crouch.



Spunky's Pinwheels bring awareness

Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 helped bring awareness to Child Abuse by planting 200 hundred pinwheels on the lawn of Central School in Tacoma. April was National Child Abuse Awareness month. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America adopted

the pinwheel as it's national symbol for child abuse prevention. The Spunky Bluebirds worked with the General Federation of Women who provided the pinwheels. The Spunky girls are, from left: MaLana Barbas, Teanna Gardner, and Menyea' Barbas.

Olympia Odd Fellow Cemetery Memorial Day celebration is on

Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 will be placing flags on the graves of our Veterans on Saturday, May 28 starting at 9: a.m.

We are encouraging all members to come out, grab a donut and place the flags. We'll throw some hot dogs on the BBQ for all volunteers after we are completed. With all the volunteers last year we had the flags in place by 11 a.m.

Benefit in Olympia

Join us for breakfast on Sunday, May 29!!

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 is hosting a fund-raiser breakfast on Sunday, May 29 starting at 9 a.m. Members will be serving biscuits and gravy, with scrambled eggs and juice.

This will take place at the Odd Fellows Puget Beach Park located at 6500 79th Ave. NE, in Olympia. All the proceeds are going to the IOOF Visual Aid project.

It would be very helpful if we had an idea of how many to expect, so if you know you will be attending please contact Joe Picanco at 360-561-2220 or email him at picancoj@hotmail.com.



Oly's 'I Am Club'

In an effort to clarify who's who in the Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Stu Carlson (seated) created The "I Am Club" and had T-shirts made for several members. Standing, from, left, are Rick Garcia, Dave Delony, Jack (non-member), Cathy Garcia, and Dave Reed.

There will be a celebration on Memorial Day at the cemetery starting at 12:30 p.m. As in years past we'll have the cannon salute, Civil Air Patrol presenting the flag, music, singers, presentation of the wreath by the Rebekah Assembly President and Grand Master, and a speaker from the city of Tumwater. Grand Master Dave Delony will emcee the event.

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided until we are out. It's a good time to remember those who gave of themselves to our country.



MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022



RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Is hosting a Biscuits and Sausage Gravy Breakfast Fundraiser

All Donations will go to Support our Visual Aid Program

Sunday, May 29, 2022

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Odd Fellows Puget Beach Park

6500 79th Ave NE

Olympia, WA 98506

Menu:

Biscuits w/Sausage Gravy

Scrambled Eggs

Orange juice

Coffee

Suggested Donation: \$10 per person / \$40 per family

RSVP Appreciated / picancoj@hotmail.com



Ballard-Alki #170

Members celebrate Ukrainian culture with Pysanky eggs

Hello hello!

On Thursday, March 31, Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 held a 5th Thursday Big Tent Lodge, celebrating Ukrainian culture with food, music, and pysanky making taught by Past Noble Grand Mylinda Sneed! Pysanky are eggs decorated with a Ukrainian wax-resist method using beeswax and traditional tools. We had about 30 artists creating designs — some had years of experience, and some were trying it out for the first time!

A GREAT MIX

The event was open to the public, so we had a great mix of members and friends! Brother Michael Douglas made delicious cabbage rolls and others contributed sides, salads, and desserts to the potluck. There was live music, lots of laughter and fun, and we raised funds for Ukrainian relief.

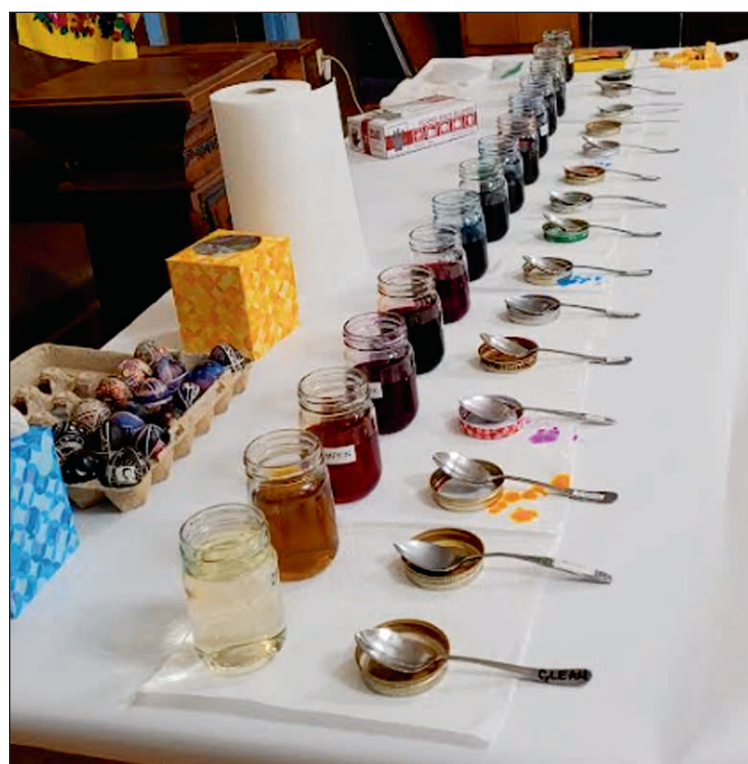
It was such a gift to have our Lodge be full of people, all learning about a culture through its art and music! Many thanks to all who planned and participated!



Ballard-Alki members and guests enjoy live music while decorating eggs.



Isn't this a beautiful creation?

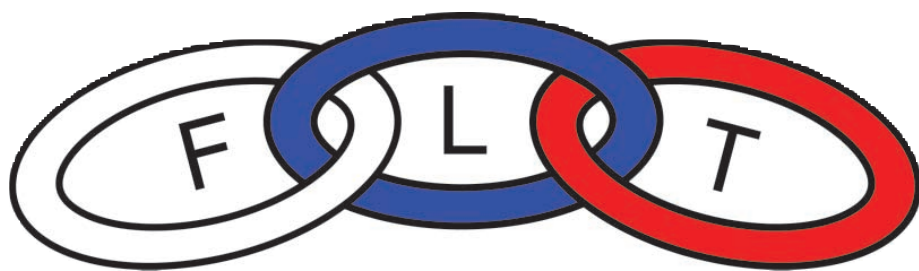


Here are the colorful dyes used Pysanky eggs.



Here's the finished product!

~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20
Per
Year**

LODGE CARD UPDATE

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

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Mailing Address:** 18528 28th Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Penny Curtis, 18528 28th Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **Ph:** (206) 235-3419. **Sec'y:** Harlan Curtis, 18528 28th Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **Ph:** (206) 365-3185 (2/28/23)

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jeni Thompson, 5810 Burchfield Dr., Bremerton, WA 98312. **Ph:** (360) 271-4431. **Sec'y:** Ken Roth, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 900-3054. (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Matt McCollum, PO Box 998, Buckley, WA 98321. **Phone:** (253) 222-3492. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. (2/28/23)

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, (upstairs), Bucoda. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 259-7241 (Cell). **Sec'y:** Laura Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 259-36144 (2/28/23)

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Marilyn Loftus, 10619 E. Lake Joy Dr. NE, Carnation, WA 98014. **Ph:** (425) 765-1306. **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasperek, PO Box 1241, Bothell, WA 98011-1241. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/24)

ELLENSBURG I.O.O.F. LODGE #20

Meets At: 307 N. Pine St., Ellensburg, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Recess:** None. **NG:** James Schwing, 314 Susan Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (509) 929-3238. **Sec'y:** Rex Worth, PO Box 154 Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (509) 962-9768 (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 p.m. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Phillip (Tom) Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013. (2/28/23)

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Diane Keener, 440 Main Ave., Apt. 209, North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/23)

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Nave, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Joey Locke, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. (2/28/25)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, (Corner of Pacific & Pine) 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675. **Ph:** (360) 686-8587. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86., Longview, WA 98632. **Ph:** (360) 562-2391 (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 259-2741. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/23)

RICHLAND I.O.O.F. LODGE #338

Meets At: Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA 99352. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 1514 Wilson St., Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elaine DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342. **Sec'y:** Glen DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342 (2/28/23)

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5010 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave., Olympia, WA 98502. **Ph:** (360) 561-2220. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/23)

SKOOKUMCHUCK I.O.O.F. LODGE #129

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101A E. 7th St. Bucoda, WA. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Laura Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 790-0383. **Sec'y:** Holly Finley, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (702) 630-2888 (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th St. S., Tacoma, WA 98444. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 45440, Tacoma, WA 98448. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Deianira Cupps, 407 S. 60th St, Tacoma, WA 98408. **Ph:** (253) 882-5671. **Sec'y:** Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (206) 513-6567 (2/28/23)

SOUTH TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 306 134th St. S., Tacoma. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Nichi-Lynn Berry, 2010 S. Union, #104, Tacoma, WA 98405. **Sec'y:** Barb Nelson, 8010 E. 'C' St., Tacoma. WA 98404-1033. **Ph:** (253) 381-5656. (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., Kent, WA 98032. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/23)

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 612, Napavine, WA 98565. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Scott Anderson, 1924 SE Cypress Dr., Chehalis, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 304-0574. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629 (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jody Morris, 17146 SE 23rd Dr., #19, Vancouver, WA 98683-4317. **Ph:** (360) 903-7712. **Sec'y:** Sylvia Burgholzer, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Ph:** (360) 984-0980. (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: 1723 NE Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 448, Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathy Jester, 3904 NE 122nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98692. **Ph:** (360) 980-7948. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/23)

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut St., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** NG: Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910. (2/28/23)

Washougal Lodge busy with projects

Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 was pleased to have Washington Grand Master Dave Delony at our March



8 meeting. He told us about his project, Northwest Harvest. Our Noble Grand Kathy Jester presented him with \$50 check towards it to help feed the hungry in Washington. We are a small group but we do a lot for our two communities.

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LODGE PROJECTS

We shared information about our projects — CAROL (Camas Area

Relief Organization Limited), Christmas baskets in the Camas-Washougal area that we donated \$500 to in December; and our four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in our three area high schools.

We are busy contacting school counselors as the deadline is May 1, 2022.

We normally donate gift baskets or a decorated tree to the Washougal Festival of the Trees to benefit the Washougal School District. This has been on hold the last two years because of COVID-19, But we are busy collecting items to fill baskets this year.

WE HAVE MOVED

We have recently moved our location and we reported where and how items are stored. Non-used items at one location (dishes, silver wear, etc.) and items we need on an on-going bases another (Bible, Charter, flag, etc.) We were surprised how much four closets of items add up 12 totes.

While cleaning we discovered several items of interest for the Twin River Historical Society. Items include a candle light projector, and a loving cup for Degree work from the 1920s. We also found the state charter to form the Washougal Cemetery Association. Although it doesn't say anything about the Odd Fellows, we are sure many were members. The city of Washougal now has the cemetery and there is still an association. They will use it in their files. The charter is from the early 1900s.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth
Secretary Jeanette Jester

Spring Is Here!

Joyce Miller

Past President, PGM, passes away March 11

Joyce I. Miller, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, passed away March 11, 2022 in Vancouver, Washington. Born on May 21, 1946, she was 75-years-old.

Sister Joyce served as Assembly President in 2012-2013. She was also a Past Grand Matriarch, serving in 2009-2010.

Joyce's graveside service was held in Vancouver, WA on April 6, 2022. The Rebekah Funeral Ceremony and the Odd Fellow Funeral Ceremony were performed by Jody Morris, Ron Hanson, Joanne Balmert, Peg Ogilvie, Joyce Gilson, Jeanette Jester and Laurel Delony. She was interred in Vancouver's Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Joyce's goal during her presidency was to promote more "Friendship, Love and Truth." Be friendly; help your fellow Rebekahs when needed. Be loving to your Sisters and show you care. Be truthful at all times; as we all know, most of us do not like it when people are not truthful. I remind you to remember "Friendship, Love and Truth are the Order's "Three Links" that binds us together as Brothers and Sisters.

- Emblem: Teddy Bear and Anchor. "Be Strong and hold firm on your beliefs."
- Motto: Where the heart is willing, it will find a thousand ways.
- Colors: Blue, White and Gold
- Flowers: Rose (all colors)
- Song: "Anchors Away" and "Teddy Bear Picnic"
- Hymn: "What a Friend we Have in Jesus"
- Scripture: Galatians 5:14. "The whole law can be summed up in one command: Love others as you love yourself."
- Scripture: Titus 3:1-2 (1.) "Remind them to be subject to authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work." (2.) "To speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men" (and women).
- Project: Our IOOF Home in Walla Walla — for the residents' kitchen.

As Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA, her emblem was the anchor, and her projects were the Adult Visual Aid program and the Theta Rho Traveling Fund.



JOYCE MILLER

PP Lena Swetz passes away at 90

Sister Lena Swetz, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington in 2011-2012 passed away January 10, 2022 at the age of 90 years young. Lena Betschart was born August 22, 1931. She met and married Frank Swetz in 1949.

Lena and Frank lived in Graham and raised their two daughters, Vickie and Judy, and two sons, John and Frank. They had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren for them to enjoy. They had a large dairy farm and won many awards for developing a special registered breed of Brown Swiss dairy cows. After many years of dairy farming, Frank decided to go to school to earn a medical degree in Chiropractic Medicine and opened a Clinic in Morton, WA. They lived in Silver Creek, WA. Frank passed away on November 16, 2010.



LENA SWETZ

Lena was initiated into Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241 on June 4, 1957. She was a **True Rebekah** her entire life. Lena was elected Recording Secretary in 1959 and 1960 and Vice Grand in 1961 and served as Kapowsin's Noble Grand for the first time in 1962. In 1964 their Vice Grand resigned and Lena finished the term and served again as Noble Grand 1965. She served as Recording Secretary for more than 35 years of her 64 years as a member of Rebekahs.

Lena was elected into the LINE and became Assembly President in 2011-2012. Some of her program: She had two emblems, one was the Dove of Peace and the other was the Busy Bee. Her Motto was "Think before you speak, Is it Kind? Is it Honest? Is it True?" Colors: Blue, Silver and White. Flowers: All flowers. Songs: Let there be peace on earth and Wings of a Dove. Joint Program with the Odd Fellows: Raising funds for the Home, support the Visual Aid and Scholarship funds and "Pennies Per Pound" for the Theta Rho.

Lena's reception was held along with the 100-year Anniversary of Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241. Lena was a member of the F.,L.&T. Past Noble Grands' Drill Team for many years and took part in Initiations, Installations, Drill Team competitions, escorting and introductions of our Assembly Officers and many other events as one of their members.

Lena's Sessions were held in Yakima in June, 2012.

Lena also belonged to Alpha LEA in Olympia and Olympia LAPM until they both relinquished their Charters.

Let us all remember Lena in our many memories throughout the years.

— In Friendship Love and Truth
And Lots of Hugs from my Heart,
Marcia Presley, PP, PS,
Secretary Emeritus and Assembly Historian.



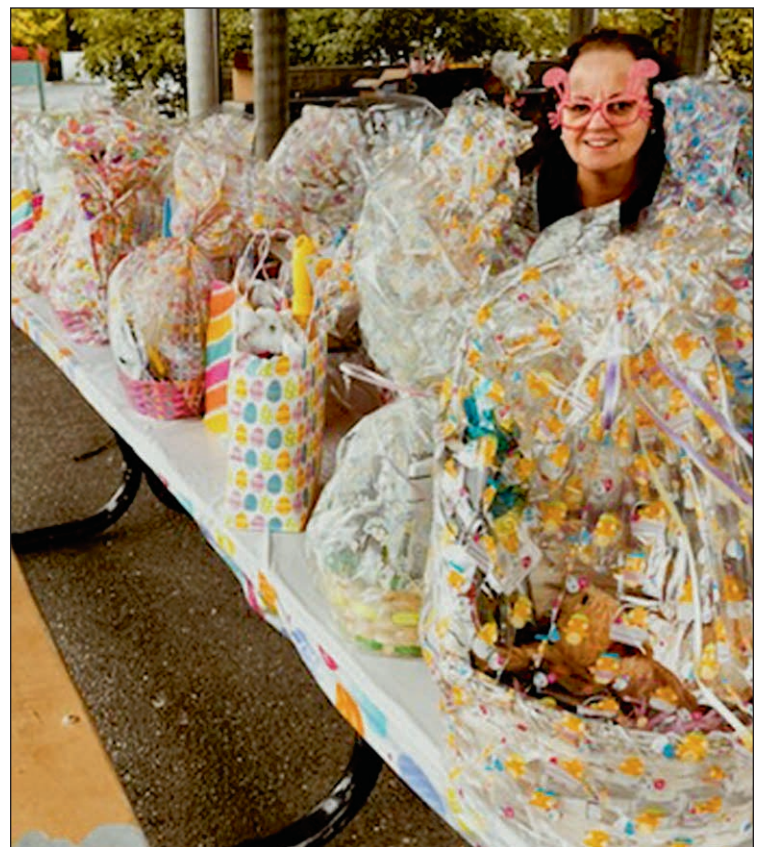
Bremerton Friendship #145 celebrates Easter with gusto

Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge # 145 put together 130 Easter baskets this year. The Monday before Easter we delivered half to a local food bank. The day before Easter we set up at Silverdale Waterfront Park and gave the remainder to children in the community. We had advertised this throughout the area. Except for some raindrops at the end, all went very well.

Helping to build 130 Easter baskets, are, from left: Oliver Scheurich, Shelley Boyce, Raymond Scheurich, (mostly hidden), and Jeni Thompson



Hamming it up with the Easter Bunny are. Greg Hulet, and Michael Scheurich. The bunny is played by Jeni Thompson.



Hiding in the Easter baskets is Shelley Boyce.

German Dinner

Hosted by
Buckley Odd Fellows # 75
May 6, 2022
7 pm
120 Cedar St



Schnitzel, Rotkohl, Kartoffelsalat, and Music

\$10 donation per meal recommended

Please RSVP to buckley75ioof@gmail.com so we have
a head count.



Free download

New recordings of Odes available!

Music has long been an essential part of the experience of Odd Fellowship. From the earliest meetings in English pubs, the singing of songs and odes has been an important activity for Odd Fellows.

Eventually the tradition of the members of a lodge singing together became enshrined in our ritual. For many years, lodges could count on having a pianist or organist amongst their ranks to provide live accompaniment for the singing. Now, however, it's increasingly rare that lodges have the luxury of live music.

To address the lack of musicians in lodges, Past Sovereign Grand Musician Toby Hanson has recorded new versions of the Opening and Closing Odes for the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and Encampment. Each one of the odes is presented in two forms: one of just piano without singing and one of piano with singing. Toby Hanson played piano on all of the recordings and sang the words for the Odd Fellows and Encampment Odes.

Sister Stacy Thomason of Gold Hill Lodge #129 in Oregon provided the vocals on the Rebekah Opening and Closing Odes.

All of the recordings are available for free use of all lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They may be downloaded in AIFF format on the Sovereign Grand Lodge Website at <https://odd-fellows.org/member-resources/lodge-odes-and-music/usp=sharing>. In the AIFF format the audio files can be burned onto a CD for use in most CD

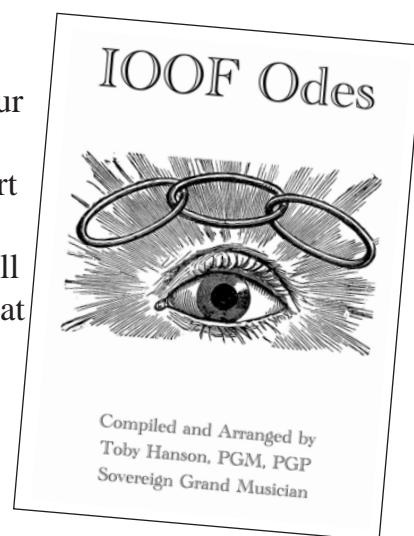
players. They can also be converted to a compressed format such as MP3 which can be played on many common smart phones and digital audio players.

With these new recordings of the Odes, it is now easier than ever for lodges which have not previously had the benefit of accompanists to sing. Creating harmony in our lodges by singing the Odes is an essential part of Odd Fellowship and hopefully all lodges will be able to partake in that tradition.

Brother Hanson served as Sovereign Grand Musician from 2019 to 2021 during the term of Sovereign Grand Master E. Wesley Nelson of Alberta. Toby drew on his quarter century-plus of musical experience as a performer, arranger, and producer to assemble these recordings of the Odes. Previously he had produced new written arrangements of the Odes for piano, organ, guitar, ukulele, and any other 'C' instruments.

HOW TO ORDER

For more information, contact: Toby Hanson, Past Sovereign Grand Musician, iooftoby@gmail.com, 11119 216th St. E., Graham, WA 98338 or call Toby at: (253) 875-8580.



In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Happy Mother's Day to all Rebekahs.

We had our garage bazaar sale on April 15 and 16. Now it's full speed ahead to Saturday, May 7 for our spaghetti dinner and Bingo for L.C. Renal Alliance and Layson! Our raffles are going to be huge! There's a get-away for two at the Lucky Eagle Casino, a bike, BBQ grill and much more. We are looking to have a full house.

To everyone, have a great month and we will see you in June!

In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Reporter

Officer Reception July 16 in Olympia

There will be a reception on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at the Odd Fellows Park in Olympia at 1 p.m. for our new Rebekah Assembly President Kendra Frogge', Grand Patriarch Joe Picanco, Grand Matriarch Margaret Truttmann, and Theta Rho Assembly President Lucy Couch. Everyone is invited to attend.

Theta Rho Retreat was over the top!

The Theta Rho Annual Spring Retreat is finally back. After a two-year absence from the IOOF Park in Olympia, the Theta Rho girls were delighted to pump up air mattresses, roll out sleeping bags and have a fun and relaxing weekend with their Theta Rho pals from Washington and Oregon. Girls from Spunky Bluebirds #93 in Tacoma, Acorn #75 in Oak Harbor, and Etta Theta Rho Girls Club in Oregon attended.

On Friday, April 8, the girls and their advisors travelled from near and far to spend two nights of fellowship together. Over the weekend the girls played games, renewed friendships, teased one another, stayed up late, slept in, *ATE*, talked about Theta Rho Sessions, beachcombed, *ATE*, washed windows, learned and practiced properly disposing of a US flag, *ATE*, picked up fallen branches, roasted marshmallows and mostly just enjoyed each other's company.

Our heartfelt thanks go to: Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for once again generously sharing their beautiful park with us; the Joint Youth Committee for organizing and hosting the retreat; Jeannie Reed, Kathy Picanco, and Laurel Delony for their countless hours of work to keep us fed, spoilt (with yummy cookies), safe (provide Band-Aids and hugs) and especially for staying the entire weekend with us; Dave Reed for lots of laughs and a refresher on our rights and lefts; the Grand Lodge for providing a tasty spaghetti dinner then building a huge bonfire for roasting marshmallows and for learning to fold and dispose of the United States Flag.

We are thankful and proud to be a part of this great and loving Order.

— Sylvia Summers, Spunky Bluebirds Advisor



MaLana Barbas, Teanna Gardiner, and Menyea' Barbas put in some community service time washing windows.



Sarah Thomas and Shauna Schultz enjoy breakfast at the retreat.



"Big Dave" Kitsch pictured with Riley Moore, Kiara Moore, Evan Floyd and Sarah Thomas

Joint Youth Committee sez:

Fun and work combined for a fantastic TR retreat

Washington's Theta Girls Clubs held their annual retreat on April 8-10 at Puget Beach Park in Olympia. There were 12 girls and 5 Advisors present as well as some Park Board and JYC Committee members.

President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, Moira Struthers, gave her program to the girls. She listed her committees and instructed them on the dress code and code of conduct. Lucy Crouch, Theta Rho Vice President, also gave her Fun Night program. The theme is "Neon and Glow in the Dark."

This retreat was successful because of adult participation. The Grand Master, The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary cooked dinner on Saturday night. After dinner, Joe Picanco and Dave Delony showed the girls how to dispose of an American Flag.

For their community service for using the park, they washed the windows inside and out. They cleaned the flower beds and helped Dave Kitsch pick up twigs.

Many thanks to many people who made this retreat possible.

— *Jennie Reed, Chairman,
Joint Youth Committee*



Lucy Crouch and Joe Picanco fold the American flag at the Theta Rho Retreat.



We are not quite sure what the girls are showing off at the Theta Rho Retreat. From left are Theta Rho Assembly President Moira Struthers, Madi Martin, Danny Cupps, Evan Floyd, Riley Moore, Kiara Moore, and Alana Wheatherlow.



Grand Master Dave Delony provided taxi service for Sarah Thomas, Riley Moore, Kiara Moore, Evan Floyd.

Using social media to promote Lodges

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM

As much of a challenge as the recent pandemic was to the success of Odd Fellowship, it also created some great opportunities to expand our Order. Social media stepped in to fill the space left by restrictions on gatherings. Even though we can start meeting in person again, we can still use social media to promote our lodges and raise their public profile.

FACEBOOK

The easiest way to use social media to promote your lodge is on Facebook. Create a Facebook page for your lodge and then be sure to post regular activity of what your lodge is doing. Having an active presence on Facebook makes it easier to attract new members as they will be more likely to see items on your feed if there are many items to see. Those looking for a lodge to join will be more likely to join one that looks like it's doing things regularly. Make sure you post activities on your page at least once a month to remain timely and relevant. Also be sure to include a lot of pictures. They are a great way of attracting attention on a platform like Facebook.

INSTAGRAM

Another easy way of promoting your lodge is on Instagram. Odd Fellowship is a very visual organization with a lot of beautiful items and symbols which makes it ideal for promoting on Instagram. For those not familiar, Instagram is a photo-sharing app for smart phones. It's free and allows users to post pictures on their feed similar to how they can on Facebook (in fact, both Facebook and Instagram are owned by the same company).

A tech-savvy member of a lodge can sign up for an Instagram account on a smart phone and share pictures of lodge events, regalia, installations, new members, etc. To make the promotion effective, members who share photos should follow other organizations in their community like chambers of commerce, city or county government, schools, other fraternal and community groups, and businesses in the area. When users follow other users they are prompted to "follow back" and subscribe to all of the photos that those other users post. Doing so will create a group of people and organizations who see all of your lodge's posts on Instagram.

HASHTAGS

A big part of the power of Instagram is hashtags. They allow users to categorize and identify their content. Hashtags begin with the pound sign (#) and have a short word or phrase to describe the picture. There are already some well-known hashtags in use for pictures from Odd Fellows: #ioof, #flt, #threelinks, #oddfellow, #oddfellows, and #oddfellowship.

Using the hashtags is easy. After writing a short description for the photo, add one or more of the hashtags to the end of the description so that users searching for Odd Fellows pictures will be able to find yours. This also works well for our Rebekah Sisters as they have their own Instagram hashtag: #iamarebekah.

DISCORD

Although not specifically for promoting your lodge, another effective social media tool for Odd Fellows is Discord. Discord is a chat server which allows groups of people to post messages to the group in real time. Other people on the group can then read those messages. With the recent influx of younger, more tech-experienced members in the Odd Fellows, a special Discord server has been set up especially for Odd Fellows.

The server is named "Heart In Hand Online" and is open to Odd Fellows in good standing from all around the world. To this point it's mostly members in North America that have joined but there are members from the Philippines, Cuba, and a few European Jurisdictions. Having a Discord server dedicated to Odd Fellowship allows us to converse in real time about Odd Fellowship and allows for the exchange of ideas, particularly about what is helping lodges around the country to grow.

Washington has the second highest number of members on Discord after California. Members who are interested in joining the Odd Fellows Discord server can do so at <https://oddfellowsprimer.wordpress.com/heart-in-hand-online/>. A link to the server and instructions are available on that website.

YES, THE TIMES ARE CHANGING

In earlier days, promoting a lodge was easy. Lodges had buildings right in the middle of their town or neighborhood and those buildings usually had bright, eye-catching signs out front to let the community know that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs met there. We also used to take part in community events and activities, from parades to pie auctions to town festivals. Now, however, much civic life happens through social media and if we expect people to know who we are and be able to find our lodges to join, we have to engage them where they are. That means lodges and members have to have a social media presence.

Hopefully the resources shared in this article will make it easy for lodges to reach out and let their communities know about their existence. After all, there's no one else who is going to promote your lodge for you. Letting your community know you exist is only going to happen if you do it.

— Toby Hanson,
PGM, PGP



Honoring the PNW Brass

Dan and Shirley Matthews of Oregon were the special guests at the Battalion Meeting held April 9 in Olympia. Shirley is the current Pacific Northwest Department Commander. Surrounding the honored guests are, from

left: Stu Carlson, Laurel Delony, Tom Harper, Mike Scheurich, Joe Picanco, Dave Delony, Joanne Balmert, Steve Purcell (behind Joanne), Toby Hanson, and Duard Fyffe.

Yakima member service project

Can you help us assist a deserving member?

Washington Lodges are invited to help financially with a member service project.

First some background: Rebekah Sister Katherine Carmichael comes from a long line of Odd Fellows — great grandfather, both grandfathers, grandmothers, mother, aunt and uncle, cousin, and sister — plus three of her four sons were Junior Odd Fellows long ago.

Kathy (the name by which most of you know her) became a 70-year member on February 7 this year. She has been an active member since 1952 and has served in numerous offices including President of the former Ruth Theta Rho Girls' Club #3, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 Nobel Grand, three or four Rebekah Assembly offices and Representative to Sessions a few times. Until January 2021, she was Secretary of Isabella #23 for more than 10 years.

On January 3, 2021 Kathy was severely injured and suffered great trauma through no fault of her own. She had been visiting her oldest son and family in Port Angeles, WA over the holidays. Kathy was air lifted to Harborview Hospital in Seattle where she was a patient for five weeks. From Harborview she became a patient in Mirabella Skilled Nursing Center in Seattle for three months.

Kathy was finally able to return to her home in

Yakima in May of 2021. Her youngest son is her main caregiver, and many are grateful her memories have been returning. Her strongest memories are of her Rebekah experiences and Lodge procedures. These memories have been invaluable to the Isabella #23 Rebekahs as they move forward.

Kathy has lived in her older home for more than 50 years. Her husband, Jim, passed away six years ago. Members of Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 voted to serve her by upgrading her bathroom so that she will have a walk-in shower. This will be a **HUGE** safety change for her. She uses a walker for short distances and a wheelchair for appointments. What a great blessing it will be for Kathy to have this change in her home. Thankfully, a Yakima #22 Odd Fellow who is a plumber is in charge of the work.

We are asking your Lodge for help with this special member service project. Please make your donation out to Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 and mail to:

**Tom Cox, Secretary, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22
206 W. Walnut Ave. Yakima, WA 98902**

If you have any questions, please call IOOF Lodge #22 Secretary Tom Cox at (509) 452-0910.

THANK YOU!



*Your Grand
Lodge & Rebekah
Assembly Hosts
For 2022
Laura & Steve
Purcell*

Assembly reminder for our 2022 Sessions

For the Installation of Officers Bible Bearers and Installing Officers are to wear a white formal dress or skirt and top.

Officers being installed can wear whatever you like as long as it is appropriate for the occasion.

Thank you. I look forward to seeing everyone in June at Sessions.

— Kendra Frogge'

Vice-President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

TaNaMaKa

Be on the lookout for 'Bear Meat'!!!

The President of TaNaMaKa has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night, June 20 following the All Branch Banquet at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center.

Members of TaNaMaKa need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meat." When you are at Sessions, check at the sales table to get a sheet to sign up for "Bear Meat."

We will have a sales table, so bring your many "treasures" you would like to contribute to the sale. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work at the table at breaks before and after Sessions. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret Truttmann, Secretary for TaNaMaKa, at maggie@olynet.com or phone (360) 482-2923.

We are excited to see all our members at our annual meeting.

— Margaret Truttmann,
TaNaMaKa Secretary

Please Recycle Your Session Badge Holders

To returning members attending Grand Sessions in Yakima, please bring your name badge holders given to you in previous years.

Thanks so much.

*See You All
In Yakima!*

*FRIDAY, JUNE 17 THRU
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22*



RON HANSON



TEDD SWANSON

Samaritan, Hope Lodges honor Veteran members

Recently we had the honor of bestowing three Veterans Jewels on Spokane members. Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge #52 presented Tedd Swanson with his 50-year Veteran Jewel, and Ron Hanson, PGM and PGP, with his 25-Year Veteran Jewel. Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 also presented Tedd Swanson with his 50-year Veteran Jewel.

— Dustri Trebe, Reporter

Congratulations Brothers!

2022 Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Yakima Valley Hotel & Conference Center

June 17 through 19, 2022

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY • THIS FORM FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY YOUTH ONLY

Adults Please Use Annual Grand Session Registration Form

Club Name & Number _____

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Please Fill Out On Per Theta Rho Girl

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Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

Steve or Laura Purcell, PO Box 386. Bucoda, WA 98530-0386

Or Email to: scpurcell@scattercreek.com

ATTENTION ADVISORS: PLEASE COLLECT FORMS FROM GIRLS AND SEND AS A CLUB GROUP

2022 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions ~ *Registration Form* ~ June 17 through 22, 2022

ONE form person, please. Make as many copies as needed.

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Name _____
(Highest current or past title) (Branch of the Order attending)

Address _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

Valley Buffet: Honey Glazed Ham

Adults \$32.00 _____

Banquet Theme: "Neon Lights (Glow In The Dark)"

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

4:00 p.m. Past Presidents' Meeting / Banquet

Mustard Crusted Pork Loin **OR** Grille Chicken w/Artichoke

(Circle One) \$34.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 a.m. Grand Master's

And Assembly President's Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$22.00 _____

5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet Buffet

Banquet Theme: "1940s"

Hawaiian Chicken \$32.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 a.m. IOOF Representatives'

And Rebekah Assembly Representatives' Breakfast

Country Buffet \$22.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Red's Home Style Supper Buffet

Meat Loaf & Chicken \$37.00 _____

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2022

Late Registration after June 1, 2022 \$30.00 _____

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly ONLY! \$10.00 _____

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Phone Laura (360) 259-6144

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2022 Grand Sessions

Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-5900 (Ext. 0) For Front Desk

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen), Number Staying in Room (*This is critical as it determines how many may enjoy breakfast as part of the room cost*), Any Special Needs/Requirements. There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

Rates: \$87 Single, Double Triple, or Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2022. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2022 Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, is accepts advertisement(s) for the Grand Sessions Program Booklet to help offset the costs of publishing and distributing.

The advertisement charges are:

FULL PAGE, 5" BY 8" FOR \$50 — HALF PAGE 5" BY 4" FOR \$25

All advertisement bills must be paid to the "Grand Lodge Host Committee" prior to them being placed into the program. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2022

Please make checks out to: Grand Lodge Host Committee

You may send your request by email followed by your check or mail both to:

STEVE OR LAURA PURCELL

P.O. BOX 386, BUCODA WA 98530

SCPURCELL@SCATTERCREEK.COM

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Point of Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Thanks in advance for your support.

— Fraternally, Steve & Laura Purcell, Grand Lodge Host Committee

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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES

Of course the end of this month brings Memorial Day remembrances. I hope you all will be able to get out and put flags, flowers, wreaths, or whatever you can on those graves of your loved ones or those who gave so much for our freedoms.

I must say that my home lodge, Olympia #1, will be putting flags on the graves of our veterans on Saturday, May 28 at 9 a.m. There will be donuts available before we start and afterwards hot dogs, chips, salads and water and coffee will be served.

When we are done all those who can will head out to the park to work on cleaning and beautifying the area. On Sunday, May 29 there will be a breakfast served out at the park starting at 9 a.m. This will be a fund-raiser for Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. There will be lots of biscuits and gravy, but no bacon.

Then, of course, on Monday, May 30 we will have our Memorial Day remembrance. If you have no other plans come down to our cemetery in Tumwater and view all the activities.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH

As my term draws nearer to an end, I again have to thank you all for your help, guidance and acceptance during this year of transitioning from lockdowns to getting back to some normalcy. I failed to get to visit all of our lodges but not for being told to start visiting later last year. But, of course, I did not and now I have run out of time. Many of you are still not meeting on a regular basis and I can only

hope you will be able to start doing so soon.

Of the lodges I have visited I was amazed at the functions and activities you have been involved with. And I ask myself and you why haven't you put all the things you have done in your *Washington OddFellow* newspaper. Let us all know about those activities you are going to be doing so we can join you. Let's start bragging about what a great active order we have. And of course let's all start doing more things to showcase who we are and what we can do.



NORTHWEST HARVEST

Lastly I ask that you help me in supporting Northwest Harvest in any way you can. So many lodges and members have helped me in so many ways. If not the Harvest then maybe some other food bank or resource. I thank you all for the help — you all are an amazing collection of some of the best volunteers any group could ask for.

Have a wonderful May and hope to see you all in our upcoming Grand Lodge Sessions in Yakima in June.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Dave Delony,
 Your 2021-2022 Grand Master,
 Grand Lodge of Washington,*