

Bro. Hugh Smith awarded Congressional Gold Medal for his World War 2 service!!

On Thursday, August 11, Brother Hugh Smith, PGM, shared his recently received Congressional Gold Medal with his Brothers and Sisters of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 in Kent.



The medal was accompanied by a letter which reads: "The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration is honored to present the Merchant Mariners of WWII Congressional Gold Medal to: Hugh Smith."

The Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. Congress, honors those whose dedication, heroism, and public service have created a lasting impact on American history.

On March 14, 2020, legislation was signed into law authorizing the Congressional Gold Medal for American Merchant Mariners whose honorable deeds played a critical role in WWII.



The Merchant Mariners of WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act authorizes MARAD to award duplicates of the medal to individuals who, between December 7, and December

31, 1946, were members of the U.S. Merchant Marine, or other related services.

This country will always be grateful to the many thousands of Merchant Mariners for their gallant



Past Grand Master Hugh Smith, center, holds his Gold Medal for his service in the Merchant Marines during WWII. At left is Brother Dan Seeley, Vice Grand of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34, and at right is Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan, Jr., Noble Grand and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

support of our country."

Brother Hugh Smith was first initiated into Titusville Lodge #34 on October 14, 1965. He is currently 93-years-old. While he is unable to attend lodge meetings regularly, he attends when he is able and keeps us apprised of his well-being through letters and telephone calls.

— Tina Reitan, Secretary, Titusville #34

Congratulations Brother Hugh!

From the desk of The Grand Master

NOW WE'RE BACK TO LODGE

Brothers and Sisters,



TIM MOON
Grand Master

I hope everyone had a great summer, traveling, visiting friends, camping, barbecues, and relaxing. But now that September is here we can all get back to our lodge meetings and social activities.

VISITATIONS

As your Grand Master I'm looking forward to visiting our lodges and attending meetings. I'll be sending letters to lodges regarding my visits.

My first few months have been filled with ups and downs, but as Odd Fellows we can always get through the hard times with help from our Brothers and Sisters.

RECEPTIONS

I enjoyed the wonderful turnout at the park in Olympia for the joint reception honoring the heads of our order: President Kendra Frogge', Joe Picanco, Maggie Truttmann, and Lucy Crouch. My reception will be held on Saturday, September 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Eagles Aerie #2, 6410 N. Lidgerwood in Spokane.

SOVEREIGN GRAND SESSIONS

As I'm writing this I keep looking over everything preparing for my trip to Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Winston-Salem, NC. It's going to be such fun seeing friends and making new ones.

I am very honored to be your Grand Master and I thank everyone who elected me to this office and *I will do my best to honor it — you and our Order.*

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Tim Moon

Your 2022-2023 Grand Master



You are invited to a Reception honoring

Tim Moon
GRAND MASTER

Grand Lodge of Washington
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Saturday
September 10, 2022
1:00 to 5:00 pm

Eagles Hall

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Spokane, WA 99208

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From the desk of the Assembly President

THANK YOU SISTERS & BROTHERS

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,



KENDRA FROGGE'
Assembly President

This is my first letter as your Assembly President and I would like to thank the Assembly for electing me to this office.

I hope everyone who attended our Sessions in June had a good time. There was a large amount of legislation presented and passed in the Assembly. Much of the legislation consisted of corrections and house-keeping items, however, there were

a few items of importance to the lodges and members which you will receive in your Representative's Report. I will have more information on that in my next letter. Your Representatives were given a packet which contains my program and contact info.

A WONDERFUL RECEPTION

It was a wonderful day in July when the reception was held for myself, Grand Matriarch Margaret, Grand Patriarch Joe and Theta Rho President Lucy. It was also my birthday so I got to spend it with all my Lodge Brothers, Sisters and family. A big thank you to all those who set up, attended, brought food, and helped clean up, along with all the gifts and donations. It was a very special and I appreciate it very much.

BACK FROM IARA SESSIONS

As I write this letter, I have just returned home from International Sessions held in Winston-Salem, NC. I was proud to represent Washington Rebekahs and to

have so many members from our Jurisdiction there. I attended the Theta Rho Sessions on Saturday and escorted the Washington Flag at the opening on Sunday.

I then attended all of the meetings during the week. There was no legislation directly for the Rebekahs and Theta Rho, but I will make a report on items of interest next month. Our Jurisdiction won the International Press Association's "Best Overall" award for our *Washington OddFellow* newspaper. I received an award for former Theta Rho President Piper Fyffe for her donation to the Educational Foundation which was her project.

NOW IT'S BACK TO WORK

Now it is time for the lodges who had a recess in the summer to get back to meetings and back to business. If you have any problems or questions, please feel free to contact me.

I will start my lodge visits in October and will print my schedule in the newspaper.

In closing, I would just like to say, "Be like a flamingo, stay balanced, stand by your flock and always be awesome."

— With Rebekah Hugs,

Kendra Frogge', President

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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Jeanette Jester wins!!

Who found Sammy in our June edition of *The Washington OddFellow*, our last contest before the summer break? Jeannette Jester of Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 had her magnifying glass out when she found Sammy on page 15 in the lower right photo near the right top.

For her efforts, Jeanette won 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. Get your eagle eyes busy and you can win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just send your email to

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or call **800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than September 15 for our October edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct entries.

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

I STILL WANNA PLAY IN THE SUN

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It can't be fall already! I'm not done playing in the sun. This summer just seemed to run right past



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly Secretary

me. I really hope all of you enjoyed your July and August, and that you spent some fun time with those people you cherish most. Hopefully we won't be pulling our sweaters out anytime soon and morning coffee will continue on the front porch.

NOW WE ARE BACK TO LODGE

As we start a new season of Rebekah meetings, I hope all of you are excited about sharing your Lodges' goals and projects

with others in your neighborhoods. This is an exciting time to encourage others to join our Order. Following the restrictions of the last few years, many people are hungry for friendship and anxious to reach out and help those in need. You might start by asking friends about a need they have noticed in their social circles, then suggest they work with your Rebekah lodge to meet that need.

REVIEWING MINUTE AND RECORD BOOKS

Secretaries, this is a good time to review your Minute Books, as well as other record books, to see that everything is up to date. If you have questions as to what records you should be keeping or are struggling to find efficient ways to keep up with everything, please let me know. I would be more than happy to go over things with you and offer some helpful hints I have gleaned from other Secretaries over the years.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE SOON

Remember — Annual Report time is just around the corner. (Please don't scream.)

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

October is only a month away, and we will be nominating new officers for our Lodges. You might want to start talking to some of your new members, or members who have been reluctant to take an office, about stepping up and trying something new. Assure them that they will have plenty of help from the rest of the Lodge members. Being involved and having responsibilities keeps all of us active and excited about our future as Rebekahs

HERE'S YOUR CHALLENGE

I want to end this newsletter with a challenge to each of our Lodge Secretaries. I pledge to contact each of you this month, just to touch base and see how you are doing. My challenge is for each of you to do the same with your lodge members. Send them a card and make a phone call, whichever you are most comfortable with. Let's stay in touch with each other and reach out as Sisters and Brothers.

HAVE A GREAT SEPTEMBER

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington
(360) 413-7014 or (360) 701-5896
rebsecwa@gmail.com

Is Dave 'Skirting' the issue?

Then Grand Master Dave Delony was presented with a "Money Skirt." at Grand Sessions in Yakima this June. Dave was given the skirt by now Past Assembly President Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie. Everyone joined in the fun adding money to the skirt which went to Dave's project.



From the desk of your Grand Secretary



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

Brothers and Sisters,

First, I'd like to thank the members for electing me for another two years. I love this job and working with all of you. Remember, if there is anything you need help with please do not hesitate to contact me.

PER CAPITA

Secretaries, I have mailed out the Per Capita dues invoices on August 15. If you did not receive your invoices to the address your lodge listed for mail, please let me know and I will get a

copy out to you. Your lodge can pay half now and the balance by December 15. Either way, Per Capita is due, in full, by December 15. Don't forget the two signatures on your checks.

The Grand Master has called a DDGM meeting for Saturday, October 22. The meeting will be held at the Ellensburg IOOF Hall, 307 N. Pine, Ellensburg. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

I hope everyone had a great summer

— With Fraternal Hugs
Laurel Delony, PGM,
Grand Secretary

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Alberta Marie Knutson**, age 90, passed away on Feb. 11, 2022. She had served as Noble Grand in the former Tieton Rebekah Lodge #314.
- **Rose Ringhoffer**, PNG, age 99, passed away on August 3, 2022. Rose was a 43-year member of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla.
- **Robert Budweg**, PG, PGM, 2002-2003. passed on July 28, 2022.
- **Doug Grunenfelder**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

Past Grand Secretary Harry Coulter passes

Past Grand Secretary Harry Coulter passed away on Friday, July 22.

No services have been planned yet, but his family indicated they will let us know when services will be held,

We will let you know as soon as that information is released.



- **Harry Coulter**, Past Grand Secretary, State Lodge S-1



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~ From your 2022-23 Grand Patriarch ~

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO SERVE YOU

Thank you for electing me as your Grand Patriarch. It is an honor to serve.



JOE PICANCO
Grand Patriarch

THANKS ALL AROUND

Many thanks to the Elective and Appointed Officers of the Grand Encampment for also stepping up to serve our great jurisdiction.

I'm looking forward to my year serving alongside our Grand Matriarch Maggie Truttmann. We are a good team and plan to visit lodges and later attend installations where possible. We have made Visual Aid as our joint project.

I would like to thank and I certainly appreciate everyone who turned out to par-

ticipate in our Joint Dinner Installation in Yakima and for joining us at Olympia Odd Fellow Park for the Joint Reception.

MY PROGRAM

For those who were unable to attend either one, my program briefly is:

Colors: Black and Gold; **Emblem:**

American Eagle; **Mascot:** Donkey; **Hymn:** This little light of Mine; **Fun Song:** They're Coming to Take me Away, Ha-Ha; **Joint Project:** Visual Aid; **Motto:** Stay positive, work hard, and make it happen. **Bible Verse:** Do not be anxious about anything (Philippians 4:6-7).



FUN AND MEANINGFUL MEETINGS

I hope you have had a nice and safe summer. Now as our lodges return to their normal meetings, we need to make them meaningful and fun to attend. Incorporate new ideas, suggestions, and even accept constructive criticism from our members.

I look forward to hearing, sharing your ideas, and thoughts as I visit lodges.

— In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Joe Picanco, Grand Patriarch

~ From the lair of the Grand Warden ~

YOU ARE WHERE MEMBERSHIP STARTS

Membership? Just ask! You'd be very surprised. Where does membership start? Just look in the mirror — *That* is where membership starts.



STEVE PURCELL
Grand Warden

Every member of every Branch of our Order is a recruiter. But how does one start? I've found the best way to start is to ask. Many people are curious about The Odd Fellows but they just don't know where to get their questions answered and are reluctant to ask.

I can't count the number of people who remember, as children, seeing IOOF on a building, but no one seemed to know who we are or what we do. Mention the Rebekahs and they invariably ask if that is "the

women's" branch of the Odd Fellows and express amazement when I tell them that I am the Noble Grand of the Bucoda Rebekahs.

I'VE BEEN OFFERING TOURS

Ask them what they know or would like to know and remember, in the age of the internet we have few "secrets" that can't be Googled. I'm fortunate in having a Lodge Hall readily available where I can offer tours and those tours have garnered a lot of curiosity doing so. Of course I usually have applications either in hand or very nearby.

GRAND WARDENS ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL

Finally, the Grand Wardens are a resource at your disposal. The easiest way to contact me is at purcell@scattercreek.com and though I may not have all the answers, I will aid and assist you in any way I can.

YOU ONLY NEED TO ASK

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Steve Purcell, Grand Warden

PGM Rob Budweg passes away at 76

Past Grand Master Robert (Rob) Hans Budweg, Jr., 76, passed away July 28, 2022, at his family home with his wife Jo by his side in Hunters, WA. He was born July 28, 1946, in Lewiston, ID to Robert Hans Budweg, Sr., and Phyllis Andrews Budweg.

Rob presided over the 2003 Grand Sessions held in Yakima.

Rob graduated from South Salem High School in Oregon in 1965. He continued his studies at Oregon State University for one year in the field of Geology then Lane Community College studying Psychology and Social Science. From 1969-1971 he attended the University of Oregon (GO Ducks!) majoring in education. Rob's first teaching job was in Craigmont, Idaho from 1971-1973. While teaching he completed graduate school during the summer of 1971 and attended the University of Idaho in the summer of 1972.

Rob completed his Masters in Energy & Conservation with Math and Reading endorsements at the University of Oregon from 1974-1978. There were times during his college career Rob lived out of his car to put himself through school. He was proud of how far he had come in his life.

In 1978 while Rob was visiting his family in Edgewood, WA he rented a Thunderbird from Jo at Dollar Rent-A-Car. He continued to talk to his dad about the girl he rented the car from. Finally, his dad offered to rent the car for an additional day so Rob could take her to dinner. The rest as they say is "history." Rob and Jo married on March 17, 1979.

In the late spring of 1981 he, Jo, and their daughter Jenny traveled to Hunters, WA to interview for a teaching position. The first thing he said when driving into Hunters was, "Wow, this would be the perfect place for Boy Scouts." nickname still follows her to this day. Rob truly loved his girls and was genuinely interested in their lives, work and family.

During his entire career at Columbia, he was passionate about supporting students both in sports and education. Rob was involved in Boy Scouts, coaching, swimming instruction, Water District Commissioner, Fire District Volunteer, and a Notary Public.

In 2002-2003 when Rob served as Grand Master of of the Grand Lodge of Washington, he made it his goal to visit every Odd Fellows Lodge in the state.

Rob is survived by his wife of 43 years Jo (Jo-Jo) Budweg, daughters Lisa, Jen, Mindy (Mouse), and Sharon (Bear-Bear).

A celebration of Rob's life took place August 27, 2022 at Columbia School in Hunters, Washington with Pastor Ed Dashiell presiding.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Cedonia Community Church, 4562 Highway 25 South, Hunters, WA 99137 or Columbia Youth Sports in memory of Robert Budweg located at 4961 Hunters County Shop Road, Hunters, WA 99137.



ROBERT BUDWEG



In with the new GM

During our 2022 Grand Sessions in Yakima in June, Jr. Past Grand Master Dave Delony, right, passes the banner to new Grand Master, Tim Moon.

Washougal awards scholarships to five

Members of Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 are pleased to announce that five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors in the class of 2022 from Washougal High School and Camas High School.

Seniors from Washougal are: Samantha Luna Mederos, Zaley Hart and Celeb R. Davis. From Camas are: Emily Kovalenko and Emerson Grafton.

The counselors at the schools are very helpful. They collect the applications for us before judging. Next year we will add a new high school, Discovery, to our contacts.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL FIND

While cleaning out our files, cupboards, and closets, several treasures were found. One such item was the Washington State Charter for the Washougal Cemetery. Although it doesn't say anything about Odd Fellows we are sure those chartering members were of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows — Washougal. The papers were dated July 24, 1900. We were pleased that the city would accept the papers. They were delivered to Kelly Brown, Administrative Assistant of Public Works and the Washougal Memorial Cemetery. They plan on framing and placing the document on the wall at city hall.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth*
Jeanette Jester, Secretary



Jeanette Jester, left, presented Kelly Brown with the Washington State Charter for the Washougal Cemetery. The papers, dated July 24, 1900 were found recently when members were cleaning out files and cupboards.



Yummy night In Yakima

The Pie and Ice Cream Social at Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 after Grand Lodge Installation was a big success. More than \$600 was raised by the very generous donations of our Brothers and Sisters. **Thank you!** The socializing was priceless! We look forward to seeing you all again next year. Rebekahs Jean Lafortune, Jennifer Coles and Odd Fellow Bob Quesnell were your busy servers.

Trinity continues to help the L.C. Renal Alliance

Wow! Hello to one and all. July has come and gone for Trinity and what a month it was!

July 15 and 16 was a fun time for the city of Napavine. We had our bazaar and breakfast on Saturday morning. There were not as many vendors this year, but our breakfast was good! It started at 7 a.m. so that meant had to be there at 5:30 a.m.

Thanks to C.J. Hart, Lou Ann's grandson, for slicing ham and setting up tables, along with tearing them down at the end of the night. Thanks to Catherine Delaney for cooking on Saturday morning.

READY FOR A PARADE

Donnie and Melody Butterson and daughter Christine brought their pick-up truck and trailer ready for us to decorate for the parade. It looked great! Thanks Donnie and Melody.

We also had the L.C Renal Alliance on the float. Dani, Owen, Tegan, and Lawson were also on the float.

READY FOR A GREAT DINNER

At 4 p.m. on Saturday we had dinner. Chris Rovito and Jason fired up the grills for burgers and hot dogs. Thank you to Jennie Reed, Laura Purcell, and a future member Kristy Wilkins for helping in the kitchen. We felt short-handed in the kitchen!

At 6 p.m. we had a fund-raiser Bingo session for L.C. Renal Alliance. We had to draft different callers due to Raychel Squibb playing ball in California and Reno! Both of her parents went as well. Select ball will be coming to an end due to her signing to play for Lower Columbia College in Longview.

Thank you to Rob McNelly and Dave Reed for calling Bingo. Both did a fantastic job. It was like throw back to Retta Winslow and Rob McNelly. They are

Dick and Delia McNelly's children. So it was like having them in the hall again!!

The whole-day event for L.C. Renal Alliance included raffles, snowcones, dinner, and Bingo. Trinity helped Raise \$4,127 for the foundation. Thanks to everyone. We get to help a couple more families. We are planning another dinner and Bingo in December.

Trinity will have their Bingo in September. No date has been picked yet. A pork chop dinner is planned.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Scott and Sherri Guenther following the loss of Sherri's step dad and Scott's mom. Love and prayers to you both.

On Saturday we were informed that our Candy Koons' son Eddie passed away. Our love and prayers are sent to them as well. On top of that Candy's husband ended up with an infection and prayers were requested. Get well soon, Lee.

GOOD NEWS!

We have five applications for membership. We are looking forward to October to bring in new help.

Thanks to all my Rebekah Sisters who helped out with the bazaar, bake sale, and dinner and bingo. May you enjoy the rest of the summer.

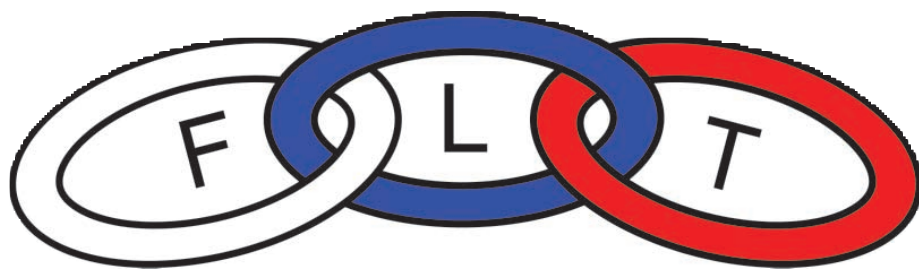
— In F, L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Reporter

Washington OddFellow Repeats as the best again

For the second year in a row, *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper was judged the top publication during Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in August. At left, the International Press Association presented the award to our Grand Secretary Laurel Delony. Above, Editor Bill Ostlund and Laurel with the prestigious award. Bill said this is the second time in more than 30 years that *The Washington OddFellow* has won the "Best Overall" award, the first being in 2021.



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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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If you have any questions please contact the Grand Secretary at grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or (360) 829-1514.

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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)

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

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July & Aug. **NG:** John Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077. **Ph:** (425) 788-3772. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 2051 No. Viking Loop, Post Falls ID, 83854 **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (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)



*Big
Tent
Lodge
In
Ballard*

Ballard's 'Big Tent'

On June 30, Ballard-Alki #170 hosted a Big Tent Lodge event that included a fantastic performance by Pacific Brass, (below) featuring Brother Greg Powers on trombone! Pacific Brass played a wide range of music, pieces ranging from Charles Ives' America Variations to show-tunes to Bohemian Rhapsody! Members and friends shared good company and good food! It was great to have the building open to the public and we look forward to our next Big Tent Lodge event on Sept 29!





Anticipating an exciting adventure

Theta Rho Girls from Washington were full of excitement as they were waiting for a tram at the Dallas, Texas Airport on their second leg of their trip to Winston-Salem, NC. From left are: MaLana Barbas (red pants), Menyea' Barbas (glasses), Lucy Crouch (looking left), Stacy Gardiner (pink sweater), Kaydince Clark (far back), Desiree Gardiner (wearing a lanyard), Keira Moore (blue pants), Sofia Scheiderer (black top, partially hidden),

Tenna Gardner (arms crossed), Autumn Scheiderer (littlest one), Riley Moore & Evan Floyd, (leaning on each other), Hailey Hanna, Sylvia Summers (Spunky Advisor), and Shauna Shultz, (3 grouped behind), Joy Rana (chaperone), Danny Cupps (tank top), Alana Weatherlow, Leilah McNicols, Judy Diekman (Acorn Advisor, just pink elbow), Madi Martin (Spunky Assistant Advisor, hidden) & RA Secretary Cathy Garcia (taking photo).

Girls say thanks for a great time at SGL

Our Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79 and Spunky Bluebirds #93 extend their loud and enthusiastic **THANK YOUs** to the **GRAND LODGE of WASHINGTON** for their generous support. As a result of their funding, all 17 active members from the two Theta Rho clubs attended the 2022 SGL-IARA Youth Days in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, August 10-14, 2022. The girls had loads of fun and were exceptionally honored to represent Washington State at this international IOOF event. Being allowed to participate in this annual event helped them to appreciate that they are a part of a larger and loving organization.

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING

The girls thoroughly enjoyed staying at the

Embassy Suites which was the hub of all the SGL and IARA activities. Being in the midst of all the activities, the girls were able to connect with several Washington adult members, as well as other youth and adults from many jurisdictions.

This included the heads of the other branches such as General Micheal Bowers, who not only officially spoke with the youth, he participated in many of their activities. Even the busy incoming Sovereign Grand Master, Michelle Heckart, took time to join in the youth Fun Night. She even allowed the girls to paint her face with Glow-in-the-Dark paint.

This experience will stick with the girls for years to come and provide them with confidence as they grow older.

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Banquet pals Autumn Scheiderer, Kiera Moore, Riley Moore, Leilah McNichols, and Stacy Gardiner are all

decked out in their best finery for the big banquet at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in North Carolina.

Theta Rho at SGL

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SOME VERY SPECIAL FOLKS DESERVE THANKS

Additional **THANKS** to these very special people: Grand Lodge Secretary, Laurel Delony, for generously arranging the entire trip including registration, flights, shuttles, lodging, and food. Rebekah Assembly Secretary, Cathy Garcia, for graciously and bravely volunteering to help chaperon girls. Past Grand Masters Dave and Laurel Delony, Johnny Otterstrom, Joe (and Kathi) Picanco, Ron Hanson and all the other wonderful Washington Odd Fellows for actively being involved in the youth activities.



Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart graciously allowed the girls to paint her face as part of the fun in Winston-Salem. The artists are, from left: Hailey Hanna, Leilah McNichols, Alana Wetherlow, and Stacy Gardiner.

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Washington's Theta Rho Girls were happy to be home but exhausted as they gathered their luggage at SeaTac Airport in Seattle after their flight from Winston-Salem,

North Carolina. From left are: Evan Floyd, Danny Cupps, Desiree Gardiner, MaLana Barbas, Autumn Scheiderer, Menyea' Barbas and Teanna Gardner



At Sovereign Grand Lodge headquarters are, from left, Riley Moore, Desiree Gardiner, and Evan Floyd.



Lifetime Friendships

Evan Floyd and Riley Moore.



Our Theta Rho girls joined together for a group hug while in Winston-Salem. In the back are: Dave Delony, Laurel Delony and Leilah McNicols. In the middle are: Hailey Hanna, Alana Weatherlow, and Sophia Scheiderer (brown top, face hidden). In front are: Keira Moore, Autumn Scheiderer, and Teanna Gardner.



Here are your new Theta Rho Assembly Officers: Front row, from left: Menyea' Barbas, Victoria Schlim, Moira Struthers, Lucy Crouch and Hailey Hanna. Behind them are: Teanna Gardner, Danny Cupps, Kiaira Moore, Kaydince Clark, Britney Jahner, Malana Barbas, Piper Fyffe, Makayla

Lostrom, Evan Floyd, Stephanie Wigle, Leilah McNichols, Leila Lostrom, Clara Simonson, Shauna Schultz, Jenna Fery, Autumn Scheiderer, Alana Weatherlow, Sophia Schiederer, Aviana Moore, Stacy Gardiner, Sarah Thomas, Riley Moore, and Bethany Struthers.

Acorn Theta Rho Girls have a busy summer with Sessions and Fun Night!

HAPPY BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

In June Acorn Theta Rho was able to take 13 girls to Theta Rho Assembly in Yakima.

We are honored to have three elective officers for 2022-23: President Lucy Crouch, Warden Hailey Hanna, and Treasurer Riley Moore. The rest of our members all received appointive offices.

We are also proud that we received first place for our scrapbook, the award for most new members and the Arthritis Award.

WE'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD

In July some of our members traveled to the IOOF Park in Olympia for the Officers' Reception. It was very nice, but way too hot.

In August 12 of our girls and their chaperones were able to attend International Youth Day in Winston-Salem, NC. We want to thank the Grand Lodge and JYC for making this happen and an extra big thank you to our "Travel Agent" Laurel for making it all run smoothly. We will have some pictures to share when we get back. (At the time this was written, we were just leaving).

PIZZA FUND-RAISER

The end of August we did a picnic to kick off our

annual Papa Murphy Pizza Fund-raiser which takes place during the month of September. Many of you have supported this in the past and if anyone needs cards contact our Advisor and she will see that you get them.

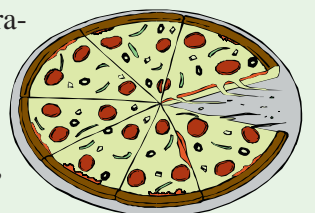
We hope everyone is glad to be back to their regular meetings if you were off during the summer.

Until Next month. . .

— With Theta Rho Hugs from Acorn
In Happiness Through Service, Members of Acorn #79

Acorn Theta Rho Club #79 Pizza fund-raiser!!!

Purchase Papa Murphy Pizza Cards for \$5 and receive \$32 in savings at all Papa Murphy locations in Washington State. No expiration date. The cards give you \$4 off eight pizzas. Acorn will be selling these cards until Thursday, September 30, 2022.



You may order your cards from Advisor Judy Diekman by sending her an email at:

queenche2000@frontier.com



Passing of the Theta Rho Banner

New Theta Rho Assembly President Lucy Crouch and members of Acorn #79 receiving the President's Banner

from outgoing President Moira Struthers and members of Eta #93 Theta Rho Girls' Club in Oregon.



Having fun in Yakima

Above: Outgoing TRA President Moira Struthers receiving her Past President's Jewel from her mom Amy Struthers, while her sister, Bethany Struthers snaps a picture on her cell phone.

Right: Leilah McNichols of Acorn and Danny Cupps of Spunky Bluebirds were part of the contingent that presented the flags and banners during Grand Sessions in Yakima in June.



Having fun & loading up on awards

At June's Grand Sessions in Yakima, members of Acorn Theta Rho #79 show off their awards at the "Glow-In-The-Dark/Neon Fun Night." They won the awards for the best Scrapbook, most new members and their contributions to the Arthritis Fund. Front row, from left, are: Riley Moore,

Autumn Scheiderer, Kiaira Moore, Aviana Moore, and Stacy Gardiner. In the back row, from left, are: Kaydince Clark, Lucy Crouch, Sarah Thomas, Sophia Scheiderer, (behind Sophia hidden is Alana Weatherlow), Hailey Hanna, Leilah McNichols and Shauna Schultz.

Congratulations To All Our Theta Rho Girls



Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club 79
Spunky Bluebirds Girls' Club 93





Theta Rho Past Presidents honored

Past Presidents of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington were honored for their service during our June Grand Sessions in Yakima. From left are: Laurel Delony, Stephanie Wigle, Bethany Struthers,

Sylvia Summers, and Piper Fyffe. Presenting a gift is Moira Struthers, then Theta Rho Assembly President, and Clara Simonson

~ From your 2022-23 Theta Rho President ~

HELLO FOR THE FIRST TIME

Hello, my name is Lucy Crouch and I am your new Theta Rho Assembly President of Washington. I hope everyone had a blast at the Theta Rho Assembly in June 2022. If you did not get to attend our installation I would like to share my program with you.

- **Emblem:** Butterflies

- **Song(s):**

“Photograph” by Cody Fry, & “Chiquitita” by ABBA

- **Mascot:** Manta Ray

- **Motto:** “If thinking about something makes you anxious, then you’re better off not thinking about it.

Picture this, you’re surrounded by a mountain of laundry so immense you can’t see over the top of it, and what’s worse is you have no washing machine. So you’ll have to do it all

by hand. Obviously, you’re overwhelmed. You look around you and the doubts start flooding in. Will you be able to clean it all? How long will it take? Can you do it well enough? And the more you think, the more anxious you get. Time ticks by but you feel paralyzed. So what do you do now?

If you ask me, your best bet is to start by washing the laundry that’s at your feet. It’s important to think about what’s ahead, but if you focus on that too much, you’ll trip over what’s right in front of you. Keep washing, one piece of laundry at a time. And before you know it, there you’ll be, staring up at the sun in a bright blue sky.

And sure, you’ll still get anxious sometimes; but when that happens, just take a little break. Read a book, watch some TV, and if all else fails eat somen with your friends.” - Shigure Sohma (Fruits Basket).

- **Colors:** Bottle Green & Cherry Blossom Pink

- **Flower:** Azalea

- **Project:** Make-A-Wish Foundation

OUR RECEPTION IN OLYMPIA

My first event as your Theta Rho Assembly President was the Officers’ Reception in Olympia. I want to thank everyone who came to show their support, and to everyone who was unable to come.

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LUCY CROUCH
TRA President



Odd Fellows honored in Yakima

During Grand Sessions in June, Past Sovereign Grand Master Wes Nelson, center, awarded certificates and medallions to four Odd Fellows from Washington.

Congratulations to: Steve Purcell of Skookumchuck #129, Tom Harper of Fall City #59, Nora Carria of Ballard-Alki #170, and Rex Wirth of Ellensburg #20.

From your 2022-23 Theta Rho President

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OUR TRIP TO SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

I had the privilege of attending the International Youth Days in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, along with 11 other members from Acorn #79 and 5 from Spunky Bluebirds #93. We enjoyed the food and Sessions, as well as the Fun Night!

I'd like to thank our Grand Lodge for paying for our trip, as well as the JYC for supporting us! Thank you.

— In Happiness Through Service,
Lucy Crouch,
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



New officers enjoy the sun

Several of our Jurisdictional leaders celebrated under the sun at the IOOF Park in Olympia in July. At left, new Grand Master Tim Moon will have his reception in Spokane on Saturday, September 10. Those honored in Olympia were Rebekah Assembly President Kendra Frogge', Grand Matriarch Margaret Truttmann, Grand Patriarch Joe Picanco, and Theta Rho Assembly President Lucy Crouch.

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Bucoda Bulletin Board #26

It's been crazy, but busy in Bucoda

When last we left our Heroes, “The Annex” had just been closed and the Lodge Hall was again open for business. Then on July 31, 2021, “The Annex” (our home) burned. Brother and Sister Odd Fellows were by our side when flames were still visible. Alberta Luurs of Trinity Rebekahs #179 had a benefit spaghetti feed organized before the ashes had cooled. I won't go into great detail here, but the turnout was wonderful and the generosity was overwhelming. Since then the remains of the old annex have disappeared and the new and improved annex has been placed and occupied. The lawn is still a mess but after a few more items are complete we are planning Odd Fellow and Rebekah social meetings to christen the place. Oh, and that's why I haven't written for the newspaper for a while — no house, no computer, no internet, and no desk. I'm sure you get the idea.

OREGON TRAIL DAYS

On to more current items. The Oregon Trail Days parade saw a contingent of Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Theta Rho girls entered. Our entry received second place in the Novelty category. Afterward we descended on the world renowned Joe's Place for lunch. It's always a great time to have members from all the branches together for events of this nature.

A LITTLE LODGE NEWS

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge#129 will soon be initiating a new member and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 may be welcoming two transferring members

THE COALITION

On the subject of membership and/or recruiting, The

Coalition hosted a picnic on August 7 at Volunteer Park in Bucoda. What is the Coalition you ask? It is a partnering of Skookumchuck #129, Bucoda Rebekahs #144, South Sound Habitat for Humanity, the Tenino Food Bank, Joe's Place and the Town of Bucoda as a form of community outreach.

Information about our Order was shared while having hotdogs and hamburgers. Sister Laura Purcell did the cooking as a way of breaking in the new grill with food and support provided by all the members of our group. We had a good turnout and we're thinking about making it an annual event, but without the oppressive hot weather of this year. Photos of the picnic seem to have ended up in the same location as that sock that is always lost in the laundry.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2023

Planning is already in progress for our 144th Grand Sessions to be held, again, at the Red Lion in Yakima in 2023. Lessons learned from our recent Sessions have been integrated into the planning. Details are in the Host Committee Report.

I've rambled long enough for this issue, plus I have at least one more article to write. I guess there really is no rest for the wicked.

Until next time remember, “Work like you don't need the money, Dance like no one is watching and Love like you've never been hurt.”

*In F., L. & T., Steve Purcell,
 Grand Warden, Reporter, Foreign Correspondent,
 Skookumchuck #129 & Bucoda Rebekahs #144*