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Happy Holidays

To All Our Brothers & Sisters!



Acorn's Christmas Child

Acorn Theta Rho #79 members Shauna Schultz, Leilah McNichols, and Stacy Gardiner working on gift boxes as part of their Operation Christmas Child project. For more photos and details, see page 8.

Food Drive Contest coming to the end!!

Hey Brothers and Sisters!

The Grand Lodge office announced a special Food Drive Contest last month. If you haven't gotten on board yet, here's the plan:

FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

The Grand Lodge would like you to have a food drive. Collect the food now through December 15, 2022. Weigh the food that comes in and keep track of it. If you receive monetary donations, \$1 equals one pound of food. Donations of money cannot be included from your lodge. They must be from members or outside sources only.

Tally up the numbers then divide the weight of the food by the number of members on your roster. Send in pictures to the Grand Lodge with how much food you collected and the pound per member.

The winning lodge will win a great prize from the Grand Master. So, *get out there and collect food!*

From the desk of Your Grand Master

FIND TIME TO HELP OTHERS



TIM MOON
Grand Master

Brothers and Sisters, December, what a busy month! There's last minute shopping, baking, making candies, cleaning house, and the list goes on. Although we have so much going on, try to find time to help others.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Next month we will be installing officers. If your lodge would like to have the Grand Lodge Officers help with your installation, have your Secretary contact Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and she will get it set up. Her

contact information is at the bottom of her letter and in the "Contact Information" on page 7. I do hope to attend some installations, weather and road conditions permitting.

I want to thank PGM Toby Hanson, PGM John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Rex Wirth, and Dave Sturgell for helping Prosperity Lodge #301 in Wenatchee initiate three new members and reinstate two others.

In closing I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Tim Moon
Your 2022-2023 Grand Master

~ In Memoriam ~

- **David L. Morris**, Past Grand Master 2003-2004, 73-year member, joined Junior Odd Fellows in 1949. Member of Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3
- **Roger Hanna**, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, passed October 29, 2022. He was a 68 year member.
- **Gordon Wilkins**, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, 67 year member, passed November 7, 2022.
- **John Gaiski**, Bremerton-Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, passed October 8, 2022.
- **Jerlie Anderson**, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #90, passed June 2022.
- **Wayne Anderson**, State Lodge #S-1, passed August 11, 2022.
- **Janell Mullins**, Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147, passed September 21 2022.
- **Paul Pelland**, State Lodge #S-1, passed August, 22, 2022.
- **Bill Perez**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, passed October 22, 2022.
- **Don Bruya**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, passed February 25, 2021.
- **Betty Sterling**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, passed October 19, 2022.



Banners & smiles

Rebekah Assembly of Washington Kendra Frogge' and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Grand Matriarch Margaret Truttmann smiling proudly with their respective banners which are now hanging in the meeting room of the Odd Fellows Hall in Buckley.

From the desk of the Assembly President



KENDRA FROGGE'
Assembly President

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EVERYONE!

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and didn't gobble too much.

I have been making my official visitations. I visited Narcissa #2 and Schuyler #18 along with Isabella #23. I enjoyed the time spent with them and appreciate their warm welcomes and courtesies extended to me and my traveling companions. I'm impressed by the

work they are doing to keep their lodges going. Unfortunately, due to illness, I had to cancel my visit to Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge in November and had to reschedule. I hope to make my visit to them on Wednesday, December 7, otherwise I will be taking off the months of December and January for the holidays and inclement weather.

UNWRITTEN WORK NO LONGER REQUIRED

Looking forward into the new year, lodges with even numbers will be electing a Representative to Assembly in February. A reminder that legislation passed at Assembly last June says the Unwritten Work is no longer required to be given by the Representative. It is hoped that this will help the lodges to get more members willing to be a Representative. The Representatives may give the Unwritten Work if they so desire, and they will get a certificate for doing so, but it is no longer necessary.

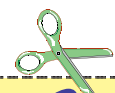
KEEP SNUG & WARM

I hope everyone is staying well during this cold season and enjoying the holidays at this special time of year. Be good to each other, help each other and remember a person becomes ten times more attractive not by their looks, but by their acts of kindness, love, loyalty, honesty and respect. Rebekah love and hugs to you all.

— With Rebekah Hugs,
Kendra Frogge', President
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Happy Holidays!

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly Secretary

I can hardly believe it's that time already — and I am so far behind. I think that is becoming my new “work-ing plan.” I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are now planning Christmas gatherings and family dinners. This is a very special time of year.

THERE'S STILL WORK TO DO

Amid Christmas shopping, baking and entertaining, we still have work to do.

New officers have been elected and installations are being organized. If you haven't mailed in your Fall Per Capita, please do so right away. Your new officers cannot be installed, and you won't receive the new password without this being taken care of.

ANNUAL REPORTS

You have received your Annual Report forms by now. Hopefully you have started to fill them out. I have tried to make them more concise and easier to complete, yet still provide the information that I need to send to Sovereign Grand Lodge, as well.

THANKS TO MARCIA PRESLEY

You might be surprised to know how often we receive requests for information regarding ancestors

who were Rebekahs. I forward these requests to our Historian, Marcia Presley, and she then spends a considerable amount of time going through past Annual Reports to research these members and provide information to the families. I can't tell you how much I appreciate Marcia's time and effort on this. Thank you, Marcia!!


PLEASE SHARE YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS

If your lodge is doing something special for your community this Christmas, or any time for that matter, take a minute to write a short article and include pictures to share with the rest of us. You can email it to our editor, Bill Ostlund, at billo@linxure.net to be published in *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper for all of us to enjoy. I love reading about what lodges are doing and seeing pictures of my Brothers and Sisters.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season. Reach out to those around you and bless their day with a smile and kind word.


— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary
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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE ON THEIR WAY

Happy Holidays, Brothers and Sisters!

Annual Reports are being sent out on December



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

15. If your Secretary has not read the letter in lodge be sure to ask if your lodge has received the report forms. If not, let me know and I will send another set. Secretaries, you are responsible for filling out the reports. You should be working with your Financial Secretary and Treasurer to complete this portion. Don't be afraid to contact me. I don't bite and I will walk you through step by step. Ask any questions you feel you need answered. I want to make sure the forms come in correctly and if

you need assistance I am here for you.

Now that your officers are elected and the incoming Noble Grand has appointed his or her officers, for the most part anyway, please let Grand Master Tim Moon, your DDGM, or myself know if you want Grand Lodge to install your officers. It's a first come first serve so get your requests in early.

I hope your Christmas is wonderful and your New

Year is spectacular! Stay safe!

— With Fraternal Hugs

Laurel Delony,

PGM, Grand Secretary

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

This month Carol Scott of Kansas found Sammy

Come on Washington Brothers and Sisters. Are you letting all these out-of-staters win the prizes in our "Find Sammy" contest? Last month it was Ohio's Bob Henderson who claimed his second prize. Now Carol Scott, the Rebekah Assembly of Kansas Secretary. Do they seem to have better eyes in the midwest or aren't you trying hard enough.

Anyway, Carol found Sammy hiding on page 8 in the lower left photo.



For her efforts, Carol won an Odd Fellow wearable (hat, t-shirt, etc.) courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Washington. Congratulations, Carol and keep looking.

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 December 15 for our January, 2023 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

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



Burr. . .

*Take
Frosty's
Advice
And
Stay
Warm!*

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Patriarch ~

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings Patriarchs,

Thanks to all our members of our great Order as you go about working on helping many people, elderly and young alike, have a better holiday season.

CHARITY

At this time of year when it comes to Faith, Hope, and Charity, arguably Charity stands out the most. Our services, generosity, and commitment to the needy will and does make an impact. Thank you so much!

SAFE AND JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

With Thanksgiving now behind us, Christmas is just around the corner. Some of you will be travelling to and from visiting friends and family. It is my sincere wish that everyone has a safe and joyful Christmas season with friends and family.

Have a New Year filled with joy and meaning.

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



JOE PICANCO
Grand Patriarch

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Matriarch ~



MARGARET TRUTTMANN

Dear Matriarchs,

As I begin writing my article, Thanksgiving is about 10 days away. However, my mind has been thinking about December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, and the many losses we experienced on this day in 1941.

WINTER IS ALMOST HERE

By the time winter begins on December 21, we will be in full swing with holiday plans. In the midst of all the holiday excitement with shopping and plans for Christmas with family and friends, the following words come to mind: Friendship, Love, and Truth; Faith, Hope and Charity. When grocery

shopping, remember those who go to bed hungry and purchase food to be donated to a food bank, or make a monetary donation. I have learned that paper towels, toilet paper and personal need items (such as

soap, shampoo, toothpaste) are always needed as they are not covered with assistance programs. If you know a shut-in you could brighten their day with a call or take them a plate of food.

As the holidays approach, the Holiday Gnome and I send this wish to you that your days will be filled with the warmth of family, friends, and hope. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

JUST FOR THOUGHT

“Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.”

If I may be of service to you or your lodge, you are free to contact me. — *In Faith, Hope and Charity,*

Margaret Truttmann, PP, Grand Matriarch

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~ From the lair of the Grand Warden ~

THE NEW YEAR MEANS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Can you believe it's December already? Last month, we marked Veteran's Day on the 11th, Thanksgiving on the 24th, and before you know it Christmas and the New Year will be here.



STEVE PURCELL
Grand Warden

The New Year brings new opportunities to recruit new members. Are you having an event to stuff stockings for the local kids? Invite them; you don't have to be a member to sit around, socialize and make a child's Christmas brighter.

Having a social meeting like a supper? Invite the new prospects; again, you don't have to be a member to eat and share fellowship. In short, if you have prospective members don't

just tell them about Odd Fellowship — **SHOW** them!

NO, WE ARE NOT A CULT

I talk to people on a daily basis who still believe that the Odd Fellows are a 'cult,' and we have secrets. Okay, we do have secrets but not the type they think. I've actually had to tell people that we don't build a fire in the woods and dance around it nud_ . . . naked_ . . .uh, au natural.

Are you taking donations of toiletries and clothing to a local mission or food to a food bank? No secrets there. Invite them along then stop for coffee or lunch and discuss Odd Fellowship. Often they will open the discussion themselves and you have an opportunity to dispel the myths that have followed the Order into the 21st Century.

An adage from my Instructor and Drill Sergeant days is, "I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand." In order to recruit new members it is important that they understand what our Order is all about.

And finally, don't forget, "Hey, I just happen to have an application in my purse/backpack/briefcase."

New year, new members; new members make a happier and healthier lodge.

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

Membership

Keep your members involved

I know this is something almost every lodge should do: Keep your members involved in what is going on in your own lodge.

Members, please participate in events when asked. Make suggestions if you don't always agree. There will be times you don't always like the event that's happening, but you might be able to help behind the scenes. Help to get things set up and/or help clean up after.

It may be wrapping silverware, making a dessert, or helping with advertising such as flyers. **ASK** if help is needed.

Some people don't drive at night, but there might be things to help with during the day time. Stay

involved in your lodge! You could show others that may want to join. There is a place to help out.

Congratulations to Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 for their two new members! Also kudos to Trinity #179 for their three new members and Longview #305 for their new members. I understand they have another five members who were scheduled to be initiated on November 17. Keep up the good work!



In F, L. & T., , Alberta Luurs,
Rebekah Assembly Warden



Front row, from left, are: Kiaira Moore, Stacy Gardiner, Aviana Moore, Riley Moore and Desiree Gardiner. Back

row, from left, are: Lucy Crouch, Leilah McNichols, Sarah Thomas and Shauna Schultz.

‘Operation Christmas Child’ helps Acorn Girls experience a good feeling

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Acorn’s “Operation Christmas Child” project is complete. We packed 12 boxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene products. It makes us feel good to share with kids in other countries.

This month is a busy one with the holiday season here. Our first activity is a craft day with Miss Diana. She will be doing a craft and Christmas cards with us.

After our first meeting for this month, we are making reindeer treat bags filled with Hershey’s Kisses for the “Welcome Home” assisted living

facility as our community service project. That weekend we are having our Christmas party and making our annual gingerbread houses followed by a Christmas movie. We will share pictures of these activities with you next month.

We want to wish all the members a Merry Christmas and hope you get to share the holidays with family and friends.

Until Next year. . .

— *In Happiness Through Service,
And Theta Rho Christmas Hugs,
Members of Acorn #79*



Above: Sarah Thomas, Kiaira Moore and Aviana Moore.
Right: TRA President Lucy Crouch and Desiree Gardiner.



From your 2022-23 Theta Rho President

HAPPY DECEMBER!

I hope everyone has been staying healthy and happy! I'm going to apply for college soon, so it's been very exciting! I hope it snows soon. I love watching it! I also cannot wait to see Christmas



LUCY CROUCH

lights! Recently, I've been able to enjoy people's company more, so I hope the same goes for everyone else.

"December, the month that represents a closing and a new start. The month that wants you to finish strong and let go of what is no longer needed. When December is over, leave the negative thoughts and bad energy

behind. You have a fresh start ahead of you, so gear up to give it your best and use your energy wisely."

— Sylvester McNutt

Time seems to go by pretty quickly lately, so let's cherish these moments we have with one another!

SOME CHRISTMAS

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS:

- Read Christmas stories to children.
- Throw a Polar Express party for kids in shelters.
- Donate to Toys for Tots.
- Donate to Operation Christmas Child.
- Bake cookies for First Responders.
- Go Christmas Caroling.
- Donate home-baked goods to shelters.

I hope everyone achieves what they want by the end of this year, and I'm excited to see everyone in the next!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

— In Happiness Through Service,
Lucy Crouch,

Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



Here's Cynthia McCluer ready to hand out treats at the Ocean Shores "Trick or Treat" event at the Convention Center. In the inset photo, Cynthia shared a moment with the Forest Service Beaver from the booth next door.

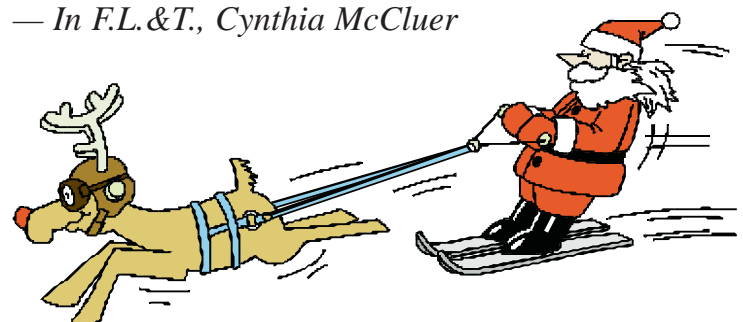
Sunbeam Rebekahs busy with community events!!

A belated happy Halloween from Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147 in Satsop. We are happy to report that we participated in two community events. The first was "Trunk or Treat" in Elma where we donated a total of 35 blankets, 3 baby blankets and one comforter/sham set. These items were given as needed to help with the cold.

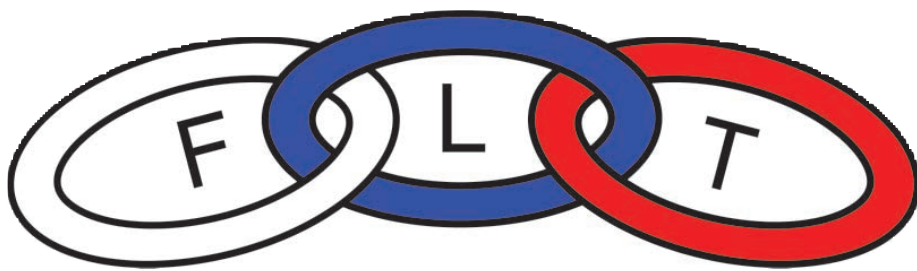
OCEAN SHORES TRICK OR TREAT

We also participated in the Ocean Shores Trick or Treat event at the Convention Center. The Rebekahs handed out small chocolate bars. The Odd Fellows pulled a little trick of having the children say "Trick or Treat" to the ceramic Scarecrow to earn the treat. The reaction to the trick was fun for all the adults.

— In F.L.&T., Cynthia McCluer



~ Lodge Cards ~



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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 Fridays., 6 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., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675. **Ph:** (360) 686-9930. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86, Longview, WA 98632. **Ph:** (360) 998-9270 (2/28/24)

~ Lodge Cards ~

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Lodge cards are only good for one year. If you put in a card during the middle of the year, it will only be good until the end of following February, unless, of course, your lodge has paid for more than one year. Please note that there is now a "good through" date listed at the bottom of your lodge card. No lodge card will be updated without payment received first, unless, here again, your lodge has paid in advance for more than one year.

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

~ Lodge Cards ~

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 Fridays., 6 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)



South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge members enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving no-host dinner. From left are: Hazel Thompson, Joanne Balmert, Dave Delony, Laurel Delony, Peg Ogilvie, and Dick Bish.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

LOTS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

We were very busy last month creating cards for Halloween to be distributed to the residents of our Walla Walla Home and Thanksgiving cards as well.

December is a busy month, too. We have purchased, with generous monetary help from South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211, many supplies for Christmas stockings for adults. The stockings will be stuffed at our first meeting in December. Members of South Tacoma Odd Fellows and Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club #93 will be invited to help stuff. The stockings will be donated to "My Sister's Pantry" food bank in Tacoma for distribution. Stuffing the stockings also connects us with our Odd Fellows and Theta Rho Girls.

OUR NEW OFFICERS

We have had our election of officers and here is our line up: Noble Grand Jamie Vest Bey, Vice Grand Alicia Vest Bey, Secretary Laurel Delony, Financial Secretary Peg Ogilvie, and Treasurer Barb Nelson.

The lodge has agreed to hold our Installation of Officers with Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. Since we don't have a hall they have graciously allowed us to join them. It was a great time last year with so many lodges combining their installations that we're going to try it again. The food and company are always great!

We look forward to next year!

MERRY CHRIST AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

— Fraternally,

The members of So. Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Revival of Prosperity Lodge #301 starts with open house!

The light of true Odd Fellowship can never be extinguished no matter how challenging the circumstances. That was demonstrated again on Saturday, November 12 at the Wenatchee Odd Fellows Hall.

Though COVID had dimmed the light of Odd Fellowship in Wenatchee, the desire for true fellowship had never entirely died. At first, the situation seemed dire as the pandemic abated: there were only a handful of members and none had paid dues in more than a year. However, through the efforts of Dustin Deane and Toby Hanson, and with the support of the Grand Lodge, Prosperity Lodge #301 was revived in Wenatchee.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The revival effort began with a media campaign coordinated by Toby and Dustin. They wrote press releases and sent them out to media outlets like newspapers, radio stations, websites, and blogs. They also posted frequently on social media groups focused on the Wenatchee area. The media campaign connected with various community members who came to an open house on October 15. After consulting the interested candidates, November 12 was chosen as the date for revival.

THE REVIVAL BEGINS

The candidates assembled for Initiation and the Three Degrees on a cold Saturday morning. In attendance to help perform the Degrees were Past Grand Masters John “Johneo” Otterstrom and Toby Hanson, Dannielle Hanson from Buckley #75, and Rex Wirth and Dave Sturgell from Ellensburg #20. Receiving the Degrees were Hazel Mahan, Samuel McIntosh, and Clayton Verellen. Reinstating membership in the lodge were Dustin Deane and Mark Wolford, the latter formerly of Ballard-Alki #170.

The Degrees were presented in fine form with such a knowledgeable and experienced Degree Team. All candidates were impressed with the solemn teachings presented.

OFFICERS ELECTED

After a break for pizza, the lodge was opened and officers were elected for the ensuing term: Dustin Deane as Noble Grand, Hazel Mahan as Vice Grand, Samuel McIntosh as Secretary, and Clayton Verellen as Treasurer. Mark Wolford was appointed to the position of Warden. Following the election and appointment of the officers, PGMs “Johneo” and Toby installed the officers of the lodge after which the two led a training session for the new officers.

WE’RE BACK FROM THE PANDEMIC

Though the light of Odd Fellowship was dimmed by the pandemic, it has come back in full glory with a new group of young, enthusiastic members in Wenatchee.

THANK YOU ALL

There are many to thank for their efforts to revive Prosperity #301: Dustin Deane for working locally in Wenatchee, Rex Wirth and Dave Sturgell for coming up from Ellensburg to help with the Degrees and referring an interested candidate, PGM “Johneo” for his help with the Degrees, Installation, and training, PGM Toby Hanson for his promotional efforts, Dannielle Hanson for helping with the Degrees (and bringing coffee and pastries), the candidates for showing up for the Degrees, and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and PGM Dave Delony for organizing the open house in October. The success of this lodge will be an ongoing example of the strength and resilience of Odd Fellowship.

— Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP

*Santa Claus
Is Coming
To Town!*





Prosperity begins a revival

From left are: Dustin Deane, Hazel Mahan, Toby Hanson, John Otterstrom, Sam McIntosh, Mark Wolford (partially

behind flag) Dave Sturgell, and Rex Wirth. Not pictured is Clayton Verellen. Photo by Dannielle Hanson.

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs busier all the time!

BOY, ARE WE BUSY!

Trinity Rebekahs have been very busy! We have so many events coming up. I need to find more time in my life.

As I'm writing this article we just finished a bake sale. Thanks to Sandy Bean and Aileen Wideman for being at the bake sale. Next is our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3.

I have been going to Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 to help them with balloting on applications, nomination of officers, and helping out with a lot of other questions that needed answers.

LOTS OF BINGO

Two weeks after our Bazaar we will be having our Bingo for the L.C. Renal Alliance. On the dinner menu is pulled pork and the cost will be \$15. Dinner and Bingo will be \$25. Bingo only is \$10 for two (2) packs, and \$5 for each additional packs of Bingo cards.

On Saturday, December 17 we will be having a "Ham Bingo" to help our Assembly Warden pursue her Rebekah Assembly adventures. The event will feature a spaghetti dinner and Bingo. The cost will be \$25. Come out and play!

Trinity members have done a sock drive for the Mission in Lewis County. Thank you ladies for the donations — 108 pair of socks total collected.

The date has not been set yet, but we are talking about a "Breakfast with Santa" followed up with decorating cookies and pictures.

On Saturday, January 14, Alberta Luurs is planning Installation of Officers for Trinity #79, Longview #305 and Golden Rule Odd Fellows #207. Lunch will be served at 12 noon with the Installation to follow.

*In F., L. & T.,
Alberta Luurs, Secretary & Reporter
DDP & Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Buckley IOOF Lodge continues to expand!!

Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this article we are growing in membership.

We participated with Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 in the All Degree Day on October 29. New members for Buckley are Karen Cameron, Mathieu Cameron, and Dylan Fontanero. Welcome Brothers and Sister. We have two more potential members on the books and we will be conferring the Initiatory Degree on Wednesday, December 8. If you have any applicants on the books and want to send them our way, just let the Secretary know. We'd be happy to see you.

LOTS OF HAPPY KIDS

Last month, we participated with the Buckley Chamber of Commerce with their Halloween Trick or Treat on Main Street. The street is closed off and businesses hand out candy. Boy did we have a turnout. There must have been more than 800 kids. The street was packed! There were lots and lots of great costumes. Thanks to Jamie and Alicia Vest Bey for dressing up and handing out candy. As you can see they make a very cute couple:-).

A LATE CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS YEAR

Since our second meeting this month is after Christmas, we'll have a late Christmas party on Wednesday, December 28. This will be a pot luck, BYOB, and fun. Everyone is welcome. It's sort of a tween party — somewhere after Christmas and before New Years.

TRADITIONS CONTINUE

Our elections are complete, and as tradition would have it, our Installation of Officers will take place on Sunday, January 29. And depending on the Grand Master, according to tradition, the installation team may be dressed in their finery but wearing Chuck Taylor tennis shoes. We're usually the last Installation of Officers and the Grand Lodge officer's feet are pretty worn out by then. More details to follow in January on the exact time. It will be held in the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall, 120 Cedar Street in Buckley.

We hope your holidays are splendiferous.

— Fraternally,
Buckley Odd Fellows #75



Buckley's ghouls

Alicia and Jamie Vest-Bey of Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75 handing out candy during the Buckley Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 29. The street was packed with kids doing their best to succumb to a sugar overdose. It was a great day!





Setting up their tent for a meeting of Buckley Encampment #40 are, from left, Madeleine Martin, Toby

Hanson, Jamie Vest Bey, and Alicia Vest Bey. Not pictured is Dannielle Hanson.

Buckley ‘Fez Heads’ discuss the Golden Rule Degree in November

November came in cold but the fellowship was warm at Buckley Encampment #40. The Patriarchs and Matriarchs met up before the meeting for dinner at the local taqueria and then proceeded to the lodge hall to pitch their Patriarchal tent.

THE GOLDEN RULE

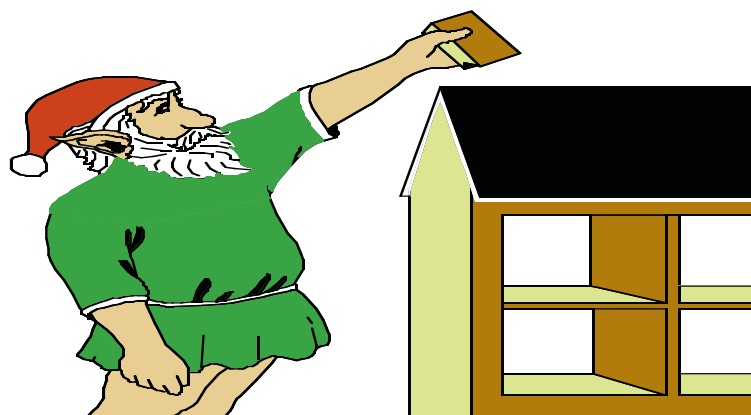
The subject for the November meeting was a discussion of the Golden Rule Degree. Chief Patriarch Toby Hanson gave a presentation on the origins and background of the Golden Rule Degree and then a discussion followed. Elements discussed included the language used to refer to various groups of people, the fallibility of authority figures, and the progressive nature of the degree for the era in which it was written.

Our Encampment always enjoys looking at the history and meaning of what we do as Odd Fellows.

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME

Visiting Patriarchs and Matriarchs are always welcome. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Buckley Odd Fellows Hall, taking August and September off.

— Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP



Bucoda Bulletin Board #29

Spooks are gone, elections are next

October has come and gone and another “Boo-Coda Spook-Tacular” is in the books. Now, maybe, we can get some rest and concentrate on Odd Fellows stuff.

The October 29 Degree Day at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 was well-attended and we welcomed a number of new members to our Order. Skookumchuck #129 welcomes Brother Brad Morrill to our lodge. We wish him a quick and complete recovery from hip surgery. I’ve known Brother Brad since he and his lovely bride moved to Bucoda. They are wonderful additions to our community and to the Order.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

November means nominations and elections of officers. Nominations so far are Steve Purcell for Noble Grand of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129, Kyle Reynoldson for Vice Grand, LouAnn Hoffman for Secretary, Laura Purcell Treasurer, and Heather Worley for Financial Secretary.

Bucoda Rebekahs #144 have nominated Steve Purcell for Noble Grand, Mashell Patrick for Vice Grand, Laura Purcell for Secretary, and LouAnn Hoffman for Treasurer. Since there is but one nomination for each position it is safe to assume that they will all be elected by acclamation. Joint Installation is scheduled for Saturday, January 21 at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

WHAT’S NEXT? 2023

As quiet as things were in October, November saw an increase in activity. Fasten your seat belts folks — it will be 2023 before you know it!

Here’s wishing everyone health, happiness and peace to all until next we meet.

*In F, L. & T., Steve Purcell,
Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Washington,
NG Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144,
PG Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #144,
NG Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, DDGM District #4
Reporter, Foreign Correspondent,
Chief Cook And Bottle Washer,
Skookumchuck #129 & Bucoda Rebekahs #144*

Fez Head Scribes:

Year-end packets are coming your way

Hey all you Fez Heads! Yep, all you purple wearing Fez Heads. Be sure your Scribes are aware of the year end report going out. Per Capita dues invoice are in the packets as well. All reports and per capita payments are due into the Grand Scribe’s office by February 15.



The new officer form does not need to be sent to me until after your Installation of Officers in April, 2023.

The forms are the same as last year, but if you have any questions filling them out please be sure to give me a call or send me an email.

Scribes, here’s another reminder: You need to send me a new members form when you have initiated a new Patriarch. Not only do you need to inform the Grand Encampment, but Sovereign Grand Lodge as well. Both need to update their spreadsheets.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*— With Hugs,
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe*

Bucoda Rebekahs will meet on Fridays

Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 has a dispensation and is working on the by-laws to change our meeting date to the second and fourth Fridays and the time to 6 p.m. The meeting place is the same, second floor of the Bucoda Community Center, 7th and Main Street in Bucoda.

This makes the next meeting on Friday, December 9. We hope everyone can be here.

— Lou Ann Hoffman

From your Deputy Grand Master

I would like to thank everyone for their trust in me by making me your Deputy Grand Master for this year.

LOST WALLET COULD HAVE BEEN A REAL DISASTER

In August I had an opportunity to go to Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. As some of you, who are friends of mine on Facebook, may know I had a really fantastic time, but on the second day I was there I lost my wallet.

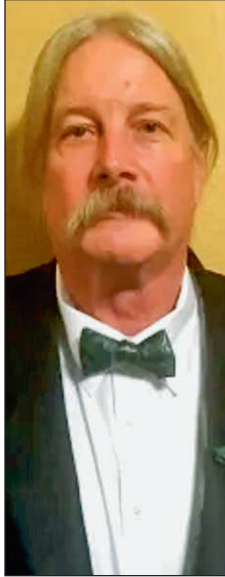
Our group from Washington included approximately 22 people and every single one of those Brothers and Sisters made a point to find out if there was anything they could do to help me with my situation. I have always felt that the people, good hearted, trying to help others, willing to go out of their way, to do anything they can to help, and they didn't disappoint me in this situation.

What could have turned out to be a real disaster, made the whole week as though nothing had happened at all. Of course, until I had to get on a plane heading home. That involved a TSA agent and an FBI agent and more fun than you could possibly ask for.

MANY HARD WORKERS

The other thing that I would like to point out to everyone is just what a hard working group your leaders are. The planning and meetings that go on behind the scenes to make everything go so flawlessly leaves me speechless at times. I only hope that I can emulate the work ethic of your fantastic leaders. It makes me so very proud to be in the position I am and looking forward to the next couple years.

— *Fraternally in F. L. & T.,*
Michael Scheurich,
Deputy Grand Master
Of the Grand Lodge of Washington



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SCHEURICH
*Deputy Grand
Master*

In Spokane

Hope Rebekahs #38

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 2023

Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 met on Wednesday, October 19 for our regular business meeting. Second nominations of officers for the coming year were in order. PNG Sister Joey Locke was nominated for Noble Grand. Sister Elisabeth Winship was nominated for Vice Grand. Grand Master Tim Moon was nominated for Secretary, and Past Grand Master John "Johneo" Otterstrom was nominated for Treasurer.

BAZAAR REPORT

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 came out even on our Bazaar. Our Bazaar was held at the IOOF Temple in Spokane on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22.

OFFICERS ELECTED

On November 2, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 met in due form with Noble Grand Patricia Nave presiding. The election of officers for the coming year was held. A unanimous vote for the officers nominated for the coming year was held. Sister PNG Joey Locke, Noble Grand; Sister Elisabeth Winship, Vice Grand; Grand Master Tim Moon, Secretary; and Past Grand Master John Otterstrom, Treasurer.

WELCOME ABOARD

Brother George Chinn received the Rebekah Degree. Brother George is a member of Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52 in Spokane. Brother George was sponsored as a member into Hope #38 by Brother Past Noble Grand Tedd Swanson. Brother George is Tedd's friend and roommate.

Thanksgiving Was Yummy!

Final plans for our annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 16 were discussed. By the time the December issue of *The Washington OddFellow* is published we will have had our Thanksgiving dinner at the Temple. Noble Grand Patricia Nave, baked the turkey. Everyone brought side dishes.

Grand Master Tim Moon appointed Tedd Swanson to a position on the IOOF Temple Board.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

— *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
In F., L. & T., and with Rebekah Hugs,
Tedd Swanson, PNG and Reporter
PG Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52

Longview #305 getting new members

Congratulations to the newest members of Longview Rebekah Lodge #305!

Longview has been working hard to gain membership and they are doing a wonderful job.

We'd like to thank the following Sisters for being on hand to help with initiating our new members on November 17: Karen Holyman, PP; Cathy Garcia, PP; Lou Ann Hoffman; Grand Matriarch Maggie Truttmann; Jennie Reed, PP; Peg Ogilvie, PP; and RA Warden Alberta Luurs. It was a full house to be sure.

We've got two more to initiate in the wings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officer also took place and we elected the following:

Noble Grand-elect Ann Van Antwerp

Vice Grand-elect Tomas Galvez

Secretary-elect Cynthia Washington Mattson

Treasurer-elect Adrienne Galvez

We also have many members to be appointed to offices. We'll be joining Trinity Rebekah Lodge on Saturday, January 14 for Installation of Officers.

— With Rebekah Hugs,

The Members of Longview Rebekah Lodge #305



Above: Melvina Newton, and Robert Engelbretson.



Middle Left: Grand Matriarch Maggie Truttmann surrounded by Jennie Reed, Tomas Galvez, and Melvina Newton.

Lower Left: Cynthia Washington Mattson, and Adrienne Galvez

Lower Right: Lila Jordon, Karen Hoylman, Ann Van Antwerp, and Cathy Garcia.





Honoring our first responders

On October 25, 2022, Dawn Brown and Polly Gill personally thanked American Medical Response (AMR) of Spokane for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without our first responders we would

have been lost. Thank you AMR and may God bless you. Dawn Brown is holding the plaque, the EMT is Jim and Polly Gill is in the vest.

—Dawn Brown and Polly Gill



Flamingling with Kendra

Rebekah Assembly President Kendra Froggé enjoying "flamingling" on her visits with the lodges across the Jurisdiction of Washington. Thank you Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 in Yakima for the cute banner.

District #1 Meeting a big success filled with energy and excitement

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM

A cool, windy fall Saturday afternoon was brightened by the spirit of Odd Fellowship as members of Bothell Lodge #124 hosted the first District #1 meeting held in several years on October 29. Members from Monroe Lodge #156 were welcomed to the Bothell hall with a pizza buffet and fresh salad greens for a light lunch organized by Bothell Noble Grand Penny Curtis.

A DAY OF LEARNING

During the meeting, DDGM Toby Hanson gave presentations covering a variety of important topics: following proper financial practices, assistance for lodges available at various levels of Odd Fellowship, and tools for communication. The information on following proper financial procedures was especially well-received as the officers of the lodges present want to ensure that they are following procedures closely.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

After the meeting a lively discussion followed

about how lodges can improve connections to their communities and gain new members. One of the suggestions presented was to develop a presentation on Odd Fellowship that can be given to other service organizations like Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, etc.

IT WAS ENERGIZING

Participants left the meeting feeling energized and excited about Odd Fellowship, looking forward to returning to their lodges to continue the work of the Order. All agreed it was an excellent event and are looking forward to continued interaction and cooperation between the lodges of District #1. An outline of the presentations will be shared with the lodges unable to attend the meeting.

— Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP

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Many new members were initiated and others received their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees at Olympia's All Degree

Day on October 29. Many lodges brought members for the ceremony.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Brothers and Sisters,

Elections are complete and the new line up for Olympia next year is: Noble Grand Laura Purcell, Vice Grand Dave Reed, Secretary Laurel Delony, Financial Secretary Peg Ogilvie, and Treasurer Jennie Reed.

It's been a great year under Steve Purcell's leadership. We thank him for a great year and we're looking forward to Laura's leadership in 2023. Sister Laura has mixed up her appointed officer to make sure and include newer members.

ALL DEGREE DAY

Olympia held an All Degree Day on October 29. You can see in the picture there were many new members initiated. Many other members present were getting their 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees as well. Lodges bringing members were: Olympia #1, Skookumchuck #129 Bremerton Friendship #145, Golden Rule #207, South Tacoma #211, and Buckley #75

Thanks to all who participated and to Kathi

Picanco, our resident cook. We enjoyed the wonderful casserole, salad, and rolls with plenty of dessert. No one went home hungry.

The Olympia Odd Fellows are working in conjunction with Ruth Rebekah Lodge members stuffing Christmas stockings for kids. If anyone would like to donate any of the items needed, please contact Cathy Garcia, Olympia's Secretary. We continue to collect socks, underwear, and food items for the VFW and Union Gospel Mission.

Our meeting on Monday, December 19 will be our Christmas party potluck. Bring a dish to share, a gift to exchange not to exceed \$10, and bring a prospective member, family, or friends. This is a BYOB event. Everyone is invited. I am sure there will be Christmas music and maybe the Elf and Santa might show. (We're not sure about that as they are so busy this time of year.)

We're wishing for everyone safe and happy holidays.

— *Fraternally,*
The members of Olympia #1 and Ruth #7