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Rebekah Assembly Warden Alberta Luurs proudly displays the award naming her "Volunteer of the Year" award for Lewis County. The award was from the L.C. Renal Alliance.

RA Warden named Volunteer of the Year

Rebekah Assembly Warden Alberta Luurs was awarded "The Lewis County Volunteer of the Year" award on Saturday, December 3. Alberta has spearheaded Bingo fund-raising events to help support her lodge and community. The award was presented by Chris Rovito, representing the L.C. Renal Alliance.

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine held several Bingo fund-raising events in support of the L.C. Renal Alliance. Alberta and her Trinity Sisters have raised more than \$10,000.

Each Bingo night was packed with families of all ages enjoying an evening of fun. L.C. Renal Alliance is a non-profit organization formed by Chris and Danielle Rovito after their daughter Lawsyn was diagnosed with Focal Segmental Glomeruloscleosis (FSGS). The organization aims to help other children and families affected by nephrotic syndrome, FSGS, and other kidney diseases. Learn more at:

www.lcrenalalliance.org

See page 17 for more information.

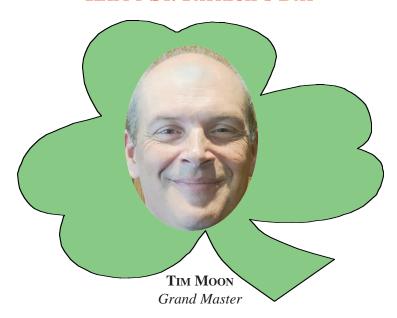
'Love Bugs' on the loose on Whidbey

Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club newly-installed President Stacy Gardiner was one of the worker bees making Valentine "Love Bugs" in February. Acorn is located in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. See page 12 for more photos and story.



From the desk of your Grand Master

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Brothers and Sisters.

Here we are, it's March already only three more months until Grand Sessions. This has truly been a whirlwind experience, but I do love it.

I've been working diligently with the Home Board and Permanent Endowment Fund Committee, which has been enlightening. This month I will be attending Planning Board in Yakima, so next month you will see what's going on in June at our Grand Sessions.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GM MEETING

On April 8 there will be a District Deputy Grand

Masters meeting at 10 a.m. at the Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge. I'd like to have all the District Deputy reports in at that time.

A great big thank you to all Lodge Secretaries who got their Year End Reports in on time. It's greatly appreciated by the Grand Secretary and myself.

NEED HELP? PLEASE ASK US

I also want to thank PGM Toby Hanson, PGM Dave Delony, and PGM/Grand Secretary Laurel Delony for their continuing assistance in helping struggling lodges. The Grand Lodge is always available to help our lodges and members. We want to see our lodges survive and be strong. If you have questions reach out to the Grand Lodge. Remember, there is no such thing as a stupid question.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

My visitation schedule this month is Rosalia #110 March 20th, Centennial #341 March 27, Samaritan #52 March 13, and Hunters # 216 March 14

Brothers and Sisters feel free to contact me by phone or text at (509) 638-6107. Please leave a message if I don't answer. You can also email me at:

TLMOON827@GMAIL.COM

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



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From the desk of the Assembly President



KENDRA FROGGE' Assembly President

WINTER ISN'T OVER

Brrrr. The groundhog saw his shadow last month and went back in his hole so we are still having winter weather. Because of that, I had to postpone my visit to Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane. I have rescheduled it for spring.

SOUTH TACOMA VISITATION

I had a nice visit with South Tacoma Lodge. We had a delicious dinner before the meeting and I got to see the girls from our Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club which I started years

ago. During the Rebekah meeting they came in and gave me a gift, a Theta Rho T-shirt. I appreciate it very much. They meet at the same time and location as the Rebekahs.

Also in February I attended my Kent Ladies Encampment meeting when Grand Matriarch Margaret Truttman made her visit.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AT WORK

Our Assembly Legislation Committee is now working on editing the lodge Constitution and Book of Instructions so we will have new copies of them soon.

acter, animal or surprise us!

VISITATION SCHEDULE

I have a busy schedule in March. Here's where I'll be:

- March 1, Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59.
- March 8-15, I will be in Louisiana attending their Assembly Sessions and visiting with family there.
 - March 18, Planning Board meeting in Yakima.

- March
 19, I will be celebrating my grand-daughter
 Bella's first
 Birthday.
- March 22, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179.
- March 28, Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147.
- April 6, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305.

If there are any schedule changes I will let the lodges know.

Thank you again to all of you for all the Friendship and Love you have shown me and my trav-



Kendra's visit to South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160.

eling partners. We appreciate you very much!

And remember, don't worry about what others think. Just focus on yourself and be positive. Some people are always negative, so don't let it bother you.

— With Rebekah Hugs, Kendra Frogge', President Rebekah Assembly of Washington 605 181st St. Ct. E., Spanaway, WA 98387 Phone: 253-370-2723 Email: ladyfrog35@aol.com

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Norm Anderson**, 83, Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 in Napavine. He was a 6-year member.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We're still waiting for Spring but I have a few little flowers pushing their heads through the dirt. I am



Cathy Garcia Assembly Secretary

so ready to spend more time in the gardens and enjoy the warmth of the sun shining.

ANNUAL REPORTS

In the meantime, Annual Reports are in, Officers are installed and Representatives have been elected. I'm finishing up the SGL Annual Report and thanks to your diligent attention to membership reports, I feel that I have a very accurate data base of all our members and their information. I really want to thank all the Lodge Secretaries for your

continued work and the time you put into serving your Brothers and Sisters. Our Lodges would truly struggle without your attention to detail and keeping your members up to date on Assembly Activities.

EARLY SESSIONS NEWS

Your Legislative Committee has finished reviewing the Constitution of Rebekah Lodges and the Book of Instruction. They have made corrections and are recommending updates to bring these documents into correlation with the Assembly Constitution and By-Laws. These updates will be presented at Sessions in June for a vote. Your Representative will

Memorial service for John Gaiski April 15

Memorial service for John Gaiski, long time member of Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145. Brother John passed away last October and his family is having a memorial service for all friends and family who are able to attend.

The service will be on April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Hall at 878 5th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337. That is the corner of 5th and Warren street.

The Odd Fellows memorial service will be performed. I will put out another reminder next month. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Deputy Grand Master Michael Scheurich (360) 731-0975.

have access to these changes when the 2023 "Take Me" (Advance Reports) is published. Be sure to have her/him go over them with you to determine how your lodge will want to vote.

TIME TO ORDER SUPPLIES

This would be a good time to look through your supplies — minutes book, warrants, PNG role call book, and report register — and order anything you may need in the near future. If you aren't aware, we also have reminder notices for dues, as well as notices for "dropped for non-payment of dues." If you have a thought on something that would make your job easier and more efficient, please let me know. Maybe we can come up with something that will be helpful to all of us.

MARCH CHALLENGE

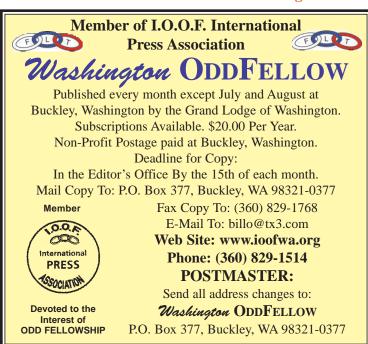
Here's a challenge to all the Secretaries for the Month of March — find a St. Patrick's Day poem, story or game and share it with your lodge during the month of March..

Have a great March and start making your plans to join us in Yakima this June. It is a wonderful time to meet Brothers and Sisters from across our state and visitors from other states as well.

Rebekah Love and Hugs,

— 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



From the desk of your Grand Secretary

YES, ANNUAL REPORTS WERE GREAT

Brothers and Sisters,

I'd like to thank all of the Secretaries from the



Laurel Delony
Grand Secretary

various Odd Fellow Lodges for getting your Annual Reports in on time. I spent a lot of time on the phone with secretaries to help them get the lodge forms filled out. I appreciate you for having the courage to call me. I don't bite! We walked through the reports very easily and we balanced. Yea! To any secretary who has any questions. I am here. My email and office phone are at the end of this letter.

open to anyone and it will be held in Chilliwack B.C. Canada at the Costal Hotel. You'll need either an enhanced driver's license or passport to enter Canada. Information is in this edition on page 19. It was on page 19 in the February edition as well.

'TAKE ME' INFO DUE APRIL 15

Attention all Grand Lodge Officers and Heads of Committees, your preliminary reports are do into this office no later than April 15 for the "Take Me." After that you will need to submit them on the floor at Grand Lodge. Heads of Committees, if you are requesting money make sure your budget is a separate item. Check out the Journal from 2022 if you need some help. The Finance Committee will need this information for setting the 2023 budget.

WISE WORDS FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Okay, I over did it again but I'll leave you with this: "An Odd Fellow friend is like a four leaf clover. Hard to find but lucky to have."

> — With Fraternal Hugs and Love, Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com 800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

HEADS UP! SESSIONS ARE NEARING

Saturday, March 18 is the date of our Planning Board meeting for this year's Grand Sessions. Sessions will be held June 23-28. First is Theta Rho Assembly, then Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, with the Sessions rounded out with Grand Encampment and Grand LEA. Information will be provided in April's edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. All registration, meal pricing, and hotel information will be listed.

To those of you who plan on going to the Theta Rho Banquet, This year's theme is "Back to Neverland." If you aren't sure what that is, go watch a Peter Pan movie. Be in costume or you'll walk the plank!

ALL BRANCH BANQUET

For those of you planning to attend the All Branch Banquet, it's a Costume Party. Come dressed in your funniest costumes.

NORTHWEST FINALLY RETURNS TO BC

The Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association meeting will be on March 24-25. This is

Tom Cox of Yakima #22 finds Sammy in February

The number of entries in our "Guess Sammy" contest keeps going up as spring is approaching.

Our big winner in February was Tom Cox of Yakima IOOF Lodge #22. Tom found Sammy on page 14 in the bottom photo. For his efforts, Tom won an Odd Fellow wearable. We hope Tom will send us a photo of himself and his prize.

Congratulations, Tom!

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

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

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Patriarch ~

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Greetings Patriarchs,

Congratulations to all our newly-elected officers. In April you'll be installed and begin providing direction to your lodges. Hopefully you have a couple of ideas on what it is you wish to accomplish in your year. And more importantly, how you wish to execute those ideas. Engage and ask others around you to help accomplish those ideas.

YOU CAN KICK IT UP A NOTCH

Also, as you go about your planning, look at how you can spice up your meetings. You will find if you provide structure and discipline to your meetings, you find meetings to be more constructive.

Encourage members to prepare and present programs/topics that are interesting to your lodge members. The discussion does not always have to be a program of the Order.

I will have the opportunity to visit Unique Unified Encampment in Spokane on March 7. Grand Matriarch Maggie Truttmann will accompany me. We both truly are looking forward to the visit and engaging with our fellow Patriarchs and Matriarchs.

PLANNING BOARD

Additionally in March, we meet in Yakima for the Planning Board Meeting. Before you know it, we'll be into Sessions. I hope to see as many of you in June as possible attending.

I personally enjoy participating and watching the leadership go about doing the business of our Order. So seriously consider attending you too will enjoy as you observe and participate.



JOE PICANCO
Grand Patriarch

Again congratulations. Reminder, if asked I will participate in your April Installations.

May you have a prosperous and harmonious 2023.

— In Faith, Hope & Charity, Joe Picanco, Grand Patriarch of Washington, IOOF

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Matriarch ~



VISITATIONS HAVE BEEN FUN

Dear Matriarchs,

On Friday, February 10 I made my official visit to Kent LEA #15 in the Buckley Lodge Hall where we had a lovely potluck lunch.

Past Grand Matriarch Jennie Reed and I traveled around the room and members place hand written notes in my travel bag. They brought a smile to my face as I was reading each one after arriving home. Thank you for the addendum along with the check for mine and Grand Patriarch Joe Picanco's project which is Visual Aid.

On February 13th I made my visit to Mt. Angeles #88 LEA. We had a lovely lunch and I was presented with a check for my project. Thank you so much.

I will be making my visit to Unique Unified Encampment #32 in Spokane on Tuesday, March 7.

Remember to change you clocks to Daylight Saving Time on Saturday night, March 11, or on Sunday morning, March 12.

AN IRISH BLESSING

Here is an Irish Blessing from an unknown author: "For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day."

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 E-mail: maggie@olynet.com Mailing Address: P.O. Box 311, Elma, WA 98541 Home Phone: (360) 482-2923

~ From the lair of the Grand Warden ~

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

My primary activity for January was participating in Installations of Officers. Some installations were consolidated and consisted of two or more

Lodges.



STEVE PURCELL
Grand Warden

Lodges Officers who were installed included:

- Olympia #1
- Ellensburg #20
- Titusville #34
- Buckley #75
- Bothell #124
- Skookumchuck #129
- Bremerton/Friendship #145
- Ballard-Alki #170
- Golden Rule #207
- South Tacoma #211
- Des Moines #305

It was an honor and privilege to participate in the installations and visit a



Olympia groups dine

Members of Alpha Encampment #1 and Canton #20, enjoyed a meal and social time before heading to their meetings in Olympia on February 9. The fat head in front is Laurel Delony. From left around the table are: Peg Ogilvie, Joanne Balmert, prospective member Laura Purcell, Frank Wilson, Steve Purcell, Dave Delony, Duard Fyffe, Joe Picanco, and Kathi Picanco.

number of Lodge Halls around the state.

NORTHWEST MEETING IN CANADA AND GRAND SESSIONS IN YAKIMA

Preparations to attend the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, and Grand Sessions in Yakima, are well under way or completed. I am looking forward to meeting friends both new and old.

> — In Friendship, Love and Truth, Steve Purcell, Your Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Washington



Beanies for baldies

Yes, these new beanies will keep your head warm if you are bald or not. As you can see, our Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, who is obviously not bald, is taking no chances as winter is not past us yet. These beanies, AKA stocking caps, are the newest headgear available from the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley. The Odd Fellow beanies are \$10 each plus postage. Contact Grand Secretary Laurel to order. Our contact info is on page 2.



Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 and Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 held their Installation of Officers on January 29. From left are Barb Nelson, Rebekah Assembly Marshal, Kendra Frogge, Assembly President, Michael Scheurich, Deputy

Grand Master, and Tina Reitan, Grand Marshal. Behind Kendra is Alberta Luurs, RA Warden and Steve Purcell, Grand Warden. A large crowd was on hand for the occasion.

Big crowd sees Buckley IOOF #75 and Eola Rebekahs #63 installation







Upper Left: Barb Nelson, Lorrie Bonnell, Alicia Vest-Bey and Tina Reitan.

Above Right: Jamie Vest-Bey and Toby Hanson are amazed at the large crowd at the Installation Ceremony.

Lower Left: Jamie Vest-Bey, Michael Scheurich, Kendra Frogge` and Toby Hanson prepare for Installation.

More photos on Page 9



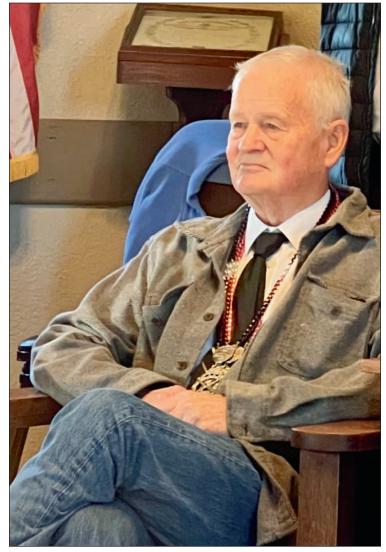
From left are: Barb Nelson, RA Marshal, Karen Hoylman, RA Parliamentarian, Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary, and Tina Reitan Grand Marshal.



From left are: Dave Delony, Jr. Past Grand Master, Kathi Picanco, Joanne Balmert, and Jr. Past Grand Matt McCollum.

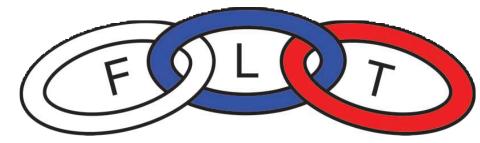


From left are: Tina Reitan, Grand Marshal, Dave Delony, Jr. Past Grand Master, and Barb Nelson, Rebekah Assembly Marshal.



Jr. Past Grand Matt McCollum of Buckley Odd Fellow Lodge #75.

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Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. No newspapers are usually published in July or August.

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.

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: Greg Powers, 9435 39th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118. Ph: (206) 499-4802. Sec'y: Penny Curtis, 18528 28th Ave. E, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. Ph: (206) 235-3419 (2/28/24)

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: Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Phone: (971) 533-0670. Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. Phone: (253) 468-1949. (2/28/24)

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) 844-0715. Sec'y: Michelle Gasparek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. Ph: (425) 485-0359 (2/28/25)

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 Box154, 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)

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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: Laura Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. Ph: (360) 278-3070. Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. Ph: (253) 468-1949 (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. (or via Zoom,) Recess: June, July & Aug. NG: John Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077-7102. Ph: Home: (425) 788-3772, Cell: 425-478-9138. Sec'y: Mark Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077-7102. Cell Ph: 425-478-9129. (2/28/25)

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., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530. Ph: (360) 790-0383. Sec'y: LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. Ph: (360) 736-6717. (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th St. S., Tacoma, WA 98444. Mailing Address: PO Box 44076, Tacoma, WA 98448. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues.., 6:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Alicia Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Ph: (206) 535-0472. Sec'y: Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Ph: (971) 533-0670 (2/28/24)

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: Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Ph: (971) 533-0670. Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. Ph: (253) 468-1949 (2/28/24)

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: Virginia Erckenbrack, 316 Tennessee Road, Winlock, WA 98596. Ph: (360) 508-4215. Sec'y: Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Ph: (360) 219-7629 (2/28/24)

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: Harry Jester, 3904 NE 122nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98692. Sec'y: Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/24)

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 98902-4341. Ph: (509) 452-0910. (2/28/24)

From your Deputy Grand Master

Brothers and Sisters,

Installation season is over and we are all in our new positions in our lodge halls. The days are getting a little longer and soon we will be able to drive to meetings in the light.

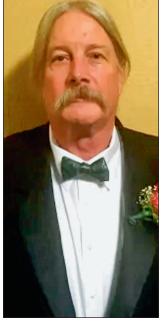
INSTALLATION SEASON VERY EXHILARATING

For me, the installation season was busy and exhilarating. The installation at Ellensburg was quite

a sight. The hall has had a lot of work finished since my last time there last October. They had a lot of new members last year, so this was a first for a lot of the members. Their hall is massive and allowed for full floor work, all while Grand Musician Toby Hanson entertained us playing their newly-donated baby grand piano. It was truly a highlight for me.

LOT'S OF HELP AVAILABLE

As you enter your new positions I hope you find it



MICHAEL SCHEURICH
Deputy Grand Master

fun and exciting. If you find you need a little guidance, your lodge can certainly be a source of great information. Most lodges have officers and longtime members who are willing to help and offer valuable advice. Your DDGM and Grand Lodge Officers are also available to you. Please do not hesitate if we can help in anyway.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSPAPER

We are very interested in hearing what your lodge is up to. I encourage Secretaries and members to take some pictures, write a short story and send it to *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper. Thank you.

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



Alana Weatherlow, Leilah McNichols, Riley Moore and Shauna Schultz work on their "love bugs."

'Love Bugs' invade Acorn's lair

CAN SPRING BE FAR AWAY?

Spring is on its way and we are looking forward to warmer weather.

We held our Installation of Officers, but many of our members were sick so had to install them at our next meeting. Our new elective officers are: President Stacy Gardiner, Vice President Shauna Schultz, Secretary Sarah Thomas and Treasurer Leilah McNichols. Girls receiving appointive officers were: Avi Moore, Ava Williams, Autumn Schiederer, Alana Weatherlow, Hailey Hanna, Kiaira Moore, Lucy Crouch, Layla Williams, and Riley

Riley was presented with her Past President's Jewel.

After our installation, we worked on our Valentine "Love Bugs."

EASTER TREATS

This month we will be working on our Easter treat bags as we don't have a meeting in April before Easter.

We are continuing to collect food for our food bank and will share more on that next month. We are hoping to do an outing this month since the weather is getting nicer. It could possibly be a trip to Fort Casey.

We hope all of you are having a good year. Until next month. . .

> — In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79



Left: Sarah Thomas and Lucy Crouch at work. Above: The finished product. Aren't these "Love Bugs" cute?



Seated around table, from left, are: Joanne Balmert, Assembly President Kendra Frogge', Noble Grand Jamie Vest Bey, and Karen Hoylman. In the back row, from left, are Sylvia Summers, Duard Fyffe, Allister Jennings, Danny Cupps, Teanna Gardner, Peg Ogilvie, Laurel Delony, Alicia Vest Bey, Nichi-Lynn Berry, and Dave Delony. Hidden just to the left of Karen's head is the mascot for South Tacoma "Darci the Pup." Not shown is our photographer Tom Frogge`.

Kendra visits So. Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

The new officers have taken their chairs and we're off to a good start. At our first meeting on February 7 we were visited by the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Kendra Frogge`, along with her husband and Rebekah Brother Tom Frogge` from Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 and Past President, Parliamentarian and Grand Treasurer of the LEA Karen Hoylman.

Theta Rho Girls from Spunky Bluebirds #93 came to our meeting and made a special presentation to President Kendra. In addition, our lodge donated money to her project. Before the meeting lodge members provided a potluck dinner. A cake was devoured after the meeting. We all had a great time and our new Noble Grand Jamie-Vest Bey did a great job at his first meeting.



Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 presented Rebekah Assembly President with a Theta Rho t-shirt.

From left are: Advisor Syliva Summers, Teanna Gardner, President Kendra, Danny Cupps, and Allister Jennings.

From a Past Grand Master

Random thoughts and observations

For the past several years I have been asked to write Resolutions of Respect for our Past Grand Masters whom have gone on to their final Degree of Odd Fellowship. Some in our Order would consider this to be an onerous chore to do. Myself personally I consider it an honor and a privilege to do this for those who have imparted so much knowledge and wisdom to myself and others who choose to go through the chairs in a Grand Lodge.

THINK ABOUT THE COMMITMENT

If a member of the Grand Lodge decides to stand for election they should give it some serious thought, as you are committing yourself to four years of hard, but enjoyable work and learning. It is not something to be taken lightly. So many who have taken the step have done so for many of what I believe are the wrong reasons, such as just to get the jewel or to be important, i.e., thinking that holding that office is all about them. When in fact at the point of gaining the office of Grand Master you are now the least important person in your Jurisdiction. By that what I mean is the rest of the members in the Jurisdiction are looking to you for leadership; which you must be ready to demonstrate by your action and words while holding that office. You must be able to act fairly and without prejudice when dealing with the problems that will arise while you occupy the office of Grand Master. Your members have placed their trust and hope in you to lead them into making your Jurisdiction better than when you assumed office.

A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE

If you do your best to move Odd Fellowship forward you will find it immensely rewarding and at the same time immensely satisfying at the end of your term of office. If you do nothing more than occupy the office you will soon find yourself talked about and looked at in a different manner than when you started through the chairs of your Grand Lodge.

In the Jurisdiction of Washington our Jurisdictional Code tells you what you must do in each of the chairs. As Grand Master I believe there are some additional things you should do, such as attending Degree Days, attending all the various committee meetings for the Grand Lodge, including newspaper, website, etc., and asking what they need as well as staying abreast of any issues they have in preforming their duties as a committee. Yes, it takes a lot of your time and yes it is not always easy, and yes some of your personal projects will have to be set aside for a while as you go through the chairs of your Grand Lodge.

SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

I know it can be done from having gone through the chairs completely twice from Warden to Grand Master, while still working for an employer who was not always sympathetic to me taking time off, as well as losing my wife when going through the first time.

Did I enjoy it? Not always when I was doing it, but on reflection it was a great experience and very rewarding. It is something I would recommend to every member of the Grand Lodge to think about trying. First work on a committee, accept a position as an appointed officer and gain a solid working knowledge of your Grand Lodge and how it functions as there are some variations from Jurisdiction to Jurisdiction in the way things are done, if it is within the framework of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code that is acceptable.

SEEK KNOWLEDGE BEFORE RUNNING

I once had a Grand Master tell me that he was talked into running for office and his thought was that he could use the money given for the office, as he did not have a real good job and his wife was confined to a wheelchair. That Grand Master was never told about all the things he would have to do while going through the chairs.

Some Thoughts On Lodges

How many times have you been to a lodge that seems to be confused on how to do things? What causes some of that confusion? I believe that in most lodges it is the result of poor training by the older members in training their future replacements. If you have never been to a lodge that is run correctly you would not know if things were being done wrong. I remember my first trip through the chairs of my home lodge, being given my Degrees and then appointed as Inside Guardian, Right Supporter

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the Vice Grand and finally I was elected Vice Grand and then Noble Grand. What a shock it was to be told by two of the older members that I could be Noble Grand, but that they would run the lodge.

HEREIN LIES THE PROBLEM

If you can not see the problem in that I will spell it out for you. Too many members or families think that it is their lodge and you will do it my way or you will pay for it. Some members have come into our Order in these types of lodges and left shortly after because of these kinds of actions. Then there are lodges that think as soon as they initiate a new member it is okay to give them a job before they have all their Degrees which causes a lot of confusion for the new member down the road when they are told that is not allowed.

BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK

We all run our meeting a little differently, but as long as it is done within the framework of our Ritual and Codes that is allowed. I think it is best if when a lodge gains a new member the person who brought them in should mentor them in the proper way to do things, and if they do not know then ask for help. We all do not know everything about our Order, however we can all learn about our Order by opening our minds and listening to our older members on the way things were done when they joined.

These are just some random thoughts and observation for you all to think about presented by an old Past Grand Master.

— Fraternally in F. L. & T., Ron Hanson, Past Grand Master Of the Grand Lodge of Washington



From your 2022-23 Theta Rho President

HAPPY MARCH!

During my school day I get the chance to walk outside for my classes, usually. But I haven't because of

how cold it was. But today was different. It was a lot warmer and sunnier now but, of course, it was a still little chilly. But it had the faint smell of water, similar to when you drive by a car wash during summer or go to a water park. It was a very nice experience because I didn't realize how much I had missed that kind of weather until it returned.



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LUCY CROUCH

Some holidays in March are St. Patrick's Day, and National "Pi Day!" I think this year I'm particularly more excited for "Pi Day" because last year my school had teachers volunteer to get a pie in the face if we fund-raised enough. I'm hoping they bring it back this year. But I also have a lot of fond memories of St. Patrick's Day from elementary school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

Some community service ideas for this month are:

- Donate clothes/food to local shelters.
- Volunteer at businesses during holidays.
- Bake pies for those in need.
- Make cards for senior citizens.

AUCTION VOLUNTEER

I'm going to be volunteering a full shift at an auction-dinner soon. Typically, people don't like to volunteer for this kind of stuff, but I'm actually interested. I want to go out and get experience, and what is a better way than to do it while helping my community? The money from the auction event will also go toward one of my school programs. Our Nation Honor Society and Leo's Club are teaming up to help serve the dinner, so I'm pretty excited.

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



Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 initiates five new members!!!!

Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 brought a class of five new members into the Wenatchee Odd Fellows on Saturday, January 28. The five new members included Adam Odell, Terri Odell, Mike England, Matt Hargan and Joel Myrene. Junior Past Grand Master Dave Delony and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony were on hand for this momentous day. Welcome Aboard!!





Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 has a full schedule

Look out for those sneaky Leprechauns! They know all about Green and Gold and know how to play tricks as well. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

FEBRUARY! WHAT A BUSY MONTH!

We had a Celebration of Life for one of our Past Noble Grands, and past Rebekah member, Roxie Elwood on February 4.

Then we had a small work party on February 5. Thanks to Jeri Mainero, LouAnn Hoffman, Sandy Beane and myself.

Our meeting was on February 9, followed by a Bake Sale on the 10th and Bingo on the 11th. Hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day!

MARCH DOINGS

March events include a garage sale on March 10 and 11. We are renting out tables. We are serving soup on Friday and hamburgers on Saturday.

We have a date for another Bingo fund-raiser for the L.C. Renal Alliance. It will be on Saturday, March 18. We have a potato bar planned.

On Friday, March 17 we will have a bake sale.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO SCOTT

We had a heavy heartfelt call from our Past Noble Grand Scott Anderson. On Sunday, January 29 his dad Norm Anderson passed away.

Once again Trinity stepped up with the help from Sandy Beane, Sherri Guenther, Evelyn Neumann and daughter Trudy, myself and LouAnn Hoffmann. Everyone took dinners to the family for the week and filled in where they didn't already have help in place. It was the least we could do. We take care and help our own family.

We're looking forward to the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah meeting in British Columbia, Canada. This is a new event for me. I can say I will be checking it out!

As your Assembly Warden, I can report that our bake sale and Bingo went well.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth, Alberta Luurs, Rebekah Assembly Warden





Rebekah Assembly Warden Alberta Luurs, in the center, is flanked on the left by Danielle Rovito holding daughter Lawsyn, and on the right by Dad Chris Rovito. Alberta was instrumental in raising funds for the L.C. Renal Alliance. She is holding a check for more than \$10,000 that Alberta and her Trinity Sisters raised through Bingo nights and dinners. See front page for more information and additional photo.

Kent Ladies Aux. #15 is growing by leaps & bounds

Members of Kent Ladies Auxiliary #15 meet in the Buckley IOOF Lodge Hall on the second Friday of every month. We have a pot luck luncheon at noon and the meeting starts at 1 p.m.

We recently added four new members. In November we initiated Laurel Delony, and in January we initiated Laurel's mom, Joanne Balmert. At the February meeting we initiated Tom Frogge' and Jamie Vest Bey. Thank you all for joining our Auxiliary.

There is always room for more Matriarchs. If you would like to join but can't meet in the afternoon, Mt. Angeles LEA meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m, also at the Buckley Lodge Hall.

LEA SCHOLARSHIP

The Grand LEA offers a scholarship to relatives of a Washington Matriarch or a relative of a deceased Washington Matriarch who was in good standing at the time of her passing. This scholarship is \$1,000 and it can be used for any type of school. The scholarship packet can be obtained by contacting Jennie Reed, P.O. Box 494, McCleary, WA or by email at daveandjennie@hotmail.com or by phone at (360) 495-3573, or cell phone at (360) 470-0422.

— In Faith, Hope, and Charity, Jennie Reed, Scribe

Odd Fellows Primer

Now available in Digital eBook and Audiobook versions

The book that revived the long-dormant genre of Odd Fellows instructional manuals, Brother Michael Greenzeiger's *The Odd Fellows' Primer*, is now available in two digital formats: as an audiobook available for download or streaming and also as an eBook suitable for Kindle and other eReaders.

The Odd Fellows' Primer is a work cut from the same cloth as the great 19th century manuals written by luminaries such as Rev. Aaron Grosh and Paschal Donaldson, designed to give the new initiates everything they need to practice and live Odd Fellowship in the lodge and beyond. This comprehensive work, which explores and explains concepts of fraternalism and parliamentary procedure and the deeper spiritual and ethical facets of this ancient and venerable tradition, is now available in digital formats to ensure maximum availability for current and future Odd Fellows.

Richly and beautifully illustrated by Ainslie Heilich and written by Michael Greenzeiger, *The Odd Fellows' Primer* is designed to both inform and inspire. With more than 2,000 print copies sold since its release in 2021, *The Odd Fellows' Primer* has become a valuable resource for newly-chartered lodges beginning their journey in Odd Fellowship as well as established lodges working on increasing their knowledge of ritual and lodge procedure.

The eBook edition of the *Primer* was adapted from the same files used to produce the print edition so readers who purchase the eBook will experience the fully-illustrated version with artwork by Ainslie Heilich, just like in print editions. The audiobook version was narrated by a voice familiar to listeners of *The Three Links Odd Cast*, Past Sovereign Grand Musician Toby Hanson. Together, these two new versions of the *Primer* will allow more Odd Fellows than ever before to easily access the treasure trove of information contained within.

For more information, contact: Michael Greenzeiger at **greenzeiger@gmail.com**, 1025 E. Cardinal Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, (408) 505-9367.



DDGM and Battalion in Olympia on March 8

The District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting is set for Saturday, April 8 by order of our Grand Master Tim Moon. The meeting will be held at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW in Olympia. Refreshments will be provided before the meeting which starts at 10 a.m. and lunch will be provided, too.

Directly after the DDGM meeting, the Washington Regiment will be holding a Battalion meeting. If you are part of Canton Mt. Si or Canton Olympia, please come to the meeting. Canton Olympia #20 is the host for this meeting.

To all Odd Fellows who aren't members of a Canton or Encampment, you are missing out on the next level of Odd Fellowship. If you are interested in joining please give me a call or email.

> — Fraternally and with Universal Justice, Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary, Adjutant Washington Battalion grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com 800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

Start your prep for '23 Encampment Sessions

TO ALL PATRIARCHS & MATRIARCHS

Here we are four months from Sessions and time is flying by. Heads of the Grand Encampment, your preliminary reports are to be into me no later than April 15 for the Advance Reports AKA "Take Me."



Thank you to the Scribes for getting all your Annual Reports in.
I really appreciate all of you.

YAKIMA SESSIONS

Information on our Sessions in Yakima will be coming out in April's edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. Get ready for your room reservations, Sessions registration and dinner reservations.

Scribes, please check to see if you have a Digest and that it is current. If you don't have a Digest, please send me an email and I'll get one off to you.

— In Faith Hope & Charity Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe, grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com 800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

JYC will meet in Yakima in March

The Joint Youth Committee will meet on Saturday, March 18 following the Planning Board

This meeting will be held at the Yakima Red Lion. The address is 607 E. Yakima Avenue and their phone number is (509) 248-5900.

Please plan on attending this meeting as we will be making plans for the retreat and Theta Rho Sessions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (360) 495-3673 or my cell (360)470-0422 or my email:

daveandjennie@hotmail.com.

— In Happiness Through Service, Jennie Reed, Chairman

Spring 2023 Northwest

ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 24, 25, 26, 2023

Coast Chilliwack Hotel

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(Use (One Form	Per Person.	Please	Copy If	Additional	Forms 1	Are Ne	eded)

Name & Title ______
Jurisdiction _____

City ———— Postal/Zip Code _____

Registration \$15.00 _____ Registration After March 15 \$20.00 Saturday Dinner Banquet \$55.00

The banquet theme is Easter. A Parade will be held following the buffet dinner. Salads, chicken, ham, buns, desserts, tea, or coffee.

Please Note Any Dietary Restrictions

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Please Make Check, Money Order or Bank Draft payable to: "Pamela Ottas" and note "Canadian Funds Only"

And Send To:

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Pre-Registration Deadline March 15, 2023 *Questions?*

Call: (250) 315 1608 Or email: pamottas@telus.net

Flags Will Be Presented And Committees Named On Friday evening.

Saturday Will Be A Meeting With Presentations, Election And Banquet. Sunday Will Be The Memorial And Retirement Of Flags.

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