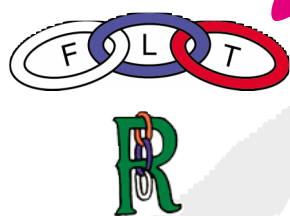
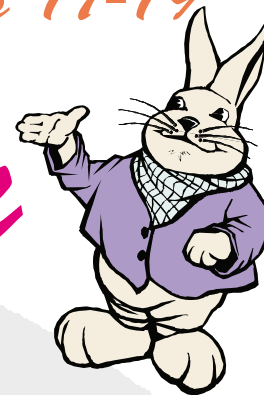


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LET'S TALK ABOUT GRAND SESSIONS

Your Grand Warden is taking a short sabbatical from writing this month and is turning this space over to the Host Committee for Grand Sessions.

The Planning Board Meeting results in Yakima will be complete at the time of this publication.

Registration forms and other information are available on pages 17, 18, and 19 which includes the registration fees, meals and prices. Please send your forms and checks to Laura Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA, 98530. Name tags will be printed using these forms, so we ask that you fill in your name as you wish it to appear on the tag. If you have a title you wish included please write that on the form as well. Many of us have multiple titles so we ask that you select the title you wish to have included.

MEAL TICKET INFORMATION

Registered attendees will receive an envelope with their name tag, meal tickets and some "chochkies" at the registration table. Regarding the meal tickets, we ask that you be sure to bring and turn in your tickets at the meals. This is important as this is the way we keep an accounting of the meals served. As usual breakfast is provided for registered guests of the hotel.

SESSION DATES A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Session dates were changed from last year. Dates were moved back a week to eliminate the conflict with another fraternal organization. Rooms are reserved on a first come, first served basis including the ADA rooms. ADA accommodations was a topic



Taking the challenge

From left, Tanya Gardiner, Linda Boatman and Betty Bennett, all members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 in Oak Harbor, pack donations for their local food bank, "Help House." Oak Leaf members took Grand Master Tim Moon's challenge to collect items for local food banks. For more Oak Leaf photos, see page 13.

of discussion at the Planning Board Meeting.

WE'LL BE BACK NEXT MONTH

That's the preliminary information for Sessions. The Grand Warden should be back next issue with another of his spellbinding articles. Until then, work like you don't need the money; dance like no one is watching; and love like you've never been hurt.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Steve (Grand Warden) and Laura Purcell,
Host Committee

From the desk of your Grand Master



TIM MOON
Grand Master



HOPPY EASTER

Brothers and Sisters,

First I want to wish everyone a Hoppy Easter!!

Last month I made several visits to lodges, the Planning Board Meeting, and went to Chilliwack, BC for the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting. It was great seeing many old friends, and always making new ones, as well. This was the first time since November of 2019 that we were able to have the Northwest Meeting because of COVID-19, and it was worth the wait to see everyone.

DDGM MEETING ON APRIL 8

This month is the District Deputy Grand Masters'

(DDGM) Meeting in Olympia on Saturday, April 8. I hope for better weather than last year. Because we didn't have chains, Elisabeth and I had to go through Oregon to avoid the passes.

APRIL VISITATIONS

Also this month I'm planning visits to Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 in Wenatchee on the 10th, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 on the 11th, Excelsior IOOF Lodge #111 in Bickleton on the 18th, and Alimus #15 in Goldendale on the 25th.

BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR

I only have two more months left in my term and I have several more visits to make. I am hoping to not miss out on any lodges.

This year is going by too fast. Between being Grand Master and also trying to help plan our wedding, it has been very busy, but I wouldn't change anything because I'm truly happy. I hope you all have a wonderful April. Blessings to you all.

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



Earth Day
Saturday,
April 22

Clip And Save



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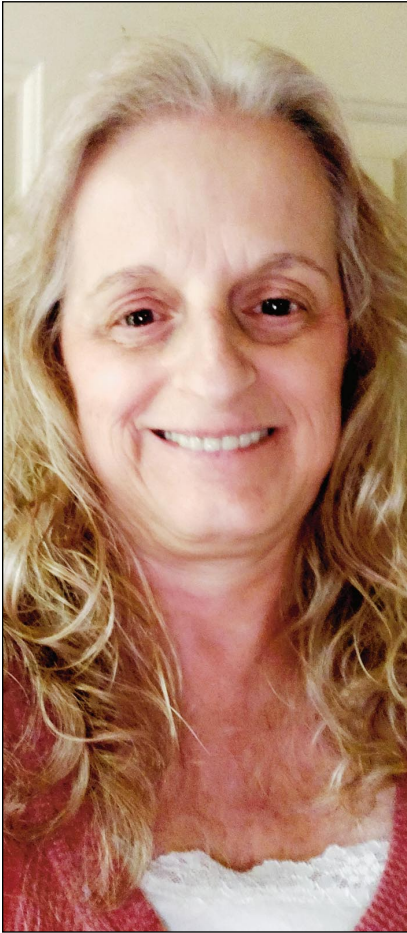
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360-268-3717 onbyoung@yahoo.com

From the desk of the Assembly President



KENDRA FROGGE'
Assembly President

WISHING YOU A VERY BLESSED EASTER!

The first thing I need to say is to make a correction to my last months letter. Something I wrote seems to have not gotten printed in my letter. At the end of the paragraph on the legislation committee, there should have been a sentence saying the theme for the All Branch Banquet on Monday evening at our Sessions will be a costume party, come as your favorite celebrity, character, animal or surprise us. Only the last part of that got printed.

A FEW REMINDERS

As I have been visiting lodges a few things have come to my attention and I would like to remind you all of a couple of them. Please be sure that you know the correct voting sign and use it in your lodge meetings. If you are not sure of the correct one, you can check in the Ritual in the Rebekah Degree where the Noble Grand instructs the Candidates. Also, members should have nothing in their hands during the time that the Chaplain offers the opening and closing prayers. If you have been using a Ritual, please set it down.

VISITS TO RUTH, FALL CITY AND LOUISIANA

Since my last letter I have enjoyed visits to Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in Olympia, and Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59 where I enjoyed the hospitality, good food, and the honors and gifts extended to me and being a part of their meeting.

I visited the Louisiana Rebekah Assembly Sessions last month and had a wonderful time with everyone and enjoyed meeting a lot of new friends.

Sadly Bucoda #144 had to cancel my visit so I will be rescheduling that.

MY SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, April 6
- Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #54, April 11
- Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, April 19
- Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 April 25

And remember, positions are temporary, ranks and titles are limited, but the way you treat people will always be remembered.

Be good to each other. — 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



Yes, it does taste like chicken!

Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Kendra Frogge' enjoyed a plate of frog legs during her visit to the Louisiana Rebekah Assembly Session. And yes, she did say it tasted liked chicken!

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY APRIL!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Spring, Easter, and only a little over two months until our Annual Sessions. Oh my!!



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

SPRINGTIME PROJECTS

Annual Reports are done and our Sovereign Grand Report is finished. Your Spring Per Capita bills should be arriving soon and now I am busy working on the "Take Me." There's always more to do.

Officers, please get your reports to me ASAP if you want them in the "Take Me." My goal is to have this publication in our lodges by the first of May. Please include your activities from July 1, 2022 through

the end of March. IARA Report, Northwest Report, and anything else you may want the lodges to be aware of should be submitted. Remember, the "Take Me" is published in the Journal following our Sessions, so it is a permanent record of what our Jurisdiction has accomplished over this working year.

PAST JOURNALS ARE ROLLING IN

Thank you to Karen Schultz, Ron Hanson, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and members of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 for responding to my request for past Journals. I almost have a full set now. This is wonderful history of our Jurisdiction. It's amazing

what I learn each time I pick up an older Journal and start reading. My how things have changed over the years!

A WONDERFUL EASTER SEASON TO YOU

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter season. Use this time to reach out to your members and encourage them to invite others to join your lodge. We have a rich heritage and we need to keep it alive.

ENJOY THE SUNSHINE!

— 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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Glen DeLozier**, Member of Richland Odd Fellows Lodge #338. Glen was initiated June 6, 1996. He was a 26-year member.
- **Hazel Thompson**, 104 years old, PG, 75-year member, South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 (and many more).

*We Miss Our
Brothers & Sisters*

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.

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

WE'RE GETTING READY FOR SESSIONS

Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is April already. Didn't we just get done with the holidays?

Sessions are coming up quickly. The Planning Board met March 18 and all meals, times, etc. have been set. You'll find the registration form with all information in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. We'll also print that information in May and June. Please

get your registration in as soon as possible and make your hotel reservations, as well. There shouldn't be a problem with getting reservations.

ALL BRANCH BANQUET IS A COSTUME AFFAIR

The All Branch Banquet is going to be a costume party. Let's see your best costumes and have some fun.

REMINDER! REPORTS DUE BY APRIL 15

To all officers and chairs of committees, your preliminary reports are due into my office by April 15. If it arrives after the 15th you'll need to bring the report to the floor at Sessions. This includes any petitions, resolutions, and bills.

NOTE TO LODGE SECRETARIES

Please remember that as soon as you initiate a new member, a new member form must be filled out. This needs to be sent to the SGL as well as myself. If you send it to me I will forward it onto the SGL. If you don't have the form you can get it from me or you can go to the SGL website, ioof.org, click on members resources, click on document

library and finally click on "New Member Report Form." It's a good rule of thumb, if you know you are going to be initiating new members, have the form filled out, except for the date, ahead of time. This makes it much easier to just fill in the date at the time of initiation. Make sure all information is filled out. Please include a phone number and what Degree the member has attained.

It's very important to get the form filled out and mailed in so the rosters can be updated and your member can start receiving the newspaper either by mail or email.

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



*Happy
Spring!*



Lovin' it in Louisiana

Here are three happy girls at the Louisiana Grand Sessions. From left are: Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart of Iowa, Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Kendra Frogge', and IARA Vice President Ellen-Jean Whited.

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Patriarch ~

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Greetings Patriarchs,

I hope you are having an amazing April full of warm, beautiful, sunshine-y days.

Congratulations to the newly-installed officers. I hope that your Installation of Officers went as planned and that your new slate of officers is planning an interesting and fun year.

THE MORE YOU KNOW

I want to share a piece of Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws with you. Most of us know it requires three Encampments minimum to qualify a Jurisdiction to have a Grand Encampment. Same applies to the Grand LEA. In this jurisdiction we have a Unified Encampment as well. It requires very specific membership considerations, or we place ourselves at risk of losing one of our Grand Bodies.

To that point, all reports to the SGL originates from information gathered by our Scribes. That information must be up to date, accurate and timely. I have included a portion of the code below specifically addressing a Unified Encampment. The Grand Matriarch and I insist we pay close attention to the requirements below.

UNIFIED ENCAMPMENTS.

(1) Organization. Grand Encampments and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliaries have the power to permit the organization of Unified Encampments within their jurisdictions.

(2) Membership. A Unified Encampment shall consist of not less than seven (7) male and female members of the Order, in any combination that includes at least two Royal Purple Degree Patriarchs/Matriarchs and at least two Matriarchs who have received the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Degree.

(3) Charter. This unit shall be chartered by the Grand Encampment. Existing Encampments and their Auxiliaries may remain separate or petition the Grand Encampment and/or the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary for unification if this is authorized by a vote of their members.

(4) Subordination. For all practical purposes, a Unified Encampment shall be recognized by the Grand Encampment as an Encampment. This shall include representation in the Grand Encampment and in the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary. A Unified Encampment shall pay Per Capita Dues on

its Patriarchs to the Grand Encampment and the Unified Encampment shall pay Per Capita Dues on its Matriarchs to the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary if there be one. If no Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary exists, the Unified Encampment shall pay Per Capita Dues on all its members to the Grand Encampment.

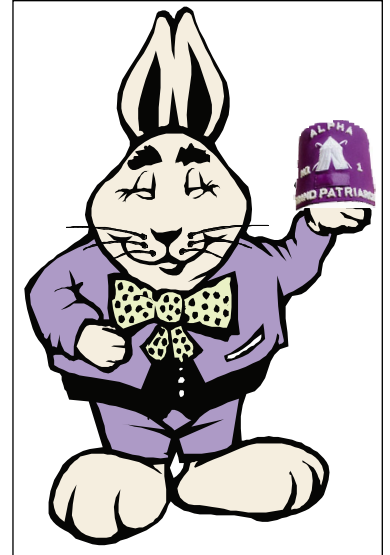
(5) Officers. All elective offices may be held by either qualified Matriarchs or Patriarchs.

(6) Operation. Meetings shall be conducted in the Royal Purple Degree using an Encampment Ritual. All qualified members may participate in the ritualistic and business matters of the unit.

(7) Quorum. Five members in good standing in the Unified Encampment, which is meeting, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Should the Unified Encampment be left without a quorum, it shall not transact business and shall close without ceremony.

(8) Degrees. A Unified Encampment shall be qualified to confer the Patriarchal Degree on Scarlet Degree members. Matriarchs, who become members from a Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, shall be required to receive the Odd Fellows and Encampment Degrees within one (1) year, Matriarchs, who fail to secure these degrees due to extenuating circumstances, can petition the Grand Patriarch/Matriarch to grant an extension of time to receive the degrees, which may be granted by this officer. Failure to receive the degrees within one (1) year or to get an extension of time not to exceed two (2) years from the Grand Patriarch/Matriarch will result in being dropped from the Unified Encampment. Members must receive all the Encampment Degrees before they can hold elective or appointive office in the Unified Encampment.

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



From your Deputy Grand Master

HAS SPRING SPRUNG?

Brothers and Sisters,

With Daylight Savings Time and 60 degree weather, at long last spring appears to be more than just a rumor.

Personally, my Odd Fellow life seems to be accelerating. My lodge, Bremerton Friendship #145, is preparing Easter baskets that we give to families in need with some going to food banks and others to a giveaway at the Silverdale Waterfront Park.

I recently transferred to Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. Although it is a bit of a journey to Olympia from where I live, it is the closest lodge to me on a night when I am available.

PLANNING BOARD AND NORTHWEST MEETINGS

By the time you read this the Planning Board Meeting will have made decisions about the Grand Lodge Sessions in Yakima this June. I hope you are all making your plans to be there.

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Chilliwack, BC, Canada also will have taken place. I've been looking forward to this. The Northwest Meeting has been a casualty of COVID-19 until this year. I really enjoy meeting Brothers and Sisters from Canada, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and I'm looking forward to seeing what I have missed these last couple of years. I will report back to you about this next month.

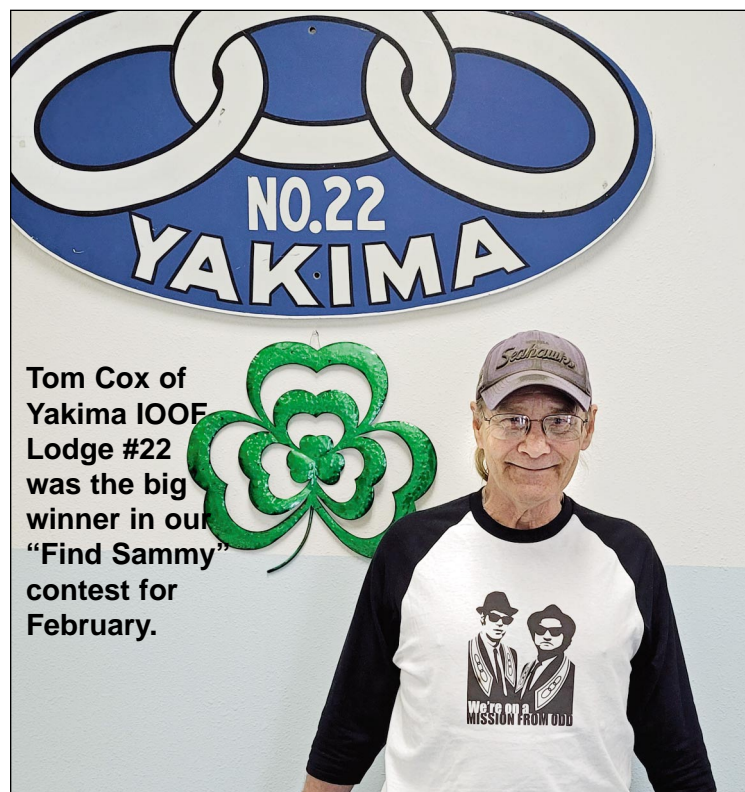
As springs warms our world let it warm your heart. Get out to lodge meetings, and interact with your Brothers and Sisters. If your lodge needs help, reach out to the Grand Lodge and let us know how we can assist you.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER

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



MICHAEL
SCHEURICH
Deputy Grand
Master



Tom Cox of
Yakima IOOF
Lodge #22
was the big
winner in our
“Find Sammy”
contest for
February.

Isabella's Jennifer Coles found 'Sammy' in March

We know the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Yakima are reading *The Washington OddFellow*. In March, Jennifer Coles of Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 in Yakima found Sammy. Lots of folks found our mascot on page 16 in the upper left. Actually, the photo was of our Jr. Past Grand Master Dave Delony with Sammy's face over his. Since he's been called “The Dog Faced Boy” more than a few times in the past month, Dave stormed into my office angrier than a rabid pit bull. Then I had to put up with an even angrier dog who thought she was being maligned. Since turnabout is fair play, this month Sammy agreed to embarrass herself as you can see in the accompanying photo above.

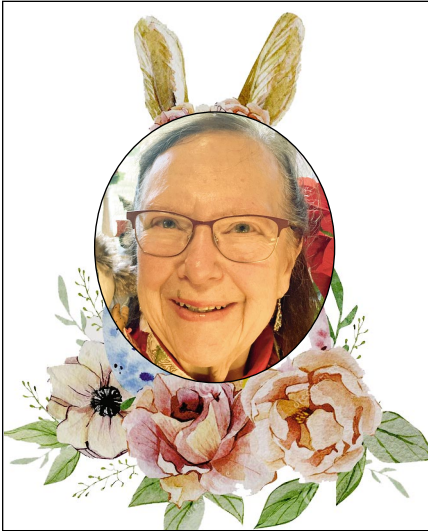


HELP FIND SAMMY AGAIN

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 April 15 for our May, 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 Matriarch ~



MARGARET TRUTTMANN
Grand Matriarch

A VERY UNIQUE ADVENTURE

Dear Matriarchs,
On March 7 I did a hop, skip and jump over the mountains with Grand Patriarch Joe Picanco and his wife Kathi to make my official visit to Unique Unified Encampment #32 in Spokane. The weather was beautiful on Tuesday with sun-

shine most of the way and we had a few tiny snowflakes at the Indian John Hill rest area.

The Unique Unified Encampment #32 had a great meeting in the evening as several members have just joined Unified. As we departed on Wednesday morning the temperature was 24 degrees and the clouds were hanging over the mountains.

THANKS TO KATHI PICANCO

Judy Diekman, Grand Junior Warden and our Representative to the Northwest Meeting was not able to attend. I would like to thank Kathi Picanco, Grand Senior Warden, for being willing to serve as our Representative at the meeting in British Columbia, Canada.

HERE'S YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS

Your elected officers are: Grand Senior Warden, Kathi Picanco, Grand Scribe Betty Young, Grand

Treasurer Karen Hoylman, Grand High Priestess Sherry Pond, Grand Junior Warden Judy Diekman, and Past Grand Matriarch Jennie Reed. Serving as appointed officers are: Grand Marshal Peg Ogilvie; Grand Color Bearer David Reed, Grand Inside Sentinel Sharleen Davies, Grand Outside Sentinel Kendra Frogge', and Parliamentarian, Marcia Presley.

GRAND SESSIONS GETTING CLOSER

Please plan to attend Grand Sessions in Yakima if you are an officer. If you cannot attend please let me know as soon as possible so I can find a replacement. I am looking forward to Sessions and seeing all of you.

HIPPITY HOPPITY EASTER BUNNY

The Easter Bunny will be hopping our way very soon. May all of you have a great April with good weather, sunshine and warm days, cutting lawns, cleaning flower beds, flowers in bloom, and gatherings with families and friends. My Easter Bunny wish for all of you is that your eggs be filled with health, happiness, friendships, and love. The bunny is hopping up and down thinking about seeing all of you soon.

If I may be of service to you or your lodge, you are free to contact me.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth
Which Supports Faith, Hope and Charity,
Margaret Truttmann, PP, Grand Matriarch
E-mail: maggie@olynet.com
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On April 29

District #18 to host School of Instruction

On Saturday, April 29 Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 will be hosting the Rebekah District #18 School of Instruction at Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, W. 111 Washington St. in Napavine.

Social coffee time and registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10 a.m.

There will be a break at 12 Noon for lunch with a cost of \$6 per person.

Please contact Lou Ann Hoffman at 360-736-6717 or hoffman@compprim.com if you plan to attend or have any questions.

— Thank you, Lou Ann Hoffman

Hooray! Spring Is Here!



SISTER HAZEL THOMPSON

Hazel Thompson passes away at 104

Sister Hazel Thompson, 104, passed away on February 9, 2023. Hazel was a 75 year member. She was born on August 30, 1918.

Sister Hazel became a member of the Rebekahs in what we believe to be 1947 or thereabouts. Sister Hazel transferred her membership from Seafoam Rebekah Lodge #250 in Oregon to Fern Hill Rebekah Lodge #80 in Tacoma on March 23, 1955. She served Fern Hill as Vice Grand in 1957 and Noble Grand in 1958. She was Treasurer in 1959 and 1960, then was Noble Grand again in 1961 and 1971. In 1983 she was elected Financial Secretary and served in that position until Fern Hill consolidated with East Tacoma Rebekah Lodge in 1993. East Tacoma Rebekah Lodge then consolidated with South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 in 2000.

Time to get your 'Take Me' reports in to me!!!

CALLING ALL FEZ HEADS!

Time is fleeting and to all officers and committees your preliminary reports for the Grand Encampment "Take Me" are due into my office by April 15. If you submit after the 15th, it will not go into the "Take Me." You will have to submit it from the floor at Sessions.

DON'T MAKE ME SCREAM

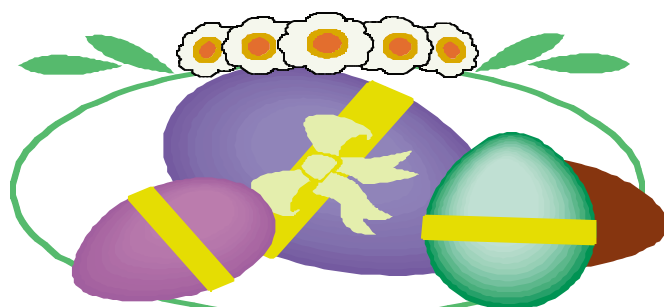
Once again I must remind all Scribes that it is very important to get your new members' information turned into this office. Don't wait until I am screaming at you, "Where's your new member's form?" Please take the time to fill out the form ahead of initiation and as soon as your members are initiated, get it sent to this office. We have to keep a good count of our members so that SGL isn't coming after us for reports of membership not adding up. ***This is very important!***



This also includes members who may have transferred in or by deposit of card. You have to fill out a new member's form and submit it. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll walk you through the form. Likewise, this office needs to be informed when you lose a member, whether that be deceased, resigned, withdrew, etc.

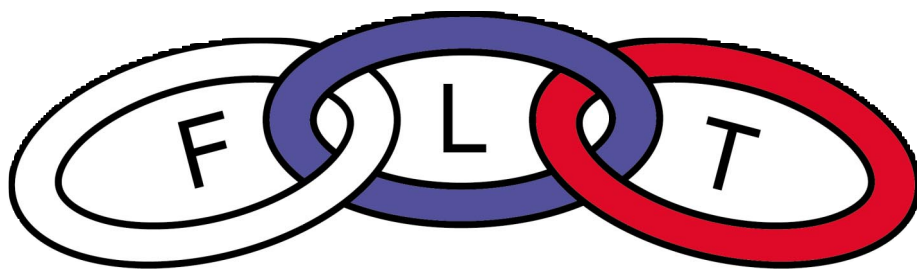
Information on Sessions is in this edition of the newspaper, as well as May and June.

— In Faith Hope & Charity
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe,
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Happy Easter

~ Lodge Cards ~



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

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle.
Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Jerry Smith, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Nora Carria, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 250-2165 (2/28/24)

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)

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)

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 Gasperek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/25)

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

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 507, Fall City, WA 98024. **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. (2/28/24)

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. WA. **Mailing Address:** 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Diane Keener, 440 Main Ave., North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/24)

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)

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:** Mary Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077-7102. **Cell Ph:** 425-478-9129. (2/28/25)

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

‘Lunch & Learn’ returns in Yakima

A “Lunch & Learn” event will be held at the Yakima Odd Fellows Hall located at 206 W. Walnut St. in Yakima on Saturday June 17, starting at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be served so please RSVP to the Grand Secretary at:

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

Or 800-345-1766

“Lunch & Learn” is open to all members, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs alike. Come learn and ask any questions you may have about paperwork, proper protocol, etc., and meet members from other lodges. There are no dumb questions. So ask away.

Come enjoy some Odd Fellowship!

~ Lodge Cards ~

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)

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)

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)

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 mourns a heavy loss

We had a heavy hurtful call from our Past Noble Grand Scott Anderson. On Sunday January 29, his dad Norm Anderson passed away. Once again Trinity stepped up with help from Sandy Beane, Sherri Guenther, Evelyn Neumann and daughter Trudy, Lou Ann Hoffman and myself. We delivered dinners for the week to fill in where they didn’t already have them in place. It was the least we could do. We take care and help our own family with love and friendship. So our condolences to all of the Anderson family.

MORE BINGO ON THE DOCKET

What a wild March it was at Trinity! Now on to April. Saturday, April 15 is the next date for our Bingo. This event will assist the Assembly Warden in her travel adventures.

As I write this, we are preparing for L.C.R.A. Bingo on Saturday, March 18. Also, President Kendra Frogge’s visit is next week Then we were off to Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association Meeting in British Columbia. I’m excited to start a new adventure, meeting new and old friends and enjoy Friendship, Love and Truth.

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

Steve Purcell elected newspaper chairman

Your Fraternal Newspaper Committee had its meeting on March 4, both in person at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley and via Zoom.

We elected officers for this term including Steve Purcell as chairman, Cathy Picanco as vice chairman, and Cynthia McClure as secretary.

We discussed ways to keep the cost of the newspaper the same and maintain the quality. Further research is being done prior to our next meeting on April 1.

The committee members agreed that they would like to see at least one article each year from each Unit of the Order so all the members will get to see some of the service and fun activities we are all doing.

— *Cynthia McClure, Secretary*



Another new member for Buckley #75

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 conducted an Initiation Ceremony during its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 22. From left are: Matt McCollum, Tom Harper, Dave Delony, Gunther-James Wardell, Toby Hanson, Aaron Ames, Laurel Delony, Joanne Balmert, Jeff Miller,

and Braden Gunn. Gunther is Toby Hanson's nephew and just turned 18 in December. He asked to join the lodge after visiting an open meeting and reading some of the *Odd Fellows' Primer*. Another application was read in lodge which means we'll be doing another initiation soon.

Bucoda Bulletin Board #32

Spring is the time we are all busy

INSTALLATIONS ARE BEHIND US

Well, installations are complete for another year and the new officers are settling into their positions.

Bucoda Rebekahs #144 had the honor of hosting DDP Jennie Reed at our February 10 meeting. Thank you Jennie for visiting our lodge.

INITIATION DELAYED

An initiation for Aurora Lopez was also scheduled for February 10, but she found herself in the hospital. We spoke with her February 13 and she says she is doing well, though she has no approximate date that she can come home. She did seem excited when Laura mentioned a large pot of homemade chicken soup to celebrate her return. We wish her well and a full, speedy recovery.

JOIN US FOR SUPPER AND MEETING

Regular meetings on February 24 round out the month. Remember, we serve a light supper at 5 p.m.

followed by the Rebekah meeting at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellow meeting at 7 p.m. Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed in Bucoda.

A VERY BUSY MARCH

March is when things really started to get wound up. The Planning Board Meeting in Yakima was on March 18 and the Northwest Meeting in Chilliwack, BC, Canada was on April the 23 through 26.

GRAND SESSIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Can you believe we're only three months from our Grand Sessions? It is a scientific fact that minutes, hours and days become shorter the closer a major event come. More on that next month.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth*, Steve Purcell,
Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent
Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129
Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144



Here are Oak Leaf's finished "Little Lucky People" for the "Welcome Home" Assisted Living facility. Standing from left are: Mary Stewart, Kim Kaahanau, Linda Boatman and Triston Klob. Seated in front are: Kathy Gould and Betty Bennett.



Members working on our favors for "Welcome Home." From left are: Kim Kaahanau and Betty Bennett.

In Oak Harbor

Another busy month for Oak Leaf #254

Happy Springtime!

Oak Leaf members got together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a potato bar dinner. We invited some prospective members to join us for the evening. After dinner we made little favors for the "Welcome Home" Assisted Living facility.

We decided after Grand Master Tim Moon's food drive plea to make this an on-going project and took our first donations for the year to "Help House." We

are doing this as a joint project with our Theta Rhos.

We will be working with the girls again this month on cleaning up the outside of the building we meet in for Earth Day. This is also our way of thanking the owners of the building to let us continue to meet there.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

— The Members of Oak Leaf
Rebekah Lodge #254



Hard at work on our favors for "Welcome Home" are, from the top down are: Kathy Gould, Triston Klob, and Linda Boatman.



Enjoying our St Patrick's Day dinner are, from left: Kathy Gould, Kim Kaahanau and Betty Bennett.

From a Past Grand Master

More random thoughts & observations

In our Jurisdiction we expect our Grand Master to have a project during their year in office. Some do not and that is their choice. What does that do for our Order or for our community? This is a chance to put us out in front of our community, neighbors and friends so they may see what we are about and what we do.

HOW TO CHOOSE A PROJECT

So how do you choose a project and what is a great project verses a good project or a-not-so-good project. Some will choose to support one of the existing projects of the Order either those at Sovereign Grand Lodge level or at the local level. Others will choose something in their community they can help, or maybe something that interests them outside of the Order. My personal belief is that whatever you choose, it should not tie in with what you do for a living, nor should it be a benefit to you personally.

During my two trips through the Grand Lodge chairs, I chose projects that had no benefit to the Order other than exposure of who we are and what we do and believe. The first of these was support for a national organization with the ability to have my donation used locally; that project was something called Fisher House. What they do is to provide housing and support for veteran and military families at VA facilities and military installations when a wounded individual is recovering. Look them up they are a great organization.

The second was a local project called Camp Patriot, started by a local veteran and has expanded to have a camp in Libby, Montana used for retreats. What they do is take disabled vets on all kinds of trips and outings, such as helping a veteran who was blinded from his wounds climb Mount Rainier, and another who was also blind to go hunting and harvest an elk.

How and why did I choose these two? First, there was nothing like that when I was in the service. Second, at that time I had four family members on active duty and a good number of friends called up from the Reserves. So I could see the need to support the organization that would be there to support them if need be.

How did I fund these projects? Two ways — first by selling pins to members, second by visiting my lodges and explaining what my projects were about. With the first project on a visit to one lodge a member came up to me afterwards and said “You must have really impressed our secretary as he would not give a dollar to anything.” That secretary made the motion that I be given a thousand dollars for my project.

Those who know me personally know that I am a member of Ironworkers Local 14 located in Spokane. I also presented that project to them as well as my District Council and they responded with a thousand dollar donations as well.

A WORD ABOUT DISPENSATIONS

Only a Grand Master or a District Deputy Grand Master may issue Dispensations and only for specific reasons. District Deputy Grand Masters are *not* able to issue them for all of the same reasons that a Grand Master may issue one. They are used to correct a given situation, usually to change a meeting time until a by-laws change can be approved, or to

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EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK

April 8, 2023
2:00 pm
Odd Fellows Beach Park
6500 79th Ave NE
98516



Stories, Egg Hunt, Games and a visit from the Easter Bunny.
Hamburgers, Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided



Please bring a side dish to share
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Prosperity member Mike England busy installing flooring.



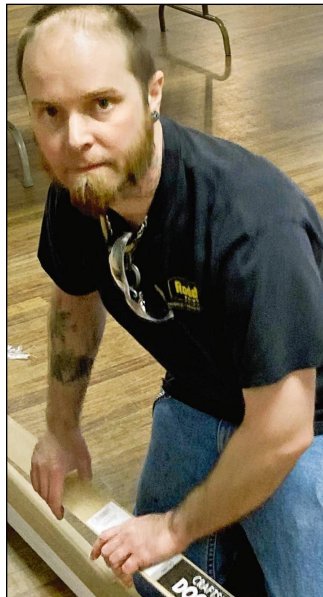
Jr. Past Grand Master Dave Delony along with his wife, Grand Secretary Laurel, work on new stall doors in the bathroom.

Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 looks better from the floor up!

New members of Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 in Wenatchee, along with reinstated ones, have stepped up to clean and refresh their hall. They are very excited to get the word of Odd Fellowship out to their community. And what better way than to spruce up their hall and

invite the community in.

Help from the other side of the mountain came over and spent the day helping the members take pride in their hall. Keep up the good work Brothers and Sisters! We're looking forward to what you can accomplish.



Left: Joel Myrene and his shy daughter Joanna were busy cleaning up around the outside of the building. **Middle:** VG Hazel Mahan taking a break then back to painting. **Right:** NG Dustin Deane getting mouldings ready for paint

Above: Grand Secretary Laurel Delony covering graffiti on the outside walls. She said, "I don't know what I was trying to do!"



Ballard-Alki welcomes three newbys

Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 welcomed Kirk Mason, Giovanni Dellino, Roxanne Duniway, and Kathleen Walters to membership on February 23, 2023. Cast of the recently SGL-approved Initiatory Ritual are, from left:

Greg Powers, Bob Dunaway, Penny Curtis, Michito Iwata, Michael Bergman, Jerry Smith behind Marcia Jackson, Ezekiel Blessing, Michael Douglas, Linda Shwab, Nora Carria, and Michael Manning.

From your 2022-23 Theta Rho President

HAPPY APRIL!

Happy April! I think now we can officially say that spring has begun. Some holidays for April are April Fool's Day, so don't be afraid to prank someone this year; Easter Sunday; and Earth Day! Let's remember to take care of our planet and appreciate the life it provides.

I'M THE VILLAIN AGAIN

We started to prepare for our school play. This year our theater troupe is performing a play called "She Kills Monsters." I'm really excited because we get to learn stage combat. The setting is in the 80s so we get to make a lot of jokes about what life was like during the 80s. I got cast as an evil cheerleader this year. I tend to get typecast as villains or just snotty characters. I'm thrilled to put our play on though.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS FOR APRIL

- Make someone laugh on April Fool's Day.
- Celebrate some holidays as a community.
- Help clean up some of our Earth, whether it's just a messy room or a beach!

- Help people clean up their lives! You could mow someone's lawn, clean someone's car, etc!

MY COLLEGE PREVIEW

I also got the chance to visit the college I will be attending in September of this year! I'm proud to say I will be a Bobcat for Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. I got a new sweater and some merchandise, and got to tour the campus and everything. It was either sunny or snowing, no in between. When I returned home from my visit, it was raining back in Washington. It was actually really nice to see rain again. Rain is my favorite weather, including storms, and I just know I'll miss it a lot while I'm at college. As they say, "April Showers Bring May Flowers,".

— In Happiness Through Service,
Lucy Crouch,

Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



LUCY CROUCH

2023 GRAND SESSIONS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 23, 2023

3:30 p.m. Registration Lobby
 5:00 p.m. Theta Rho Practice East/West Ballroom,
 2nd Level
 6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Picnic Hotel Poolside (Big Pool)
 7:00 p.m. Theta Rho Pool Party Hotel Poolside
 (Big Pool)

Saturday, June 24, 2023

8:30 a.m. Registration Lobby
 9:00 a.m. Theta Rho Sessions East/West Ballroom
 2nd Level
 6:00 p.m. Banquet Social Hour Garden Terrace
 6:30 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet Garden Terrace
 7:30 p.m. Theta Rho Fun Night/Awards Garden Terrace

Fun Night Theme: "Never Land"

Sunday, June 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. Theta Rho Installation East/West Ballroom
 2nd Level
 11:00 a.m. Credentials Veranda Room
 1:00 p.m. Registration Lobby
 4:00 p.m. Past Presidents Meeting/Banquet Garden Terrace
 4:00 p.m. Past Grand Masters' Dinner Cowiche Canyon Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. All Branch Memorial Service East/West Ballroom 2nd Level

Monday, June 26, 2023

8:00 a.m. Grand Master's And Friendship Breakfast Garden Terrace
 8:00 a.m. Registration Lobby
 9:00 a.m. Rebekah Sessions East/West Ballroom
 2nd Level
 9:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Sessions 26A
 4:30 p.m. Banquet Social Hour Garden Terrace
 5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet Garden Terrace

Banquet Theme: "Costume Party"

9:00 p.m. TaNaMaKa Meeting/Initiation Ivy Room

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives' & Assembly Representatives' Breakfast Garden Terrace
 9:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Sessions 26A
 9:00 a.m. Rebekah Sessions East/West Ballroom
 2nd Level
 3:30 p.m. Joint Installation Rehearsal East/West
 Ballroom, 2nd Level
 6:00 p.m. Joint Installation of Officers East/West
 Ballroom, 2nd Level

Pie and Ice Cream Social (Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23)

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Sessions 26A
 8:30 a.m. Rebekah Sessions East/West Ballroom
 2nd Level

1:00 p.m. Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Sessions East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
 1:00 p.m. Encampment Sessions 26A
 4:30 p.m. Grand Encampment/LEA Dinner
 Installation of Officers Garden Terrace
Silent Auction Will Be Set Up In The Yakima Room

Donations needed for silent auction at Sessions

It's that time of year again and we're looking for donations for a silent auction during our Grand Sessions in Yakima. All proceeds will go to the five heads of our Order in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

If you have a donation or questions, please contact Laurel Delony at the Grand Lodge office, (360) 829-1514 or grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com.

Washington Battalion meeting in Oly April 8

On Saturday, April 8, Olympia Canton #20 will host the semi-annual meeting of the Washington Battalion. The meeting will be at 11 a.m. at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia, WA 98501.

Uniform will be black trousers, and white shirt with black tie.

Additionally, there will be a District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting ahead of the Battalion meeting at 10 a.m. after which lunch will be provided.

Immediately after lunch the Battalion Meeting will convene.

Please let Captain (r) Clerk Laurel Delony of Canton Olympia #20 and Battalion Adjutant know if you can make the meeting as she will need a head count for lunch.

— In F., L., & T., and Universal Justice,
 Joe Picanco,
 Vice President,
 Washington Battalion



2023 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 23 through 28, 2023

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

Chicken Enchiladas with Ice Cream

Adults \$32.00 _____

Banquet Theme: "Finding Neverland"

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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

Chicken Cordon Bleu **OR** Char Grilled King Salmon Filet

(Circle One) \$39.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 a.m. Grand Master's

And Assembly President's Breakfast Buffet

Traditional All American \$22.00 _____

5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet Buffet

Banquet Theme: "Costume Party"

Red's Home Style Buffet \$31.00 _____

Featuring Meat Loaf & Baked Chicken

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 a.m. IOOF Representatives'

And Rebekah Assembly Representatives' Breakfast

Traditional All American \$22.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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

Gold Rush

Cilantro Marinated Chicken \$32.00 _____

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2023 Grand Sessions

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

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More of Ron's Hanson ramblings

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allow a member to serve in an office if they have not met the requirements and there is not a member to do that job, such as holding an elected position in the lodge, but not yet having served the required number of appointed offices. Also, when a Grand Master is done with his term of office his dispensations are also done and it is up to the incoming Grand Master whether or not he wants to reissue a Dispensation for a given situation.

A LODGE CAN NOT CHANGE THE RITUAL

How many times have you visited a lodge and thought that something just did not seem right at the time as they held their meeting? Then when you got home it hit you what it was. They did not follow the Ritual or had decided that it was all right to change things to the way they would like it to be! *News Flash* — you do **not** have the authority to change the Ritual, only the Ritualistic Committee at Sovereign Grand Lodge has that authority and it must be voted upon by the Representatives. When we open lodge that is an opening ceremony and can not be changed. When we close lodge that is a closing ceremony and can not be changed.

WHAT CAN BE CHANGED

What *can be changed* to suit your lodge's needs

is the Order of Business. I think back to the many times we looked at the words we needed to say and did not take the time to read the directions that are included in the Ritual. Most of us have a Charge Book which is the same as a Ritual. Take the time to read every word in it and you will find directions for each item contained in that book.

YOU JOINED US, WE DID NOT JOIN YOU

I have also seen an older member tell a new member to just take the Ritual home with you and read through the next Degree you are going to get. That is also a **NO NO** as the charge books clearly state “to be used by Third Degree members only.” Rituals are all numbered and issued by your Grand Lodge to a subordinate lodge and must remain in the lodge hall. Those who want to change the way we do our meetings and change things to suit them may want to think about the fact that “you joined us, we did not join you.” Or in an old cowboy term if this horse doesn't suit your saddle head on out and find one that does.

These are just some more random thoughts and observations for you all to think about presented by an old Grand Master

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