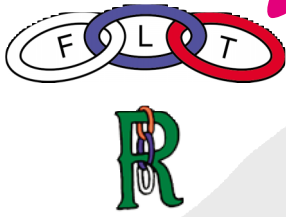


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The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring our fallen servicemen and women at Arlington Cemetery was attended by several members from Washington. From left are Tom Frogge', Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Kendra Frogge', Deputy Grand Master Michael Schuerich, and Past Grand Master Ron Hanson.

Save the date

All Branch Reception set for September 9!!

The All Branch Reception honoring our newly-elected Jurisdictional Officers will be held on Saturday September 9, 2023 at 1 p.m.

The event will take place at the Olympia Puget Beach Odd Fellow Park, 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia WA 98516

Bring a potluck item. Burgers, hot dogs or barbecue will be provided.

For more information contact the Grand Lodge office at (360) 829-1514 or 800-345-1766. You also may contact Deputy Grand Master Mike Scheurich (360) 731-0975, or

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89th Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns one we'll all remember

MICHAEL SCHEURICH

Deputy Grand Master

Ever since I heard about the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns that the Odd Fellows have been privileged to partake in, I have looked forward to a day when I might be able to attend, let alone be a representative for and be part of the ceremony.

Many thanks to our Grand Master Tim Moon who asked if I could fill in for him after he determined that he would be unable to attend.

It was a great honor to accompany Rebekah Assembly President Kendra Frogge' and her husband Tom, along with PGM Ron Hanson. To take part in such a ceremony that honors our country's fallen who gave all for their country, struck me to my core. I can think of nothing in my life that has made me prouder of being an American.

On Friday and Saturday of this weekend, in what I can only describe as perfect spring weather, we were able to take in a small part of the attractions in this area. John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Ron Hanson and I spent time visiting some of the many great monuments in the area, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam, Korean War and WWII Memorials, several of the Smithsonian Museums, and the National Archives where we saw the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. We could see from our tour the Washington Monument, White House, Capitol Building, Jefferson Monument and many other sites that are in our nation's capital.

Also, on Saturday morning we took in a full tour

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From the desk of your Grand Master



TIM MOON
Grand Master

FINISH LINE IS HERE

Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe that this is my last article. The year has really flown by.

It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Master this year.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you all for your support over the year, and for understanding my apologies for my mistakes.

Being Grand Master has been a real learning experience, and I will never forget the bad times or the good.

OUR ADVENTURE TO WINSTON-SALEM

I want to share one of the good times which was my adventure to and from Sovereign Grand Lodge. I traveled with Past Grand Master Ron Hanson and Rebekah Assembly Vice President Dusti Trebe. We left Spokane on August 8 driving to Winston-Salem. It was quite the trip seeing all the scenery, Some of

which didn't change much going through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kentucky. By the time we got to Nashville Tennessee, being ahead of schedule, we decided to do some sightseeing. So we walked around downtown, and had dinner at Jack's BBQ. We had a great time. In the morning we took a guided tour of the Ryman Auditorium and got to see the backstage area and hear all about how it started. After that we loaded up and drove to Winston-Salem.

OUR TRIP HOME

Now I'm not going to write about everything that happened at the Sovereign Grand Sessions. Now my story starts back up on the August 19 when we left Winston-Salem on our way back to Spokane. We decided to take a different route back and see more of our beautiful country. So we traveled through Tennessee and Missouri, and stopped in Mitchell, South Dakota at the Corn Palace; Wall, South Dakota to visit Wall Drug; Mount Rushmore; Deadwood; and most of South Dakota, all of which I saw for the first time. We finally arrived back in Spokane on August 22. It was the best two weeks of business and pleasure ever.

SEE YOU IN YAKIMA

Again I want to thank you and I look forward to seeing some of you at Sessions in Yakima.

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

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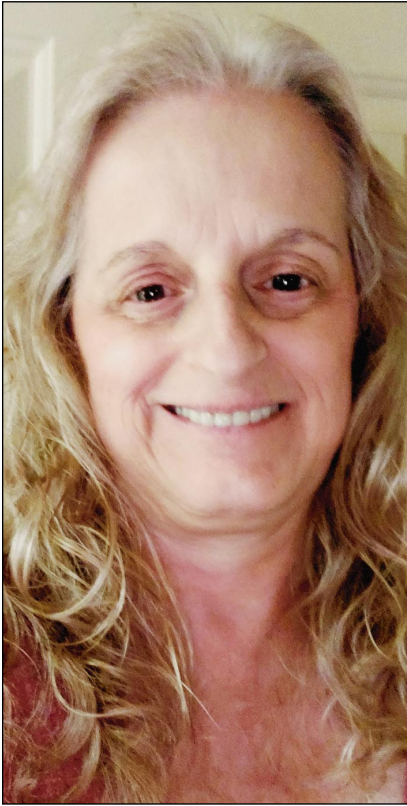
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From the desk of the Assembly President



KENDRA FROGGE'
Assembly President

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I would like to wish all the fathers a very happy Father's Day this month.

MY YEAR IS ALMOST OVER

This will be my last letter as your Assembly President. As I write this, I have now visited every lodge in our

Jurisdiction. Almost all of them are doing well and will continue on. It appears there will be one Consolidation or Charter surrender soon. Many of the lodges are unable to do everything according to the book, so they have had to make adjustments, because of the number of members in attendance and the locations of their meetings. I commend them for doing things the best way they can and keeping up with our Order.

I'VE HAD SUCH WONDERFUL VISITATIONS

Bucoda lodge had a delicious dinner of home-made chicken soup and presented me with a "Boocoda" t-shirt, a donation to my project and a goodie basket. In Bickelton at Alder Rebekah Lodge we had a delicious dinner and they gave me a bird-house and a donation to my project. At Hope Rebekah Lodge in Spokane we had a yummy lunch and they presented me with lots of flamingos and a donation to my project. At Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge in Satsop, I enjoyed another delicious dinner and gifts and donation to my project.

My last visit will be to my home lodge, Eola #63 in Buckley. I have enjoyed all my visits to all the lodges. You have all been so kind and generous with donations to my project and buying raffle tickets. I would like to apologize to the lodges I forgot to get pictures with. You are all important to me and our Order.

WREATH LAYING AT ARLINGTON

I was very honored to represent our Jurisdiction at the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. It was a very moving experience. This was my first time attending and I was so grateful to be there. I also had a few days of sightseeing which was very exciting and fun, too.

YES, OUR SESSIONS ARE HERE

I am now busy preparing for Sessions by making assignments and committee appointments. I will be contacting many of you soon to let you know what I would like you to do. I hope many of you will attend our Sessions and participate.

I would like the officers to wear my colors pink and black.

Please be sure your skirt is not so long that you have to hold it up while you are walking. This is for safety reasons so no one trips or falls. And please make sure you wear comfortable shoes that you can keep on.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me before Sessions.

It's hard to believe my year is almost over and Sessions are right around the corner. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I hope I have served you well.

And remember, a heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others.

I love you all.

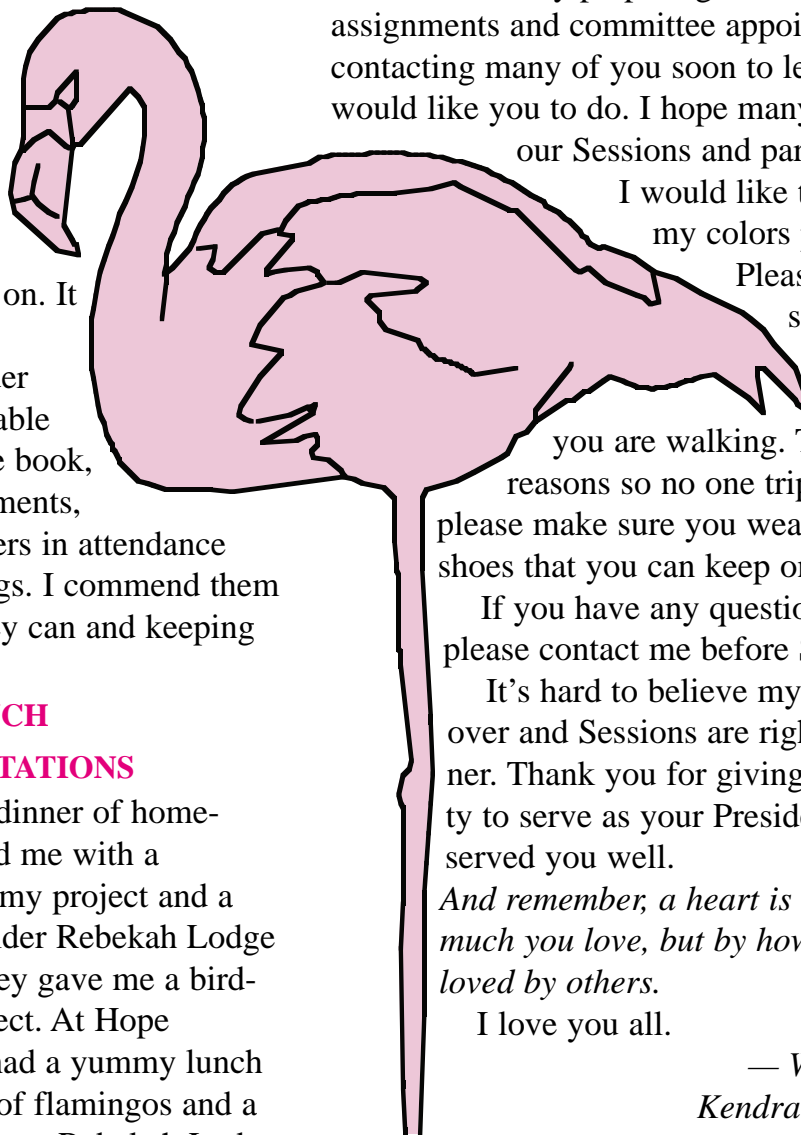
— With Rebekah Hugs,

Kendra Frogge', President

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

YES, SESSIONS ARE ALMOST HERE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, Summer finally made it. I'm loving the warm weather and getting a little bit done in my yard — very little, but that's better than nothing.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

The 2023 Sessions are only a few weeks away and I am really excited about being in Yakima and seeing all of you.

Secretaries — please come expecting a Secretaries' meeting Monday afternoon at the close of the day's Session. I will have a packet of information for each of you and a few important things to go over. Also, I will have a few items available for your lodges, ie:

SGL Updates, and Rebekah Assembly Digest updates (these items will be \$5 each if purchased at Sessions, \$7 if I need to mail them to you afterwards). Your Lodge is required to have a copy of each of these, so please come prepared to purchase them.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH THIS SUMMER

As most of our Lodges are preparing to "go dark" for the summer, I sincerely hope that all Secretaries will stay in touch with members throughout the summer. It is important for us to stay connected. I know many lodges try to have a picnic sometime during the summer. This is always fun and can include family and friends. It is a great way to introduce others to your Rebekah family.

HERE'S A SUMMER PROJECT FOR YOU

As you won't have the week-to-week bookkeeping responsibilities while our lodges aren't meeting, this is a great time to review your record books. Make sure all information is up to date and start getting together for your annual report. The end of the year may be six months away, but it is surprising how quickly that comes upon us once we resume meeting in September.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 'TAKE ME'

Don't forget to go through your "Take Me" and review the legislation that we will be voting on at Sessions. Your lodge needs to understand what the legislation refers to and let your representative know

how you want her/him to vote. Feel free to call me anytime if you have any questions or concerns about these bills.

THANKS TO OUR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

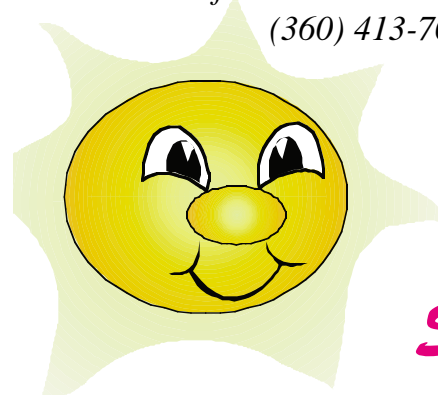
Your Legislative Committee has worked very hard to make our official documents concise and easy to understand. They are a very special group of ladies and I have enjoyed working with them these past two years as we have updated the Rebekah Assembly of Washington Digest. If you don't know, those members are: Chairman Karen Hoylman, PP; Marcia Presley, PP; and Kathi Picanco, PP. Thank you very much ladies!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Have a great summer everyone. I'll look forward to seeing you later this month and hopefully over the summer

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,
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*Enjoy
Your
Summer!*

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

SEE YOU AT SESSIONS!

Brothers and Sisters,

Well, this is my last article until September.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Grand Lodge this year. All Third Degree members may attend. We open the Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge Degree and then bring it down to the third Degree for business. When that happens Third Degree members will be allowed to enter. Bring the proper credentials and password and sign of the Third Degree. Come see how your Grand Lodge functions.

All members attending Grand Lodge will need to stop and check in at the Credentials Desk.

The attire for Sessions is the same as last year — business attire. A letter was sent out at the end of May to Lodge Representatives, officers and lodges explaining the dress code.

MANY THANKS TO SO MANY

Thank you to the line officers for 2022-2023. It's been a long year with many obstacles in our way, but we have leapt over those hurdles together as a united front.

Thank you to all the Odd Fellow Secretaries. I know how much work goes into those offices. I

appreciate all of you.

COME SEE OUR HISTORY

If you get a chance, please come to Buckley and see the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Historical Museum. We really have a nice museum with lots of eye candy to see. If the museum is closed, just come to the Grand Lodge office and I'll show you around. Hours of operation for the museum are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come see your history.

LOOKING FOR A PAST MEMBER?

We can also check the index cards if you know of a family member who may have been part of our Order in Washington. We have some fascinating history.

I hope you all have a great summer and we'll see you in September!

— *Until This Fall With Fraternal Hugs and Love,*

Laurel Delony,

PGM, Grand Secretary

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All seriousness aside

Dave Delony, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and Duard Fyffe were up to some hijinks during Ballard Encampment #76's Installation of Officers in April. The trio of jokesters served as the installing officers.

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Patriarch ~



JOE PICANCO
Grand Patriarch

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

Greetings Patriarchs,
As my term as Grand Patriarch ends, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your presence and dedication to our Order. I would also like to thank the Officers, Patriarchs, and Matriarchs for their support and backing. You have made this year a memorable one for me.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SESSIONS

Sessions now are just around the corner. If you have not registered to

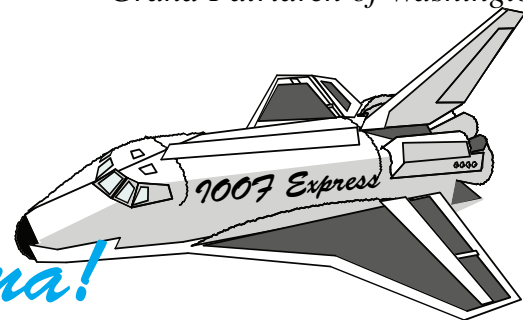


attend, please do so. Sessions are not only a time to do the work of our Order, but a great period to enjoy fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in Yakima, including our Past Grand Patriarchs.

Be safe, be healthy, be an Odd Fellow. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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



We're Headed To Yakima!

~ From your 2022-23 Grand Matriarch ~

A VISIT TO THE OREGON SESSIONS



MARGARET TRUTTMANN
Grand Matriarch

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

As I write this article before Sessions, my mind is thinking of all the many things that still need to be done. At this time I am in Oregon attending the Rebekah Assembly Sessions along with Sisters Jennie Reed and Alberta Luurs, Warden of our Rebekah Assembly.

Oregon's Sessions are Thursday through Sunday and it is interesting to compare the differences and those

Encampment Auxiliary of Oregon dissolved several years ago.

I am looking forward to our Sessions in June and I hope to see all of you in Yakima. As a reminder, the dress code for the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary is a black skirt and a red top.

KUDOS GALORE

A **big thank you** to everyone who has taken an office and who has been willing to serve on a committee. This past year has flown by so fast and I would like thank all of you for making the Grand Matriarch's term of office very rewarding.

May you enjoy this quote from Christopher Reeves: "Once you choose hope, anything's possible."

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth*
Which Supports Faith, Hope and Charity,
Margaret Truttmann, PP, Grand Matriarch

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things that are the same. The Grand Ladies

Bucoda Bulletin Board #34

We've been busy with many activities

Bucoda Rebekahs and Skookumchuck Odd Fellows are on track for a busy May. Not only are we teaming up with the newly-reconstituted Bucoda Improvement Club to clean and beautify our Memorial Park, but we will also assist in placing flags on Veterans' graves and participate in the memorial service at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Olympia.

Additionally, on May 20 the Improvement Club and the Rebekahs/Odd Fellows hosted a community breakfast in conjunction with "Town Clean Up Day."

DISTRICT #18 MEETING

Bucoda Rebekahs #144 hosted the District #18 meeting in Napavine on April 29. This was my first district meeting and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I even finally got to wear my Past Noble Grand Jewel. We learned some things, shared some things and gener-

ally had fun. We're looking forward to the next meeting to be hosted by Trinity #179, again in Napavine.

LAST MINUTE SESSIONS INFO

The Grand Sessions Host Committee just interrupted me and asked that I include information on our Yakima Sessions. The registration form is, again, in this issue.

As a reminder, the Past Presidents' meeting and banquet on June 25 offers the choice of either Chicken Cordon Bleu **OR** Char Grilled King Salmon. Please be sure to circle your choice. This is the only meal this year where you must choose your entrée. Also it is requested that you print the title you wish to appear on your name tag. If you have a litany of titles, as many of us do, please decide which you want and include it with your name.

This is necessarily short and sweet, there is so much to do and so little time.

SEE YOU AT SESSIONS.

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

Members!

Newspaper is on summer vacation, but let us know if you change address!!!

Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 15 for the September, 2023 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

On page 10 is a change of address form. Please use it if you move this summer.

Thanks and have a safe summer. We wish you a happy and prosperous summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

— Your Editor

Olympia's Stuart Carlson wins 'Find Sammy' contest

Stuart Carlson, an Odd Fellow from Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 won our "Find Sammy" Contest for May. Stu found Sammy in the large photo on page 15. For his efforts, Stu claims a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

HELP FIND SAMMY AGAIN

We are continuing with our "Guess Sammy" contest again. Get your eagle eyes busy and you can win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just send your email to **grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com** or call **800-345-1766**. Since our summer break is nearing, all submissions must be in the office no later than August 15 for our September, 2023 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

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



Brothers & Sisters
Have A Great Summer!

Thoughts on the Initiatory Degree

BY MICHAEL DOUGLAS,

Grand High Priest of Washington

The Initiatory Degree is the doorway to Odd Fellowship. Its chief moral lesson is the consciousness of mortality. In fact, the contemplation of our own mortality is the starting point of many fraternal paths and wisdom traditions.

There are different ways to do this and also on different levels. We can do this with intention or without. We are forced to do it by external circumstances periodically in our life when friends, or relatives, or people close to us die or are in danger of death. In moments of great transition in our lives — going through a divorce, losing a house, moving to a different town — we are brought face-to-face with the ephemeral nature of things in a very forceful way. This can easily bring up the awareness that we are living this life with a time limit.

On the simplest level, this can put things into perspective. It can help us prioritize our lives. In the context of our lives being limited, things that are unimportant to us can drop away. This is a very useful level, and it's a level that we don't need to wait for extreme circumstances in our lives to put into effect. It's an easy thing to remind ourselves of, to intentionally see things from that perspective.

There's a deeper, more embodied level to consider. Many of our personality obstacles, and our defense mechanisms, are grounded in a kind of muscular and emotional contraction that's based in our fight or flight instinct — our most primitive emotions around survival. The more we are aware of that reality, the more we are able to consciously go against that instinct, the more our automatic responses can relax and the more flexible we are. Gandhi said, "Those who defy death have no fear." Those who refuse to let the fact of death configure their physical and emotional response to life will not be living life from a place of fear.

"Die before death" is an injunction attributed to the prophet Mohammed. St. Paul as well says, "I die daily." This refers to the contemplative practice of consciously dying in one's imagination and giving up attachment, knowing that all the things of this life will be ripped from us. Loosening attachment now allows us to approach life in a more comfortable way, because we're no longer worried about holding on to things. This is what is meant by "spiri-

tual poverty." When Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," when the Prophet said, "Poverty is my pride," they are referring to this practice of giving up ownership of everything we think is ours before it's taken away from us, as it inevitably will be.

In accepting death and working to soften the survival instinct there is the possibility of relaxing into reality. The more we accept life as it is, the more comfortable we are, and we will be coming from a place of relaxation rather than tension. Sam Lewis used to say, "The only sin is tension." Because it's tension that sustains our defenses and keeps us from listening, listening to each other and to what's going on in the moment.

Rumi tells a story in the Masnavi about the death of the friends of God. When they die, the angel of death comes, and stands at their bed, and politely offers to carry their luggage. There is a sense of ease in the transition. In the Jewish tradition it's said that there are 903 ways to die, not physical ways to die, but ways to approach death. The hardest is compared to picking the thorns out of a ball of sheared wool. You have to tease each one out and it snags everywhere; there's a visceral sense of entanglement in separating the soul and the body. The easiest is compared to removing a hair from a bowl of milk, the body being the hair and the soul the milk, because the soul is so much vaster than the body — and removing the body is like removing an obstacle for the soul. This is the death that is called, again in the rabbinic tradition, the "Kiss of Death." This is the death that Moses died, and also the death that Miriam and Aaron died, where God takes the soul from the body with a kiss.



MICHAEL DOUGLAS
GHP of Washington

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Kendra flies into the World's Bluebird Capital

When Rebekah Assembly President Kendra Frogge' made here official visitation to Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, she was met by an enthusiastic crowd as you can see above. From left are: Crystal Merfeld, Marie Miller, Nancy Yoesle, Susan Wright, Christie Mortensen, Lynn Mains, Kristi Tuor, Barbara Gall, Katie Moore, Cindy Mains, Jacqui Jensen, President Kendra and Kendra's traveling companion (and mother) Karen Hoylman. Alder Rebekah Lodge is located in Bickleton which is known as the Bluebird Capital of the World. At right, Noble Grand Jacqui Jensen presents Kendra with a beautiful bird-house and a check for her project. In the background are Nancy Yoesle, Susan Wright and Lynn Mains. Kendra made her visit on April 25.



Thoughts from your Grand High Priest

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So we can become used to this idea of death, to the idea of leaving everything, through practicing being unattached in life. This doesn't mean disengagement — but rather the sense of not owning things, of not having them own you. If we approach every day, as Mohammed said, like we are a traveler, like we are a stranger in this place, understanding that we can't essentially own anything, then our transition into the next place is that much easier.

In the Christian narrative, after the crucifixion comes the resurrection. The Sufis talk about this in terms of annihilation and subsistence. Many traditions reference this pattern of giving everything up and consequently dealing with the world from a different perspective. And this isn't just giving up

material things, or just your body, it's giving up attachment to everything that you think you are. Then when all of those structures relax, the Supreme Being can act through us. Something greater than ourselves can be alive through us, and then we get to experience that. This is an awakening which we will all experience eventually, but there's something very different about experiencing it here and now, in the material plane, and in a human body.

As human beings, we can experience all the planes of existence from the highest to the lowest, and that can be an experience of great joy and power. And in a way, that experience is not just a gift of grace that God gives us; it's a gift that we can give God. Or at least we could say that it begins to pay back in a small way everything that we have been given.

From your 2022-23 Theta Rho President

HAPPY JUNE!

Everything is slowly wrapping itself up now, isn't it? I've finally finished all my extracurricular activities for my senior year of high school. I think my senior year has been the most fun, which I'm grateful for. I won a few scholarships, and I'm still waiting to hear back on some more, so I'm pretty excited.

I felt pretty good about my AP exams, so I hope to pass both so I don't have to retake the classes in college.

Our caps and gowns for graduation came in. It was so surreal trying them on. I can only hope I'm ready for the next big step in my life!



LUCY CROUCH

JUNE HOLIDAYS

Anyways, the holidays for June are Juneteenth and Father's Day!

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

Some community service ideas for this month are:

- Father's Day cards/gifts.
- It's almost summer! Help out with local gardens and beaches.
- Gift/Compliment customer service employees! (Remember, community service doesn't have to be something really big!)
- Help or start a community project, movement, or foundation!

I hope to see many friends, and make more, at this year's Theta Rho Assembly of Washington in Yakima! I'd also love to pave the way for my Vice President, Victoria Schim, whom I am so proud of. I'm so grateful she was my Vice President for my term as President of the Theta Rho Assembly. Thank you to everyone. I hope you all have a wonderful June and summer.

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

South Tacoma #211 is ready for Grand Sessions

It's Grand Sessions time, and although there will be ample time to enjoy the heat in Yakima, along with scrumptious meals and fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters, the important business of the Order in our Jurisdiction is at hand. This is extremely important.

This will be my first time attending Sessions, and my goal was to be silent and observe the workings of the Order. While I will still do that, I have been honored and privileged to have been elected by my lodge members as their Representative. This is a very important job, and one that I take very seriously. You see, the Representative's job is to inform their lodge of the proposals, laws, etc.. which will be brought forth for discussion and vote, and that Representative must vote according to how their lodge members desire. I look forward to representing South Tacoma #211 at Sessions.

— *In F., L. & T., Jamie Vest Bey, Recording Secretary,
South Tacoma IOOF Logge #211*

Countdown for our Sessions is underway

HEY, ALL YOU FEZ\Z HEADS

I am so looking forward to seeing many of you at the Grand Encampment Session at the end of the month. Our Sessions start at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28. A joint dinner installation will follow.

Be sure to have your dues cards ready for the credentials table. We'll be checking all ya'll. Dress code is the same as the Grand Lodge, business attire. For those who are eligible to receive the Grand Encampment Degree, be sure you have your PCP Certificate with you.



If you have any questions before Sessions, don't hesitate to contact the Grand Encampment. Contact information has been in all the issues.

For those Odd Fellows who want to take the next step in Odd Fellowship, please contact one of the Encampment Secretaries or you can contact me.

See all you Fez Heads soon!

— *In Faith Hope & Charity
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Kendra: 'So good to be back home again'

After having visited all the other Rebekah lodges in our Jurisdiction, Assembly President Kendra Frogge' made her "official" visit to her own lodge, Eola #63, on Tuesday, May 23.

The evening began with a dinner at a local restau-



From left are John Otterstrom, Marcia Presley, Tom Frogge', Kendra Frogge', Kim Presley (holding Sammy), JoAnn Silvernail, Karman Lundell and Karen Hoylman.

rant hosted by Eola members with the lodge treating Kendra.

The group then gathered for the meeting at the Odd Fellows building in Buckley. Some of the business was to have an ad in the Sessions program book from our lodge, to donate a basket for the silent auction at Sessions, and to change our June meeting to the third Tuesday of the month due to a conflict with Sessions.

Kendra was introduced by Representative Marcia Presley and she was given the Honors. Marcia then presented her with a gift and put a bib-type sign on her to wear for the rest of the meeting.

Under Good of the Order, Kendra spoke and we had a nice conversation with her. We then each told her of some thoughts and information she might have in the letters of the word "Flamingo" which has been her symbol. Lodge members presented her with a check for her project, and a love offering to help with her expenses. It was a very special, enjoyable evening.

Oak Leaf #254 welcomes a new member

June is here and summer is just around the corner.

We are happy to announce that we have a new Sister. We welcome Kim Kaahanau to our lodge.

We continue to try to get new members to increase the size of our membership.

Last month we got together and celebrated Cinco De Mayo with a taco salad dinner.

After dinner we put together survival goodie bag kits for the school nurses in honor of Nurses Week.

Though we are small we continue to try to make a dif-

ference in our community. We have another delivery from our food collection to deliver to the food bank.

We are hoping to have a yard sale before summer to add a little money to our treasury.

Since our hall was sold we are limited to what we can do for fund-raisers, but we are willing to try.

We wish for all of you a relaxing and fun summer.

— *The Members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254*



Oak Leaf #254 Rebekah Lodge members Mary Stewart, Linda Boatman, Betty Bennett and Kathy Gould share the survival kits they made for our school nurses in honor of Nurses Week.

Spunky Bluebirds #93 looking for new girls!

Hey Brothers and Sisters,

Do you have a relative or friend, age 8 to 18, that might want to become part of our Order as a Theta Rho Girl? This is our junior branch of the Order.

Spunky Bluebirds #93 of South Tacoma is looking for members so we can keep this great club going and introduce young ladies to our Order.

If you have a young one interested, please contact Advisor Sylvia Summers at:

sylviasummers@gmail.com

You can also contact the Grand Lodge of Washington for an application. Members of Spunky Bluebirds #93 meet the first and third Tuesday of every month, September through June. This is a great opportunity to join our Order.

Thanks for a fantastic Theta Rho Girls Retreat

Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79, Eta #94, and Spunky #93 extend heartfelt **THANK YOUs** to all the folks who generously gave their time and energy to provide another wonderful Theta Rho Assembly Retreat filled with lifelong memories. The Retreat was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

Many thanks to the Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for graciously sharing their beautiful park and cozy facilities. The girls absolutely love the opportunity to spend time outside. They are always eager to explore the wonders of the beach and maybe dip a toe or two into the icy water.

In the evenings the fire pit provides a sacred space that warms both the body and the heart. And of course, sweetly provides S'Mores. The meeting hall is a perfect space for a big two-day slumber party buzz with laughter and bonding. The park is a very special place for all of us.

THETA RHO GIRLS VERY APPRECIATIVE

The girls appreciated and loved the scrumptious dinner prepared by members of the Grand Lodge. They also enjoy the teasing that always occurs when Grand Lodge Officers are in the building.

Many, many thanks go to our dedicated Joint Youth Committee which always goes out of its way to ensure the girls have everything they need including meals, support, guidance, and lots of love and kindness.

Jennie Reed and Laurel Delony not only shopped for and prepared meals and snacks, they also joined

right along with us sleeping on the floor both nights. You are our role models and heroes!!

Thanks to all who love and support us.

— Sylvia Summers, Advisor
Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls Club #93



Not even trying to get a good night's sleep are Lucy Crouch of Acorn #79 (top) and Victoria Schlim of Eta #94.

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It wasn't all fun and games as the girls completed a few tasks during the Retreat. From left are Evan Floyd of Spunky

Bluebirds #93, Teanna Gardener of Spunky Bluebirds #93, and Hailey Hanna of Acorn #79.



Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #73 and Spunky #94 take a romp on the beach.



Those gathered around the fire pit include Bethany Struthers, Moira Struthers, Teanna Gardner, Laurel Delony (the half face), Allister Jennings, Evan Floyd, Acorn Mom Stephanie Scheiderer, Victoria Schlim, Riley Moore, Staci Scheiderer, Shauna Schultz, and Eta Mom Darrelaine Beaver-Schlim.



Mom Darrelaine Beaver-Schlim and Victoria Schlim of Eta #94 exclaimed, "I hope that's not for lunch!"

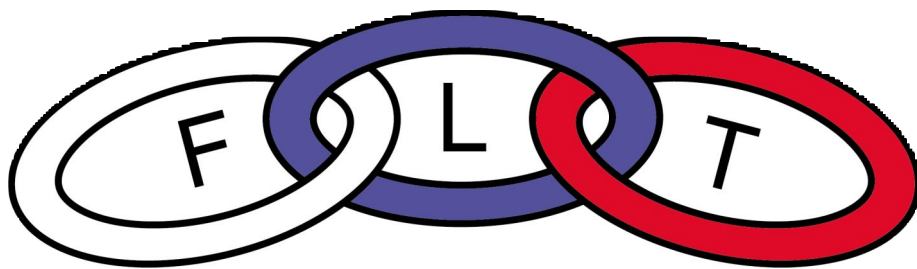


Bethany Struthers of Eta #94, along with Mary Houle and Cathy Garcia, munch on their cookies.



Evan Floyd, Riley Moore and Layla Williams enjoy some beach combing,

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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)

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ken Roth, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 900-3054. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. (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)

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) 259-6144 (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 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., 6:30 p.m. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Recess:** None. **NG:** David Soltz, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (570) 204-7893. **Sec'y:** Maegan Watson, PO Box 154 Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (253) 709-1263 (2/28/24)

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)

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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)

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., 858 Reiten Road, Kent, WA 98032. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254. **Sec'y:** Tina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (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 working on its hall

Well, we are on the count down till we are at the Red Lion Inn Yakima for our annual Grand Sessions. The time is flying by. Here we are, just got to say, hello Spring and now Summer is upon us.

A lot has happened and still a lot to do at Trinity's hall.

IT WAS A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

As I write this, I'm getting ready for our breakfast to honor moms on May 7. A hanging basket was raffled off. Thanks to Retta Winslow and Catharine Delaney for help cooking and getting breakfast served.

WORKING ON OUR HALL

On May 20 we started working on the siding of our building with a great volunteer, Chris Rovito, and a crew of Odd Fellows. So we're getting a new fresh look. Lou Ann Hoffman was in charge of the sandwich bar lunch for the workers.

On April 22, a group of members helped take the chimney out of our building and Scott Guenther and his brother-in-law Russell Sonnenberg boxed it in to give it a finished look. Others involved in the chimney project include Kip Barker, Jon O'Brian, Shad Guenther, Ryan Ashley, Scott Joachim, Jamie Salazar, Michal (Jamie's helper), Tom Epling and Barb Epling.

WE'RE STILL HAVING BINGO

The next *Bingo* for Trinity will be on Saturday, June 17. Saturday, July 8 will be *Bingo Night* for the L.C. Renal Alliance.

On July 14 and 15 will be our *Garage Sale* with lunch on Friday and breakfast on Saturday morning.

For our fun time this is our 50th year.!

See you all in Yakima!

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



See You
In Yakima
For Our
Grand
Sessions

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Rae Ann Marrelli**, PNG, Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59, passed away March 29.

The ‘Gemütlichkeit’ was flowing at Buckley’s German Dinner on May 5

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM

The “Gemütlichkeit” was flowing at the Buckley Odd Fellows Hall on Friday, May 5 for the annual Buckley German Dinner.

Beginning in May 2019 and paused the next two years for the pandemic, the tradition returned in 2022 and was even bigger this year as lodge members prepared heaping platters of pork schnitzel, rotkohl, kartoffelsalat, and kielbasa with sauerkraut.

Many members contributed to the success of the evening. Sister Joanne Balmert prepared the hall and got everything cleaned up for the dinner. Sister Laurel Delony prepared the kartoffelsalat, Brother Matt McCollum made the kielbasa and kraut, Brother Toby Hanson prepared the pork schnitzel and mushroom sauce, and Sister Dannielle Hanson made the rotkohl.

After the meal was served, Brother Toby pulled out his accordion and serenaded the crowd with some hearty German music to match the hearty German food. After the dinner, Brother Dave Delony assisted Sister Joanne with cleanup duties in the kitchen.

The best part of the German dinner was the community engagement. Buckley Lodge #75 strives to

build connections with our community and provide social opportunities for our members outside of regular lodge meetings. About a third of the attendees were from the Buckley community at large; another third were from Olympia Lodge #1; and the rest were our lodge members.

Those who came to the dinner who were not members were treated to a tour of the Odd Fellows Museum downstairs after their meal. All attendees were very happy with the dinner and are already looking forward to next year’s event. **Prost!**

For you non-German linguists, “Gemütlichkeit” translates to agreeably pleasant or comfortable.



Above: Toby Hanson entertains the crowd with German music on his accordion. **Upper Right:** Everyone enjoyed the great dinner. **Lower Right:** How can you resist this?



Buckley IOOF Lodge #75

Noble Grand feels the energy of our history

It was my honor and privilege as the Noble Grand of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 to confer the Initiatory Degree upon three new members on April 26, 2023.



JAMIE VEST BEY,

While it was the first time I had the task of doing so, I took my excitement, along with a bit of trepidation, and undertook the task head on! You see, there is something extra special, an element of energy that can only truly be felt, when it comes to conferring or receiving the Degrees in Odd Fellowship!

It's not just the Degree work itself, but also the putting on of the robes and getting

the other props ready for use. When I put those robes on, whether or not I'm the one conferring the Degree or just assisting by being in another position,

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

I **FEEL** as if I'm transforming back into time, to the actual place where it all begins — where the lessons that we are learning as new members are based from. And, so it was again, on this night.

I wish to extend my gratitude to all of the members who came out and assisted in putting on a beautiful Initiatory Degree ceremony for the three Brothers who have just joined us. It was an experience, that I will **NEVER** forget. What made it even more special to me, was that we performed this Initiation, on the 204th Anniversary of the establishing of our Order here in the United States! Yes, I believe that on that night, we had the spirits of Thomas Wildey and the other four men who met at the Seven Stars Tavern In Baltimore on April 26, 1819, as well as our past Brothers and Sisters from Buckley #75, as well as worldwide with us!!

May we continue to promote the great teachings and traditions of this Order, by our words, actions and deeds.

— Jamie Vest Bey, Noble Grand

Jamie Vest Bey

Odd Fellow benefits from Rebekah love!!

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment, to elaborate on just how much I have benefited from becoming a Rebekah. On February 15, 2022, I became a Rebekah. Little did I know, just how much of an impact this would become, and the subsequent benefit I would enjoy.

LOVE AND JOY AT EVERY MEETING

What has stood out so profoundly to me, is the love, dedication and joy that we experience **EVERY** meeting! We share a meal before every meeting together, and have the added joy of also sharing that meal with our Theta Rho Girls (Shout out to the Spunky Bluebirds!).

In addition to this, the most profound benefit I have received, is the enhancing of my understanding of being an Odd Fellow! Those teachings are enhanced by being a Rebekah.

I also must say that the day that I became Noble Grand of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 was a profound moment for me. You see, I am privileged to have a couple Past Assembly Presidents in my Lodge, and the mere fact that they, along with the other members of the Lodge, had such great confidence in me, that they elected me to the esteemed office of Noble Grand. It was heartwarming and made me feel electrified, and desirous to get to work.

SURE I WAS NERVOUS

My first meeting as Noble Grand was held during the time when our Assembly President was making her official visit. Yes, I was a bit nervous, but the looks of confidence that I received from the members of the lodge gave me the boost that I needed. I have to say, that being a Rebekah may have started out as a complimentary Degree, yet the foresight that brought it into existence, shows to **THIS REBEKAH**, that it is **NOT** complimentary at all, but equal, and enhances the lessons of Odd Fellowship in totality. They are, to me, on equal footing, going hand in hand. I Love being a Rebekah, as much as I love being an Odd Fellow. The energy is filled with **love**.

— Jamie Vest Bey, Noble Grand,
South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Acorn Girls are ready for Sessions

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SESSIONS

Well June is here and this is our final article before summer break.

We are excited that Sessions are coming soon and have been busy working on our club's assignments. We are looking forward to Lucy Crouch's meeting and Victoria's Fun Night. We know we will have a good Session. We are planning on bringing 11 girls.

Our last activity was scrapbooking and a picnic at the beach because our picnic after the clean-up day in April got rained out.

Our congratulations go to our members Desiree Gardiner and Lucy Crouch on their graduations from high school.

See you all in Yakima!

Until next September. . .

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



Riding on Acorn's float are Stacy Gardiner, Sarah Thomas, Riley Moore (behind the balloons) and Lucy Crouch.



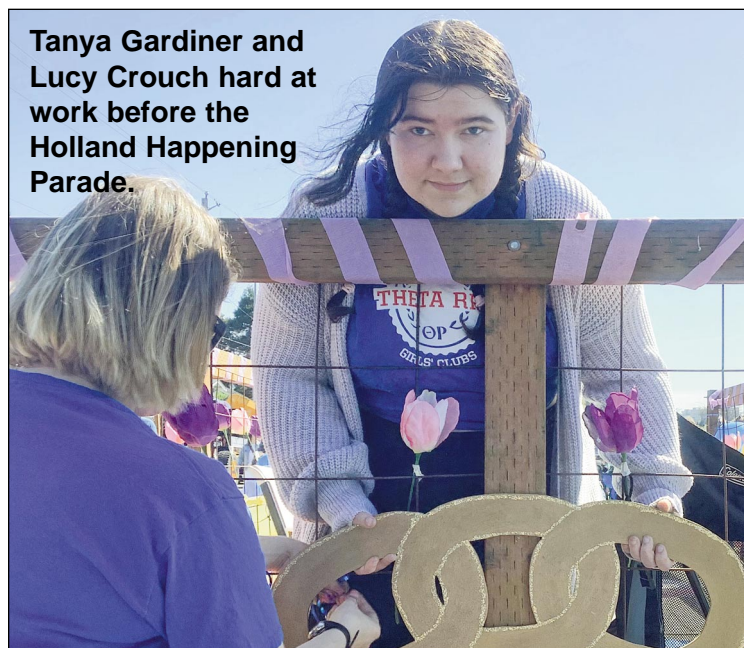
Waiting for the Holland Happening Parade to start are Lucy Crouch, Sarah Thomas, Riley Moore and Stacy Gardiner.



Walking with the Acorn Club Banner are Leilah McNichols and Jessy Dailey in the annual Holland Happening Parade.



Stacy Gardiner works stuffing tulips on Acorn's float.



Tanya Gardiner and Lucy Crouch hard at work before the Holland Happening Parade.



Olympia IOOF #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 sponsor annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8



Allister Jennings, “LoLo” the Easter Bunny and Jordan Lemons.



The Easter Bunny making an entrance.



Cathy Garcia, left, reading an Easter story.



David Miller flips burgers while Rick Garcia critiques.

89th Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

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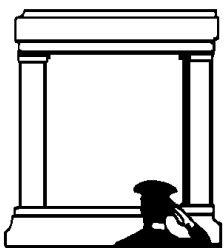


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what I had heard about the pilgrimage. We are in no way the only group that has permission to lay wreaths at the tomb or anywhere in Arlington cemetery, and there is no guarantee that we will do this next year or any year. The Army's Old Guard oversees who and where in the cemetery any of these ceremonies happen and our application is submitted each year just after our pilgrimage for the next year. I beg you, if you have an interest in attending one of these ceremonies you should do it.

On Sunday at the pilgrimage, we had a ceremony in the amphitheater at the Tomb, where we opened with a prayer and the singing of the Canadian and American National Anthems. Then Sovereign Grand Master, the Honorable Michelle Heckart, gave a very heartfelt speech. After this the heads of the IARA, the General Military Council and Sovereign Grand Master laid wreaths at the upper part of the Tomb during the changing of the guard. Following was the ceremony below the steps of the Tomb that we took part in, with Washington and all the other states presenting wreaths. I was honored to represent our state.



— Thank you, Michael Scheurich,
Deputy Grand Master,
Jurisdiction of Washington

Deputy Grand Master Michael Scheurich enjoys the sun and sights of our nation's capital.



No, the Washington Monument isn't tipping over, it must be surprised to see part of the delegation from the other Washington. From left are Ron Hanson, Michael Scheurich and John "Johneo" Otterstrom.



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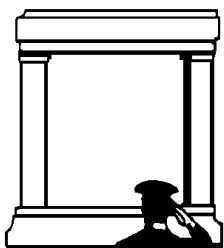


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On Sunday at the pilgrimage, we had a ceremony in the amphitheater at the Tomb, where we opened with a prayer and the singing of the Canadian and American National Anthems. Then Sovereign Grand Master, the Honorable Michelle Heckart, gave a very heartfelt speech. After this the heads of the IARA, the General Military Council and Sovereign Grand Master laid wreaths at the upper part of the Tomb during the changing of the guard. Following was the ceremony below the steps of the Tomb that we took part in, with Washington and all the other states presenting wreaths. I was honored to represent our state.



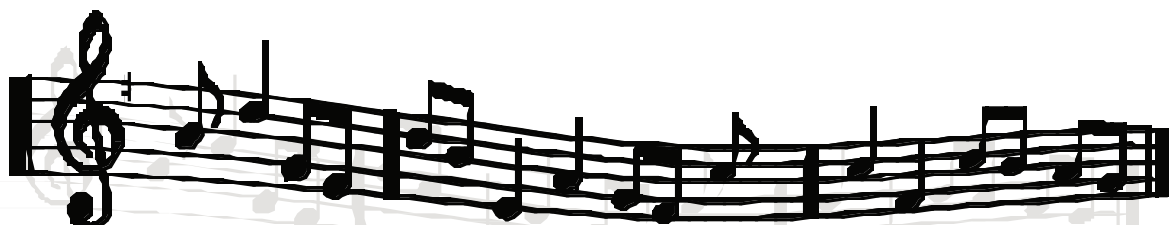
— Thank you, Michael Scheurich,
Deputy Grand Master,
Jurisdiction of Washington

Deputy Grand Master Michael Scheurich enjoys the sun and sights of our nation's capital.



No, the Washington Monument isn't tipping over, it must be surprised to see part of the delegation from the other Washington. From left are Ron Hanson, Michael Scheurich and John "Johneo" Otterstrom.

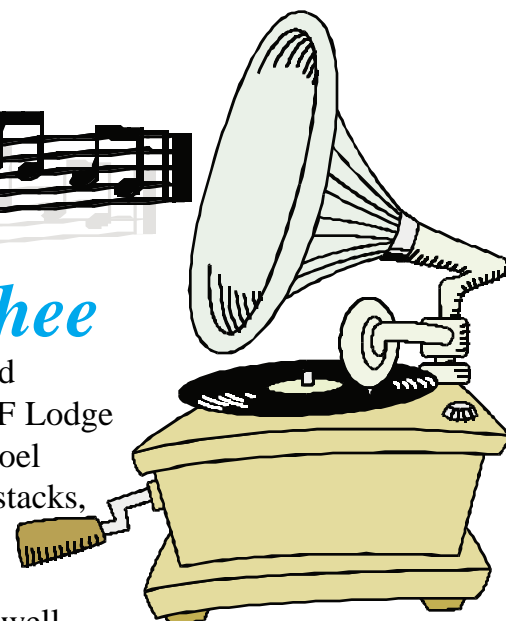




Vinyl is alive and well in Wenatchee

The first-ever Apple Valley Record Expo was held in Wenatchee's Odd Fellows Hall, 601 N. Chelan Ave., on Saturday, May 13. Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 Vice Grand Hazel Mahan, and Right Supporter to the Vice Grand Joel Myrene originated the free event which drew hundreds to check out the stacks, boxes and variety of records from the 1920s to recent times. Both floors of the Odd Fellows Hall were packed with merchandise and buyers.

A booth with all kinds of Odd Fellow items and information was also well attended.



Recording new members

Joanne Balmert made the trek across the Cascade Mountains to Wenatchee to attend the Apple Valley Record Expo held on both floors of the Odd Fellows Hall. Joanne brought many historic items from the Odd Fellows Museum in Buckley. Of course, she also brought a fistful of membership applications.

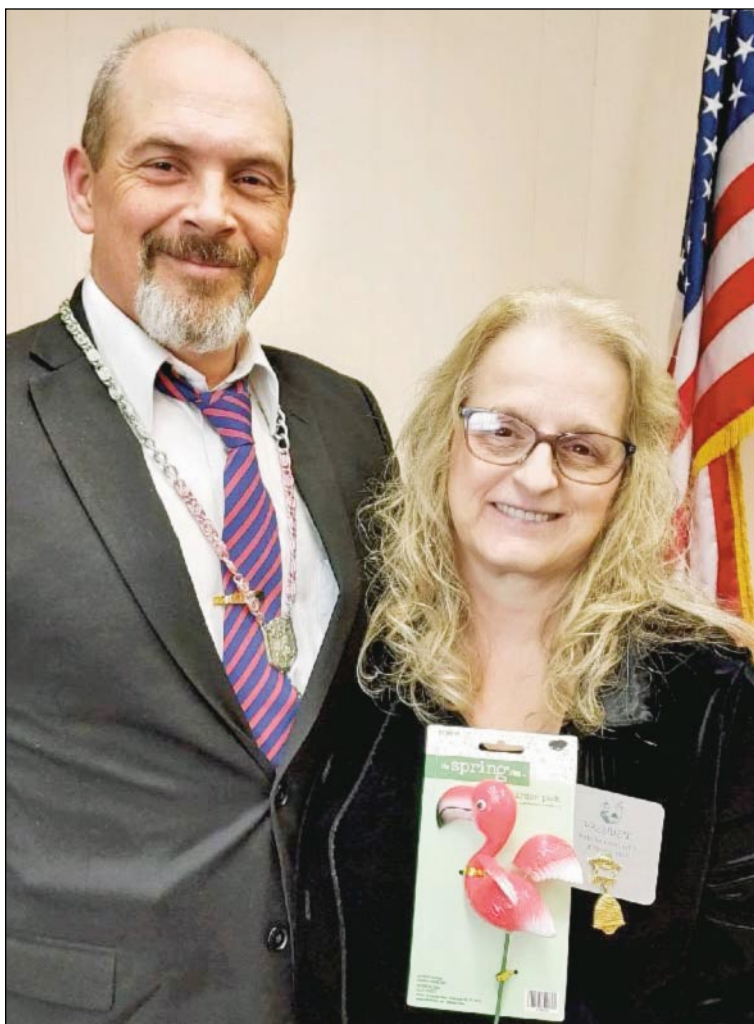




Hope Springs Eternal for Kendra in Spokane

When Assembly President Kendra Frogge' visited Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane Valley on April 19, another nice crowd was on hand to welcome her. **Above:** Front row from left, are: Tedd Swanson, George Chinn, Beverly Johnson, Debra Tobler, President Kendra Frogge', Dusti Trebe, Pat Nave and Karen Hoylman. In the back row, from left, are: PGM John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Elisabeth

Winship and Grand Master Tim Moon. **Below Left:** Grand Master Tim Moon presents Kendra with a flamingo, her chosen mascot. **Below Right:** Kendra is presented with more flamingo gifts by Elisabeth Winship, soon to be Mrs. Grand Master. Kendra was given flamingos, of course, for fun and a donation to her project.



Last chance to sign up for Grand Sessions

Registration forms for our 2023 Grand Sessions are available in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. These forms include 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.

Grand Sessions

Be sure to have your Credentials with you

Brothers and Sisters,

If you are planning to attend the Grand Lodge Sessions in June, please be aware that you will need to check in with the Credential Desk and have your dues cards ready to present.

If you are a Representative you must present your Representative's Certificate and dues cards.

If you are running for an elected office, you must present your current Odd Fellow dues card and your Rebekah dues card. The Nominations Committee will need to verify your documentation, as well.

Are you eligible to receive the Grand Lodge Degree as a Past Grand? Be sure to have your Past Grand Certificate and Odd Fellows dues card at the time you check in.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the Grand Lodge office.

SESSION DATES A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

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

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

‘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!



Yakima's Red Lion

2023 Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

June 23 through 25, 2023

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

Adults Please Use Annual Grand Session Registration Form

Club Name & Number _____

Assembly Jurisdiction _____

Advisor's Name / Phone _____

Please Fill Out On Per Theta Rho Girl

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & # _____

Current TRA Title or Past Title _____

Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____

Saturday, June 24.2023 6 p.m.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & # _____

Current TRA Title or Past Title _____

Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____

Saturday, June 24.2023 6 p.m.

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Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____

Saturday, June 24.2023 6 p.m.

Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

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

Or Email to: scpurcell@scattercreek.com

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

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.

TaNaMaKa

At our Sessions keep your eyes peeled for 'Bear Meat'

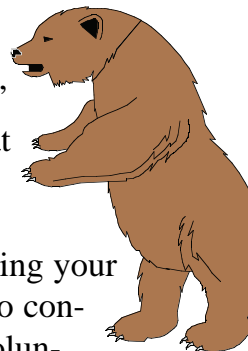
Chief of TaNaMaKa Gordon Corda has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night, June 26, following the All Branch Banquet at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center.

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

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

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

— Margaret Truttmann, Secretary, TaNaMaKa



2023 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions ~ *Registration Form* ~ June 23 through 28, 2023

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

PLEASE PRINT

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

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 _____

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2023

Late Registration after June 1, 2023 \$30.00 _____

No Refunds After June 20, 2023

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly ONLY! \$10.00 _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

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Purcell**

P.O. Box 386

Bucoda, WA 98530

Phone Laura (360) 259-6144

Phone Steve: (360) 259-2741

Email: scpurcell@scattercreek.com

2023 Grand Sessions

Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-5900 For Front Desk

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen), Number Staying in Room (*This is critical as it determines how many may enjoy breakfast as part of the room cost*), Any Special Needs/Requirements. If more than 4 per room, extra people must pay for breakfast.

There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

Rates: \$87 Single or Double \$97 Triple or Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2023. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2023 Grand Sessions Program Booklet

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

The advertisement charges are:

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

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

Please make checks out to: Grand Lodge Host Committee

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

STEVE OR LAURA PURCELL

P.O. BOX 386, BUCODA WA 98530

SCPURCELL@SCATTERCREEK.COM

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Please include the following with your ad:

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Thanks in advance for your support.

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

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*Happy 95th
Birthday
Brother
Rich!*



Rich celebrates 95 years

Moses Lake's Centennial IOOF Lodge #341 had the joy of celebrating Rich Oestreich's 95th birthday on April 28. Rich has been an Odd Fellow for more than 50 years and has accomplished a lot for our lodge and the City of Moses Lake. Thank you Rich for all you have given. Happy birthday and here's wishing you many more!



Visual Aid Committee

Bring your old glasses to Yakima

Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Visual Aid Committee we want to thank you for your donations. It is wonderful that so many children are being helped through our program, as well as adults through our Encampment.



The Visual Aid Committee will have a container at Grand Sessions where you can deposit all of the old eye glasses and cases you have collected throughout the years. The glasses will be sent on to be repaired and given to those less fortunate.

So now is the time to clean out those cupboards and drawers. You can also drop glasses off at the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley or give them to Margaret Truttmann. You may also continue to donate through any branches of our Order.

— Margaret Truttmann, PP,
Visual Aid Committee Member