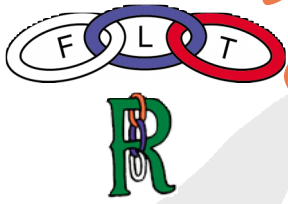


THE

Welcome Back To Lodge!



Washington ODD FELLOW



*She's Queen
For A Day
See Page 16*

SEPTEMBER, 2023

Official Publication of All Units of The Order

VOLUME 132 • NUMBER 7



Celebrating 63 years as a Theta Rho Club are, front row from left, Layla Williams, Lucy Crouch, Stacy Gardiner, and Ava Williams. In the back row, from left, are Shauna

Schultz, Hailey Hanna, Leilah McNichols, Desiree Gardiner, Alana Weatherlow, and Sarah Thomas. Not pictured is Riley Moore.

Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 still going strong after 63 years!!!

Acorn Theta Rho celebrated its 63rd Anniversary on August 12 in Oak Harbor. The Acorn is a sculpture downtown that was made from a very old Gary Oak tree that had a significant past in Oak Harbor that got cut down by the city. People were not happy when it hap-

pened and the city saved a piece of the tree and had this sculpture done. It is on the Main Street with other sculptures. We thought it would be cool to have our picture with it so did and used the photo for our scrapbook cover this year. See additional photo and story on Page 8.

From the desk of your Grand Master



MICHAEL SCHEURICH
Grand Master

LODGES ARE GEARING UP FOR FALL

Brothers and Sisters,

We are all back from our summer off if your lodge is one of many that goes dark in July and August. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy nice weather, family, and friends. I also hope you have rested up and reenergized yourself and ready to meet and have plans to get out in your community. Please share your lodge activities with this publication.

If your lodge needs the assistance that Grand Lodge can provide, please

reach out to me or the Grand Lodge office or any of my officers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST

I would like to thank all of you for trusting in me and electing me as your Grand Master. It seems like only yesterday that I was running for Grand Warden. At that time, I thought that there was lots of time before my term as Grand Master. That was a misconception on my part. It really was just a blink of an eye.

OREGON OFFICERS' RECEPTION

I traveled to Lebanon, Oregon on July 8 for the reception of Oregon's Unit Heads. It was a nice ceremony in the IOOF Lodge in Lebanon. Everyone got to hear all of the new leaders' programs and share a meal.

WASHINGTON'S RECEPTION

As a reminder, on Sunday, September 9 at 1 p.m., we will be having a reception at Olympia's Park for our new Heads of the Order. (Details elsewhere in this issue.)

OFFICIAL VISITS

I have started sending out letters to lodges to schedule my visits. If you have not received one yet do not panic. I still have quite a few more to send

out.

On August 7, I met with Olympia's Lodge and on August 10 I was at Ballard-Alki Lodge. On Tuesday, August 15, Des Moines Lodge was my destination. Then I was off to Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Iowa at the other Des Moines. I am excited to be one of Washington's representatives.

OLD SHELTON LODGE GETTING A FACE LIFT

While at Ballard-Alki's meeting, I learned that they had been contacted by the property owners of an old Odd Fellow Lodge in Shelton. They are turning the building over to a new owner and have found some old records, regalia, pictures, and property that was part of that lodge that has been gone for 30 years.

I was in Shelton recently and was able to meet and see the building that I am happy to report will be used by The Shelton Youth Connection and they have a renovation planned for that building. It is to be used to provide housing for youth in transition and will connect them to services to get them headed in a positive direction.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Michael Scheurich,

Your 2023-2024 Grand Master
(360) 731-0975, 1oddfellowmike@gmail.com



Here's the entrance to the old Odd Fellows building in Shelton. A renovation is planned by The Shelton Youth Connection. Additional photo on page 21.

From the desk of the Assembly President



CYNTHIA "DUSTI" TREBE
Assembly President

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE

As you may have figured out, I'm not much of a writer.

First, I'd like to thank everyone for the cards and such heartfelt support during the last three years. I look forward to visiting everyone this year.

As I write I'm also preparing to attend IARA Sessions in Des Moines, Iowa. It is a great honor to represent Washington State Rebekahs at these sessions.

With that I would like to simply pass on my program information at this time.

MY PROGRAM

- **Colors:** Light Pink and Periwinkle Blue
- **Emblem:** Feathered Pink Ribbon
- **Flower:** Light Peach Carnation
Carnation meaning varies depending on the flower

color. But at its heart, basic carnation flower meaning embraces the ideas of fascination, distinction, and love. The love aspect of carnation meaning includes everything from a mother's devoted love to a suitor's passion for his bride.

- **Hymn:** "I Saw The Light"
- **Project:** Cancer Care
- **Bible Verse:** 1Corinthians 12: 2-26. But God has put the body together so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

- **Motto:** Hope
Wonder
Appreciate
Reward
Respect
Inspire
Optimistic
Rebekah
WARRIOR



I hope to see many of you at the reception, Saturday, September 9 for all the new executive officers.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe,
President
Rebekah Assembly of Washington
Warriors For Hope

Clip And Save

Contact Information At Your Fingertips

Grand Lodge

Grand Master Michael Scheurich, 360-731-0975
1oddfellowmike@gmail.com
Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, 800-345-1766
grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

Rebekah Assembly

Rebekah Assembly President
Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe, 509-991-9579
Dusti74@hotmail.com
Rebekah Assembly Secretary Cathy Garcia,
360-701-5896
rebsecwa@gmail.com

Grand Encampment

Grand Patriarch John Crispin, 206-799-9233
johncrispin@hotmail.com
Grand Scribe Laurel Delony, 253-468-1949
grandscribeofgeow@gmail.com

Grand Ladies

Encampment Auxiliary (LEA)

Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco,
picancoj@gmail.com
360-561-2220
Grand LEA Scribe Maggie Truttmann,
(360) 482-2923 Maggie@olynet.com

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

I'M BACK & (ALMOST) READY TO GO!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, this has been quite a summer. I can't thank you all enough for your prayers, cards, plants and meals while I was recuperating. My surgery went well, and my doctor says my heart and aortic valve are in better shape now than they have been for several years. I'm still limiting my activities, but doing more every day and feeling much better. So, now it's time to get back to work.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

You should have already received the Rebekah Lodge Constitution with changes that were approved at Grand Lodge, along with the Book of Instructions. Please put these in the appropriate section of your Digest. If I don't have record of you purchasing the other sections of the Digest, I should have sent you a complete book. If you need additional copies, please let me know. As I have mentioned before, I think it is very advantageous for all members to have easy access to this book. It contains the Assembly Constitution and By Laws, the Standing Rules, the Lodge Constitution, the Book of Instruction and the Theta Rho Constitution.

WORKING ON THE JOURNAL

I am now focusing on the Journal from this year's Sessions. While I was disappointed that I couldn't

be there again this year, I am so very thankful to everyone who went out of their way to take notes, record activities, send me reports, and coordinate the sale of items. You are all so very special, and certainly exemplify what it means to be a "Rebekah." I appreciate you all so very much. I hope to have the Journal completed by the end of September. (No promises, but that is my game plan).

SECRETARIES, TIME TO GET READY FOR FALL

Secretaries, as your lodges return to regular meetings this month, take some time to review your minute book and your finances with your Treasurer. You will find it very helpful to look at last year's Annual Report and start getting some preliminary information together for this year's report. Be sure to keep your lodge informed as to the number of members, encourage them to invite new members and look for community services you might enjoy participating in.

SEE YOU IN OLYMPIA

I hope to see you all at the Reception for the Heads of each Branch for our Order on Saturday, September 9 at the Olympia Puget Beach Park.

WELCOME BACK TO LODGE.

— 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

Warm jackets still needed; contact Peg

I would like to thank the Past Presidents for donating the winter coats to the inmates at the South Correctional Entity. When inmates are released in cool weather, quite often they do not have a warm jacket. These warm jackets will help.

If any of you have jackets you wish to donate, please let me know. They can use both jackets for men and women. Thank you again!

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Peg Ogilvie
o_peg@yahoo.com

Member of I.O.O.F. International
Press Association

 **Washington ODDFELLOW** 

Published every month except July and August at
Buckley, Washington by the Grand Lodge of Washington.
Subscriptions Available. \$20.00 Per Year.
Non-Profit Postage paid at Buckley, Washington.
Deadline for Copy:
In the Editor's Office By the 15th of each month.
Mail Copy To: P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377

Member



Fax Copy To: (360) 829-1768
E-Mail To: billo@tx3.com
Web Site: www.ioofwa.org
Phone: (360) 829-1514

POSTMASTER:
Send all address changes to:
Washington ODDFELLOW
P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377

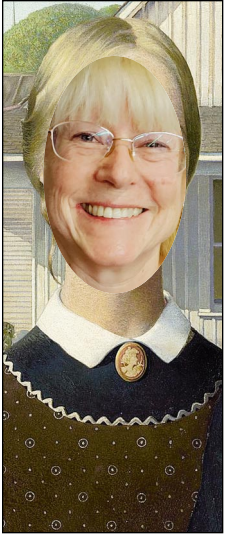
Devoted to the
Interest of
ODD FELLOWSHIP

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

YES, IT IS BACK TO LODGE TIME

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in September already. If your lodge went dark during July and August, it's now time to get back into the swing of all things Odd Fellow.



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

Secretaries, please make sure to contact your members to remind them of meetings, the time, and place. Use email, phone, letter — whatever way is best to communicate with your members. For those lodges that have a day change, and/or time change for your meetings be sure to get your lodge card updated. (That's the center section in the newspaper where it shows your lodge name, Secretary, Noble Grand, address and time and date of meetings.)

SECRETARIES, LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU INITIATE A NEW MEMBER

Secretaries, just a reminder that when your lodge initiates a new member, the new member form must be sent to me and SGL. You can also just email me their information and let me know whether they want the newspaper mailed or emailed. Please don't wait on sending their information. Get it to me ASAP. I often see news articles and pictures of new members in the newspaper and yet I have not been notified. We need to keep a good count of all of our members. So, please make sure the information is sent in as soon as possible after conferring the Initiatory Degree.

2023 JOURNALS MAILED

Lodges, I mailed out the 2023 Journal of Proceedings for Grand Lodge. In the packet were the Washington Digest updates and your lodge's Per Capita that is now due. You can pay half the Per Capita now and the balance by December 15, but it must be paid in full by December 15.

UPDATE YOUR DIGEST PAGES

Please make sure that you update the Digest pages. (The black book.) There aren't many so it should only take a minute to replace the pages. But make sure this happens. The DDGM for your district and the Grand Master will be checking that your books are in order and updated. If you get a chance, under Good of the

Order, read the updated sections so your members are aware.

Associate Membership has changed from two to three. Conveyance of assets has been cleaned up and the Past Grand Masters' Association has been changed.

WERE BACK FROM SGL

Last month many of us attended Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Des Moines, Iowa. Updates to the SGL code (green book) have been voted on and the updates, once printed, will come out, probably sometime in January of 2024.

We had a great time and I got to witness the first female Sovereign Grand Master run the Sessions. Not only was Michelle Heckart an inspiration to me, but to our young ladies of the Theta Rho.

Speaking of Theta Rho, just a shout out to our girls and advisors of Washington. You made us all proud. Thank you for your shining light!

YOUR JOURNAL IS A TOOL

Back to the Journal of Proceedings. Please use this Journal as a tool. All of your elected and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge are listed on the inside front cover. On the back inside cover are the names and contact information for the Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, and Grand LEA. Odd Fellow Secretaries are listed on pages 76-78, Grand Lodge Representatives are on 78-79, District Deputies are listed on page 80 with their phone numbers, lodges by district are on pages 80-82, and past grand officers are listed on pages 84-85. So keep it handy if you're looking for addresses.

Website; I've completed some updates on the website. Please, if you have a chance, go in and take a look to see if I have your lodge information correct.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **All Branch Reception** — Saturday September 9, 1 p.m., Olympia Odd Fellow Park located at 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia, WA. Meat and light refreshments will be provided. They are asking that everyone bring a dish to share. Open to all.

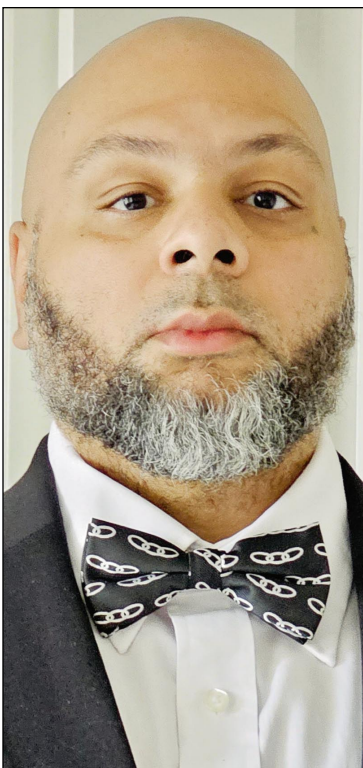
- **District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting** — Saturday, October 7, Buckley Odd Fellows Hall, 120 Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321 10 a.m.

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

From your 2022-23 Grand Conductor

GRAND CONDUCTOR PRESENTED MEDALLION AWARD

At the 2023 Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington Sessions in Yakima, I was honored and privileged to not only meet and share numerous meals and conversations with our Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart, but also received from her on June 28, the Medallion Award.



JAMIE VEST BEY
Grand Conductor

It was a pleasant surprise, because Odd Fellowship has given me so much, that my efforts on behalf of the lodges that I represent within the community pale in comparison. What I can say is that I have learned so much from this year's Grand Sessions; the long time members have given me great lessons that not only benefit me in Odd Fellowship, but in life.

The warmth, joy, and familial love on display

was a sight to behold! Many of us only see one another once per year because we stay on the other side of the mountains. So, we have to make up for the distance in a few short days, which we do to perfection!

I am grateful to be in a Jurisdiction where Odd



Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart presents Grand Conductor Jamie Vest Bey with the Medallion Award at our Grand Sessions in Yakima.

Fellowship is more than just a fraternal relationship, we are **FAMILY!** And that, is the reason why we exist, and ultimately what will keep us thriving!

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Jamie Vest Bey, Grand Conductor

You will be hearing from SGL via email

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Sovereign Grand Lodge is starting a program reaching out to all its members. You have probably not heard from us before by email. We want you to know how we work, what we are doing and help you understand the structure of our Order. This is your Order, help us help you.

The latest issue of the *IOOF News* can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://oddfellowssite.files.wordpress.com/2023/07/2023-jul-aug.pdf>

You will be sent many emails in the future, helping you with your journey in Odd Fellowship. Please make sure all your fellow members have their correct email addresses on file with the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth. Michelle Heckart,*
Jr. Past Sovereign Grand Master

Mavis House, 2000-01 RA President, passes

Mavis House, Past Assembly President and Past Grand Matriarch, passed away on June 9, 2023 at the age of 88.

She joined Goldendale's Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 in 1975. Mavis was also a member of the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary and the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

Mavis, along with her husband, Ernie, were the registration chairpersons for many years for Grand Lodge and Assembly Sessions. Ernie was a Past Grand Master.



MAVIS HOUSE

She served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington during 2000-2001. Her motto was "Closer Fraternal Relations with all Six Units of the Order." The rainbow was her emblem along with dogwood and roses as her flowers. Mavis loved music and she chose "God Bless America" and "How Great Thou Art" for her songs. Her fun music was "Side by Side" and "Rainbow."

Her project with the Grand Master was to build a greenhouse at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla – for both the gardeners and residents to share. She served as Grand Matriarch in 1988-1989 and 2021-2022.

She will be greatly missed.

South Tacoma #160 Rebekahs are baack

Yes, we're **baaaaaack!** South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm, at the Buckley Odd Fellow hall.

Please come join us for Rebekahship. We'd love to see you!

— Fraternally,

Laurel Delony, South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

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 Grand Master Mike Scheurich (360) 731-0975, or

1oddfellowmike@gmail.com

Laura Purcell found one of 2 June 'Sammy' photos

Laura Purcell of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows Lodge #129 in Bucoda found Sammy in our June edition despite the fact that she was up to her ears helping plan our 2023 Grand Sessions in Yakima. However Sammy actually appeared twice in the June edition — once unintentionally and once on purpose. The accidental photo appeared on page 11 in the group photo where she was being held by Presley. The "real" picture was on the next page (12) in the upper left hand corner of the top photo. Although the first picture was unintentional, so many people guessed the picture on page 11, we decided to count both.



HELP FIND SAMMY AGAIN

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

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



Acorn Girls tops in Scrapbooking

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 with their Scrapbook Award earned at our Grand Sessions in Yakima. Front row, from left, are Riley Moore, Desiree Gardiner, Lucy Crouch, Stacy Gardiner, Hailey Hanna,

and Layla Williams. Back row, from left, are Kathi Picanco of the JYC, Shauna Schultz, Alana Weatherlow, Leilah McNichols, Ava Williams, Sarah Thomas and John "Johneo" Otterstrom of the JYC.

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

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Our club took 11 girls to Theta Rho Assembly in Yakima in June and Lucy Crouch from Acorn presided as President. Our club received awards for Most New Members, First Place for Scrapbook and Arthritis. Hailey Hanna was elected Vice President and Stacy Gardiner Treasurer for the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. Those receiving appointive offices were Desiree Gardiner, Riley Moore, Shauna Schultz, Sarah Thomas, Alana Weatherlow, Leilah McNichols, Ava Williams and Layla Williams.

CELEBRATING 63 YEARS

On August 12 we celebrated our 63rd anniversary. Our club was chartered on August 12, 1960 and our current Advisor was a Charter Member.

Some of our members attended a going away party for Lucy Crouch as she prepared to leave for college in Montana. Lucy will be missed as she has been a dedicated member for 10 years.

IOWA YOUTH DAYS

We had eight girls attend Youth Days in Iowa. Thanks all those who made this trip possible for us — Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, JJYC and our travel agent Sister Laurel Delony.

We were happy to be able to represent our

Jurisdiction and to see some of the youth from other Jurisdictions who had been before and we made some new friends as well. We really appreciate your support.

After returning we had our kick off get together for our Papa Murphy pizza cards. Our sales go from September 1-30. Let us know if you would like some. We will have them with us at the All Branch Reception on Saturday, September 9.

Until Next month. . .

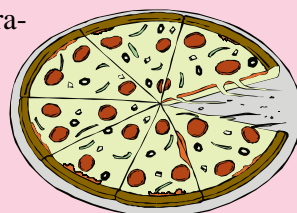
— With Theta Rho Hugs from Acorn
In Happiness Through Service, Members of Acorn #79

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

Purchase Papa Murphy Pizza Cards for \$5 and receive \$32 in savings at all Papa Murphy locations in Washington State. No expiration date. The cards give you \$4 off eight pizzas. Acorn will be selling these cards until September 30, 2023.

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

queenche2000@frontier.com





Grand Master's official visit to Ballard

Grand Master Michael Scheurich made his official visit to Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 on August 10.

The photo includes Greg Powers, Michael Douglas, Nora Carria, Penny Curtis, Linda Shwab, Grand Master

Michael Scheurich, Michael Berman, Jerry Smith, Kathleen Walters, Bob Duniway, Ezekiel Blessing, Christopher P. Moore, Rich Ater, Michito Iwata, and Michael Manning.



Looks like a Cecil B. DeMille production

This summer members of Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 conferred the Degree of Friendship on members Christopher P. Moore, Roxanne Duniway, Kirk Mason, Michael Bergman, Kathleen Walters, and Luis Benito! The cast of thousands who performed the Degree include, from left, Katie Gray, Richard Brzustowicz,

Sandra Shepard, Linda Shwab, Greg Powers, Carol Adelman Kennedy, Jerry Smith, Malcolm Kennedy, Ezekiel Blessing, Michael Manning, Bob Duniway, Michael Douglas, Nora Carria, and Karen Lindquist. Ballard-Alki had 20 members at this meeting!



Now the cats can play!

Kendra Frogge presents a check for \$5,022 to Oakbrook Cat Rescue, the proceeds from her project while serving as Rebekah Assembly of Washington President. Pictured with Kendra are two volunteers from Oakbrook, Sandy (center) and her niece Sandra. Oakbrook rescues cats, pays for their medical expenses and fosters them in homes until the organization

can find permanent homes for them. They are a no-kill rescue. They hold foster events at pet stores in the area hoping to find homes for their rescues. They are a non-profit organization and runs on donations only. The volunteers are amazing and give so much of their time for the cats.



Ballard Alki initiates two in May

Members of Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 are very happy to have initiated Peter Weston and Christopher P. Moore into our lodge on May 25! From left behind our initiates (seated) are Michael Manning, Bob Duniway, Kirk Mason, Roxanne Duniway, Michael

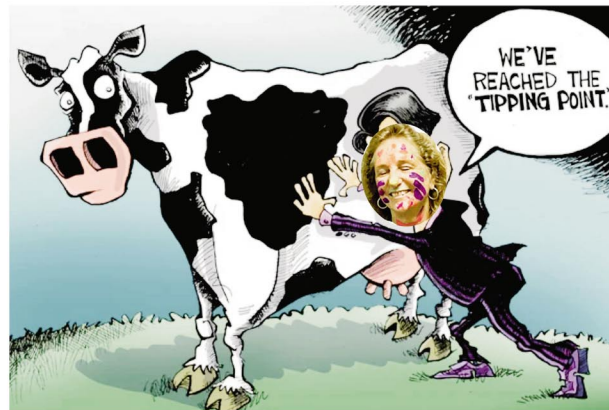
Douglas, Katie Gray, Kathleen Walters, Linda Shwab (hiding behind Kathleen), Jerry Smith, Ezekiel Blessing, Karen Lindquist, Darren Lay, Michael Berman, Greg Powers and Nora Carria.



**Grand Master Tim Moon Claims
Little Green Men Kidnapped
Him Using Nefarious Torture
Techniques To Obtain The
“Unwritten Work.”**
*“Just Become A Member
Or Mind Meld May Work”*
Tim Never Looked So Good!

**Iowa Farm Girl
Michelle Heckart
Breaks Glass Ceiling
As First Female Sovereign
Grand Master.**

*Michelle Declares
“Aliens Are Among Us!”*
**She sees cows being tipped in pastures.
But is she responsible?
It looks like it to us!**



WASHINGTON ODD FELLOW NATIONAL

Summer 2023

ENQUIRER



**President Kendra Frogge’ Reveals
Her dreams After Presidency:**

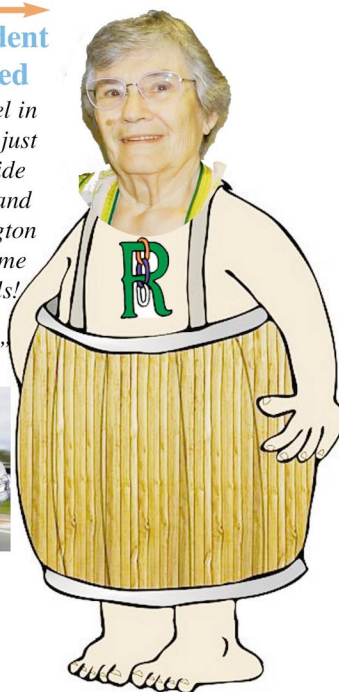
**President Kendra states that after term, she will be taking her Flying
Saucer License Test. No Doubt She Will Pass The Eye Exam.**
*Once she passes, Kendra will be heading to the stars where she plans to
dance The night away to Frank Sinatra’s “Fly Me To The Moon”*

**IARA Vice President
EllenJean Whited**

*“This is how we travel in
New York State. I am just
back from another ride
over Niagara Falls, and
since I am in Washington
State, I am going home
via Snoqualmie Falls!
Or Should I
Fly Herbie Home?”*



**Thanks To
EllenJean
Our IARA
Official Rep!**



Thanks For Visiting Our Sessions, Michelle!

Have A Safe Trip Back To Iowa
(If That Is Where You Are Really Going)



**Grand Patriarch
Joe Picanco Says:**
“We Come In Peace”
Nanu, Nanu!

**Thanks To Both Michelle
And EllenJean!**

**You Are Out Of
This World!!**

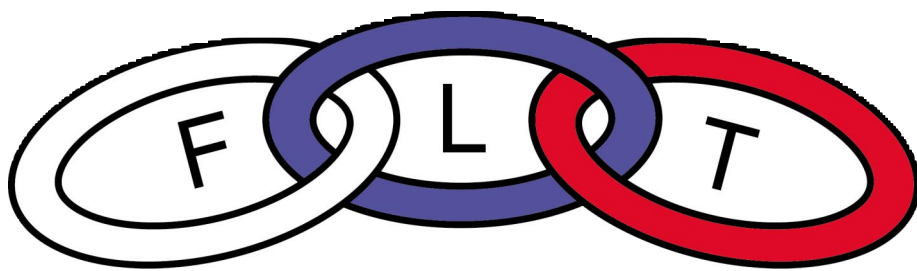


Grand Matriarch Maggie Truttmann:

“I haven’t seen any cows. What cows? I’ll see cows when pigs fly”
Is the Grand Matriarch hiding something from the Grand LEA?
Enquiring Minds Want To Know!

Did you happen to see this edition of the *Enquirer* at the check-out lane at your favorite grocery store? Can you believe the entire front page was devoted entirely to our Grand Officers and a couple of outsiders from Iowa and New York. This was part of the fun provided at our Grand Sessions in Yakima.

~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20
Per
Year**

LODGE CARD UPDATE

**Send To:
Grand
Lodge**

Include Area Code in Telephone Numbers

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____

Meeting Place Address _____

Lodge Mailing Address _____

Meeting Days _____

Meeting Time _____ Recess Months Of _____

Noble Grand's Name _____

His/Her Address _____ (City) _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Secretary's Name _____

His/Her Address _____ (City) _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

**Send Your Lodge Card Updates To: Grand Lodge
Of Washington, P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321**

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 First meeting remote, second meeting in person. **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 Gasperek, 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)

~ Lodge Cards ~

Rate: \$20 per year from March 1 of the current year to February 28 of the following year

Submit information and payment to:

**The Grand Lodge of Washington
P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377**

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

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

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

~ Lodge Cards ~

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: 12909 Pacific Ave. So., Tacoma, WA 98444. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 5343, Spanaway, WA 98387. **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

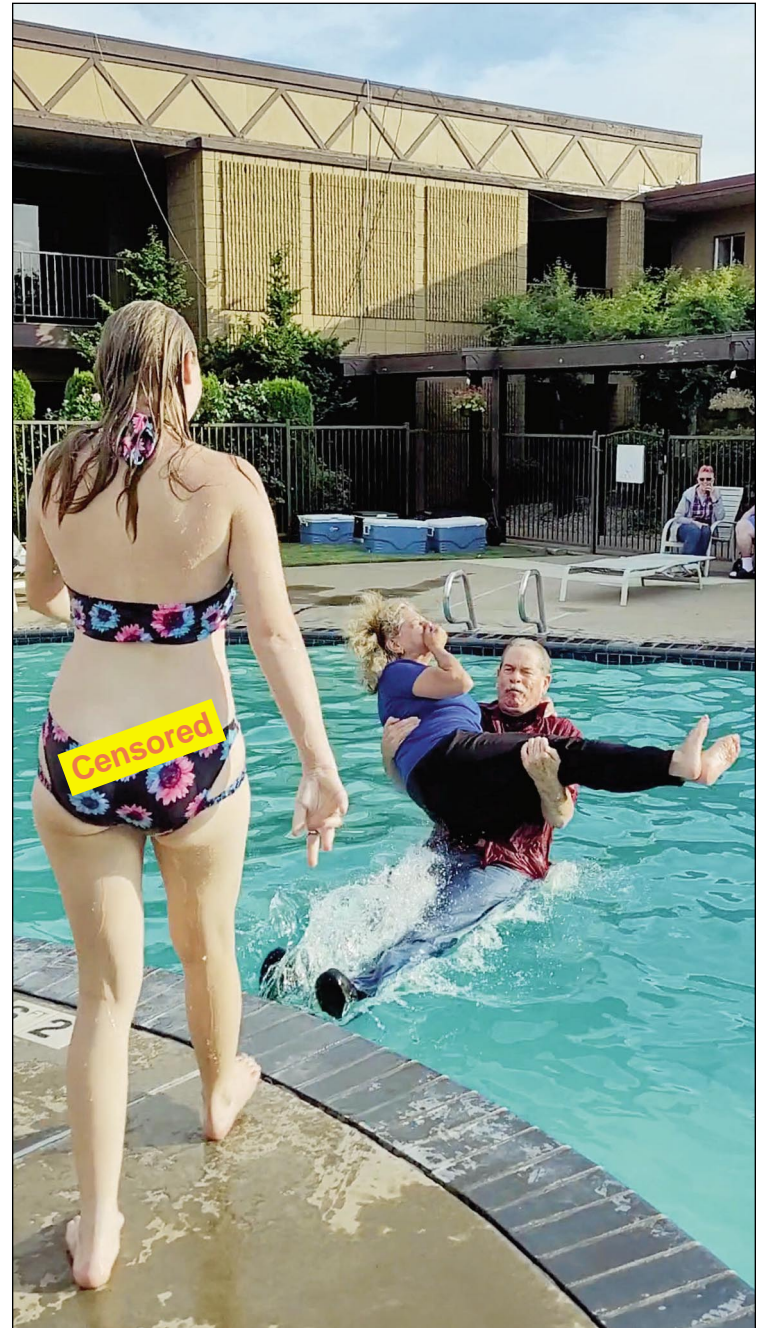
Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 612, Napavine, WA 98565. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Virginia Erckenbrack, 316 Tennessee Road, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 508-4215. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 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)



Splish Splash. . .

PGM David Delony was just trying to cool off in the pool at Grand Sessions in Yakima. Poor Dave had his hands full when then Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart decided to join the fun. We're guessing all they have in Iowa for pools are cattle tanks, so this looked pretty inviting. As you can see, they are both fully dressed. Why?? Because they are preserving their farmer's tans. One of our Theta Rho Girls is waiting for the chance to join them.

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Mavis House**, Past RA President, Past Grand Matriarch, 47 year member, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 in Goldendale.

*We Miss You
Sister Mavis!*



A very nice crowd enjoyed a delicious dinner when the members of South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211 held its

Annual Roll Call Dinner on June 13. Members of the local community also attended.

South Tacoma Roll Call Dinner a success

South Tacoma Lodge #211 held its Annual Roll Call Dinner on the evening of June 13, 2023, and boy was it a great success! We had an excellent turnout of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from all throughout our great Jurisdiction of Washington, along with their families, friends and members of the community. We were honored and privileged to have in attendance our then DGM Michael Scheurich, Our Grand Patriarch Joe Picanco, as well as our Grand Warden Steve Purcell. In addition, we had the chance to fellowship with a couple people from the Masonic Lodge of Spanaway #83, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, Free and Accepted Masons; as well as Tacoma Chapter #38 of the Order of Eastern Star. The food was delicious, and the fellowship was even greater. The Noble Grand of South Tacoma Lodge #211, Alicia Vest Bey, put on her Chef Hat, and cooked a **HUGE** meal, along with her Sous Chef, Recording Secretary of the Lodge, Jamie Vest Bey, and some great grilled steak and chicken from the Treasurer of the Lodge, Duard Fyffe.

A TRADITION IS REVIVED

The Roll Call Dinner has been a tradition of South Tacoma for some time; however, due to the COVID restrictions and the selling of the Lodge Hall, it hasn't been done in a while, until now. The atmosphere of Fraternal Bonds and Love were abundantly dis-

played; there was laughter and joy abound. **THESE** are the things which make us, as Odd Fellows, special. We understand just how strong we are together, as taught in our lesson about the bundle of sticks. We **FEEL** that love and energy, each and every time we meet, whether it's for a meeting, a dinner, or just a fleeting moment in passing one another going about our day. This is because the principles of Odd Fellowship are of the highest quality, and as we become more involved in Odd Fellowship, those principles compound and become a part of **EVERY PART** of who we are, how we treat and care for the world, and who we will become.

LOVE BEGINS WITH FRIENDSHIP

Love is the highest principle known to man, and it begins with our Friendship with one another, in a natural progression to Love, culminating in Truth. Odd Fellowship teaches us that as we become Friends with one another **IN** Odd Fellowship, our actions endears us to the community as Friends; when we begin to Love each other, we start to Love our community, which leads us to do the many charitable works that we do in the community and worldwide. We must **NEVER** forget our purpose as Odd Fellows, and continuously strive to uphold those principles and ideals that make us exactly who we are. When I personally reflect on my journey as

Continued On Page 15



These diners look very satisfied with their vittles at South Tacoma's Roll Call Dinner.

Delicious dinner at South Tacoma

Continued From Page 14

an Odd Fellow, it brings tears to my eyes in happiness, because what I have found in Odd Fellowship, I hadn't found anywhere else. And that is the feeling of **TRUE** Friendship and Love, from the very first day I walked into that extremely cold Hall in South Tacoma. (You all remember the freezing hall!). And it has been my greatest joy, ever since. Thank you **ALL**, great Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this great Jurisdiction, for extending your hands to me in Friendship, and opening up your hearts to me with Love; for you all have taught me and given me the greatest gift of **ALL**, which is a Fraternal community and Fraternal Love, that not even words can describe. Thank you all, and I Love you all.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Jamie Vest Bey,

Recording Secretary & Communication Office,
South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211

From your 2023-24 Theta Rho President

Introducing Victoria Schlim

Hello everyone,

I'm Victoria Schlim and I am very excited to be your Theta Rho Assembly President for 2023 -2024,

GREAT SESSIONS

I am so happy to announce that this year at Assembly we had a grand total of 21 girls who attended the 2023 sessions.

This year's Fun Night was my pick and I had chosen the theme of "Off to NeverLand" complete with Peter Pan and cast.

I would also love to give a big huge thank you to everyone who came to the Oregon's Head of the Order Reception. It was truly an amazing opportunity and I am very excited to attend the reception in Washington on Saturday, September 9 and to see everyone there.

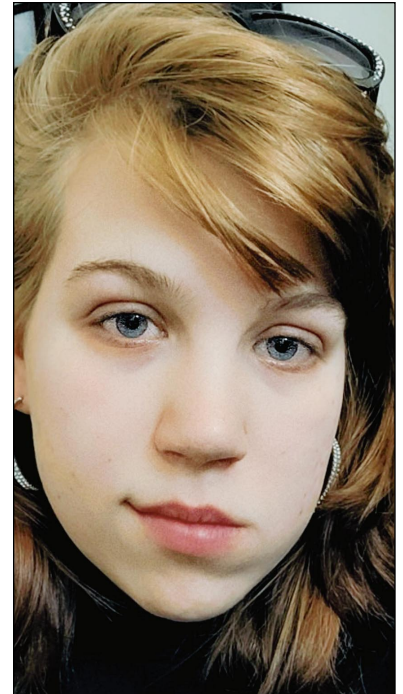
OFF TO IOWA

I flew to Iowa for Youth Days at Sovereign Grand Lodge in August and I was very excited to be able to represent the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington.

I am very big on teamwork and cooperation, so please let me know if there is anything I am able to do.

TRY EVERYTHING IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, & TRUTH

— *In Happiness Through Service,*
Victoria Schlim,
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



VICTORIA SCHLIM
TRA President

Welcome Back To Lodge Brothers And Sisters!!

Congratulations Queen Jeanette 2023



In the back row, from left, are: Cindy Walker; Leah Davies; Alma Ladd from GFWC Camas-Washougal; Dennis Gilson of Washougal IOOF Lodge #194, Tina Bair of Washougal Lodge #194 and GFWC Camas-Washougal; Kathy Jester; Hope Gilson of Washougal Lodge #194; Carol Styles of GFWC Camas-Washougal;

and Christine Kamps, GFWC Camas-Washougal President. Seated are Harry Jester of Washougal Lodge #194, along with the honored member Noble Grand, and Queen Jeanette Jester, GFWC Camas-Washougal and Washougal Lodge #194.

A Fairy Tale day

Washougal's Jeanette Jester reigns over 2023 Camas Day in grand style

"A Fairy Tale" was the theme for the 47th Annual Camas Days celebration July 21 and 22, 2023. As part of the festival a Camas Day Royal Court Queen and King are chosen. General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Camas-Washougal has overseen the selection, coronation, and luncheon for both the new incoming royalty and past court members. We have been working with this groups since 2006.

This year we partnered with the Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194 to help with this activity. We appreciated their willingness to work with us on this

project.

This year, only a Queen was selected to represent the Royal Court members during the Camas Days parade. The parade was held on Saturday, July 22. Our own Jeanette Jester was selected as the 2023 Royal Court Queen of Camas Days. Jeanette is a member of both GFWC Camas-Washougal Women's Club for more than 50 years and Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194. Jeanette has been an active member of the Camas community her entire life. She graduated from Camas High School and

CONTINUED ON PAGE 17

'Fairy Tale Day' comes true

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

Vancouver Beauty School.

JEANETTE'S VOLUNTEERISM

Jeanette's volunteer years started when she was 12 by joining the To-We-Ha Theta Rho group in Camas. They are young Rebekahs and a community organization for young women ages 12-18. She was very active with this group. When she turned 18, she joined the local Rebekah Lodge. Years later, when the Rebekahs merged with the Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194, she continued with them and now serves as their secretary.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Jeanette is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club – Camas-Washougal. Since Jeanette's mother and grandmother were also members of GFWC clubs in the Camas and Washougal areas, she would help them with their club projects — again giving back to her community.

Jeanette is also a member of GFWC Vista where she is a charter member and GFWC Alaska Gold Nuggets located in Alaska.

She has served as chairman of various projects over the years for all the clubs she has belonged to. She has dressed as Santa Claus for the "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser and played Santa for parties for special needs children. She was a strong recruiter for our "Casino Bus" fundraiser, helped with decorating Christmas trees and serving refreshments at the Festival of Trees to help raise funds for schools in the Washougal School District.

ACTIVE IN GFWC

Over years she served as chairman of various community service programs on both the Junior and General District and State levels. She also served as GFWC Washington State Junior Director in 1987 and in 2002 served as GFWC Washington State President. She has also served on the Western State Region and the General Federation of Women's Club International levels.

Over her years of service, she has been instrumental in our involvement with Holly House, a domestic violence shelter in the Stevenson area. She was very involved with getting our 501c3 non-profit status. This took a few years to accomplish, but she was determined that we were going to finish this project,

and club was awarded their non-profit status.

Her volunteer work isn't limited to GFWC or Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194, she is a charter member of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society and was elected to a six-year term as a commissioner for the Fern Prairie Cemetery. She also serves as their payroll and accounts payable employee.

SHE RAN A BUSINESS, TOO

In between all her volunteer work, she managed to work with her mother at Virginia's Beauty Shop and when her mom passed, Jeanette took over the ownership so she could continue to work with her clients as they were an important part of her life. After 50 years of working, she finally retired.

Jeanette is truly passionate about her community! She has really been living the volunteer spirit in all aspects of life.

QUEEN FOR A DAY

On Wednesday, July 12 a coronation celebration was held to bestow upon her the honor of serving as the new Queen over Camas Days for 2023. She was presented with a special crown donated by Eunice Mikesell several years ago, flowers, badge, sash, a scepter, and a travel trophy. We had an outstanding time and turnout of family and friends to honor her.

On Saturday, July 22, Jeanette represented the Camas Days Royal Court members in the annual parade in downtown Camas. Following the parade, past members of the Royal Court Kings and Queens, along with Jeanette, were honored with a special luncheon prepared by members of the GFWC Camas-Washougal Women's Club and the Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194 at Zion Lutheran Church. The church's social hall was decorated with the theme of Camas Days, "A Fairy Tale." Tables were decorated with mobiles representing the different fairy tales such as "Cinderella," "Snow White," and "Little Red Riding Hood," just to mention a few. The 2023 Queen's table was decorated with "The Frog and the Princess" as she has a collection of special frogs in her home.

We congratulate the 2023 Queen, Jeanette Jester and wish her a successful year.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
— Kathy Jester, PNG,
Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194

Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 is please to announce the four \$1,000 Lonnie Belz Scholarship winners for graduating seniors of the class of 2023

- **Emma Rodgers** from Hayes Freedom High School in Camas. She plans to attend Clark College in Vancouver, WA and has chosen psychology as her major. Eventually she hopes to become Mental Health Therapist.

- **Savannah Yokel** from Washougal High School plans to attend Emery-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ to study Air Traffic Management.

- **Megan West** from Washougal High School plans to attend the University of Washington in Seattle. She has chosen Pre-Heath Sciences/Biology as her field of study.

- **Carson Holmes** from Washougal High School plans to attend Montana State University in Bozeman and study Mechanical Engineering — Robotics/Biology.

The two alternates are Tucker Knapp and Evan Vincent should someone not use the scholarships.

ADOPTING A FLOWER BASKET

We have also adopted a flower basket from the Downtown Camas Association to bring color and beauty to historic downtown Camas this spring. The baskets add to the small town charm and experience for locals and visitors alike. This is a way for people

to contribute directly to the vibrancy of the community. A contribution of \$55 adopts a basket. There is a goal of 66 baskets along 3rd, 4th, and 5th Avenues which will add color and interest to the streets from spring through fall. Although we don't know which basket is "ours" this picture represents our basket.



Washougal's adopted flower basket.



A Grand Wedding at Grand Sessions

At Grand Sessions in Yakima, Grand Master Tim Moon tied the knot with Elisabeth Winship. Ron Hanson walked the June bride down the aisle. John "Johneo" Otterstrom

was the "Man of Honor" for the bride and Duard Fyffe was the Best Man. Laurel Delony, AKA Cousin Itt, officiated.



Lodges brawl over ‘Traveling Gavel’

After pie and ice cream at Yakima Lodge IOOF Lodge #22, members held their regular meeting and we all attended. The highlight of the evening was a knock down

brawl between Yakima and Ballard-Alki Lodges over the traveling gavel started by Ballard. All this happened during Washington’s Grand Sessions.



After the ice cream social at the Yakima IOOF Lodge everyone gathered for a photo. From left are Duard Fyffe, PGM; Pearlie Stewart, Oregon Grand Master; John Otterstrom, PGM; and Rebekah Assembly Warden; Laurel Delony, PGM and Grand Secretary; Toby Hanson, PGM; Joe Picanco, PGM; Dave Delony, PGM and Grand Warden; Michelle Heckart, Sovereign Grand Master (at the time); Ron Hanson, PGM; and John Crispin, PGM.



John “Johneo” Otterstrom, PGM and Rebekah Assembly Warden; Steve McCord, Grand Treasurer; and John Crispin, PGM and Grand Patriarch, all of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305.



Four Ballard members get 2nd Degree

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge # 170 members were honored to have guests assist in the conferring of the Second Degree on July 27, 2023. The candidates receiving the Degree are, seated from left, Christopher P. Moore, Roxanne Duniway, Michael Berman and Kathleen Walters. Center are Ian Stanaway, Bob Duniway and VG Linda Shwab. In the back row are Grand Conductor

Jamie Vest Bay visiting from South Tacoma #211; Nora Carria, PGP; NG and Grand Chap. Jerry Smith; PGP/PGM Toby Hanson; PGP/PGM Duard Fyffe from South Tacoma #211, and Jeffrey Nelson, our Outside Guard. Also in attendance was Tom Harper, our DDGM! Our photographer was Ezekiel Blessing and musical accompaniment was provided by Greg Powers.

From your Grand Scribe

Thank you for your help on our Journal

HEY, ALL YOU FEZ HEADS

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,
Thanks to everyone who made my work easier — so easy in fact, that the Journal was completed my first week back after vacation. It was mailed out to all Encampments.

Grand Patriarch John Crispin is listed in the back of the Journal with his new officers. The elected officers are also listed on the inside front cover of the Journal. Encampment Representatives are listed on page 25, Scribes and Encampments are listed on page 26, and Past Grand Patriarchs are listed on 26 as well. Congratulations to the new officers. I look forward to working with you this year

ALL BRANCH RECEPTION

The All Branch Reception will be held Saturday, September 9, 1 p.m., at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park located at 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia. Meat and light beverages will be provided. They are asking all attending to bring a dish to share. Open to all. Bring family, a friend, kids, and prospective members.

The Grand Patriarch's project for this year is Northwest Harvest. If you plan to make a donation, please make it out to the Grand Encampment with a note on the memo line "Grand Patriarchs Project."

— In Faith Hope & Charity

Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe,
grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com
800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

Bucoda Bulletin Board #35

Yes, our summer is winding down

Summer is winding down, and our lodges that go dark are preparing for their first meeting after the hiatus.

PACKING FOR IOWA

As I write this I am also packing for my trip to Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Des Moines, Iowa and we're also looking forward to Bucoda's annual festival of all things Halloween in October.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are currently working on a partnership with the Town and with the reconstituted Bucoda Improvement Club to support various projects, such as family game night, to engage more with the community and disseminate information about the Order and to attract new members.

A VISIT FROM OUR NEW GRAND MASTER

On Friday, September 8, Skookumchuck #129 is looking forward to an official visit from Grand Master Michael Scheurich, followed on the 9th by the All Branch Reception at the Odd Fellows Olympia Park.



Senior Center donation

On Behalf of Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75, Laurel Delony, right, recently presented a \$500 check to representatives of the Buckley Senior Center. The Center was very grateful for the support. Our lodge is hoping for more exposure in the Buckley community and this is a good start.

A Note From Your New DGM

On another note, I was honored to be elected as Deputy Grand Master at Grand Sessions in June. I can be contacted at PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA, 98530; scpurcell@scattercreek.com or (360) 259-2741 (cell phone). I am here to help the Lodges within my capacity of DGM, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

COME SEE US IN BUCODA

Remember, there is an open invitation to all members to visit us on our meeting nights. We meet the second and fourth Fridays of the month with a light dinner at 5 p.m. The Rebekahs at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellows at 7 p.m. However, both lodges will be dark the month of October. No need to call ahead, we will be happy to see you.

So until next we meet: 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 Purcell,

Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129

Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144



Old IOOF Lodge will be reborn in Shelton!

The old Odd Fellows Hall in Shelton is covered with a lot of artwork or if you prefer, graffiti. See the Grand Master's letter on Page 2 for more details.

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We're back and have been busy in Walla Walla

We have been gone for awhile but now we are back and we will catch up on what has been going on with us the last two years.

Our meetings were being held in the Odd Fellows Home and when COVID-19 came we lost our meeting place as the Home was quarantined. We were dark for several months, but we really missed the fellowship of



our sisterhood. Our Noble Grand Barbara Lechner and our Vice Grand Patty Newell graciously opened their homes to us for our meetings.

BY-LAWS UPDATE AND PARTIES

A major project was updating our by-laws. It took several months to complete this and have it done and signed off on.

You know the adage about “all work and no play,” well we also had some great parties the last two years. We had a Valentine’s craft party, hosted by Barbara Lechner where we made some pretty decorations. We had an Easter Parade of Hats with Judith Pippin winning first prize and Marthann Hall taking second for their cute home made Easter bonnets.

We celebrated two Homecoming Dinners at Mexican restaurants and our Treasurer Marthann Hall’s 100th birthday at the Dairy Queen where she had her favorite a Peanut Buster Parfait. Our big plans for a Christmas party were cancelled by bad weather so we waited until March and had a St. Patrick’s Day party instead. Judith Pippin brought entertaining games for that.

The Home lifted the quarantine and we are now able to hold our meetings there. We ended this year with a barbeque in the Clinton Street picnic area. We hope that summer is going well for everyone.

—In F .L. & T., Barbara Tvrz, Reporter



At Narcissa’s picnic, Sharon Sousa is in the foreground with Judith Pippin seated and Pauline Winters standing behind. Judith’s sister Beverly is facing Pauline and Patty Newell is cooking up burgers and hot dogs.

Mt. Constitution #88

We're keeping our Orcas Island neighbors warm

One way our lodge members give back to our community on Orcas Island is by splitting wood and delivering wood to folks who are struggling to afford to keep their homes warm. We have a thriving Community Wood Program that is in its third decade! When I think of the deliveries we have made to people who were down to almost no wood and cannot afford electric bills, it feels like we make a difference, especially when we have cold days in the winter with snow.

I am so grateful that members show up to process the wood, from receiving fallen trees, bucking them up into logs, and creating firewood of all sizes so as to make starting a fire easier. We are thankful that we have wood splitting machine as splitting by hand is basically not an option for most of us!

We team up with our local Community Resources Center who have paid staff to advocate for people in need and provide much needed resources. We are thankful to be able to be part of helping those who face challenges so that they may continue to live on the island and hopefully thrive.

—In F .L. & T., Didier Gincig,
Mt. Constitution Lodge #88

Thoughts on the Degree of Friendship

BY MICHAEL DOUGLAS,

Grand High Priest of Washington

The lesson of the 1st Degree is friendship. But what is friendship, and what are we expected to understand about it?

Some traditions claim that friendship is the summit of human relationship. This is because it is intentionally chosen. It's a relationship that we enter of our own free will. It's not something that can be forced; it's not something we're born into. It's something we have to choose freely within our hearts, which makes it different from most any other relationship in our lives. Our relatives are bound to us by blood or social contract. The people we work with or build things in the world with are chosen for their capabilities or their resources. Romantic relationships usually have an almost chemical foundation. They tend to whack us upside the head. But we choose our friends of our own free will.

FRIENDSHIP IS A PROMISE

There's a sort of contract or covenant that goes along with this. It may sound odd to speak of friendship as a contract, because it seems to reference an unfeeling or legalistic business model, but in the ancient world, in the pre-lawyer culture of the patriarchs, there wasn't much of a difference. A contract was a promise; it was a vow; it was giving your word of honor; and people would swear themselves to friendship in a way that is no longer common in our culture. Establishing a relationship of voluntary commitment in this way is the purest exercise of our freedom.

In the Hindu Vedas and the Zoroastrian Avesta we read of a god named Mitra, who later becomes Mithra in the Mediterranean world and also Matreiya, the prophesied future Buddha. Mitra in Sanskrit means "friend," but the original meaning is "contract, covenant, vow, or promise." It later took on the meaning of "friend" because friendship was recognized as a covenant relationship. We often call our acquaintances and folks we know to talk to "friends," but this is something very different. The covenant between David and Jonathan is our primary example, a vow undertaken in the face of familial and social opposition. This is why it was so powerful in the Hebrew tradition that there was a covenant between God and the people. The model for which was the covenant between God and Abraham. God

and Abraham had a legal contract. There were obligations on both sides which were very explicit, and they sealed it the way contracts were traditionally sealed at that time. They split a sacrificial animal down the middle and walked through the two halves. Actually, in the case of Abraham, they split several animals in half: a cow, a goat, a sheep, and two doves (this is detailed in Genesis 15 and associated rabbinic commentaries). They laid out a course of bisected animals and walked through them to seal the deal.

Symbolically, this suggests being parts of the same body, explicitly recognizing and initiating the depth of the relationship.

TAKING VOWS

This sense of making a vow to enter into a relationship is something we still commonly do with marriage, perhaps the only serious vow many people make in their lives. There are vows that link us to institutions: for instance, politicians sometimes take oaths of office. All federal employees take an oath to defend our Constitution. I took one years ago when I worked for the Census Bureau. These formalize the relationship between an individual and a corporate institution. But there aren't so many places in the private realm where we make these kinds of binding vows to each other. Fraternal vows, essentially swearing friendship with a bunch of people we haven't even met yet, are particularly anomalous in the modern world.

So what are we doing when we make a vow? We're engaging the will in a particular way, and we're creating an explicit energetic connection. We're opening a channel for something to happen. We're forming a vessel for something to be poured



MICHAEL DOUGLAS
GHP of Washington

CONTINUED ON PAGE 24

Washington OddFellow
P.O. Box 377
Buckley, WA 98321-0377
www.ioofwa.org

**NON PROFIT
 ORG
 US POSTAGE
 PAID
 #8
 BUCKLEY, WA**

Change Service Requested

**“PROMOTING
 ODD FELLOWSHIP
 THROUGH POSITIVE
 COMMUNICATION”**

Odd Fellows help fund ‘Gaga’ park in Buckley

I had the privilege of being introduced to this young man, Aiden Roberts, when he stepped into the Grand



Aiden Roberts, left, accepts a \$1,000 check from Laurel Delony, Secretary of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75. The check will help fund a new “Gaga” Park which is Aiden’s Eagle Scout project.

Lodge office recently.

He is a Troop #501 Eagle Scout working on his Eagle Scout Project and looking for donations. I told him that I would bring his message to the Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge meeting that night. The lodge thought his project was worthwhile and donated \$1,000.

Now you want to know what his project is, I’m sure. Well, he plans to build a “Gaga” pit for Gaga Ball in Buckley. Gaga Ball is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. dubbed a kinder, gentler version of dodgeball. The game is played with a traditional playground ball and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball. It is fun and easy and everyone gets a serious workout. The pit will also have ADA access. We look forward to seeing his Eagle project completed.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Laurel Delony,
 Secretary, Buckley Odd Fellows#79*

More on the Degree of Friendship

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 23

into, and we’re engaging the will to make that happen. The yogic teacher Yogananda said, “Will is how we turn energy into reality.” When we make a vow, we are lining up all the levels of our being, and we’re speaking an intention. It’s like banging a gong. We’re hitting this note, and it echoes out and creates the world; it changes the future. This is our power as human beings. The more all the different pieces of ourselves come together, the more all our levels are integrated, the more what we do and say creates the world.

It’s worth spending time to contemplate this: that it’s part of our function to create the world in this way, through making promises. The Buddha said that developing friendships in accordance with our highest ideals is the whole of the spiritual path. Because if we can do this with each other, then we can do this with God. And if we can’t do this with each other, we can’t do it with God.

There’s a Sufi saying that you need to keep the secrets of your friends; because if you don’t, why would God tell you His secrets?