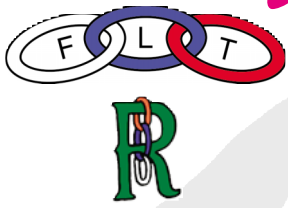
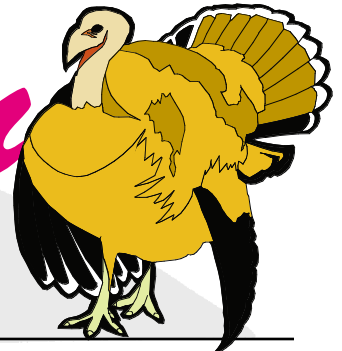


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Have A Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!



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Washington's Grand Master made a visit to Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 to check out all the new ADA improvements. From left are: Tom Rosser, Paul Parkins, Steve Mallett, Cynthia Mitchell, Raven Harlin, Dave Sturgell,

Richard Gallagher, Grand Master Michael Scheurich, Rex Wirth, Scott Nicolai, Noble Grand Dave Soltz, Tom Duke, Russ Humphrey, Maegan Watson, and Shawn Corrigan.

Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 plans a Grand Re-opening to showcase ADA renovations!!

Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 will showcase the recently completed \$475,000 in renovations to its historic downtown building with a Grand Re-Opening and ribbon-cutting on Thursday, November 2.

"We're delighted that the renovation is finished; it's made the lodge much more accessible and welcoming," said Noble Grand Dave Soltz. "We're looking forward to it becoming even more of a resource for the community."

ELEVATOR, RAMPS AND STAIRS, OH MY!

The Lodge completed the renovations with the help of a \$262,000 Local and Community Projects grant from the Washington Department of Commerce. The renovations involved adding a 21-person elevator, revamping the stairs, making the bathroom ADA-compliant and painting. The balance of the project costs was covered by the lodge and donations from members, as well as a loan from the

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From the desk of your Grand Master



MICHAEL SCHEURICH
Grand Master

NOVEMBER IS ELECTION MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,
When we last spoke, I was reminding you about nominations. Those should be done, and this month are your elections of your 2024 officers. It will be an exciting time for first-time newly-elected officers. Fortunately, you will have a couple of months to prepare. Use this time to familiarize yourself with the duties and responsibilities of your new position. Don't be afraid to ask questions, look through the *Ritual, Sovereign Grand Lodge Code Book* and the *Washington Digest*. You also should use this year's officers as resources for your success.

WE ARE FINDING NEW MEMBERS

Last month I spoke about looking for new members and our need to grow as an organization. In my lodge we have interviewed four

new candidates and will be voting on them at our next meeting. Fingers crossed we will be joining Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for Degree work and welcoming these candidates to the wonderful world of Odd Fellowship.

LET US HELP WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS

Sadly, we have had two lodges turn in their Charters due to a lack of membership. Richland #338 and Fall City #59 have both surrendered their Charters. This was not an easy decision for the members and their lodges.

I can sympathize with these members as there have been multiple times my lodge has been on the

verge. If your lodge is having trouble with membership, please reach out and let us know. I know personally how difficult it is to attract new members. There are so many distractions in our everyday lives, friends not willing to commit, and at the same time complaining of lack of purpose and loneliness. Invite these people to help with a lodge project. Hold an open meeting and invite them.

MY VISITATION HAVE BEEN VERY REWARDING

I have been busy with my visitations. All lodges should have received a letter from me at this point for my planned visitation date. Some of these I have been rescheduling as many lodges are only having one business meeting per month and that is the meeting I am trying to attend. At this point I have completed nine visits, and have met an amazing number of hardworking Odd Fellows and gotten to see the work that their lodges are involved in. It is my opinion that our organization is filled with great good-hearted people, the kind of people we are blessed to call Brothers and Sisters.

DDGM MEETINGS

To fill in my free moments, I have held the District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting. These hard-working Brothers are my eyes and ears in the districts that they oversee. Your lodge should get to know them and seek them out if you need help or advice, or if you need a dispensation. I would guess that they will be arranging visits. If you are going to need help with Installation of Officers, they can help you out.

For the lodges that want the Grand Lodge Officers to do your installations, please contact Grand Secretary Laurel Delony. We will do our best to accommodate.

I also attended the PEF (Permanent Endowment Fund) meeting, and multiple Executive Committee meetings.

The rest of November and December I have quite a few visits and events that I will be attending. I hope to see you.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Michael Scheurich,
Your 2023-2024 Grand Master
(360) 731-0975,
Email: 1oddfellowmike@gmail.com

From the desk of the Assembly President



CYNTHIA "DUSTI" TREBE
Assembly President

VISITATIONS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS

Dear Sisters
And Brothers,

It was an honor and a pleasure to join the District #2 Meeting in October. This was a great help in completing three of my visitations all at once. I'm glad things were informal for the occasion as I prefer everyone be comfortable.

I shared some homemade grape juice with everyone for the pot luck lunch and enjoyed celebrating my "35th" birthday with a beautiful cake, as well.

I would love to make the rest of my

visitations at District Meetings as it brings more lodges together for the trip.

Rick and Cathy Garcia graciously hosted my weekend stay and I was able to join the group at the park for "movie night and potato bar dinner." What a wonderful time! My puppy was treated like royalty.

Try to remember our shut-in Rebekahs and Odd Fellows for the holidays. Drop off a card or treat to let them know they are not forgotten.

Don't forget to support all of the projects of each Branch of our Order. They are all very worthy.

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



From your 2023-24 Assembly Warden

Hello everyone,

First I'd like to thank the Rebekah Assembly of Washington for nominating and electing me as your first male Assembly Warden. I'm looking forward to learning and assisting with Dusti Trebe, Alberta Luurs and the rest of the Past Presidents

I plan on going to the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association in Portland, OR to work with the new Wardens about ideas and any concerns they might have.

I hope everyone has a wonderful November and Thanksgiving.

— John "Johneo"
Otterstrom
Assembly Warden



JOHN 'JOHNEO' OTTERSTROM
Assembly Warden

From your 2023-24 Theta Rho President

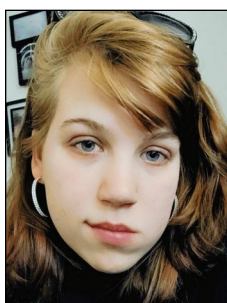
The Holiday Season Is Almost Here

Hello Everyone!!!

I hope you are all having a fantastic fall so far! I'm very excited to start the holiday season off. I hope everyone has a delicious Thanksgiving with their families and Super Saving Black Friday this year. I'm personally very excited for these coming months.

Please, if you need anything do not hesitate to ask. Try everything in Friendship Love and Truth.

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



VICTORIA SCHLIM
TRA President

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY NOVEMBER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

And... its November already. I love the holiday season, but I'm really not ready for the end of the year. 2023 seems to have flown by so quickly.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

As we elect our 2024 officers, I truly hope each lodge is excited and enthusiastic about projects and activities for the upcoming year. Looking forward to the future is best done by completing current tasks and starting January with records caught up, reports completed and books prepared for entering the next year's data.

ATTENTION SECRETARIES

With that in mind, Secretaries, please take some time to go through your minute books and clean up any notes that need to be clarified. Spend some time with your Treasurer and make sure the finances balance. Also make sure that you have all the information you need for your "Annual Report." If you have any questions or need help with this report, please give me a call.

TIME TO BE THANKFUL

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to encourage each of you to let your lodge Brothers and Sisters know that you are thankful for them and that they are important to you. Lodge members, let your Secretaries know how much you appreciate them.

They have a big job keeping records up to date and keeping me on task.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Stay warm and know that I am thankful for all of you and your loving friendships.

— *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

Annual Report forms are now on their way!

CALLING ALL FEZ HEADS!

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

I just have a couple of things this month. I will be sending out the annual report forms next month and I want you to be aware that your per capita invoices will be in the packet, so make sure and pull those out so they can be paid. There will be two copies of the invoice. One is for your Scribe to keep and the other to accompany your payment.



NEW MEMBERS

Please be sure to fill out the same form that the lodges use to report new members. You must report these new members as soon as possible after initiation. If you need copies of the form please let me know and I will forward it to you.



NORTHWEST HARVEST

The Grand Patriarch's project for this year is Northwest Harvest. Your Encampment can make donations directly to Northwest Harvest or send them to the Grand Encampment and we'll send out the final check at the end of the Grand Patriarch's term. Make checks out to the Grand Encampment of Washington with a note in the memo line "Grand Patriarchs Project."

If your Encampment needs any help please be sure to reach out to this office.


— *In Faith Hope & Charity*
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe,
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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

IT'S ALMOST ANNUAL REPORT TIME

Brothers and Sisters,

It's getting close to the end of the year and I will be sending out the Annual Reports the first week of December. I am hoping that this will give you an extra two weeks to get your reports completed by the deadline.



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

If you have not received the reports by December 10, please contact me and I will send you another set. Please, please, read the letter and the instructions before starting. I found many lodges did not follow the instructions and left the last column blank when the instructions specifically say to make sure it's filled in as we all have liabilities like per capita. It's a liability so please fill in that last column.

ANOTHER NOTE

Even if your lodge is continuing with the same officers, your Secretary still needs to fill out the officer form completely and the Past Grand Certificate, as well. It's very important for our history that we have those certificate copies.

Remember, I am here to serve you and will help in any way I can.

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

2024 Pilgrimage for Youth info available

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We now have the information packets for the 2024 Pilgrimage for Youth program. If your lodge is interested, please send the Grand Secretary an email or call and she will send you out a packet.

All information is in the packet along with costs and deadlines and how to go about selecting students.

All monies are to come through the Grand Lodge office. Do not send directly to the Pilgrimage. Costs listed do not include the airfare so keep that in mind.

You can also access the packet on-line at:

www.ioof.org

Fraternally,
— Your Pilgrimage for Youth Committee



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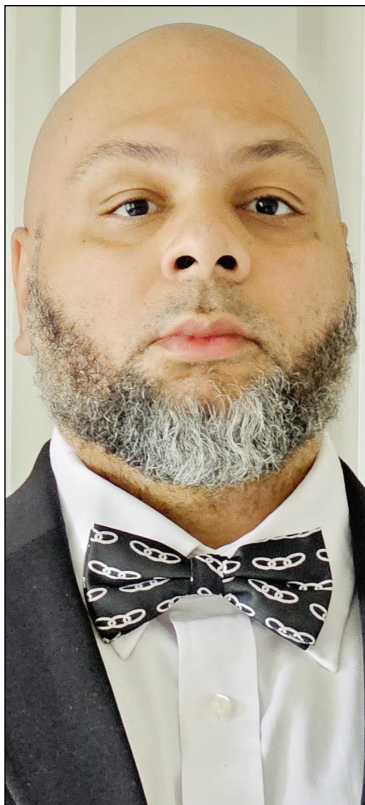
Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco,
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'The Chronicles' - Part 3

I was amazed watching our Theta Rho Girls

Hello everyone! I had many adventures at the 2023 Grand Sessions in Yakima, and have decided to submit a series of articles, titled, "The Chronicles of my first Grand Lodge Sessions." Following is The Chronicles, Part 3: Theta Rho Sessions.



JAMIE VEST BEY
Grand Conductor

Saturday morning started at 9 a.m. with my arrival into the Hall, looking exceptionally spiffy. I had received (along with Brother Duard Fyffe) the very encouraging, yet troubling observation that I "clean up very well"! (It would seem that I normally look like a vagabond) Thanks Sisters Laurel Delony and Peg Ogilvie, as well as Brother Dave Delony, for pointing that out to me! What was going through my head as they are telling me this. . . "I'm like Rodney Dangerfield, I gets no respect." (Ha,

Ha) As the time for the Theta Rho Sessions approached, I could feel not only the energy of the young ladies and the adults present shift from nervousness to strictly business; I could also feel the wondering stares of many an Odd Fellow and Rebekah directed towards me, the newcomer, whom they have never seen before, whom had encroached upon such a sacred occasion. I could sense, that their curiosity was one of which entailed great excitement. I leaned over towards Duard, and whispered "there are *alot* of people staring at me". His reply: They are curious, but once they find out who you are, they will be excited, because you are a dedicated Odd Fellow, who is under 50, with a pulse."

Well, I'm thinking, wow, what am I, chopped liver!!!! I took Duard's advice and focused on the young ladies handling their Sessions with grace and confidence. It was truly inspiring to see the youth of our Order, and I realized what I've missed out on,

and what I must strive so hard for, so as to not only save, but actively promote the continuing legacy of the youth branches of our Order.

I left the Sessions that evening, with a clear mandate taken upon myself. And, I will **NOT** fail in achieving it. Which is. . . to help grow our youth orders within our Jurisdiction. I will **NOT** be stopped!

Another episode of The Chronicles next month.

— Jamie Vest Bey, Grand Conductor,
Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington,

Buckley Encampment #40

We're testing our new email system

Buckley Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

We are testing a new email set up for Buckley Encampment #40. Your Secretary has added the names of all the members from Buckley's Grand Encampment roster. If anyone sees that I have forgotten a member. please let me know.

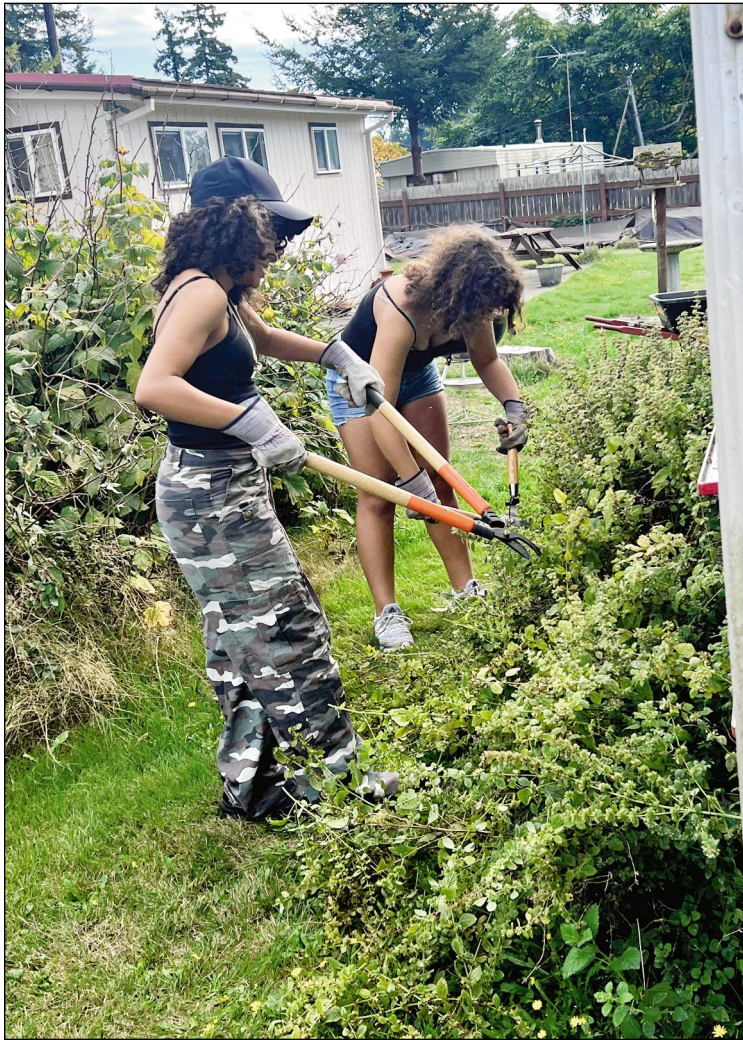
As of this time, I am your Scribe pro-tem, and will be monitoring the email account along with Patriarch Jamie Vest Bey. Our thanks goes to Jamie for creating the new email address system.

NEW MEETING NIGHT

Buckley Encampment #40 has requested a dispensation to now meet on the second Wednesday of every month after the Buckley #75 Odd Fellows meeting. The Odd Fellows meeting usually takes about half an hour. The Encampment will meet directly after the Odd Fellows so the meeting could start as early as 6:30 p.m. The Odd Fellows meet at 6 p.m. with dinner beforehand.

Our Encampment also has completed the first reading of the amended by-laws. We'll have the second reading on November 8, with the third reading and voting on December 13.

— With Faith, Hope and Charity,
Laurel Delony, Scribe Pro-Tem,
grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com
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Turkeys, Veterans on Acorn's slate this month

The month of November has two special days to celebrate — Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

For Veterans Day we made our annual donations to “Help Heal Vets” for their craft kit program and to the Vietnam War Memorial. A big thank you to our vets for their service.

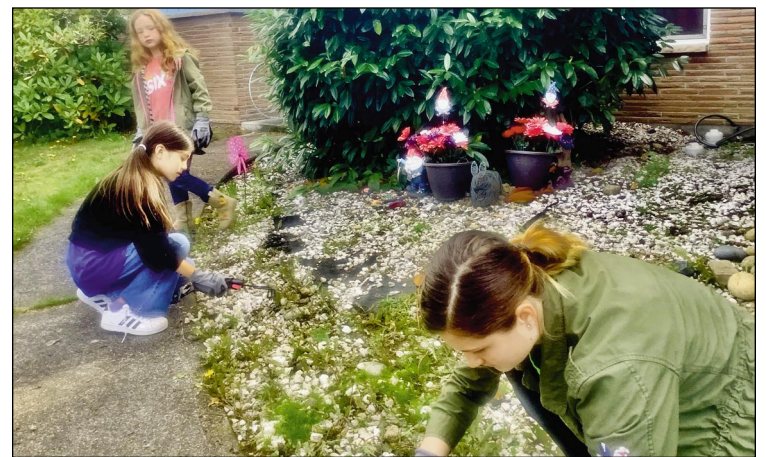
For Thanksgiving we are doing our annual Turkey Raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The turkey is donated by our local Safeway. We appreciate their support with this project.

Our senior yard work day was a big success and very much appreciated by the people we worked for. Afterwards we had fun with an after work relax time with a bonfire, hot dogs, a little zip-lining, and some trampoline fun.

We are currently working on putting together our boxes for “Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child.” We will have more to share on that next month.

We hope all of you will have a special time with family and friends for Thanksgiving. Give thanks for your blessings.

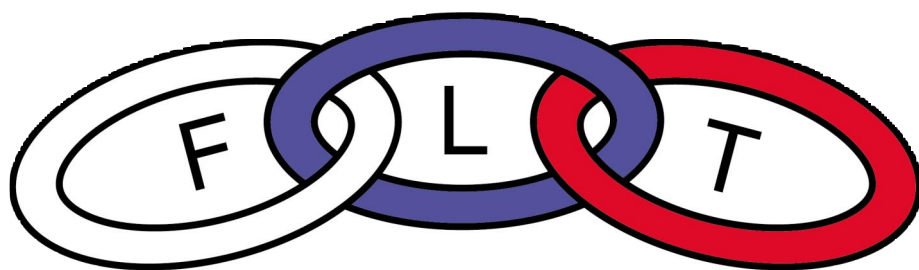
— *In Happiness Through Service*
The members of Acorn



A long day's work!

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club of Oak Harbor spent a day spiffing up some landscaping for senior citizens on the island. **Upper right:** Bella Gleghorn, Katie Gardiner, and Desiree Gardiner pull weeds. **Upper left:** Thinning out some bushes are Layla and Ava Williams. **Lower left:** Collecting pine cones seems to be a never-ending job for Desiree Gardiner, Katie Gardiner, and Bella Gleghorn, but they all had some fun after a hard day's work,

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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 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., 6 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 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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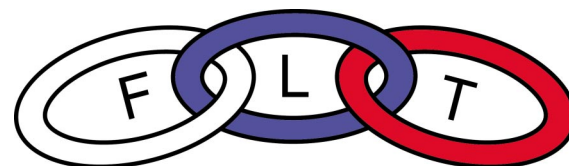
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Lodge cards are only good for one year. If you put in a card during the middle of the year, it will only be good until the end of following February, unless, of course, your lodge has paid for more than one year. Please note that there is now a "good through" date listed at the bottom of your lodge card. No lodge card will be updated without payment received first, unless, here again, your lodge has paid in advance for more than one year.

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



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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)

PROSPERITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #301

Meets At: 601 No. Chelan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Lodge Mailing Address:** Same. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **NG:** Dustin Deane, 1043 Cherry St., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Ph:** (509) 679-0373. **Sec'y:** Samuel McIntosh, 601 N. Chelan Wenatchee, WA 98801 **Ph:** (907) 575-6936 (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)

VANCOUVER I.O.O.F. LODGE #3

Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mikki Keller, 733 NE 22nd Ave., Camas, WA 98607. **Ph:** (360) 607-0776. **Sec'y:** Richard Blade, 12908 NE 71s Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686. **Ph:** (360) 771-1101 (2/28/25)

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)

Ellensburg Grand reopening Nov. 2

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Grand Lodge for \$85,000.

The Grand Re-Opening will feature the various lodge rooms set up IKEA-style, to showcase how they can be used by community groups. The largest space, the 2,478-square-foot Lodge Room, will feature “The Ellensburg Blusers,” for which lodge member Jared Nicolai is the drummer. That space was successfully used as a venue for the Ellensburg Music Festival this summer.

HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

A smaller — though still sizable — dining room is 970 square feet and is being regularly rented by various community groups. During the Grand Re-Opening, it will feature displays showcasing Ellensburg Lodge #20’s storied history, including the two IOOF cemeteries it runs in the county. The historic Brick Road cemetery features Ellensburg founders John and Mary Ellen Shoudy. (John Shoudy was the lodge’s first Noble Grand, and Ellensburg was named for his wife Mary Ellen who was the Noble Grand of the Rebekahs.) The cemetery also has a Civil War memorial and contains the graves of numerous Civil War veterans, including the first Black resident of Kittitas County.

At the Grand Re-Opening, several stations will feature displays and videos highlighting Lodge #20’s various projects. Those include the repair and free distribution of computers and bicycles, participation in the monthly Rode City Repair Café, hosting of a glass recycling project and sponsorship and hosting of a robotics club for youth.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

A ribbon will be cut to open the elevator at 4:30 p.m. Following that, a presentation and accompanying banner will acknowledge the many people — from both the Ellensburg Lodge and community businesses, as well as local politicians and state government officials — who contributed countless hours to make the renovation a reality.

Refreshments will be served, and Lodge member Maegan Watson, owner of the soon-to-open Odd Ink Tattoo Studio, will be providing henna tattoos of the Odd Fellows’ logo and its “Friendship, Love &

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Degree of Truth in Ballard

On October 12, Christopher P. Moore and Roxanne Duniway (seated) received the Degree of Truth! Conferring the Degree were, standing from left, Nora

Carria, Ezekiel Blessing, Rich Ater, Michael Douglas, Jerry Smith, Jeffrey Nelson, Ivan Kotcher, Michito Iwata, Linda Shwab and Michael Manning. Congratulations!

Ellensburg Grand Reopening set for Nov. 2

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PLEASE RSVP

Truth” motto.

A TEN YEAR PROJECT

Longtime Lodge member Tom Duke led the grant writing and oversaw the renovation project from 2014 to mid-2016. Lodge member and former Noble Grand Lon Bowers then managed the project until shortly before he died in December of 2022, at which point Duke and Building Committee Chair Russ Humphrey oversaw completion of the project. The primary contractors were Belsaas & Smith Construction Inc., Catlin Electric Inc., Otis Elevator Co. and Moon Security Services Inc.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SWAP STUDENTS INVOLVED

The National Association of Students with a Purpose (SWAP), Central Washington University Chapter, has adopted the Ellensburg Lodge as a service project this year and is providing volunteers for the Grand Re-Opening. Seasoned event organizers Jamie and Meghan Rothwell, representing Support with a Purpose, have steered the event planning and have providing support for everything from fundraising to videotaping lodge-member testimonials. The Grand Lodge of Washington provided the bulk of the funding for the event, with additional funding being provided by the lodge, member donations, and local businesses.

While the public is welcome, the lodge asks that anyone interested in attending please RSVP by October 29 at its website:

<http://www.ellensburgoddfellows.org>

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Cynthia Mitchell, Reporter*

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179

Trinity Bazaar nearing

Members of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 would like to say thank you to Jennie Reed, Margaret Truttmann, and Steve Purcell for their help at our Initiation on October 12, 2023. We Initiated Mary Smith for Trinity and Leon Thayer for Bucoda #144. Welcome!

WE HAVE A BUSY MONTH AHEAD

Lewis County Breast Cancer Support Group had a Bingo session on October 7. They did great!

Trinity had a bake sale on Friday October 13, 2023. We made \$538, almost enough to cover the cost of our new gutter that needed to be put up.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be on November 17 and 18, 9-5 Friday and 9-4 Saturday. Look for the flier made by our own Rachelle Denham, one of our other new members.

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Yes, we're busy Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179

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I would like to personally wish all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs a very happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your family — they can slip away far too fast.

Congrats to Evelyn McNeil on her marriage October 21, 2023 to Leon Thayer.

We are still working on our sock and underwear drive for teens. Also, our baskets for shut-ins for Christmas will be delivered on December 14.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Alberta Luurs,
Secretary



TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE PRESENTS
NOVEMBER 17TH AND 18TH 2023

CHRISTMAS
Bazaar

FRIDAY: FULL TURKEY DINNER \$15
SATURDAY: TURKEY NOODLE SOUP
W/ROLL & DRINK \$8 ADD PIE \$10

Lunch served 11-2

Hours: Friday 9-5 & Saturday 9-4

111 W. Washington, Napavine, WA 98565

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Many holiday activities starting

Greetings from South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160.

We have voted, to once again, stuff Christmas stockings for adults this year. Our donations of stockings will go to “My Sister’s Pantry” in Tacoma. We have assisted in serving this food bank for many years and we will continue to do so as long as we can.

Filling Stockings

Our stockings have arrived and we are collecting items to fill them. Gloves, beanies, toiletries, a bit of candy and whatever else we can fit into them. Once we have collected the items, the lodge, along with the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club, will get together and get the stockings stuffed. We always have a great time with our Theta Rho Girls working together on community service projects.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

Our lodge just had its third reading of by-law amendments and voted to approve them. The lodge will now require \$55 for dues and all dues will be due April 1 of each year. This should make it easier

on members who belong to more than one unit of the Order by not having to pay on the first of the year — plus it’s easier on our Financial Secretary. The raise in dues will cover the increase from the IARA.

ELECTIONS ARE NEARING

Our second nominations are completed and elections will be at our first meeting on November 7. We’ve already decided to join Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 and Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for installation of officers.

SEE YOU AT THE HOMESTEAD FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

With Thanksgiving coming up, we have decided to have our second meeting of November be a social no-host dinner at the Homestead Restaurant in Tacoma. If you would like to join us please RSVP to our Secretary at laureljdemony@gmail.com or (253) 468-1949. We always have an enjoyable time.

We wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving!

— With Rebekah Hugs,
Laurel Delony, Reporter

So. Tacoma vs Buckley coat challenge on

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 held their October meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 6 p.m. Dinner was served prior to the meeting at 5 p.m. This was the first meeting of October and that means that nominations of officers for 2024. If you are a 3rd degree member you can run for an office. If you are not a 3rd degree please still come to the meetings.

DEGREE WORK

For those that have not attained the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Degrees yet, the Olympia Odd Fellows will be conferring them in November. The Initiatory and 1st degree will be on Monday, November 6 at the Olympia hall. The 2nd and 3rd degrees will be conferred on Monday, November 20. This would be a good time to get this on your calendar if you can make it. The Olympia Lodge is located at 405 Columbia St. SW in Olympia. The meeting opens at 7 p.m. and they’ll go directly into the degree work.

Please let me know if you can make either of those dates as I need to inform their Secretary with a letter.

COAT CHALLENGE IS ON!

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 has been challenged by South Tacoma Odd Fellows to collect warm coats, clothing, socks, gloves, hats, toiletries, underwear etc. All items collected will be distributed locally. South Tacoma is still coming up with the rules, but we can start collecting now. We have a nice little bundle already, but we need a lot more. You can donate at a lodge meeting or drop off the clothing at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Clean out those closets, do some shopping, donate money or whatever way you can help. This is to help those houseless individuals who are not able to be in a shelter. Let’s do our part!

— With Fraternal Hugs and Love,
Laurel Delony, Lodge Secretary



President's Banner moves east

The Rebekah Assembly President's Home Lodge Banner was officially passed from Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley to Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane. From left are: Karen Hoylman, Florence Dupont, Dawn

Edwards, outgoing President Kendra Frogge', Marcia Presley, Amber Valentine, Tom Frogge', Past Grand Master John Otterstrom, Joey Locke, and new Rebekah Assembly President Dusti Trebe.

Bucoda Bulletin Board #37

'Boo-Coda' is now back to Bucoda

There is lots of activities going on in beautiful downtown Bucoda.

To start is the initiation of Leon Thayer into Bucoda Rebekahs #144 on October 12 in Napavine. Welcome Brother Leon.

Nominations and elections of officers for 2024 is in full swing. We'll report the results in the next Bulletin Board.

BOO-CODA SPOOK-TACULAR

In October the "Boo-Coda Spook-Tacular and Haunted House" took center stage for the entire month. Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 continue to be part of this celebration in one fashion or another. The Rebekahs hosted a fund raiser pancake and sausage breakfast on October 14 in conjunction with the activities which happened that day. We continue to build our

relationship with the Bucoda Improvement Club and are planning more combined events in the near future.

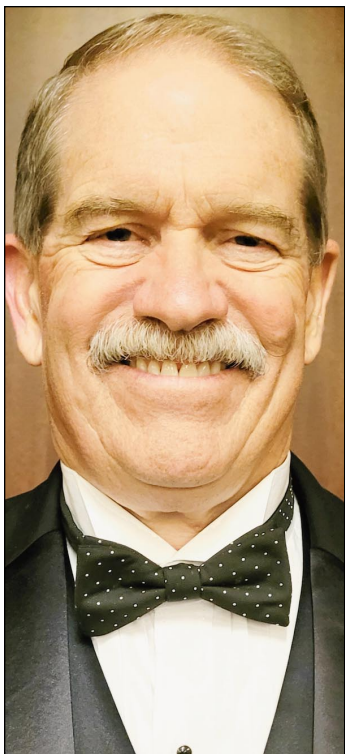
NOVEMBER CONTINUES TO BE BUSY

October 21 found me in Olympia for the District #3 Meeting. Finally. I will be attending the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Meeting in Portland, OR November 3-5. Somewhere in there are wedged some DDGM meetings for Odd Fellows District #4. And I wonder why my dogs bark at me when I come home.

That's it for this issue. Health, Happiness and Peace to all until next we meet.

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

From the desk of your Grand Warden



DAVID DELONY
Grand Warden

MEMBERSHIP!

I know we have all heard these slogans so many times now that they go in one ear and out the other, “We need members!”, “Ask one to be one!”, “If we all got one member we would double our membership” — and so on. But what is “membership?”

It’s defined as “The state of being a member of a club, group, an organization, etc.” and *all* of us have an exclusive privilege to be a member of Odd Fellowship.

We are a social fraternity coming together for the betterment of mankind. And when you sit back and ponder that — it is and can be an overwhelming responsibility. Yet even though we have all given a pledge to fulfill this responsibility how many of us talk about this outside of our Order?

ODD FELLOWSHIP

SHOULD BE EASY TO EXPLAIN

How many of us proudly explain who we are, what we have done, what we do and what we are striving to accomplish? Have we really talked to family, friends, business associates, etc.? For if we truly believe the work and purpose of Odd Fellowship, then it would be easy to explain all that we do.

TODAY! NOW!

More than ever before we truly do need more members. Our average age in our lodges is such that we are losing members five to ten times faster than we gain one. At this rate we are flatly going from

the world’s largest fraternal order to a mediocre organization.

We all need to be proudly talking about who we are and what we do.

Each of us should know some history of our birth in America and how we came about. The same should be known about our own individual lodges. When was it instituted? By whom? What did they do back then? What is some of the history of those founding lodge members? There have been some pretty colorful and influential members.

DID YOU KNOW??

Are you aware that the Grand Lodge of Washington is one of the oldest active corporations in Washington State?

Grand Master Scheurich has asked Brother Toby Hanson, PGM, and myself to assist in promoting any lodge that is in need. We are here to help guide you, work with you, anytime. Toby has an extensive background in networking which has served as an invaluable tool in promoting Odd Fellowship.

The possibilities are endless with ways to promote your lodge and work to bring in new members. Along with Toby and myself, your Grand Lodge is always available to help.

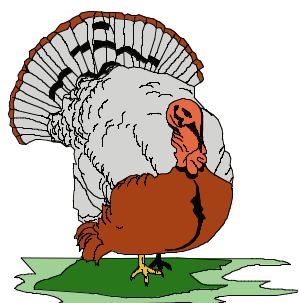
PLEASE CONTACT US

Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime so we can get you started with showcasing your lodge, your members, and what you do within your communities. You, of course, do not need to have a lodge hall to be a great part of Odd Fellowship and an asset to your community.

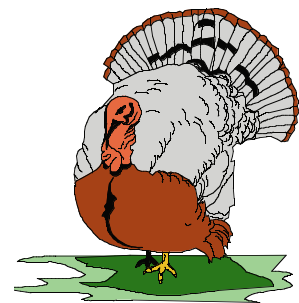
Our emails are davidcdelony@gmail.com, Toby’s is iooftoby@gmail.com, and Grand Lodge is grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com. You can also call the Grand Lodge at (360) 829-1514 or 800-345-1766.

— Sincerely in Friendship, Love and Truth,
Dave Delony

Your 2023-2024 Grand Warden



Happy Thanksgiving



Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

GREETINGS FROM SPOKANE

Hope Rebekah Lodge members assembled Wednesday, October 4 for our social meeting which is held the first Wednesday of each month, excluding July and August. Dusti Trebe was hostess. She served apple pie and vanilla ice cream.

Hope Rebekah Sisters worked on craft projects for our annual bazaar set for Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Odd Fellows Temple. Rebekahs will be baking their favorite goodies for a bake sale which will be held along with our bazaar.

SOME MEMBERS UNDER THE WEATHER

Noble Grand Sister Joey Locke informed members present that Sister Mary Matherly is seriously ill and asked us for our prayers, love, and support in this difficult time in her life. Sister Mary is also the caregiver for her husband who has serious health issues.

Our Chaplain Brother Tedd Swanson, PNG, will be seeing a medical specialist to determine the possibility of treatments so that he would be able to walk without his walker. Brother Tedd is able to walk

slowly with his walker.

Our love, prayers and concern are with our Warden Deb Tobler with her continuing health problems.

‘WARRIORS FOR HOPE’

Our own Sister Dusti Trebe, Rebekah Assembly President, spoke concerning her project “Warriors for Hope” through Cancer Care Northwest. Dusti emphasized that donations to her project may be given in memory of a loved one or loved ones who have died from cancer or leukemia.

WE’RE IN FULL BLOOM!

Fall foliage is in full bloom in Spokane. The brilliant colors of fall are growing evident all over Spokane. I have enjoyed watching families walking through Riverfront Park and enjoying the splendor of fall.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 met in due form on Wednesday September 20, with Noble Grand Joey Locke presiding.

A SURPRISE FOR DUSTI

Tim Moon, Secretary and Junior Past Grand Master, as well as Elisabeth Winship-Moon, Vice Grand, excused themselves to the altar and gave a surprise presentation from Hope Rebekah Lodge to our own Dusti Trebe, President of the Rebekah Assembly, and Right Support to the Noble Grand Joey Locke. Brother Tim and Sister Elisabeth presented Sister Dusti with a bouquet of pink and white carnations, Dusti’s colors and flower for her year as President. Tim and Elisabeth also presented Sister Dusti with a gavel engraved with her name and her year as President. Also engraved was, “Hope Rebekah Lodge #38.”

Sister Dusti appointed Brother Tedd Swanson, PNG, as District Deputy President for District #1. Brother George Chinn won the door prize. Tim Moon was the host and served a delicious chocolate cream cheese cake.

Sister Dusti thanked Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 for the Honors and for the support and encouragement she has received from our lodge.

— With Rebekah Hugs

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Tedd Swanson PNG, and Reporter
PG Samaritan Lodge #52 IOOF
PCP, Unique Unified Encampment #32*

Yakima’s Tom Cox finds Sammy in Oct.

October’s winner in the “Find Sammy” contest is none other than Tom Cox of Yakima IOOF Lodge #22. Tom found Sammy on page 10 in the lower right



TOM COX

photo in the upper left. For his efforts, Tom will be sent a 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. All submissions must be in the office no later than November 15 for our December, 2023 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

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

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~ From your 2023-24 Grand Matriarch ~

HAPPY THANKSGIVING MATRIARCHS

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

I wish you a wonderful month with all the trim-



KATHI PICANCO
Grand Matriarch

mings, families and friends as well! I know we will be having all these things, so let the turkey sandwiches begin!

CONGRATULATIONS

NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to all elected and appointed officers in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. For those members of our LEA's, start thinking of your elections, too!

MY PROJECT

My project, earning money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, is moving along. Presently I am selling raffle tickets

for a quilt. I will draw the winning ticket at our

June, 2024 Sessions. I have spoken to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and plan to visit the hospital in Memphis, TN personally to present the check. I am excited to be able to tour the facility and meet some of the patients.

I will also continue to do more fund-raisers to earn more money for the project. I want to thank those who have already contributed towards St. Jude's!

VISITATIONS

I will be asking our LEA Lodges for dates to visit them as the Grand Matriarch. I look forward to seeing members during this year! Stay active, stay well, and help serve our order!

MY SCRIPTURE!

Psalm 118:24 KJV

This is the Day

Which the Lord hath made.

We will rejoice!

— In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Kathi Picanco, Grand Matriarch

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Wanda Wade**, member Pilgrim IOOF Lodge #187 in Everett passed away October 6, 2023.