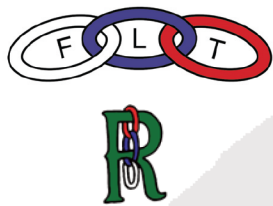


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## *On the fast Train to Pittsburgh*

During a little bit of down time the Washington contingent to Sovereign Grand Lodge and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies met for a meal at Tupelo Honey in Pittsburgh, PA. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and Odd Fellowship. Seated, from lower left around the table are: Tom Frogge', Kendra Frogge', Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs, Grand Master Steve

Purcell, Grand Chaplain Laura Purcell, Rebekah Assembly Warden Jennie Reed, Dave Reed, Junior Past Assembly President Dusti Trebe, Sovereign Grand Lodge Warden Ronald D. Hanson, IARA Marshal Cathy Garcia, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment Joe Picanco, Jr. Past Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand LEA Karen Hoylman .



# From the Grand Master's Den #1

Our newspaper was dark for July and August so that allowed me plenty of time to compose my first article as Grand Master.



STEVE PURCELL  
Grand Master

## MY PROGRAM

- Colors – Red and Black
- Emblem – The Sunrise
- Motto – Unity
- Flower – Edelweiss
- Hymn – “Mansions of the Lord”
- Song – “Fanfare for the Common Man”
- Project – L.C. Renal Alliance.
- Mascot – Bear
- Scripture – Psalm 133.1  
“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity”

## THE BACK STORY

There are stories behind my choices, but I will only touch on a few here; the rest are for some other day.

My colors are symbolic of the East (Red) where the sun rises and the West (Black) where the sun sets. This goes hand in hand with my symbol of the Sunrise. Every day represents an opportunity to renew our commitments to the teachings and tenants of Odd Fellowship. The Bear as my mascot symbol-

izes quiet contemplation and introspection; and my motto is Unity. Unity is defined as the state of being united or joined as a whole and is essential for the survival of our Order.

## I’LL BE SEEING YOU!

My intent is to visit every Lodge in the State at least once and to celebrate our traditions and our rituals. It is our rituals which connect us to those who have gone before us, and will give those who come after a solid foundation and connection with our forefathers.

## OUR PROJECT: L.C. RENAL ALLIANCE

To expand on my motto of Unity, the President of the Rebekah Assembly, Alberta Luurs, and I have chosen L.C. Renal Alliance as our joint project. We are in the early planning stages, as of this writing, of several fund raising events. More information will be forthcoming as the plans begin to gel.

## WELL, HERE WE GO

I wish to thank the membership for bestowing this honor upon me. I’ve already noticed that the collar and gavel seem a bit heavier. I am here to support our lodges in any way that I can. I believe that I am surrounded by many smart people whose brains I can pick to resolve any issue which may arise.

I’ll be seeing you all soon.

— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth,*  
Steven Purcell,

*Grand Master, Jurisdiction of Washington*

# From your 2024-25 Grand Warden



JAMIE VEST BEY  
Grand Warden

Greetings everyone! I would like to first extend my deepest heartfelt gratitude for being elected as the Grand Warden of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF. I will strive to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability, and will be accessible to everyone, to do my very best in assisting in any way possible.

Specifically, I will outline my thoughts on member-

ship; what we can do to bring in more members, how we may be more interactive with the community in our pursuit to gain more members while doing our job within the community, which is “visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead and educating the orphan.” We have been in our communities well over a 100 years (in most places), and it is time that we become reacquainted with our communities. In this way, we can SHOW them what we are all about, instead of living as relics of a by gone age. We are still here, we are still thriving.

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

*Grand Warden*  
*Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF*

# From the desk of the Assembly President

Sisters and Brothers,

With our 132nd sessions behind us we now move forward to next year's adventures.

I would like to thank all of the Rebekah Assembly for putting their confidence in electing me as your Rebekah Assembly President. I will do everything I possibly can to serve to the best of my ability.

As I write this letter I am gearing up for the IARA Sessions in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It's a great honor to represent Washington's Rebekahs at these Sessions.

I will also be attending the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting in Yakima on

November 1, 2, and 3 as the Chaplain.

I look forward to visiting everyone this year.

## PRESIDENT'S VISITATION CALENDAR

November 1 — Isabella  
Rebekah Lodge #23

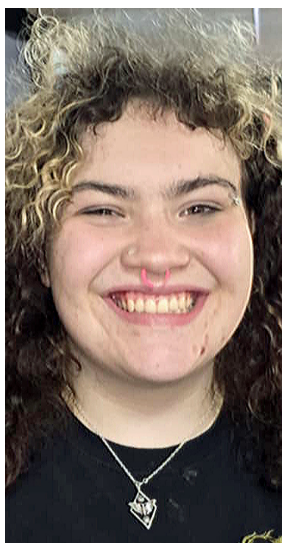
— In F. L. & T.,  
And Rebekah Hugs,  
Alberta Luurs, President  
Rebekah Assembly  
Of Washington



ALBERTA LUURS  
Assembly President

# From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President

Hi everyone, I'm Hailey Hanna. I'm very honored



and excited to be your 2024-25 Theta Rho Assembly President. So far I've had a busy and eventful summer with Theta Rho and IOOF — first with Sessions in Yakima where I teared up while being initiated as your President.

Shortly after I attended the Pilgrimage for Youth where I was learning about and exploring the East Coast for two weeks, which was amazing to

experience.

The day after I returned was Washington's reception for the Heads of our Order. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was nice talking to everyone. I was also grateful for my own little strawberry cake.

Here's a little bit about my program for the year: My mascot is a monkey emblem and a teddy hamster. My project is the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. I have cerebral palsy myself and I would like to give back to the people who need therapy but don't have the money.

I also attended SGL Youth Days in Pittsburgh.

— In Happiness Through Service,  
Hailey Hanna, Your TRA President

## Clip And Save

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# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## REMINDERS DO HELP

I just got an email from Laurel reminding me that I have a story for The WashingtonOddFellow due. Good thing she's vigilant, because I forgot (even though she sent a similar email last week?). We'd be lost without her.



CATHY GARCIA  
Assembly  
Secretary

## BEANS & WEEDS

Sooo - I hope you all had a great summer. I can't believe it's over already. My yard is doing great. The weeds have especially done well. My green beans just don't know when to stop, and I've had a wonderful several months spending time with my grandchildren. Oh – I became a great-grandma again as well. I am so blessed!

## JOURNALS ARE FINISHED

Well, enough personal stuff. I do have the Journal finished and you should be getting your copy soon. I hope each of you is excited about coming back to lodge meetings and planning activities that will encourage new members. If we approach our activities with excitement, others will respond in kind and be anxious to join us.

## WATCH YOUR MAIL

I will be sending out your Fall Per Capita statements the end of this month, so be watching for them. And, of course, it helps to start looking at your books to be sure they are organized and ready

to complete your annual report in a few months.

## MEETING WITH SECRETARIES

I was pleased to be able to meet with several Lodge Secretaries at our Sessions in Yakima this past June. We spent time going over Annual Report forms as well as other bookkeeping ideas. It was a very productive time of sharing information. If you missed it and would like me to meet with you to go over things that might make your job easier, please give me a call. I would love to see you.

## LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER

Have a great September, enjoy your fellow Rebekahs and work together in Friendship, Love and Truth.

— 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](mailto:rebsecwa@gmail.com)

## Save these dates

## Movie, potluck and gab coming to Bothell

Bothell Odd Fellows is hosting a showing of the movie "Join or Die" on Tuesday October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clover Leaf Rebekah Hall, 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA. It is a documentary based on the findings of Robert Putnam who gave us the concept of social capital. Some of the opening scenes are filmed in an Odd Fellows Hall.

On November 5, join the Bothell Odd Fellows for a potluck and some non-sectarian and non-partisan fellowship. This event is also at the Clover Leaf Rebekah Hall, 10116 NE 185th St, Bothell, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about either event contact Penny Curtis at:

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Or call or text Penny at (206) 235-3419.

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# From the desk of your Grand Secretary



**LAUREL DELONY**  
Grand Secretary

## GRAND SESSIONS FIRST, SUMMER NEXT

Thank you to everyone for electing me to another term as your Grand Secretary and for your generosity. I am overwhelmed. I will do the best of my ability and I am here for you whatever you may need or whatever help I am able to give. Don't hesitate to contact me.

## TIME FOR A NEW TERM

Time to get back into the swing of lodge meetings and community service. All lodges should have received the Journal from

Grand Lodge Sessions held in June. Please make sure your secretary has received your lodge's copy.

## YOUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025 ARE:

- Grand Master Steve Purcell
- Deputy Grand Master Dave Delony
- Grand Warden Jamie Vest Bey
- Grand Secretary Laurel Delony
- Grand Treasurer Steve McCord
- Jr. Past Grand Master Michael Schuerich
- SGL 2-Year Representative Joe Picanco
- SGL 1-Year Representative Steve Purcell

All of our information is in the front cover of the Journal. Use this as a tool. DDGMs, PGMs, Lodges, Lodge Secretaries, etc. are listed in the back portion of the Journal.

## WASHINGTON DIGEST UPDATES

The updates to the Washington Digest (black book) were also mailed out. A letter was sent with

the updates so make sure your Secretary reads it in your lodge meeting.

The only legislation that passed was increases for L.J.Jones Scholarship amounts.

## PER CAPITA INVOICES

Per capita invoices were mailed. Your lodge can choose to pay all of it now, or half now and the balance no later than December 15, 2024. If you did not receive your invoice please let me know and I will send another copy.

## GET IT ON YOUR CALENDARS

The Patriarchs Militant Battalion will be meeting at 10 a.m. on October 12 for their semi-annual meeting. Those that belong to the PM are invited. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. Directly after will be the District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting at 12 Noon. Location will be the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall at 120 Cedar Street Buckley, WA 98321.

## NORTHWEST MEETING

Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will hold their semi-annual meeting November 1, 2, and 3 at the Red Lion Inn, Yakima WA. Registration is listed in this newspaper. This is open to anyone, not just members. Banquet theme is a costume party for Saturday night.

## OLYMPIA DEGREE DAY

Olympia Odd Fellows will be holding a Degree Day on Saturday, October 26 at 9 a.m. This will be in their hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia. They have steep stairs but they do have a chair lift. Contact their Secretary for more information.

I hope you all had a great summer.

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

*Now Is The Time For Us To  
Get Back To Work!*



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club at Washington's Grand Sessions in June. Front row, from left, are: Hailey Hanna, Teanna Gardner, Sarah Thomas, Moira Struthers, Victoria Schlim, and Bella

Gleghorn. Back row, from left, are: Layla Williams, Jessey Dailey, Jenna Fery, Makayla Lostrom, Leila Lostrom, Addison Nevins, and Ava Williams. While in Yakima, three Acorn Girls were elected to office.

## What a summer for Acorn's Girls

Welcome back after summer break. Even though we were not meeting we were busy.

We took seven of our members to Theta Rho Assembly in Yakima. Three of our members received elected offices: President Hailey Hanna, Warden Sarah Thomas, and Secretary Shauna Schultz. Girls receiving appointive offices are Bella Gleghorn, Jessey Daily, Layla Williams and Ava Williams.

Our club received awards for the most new members, and first place scrapbook and Arthritis . Bella Gleghorn received a special recognition from SGL/IARA.

The week after Sessions Hailey Hanna, Shauna Schultz and Sarah Thomas embarked on the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour thanks to the Grand LEA of Washington.

Some of our members were able to attend the All Branch Officers Reception at the IOOF Park in Olympia in July . We always enjoy our time at the park.

In August we were able to take eight of our members to International Youth Days in Pittsburgh, PA. We want to thank our Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly and JJYC for making this trip happen.

Near the end of August we had a get together to

kick off our Papa Murphy Pizza Card Fund raiser which we will be doing the month of September. There is a new owner and the cards have changed a little, but they are still a great buy. If you would like some contact us through our advisor,

We had our 64th birthday this summer and we're happy to say we are still going strong.

— In Happiness Through Service  
The Members of Acorn

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**queenche2000@frontier.com.**

Funds raised will help with our community service projects and travel. Your support is appreciated.



# ~ From your 2024-25 Grand Patriarch ~

## MY VISITATIONS ARE STARTING

Greetings Patriarchs,

During the coming year it is my intention to visit all the Encampments in the Jurisdiction of Washington. I will be visiting my home Encampment on Tuesday, September 24, and will be in Kent on February 11, Buckley on February 12, and Alpha on February 13.

## I'LL BE BASED IN ENUMCLAW

For this last cluster of visits I will be traveling with an entourage of Patriarchs, staying in Enumclaw as a home base. I have yet to determine when I will be visiting Unique Unified in Spokane. It is my hope that these will be more than official visits, but will also be an opportunity to start a dialogue about the future of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship.

## SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

In my home Encampment, our goal is to support our members who are taking on leadership positions

in the local lodge with institutional knowledge, past experience, and a forum for more in-depth conversations about Odd Fellowship than regular lodge meetings can provide. As a positive side effect, this deepens our friendships and strengthens our sense of community. This in turn gives meaning and motivation to participation.

I believe that active Encampments play an important role in maintaining healthy lodges. This role can take many forms, and I look forward to sharing our experiences and learning what others are doing that works for them.

— *In Faith, Hope & Charity, Jerry Smith,  
Grand Patriarch of Washington, IOOF*

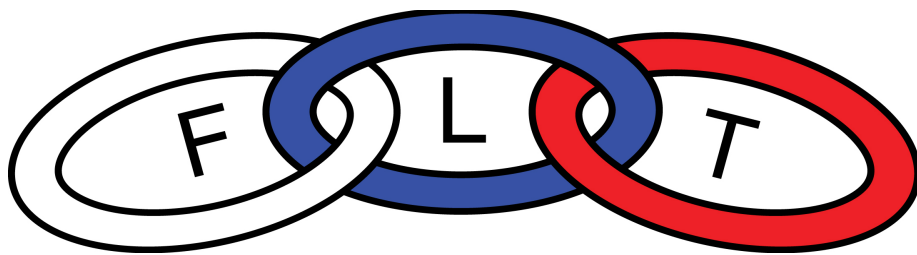


## Something to cheer about

Sovereign Grand Lodge Youth Days Pittsburgh. Theta Rho Girls from Colorado presented their skit during Youth Days sessions. Many other youth presented skits, songs, and jokes. We all had a great time.



# ~ Lodge Cards ~



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

**Meets At:** Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle  
**Mailing Address:** 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107-5224 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Linda Shwab, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 782-9646. **Sec'y:** Michael Manning, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 782-9646 (2/28/25)

### BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE 145

**Meets At:** DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton 98312. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jeni Thompson, 5810 Burchfield Dr., Bremerton, WA 98312. **Ph:** (360) 271-4431. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. (2/28/25)

### 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:** Tom Harper, 917 212th Ave NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Phone:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. (2/28/25)

### BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

**Meets At:** Bucoda Community Center, 101A E. 7th, (upstairs), Bucoda. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Shelly Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 870-2581 (Cell). **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046 (Cell) (2/28/25)

### CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

**Meets At:** 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Marilyn Loftus, 10619 E. Lake Joy Dr. NE, Carnation, WA 98014. **Ph:** (425) 844-0715. **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasperek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/25)

### FALL CITY 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:** Cheryl Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 765-0630. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/25)

### HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

**Meets At:** 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Nave, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Joey Locke, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. (2/28/25)

### LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

**Meets At:** IOOF Lodge Hall, 201 Pine St., Kelso, WA 98626. **Lodge Mailing Address:** c/o Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 409-9900. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86, Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (564) 220-6922 (2/28/26)

### 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:** Dave Reed, PO Box 494, McCleary, WA 98557-0494. **Ph:** (360) 495-3573. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/25)

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

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

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



## Shuffling off to Buffalo

Pilgrimage for Youth Delegate Sarah Thomas, right, from Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor, reunites with her cousin Phillip in Buffalo, New York for a roaring good time. Sarah was one of several teens from Washington participating



## ~ Lodge Cards ~

### RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. Lodge Mailing Address: 5010 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513 Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave., Olympia, WA 98502. Ph: (360) 561-2220. Sec'y: Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. Ph: (360) 701-5896. (2/28/25)

### SKOOKUMCHUCK I.O.O.F. LODGE #129

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101A E. 7th St. (upstairs) Bucoda, WA. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. Time: 2nd & 4th Fridays., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Dave Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. Ph: (253) 590-6208. Sec'y: LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. Ph: (360) 451-2046 (Cell). (2/28/25)

### 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., 6:00 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Joe Schaible, 8811 400th St. E., Eatonville, WA 98328. Ph: (253) 219-5461. Sec'y: Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Ph: (253) 606-5131 (2/28/25)

### SOUTH TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321. Mailing Address: PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. Time: 1st & 2nd Tues., 6:00 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Alicia Vest Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387-3437. Ph: (206) 880-6212. Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. Ph: (253) 468-1949 (2/28/25)

### 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 (2/28/25)

### TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. Mailing Address: PO Box 612, Napavine, WA 98570. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Melody Butterson, 446 View Ridge Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. Ph: (360) 985-7283. Sec'y: Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Ph: (360) 219-7629 (2/28/25)

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

Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686 Mailing Address: PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Pat Hill, 8207 NE 99th Cir. Vancouver, WA 98662. Ph: (360) 713-3348. 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: 573 - 30th St, Washougal. Mailing Address: PO Box 448, Washougal, WA 98671. Meeting Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Hope (Joyce) Gilson, 527 NE 6th Ave., Camas, WA 98607 Ph: (360) 823-8187. Sec'y: Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/26)

### YAKIMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #22

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Jim Boyd, 7702 W. Lincoln, Yakima, WA 98908. Ph: (509) 823-4123. Sec'y: NG: Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. Ph: (509) 452-0910. (2/28/25)







On their way to Sovereign Grand Sessions in Pittsburgh, PA, Kathi Picanco and her husband Joe made a detour to St. Jude's Hospital to drop off a check for the funds Kathi raised during her year as Grand Matriarch. Above

is Kathi and her great niece Olivia Oliver who has received care at the Memphis for seven years. In the inset photo, Kathi is with Donation Director Anita Williams and Olivia.

## Just a little side trip to St. Jude's

Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to thank you again for supporting my project as Grand Matriarch to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN. Because of your generosity we raised \$21,058. A special thanks to those you helped me put on the various fund's raisers. An incredibly special thanks to the Grand LEA for their generous support.

On the way driving to Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Pittsburgh, PA, my husband and I diverted to Memphis and personally delivered the check. The check will go into their general benefit fund to assist where needed. What a privilege to meet the people who work so hard for the children who are

patients there.

My great niece Olivia is one of those patients who has been receiving care for seven years now. If it were not for the efforts of St. Jude's, she would not be here today. Her mother and I both are grateful to the doctors and nurses who helped through chemo, radiation and four surgeries.

Finally, allow me again to express my deepest thanks and love to all my Brothers and Sisters. Without your contributions and kindness, I could not have made this donation a reality.

— *In Peace, Hope and Charity,*  
Kathi Picanco  
Immediate Past Grand Matriarch



## Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 Assembly President and GM ride in style

Trinity Rebekahs have been working hard to keep things going. In July we had the “Funtime Festival” in Napavine and thanks to Melody and Don Butterson we had a float in the parade.

We had Grand Master Steve Purcell and Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs riding on our float. Tamara Delaney, Alberta’s granddaughter, helped give out candy. The float received a second place trophy.

We would like to send condolences out to our Sister Kay Pratt following the loss of her husband Jerry Pratt on July 30. Trinity members are pulling together to furnish cookies for his service.

We will be having a Bingo night in September, (no date set yet) for L.C. Renal Alliance. The Rebekahs will have another Bingo night in October and it will be Halloween themed. We’ll let you know the date for sure in the next newspaper.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
Alberta Luurs, President,  
Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
Secretary for Trinity #179

## Mt. Constitution #88 fund-raiser a success

Members of Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 on Orcas Island were successful with their goal of raising \$15,000 to renovate our deck overlooking beautiful East Sound, a body of water that has much wildlife and is enjoyed by the community and guests to the island.

Through the Orcas Island Community Foundation (OICF) “Give Orcas Spring Drive,” community members and folks from off-island generously donated to make it happen.

We wish to give thanks to various lodges in our state (including individuals from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Lodges) who donated to the cause. We appreciate feeling connected and appreciate the generosity towards our beloved community building.

— *Sincerely In F., L. & T.,*  
Mt. Constitution Lodge #88, Orcas Island

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# Hope Rebekah Lodge enjoys a busy summer

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Hope met for a social meeting June 5. Members brought their own lunch. Sister Joey was hostess for dessert. She served a delicious chocolate cream mousse cake. Our lunch was at noon with a social meeting and visiting at 1 p.m.

## WE'RE SORRY TO REPORT

PNG Linda Bradley reported her mother Katharine Thompson died on May 20. Sister Katharine was a dedicated 62-year member of the Rebekahs. She was an active member of Unique Unified Encampment along with her Daughter Linda. Our love and prayers are with Sister Linda following her mother's passing.

Our prayers, love, and condolences are extended to Linda's brother in California after a motorcycle accident. He passed the day before their mother's funeral.

Sister Katharine's funeral was June 25 at Hazon and Jaeger Valley Funeral Home with burial following in Pines Cemetery.

Prayers were asked to continue for Mary Matherly. Mary is quite ill. Whenever she gets up out of a chair she is weak. She is also the sole caregiver for her husband.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday cards were signed for Beverly Johnson, Tim and Elisabeth Moon, and Linda Bradley.

Our lodge voted to give a check to our Representative for expenses towards Rebekah Assembly. We are also proud and honored to have John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly, as one of our own. He was installed at Rebekah Assembly.

Sister Joey has been appointed Canadian Color Bearer for Assembly by President Alberta Luurs.

## NORTH TO ALASKA

Tedd Swanson and George Chinn enjoyed a memorable cruise to Alaska in August with the Sinto Senior Center. This was our first cruise.

On June 19 Hope enjoyed their annual indoor picnic BBQ at the Temple at noon. Many thanks to Pat Nave and her husband Al for providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments. Members brought side dishes. Tedd and George brought apple pie and ice cream. We also enjoyed soft drinks, lemonade, and ice tea.

The summer has swiftly flown by. I hope everyone enjoyed a great summer.

— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth,*  
Tedd Swanson, PNG, Reporter



## Olympia's Memorial Day

Then Grand Master Michael Scheurich and Assembly President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe raised the American Flag during the annual Memorial Day event at the Olympia Odd Fellows Cemetery.





Sylvia IOOF Hall in Montesano was the site of Charlotte Sexton's memorial service.

## Grand LEA

### Jennie Reed brings home SGL Membership Award

It was my honor to accept the Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows 2023 Membership Honor Roll Award on behalf of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington. "Through teamwork - you pulled together for the good of our Order" With a gain of 9 (39.13%) in membership for the year ending December, 2023. Dated this 18th day of August, 2024. Signed Michelle Heckert, Sovereign Grand Master 2022-2023.

The Kent LEA #15 meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge with lunch at 12 Noon and meeting at 1 p.m. Mt Angeles LEA #88 meets at the Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Please join our LEA's. We sponsor the Buckley Food Bank, as well as the projects of our Order.

— Jennie Reed, Scribe  
Kent LEA #15 and Mt. Angeles LEA #88



## Here's the epitome of Odd Fellowship!

I want to thank the Grand Lodge of Washington for helping my family during our time of need, and want to share some pictures of the memorial as well as a thank you letter:

My mother-in-law, Charlotte Sexton, recently passed away. Our family needed a location near her gravesite to hold our memorial service, and we had limited funds because of other funeral costs. I reached out to my Brothers and Sisters at the Grand Lodge of Washington, and we were graciously offered the use of the Sylvia Lodge building in Montesano.



This was an ideal location, as Charlotte grew up in the area and had many local friends who could attend. It also provided great financial relief, as many other options were out of our price range, and we would have had to curtail the memorial service. It was a sad time, but also an honor to fulfill my duty as an Odd Fellow to "Bury the Dead" and "Relieve the Distressed."

This was my first time being deeply involved in this unfortunate, but necessary part of life. I am honored to be a member of an organization where folks step up quickly to help relieve some of the burdens of such circumstances.

I want to especially thank Grand Master Steve Purcell for taking time out of his day to open the lodge hall, help with the setup, and for being present during the service. I also want to thank Grand Secretary Laurel Delony for being so responsive to my wife and helping connect us with the right people.

I am honored to be an Odd Fellow and proud to have fulfilled some of my obligations. It is my earnest hope that we can grow our organization, and I wanted to share how much the support and assistance of my Brothers and Sisters in Odd Fellowship was a blessing to my family and me.

— In F., L. & T., Damon Townsend,  
South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211





## Theta Rhos enjoying a very busy Summer



*Installations, Grand Sessions,  
SGL kept our Girls very busy*

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## Spiffing Up Our Grand Lodge!!

Members of Buckley Odd Fellows #75 took some time this summer to do some outdoor spiffing up of our building in Buckley. **Top photos** show Grand Secretary Laurel Delony emerging from a second floor window to inspect the work completed by her and husband Dave Delony. The final coat of red paint has not been completed yet. **Bottom photo** shows Laurel pressure washing the building's front awnings.





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## Tie Tying Clinic

**Right:** Dave Delony shows a couple of our Theta Rho Girls the fine art of tying a necktie at our Grand Sessions in Yakima last June.

## East Bound

**Below:** Washington's Pilgrimage for Youth participants are ready to board their plane for the East Cost trip. We promise you more next Month

