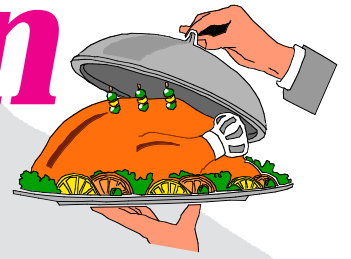


**THE** *Happy Thanksgivine Brothers & Sisters!*



# Washington ODD FELLOW



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## *District #2 Rebekahs have miles of smiles!!*

At the Rebekah District Association #2 annual meeting on October 19, the Membership Banner went to Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley. Host for the meeting were members of South Tacoma Rebekahs #160. Last year's winner was Ruth #17 and they presented the banner to Eola. The District Meeting included a school of instruction by all three lodges. All did a great job. From left are: Joe Picanco, Tom Frogge', Gail Johnson, Kendra Frogge' (seated), Karen Hoylman, Alberta Hagen (kneeling), Cathy Garcia (standing), Kim Presley, Marcia Presley, Karmen Lundell, and Kathi Picanco. Taking pictures were Laurel Delony and Jennie Reed.



# From the Grand Master's Den #2

## A VISIT WITH SPUNKY

I'm shifting gears a bit with this letter. September 17 offered me the opportunity to visit Spunky Bluebirds #93, part of the Theta Rho Assembly of



**STEVEN PURCELL**  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Washington

Washington. This wonderful group of young ladies welcomed me, rendered the Honors and conducted business with zeal and confidence. Add to that, I received a Theta Rho T-shirt. When you see me wearing it, you already know the back story.

## REFLECTIONS ON OUR ORDER

My visit gave me time to reflect on the state of the Order in general. The young ladies of Theta Rho are the ones who will carry on the legacy of Odd Fellowship. They are our future. It is unfortunate that only two clubs remain in our Jurisdiction. Any lodge — Odd Fellow or Rebekah — which is fortunate enough to have a Theta Rho Club nearby, has a valuable ally and partner with whom to collaborate.

## THETA RHO HELPS GIRLS GROW

Membership in Theta Rho offers the young ladies an opportunity to increase their confidence and to learn and practice leadership. I've seen a number of the members grow from being newcomers hesitant to participate to conducting club meetings as confident young women preparing to assume leadership roles in other Branches of our Order. I impressed upon them that they all had the potential to be Assembly President, Grand Master or to be elected to a leadership position in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The bigger the dream, the harder the work required to realize that dream; the harder the work, the more satisfying attaining the goal.

I encourage all lodges which have a Theta Rho Club nearby to always remember them and extend an invitation to participate in any events you may be planning. Given the number of activities vying for their time, they may not be able to accept; but extend the invitation anyway.

Spunky's current plans include attending the Boo-Coda Haunted House on October 4 and staying for the Pancake Breakfast the next morning. I am looking forward to seeing you young ladies again soon.

— *In Happiness Through Service and  
Friendship, Love, and Truth,*  
Steven Purcell,

*Grand Master, Jurisdiction of Washington*



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# From the desk of the Assembly President

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all of my Brothers and Sisters!

I hope all your holiday plans are coming together. If you are travelling to see family I wish you safe travels.



ALBERTA LUURS  
Assembly President

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting is here and it will be reported in next month's issue.

## ELECTIONS

I hope you're all on track for the elections of your new officers. Congratulations to all the newly-elected officers for 2025.

## MY VISITATIONS

Walla Walla was my first stop to meet with Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 on October 1. It was a social meeting. I was so glad to finally put faces to names of

members who I hadn't met before.

Spokane was my next stop to meet with Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 on October 2. I had a very nice meeting and a potluck lunch. Thank you members of Hope!

I also need to thank Karen Schultz for her hospitality by letting me stay with her in Walla Walla. It was much nicer than a motel.

While at the Northwest meeting, I will be visiting Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23. I'm trying to get the east side visits completed while the weather is good.

I have visited the following Rebekah lodges last month:

- **October 22**, Sunbeam #147 in Elma.
- **October 23**, Ruth #17 in Olympia.
- **October 19**, I attended the Rebekah District Association #2 annual meeting in Olympia.

## KEEP MEMBERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Just a reminder, please keep our Brothers and Sisters in the Southeast and East in our prayers as they struggle to recover from the hurricanes

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

# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## OLYMPIA DISTRICT MEETING WAS FUN

Brothers and Sisters,

We had a great time at the District Association meeting held in Olympia. Tacoma was the host for the day and lunch was a potluck where our talented members displayed their culinary prowess.

The day was full of addendums, information, and Rebekah cheer. We were visited by Alberta Luurs, President of the Rebekah Assembly, and Jennie Reed, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly.

## NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

We've had our second round of nominations and will be electing our officers this month. Some of us are being recycled and at least one is going in as a newbie. We are planning our installation, a joint venture with Ruth #17 on January 18.

Next up is working on Christmas stockings for "My Sister's Pantry" again this year. We hope to be working with the Buckley Odd Fellows on this pro-

ject and Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club #93.

## SEGUE

If any of you members out there have girls the age of 8 to 18, becoming a member of a Theta Rho Club is a good way to start your journey through Odd Fellowship. If you need more information please contact the Rebekah Assembly Secretary for the club nearest you.

In November we are planning our second meeting as social and we will go to dinner. If you'd like to join us please let me know at:

[laureljdellony@gmail.com](mailto:laureljdellony@gmail.com)

We'll add you to the reservation list. Dinner will be on November 19 at 6 p.m. with the restaurant to be determined. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

— *With Rebekah Hugs Laurel Delony, Reporter*

# Happy Thanksgiving

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Really, already? I'm still looking at flowers blooming in my yard, and I'm certainly not done sitting in the sunshine on the deck. Oh well, time to move on.



**CATHY GARCIA**  
Assembly  
Secretary

## FALL PER CAPITA

If you haven't sent your Fall Per Capita payments in, please do so right away. You should be getting your Annual Report forms in the mail soon. It is very important that you fill these in accurately as the numbers reported are used to assess your Assembly Per Capita and our Sovereign Grand Lodge dues for 2025. If you need any help with these forms, please give me a call. I would be happy to meet with

you and go over them.

## IT'S ELECTION TIME

New officers will be voted on this month. I hope you are encouraging new members to step up and take an office. It is always so exciting to have fresh ideas and new energy in our lodges. I'm sure you will all be hearing from the President regarding

Officer Installations in January. I enjoy meeting new officers as well as past friends at these events.

## DON'T GET OVERWHELMED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This is a really busy time of year, and it is easy to get caught up in holiday preparations, lodge activities, and family functions. I get very enthusiastic about all the "happenings" and sometimes get a bit overwhelmed. I want to take a minute to encourage each of you to take time to relax and think about all your blessings and be thankful for each day. Taking care of yourself is important, being with family is wonderful, and participating in lodge events is the frosting on the cake.

## HERE'S WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A BLESSED THANKSGIVING

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing each of you in the near future.  
Cathy

— 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)

# Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I'm so thankful for my Sisters at Trinity, actually all my Rebekah Sisters and Brothers all across the United States, in other Jurisdictions, as well as closer to home.

Trinity's newest member Mary Smith has been going along on some of our visits to the other lodges. She is a person who wants to know more about what we are all about and learn new things. I wish more of our members were able to attend and take part in Odd Fellowship.

## CONDOLENCES AND GET WELL WISHES

We send condolences to Sister Naomi Dow who is our oldest member to date at 98-years-old. She lost her sister on October 9, 2024. She was 10 years younger than her. Hugs to Naomi.

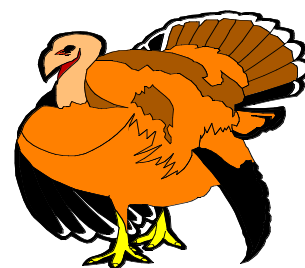
We also extend get well wishes to Evelyn McNeil.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN MID-NOVEMBER

Our Christmas bazaar will be on November 15 and 16. We will be having our full Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday. Then on Saturday, we'll serve turkey noodle soup. Come and join us for lunch.

## TURKEY BINGO

Also, we're teaming up with the Napavine Lions club putting on a "Turkey Bingo" on November 9. There is no dinner, **BUT** we will have Nachos at half time for \$8 for a larger size. I do believe we will be starting earlier than usual, like at 4 or 5 p.m. Come on down to win a turkey and have some fun.



— In F., L. & T.,  
Alberta Luurs, Secretary



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS WILL SOON BE ON THEIR WAY

Brothers and Sisters,

I am getting ready to send out the annual forms in December. These forms will be mailed out on December



**LAUREL DELONY**  
Grand Secretary

1. Please be sure to read the enclosed letter to your lodge members. Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, or whomever is responsible for filling out the report, please **READ the INSTRUCTIONS**. Why you may ask? Because you've done this many times before you say? Well, just about every report comes in incorrect. I was tasked by the Jr. Past Grand Master last year to come up with new forms. So, I have. I think you will find these much easier to fill out and understand

**AND** they are now on 8.5 by 11 inch paper. If you would like the electronic version please just give me a call or send me an email and I will send it over to you. All you have to do is pop in the numbers and it adds it all up for you. But you still have to read the instructions.

Your District Deputy Grand Masters, who were present at the DDGM meeting, were made aware of the new forms. So, you can ask them for help

as well. I'm still working to shrink the membership rosters to 8.5 by 11 inches as well.

## NEW MEMBER FORMS

If you have conferred the degrees on new members remember there should have been a new member form sent into the Grand

Lodge directly after their initiation. If you have new members and you haven't done that part yet, please get the forms in as soon as possible so the rosters can be updated.

## SECOND HALF PER CAPITA

For those lodges that have not sent in the full amount of the per capita or only mailed in half, it is due by the 15th of December. If you need another copy of the invoice please let me know.

## I AM HERE TO HELP YOU

Remember, I am here to help you and if you need me to walk you through the whole process, I will certainly do that.

## HOLIDAYS ARE NEAR VETERAN'S DAY IS HERE

I hope everyone has safe and happy holidays and be sure to thank those Veterans who have served our country.

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

## Attention Secretaries & Scribes

## Please check our Grand Lodge website for accuracy

Brother and Sister Secretaries and Scribes,

Please go to the Grand Lodge website, **www.ioofwa.org**, and check your lodge's, Encampment's, etc. information. Do I have the correct officers, meeting date, times, place, etc? If not, please send me an email or call me and I will get it updated as we speak or as I read your email.

If you don't have access to a computer give me a call and I'll go through the information with you and correct as needed in real time.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

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



# Happy Thanksgiving!!



# Spunky Bluebirds are looking for more fun!

The Spunky Bluebirds are off to an exciting and fun start to a new Theta Rho year. During August, Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs granted us a special dispensation to hold a summer meeting for the purpose of initiating two new members — Elizabeth and Alexis.

## OFF TO SYLVIA'S CABIN

In early September, Theta Rho Assembly President, Hailey Hanna requested we spend a night at "Sylvia's Cabin." Although Grand Master Steven Purcell and his wife didn't stay the night, they joined us for a "Cabin Taco Bar." By the way, we did make them work for their dinner.

Later in September, Grand Master Steve made an official visit to our club. His visit helped the girls to understand they are a part of a larger organization. His visit also provided the girls a chance to surprise him with his own "official" Theta Rho t-shirt. The evening was even more exciting as we brought in two more new members — Autumn and Hailey (associate member).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

In the last couple of months, the girls have been amazingly enthusiastic to help our community. Twice they have discovered picking up litter in the neighborhood is fun. And putting together 150 hygiene bags for local school children in need is hard work and remarkably rewarding.

## A HAUNTING EXPERIENCE

Thanks to GM Steve's generosity, the very first night the "Boo-Coda" Haunted House opened, 10 Spunky Bluebirds and family members were first in line, eager to be scared to death (only without wetting their pants).

The next morning, we were back in Bucoda to help support Rebekah Assembly President Alberta's and Grand Master Steve's project and to eat delicious pancakes. The girls were delighted to see our Grand Master proudly wearing his new favorite t-shirt.

We are so lucky to not only have wonderful and kind supporting Rebekah lodges (Buckley and South Tacoma Rebekah Lodges). We are also blessed by the entire IOOF community. Many thanks to all of you.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
Sylvia Summers, Advisor



Taking part in the Tenino Parade are, from left, Adrielle Keena (sister), Teanna Gardner, Elizabeth Keena, and Alexis Smith.



Enjoying the Taco Bar are, from left, Teanna Gardner, Lorrie Bonnell, Laura Purcell, Steve Purcell, and Hailey Hanna.



Picking up litter are, from left, Spunky Bluebirds Advisor Sylvia Summers, along with Teanna Gardner, and MaLana Barbas.



## Bucoda Bulletin Board #43

# \$358 raised for Renal Alliance!

First a report from the pancake breakfast mentioned in Bulletin Board #42. Two hours, 15 pounds of pancake mix, 20 pounds, each, of ham and sausage; don't know how much coffee and breakfast juices. \$358 total was raised for the Joint President's and Grand Master's project, L.C. Renal Alliance.

Thank you to all involved: Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Bucoda Rebekahs #144, the Town of Bucoda for the use of the hall, everyone who made donations, and the cast of thousands who made it all possible. Not sure when I will be able to tolerate a trip to IHOP.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The All Degree Day was on October 26 and Skookumchuck #129 welcomed two new members, Alex Ackert-Hall and Katrean Hall. They are both very involved in the community and I predict great

things for them as members of our Order.

### NORTHWEST MEETING

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting is in Yakima on November 1, 2 and 3. It is Halloween themed this year. Wonder what I'll wear....hmm?

October has been busy on all fronts and November promises to be even busier. They say there is no rest for the wicked. I'm doomed.

Finally, an appeal to the Blanket Fairy. Please contact Laura Purcell at:

[laurapurcell@scattercreek.com](mailto:laurapurcell@scattercreek.com)

— Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth

*I remain Steven Purcell,*

*Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent,*

*Skookumchuck #129*

*Bucoda Rebekahs #144*

## From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President

### 'Boo-Coda' Haunted House

Hi everyone. This month my little sister and I got to become official members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club.



HANNA HAILEY  
TRA President

At that meeting Grand Master Steven Purcell made a club visit and gave us tickets for the "Boo-Coda" haunted house his home lodge hosts in Bucoda.

At our next meeting we packed hygiene products and socks for homeless kids.

At the end of the month, members of Spunky Bluebirds went to the "Boo-Coda" haunted house, then stayed in Advisor Sylvia Summers's cabin overnight. Then we

woke up and had breakfast in Bucoda.

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

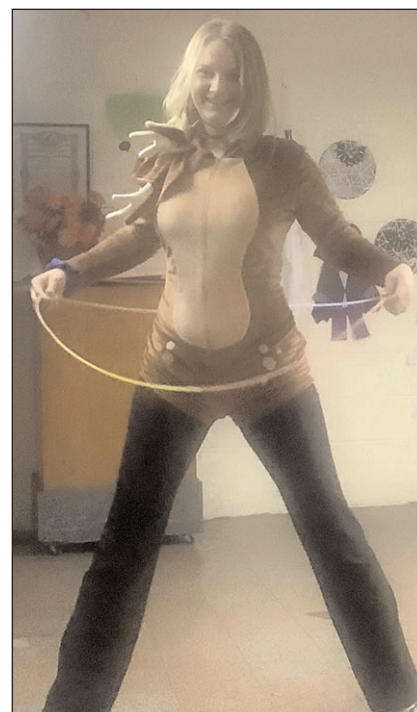
— In Happiness Through Service,  
Hailey Hanna

Your Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

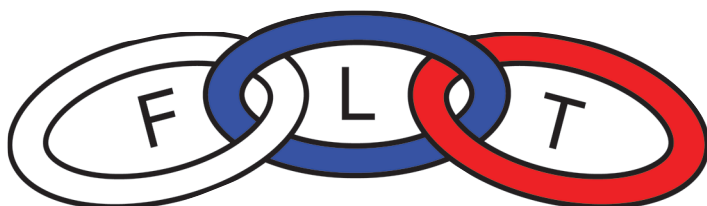


### Halloween on the Island

Leilah McNichols of Acorn Theta Rho Club #79 in Oak Harbor was decked out for Acorn's Halloween Party recently.



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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.



# From the desk of your Grand Matriarch

Fall is definitely here and I hope you are enjoying its beautiful colors as much as I am.

Two important dates occur during this month, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Let us not forget the men and women of our armed forces, past and present, for the sacrifices they have made that we

## ~ 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

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### 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 Butterton, 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

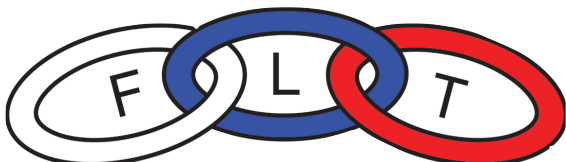
**Meets At:** 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686 **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Hill, 8207 NE 99th Cir. Vancouver, WA 98662. **Ph:** (360) 713-3348. **Sec'y:** Richard Blade, 12908 NE 71s Ave., Vancouver, 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)



JUDY DIEKMAN  
Grand Matriarch

might enjoy the freedoms we have today. On this special day if you know a Veteran, take time to thank them for their service to our country.

While you are enjoying your Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends take time to count the many blessings you have had during the past year. Sometimes we get so busy that we forget to do this.

### OFFICIAL VISITS

I made my first official visit to Kent LEA last month and I thank them for all the courtesies and the donation to my project. They even turned me into "Judy the Snowman" (tune of *Frosty the Snowman*) and now I have my own song.

Weather permitting, I will be making my visit to Mt. Angeles LEA on November 11.

### A PARTING THOUGHT

In closing I'd like to leave you with this thought: "To the world you might just be one person, but to one person you might just be the world."

Take time each day to do an act of kindness.

— In Faith, Hope, & Charity,  
Judy Diekman, Grand Matriarch







Blunt Skulls

## Wenatchee IOOF Hall keeps a rockin

Joel Myrene, Vice Grand of Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 in Wenatchee, used to book local punk and rock concerts at the Wenatchee Hall when we were young. Both Joel and I grew up with concerts at the lodge and decided to join the Odd Fellows to keep the historic lodge building and bring back “All Ages” rock concerts for the youth in the Wenatchee valley.

Joel has done a fantastic job of booking these events and working with the bands. We promote heavily on social media and put up flyers to advertise, which gets lots of attention and brings in a healthy crowd. It’s great to see interest from old punk rockers and now their kids too coming out to shows.

The lodge is a great venue for the youth to have weekend concerts that they can attend, since most other rock shows are at local bars for the 21+ year old crowd. These shows are making a come back after more than 20 years due to the hard work of Joel Myrene and the members of our lodge. This is the third show we’ve held at the lodge with another show coming up on November 7, 2024.

Of note is the fact that “Icarus” is comprised of

high school kids who play “Metallica” covers and have a growing following in Wenatchee. “Blunt Skulls” is a guest band from Spokane, and “Datura” is a local favorite from Wenatchee that tours and plays shows in the Pacific Northwest.



Datura





## *Grand Master's project wrap-up*

# GM Mike raised more than \$10,000

Brothers and Sisters, first let me say what a wonderful time I had last year as your Grand Master. It was both an honor and pleasure to serve you. With my Peace pin sales of \$ 2,450, quilt raffle tickets, and generous donations from lodges, I was able to present a check in the amount of \$ 7,135 to my charity, Family Success Northwest, on July 12.

At the end of August, I received \$ 3,000, an amazingly generous donation from our Grand LEA, which I was able to get to the Family Success Northwest organization on September 4. Recently I also received another \$ 100 donation which I will be forwarding to this great charity. In all that is **\$10,235!** I could not have done this without all of your support. Thank you all so very much.

— Michael Scheurich, Jr. Past Grand Master

## *Fez Head & Scribes:*

# Time to get ready for 2024 Annual Reports

Hey All You Fez Heads,

Annual reports will be going out December 1. The forms will be new and your Scribe can request an electronic version. These reports should be easier to follow as long as you *read the instructions*.

There is no change in the per capita dues. Dues are still \$16 per member.

The invoice will be with the Annual Report forms.



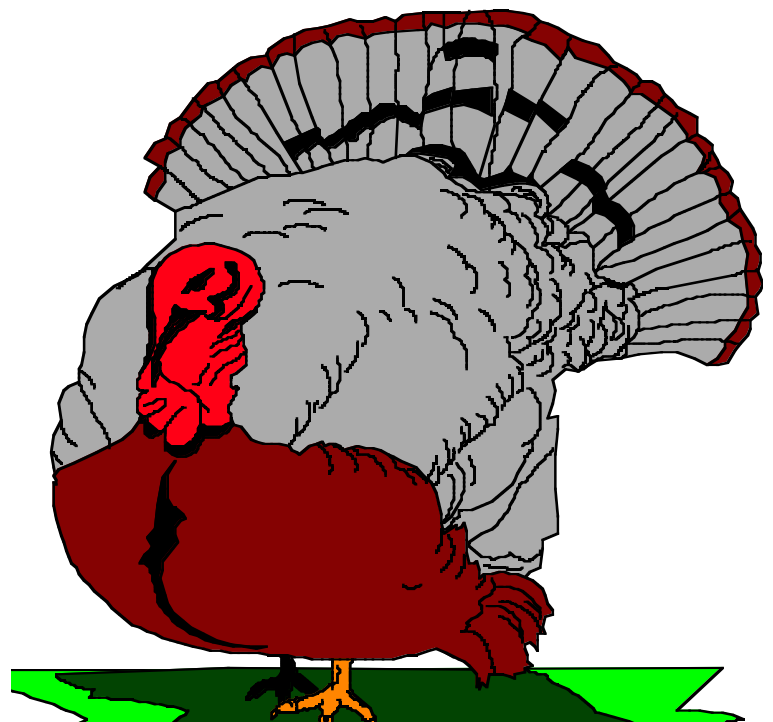
## FEZZES

PGP Toby Hanson is working on securing a vendor to order fezzes from. I'll have more information for you once we are able to complete the first transaction.

## SCRIBES, CHECK THE WEBSITE

Scribes, have you checked the website lately? Do I have your correct information listed? Please check it out and let me know if there needs to be any changes or updates. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

— In Faith, Hope, and Charity'  
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe







## *Spiffing up in Bucoda*

Members of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 decided to move the old Silvia #38 stations to the Bucoda Community Hall where they currently meet. The stations

are in wonderful condition and a beautiful addition to the Community Hall. Silvia #38 was located in Montesano before it was shuttered.

## From your 2024-25 Assembly Warden

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am honored to serve as your Rebekah Assembly Warden again. I thank you for your vote of confidence.



**JENNIE REED**  
Assembly Warden

Along with being Warden, I am the Membership Chairman and Membership is always a priority.

When I was the Assembly President in 2008, my motto was "Plant a seed and watch it grow," meaning get a new member, mentor the member, and watch that member become active and enjoy the programs of our Order.

In 2008 we had 68 lodges.

When I was Assembly President in 2018, we had 22 lodges and today we have 14. This last year we gained 16 members, however we lost 42.

This is not only happening in Washington, but nationwide. According to the State of the Order

report at IARA, we lost 60 lodges, 3,700 Sisters, and 254 Brothers. That means we lost 3,954 Rebekahs! In addition, we lost 78 Theta Rho members and 37 United Youth Group members. That is 115 members of our future.

We must not continue to lose members. The future of The Rebekah Assembly of Washington depends on all of us to reverse this. Please help me to find the answers to gaining membership.

— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth,*  
Jennie Reed, Assembly Warden

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***As You Gather With***  
***Family & Friends***





## *A thorn in a bed of roses*

Washington's very own Ronald D. Hanson, Sovereign Grand Warden, made a visit to the Idaho Grand Lodge Sessions recently. While there he visited the Rebekah

Assembly of Idaho. As you can see, Ron is indeed a thorn in a bed of Rebekah roses. He is in the second row, fourth from left.



## *STC's for charity*

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, family, and friends — 21 in total — gathered on Saturday, October 5 for the "Sumner Come Walk with Me Now" for Breast Cancer awareness. This year's walk was in honor of Laurel Delony's niece, second from bottom right, as she starts her fight with breast cancer. As of this printing she has had a double mastectomy and is doing well. From left in the back row

are Schuyler, Jordan, Danny, Eva (hidden,) Kellen, Michelle, Amanda, Riley, Miko, Brittney, and Joanie. In the middle row, from left, are Laurel, Melissa, Joanne, and Kim. Front row, from left, are Dena, Elyse, Lindsey, and Cathy. Not shown, but walking, were Allan and Daryl. If you are curious about our team's name, contact Laurel for her shocking answer.



# Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Members of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 gathered together for lunch on Wednesday, October 2 at noon. We enjoyed a variety of hearty homemade soups, chili, and cornbread.

## A VISIT FROM ALBERTA

Our special guests included Sister Alberta Luurs, Rebekah Assembly of Washington President, who made her official visit along with her traveling companion, Sister Lou Ann Hoffman, PNG of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144. President Alberta is also Secretary of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #79 in Napavine. Visiting was enjoyed during lunch with President Alberta and Sister Lou Ann.

## A BIG CROWD ON HAND

Lodge opened at 1 p.m. in ritualistic form with Noble Grand Elisabeth Winship Moon presiding. Those present were: Noble Grand, Elisabeth Moon; Vice Grand, Beverly Johnson; Secretary, Tim Moon; Chaplain, Debra Tobler; Conductor, George Chinn; Inside Guardian, John "Johneo" Otterstrom, who is the Rebekah Assembly Vice President; Left Supporter NG, Dusti Trebe, who is the Jr. Past President of the Rebekah Assembly; Right Supporter VG, Tedd Swanson; Warden Sara Kane, who is also the Rebekah Assembly Marshal who escorted President Alberta and District Deputy President of District #1 Joey Locke to the altar where they received the Honors of the Rebekah Degree. Sister Joey then escorted Sara Kane to the altar where she was welcomed as Assembly Marshal. John, "Johneo" Otterstrom, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly, was at his station and not able to leave, but was acknowledged.

## SICK REPORT

Linda Bradley, PNG was absent. She had an important doctor's appointment. Linda is Right Supporter to the Noble Grand. Our love and prayers are with Linda following the death of her brother in California. He was critically injured and was left in a coma from a motorcycle accident. He died the day before their mother's funeral on June 28. Their mother Katherine Thompson was a PNG of Hope #38 and a member for 62 years. Sister Katherine was active in Unique Unified Encampment with her daughter Linda. Linda traveled to California on August 15 to attend the cele-

bration of life service for her brother.

Leon Tobler is unable to go outside because of doctor's orders. He has COPD. Leon goes twice weekly for therapy.

Mary Matherly is still having serious medical issues. Mary also has the sole responsibility of caring for her disabled husband.

Johneo's mother in Clarkston came home from a rehab facility, but she fell at home and is back at the rehab facility. Johnneo was caring and assisting his mom at home.

Debra Tobler reported she is out of one of her medications and can't get help from her doctor.

## OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Tim Moon made a motion to keep the current officers in their positions for the next year. Beverly Johnson seconded. Everyone voted yes.

## OUR SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO PAT

Our love, prayers, and care are with Pat Nave, PNG and Treasurer, following the death of her husband Albert who, the weekend of October 11, had just been admitted to a care facility. Hope Rebekahs carpooled to his celebration of life service on Friday, October 25 at their church, Airway Heights Baptist, in Airway Heights, a suburb just north of Spokane.



## ANNUAL BAZAAR

We are busy finalizing plans for our annual bazaar, craft sale, and bake sale to be held at the Odd Fellows Temple located at 1420 N. Washington St, on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26 and again on the following weekend, Friday and Saturday, November 1-2. Bazaar hours on all four days are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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



# Acorn Theta Rho Girls ready for fall

Fall has definitely arrived. We hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall colors.

There are two special days this month. The first is Veteran's Day. We voted to make our usual donation to "Help Heal Vets" for their craft kit program. Remember, if you know a Veteran, please thank them for their service.

The second is Thanksgiving. We will be doing our annual turkey raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation as one of our community service projects. We also will be helping on Thanksgiving weekend with Toys For Tots.

The Gardiner family (Desiree, Stacy and Tanya are members of Acorn) who now live in Tampa had to evacuate twice in two weeks. The girls' school sustained significant damage after Hurricane Helene and had to be closed. They were having a fundraiser to get supplies to get the students back into class. We made a donation to help them do that. We are happy that they are safe and able to return home even though not to the best conditions.

Remember to take time to count your own blessings.

Enjoy your time with your family and don't eat too much turkey.

Until next month. . .

— *In Happiness Through Service*  
The Members of Acorn #79



Sharing their boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" are Ava Kaser, Bella Gleghorn, Willow Miller, and Sarah Thomas.



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls Club #79 were busy packing boxes with hygiene products, school supplies,



toys and, craft items. Leilah McNichols, Ava Kaser, Bella Gleghorn, and Willow Miller were part of the crew.



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## *It's a door prize for SGW Ron*

This beautiful door at left was refinished and installed by Brother Dave Delony into Brother Ron Hanson's home with a little help from Sister Laurel Delony who re-keyed and installed the lock. She was also the sweeper.



## *Alberta's pumpkin patches*

These pumpkins were donated to three day cares in Lewis County — 60 in total. This was a community service project spearheaded by Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Alberta Luurs. Alberta said it was in the Rebekah name. The pumpkins that are painted were came later as the day care facility created their own Pumpkin patch.