



# Washington ODD FELLOW



Happy  
Halloween!

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From left are: Sherri Guenther, Scott Guenther, Shayla Givens, Jacob Givins, Chad Guenther, Emma Adams, and Trevor Keys with their Certifications of Appreciation.

## Movie night, Election Party at Bothell #124

Bothell IOOF Lodge #124 invites all interested Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and their invited guests, to a pair of upcoming community events.

### **MOVIE: JOIN OR DIE**

On Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. the lodge will show the film *Join or Die*. Opening and closing with Waxahachie Lodge #80 in Jurisdiction of Texas, this film celebrates the value of participation in community organizations. Joining together has

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## Scott Guenther family cited for valor during fire in Oregon's Park

Members of the Guenther family were enjoying themselves at the Odd Fellows Park in Florence, Oregon when they saw a fire and helped Mary, the Park's caretaker, get out of the burning house with her husband and dogs.


Special certificates of appreciation were read at our Grand Lodge Assembly Sessions in June, but the family was not able to attend as they were attending a family funeral earlier in the week. Scott is a member of Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 in Napavine, Washington.

As a result of the family's heroic actions, our Assembly President Alberta Luurs presented the certificates at the home of Scott and Sherri Guenther.

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

## Free Screening!

# "JOIN or DIE"



This is a movie about  
why you should  
join a club....  
and why the fate of  
America may  
depend on it!

**Clover Leaf Rebekah's Hall**  
at 10116 NE 185th St, Bothell  
**Bothell Lodge #124 hosts**  
**7:30 to 9pm, Tues October 15, 2024**  
Contact: Penny Curtis, 206.235.3419, theoddquilter@gmail.com

Watch the trailer: [trailer.joinordie.film](https://trailer.joinordie.film)

See Hillary Clinton, Pete Buttigieg, David Brooks

## KEEP BOTHELL ODD!

# From the Grand Master's Den #2

## SGL SESSIONS NOW IN THE BOOKS

Brothers and Sisters,

The 197th Annual Communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge is complete and in the



STEVEN PURCELL  
Grand Master

books. Given our flight schedule we did not arrive until the evening of Saturday, August 17. It seemed that one committee or another was always conducting a meeting, mine was Constitution and By-Laws. Of course, we don't review *EVERY* Jurisdiction. Jurisdictions need to be reviewed every 12 years so the committee *SHOULD* only have approximately 1/12th of the Constitutions to review.

Lodge, I strongly recommend you do so. It's a busy time but a good time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

## YES, IT WAS EXCITING

There was lots of exciting and interesting things to see and do: museums, new and different restaurants, and this year there was a river cruise on the

Monongahela. Given our return schedule I couldn't participate but all reports I've heard say it was a fun and wonderful experience. Then there was the *Three Links Oddcast*. If you are not familiar, look it up on Facebook, YouTube, and several other platforms and give it a listen.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SGL WARDEN RON HANSON

Without doubt the most exciting event was the election of the Sovereign Grand Warden. Our own Brother Ron Hanson, PGM, was elected on the first ballot. Congratulations to Brother Ron. We're really looking forward to you being Sovereign Grand Master in a couple of years. Be sure to extend your congratulations to him.

## NOW IT'S BACK TO WORK

Now that SGL is over the real work begins. My goal, of course, is to visit all Lodges at least once this term. I am currently working, diligently, on my schedule for visitations and expect the initial letters to the Lodges to be in the mail in the next week or two at the latest. Secretaries please don't be surprised if you receive an email from me announcing my visitation. Just consider it advanced notification as an official letter will be following.

## EVERY SUNRISE HERALDS A NEW DAY TO TRULY LIVE AS ODD FELLOWS

— In Friendship, Love and Truth, Steven Purcell,  
Your 2024-2025 Grand Master



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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## CONGRATS TO OUR NEW SGL WARDEN RON HANSON

Hello to All Sisters and Brothers,

Let me start off with a big *Congratulations* to Brother Ron Hanson upon being elected Sovereign Grand Warden. What an honor!



ALBERTA LUURS  
*Assembly President*

## NOMINATION MONTH

Yes, it's time for Nominations of Officers. With that as a reminder, choose wisely. Look for those Brothers and Sisters who are ready and willing to work in unity with your members. A lot more can be achieved when there is harmony among us.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

District meetings are starting soon and I would like to encourage members who are able to attend to do

so. There are a lot new ideas to be shared. I know District #2 will be holding its meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the Olympia IOOF Hall. So come out and enjoy a day of Odd Fellowship and fun. It's also a chance to meet others and learn new ideas and even gaining membership.

## PITTSBURGH WAS REMEMBERABLE

My trip to Sovereign Grand Lodge and IARA Sessions in Pittsburgh, PA was an experience I will remember for very long time. Seeing and meeting Rebekahs and Odd Fellows from all parts of the United States and Canada was simply wonderful. I traveled to Iowa last year, but this year I was a little more involved as your Representative. I truly appreciate you electing me to represent our jurisdiction.

## NORTHWEST HERE SOON

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting is coming to Yakima Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 1, 2, and 3. I'm looking forward to making new friends and seeing old friends that I have met along the way.

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

# Movies and much more coming to Bothell

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many benefits, both for the individuals who join and for the overall health of the community.

Based on the work of Harvard political scientist Robert Putnam, author of the book *Bowling Alone*, this film makes the case that community participation is vital for democratic systems. This is a must see for all Odd Fellows, and a great film to share with potential members.

## ELECTION WATCH PARTY

In November our first meeting falls on Tuesday, November 5, Election Night. Rather than compete with election coverage for attention, we will be hosting an election watch party for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and their invited guests. We view this event as a great opportunity to showcase the commitment of Odd Fellows to remain loyal to our country and fraternal to all people.

No matter who wins election at the national, state, and local levels, we invite you to come together to celebrate democracy and fraternity as one indivisible

nation. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. Please consider bringing food or beverages to share.

— *Thanks, Penny Curtis*

# Buckley looking for Fun Run volunteers

Brothers and Sisters,

Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75 is a main sponsor for the first-ever "Rails to Trails Fun Run" on Saturday, October 19. We will have a booth that will be staffed by a couple of lodge volunteers, but we could use more. And the coalition putting on the run needs volunteers as well, to help guide the runners, give out water, etc. If you can volunteer, the sign up information is in the link below. I hope you can make it.

<https://racerooster.com/events/2024/90466-bridge-the-plateau-5k-and-family-fun-run>

— *With Fraternal Hugs,*  
Laurel Delony, Secretary

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Are you all ready to settle in to Fall and the beginning of holiday season? It's time to start decorating, pulling out the flannels, and admiring the



**CATHY GARCIA**  
Assembly  
Secretary

dew on the early morning spider webs. I always miss the summer outside play time, but the cool fall weather with all the brightly colored leaves, foggy mornings, and cozy evenings makes me content to curl up with a cup of cocoa and a good book.

## STILL WORK TO DO

But, there is work to get done as well. Lodges should have all received your copy of the Journal from our Sessions this past June. If you didn't, please let me know. I

have a few extras and if you want a personal copy, they are \$10.

## MEMBERSHIP LISTS

I am in the process of completing the updated membership lists for the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If you haven't gotten me current information about new members, those who are deceased, as well as those you have dropped, please do so right away.

I have sent out the Fall Per Capita statements. These are based on the number of members listed on your 2023 Annual Report. The 2024 Annual Report forms will be coming out next month.

Secretaries, you may want to start the season off

right and review your minute book as well as your finance book to be sure it is all up to date and ready to fill in the Annual Report when you get it.

## OUR PRESIDENT'S GOALS

President Alberta Luurs has asked me to include some information about one of her goals for this year. Our International President, Mira Pittman, has chosen the Special Olympics as her project. She is wanting each jurisdiction to host fund-raisers and donate to their local Special Olympics program. Alberta would like us to make this a priority over the next several months. She will be sending out information about a Bingo night to be jointly hosted by several Rebekah Lodges for this purpose.

Please talk to your lodge members and consider being a part of this project. Maybe your lodge could hold a fund-raiser of their own as well. We will make a donation as a Jurisdiction to the Special Olympics, and let IARA President Mira know that we have done so in her honor. This is a great way to pull our order together and serve our community.

## YES, WE ARE BLESSED

I hope you all have a wonderful October, are excited about being a Rebekah, and invite new members into your lodge. We are truly a blessed Order.

— *Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth*

*With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,*

*Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary*

*Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

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## So. Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

# Our members joining Buckley for Halloween

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great summer break.

We're back at it and we'll be working with the South Tacoma and Buckley Odd Fellows to help put on a roll call dinner sometime in April of next year, so be on the watch for more details.

## TRICK OR TREAT IN BUCKLEY

Since it's now October we're planning on helping the Buckley Odd Fellows hand out candy on Saturday, October 26. If you have never been up in

Buckley during this event, it's **CRAZY!** You've never seen so many kids and their wonderful costumes.

There is also live music. If you come up to Buckley, you have to be dressed in costume. It's so much fun!

## STUFFING STOCKINGS

Next we'll be working on plans for stocking stuffing for "My Sister's Pantry" to hand out to unhoused people. That's it for this month.

— *With Fraternal Hugs,*

*Laurel Delony, Secretary*

*South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160*



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## TRANSPARENCY

Brothers and Sisters,

This article is a reminder to all members and especially line officers. These reminders are so **VERY** important for a lodge to function correctly, transparently, and honestly.

- **1.** All Lodges, Encampments, Units of the Order should have a checking account.
- **2.** You should keep a list of who your signers are and make sure to keep it updated as members pass, move on, or up as the case may be.
- **3. ALL CHECKS** are to have **TWO** signatures. No exceptions!
- **4.** Treasurers must have a **WARRANT** to write checks. The warrant is signed by the Noble Grand and either the Financial Secretary or Recording Secretary. Treasurers, you should not be writing any checks without warrants. If you are not sure what a warrant looks like, see photo. We have a couple versions, but they are basically the same. When the second signer is signing, make sure the check is made out correctly. Checks should be written on the night that they were approved and not taken home to be written.
- **5.** When you receive bank statements your Secretary should be making note of this in the lodge minutes under communications. Yes, it's a communication. This should be passed on to the Treasurer to reconcile the account(s). The Treasurer's book should balance with not only the Secretary (yes you need to have receipts and disbursements in your minutes) but the Financial Secretary books as well if you have one.
- **6.** Secretaries, when you read your minutes of the last meeting your financials should be read from the last meeting and your members will know what the starting balance is for the current meeting.
- **7.** Members, if you don't hear that your lodge



**GRAND SECRETARY LAUREL DELONY**

*You'll Need To Guess Which One Is Laurel*

has received a bank statement and you are not informed where your accounts are then you should be asking. It's your responsibility as well.

- **8.** If things aren't adding up, call for an audit.
- **9.** All bills and donations need to be read during lodge meetings and the lodge needs to approve before any warrants or checks are written. These must be in the minutes.
- **10.** A good rule of thumb is your warrant numbers should match your check numbers. This makes it much easier to audit the books.
- **11.** All bills should have some sort of receipt. Receipts should be attached to the warrants.
- **12.** All checks should have written in the memo line what it's for.

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New Acorn member Ava Kaser gets a hug from Bella Gleghorn last month in Oak Harbor.

## Trinity Rebekahs #179 plan Bingo and bazaar

Trinity Rebekahs will be having a Bingo Night on Saturday, October 26, 2024 with a Halloween theme. Food for the event hasn't been decided upon as of this writing.

Trinity will be doing a joint breakfast with Bucoda on October 5, with proceeds going to the Grand Master Steve Purcell's and Assembly President Alberta Luurs' project, which is L.C. Renal Alliance. Breakfast starts at 10 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Trinity's Sisters have started working on our Christmas Bazaar which will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16.

As of this writing the ladies are planning to hold a bake sale. Plans are in the works for a bake sale around the 25th of October.

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

## Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Fall everyone. We ended last month with an initiation and we welcome Ava Kaser to our club.

We are starting out the month of October with a craft day with Miss Diana to celebrate another successful fundraiser. Thank you to those who purchased pizza cards. We appreciate your support.

Our major community service for this month is putting together 12 boxes for Operation Christmas Child filled with school supplies, hygiene products and fun things. This is one of our favorite projects.

We have our annual Halloween party planned for later this month. We always have a lot of fun with games and yummy treats.

Beware of the ghosts and goblins on Halloween night.

— *In Happiness Through Service*  
The Members of Acorn.

## From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President

### It Was Fun, Fun In Pittsburgh



HANNA HAILEY  
TRA President

Hi everyone. I had a fun time at Youth Days in Pittsburgh. My favorite part was sitting with the President of the IARA at the banquet and just chatting with people.

In September I got to attend the camping trip to Advisor Sylvia Summers' cabin for the first time with Girls from Spunky Bluebirds. At dinner time we had a visit from the Grand Master and his wife who helped us make dinner and brought us flowers. The Grand Master also announced his official visit to Spunky which will be later this week. I'm planning on attending as well.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
Hailey Hanna  
Your Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

# ~ From your 2024-25 Grand Patriarch ~

## APPRECIATE YOUR FELLOW PATRIARCHS

Greetings Patriarchs,

As fall approaches and the holiday season begins, I look forward to gathering with friends and family. I have the same anticipation for Encampment meetings all year long. This is a good time for us to ponder the importance of the social aspect of our meetings. Please take a moment to appreciate your fellow Patriarchs and the community they are part of. Your participation is something to be proud of.

Recently I received a message from Toby Hanson, PGP, that I would like to share.

“A couple of weeks ago I went to Oregon’s Encampment Weekend at their park in Florence. It’s a weekend with fun activities to showcase the Encampments and show lodge members why the Encampment is a good branch to join. We used to have an East-West Picnic in Washington that served the same purpose, but it was abandoned about 10 years ago.

“I think it’s time for our Grand Patriarch to bring back the East-West Picnic at Lake Easton. We’ve had a lot of growth of Odd Fellowship in Central Washington and the

East-West Picnic would be a great way of building membership in our Encampments and promote the branch.”

I like the idea and think it would be a good way to bring the Encampments together, working on a common goal. I will be sending out a questionnaire to see what level of interest there is for this proposal. I am also open to entertain other ideas members have to get the Encampments interacting with each other, so please share with me any you might have.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can help with as your Grand Patriarch at:

**polo4318@msn.com**

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



**JERRY SMITH**  
Grand Patriarch

# ~ From your 2024-25 Grand Matriarch ~

## LET’S HAVE A FUN YEAR

Greetings Matriarchs,

Welcome back to lodge activities after what I hope was an enjoyable summer for everyone. Thank you to the members for elevating me to this office (again). I will do my best to fulfill it with dignity, integrity and honesty.

### MY PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR

- **Motto:** FLY “First Love Yourself”
- **Emblem:** Snowman— Each snowflake that makes up the snowman is unique just like each of us is unique
- **Colors:** Pink for universal love of oneself and others, and green for new beginnings



**JUDY DIEKEMAN**  
Grand Matriarch

- **Flower:** Daffodil for hope and new beginnings
- **Songs:** “Hero” by Maria Cary, and “I Can Fly” by R. Kelly

• **Hymn:** I Believe  
• **Scripture:** Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understandings. In all ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path

• **My Project:** NAMI, The National Alliance of Mental Illness which provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illnesses can build a better life. October 6-12 is National Mental Health Week. If you see someone who you think might be struggling, take a little time to sit and talk with them. The time you spend with them may be a changing point for them.

### I’LL BE SEEING YOU SOON

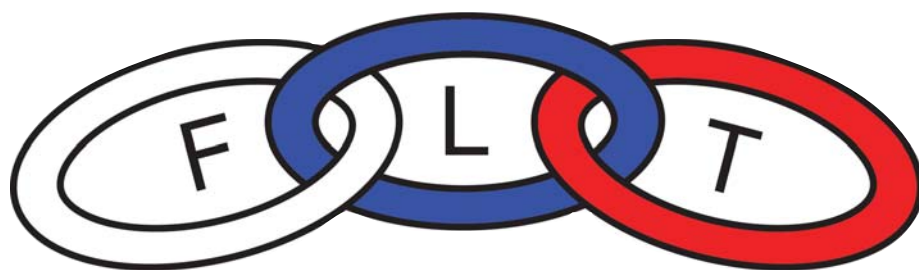
I am looking forward to meeting with the Auxiliaries and United Encampment and planning on starting my visitations in October and letters will be going out soon.

Remember to be a strong person for yourself. You can get through anything if you believe in yourself even if it seems next to impossible.

— In Faith, Hope and Charity,  
Judy Diekeman, Grand Matriarch,  
Grand Ladies Auxiliary of Washington



# ~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20  
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## LODGE CARD UPDATE

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His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( City ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Of Washington, P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321**

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

**Meets At:** Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle  
**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)

# ~ Lodge Cards ~

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

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

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

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

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



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

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Nominations are coming up during the first meeting in October. If you have a member running for the office of Vice Grand they must have served in two previous offices or one office for two years.

Those running for Noble Grand must have been a

## ~ 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 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 71st 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)

Vice Grand. However, if your lodge does not have anyone qualified you may elect a member, with say one year or new, if you request a dispensation. Dispensations for this can only come from the Grand Master, not a DDGM.

I know some lodges have only one business meeting a month so they will have nominations in October and November, with elections in December.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

I put in the mail the information on the L.J. Jones Scholarships. Please notice that the amounts were increased at Grand Lodge Sessions this last June. It's a nice chunk of change to have students apply for. Information on students who want to apply must be into Chairman Jody Morris no later than December 31, 2024.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **October 12**, Battalion Meeting 10 a.m., Buckley Odd Fellow Hall.

- **October 12**, District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting, 12 Noon. Lunch at 11 a.m. Buckley Hall.

- **October 19**, Rebekah District #2 meeting at the Olympia Odd Fellow Hall, 10 a.m. Lunch is pot luck.

- **October 26**, All Degree Day at Olympia Odd Fellows, 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia WA. Starts at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. "Tom Harper Special." Preliminaries at 8:30 a.m.

- **November 1-3**, Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting. You'll find the registration and information in this edition and you can go back to September's edition to find the information again. Banquet is a costume party. This is open to *everyone*, not just members.

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

— With Fraternal Hugs and Love, Laurel Delony,

PGM, Grand Secretary

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We enjoyed lunch at the Red Monkey for our June meeting. From left are: Pauline Winters, Neita Stearns, Barbara Trvrz (showing off one of the giant onion rings she was enjoying), Barbara Lechner and Patty Newell.

### *In Walla Walla*

## We're back after a very busy Summer

Hello From Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla.

We are back in September and it's very good to catch up on what everyone has been doing while we were dark. Our last meeting in June was a lunchtime outing to the Red Monkey here in Walla Walla. We enjoyed good food and a great time, Sister Neita Stearns, our Alternate Representative attended Sessions and we are eager to hear her report. Sister Neita is also our Session's Musician.

At the Odd Fellows Home the grounds are beautiful, flowers are every where and the old, unused putting green is now a place to walk, sit and enjoy the new greenery. In June Bocce League began for staff and residents and the season ended with a big Luau after the last game in August.

There was a Fourth of July party outside to celebrate Independence Day. On August 29 the bus loaded up residents to take them to the Walla Walla County Fair. The residents stayed busy all summer long.

Until next time we hope that you all enjoy the rest of the year.

— Barbara Trvrz, Reporter

## Fall 2024 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING November 1, 2 & 3, 2024

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## Bucoda Bulletin Board #41

# Hoopla is over; now the work begins

This will be short. Grand Sessions are over in Yakima until next June, and Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions are over until next August in West Virginia. Lodges that go dark July and August are coming back and meetings are starting up again.

### SCARY MONTH IN 'BOO-CODA'

After attended parades in Buckley, Napavine and Tenino, *NOW* we have October and the "Boo-Coda Spooktacular and Haunted House" coming up.

Grand Master Steven Purcell and Assembly President Alberta Luurs are hosting a pancake breakfast at 10 a.m. October 5 in the Bucoda Community Center. It is by donation and the proceeds go to LC Renal Alliance, our joint project this term.

The pancake breakfast coincides with the renowned Hearse Procession and Viewing in Bucoda. Need something to do that Saturday — come have some pancakes (no, I won't be cooking) and check out some really great rides. OK, enough

blatant self promotion and commercialism.

The Bulletin Board may be somewhat irregular for the next year; with writing Grand Master's letters for *The Washington OddFellow* and traveling around making visitations my time promises to be very full, but I will do what I can and will try very hard to ensure the two articles don't overlap too much.

### CONGRATS TO OUR NEW SGL WARDEN RON HANSON

Finally, congratulations to Brother Ron Hanson upon his election as Sovereign Grand Warden. That's right, in two years Washington will be home to the Sovereign Grand Master.

— *Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth*

*I remain Steven Purcell*

*Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent*

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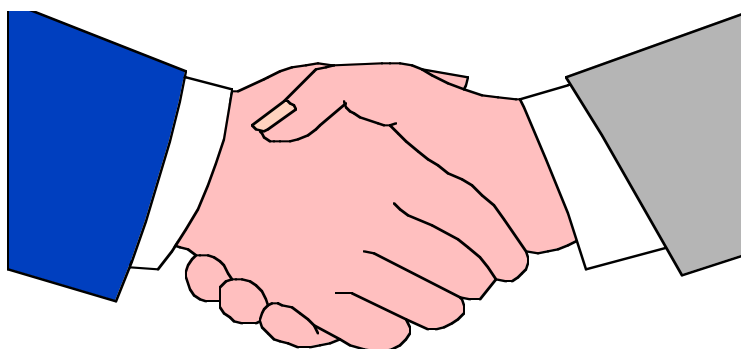
## All Degree Day at Olympia #1 Oct. 26

Brothers and Sisters,

So, with the COVID-19 stuff mostly behind us our lodge has decided to resurrect the Seafood Fest for next summer. We don't have a date yet but we'll keep you posted.

We'd like to thank all the mowing teams that came out to the park and mowed, weed wacked, pulled weeds, cleaned, planted flowers and kept everything looking fantastic! If you ever get the opportunity it's a great place to kayak, boat, fish, etc. And we have the most beautiful view of Mt. Rainier.

Thanks to Dave Delony for upgrading our little outdoor bathroom with pine tongue and groove.



### DEGREE DAY

Olympia #1 is planning to confer the Degrees on three new members. The All Degree Day is planned for October 26 at the hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia. For those who cannot climb stairs we have a chairlift. Breakfast snacks and coffee will be provided in the morning with lunch at 11-11:30ish. Preliminaries for the Initiatory Degree will be at 8:30 a.m. Conferring of the Degrees will start promptly at 9 a.m. Plan accordingly to be on time as we wait on no one.

All lodges that have applicants to be conferred are welcome. Be sure to send the Secretary a letter asking the lodge to perform the Degrees on your newbies, and don't forget to bring your Question Book and Members' Register.

### YOU'RE WELCOME AT OUR MEETINGS

Our meetings are always on the first and third Monday of the month and the meetings start promptly at 7 p.m. Please come join us for some Odd Fellowship.

— *Fraternally, The Members of Olympia #1*



## *Buckley Building Ready For Winter*

Members of Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75 were almost finished with the final painting coat of red paint after cleaning, sealing, and priming the wall. Now comes rebuilding the windows and that job should be done!

At the far right is Dave Delony with the paint roller. Below left is Joanne Balmert sitting down on the job and at lower right is Laurel Delony supervising the entire project.







Leyla McNichols, Layla Williams, and Bella Gleghorn display their gifts from IARA President EllanJean Whited at Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Pittsburgh last August.

## Theta Rhos enjoyed a very busy summer



Elizabeth Keena with PGM Toby Hanson. Elizabeth proudly displays her Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Dues Card.



Elizabeth Keena (black pants) and Alexa Smith (green pants) Both initiated into Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls Club on August 7.

# Congrats To All Our Theta Rhos!

*Here's more information. . .*

This page featuring our Theta Rho Girls was published in the September edition, but lacked identifying information. Here is the complete story. We're sorry about the confusion last month.

# Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

## GREETINGS FROM HOPE

### REBEKAH LODGE #38 IN SPOKANE

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Hope Rebekah Lodge gathered together on September 18 at 12 Noon for a no-host lunch. Each member brought their own lunch.

Lodge opened in ritualistic form at 1 p.m. with Sister Elisabeth Winship Moon presiding. Roll call of officers was called by Secretary Tim Moon, PGM:

Elisabeth, Noble Grand; Beverly Johnson, Vice Grand; Tim Moon, Secretary; Sara Kane, Warden; and Debra Tobler, Chaplain.

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED

PGM John “Johneo” Otterstrom is helping to care for his ill mother. Tedd Swanson, PNG, has been ill since September 1. He has a bad hacking cough.



Tedd and Brother George Chinn returned August 30 from a memorable, fabulous cruise to Alaska with the Sinto Senior Center. They were on the Norwegian Cruise Line, the Norwegian Sun. Sunday September 1 Tedd became

terribly ill. He took an additional COVID-19 test. It was negative. The doctor said Tedd has a bad virus. He has had a bad hacking cough, bad cold, sneezing, and sore throat. He also had a very weak body, legs, and feet. Tedd is thankful and blessed that George Chinn is “Chief Cook, and Bottle Washer” and helps with upkeep on their apartment. George was absent due to an appointment elsewhere.

Dusti Trebe, Jr. PPRA, was absent due to truck problems, and Trisha Tabar was ill with a bad back.

Mary Mathery was reported still very ill. Mary has lost 80 pounds due to a bad thyroid. She is trying to receive medical treatments. Mary also becomes dizzy and throws up when she gets up from

her chair. Mary is also the sole caregiver for her husband who has serious health problems.

Tim Moon just came from a doctor’s visit. He has to take another test.

There were no bills presented.

## COMMUNICATIONS READ

A letter was read from Sister Alberta Luurs, Rebekah Assembly President, informing the lodge of her official visit on Wednesday, October 2 and a letter appointing Sister Joey Locke as District Deputy President for District #1.

Tim escorted Joey behind the altar and introduced her to Hope Rebekah Lodge members as the new District Deputy President. She was given the Honors.

We received a letter from the Rebekah Assembly concerning the Rebekah Assembly President’s project, song, fun emblems, motto, colors, and flowers.

## IN OTHER HOPE NEWS

Because of the closeness of Halloween and our Craft Fair, Trunk or Treat was cancelled. The Craft Fair is Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m., and again November 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marlana France, Dusti’s sister and PNG, was asked to be Chaplain. She did a fantastic job last year advertising our Craft Fair in the *Spokesman Review* and other outlets.

Tedd Swanson and George Chin had an “unfortunate and tragic” loss. This summer they lost almost all of their clothing and bedding. George had placed bags marked specifically for laundry to pick up. A new resident of their apartment building, who picks up garbage for residents, mistakenly thought it was garbage. He threw the bags in the garbage bin to be taken to the city dump. It’s all good. Tedd and George wish to gratefully thank their “Special Angels” who came to the rescue to help with clothing and donations. Their Churches, Hope Rebekah Lodge, VP Beverly Johnson, the Sons of Norway, and Corbin Senior Center.

Lodge closed at 2:30 p.m. We went to the dining room and Elisabeth and Tim were hosts. They served a delicious chocolate cream mousse cake.

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





## Off to college with Olympia Scholarships

The four girls at left, displaying their Scholarship Certificates, are Rianna Slevin, Nicole Oliver, Ella Bayer, and Jordan Lemons. These ladies are from local high schools in Thurston County (including Olympia) and were awarded scholarships from Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 recently. The lodge held a small presentation with cake

and certificates. The Scholarship Committee consisted of Brad Clarke (far back), Laura Purcell, Lisa Albertson, and Joanne Balmert (standing at right). The scholarship winners were introduced and they told us what they would be studying in college. Later they cut the cake and enjoyed some fellowship.



## Taking in the sights High above Pittsburgh

The girls from Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor with the skyline of Pittsburgh, PA in the background. They were at the SGL Sessions for International Youth Days. Front row, from left, are: Layla Williams, Bella Gleghorn, Aviana Moore, and Hailey Hanna. In the back row, from left, are: Leilah McNichols, Sarah Thomas, Shauna Schultz, and Jessey Dailey.

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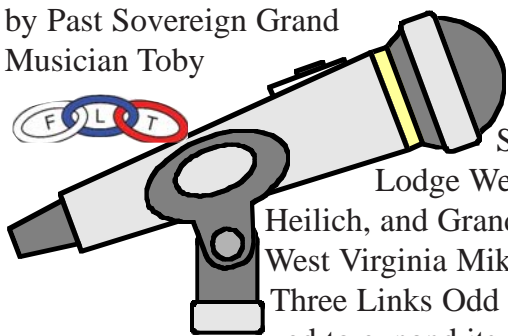
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## Successful ‘Three Links Odd Cast’ marks 30,000 downloads, more seasons promised

The reach and importance of the *Three Links Odd Cast* has only grown since its launch in July of 2020, having recently surpassed 30,000 downloads. Hosted by Past Sovereign Grand Musician Toby



Hanson, Sovereign Grand Lodge Webmaster Ainslie Heilich, and Grand Secretary of West Virginia Mike Duminiak, the *Three Links Odd Cast* has continued to expand its role as a major voice in modern Odd Fellowship.

Now starting its fifth season, the podcast has featured discussions of various topics of interest to Odd Fellows including news about the chartering of new units, sharing information useful to building membership, discussions of our history, origins, traditions, and current events, and interviews with various leaders.

### SEASON FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights of the recently-completed Season Four have included an interview with then-Sovereign Grand Master John Cupp, stories from new and re-invigorated lodges, discussions of important contemporary issues such as including the Lord’s Prayer in our Ritual, a Christmas Carol-themed holiday episode, and various episodes talking to new members about their experiences. Season Five began with a special live recording at the Sovereign Grand

Lodge Session in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania that attracted more than 30 participants.

### GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

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