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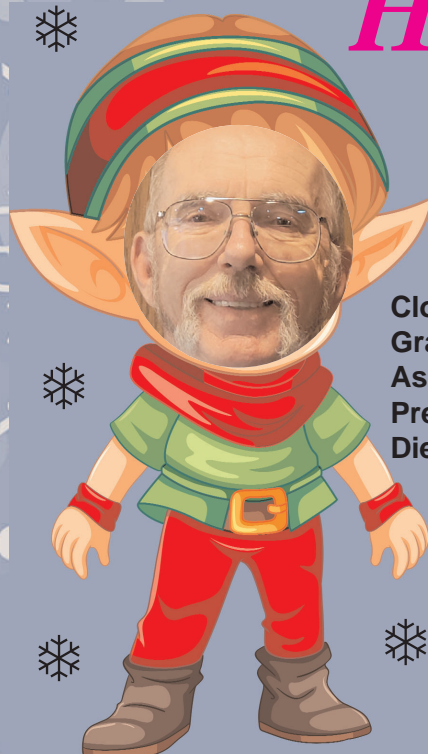
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Happy Holidays From All Your Head Elves!!

Clockwise, from upper left, are:
Grand Master Steve Purcell, Rebekah
Assembly President Alberta Luurs, Theta Rho
President Hailey Hanna, Grand Matriarch Judy
Diekeman, and Grand Patriarch Jerry Smith.



From the Grand Master's Den #4

ONWARD WITH MY VISITS

Well, another day has dawned and it's a beautiful day to be an Odd Fellow. It's been an eventful period since my last letter to you. I've had the opportunity to visit South Tacoma #211, Vancouver #3, and Ellensburg #20. I've also performed other duties this position requires.



STEVEN PURCELL
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington

DUTY CALLS

Duty, this is an interesting word. Duty is defined as a moral or legal obligation. It has recently been my duty to undertake some unpleasant tasks for the good of the Order; some bittersweet tasks, and others of a much more pleasant nature. On the bittersweet side, I presided over the Consolidation of South Tacoma #211 and Buckley #75. It's sad losing one lodge, but heartening at the prospect of a single, stronger lodge after the unification.

LOTS OF FUN TIMES, TOO

On a more pleasant note, besides the official visitations I have made thus far, I have also had the opportunity to visit Spunky Bluebirds #93 of the Theta Rho

Assembly, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, the Rebekah Assembly District #2 annual meeting, assisted in an All Degree Day welcoming a number of new members to our Order, and hosted a pancake breakfast, in conjunction with the President of the Rebekah Assembly, to raise funds for our joint project, L.C. Renal Alliance.

The breakfast began at 10 a.m. on October 5. Two hours, 15 pounds of pancake mix, 20 pounds of ham and 20 pounds of sausage later, we had raised a total of \$358 for the project. A job well done by everyone involved.

The future holds more official visitations, with other meetings and such wedged in between.

NOTHING SPECIAL FOR ME

During my visitations I ask that the Lodges not do anything special. If you have cookies and coffee before the meeting, then do not deviate from that; my interest is in the conduct of the meeting, the adherence to the Ritual and the floor work inherent in the normal conduct of the meeting. If you normally serve a meal before or after the meeting, the only dietary restrictions I have are *No Liver* and *No Pineapple on Pizza*. Let us remember that our Ritual is what connects us to those who have gone before and provides a connection for those who will come after.

That's all for now. Until next we meet. . .

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

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington



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From the desk of the Assembly President

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

November has been very busy!

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association started us off with a wonderful gathering of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and a few guests. Participants were from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. There was a workshop that encouraged all present to divide into four groups and come up with ideas to promote our Order and present who we are to the public. It was a great activity. Thank you Laurel! Meeting and working with newly-met Brothers and Sisters was a great time.



ALBERTA LUURS
Assembly President

VISITATIONS

I am really enjoying visiting Lodges around our State: Isabella #23 in Yakima, South Tacoma #160 in Tacoma, Bucoda #144 in Bucoda, and Trinity #179 in Napavine

INSTALLATIONS

We have started to plan installations for the 2025

year. So far the following are scheduled: Trinity at Napavine on January 11, Olympia — a Joint Installation with Bucoda on January 18, and Eola in Buckley on January 26.

BINGO FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Our International President has asked that each Jurisdiction raise money for their local Special Olympics. With that in mind, I am working with a few local lodges to host a Bingo night on May 24. All proceeds from this event will go to our local Special Olympics in the name of the Washington Rebekahs. Please put this on your calendars now and invite friends to support this endeavor. More information will be forth coming.

VETERAN JEWELS

In closing the old year out, let's get into our record books and start the New Year by recognizing our members who are entitled to Veterans' Jewels. Installation ceremonies are a wonderful time and place to present these jewels to members who have been involved in our lodges for many years. We need to let these members know how much they are appreciated for their service in Odd Fellowship.

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

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is coming up soon.

Our Lodge had a homemade Thanksgiving dinner at the Buckley IOOF Hall and everyone was invited. There was the obligatory turkey, stuffing, potatoes, and gravy. Along with the main course were bean pies, apple pie, mac and cheese, sliced carrots, salad, and lots of other goodies. It was a great feast and we are so blessed to have such wonderful members.

STUFFING 100 STOCKINGS

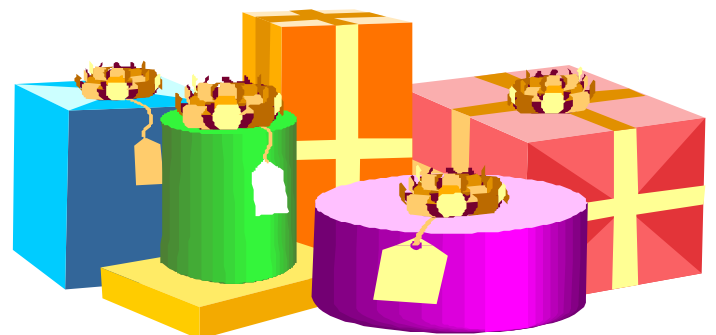
This month we are getting with our Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club #93 and stuffing stockings for the unhoused in Tacoma. 100 stockings will be stuffed with shampoo, combs, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, hats, gloves, socks, and emergency blankets. The stockings will be distributed by "My Sister's Pantry."

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our lodge will be joining Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 for their joint installation of officers on Saturday, January 18. Installation will be held at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and New Year.

— *With Rebekah Hugs Laurel Delony, Reporter*



From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

It is hard to believe that 2025 is almost upon us. This is truly a busy time both at home with our families and at lodge with year-end reports and activities. I pray you will all take time to enjoy your homes and families in the midst of shopping, baking, decorating and reaching out to needs in your community. And don't forget to take a break once in a while and do something that makes you smile, just for yourself.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are in your hands and need to be completed as soon as possible. I have asked that you get these in my office by the end of January. If you have any questions

about these reports, please be sure to give me a call.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of new officers is approaching sooner than we may expect. If you haven't sent your fall per capita, please do so right away. Your lodge cannot install officers if these dues are not paid. All members being installed need to be up to date with their personal dues as well. If you have any questions or concerns about installations, contact your DDP or myself.

Have a wonderful Christmas Season and an even better start to 2025.

— 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

#179 in Napavine

Happy Holidays from Trinity Rebekah Lodge

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Merry Christmas from Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179.

We would like to send condolences out to Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 following the loss of Thomas Galvez. He was Longview's Vice Grand.

On November 13, we held an initiation for Longview to bring in a new member. Welcome Allysa McCusker.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

As I am writing this at the Trinity Bazaar, Cathy Garcia and her mother, Mickey Turner, are waiting for me to finish. The bazaar is off to a good start this morning and the luncheon seems very well enjoyed.

TURKEY BINGO

The Turkey Bingo we held on Saturday, November 16, in cooperation with the Lions club, went great. We had a packed house and split the proceeds with the Lions Club. — *In F., L. & T.,*
Alberta Luurs, Secretary

Bucoda Bulletin Board #42A is back on track

Seems we had a mix up on articles. Bucoda Bulletin Board #42 didn't get in the last issue, and it is totally outdated by now. So, I'm offering Bulletin Board #42A as an explanation.

Wow, 10 articles a year, and we're up to a total in the mid-40s; that means I've been writing the Bulletin Board for four to five years. I **REALLY** need to get a hobby.

WE NEED STORIES & PHOTOS

Before I close, a shout out to all lodges statewide. Please submit articles to *The Washington OddFellow* — even if it's one paragraph saying that you are still in operation. Just write it and send it in. I don't know about the Editor and Grand Secretary, but I'd like to see the paper grow to 20, 24 or even 32 pages.

I hope to have the numbering thing fixed by next issue with Bulletin Board #44.

Until next time. . .

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth I remain*
Steven Purcell,
Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Skookumchuck #129
Bucoda Rebekahs #144

From the desk of your Grand Secretary



GRAND SECRETARY LAUREL DELONY
Merry Christmas From Tucker, Poppy
And The Entire Grand Lodge Staff

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Odd Fellow Secretaries, your Annual Reports have been mailed out. Be sure to get these back on time. Once again this is two weeks earlier so you should have plenty of time to get the forms filled out. Make sure to double check for signatures, seals, and that the financial form balances. If you need any assistance at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Grand Lodge of Washington office.

TRAVELING PASSWORD

I've included the new password for 2025 in your packet as the Sovereign Grand Lodge has gotten me the Annual Traveling Password early. The password is *not* to be given out until the first meeting after your lodge has its installation of officers.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

It's now December and you should be preparing for your Installation of Officers in January. DDGM's are responsible to make sure this happens, but your

lodge can request the Grand Lodge officers to install your new officers. Please contact me if that is what your lodge wishes and I'll get it on the installation spreadsheet.

ELECTIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I know it's early, but start thinking about your Lodge Representative for 2025. Elections for a two-year Representative must be held during the first meeting in February of 2025. **All ODD NUMBERED** lodges will need to elect a Representative. Try to make sure that your Representative can attend Grand Lodge in June. They **MUST BE A PAST GRAND** — no exceptions. A letter and certificates will be going out in January. Do not elect your Representative until the first meeting in February.

LODGE CARDS

The Lodge Card section in *The Washington OddFellow* is where your lodge can have the Noble Grand and Secretary listed for contact purposes, when your lodge meets, time, etc. Payment is due in February. If your lodge has not done this, please cut out or copy the form and mail it back with two signatures:-). If your lodge already does this there is an expiration date at the bottom. If it says the expiration is 2/28/2025, then it's time to get your renewal in. If I do not have the form and payment by the 15th of February, your Lodge Card will be removed. You can usually find the Lodge Card listings in the center of the newspaper on pages 8 and 9.

STORIES AND PHOTOS NEEDED FOR 2025!!

With the New Year just around the corner, we encourage all Lodges to take a moment and send us articles about your lodge and any pictures. Let us know what you are doing, what your plans are for 2025, and who your new officers or repeat officers are. Keep us informed. If you need help writing your article let me know and I will assist.

Here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year!

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



**Merry
Christmas**

Walla Walla's Narcissa Rebekahs #2 say hello!

Hello from Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla. We hope you are all enjoying the cooler autumn weather.

We had a visit from Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs in October. We really enjoyed meeting with her and hearing about her project.

HALLOWEEN CHARTER

Our Charter was signed on October 31, 1885. That's right, on Halloween, so we have a ready-made theme for our Homecoming celebration. We had lunch at a Kelly's, a local restaurant featuring great food and good company.

Judith Pippins and Don Russell provided a game for us. We all went home with a cute Halloween or Thanksgiving decoration.

OUR NOBLE GRAND IS MONTANA BOUND

Our Noble Grand Patricia Newell has moved to Polson, Montana to be close to family. Patty joined Theta Rho in 1955 and Narcissa in 1960. She intends to transfer to an Odd Fellows lodge. We wish her all the best and will miss her.

WE'RE MOURNING THE LOSS OF TWO SISTERS

We have lost two Sisters who were longtime members. Sister Polly Komarek passed away in September at the age of 99. She joined Narcissa in 1958 and held many offices including Vice Grand and Noble Grand.

Our Sister Marjory Saranto passed away this November 1 at the age of 106. She was a 90-year member, joining Narcissa at the age of 17 years, 11 and a half months. She was able to attend a birthday celebration with her family and one at a potluck at her home church.

Both of these sisters lived long and productive lives.

— Barbara Tvrz, Reporter.



Everyone had a wonderful time at our Homecoming celebration. From left and clockwise around the table are: Patty Newell, Marthann Hall, Pauline Winters, Barbara Tvrz, Ted Tvrz, Neita Stearns, Judith Pippins, and Don Russell.

Sammy's back!

She loves the attention; let's hope you can find her

After taking a few months off chasing rabbits, deer and a few elk out of your editor's back yard, Sammy felt it was time get back into our newspaper. Yes, she is hiding on one of these pages. If you are clever enough to find her, you may win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just call Laurel at (360) 829-1514 or email her at grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com.

Be sure to have your guess in to Laurel by December 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.



Merry Christmas To All



From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

This month members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 in Tacoma had dinner and a



HAILEY HANNA
TRA President

short meeting which my sister Autumn, her friend Arianna and I attended.

A huge thanks to Lorrie Bonnell for sending me a gift Visa Card for gas money so I can make it to Tacoma for meetings!

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

Blanket Dispensation

CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR INSTALLATIONS

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows does hereby grant permission to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges to jointly and publicly install their officers for the 2025 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

Steven Purcell,
Grand Master

Attest:

Laurel Delony,
Grand Secretary

Alberta Luurs,
President

Attest:

Cathy Garcia,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

Fez Head & Scribes:

Yes, it's that dreaded Annual Report time!

Hey All You Fez Heads,

Your Annual Reports were mailed on December 1. If your Encampment Scribe has not received them by December 15, please contact me for a new set. Your Annual Report, like your Lodge Report, is due by February 15.

If you need assistance please contact me. The forms are new but should be easy enough to complete. All forms are now in 8.5" X 11" (letter) size. Be sure to read all directions before starting. Use the page marked *copy*, and transfer to the clean form *once everything is complete*.

The new officer form and Past Chief Patriarch (PCP) Certificate should not be sent back until after the installation of your new officers in April.

HOW ABOUT A LODGE CARD?

Hey, does your Encampment have a Lodge Card in *The Washington OddFellow*? This might be a great time to start. The form is in the middle of the newspaper. Send in your \$20 with the form and we'll get it added to the our publication. Lodge Cards run from February to February.

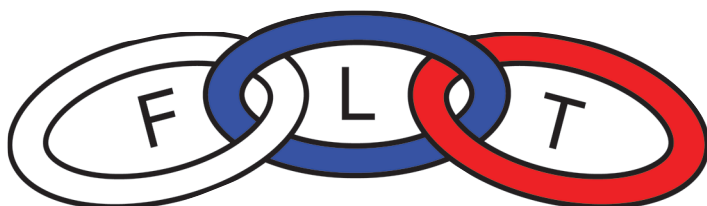
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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



~ Lodge Cards ~



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LODGE CARD UPDATE

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His/Her Address _____ (City) _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Secretary's Name _____

His/Her Address _____ (City) _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

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

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

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

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

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

From the desk of your Grand Matriarch

THE REASON WE CELEBRATE

As the holiday season approaches, I hope each of you will give some thought as to why we celebrate this time of year. For me, it is to celebrate the birth of Jesus. For others, it may be for a different reason. No matter how or why you celebrate, I hope 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

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 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 DIEKEMAN
Grand Matriarch

all respect each other's beliefs. It is my Christmas wish that each of you will be able to enjoy time with your family and friends. Take time from your busy schedules to show some kindness to those less fortunate than you. Even just a smile can make a difference for someone who is struggling.

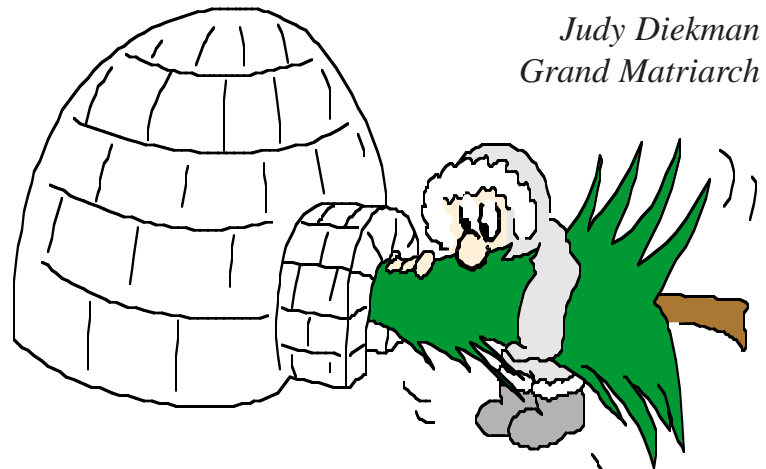
JUST CALL ME HOPALONG JUDY

I had to postpone my visit to Mt. Angeles to a later date because of my foot issue and not being able to drive in my boot. I have graduated from a boot to a foot/ankle brace which still prohibits me from driving, so it looks like that isn't going to happen until Spring.

CHRISTMAS MAGIC

My final thought for this month: Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it. You feel it. You know it. You believe it. . . *Merry Christmas!*

— In F.H&C
Judy Diekman
Grand Matriarch



Happy Holidays To All Our Brothers And Sisters



The Washington delegation at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Yakima last month

was macabre, funny, serious, goofy, and just plain silly. We hope you can guess who is who.

In Yakima

Northwest meeting featured hard work, fun

The Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah's meeting was held November 1-3, 2024 in Yakima at the Red Lion Hotel. We had 48 members in attendance from British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, including three guests.

At the Saturday workshops membership was the main topic. We broke into four groups and each group worked during the morning session. After lunch group ideas were shared.

Group #1 came up with ideas on how to create emails and social media accounts to advertise lodge activities and events, and how to add an option for RSVP to events.

Group #2 created a video about Odd Fellowship, and showed the QR code they had created.

Group #3 presented their project which included getting involved in activities that are already there, and listing famous members. Also adding contact information, with lodge name and number, and any other social media platform and QR code.

Group #4 came to the conclusion we aren't getting ourselves out there. You can't see me even if I am

right here because we are not promoting ourselves.

As Assembly Membership Chairman, I will give examples of the group discussion in future articles.

THERE WAS FUN, TOO!

Following the Saturday night banquet, we had several door prizes to raffle. Thank you Margaret Truttmann for the quilted items. The evening ended with a costume parade. The Grand Master of Idaho, David Livingston and his wife, Assembly President Crystal Livingston, won the grand prize as the big bad wolf and little red riding hood.

Runners up were Johnny Otterstrom, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, as the Devil; Pam Ottas, Past President of British Columbia, as a baby; and Mary Smith, new member from Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 of Washington, was a witch.

Thanks to you all who participated. The next Northwest will be held in Chilliwack, British Columbia March 28-30, 2025.

— Jennie Reed,
Northwest Registration Chairman



A whole lot of Evil going on

District Deputy Grand Master Jaimie Vest Bey made his official visit to Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 recently. Present were four of the Grand Lodge Officers: Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, Grand

Warden Dave Delony, Grand Master Steven Purcell, and DDGM Jamie. As you are witnessing, the boys can **See No Evil, Speak No Evil**, and, and **Hear No Evil**, while the woman on the left is **Just Plain Evil**.

In Oak Harbor

Happy Holidays from Acorn Theta Rho #179

HAPPY DECEMBER!

The holiday season is a busy one for everyone. We had a good ending to November by helping with the Toys For Tots Drive. For our community service for December, we will be making candy cane treat cards for the Welcome Home assisted living facility.

We will have our annual Christmas party at our Advisor's house and will each get to make a

Christmas charm bracelet and tree ornament. Of course we always have refreshments and then we will watch a Christmas movie. This is always a fun time and marks the beginning our Christmas vacation from school.

We wish for each of you a Merry Christmas with lots of good memories made.

Until next year. . .

— The Members of Acorn



Is she helping Or just lazy?

Dave and Laurel Delony, along with Joanne Balmert (not pictured) helped Sister Nichi-Lynn Berry of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 move to her new apartment. Laurel got lazy and had Dave push her back to the apartment on the cart to move more items.



Door Prize for Warden Ron!!

Sovereign Grand Warden Ron Hanson relaxes on his new front porch and a fancy new door courtesy of the Delony's. Ron's home is in the Kennewick area.





Sunbeam #22 enjoys a bewitching autumn

GREETINGS FROM SUNBEAM LODGE #147 IN SATSOP

We have a new member Chris Hansen. She is in the photo on the left with Jennie Reed. Chris is already active with ideas and help.

We also continued our participation in local Halloween events. We gathered 13 coats, 1 vest and 19 blankets for the Trunk or Treat event in Elma. In Ocean Shores we gave out treats to more than 300 young people. Cynthia McClure in her witch's hat staffed the booth at Ocean Shores.



Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

HOPE'S OCTOBER MEETING

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Hope Rebekah Lodge members gathered for lunch on Wednesday, October 16 at noon. Each member brought their own lunch. Sister Joey was the hostess for dessert. She served angel food cake with fresh fruit chunks and Cool Whip.

Noble Grand Elisabeth presided at the informal business meeting. Brother Tim, PGM and current Secretary read letters from two Past Noble Grand members requesting to become non-contributing members. A motion was made to approve the members for non-contributing membership. The vote was unanimous. Secretary Tim will write a letter informing them of their non-contributing membership.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday cards were signed for Dusti Trebe, Jr. PPRA, Joey Locke, and Sharleen Davies.

A sympathy card was signed for Patricia Nave, PNG and Treasurer, following the recent death of her husband Al.

Noble Grand Elisabeth asked who is bringing items for our bazaar. She is bringing numerous baked goods. Ads were taken out in the *Spokesman Review* for the bazaar.

Hope Rebekah lodge members gathered together Wednesday November 6 at noon for our Thanksgiving dinner. Sister Joey offered to bake the turkey and dressing. Members contributed side dishes.

SHOE BOXES FOR SCOUTS

Hope members will be doing shoe boxes for the Boy Scouts with items in them. Boxes are to be given to residents in nursing homes. 10 to 20 items are needed for each box.

Noble Grand Elisabeth represented Hope Rebekah Lodge, along with Tedd Swanson and George Chinn, at Patricia Nave's husband Albert's celebration of life memorial service Friday October 25 which was held at Airway Heights Baptist Church. There was a large attendance. A fellowship dinner was held after the celebration service.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Members of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 met for lunch on Wednesday, November 6. Members brought their own lunch. Sister Joey was hostess for dessert. She served Linda Bradley's homemade

fudge recipe, oatmeal fudge and chocolate, to all present.

Lodge opened in ritualistic form after lunch. Noble Grand Pro-Tem Beverly presided over the order of business.

A PROFITABLE BAZAAR

Our bazaar was held the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November. The profit from sales was \$258.92. That isn't our final count all together as we have more fudge to sell.

HOPE'S SICK REPORT

NG Sister Elisabeth is home recovering from major neck surgery. Sister Elisabeth was on Tim's phone via video contributing during the meeting. She showed her neck brace that she has been wearing. Sister Mary is still having a hard time. She is going to take treatments for her back. She still becomes dizzy when she stands up. She also has difficulty keeping food down. Our prayers and concern are for her health. She is the sole caregiver for her husband. Leon Tobler is on oxygen 24/7. He sees his doctor twice a week. He has COPD. Leon is not able to be outside. Sister Trisha Tabar has back problems. Or prayers and encouragement are needed for Leon, Mary, Trisha, and Elisabeth.

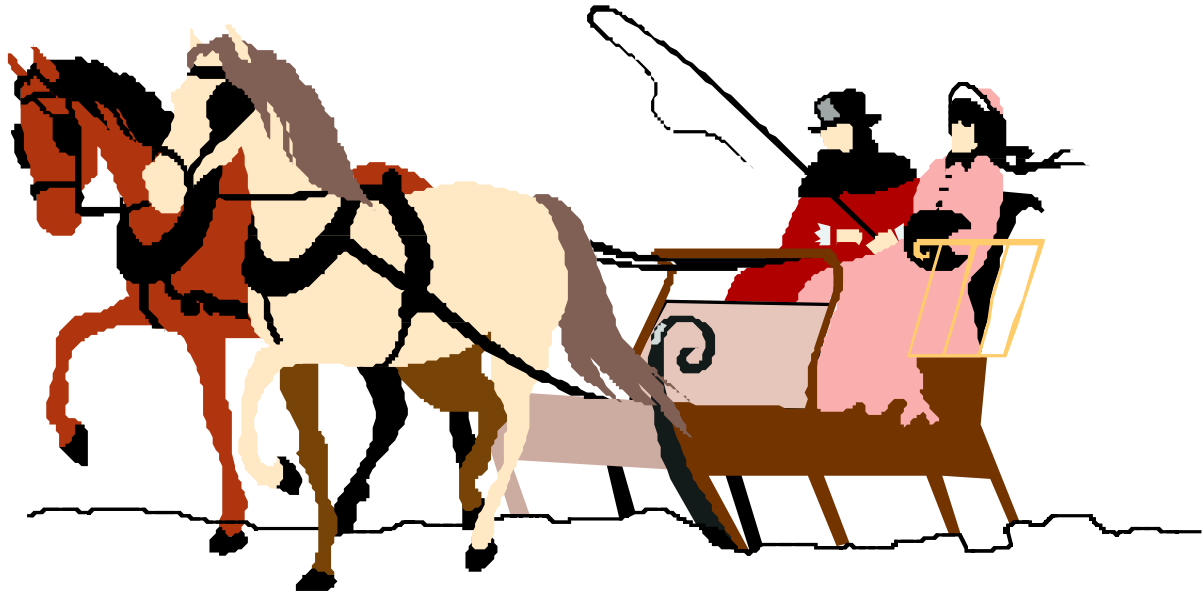
Sister Elisabeth suggested we do a "Meal Train" for Leon and Mary. Dusti will handle food for Leon and Debra. Joey will collect donations for Mary so she can purchase her own food due to a restricted diet.

A thank you was received from Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs following her official visit to Hope #38. on October 2 and for the donation to her project and a personal gift.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Wednesday, November 20, we celebrated with a Thanksgiving dinner at noon. Sister Joey baked the turkey and made the dressing. Members brought side dishes and pies. There was a raffle at the dinner. Sister Elisabeth brought the prize. We will let you know who won next time. The money will go to fixing a window and repairing the driveway if approved. The meetings closed at 2:03 p.m. In Friendship, Love, and Truth

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



Happy Holidays. . .



From your
entire
Grand
Lodge Staff

*Laurel, Lisa, Melissa, Bill,
Sammy, Poppy, Mac,
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