

# THE **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025**

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## *Golden State's PGM visits Des Moines*

California's Past Grand Master Michael Greenzeiger paid a visit to Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 on Tuesday, December 3 while he was in the Seattle area on a work related trip. In the back row, from left, are: Steve McCord, Kevin Esmay, Michael Greenzeiger, Toby Hanson, Jaime Hanson (Toby's bride), and Dave Moehrle. In the middle row is Orlee Groh, and in front

are: C. Allan Reitan, John Crispin, and Mark Wolford. All except Michael Greenzeiger, Toby, Jaime, and Mark Wolford are members of Des Moines #305. Mark Wolford belongs to Prosperity #301 in Wenatchee and lives in Danville, a small community in northeastern Washington. Jaime and Toby Hanson are members of Buckley #75.

## *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

# From the Grand Master's Den #5

By the time this article is printed Thanksgiving will be over for another year. The turkey is eaten, the belt is loosened and Macy's has paraded the balloons to Herald Square one more time. I hope everyone had a good and memorable holiday with family and friends as this year rapidly winds down.



STEVEN PURCELL  
Grand Master

## 11 HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER

Now we are into December. I did a little research and discovered there are 11 holidays the world celebrates in December. Probably the best known are Kwanzaa, which honors African-American heritage; Chanukah, the 8-day Festival of Lights; Yule, which celebrates the lengthening of the days and the return of the sun; and Christmas. Whichever of these holidays you celebrate may it be a joyous occasion, and the greetings of the season from me and my family to you and yours.

## WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING?

The New Year is rapidly approaching and that

means Installations and a continuation of my visitations. What will this New Year bring to Odd Fellowship? I am beginning to see the vestiges of growth and renewed strength within our Order. Yes, we have lost a few, but I see resilience and renewed vigor in other areas. Having a presence in the community is important to strengthening and growing our Order. Community service can take many forms. It could be a monetary donation to a local program which provides for the less fortunate; maybe adopt a family and provide Christmas dinner and some small gifts to brighten the season. Visiting pediatric wards or elder care facilities and just being there for others who might not have a family with whom to share the season are all important.

## WEAR YOUR IOOF DUDS

Yes, the Valediction speaks of 'modest pride,' but wearing any Odd Fellow accessories you may have will identify you as a member of the Order and show those you visit that there is someone who cares and knows that no one should be alone over the holidays.

Let's move forward with doing things Odd Fellows do; we all know what they are. If you are unsure, try reviewing our Ritual; it's in there.

## BEST HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Steven Purcell,  
Grand Master,  
Grand Lodge of Washington



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# From the desk of the Assembly President



ALBERTA LUURS  
Assembly President

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2024 has ended on a very distressing note for your Assembly President. Just read or follow what's happening in my own lodge.

2025 has gotten off to a better start — or as we

say a new beginning. This could be the year for new members. As we all know we could use fresh blood.

## KEEP SPREADING THE NEWS

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. If you did something special for your community, let's hear about it in the next issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. Let's hear how you were able to touch someone's life to bring a smile or to show how Odd Fellowship can be special in your town.

## INSTALLATION MONTH IS HERE

Installations are ready to happen! Starting with a Joint Installation in Napavine on Saturday, January 11; following with Olympia's Joint Installation on Saturday, January 18; the last Installation will be on Sunday, January 26 at the Buckley Lodge Hall. This is a Joint Installation with Buckley #75 and Eola #63.

## VISITATIONS

My visitations have been very enjoyable. I have visited Bucoda #144 and Trinity #179. I'm hoping to finish visitations after installations, so we will see how the weather cooperates in February and March. I'm looking forward to seeing new officers in action.

So here's to all the Brothers and Sisters to stay safe and well. Here's a toast to a great New Year to one and all.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS!

Last month we had the pleasure of meeting with members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93. Pizza was furnished by Sister Laurel Delony and salads by Sister Sylvia Summers.

Everyone stuffed themselves, along with Christmas stockings. The stockings will be delivered by "My Sister's Pantry's" staffers to the unhoused. Stockings were filled with hats, gloves, socks, hand warmers, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, combs, and a lot of love. It was such a pleasure to work with the Theta Rho Girls. President Hailey Hanna was present and was put to work.

We were very festive and all of us had on

Christmas hats or reindeer antlers.

## INSTALLATION WITH RUTH #17

We are joining with members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 for their installation of officers on Saturday, January 18. We did this the last couple of years and it's been a great success. It is nice to see a hall full of members.

## THANKS TO SISTER ALICIA

Thank you to Sister Alicia Vest Bey for a great year. Congratulations on achieving your Past Noble Grand's Jewel. You can now take the Rebekah Assembly Degree.

We're looking forward to the New Year and we wish you all a successful 2025.

— *Members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160*

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



**CATHY GARCIA**  
Assembly  
Secretary

## HERE'S TO 2025!

Happy New Year!! 2025. That just seems crazy. I remember all the panic when we were going into the year 2000. We not only survived that New Year but are moving on with excitement and positive energy. Being active in our Order is a great blessing and allows us to grow wonderful relationships and give back to the community we are a part of.

## INSTALLATION OF 2025 OFFICERS

As January gets underway, we are planning the Installation of Officers for 2025. This is always an exciting time, and the Installation ceremonies give us a new enthusiasm for working with our lodges and communities.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Secretaries, you have all received your Annual Report forms, so I hope you have a good start completing them. Please take time to double check your membership lists and be sure I have all the information correct. The finance pages are very important as well. I need these figures to complete the Annual Report that we turn into Sovereign Grand Lodge. If you have any questions or need any help with your

reports, please feel free to give me a call. I am happy to spend some time going over your records with you and helping you complete your forms.

## BINGO FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Be watching for fundraisers that our President Alberta is planning. Among them a Bingo Night to raise money for our local Special Olympics as requested by our International President. As we focus on our local lodges and are aware of the leadership of our Jurisdictional Officers, we need also remember that we are part of a much larger Order. Our International Leaders give our Jurisdictional leaders guidance and encouragement. We are very fortunate to have such strong examples of Friendship, Love and Truth.

## TIME TO WALK FORWARD

Walk forward into 2025 with your head high, your heart open, and your hands extended to those needing help.

Love and Prayers for a very blessed New Year.

— 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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## Please check your Lodge Card for expiration date

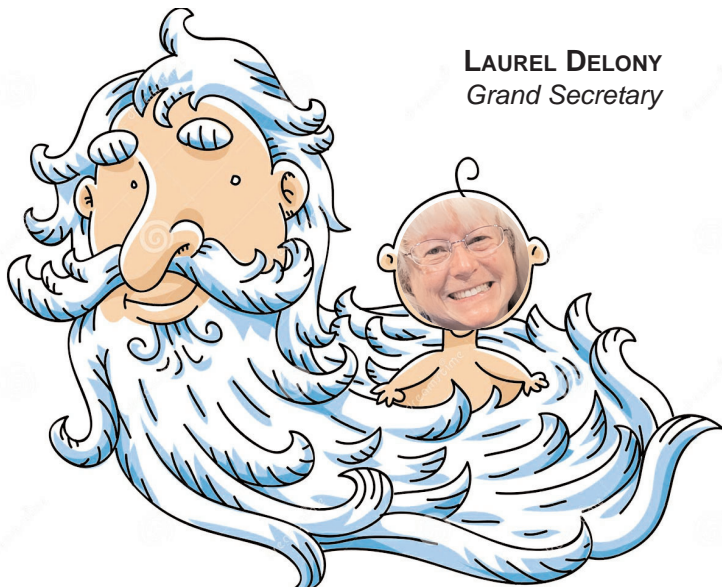
Please be sure to look at your lodge's Lodge Card in the center pages of this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. If you have a Lodge Card, what is the expiration date? If it says 2/28/2025 then it's time to renew your card. Renewals need to be in my office no later than February 15, 2025. This gives the editor time to adjust or update your Lodge Card for the March edition.

If we do not receive your renewal by the deadline, your lodge card will be removed. Do not send the renewal card without a check for \$20. The form is in the middle of this edition as well.

# Happy 2025!



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary



LAUREL DELONY  
Grand Secretary

Brothers and Sisters,

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Congratulations to all incoming officers.

For those lodges that have scheduled their installation to be handled by the Grand Lodge, we are looking forward to seeing you and installing your new officers.

Here is the calendar of installations:

**Saturday, January 11**, Golden Rule #207, Trinity RL #179, and Longview #305, noon.

**Saturday, January 18**, Olympia #1, Ruth RL #17, Skookumchuck #129, Bucoda RL #144, noon. Bremerton Friendship #145, and South Tacoma RL #160.

**Sunday, January 19**, Titusville #34 and Des Moines #305, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, January 23**, Ballard-Alki #170, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, January 26**, Buckley #75 and Eola RL #63 2 p.m.

We've got lots of open dates so check with your DDGM and give me a call if you would like to have the Grand Lodge officers install your officers.

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Secretaries, just a reminder: Lodge Annual Reports are due next month by February 15. That means into my office by that date. Plan ahead and make sure that you mail the report in plenty of time. Make sure all pages are signed, sealed, balanced, and all pages are returned. The pages are numbered and that should make it easier. Do not email them. They must be mailed. For each day the report is not in after the 15th of February, your lodge will be charged \$5 as per *Washington Digest* (black book).

**“3.20.4. Failure To Make Returns.** If a Lodge should fail to make its returns for the preceding year as required by the two preceding sections, by the date of February 15th of each new year, the offending lodge shall be fined no more than five dollars (\$5.00) per day for each day after that date and any lodge failing to submit a report by April 1st, shall be denied a seat in this Grand Lodge.”

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help or have any questions.

## I WISH FOR ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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

## Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 welcomes South Tacoma!

We'd like to welcome the members of South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge to our lodge. The lodges consolidated back in October. We are grateful to have South Tacomans as members and we'll be putting them to work. It is sad to see the South Tacoma Lodge fold, but we're happy to keep its members.

We had a wonderful turn out at our last meeting and all the chairs were filled with extra folks on the sidelines.

## BRICKS DONE, WINDOWS NEXT

We've got a lot to get done now that the brick wall is finished on our building. Our windows are next. Then it will be the walls, lighting, floors, and, hopefully, a chairlift. We've put things on hold as the weather is not cooperating, but we'll get there.

## BE SURE TO WEAR TENNIS SHOES

Our new officers will be installed on Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. The Grand Lodge Officers will be officiating and wearing their tennis shoes as this is usually the last installation for the year. We'll have food after the installation.

We have at least two new members on the hook and will be bestowing degrees soon. We are definitely growing.

— Fraternally  
Members of Buckley Odd Fellows #75







## *Des Moines #305 welcomes new Brother*

John McKinley became a new member of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 on Tuesday, December 10 amid a bevy of Grand Lodge Officers. Seated, from left, are: Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary; Steve McCord, Grand


Treasurer; and John McKinley, new member. Standing, from left, are: Dave Delony PGM, Deputy Grand Master; Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PGM, GSE; C. Allan Reitan, PGM; Barbara Reitan, PP, SE; Jaime Hanson, member Buckley #75; and Kevin Esmay, Warden, Des Moines #305. Photographer for the day was Toby Hanson, PGM.

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## **Sammy hunt!** *Ann VanAntwerp wins contest*

After a very hectic holiday season, Sammy is back lurking in the pages of *The Washington OddFellow*. Last month, Ann VanAntwerp of Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 spied Sammy on page 13 in the upper photo hiding in the leaves.

If you are clever enough to find Sammy this month, you may win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just call Laurel at (360) 829-1514 or email her at **grandsec-retarywaioof@gmail.com**. Be sure to have your guess in to Laurel by January 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.





# From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President



**HAILEY HANNA**  
TRA President

**Happy New Year  
Everyone!  
2025 CAME  
SO FAST!**

In the New Year, members of Spunky Bluebirds are electing new officers and planning installations! I'm really looking forward to this year with our

Annual Retreat and Theta Rho Assembly! I invite all of you to come to our Sessions to be held June 20-22, 2025.

## STUFFING STOCKINGS

In December Spunky had a meeting where we stuffed Christmas stockings for the homeless with the Rebekahs.

My sister Autumn and I attended the Rebekah Christmas party we had lots of fun seeing and talking to everyone.

## ZOO LIGHTS AT PT. DEFINANCE

We also had fun with Spunky while seeing the beautiful Zoo Lights at the Point Defiance Zoo.

I encourage all the girls to bring a friend to meetings as it's great to see and welcome new faces! I also encourage the Rebekahs, Odd



Fellows and Theta Rho Girls to do more together because we love to see and do fun activities with the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows!

— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
*Hailey Hanna,*

*Your Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington*

## Fez Head & Scribes:

## Nominations, Year-end Reports all coming due

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

Now is the time to start your 1st nomination of officers for the 2025-2026 year.

Year-end Reports were mailed on December

1. Your Encampments have until February 15 to have the reports into my office. Hold off on the new officer report until April and after your Installation of Officers. If you need the electronic version, please send me an email. You will still need to print out the forms, sign, and seal. But the new version is in letter size format (8.5" X 11").



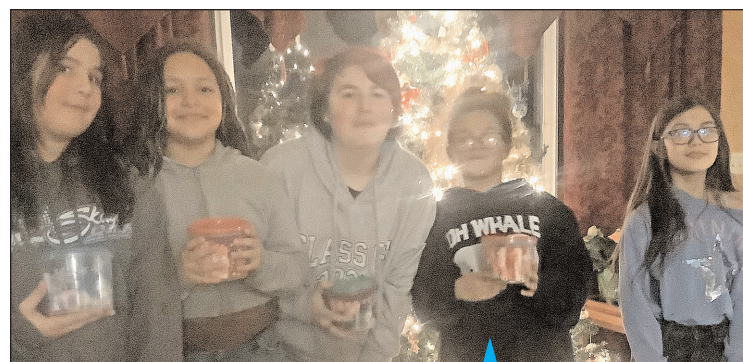
Encampment per capita invoices were included in the back of the report. Be sure to look for it and get your payment sent to the Grand Encampment. If the invoices aren't there, please let me know. I'll email you another copy.

If you need help with the report please feel free to contact

me. I am here to help all our Encampments.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FEZ HEADS!**

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

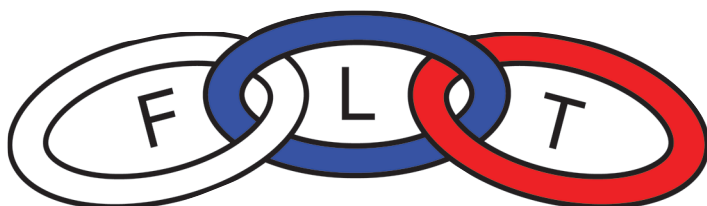


## Gifts from Oak Leaf to Acorn

The members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 in Oak Harbor present a gift each year to our Theta Rho Girls to show how much we appreciate them and all they do for the community. This year we filled little buckets with fun things like Christmas socks, scrubbies, bath bombs, a little crystal tree that changes

color, an ornament, and a Christmas chocolate lollipop. With their gifts are, from left, Quinley Spydell, Ava Moore, Sarah Thomas, Ava Kaser, and Bella Gleghorn. Some of the members were unable to be present due to other commitments. They received their Christmas goodies later.

# ~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20  
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His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( City ) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 ~

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

Submit information and payment to:

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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 Matriarch

## TIME TO SET NEW GOALS

Sisters and Brothers,

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas. As the New Year begins, let us reflect back on what we have accomplished in 2024 and set new goals for 2025. Think of what you can do to help those in

## ~ 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)



your community who are struggling. Any act of kindness, no matter how small, can make a difference.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

First nomination of officers is this month. Give some serious thought as to who you want to be your officers. Each member has some talent and we need to tap into these talents. Each of us wants to feel needed and that we are making a contribution to the group. Make sure you keep every member active .

My wish for all of you is a healthy, prosperous, and happy New Year.

## MY FINAL THOUGHT

“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.”

— Hal Borland

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

— In F.H&C Judy Diekman, Grand Matriarch

**Grand Matriarch Judy Diekman admires one of her Christmas gifts from her Acorn Theta Rho Girls.**





# Storms galore dampen Acorn's holiday plans, but never a total loss!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Our November and December got pretty much cancelled or postponed. The winds on Whidbey Island forced us to cancel our turkey raffle twice. Then the gentleman who spearheads "Toys for Tots" ended up in ICU so that got cancelled.

Our Christmas party got postponed a day because the whole island lost power. We did have our party the next day, though, and had a lot of fun making Christmas bracelets, an ornament and watching the new version of the *Grinch* and, of course, eating gingerbread men, sugar cookies and popcorn provided by our advisor.

We got our favors for residents of a local assisted living facility completed and delivered so all was not a total loss. We are definitely hoping for a better start to 2025.

This month we are planning on initiation for a new member and will be electing our officers for 2025 this month. We are looking forward to setting new goals and moving forward.

— *In Happiness Through Service*  
The Members of Acorn



**Starting at the top right:** Reindeer Sandwiches displayed by Quinley Spydell, Avi Moore and Sarah Thomas. **Middle right:** Quinley Spydell and Avi Moore create some holiday bracelets. **Bottom right:** Candy Cane Cards for residents of the Welcome Home Assisted Living facility. **Bottom left:** Ava Kaser and Bella Gleghorn making their Christmas charm bracelets.







## *Alimus #15 recruitment pays off*

Alimus IOOF Lodge #15 in Goldendale, Washington has held a recruitment drive during the past three years. On December 15, Alimus initiated three new members and a total of six members received all of their Degrees! We wish to thank Laurel and Dave Delony for slip-sliding their way to Goldendale on the 15th to keep us moving for-

ward. We welcome our new members Jim and Bonnie Green, and David McNeal. Additionally, we are so proud of our Third Degree members Brian Thimmig, Diane Petersen, William Morris, Jim Green, Bonnie Green and David McNeal.

— In F, L. & T., William Morris

## *Bucoda Bulletin Board #44*

# Plenty of holiday action in Bucoda

### **YES, SANTA IS AN ODD FELLOW**

I was on the phone with the Noble Grand of Polaris Lodge #1, North Pole. Did you know that Santa is an Odd Fellow? That should come as no surprise; and Skookumchuck #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 are very proud to announce that he will be visiting before Christmas.

It has been a long standing tradition that Santa participates in the Bucoda Tree Lighting, which is on Sunday December 8, 2024; in addition, he goes around town with the Fire Department on the Saturday before Christmas, this year December 21, and visits with children young and old with a few small gifts.

### **TRINITY HELPING SANTA, TOO**

In addition to these dates, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 has coordinated with Santa to visit a couple of day care centers on December 12 and 13. On December 14, Santa will be at the Odd Fellows Park

for a family gathering. We're really keeping the old boy busy this year.

Assembly President Alberta Luurs visited Bucoda Rebekahs and DDGM/Grand Warden Jamie Vest Bey visited Skookumchuck on November 23. Dinner was a big hit before the meetings and Grand Warden Jamie is looking forward to getting a call that dinner is meat loaf.

### **GREAT JOB, BROTHERS**

Our Warden Katrean, and Conductor Alex got their baptism by fire that night and performed their new duties magnificently. Well done!

Making travel arrangements for Santa requires this article to be short.

— Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth

*I remain Steven Purcell,*

*Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent,*

*Skookumchuck #129*

*Bucoda Rebekahs #144*





## *Holiday feast for two LEA's*

Members of Kent LEA #15 and Mt. Angeles LEA #88 met for a shared Christmas luncheon on December 13, followed by a gift exchange. Clockwise from lower left are: Tom Frogge', Kendra Frogge', Joanne Balmert,

Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie, Marcia Presley, Karmen Lundell, Joe Picanco, Kathi Picanco, Maggie Truttmann, Russell, and Karen Hoylman.

## **Lodges: We need your stories & photographs**

Attention all IOOF Lodges, Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons and Theta Rho Clubs — we need your stories and photos for *The Washington OddFellow*.

We know there are plenty of activities going on within your groups and we would like to hear from you so we can share your news. Please submit your news items and high resolution photos by the 15th of the month for publication the next month. Please submit your submissions to:

**[billo@linxure.net](mailto:bill@linxure.net)**



Our own Lisa Sweeny once again was the winner in Downtown Buckley's Holiday Decorating Contest. Great Job & Congratulations, Lisa!!





## *Making Walla Walla a brighter place*

The Washington Odd Fellows Home was proud to participate in this year's "Walla Walla Parade of Lights," kicking off the holiday season for local shoppers. Held the first Saturday in December, this marks a return to local events for the Home that they hope to continue for future events. Featuring a tow behind float that was rid-

den and driven by team members, from the Home, who volunteered their time. Our own Olympia IOOF Lodge #1's Nathaniel Murphy drove the float through the streets of Walla Walla, following one of the Home's transportation buses loaded with residents of the Three Links Assisted Living Center.





If anyone left the Olympia Christmas Party hungry, they had no one to blame but themselves.

## Holidays are over; new officers elected

Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 had a great Christmas Party on December 16. Ham was provided and everyone brought a dish to share. Santa and his Elf made a visit and there was a gift exchange. The hall was bright with Christmas decor.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers have been elected, and our Noble Grand is a newbie to the office. Congrats to Sister Cathy Garcia for taking that step to being a Noble Grand. We look forward to your year.

### Wow! We STUFFED 100 STOCKINGS

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 saw our members stuffing stockings for the Union Gospel Mission to hand out at Christmas. These stockings were for the kids. They stuffed 100 stockings at their first meeting in December, followed by a potluck feast. Donations were received from the Olympia Odd Fellows and Alpha Encampment to help purchase stuffers.

Next up is our installation of officers on Saturday, January 18 at our hall. A lunch will be served at noon with installation to follow.

Please come see us on the first or third Monday of

each month. We do not go dark. We'd love to see you.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

— The members of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1  
And Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.



From left, Dick, who accompanied Peg Ogilvie, Mary Smith of Trinity #179, and Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs try to figure out what to choose from the massive selection of goodies. Was Alberta just being festive, or was she on her way to an ugly sweater contest?





## Weary and hungry stocking stuffers

Members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 gathered with our Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls to stuff stockings for the unhoused. The stockings were filled with hats, gloves, socks, and toiletries. Pizza was served with salad to fortify the workers before hand. Hailey Hanna, President of the Theta Rho Assembly, joined in the festi-

ities. Clockwise from lower left are: Autumn Scheiderer, Laurel Delony, Hailey Hanna, Alexi Keena, Jamie Hanson, Peg Ogilvie, Sylvia Summers, Barb Nelson, and Joanne Balmert. Above right are Craig Davis and Nichi-Lynn Berry

— Photos by Dave Delony



## Was that 'Lo Lo' kissing Santa Claus?

There was more fun on December 16 at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. At left, Lo Lo the Elf, gets personal with Santa when she presented her gift list. (We hope Dave is not looking.) In the middle, Dave and Jennie Reed get a good laugh with St. Nick, while at right, Santa chatted with some Bucoda kids as he traveled about in his Santa-mobile.



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## From your Assembly Warden's desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Since my last article, we have lost another two Lodges — not just Lodges, but long-time members. We cannot afford to lose any more.

### **IDEAS FROM NW**

Also, in my last article, I said I would share ideas from the recent Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Meeting in Yakima. These are from Group Number 4:

We aren't getting ourselves out there. You can't see me even if I am right here because we are not promoting ourselves. We need to use reader boards, Chambers of Commerce, informational booths at fairs and other gatherings, connect with other businesses and other groups, volunteer your labor, help someone cut firewood, talk to schools about what



we do like Visual Aid, and open your lodge so people can see what's going on.

Sponsor events including rest stops, walking in parades, having a bazaar, and having fun while you're doing it. Other activities may include Bingo, member training, sponsoring a bowling team, bringing good conversation, buying books for schools, involving the community in different activities.

### **DON'T JUST SAY IT, CARRY THOSE IDEAS OUT**

January is the beginning of a new year and the month we install our new Lodge Officers. I hope each member dedicates this year to getting new members and retaining the members we have. If your Lodge has gained members, please send me their names so we can welcome them.

— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth,*  
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