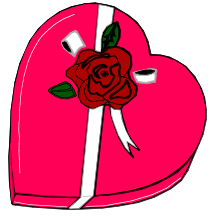


THE *Welcome To All Our New Lodge Officers*



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All dressed up and ready to install

Along with our current Grand Master Steven Purcell, there were seven, count 'em **seven**, Past Grand Masters on hand when officers from Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1, Bremerton IOOF #145 and Skookumchuck IOOF #129 were jointly installed. In the back, from left, are: John "Johneo" Ottrestrom,

PGM and VPRA; and Dave Delony, PGM and current DGM. Standing in front, from left, are: PGM's Frank Wilson, Michael Scheurich, GM Purcell, Ron Hanson, Laurel Delony, and Joe Picanco. Ron Hanson is the current Sovereign Grand Warden. What a prestigious group they are! And they clean up nicely, too.

From the Grand Master's Den #6

What better way to celebrate the arrival of 2025 than a severe case of writer's block! I'll try to get



STEVEN PURCELL
Grand Master

down something coherent, anyway.

My goal for January is to attend as many installations as humanly possible. We have a rather extensive schedule, to date, and *may* see a few more added before we commence.

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

To the incoming officers, whether this is your first trip through the chairs or your tenth, congratulations. I wish all of you the best of luck.

We have seen a lot of hard work in

2024 and more lies ahead as we strive to advance the tenets of Odd Fellowship. To those Brothers and Sisters endeavoring to revitalize a Lodge or to reclaim a Lodge's Charter the labor can be formida-

ble, but I encourage you to persist. The more difficult the task, the greater the labor to achieve and the greater the labor the more gratifying the accomplishment.

A GREAT DAY TO BE AN ODD FELLOW

Well, just as I thought I was on a literary roll the fog has settled back in, so rather than continue to ramble I will make this short, but want to leave you with this thought once again: Every day the sun comes up is a great day to be an Odd Fellow.

...Until next time.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Steven Purcell,

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington

P.S. Just remembered something for Sessions this June. Get your Classic Cartoon Character costumes ready.

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



VALENTINE'S DAY

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From the desk of the Assembly President

THANKS TO THE INSTALLING TEAM!

Thank you to all the Installing Team members for their participation in getting the installations done. A big thank you to all the Lodges for their meals that they provided.

Now the New Year starts! We are all looking to bring in new members for the new year ahead. I wish you all prosperity in finding new members.

MARCH IS ARTHRITIS MONTH

March, which is Arthritis month, is not far off. This disease is something that can affect our older generation and the younger generation, as well. Keep in mind that finding a

cure for arthritis is just one of the projects of our Order.

GET YOURSELVES NOTICED

Spring is coming with much nicer weather. Plan on doing something in your own town to get yourself out there and noticed.

PRAYERS TO CALIFORNIA FRIENDS

In closing, I ask for much-needed prayers to go to the fire victims and first responders in California. I know a lot of our members were just there putting a float together for the Rose Parade.



ALBERTA LUURS
Assembly President

I'm hoping everyone made it home safely. The Rose Float looked good!

Until next month. . .



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

Judy makes official visit to Kent L.E.A.

Grand Matriarch Judy Diekman made her official visit to Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15 recently. The event began with a potluck lunch in the dining room of the Buckley Odd Fellows building. Following good food and fellowship, a formal meeting ensued in the lodge room.

During the Good of the Order, Margaret Truttmann regaled the group with her rendition of "Judy the Snowman." The Grand Matriarch then spoke after which she was presented with a check from the Auxiliary by Chief Matriarch Kendra Frogge' for her project.

During the business of a later meeting, the Auxiliary voted to donate to the Buckley Food Bank and to take a tag from the Giving Tree at the Buckley Fire Deptment to provide a Christmas gift for a needy child.

Shortly after, they joined with Mt. Angeles LEA for a Christmas party which was well-attended, and everyone had a joyous time.

~ From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President ~

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

Remember to be extra kind and loving to those around you and people in need. Most importantly, don't forget about self love!

I encourage everyone to do one kind act or to give to someone that you think needs extra love this time of year.



HAILEY HANNA
TRA President

I hope everyone had great Installations of Officers. Spunky Bluebirds #93 just initiated our newest member, Ari Hanson! I'm very excited and happy to see our clubs growing.

I'm working on dates for official club visits. If the Theta Rho Advisors could contact me, that would be very helpful.

— *In Happiness Through Service
And in F., L. & T.,*
Hailey Hanna,

Your Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

February is here and we are on our way to Spring. Well, it's still pretty cold, but I am pretending Spring is on it's way and I can go back out into my yard to play.

ANNUAL REPORTS

In the meantime — Annual Reports are mostly in, and I am going through them, updating my records and working on the Sovereign Grand Lodge Annual Report. Once this is done, I will start putting the Advance Report (AKA the "Take Me") together for this year's Assembly Sessions. It doesn't hardly seem time to be planning for June, but we are. Officers, please be sure you are keeping good records of your travels and activities so your report will be ready to publish in our advance booklet. If anyone has any suggestions or requests that would make this publication more useful, please let me know. I am always open to new ideas.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

SOME LONG FORGOTTEN FORMS

I have recently made some changes in my office area and in doing so I came across several items that I had forgotten about, but I think would be very helpful for you to use in your lodge. I have friendly reminder forms for when it is time to pay dues, for letting members know that their dues are in arrears and to inform them that they are being dropped for non-payment of dues.

MORE STUFF FROM THE VAULT

I also have booklets outlining several Rebekah ceremonies, skits and poems. If you aren't keeping a separate roll call book of PNG's, you should be. I have these books as well. I know this can be a lot to keep track of, but it is helpful when history of your lodge is wanted. This is especially important when a member passes away and family members ask for information about their loved one's activities.

Please let me know if you would like me to send you any of these items.

A LITTLE LOVE NEVER HURTS

That's all I have for now. Stay warm and do

something special for the members of your lodges this Valentine season. We all appreciate a little extra loving attention.

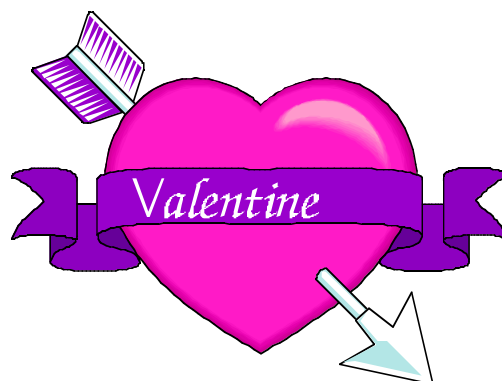
— *Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth*
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,

Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington
(360) 413-7014 or (360) 701-5896
rebsecwa@gmail.com



Oak Harbor mom initiated

Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, in honor of Thomas Wildey's birthday, initiated our new member on January 15 in Oak Harbor. Pictured are Noble Grand Kathy Gould, left, and new member Angela Gleghorn. Angela is a Theta Rho parent.



From the desk of your Grand Secretary

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Installations are now over or should be. New officers should be taking office and the new password to be used. I have mailed to the Lodge Secretaries the Representative Certificates. The odd numbered lodges should be electing a two-year Representative and Alternate at the first meeting this month. I expect all certificates to be in my office no later than Saturday, March 15. Even numbered lodges should have a hold over Representative for another year. Please do not fill out



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

the certificate unless you have to elect a new Representative and/or Alternate. Please try to make sure that the Past Grand you elect for your lodge Representative can attend Grand Lodge. It's important for the work of the Order in Washington and for your lodge to have a voice as well as vote.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

The Planning Board will be meeting in early March and details will start falling into place. So, mark your calendars for Grand Lodge Sessions: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23-25 at the Red Lion Inn Yakima. Theta Rho Sessions will start on Friday, June 20 if you can attend. Information will start appearing in the April edition of *The Washington OddFellow*.

ANNUAL REPORTS!

Annual Reports are due in my office no later than Saturday, February 15. If you need help with the reports please let me know. I'll walk you through it.

SGL CODE UPDATES

Your Lodge Secretaries should have received the SGL code updates either at the end of December or

beginning of January. This means your green book should be updated. I have an article in this edition that has information on the updates. Please be sure to check it out. DDGMs will be checking to make sure your books are updated.

NORTHWEST MEETING

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association will be meeting March 28-30 in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. Registration is in this issue and will be in the March edition as well. This event is open to everyone. You need not belong to the Order to attend, but you will have to fill out a registration form. Be sure you have an enhanced driver's license or current passport to cross the border.

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

'24 SGL updates to the Code of General Laws

Brothers and Sisters,

The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code updates were mailed out December 26. Your Lodge Secretaries should have received them by now and your books should have been updated. If not they should be updated as soon as possible.

On another note, here are a couple of updates that, if you haven't read the Code, you should be aware of. Some of the important updates that were voted on last August at the SGL sessions are:

“Chapter IV Sec. 8, page IV-13 D. Duties of the Grand Secretary. (2) information (a)(iv) The full name, date of birth, current mailing address, physical address of residence, telephone number, and e-mail address of each member whether regular, associate, or non-contributing. Said information is to include the member's status of membership.” Which means, Unit Secretaries, Scribes, Clerks need to make sure that all of the member's information is provided. Once again, please use the SGL new member information sheets. Do not use the yellow or blue cards. These are outdated and do not provide all of the information needed.

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Another new member for Buckley #75

New Buckley Brother Evan Ochs sits in front as he is welcomed by his new Brothers. In the middle row, from left, are: Gunther Wardell, Jaime Hanson, Toby Hanson, and Matt McCollum. In the back row, from left, are: Joanne

Balmert, Jamie Vest Bey, Dave Delony, Tom Harper, and Joe Schaible.

Evan Ochs initiated into Buckley IOOF Lodge #75

BUCKLEY WELCOMES EVAN OCHS

On January 8, 2025 the lodge members of Buckley #75 initiated Evan Ochs, son-in-law of Toby and Jaime Hanson. We offer early congratulations to Evan as he and his wife are expecting a baby soon. We look forward to Brother Evan being a big part of our lodge and we are putting him to work early. Congratulations Brother!

COLORFUL INSTALLATION

By now we have had our Installation of Officers and all the Installing Officers were in their colorful tennis shoes. Such fun is usually reserved for the last installation of the year.

— Members of Buckley #75

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New 2024 SGL Code updates adopted

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Chapter V Sec. 13 Odd Fellow Lodges V-7 D. Financial Secretary

“Dropping a member for non-payment of dues is illegal if the member was not notified in writing of their arrearages and a proper record of the notice was not made in the minutes of the Unit. A member may not be dropped for non-payment of dues until a period of one hundred twenty (120) days has lapsed after said member became in arrears for an amount equal to one (1) year’s dues.” So, here’s a rule of thumb. If your lodge requires dues to be paid by the first of the year, and a member doesn’t comply, then send out the dues envelope with the information on the inside stating that dues for the year are \$\$\$. If you do not receive dues by say August, then send them the delinquent notice which is in the Washington Digest (black book) under forms on page 152, Form No. 4. Then if they still have not paid by November send them Form No. 5 Statement — Final Notice on page 153. Then after the 120 days, which if on a calendar year would be May 1st, you can drop them for non-payment. You will need to send Form No. 6 Termination which is on page 154. And be sure to enclose a membership application. Your lodge will still be responsible for per capita dues on these members because they will still be listed on your previous year’s report.

And this also goes for all units and junior branches of the Order.

Here’s some good news. “Chapter VI I.A.R.A Article VI. Members

Sec. 2. Who may attend. Any Rebekah in good standing.” You do not have to be a Past Noble Grand or have the Rebekah Assembly Degree to attend IARA Sessions. You just have to be a Rebekah in good standing.”

“Chapter XIII General Military Council Article IV.

Members Sec. 1 The working members of the General Military Council with voting powers are: Department Commanders or their accredited representative, Past Department Commanders and Past Presidents of the Department Association.

A. It is to be understood that a Department Council may be represented by the Department Commander or a Representative (either or / but not both. See GMC By-laws for additional allowance

for Representatives, Article VI, Section 4.).”

“Chapter XXIV Funds, Fees, Income, Dues, Assessments, Benefits

Sec. 1 General C. Component Bodies. (2) Dues (d.) Dues commence on the date the person signs the Membership Register or when reinstated. Dues from that date may be pro-rated through the Unit year and accrue thereafter. No unit has the right to refuse any dues tendered.”

“Chapter XXVIII Emblems, Regalia, Jewels, Etc. And their use.

Sec. 3 Jewels B. Veteran Jewels (1) Odd Fellows Veteran Jewel. (c) Members who have previously held membership in a Theta Rho Girls’ Club may count years of service towards an Odd Fellows Veteran Jewel.”

Trinity Rebekahs #179

As I am writing this, I need to apologize to those who were looking for our article in last month’s issue.

Our lodge was broken into on December 10, 2024. A lot was taken. Most of you know that we were selling shoes for Chris Rivito for the Kidney Foundation. Also, a large amount of gift cards were taken. So Trinity is back to square one. Also, our Bingo machine was damaged. But we’re not going to let that stop this lodge!! Hopefully we will have a new set-up soon to keep us going.

VALENTINE’S BINGO

Trinity members are planning for our Valentine Bingo on February 8, 2025. Dinner will be pork cutlets with all the trimmings. We will also have our candy bouquets to raffle off. They are so fun to make.

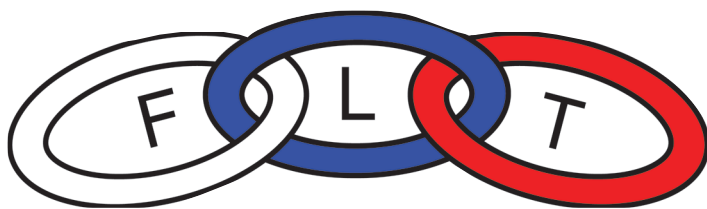
HUGS TO EVERYONE

So everyone, remember your loved ones and your Brothers and Sisters. Here’s a hug for Valentine’s day and for the whole month.

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting is just around the corner in British Columbia. Now is the time to plan if you would like to attend. The registration form is in this edition.

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

~ Lodge Cards ~



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**Send Your Lodge Card Updates To: Grand Lodge
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BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

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

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

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

BUCKLEY I.O.O.F. LODGE #75

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321 **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Matt McCollum, PO Box 998, Buckley, WA 98321-0998. **Phone:** (253) 222-3492. Email: mattmccollum@hotmail.com **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206-1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. Email: buckley75@gmail.com (2/28/26)

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)

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)

MONROE I.O.O.F. LODGE #156

Meets At: 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Lodge Mailing Address:** Same. **Time:** 3rd Thursday monthly, 1 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Candice Blair, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Phone:** (425) 293-8940. Email: myerscandice@comcast.net. **Sec'y:** Sis Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Phone:** (360) 794-7174. Email: jbfittnesswa@yahoo.com

OLYMPIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #1

Meets At: Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 1206, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 701-5896. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949. Email: oly1ioof@gmail.com (2/28/26)

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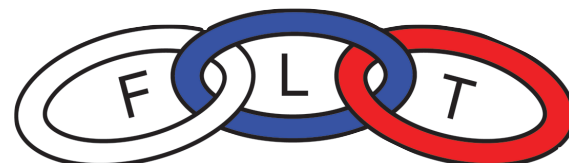
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Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. No newspapers are usually published in July or August.

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 or (360) 829-1514.



From the desk of your Grand Matriarch

Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

I can't believe it's February already. I was think-

~ Lodge Cards ~

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)

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:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 701-5896. (2/28/26)

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 98321-1206. **Email:** davidcdelony@gmail.com. **Ph:** (253) 590-6208. **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046. **Email:** lahoff@scattercreek.com (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:** Joanne Balmert, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 209-0167. **Email:** jobalmert@gmail.com **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/26)

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 (2/28/26)

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

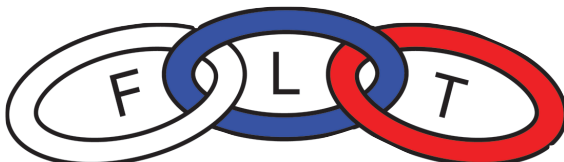
Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686 **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Hill, 8207 NE 99th Cir., Vancouver, WA 98662. **Ph:** (360) 713-3348. **Sec'y:** Richard Blade, 12908 NE 71s Ave., Vancouver, 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 St., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jim Boyd, 206 W. Walnut St., Yakima. WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 823-4123. **Sec'y:** **NG:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910. (2/28/26)



JUDY DIEKMAN
Grand Matriarch

ing we might get a little snow but my crocus and daffodils are coming up, so maybe we can look forward to an early spring instead.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

This month is second nominations of officers. I am hoping that those taking leadership roles will receive the full support of the other members.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION MONTH

February is Educational Foundation Month. Keeping that in mind, remember that the Grand LEA offers two scholarships, and Jennie Reed has the information packet and applications.

HELPING JUST ONE PERSON

My project is the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Mental health is a major issue in our current society.

Valentines Day is a time we do special things for our loved ones and friends to show we care about them. I would like for each of you to do something special on Valentine's Day for someone you don't know who you think is struggling. To the world you may be just one person, but to that one person you may be their world. Let them know there is help and hope for them.

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM A SNOWMAN

As you know my emblem is the snowman so here is some advice from a snowman.

- 1) Be a jolly, happy soul.
- 2) Spend time outdoors.
- 3) Stay cool!
- 4) It's ok to be a little bottom heavy.
- 5) Avoid meltdowns.
- 6) Be well rounded .



And Finally Live Well, Life Is Short

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

Acorn #79 welcomes new member Quinley

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE

January was a busy month for us. We initiated a new member and welcome Quinley Spydell to our Theta Rho Girls' Club.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

We also had our Installation of new officers and are excited for the new year. Our elective officers are President Sarah Thomas, Vice President Avianna Moore, Secretary Ava Kaser and Treasurer Leilah McNichols. Girls receiving appointive offices were Bella Gleghorn, Willow Miller, Jessey Dailey and Quinley Spydell.

CRAFT DAY THIS MONTH

We are starting this month with a craft day led by Miss Diana. We will be doing Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day projects. We had to postpone this event from earlier because Miss Diana fell and broke her hip.

We also will be making Valentine favors for the "Welcome Home" assisted living facility as our community service project for February. The residents always are so appreciative of the things we bring them each holiday.

We are looking forward to warmer weather and some outdoor activities.

Until next month stay warm.

— *In Happiness Through Service*
The Members of Acorn



Acorn's elected officers

Acorn's newly-elected 2025 officers are, from left, President Sarah Thomas, Vice President Avi Moore, and Secretary Ava Kaser. Absent because of illness was Treasurer Leilah McNichols.



#79's appointive officers

Acorn's appointive officers include, from left, Warden Quinley Spydell, and Marshal Bella Gleghorn. Absent are Chaplain Jessey Dailey and Conductor Willow Miller.





Des Moines & Titusville officers installed

The newly-elected officers of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 and Des Moines Lodge #305 were given the oath of office and installed in January. Grand Master Steve Purcell presided with a little help from Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and Grand Musician Toby Hanson. No, the canine was not installed, but looked very happy anyway.

Bucoda Bulletin Board #44

New officers are getting settled in

YES, WE HAVE SOME NEWBIES IN THE CHAIRS

Installations are over for another year and our new officers are getting settled into their offices. Several old, familiar faces are to be found in the chairs, but some new faces are beginning their journeys through the chairs. Congratulations to our new Vice Grand, Brad Morrill, our Conductor Alex Ackert, and Warden Katrean Ackert. Although she is an old hand at being Noble Grand in the Odd Fellows, Laura Purcell has stepped in as Noble Grand for Bucoda Rebekahs #144 for the first time.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Let us also welcome our new associate members Jamie Vest-Bey, Alicia Vest-Bey and honorary associate member Darci, the dog.

BUSY MONTHS AHEAD

There's plenty on the calendar over the next couple of months. The Planning board meeting in Yakima is on March 8 when work on 2025's Sessions really begins in earnest; Northwest in

Chilliwack, B.C. March 28, 29, and 30. Even farther out, April 11 and 12 is the Theta Rho Retreat at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park where the young ladies will once again risk life and limb by eating my cooking.

NEW FUND RAISERS?

Bucoda Rebekahs #144 are looking at fund-raising events we would like to have. We've already considered a few tried-and-true events like community breakfasts and dinners, but we're always on the watch for something new and unique.

JOIN US FRIDAY MEETINGS

Don't forget, our meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays with dinner at 5 p.m. Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m. and the Odd Fellows at 7 p.m. Please come and join us.

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

I remain Steven Purcell,

Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent,

Skookumchuck #129

Bucoda Rebekahs #144

From your Assembly Warden

Why would I want to become a Rebekah?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

BECAUSE

- We are a worldwide organization that believes in “Friendship, Love and Truth.”



JENNIE REED
Assembly Warden

- We help children, the elderly, and the less fortunate.
- Each lodge has a project designed to the needs of its community.
- We donate coats and blankets, Christmas baskets and funds to those in need.
- We stuff Christmas stockings to give to local missions for underprivileged children.
- We provide funeral meals.

- We help others, make new friends, and we have fun.

OUR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

These are some of the international projects of our Order we support:

- **Living Legacy program**, “Plant a tree for one who comes after me.”
- **The Visual Research Foundation**, supports and provide funds to advance eye research.
- **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth**, a program that targets young adults interested in world affairs.

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:

bill@linxure.net

- **Relief Funds**, Hurricane Helene disaster fund, Ukrainian relief fund, Maui fire relief fund.

- **As well as other programs.**

BENEFITS OF BEING A REBEKAH

As a Rebekah, you and your family members are eligible to apply to The Education Foundation. The Foundation provides low interest student loans and many scholarships.

- **L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to the children or grandchildren of a Washington Odd Fellow or Rebekah, in good standing.

— In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
Jennie Reed, Assembly Warden
P.O. Box 494, McCleary, WA 98557
daveandjenie@hotmail.com

Home: 360-495-3573, Cell: 360-470-0422

Scholarship packets now available from our own Grand LEA

Packets are now available for the Grand Ladies Encampment Scholarships.



Those eligible to apply are any current member, in good standing, of the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary or be recommended by an LEA Matriarch. Applicant must have an average to above average academic record, demonstrate leadership abil-

ity, and be enrolled in an accredited two-or four-year college, university, or vocational—technology school.

Additional information is included in the application. They are available from any Auxiliary Matriarch, from the Grand Lodge, or by emailing Jennie Reed at daveandjenie@hotmail.com.

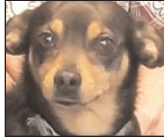
Applications must be received by April 30, 2025.

— Jennie Reed, Scholarship Chairman,
Phone (360) 495-3573 or Cell (360) 470-0422

Where's Sammy?

Our sharp-eyed Assembly Warden finds Sammy!!

Where was Sammy hiding in the pages of *The Washington OddFellow* in January? Well, our intrepid Assembly Warden Jennie Reed located Sammy on page 12 last month looking over the head of Karen Hoylman. She is in the upper right portion of the photo.



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 grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com. Be sure to have your guess in to Laurel by February 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.



That's packing a punch

After doing all the cooking, cleaning and washing every last dish, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony was so punchy that she needed a drink before she called it a night. We guess you could call that an "Hawaiian Punch." This all came after the Installation of Officers for Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 and Eola Rebekah Lodge #63.

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IOOF Educational Foundation announces scholarship increases

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Educational Foundation, at its 2024 Board Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA last summer voted to increase the scholarship awards for most of the scholarships available from them.

THE NEW AWARDS ARE:

- ***Ingstrom Regional Scholarship***

Increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the top application score in the region and an award of \$2,000 for the second place application score in the region.

- ***Non Traditional Scholarship***

Increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

- ***Glen Coursey Agricultural Scholarship***

Increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

- ***Nursing Decree Program Scholarship***

Increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

- ***Vocational Technology Scholarship***

Increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

- ***Peter Geolot Continuing Education Grants***

Increased from \$2,500 to \$3,500



These increases will allow students, who are members or relatives of members of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, to lessen the load of their education. We want all members to become familiar with The Educational

Foundation since we frequently hear that many Odd Fellows and Rebekahs do not know about this exceptional program of our Order which began in 1927 at the Hot Spring, Arkansas Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions.

We can provide you, your children or grandchildren, a shot at a secure economic future. A college education has never been more important, and financing it has never been more challenging. That's why our Educational Foundation wants you to know that members can come to us for assistance with college financing for themselves and their family relatives.

LOW INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE

College is one of the best investments a person can make — for their future or for their family members. Parents, or other family members, of a child heading off to college, will be very excited about our loans, with a low interest rate of 4%, long term repayment periods and no financial need requirements, as well as the many scholarships we offer, all possible through the generosity of the members of our Order.

It's little wonder that sacrifice, bordering on hardship for some families, has become the common lot of Americans and Canadians who hope to provide a post secondary education for their kids, and their kid's kids.

The Educational Foundation, IOOF offers hope, a way to reduce the financial strain. With our student loan and scholarship programs, we can assist our Order's families proceed more safely through the college years.

The current Scholarships available from The Educational Foundation, IOOF are listed below:

- ***\$15,000 Christine Smith Graduate Scholarship***

Scholarships at the graduate level for students who address the needs of society relating to Children and Family issues for students who hold a bachelor's degree.

- ***\$5,000 & \$2,000 Inastrom Trust Regional Scholarships***

Based on financial need, scholarship and leadership. Students in a regular college curriculum can apply in each of fifteen (15) Odd Fellow Jurisdictional regions.

- ***\$5,000 Betty Moates Science and Technology Scholarship***

Awarded annually to students pursuing a college major in medical technology, chemistry, biology, mathematics or an education major to teach in one of the aforementioned majors.

- ***\$4,000 Glenn Coursey Agriculture Scholarship***

Awarded to students pursuing a degree in Agriculture. immediately after graduation from high school.

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IOOF Scholarships increasing

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- **\$4,000 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

Intended for students who do not attend college immediately after graduation from high school.

- **\$4,000 Degree Program Nursing Scholarship**
(Endowed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa)

For students pursuing an accredited nursing program in an associate, baccalaureate, masters or other degree program nursing related field.

- **\$1,000 LPN & CNA Nursing Certificate Scholarship** (Endowed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa)

For students pursuing an accredited nursing program in an LPN or CNA certificate program.

- **2,000 Vocational Technology Scholarship**

For students enrolled in a Vocational or Technology Institution training for quality job skills in a particular job function or trade.

- **\$2,000 Wirz Scholarship**

For students in a regular college curriculum who may not be an Odd Fellow or Rebekah member or related to an Odd Fellow or Rebekah member.

- **\$3,500 Peter Geolot Continuing Education Grants**

For members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in their job related field, or for enrollment in continuing education courses in a new field to further their occupational goals.

- **\$16,000 Student Loans**

Loans for students in a full academic course of four or more years bearing an interest rate of 4%.

Repayments begin three months after graduation or discontinuing college.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Please share this communication with the members of your Lodge who are a living spouse, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, or parent of a spouse of a potential college student. This also applies to an applicant's deceased spouse, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent who was a member in good standing of your Lodge at the time of their death.

Students who are a member, or related to a member, of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, can apply for Odd Fellow scholarships after they have completed one semester in college (except for Vo-Tech students who can apply after high school for the Vo-Tech scholarship).

Eligible students can visit the website: ioof.org, click "Our Programs", click "Educational Foundation." There you can review all of our scholarship opportunities and download all but one of the applications.

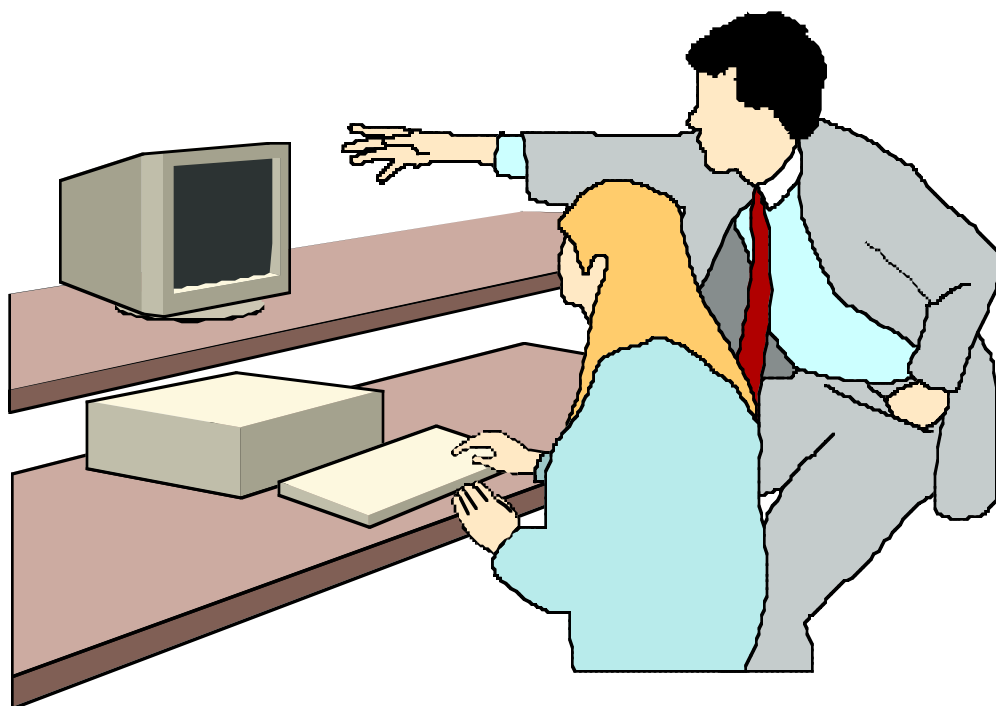
Or use this link:

<https://odd-fellows.org/Programs/education-foundation/>

The deadline each year is May 15 for submission of The Educational Foundation, IOOF scholarships.

For further information, contact Ken Babb, Director of The Educational Foundation, IOOF at (336) 723-2404 or rkbabb1@bellsouth.net.

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Who knows who John Harrison was?

Was John A. Harrison who died in 1892 an Odd Fellow? We may never know as no record of him can be found in the Grand Lodge archives. However, his final resting place is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Goldendale.