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Hooray! Spring Is On Its Way!



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Holiday crafting for our Acorn Girls

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 displayed their St. Patrick's Day and Valentine's Day treat holders they crafted recently. From left are: Ava Kaser,

Bella Gleghorn, Riley Moore, Aviana Moore, and Quinley Spydell, Sarah Thomas, and Shauna Schultz. See Page 16 for more photos and information.

Acorn Girls celebrate late winter holidays

SPRING CRAFTING!!

Spring officially starts this month and we are hoping for warmer weather.

We finally got to do our craft day with Miss Diana and that was fun. We were a little worried about maybe having to postpone because of the snow.

Since there were heating problems at the hall, we met at our Advisor's home to make the Valentine cards for the "Welcome Home Assisted Living" facility, and then had special refreshments for

Valentine's Day.

This month is a little calmer so we are planning on some scrapbooking. We will be really busy next month with the Retreat in Olympia, Easter, and our annual outside clean-up at the hall.

We want to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and don't forget to wear your *green!*

Until next month. . .

— In Happiness Through Service,
The Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79

From the Grand Master's Den #7

Installations are complete and I wish to congratulate all the new officers. It is now time to move on and do other Grand Master stuff.



STEVEN PURCELL
Grand Master

ORCAS ISLAND #88

As I am writing this I am also preparing for my visitation to Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 on Orcas Island. I have never been to Orcas Island and was struck by the fact getting there from Bucoda requires the same planning and logistics as the Normandy Invasion. But the plans are all complete and I am very much looking forward to visiting with the Brothers and Sisters of Mt. Constitution and participating in the rituals that set us apart from

other organizations.

In February, I also made the arduous trips to visit Skookumchuck #129 in Bucoda and Olympia #1.

PLANNING BOARD & NORTHWEST

March is busy with the Planning Board meeting in

Yakima on the 8th and the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting in Chilliwack, B.C., Canada on the 29th through the 30th, interspersed with more visitations. As the weather improves I expect to be spending more time on the road and less at home.

BEG, BORROW OR STEAL

One thing I like to do, when I visit is to listen to our members. If you have ideas on how to raise funds, to recruit new members, or to get our name out in the community, please share. I have no compunction about steal....uh....appropri....uh....borrowing ideas and passing them along to our other lodges. We may be starting to see a bit of an upswing in new membership, but recruitment is still a challenge. There are few finer feelings than attending a lodge where you find all the chairs full and members line the wall eager to participate. Find your lodge's strengths, capitalize on those and show your community what being an Odd Fellow is about.

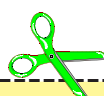
ANOTHER GREAT DAY

Every day that 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!



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From the desk of the Assembly President

GOING FROM WHITE TO GREEN

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows. I hope all of you are doing well and made it through the snow that we had. I know that the weather canceled some meetings. Better to be safe than sorry.



ALBERTA LUURS
Assembly President

REMEMBERING CAROL

The Rebekah Assembly would like to send our condolences out to our Vice President John "Johneo" Otterstrom and his family following the loss of his sweet mother Carol.

Get well wishes to our Warden Jennie Reed who had some surgery.

ANOTHER BUSY MONTH AHEAD

I will be trying to finish up my visitations by the end of March, depending on the weather.

I hope everyone is excited about the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association in British Columbia, Canada this month!

Please remember, this is *Arthritis Month*.

Keep up the work on looking for New Members, when you are at an event take a couple of applications with you.

Condolences also need to be extended to the family of Sherry Pond, and her Lodge Hope #38.

Until next month. . .

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

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)



~ From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President ~

Happy March Everyone!

February slowed us down a little bit with snow and not being able to go to meetings, but now we're back on track.

I'm excited for the Theta Rho Retreat next month to see everyone and maybe some new faces.

LOOKING WITHIN

In Theta Rho we mostly focus on helping our community which is great, but we lose sight sometimes of building friendships within Theta Rho. With our Retreat coming up, I encourage the girls or anyone to try to meet someone new, give people com-

pliments, be open minded when talking to someone, and no gossip. Doing these things will improve friendships and show a great model of friendship and leadership to the younger girls. Remember to be kind and share positivity.

— *In Happiness Through*
Service & F., L. & T.,
Hailey Hanna,
TRA President
Of Washington



HAILEY HANNA
TRA President

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

KEEPING UP WITH PAPERWORK

Spring is getting closer, but as I write this I am looking out the window at a snow covered scene. I am working hard to stay caught up with my “paperwork” so I will be able to spend time in the yard as soon as spring reaches out to us. I’ve bought several new bulbs and have planted them in pots in my green house waiting to move them to the yard. I love this time of year!



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

YES, THOSE REPORTS ARE DUE

Officers, please get your reports to me by the end of this month. I have started putting the “Take Me” (Advance Reports) together and have pages set aside for reports and other information that needs to get to our lodges and their Representatives to insure we have a productive and informative Session in June.

FINALLY A COMPLETE LIST OF LODGES

With the help of one of my Lodge Sisters I now have a fairly complete list of all the lodges that have ever been in Washington State. This list includes the date of Charter, as well as Consolidation and/or Surrender. I hope to include this list in the “Take Me” as I think it is very interesting. Thank you Gail for all your research and work on this project.

JUST A LITTLE MORE BUSINESS

Annual Reports are completed. Thank you to all the Lodge Secretaries for a job well done. Your Spring Fall Per Capita Tax bills will be sent out next month. These will be based on the number of members you reported as of



*I'd Rather
Be Gardening!*

December 31, 2024.

LET'S ALL BE THANKFUL

Have a fun March! Plan something out of the ordinary with your family and/or lodge for St. Patrick's Day, and be thankful for the blessings we have with each other.

— 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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Are you ready for a fez on your noggin?

Hey! Would you like to take the next step in Odd Fellowship? You can become a member of an Encampment — or a Fez Head as I like to affectionately call us. If you are a Third Degree member of an Odd Fellow Lodge, you can take the plunge into the Patriarchal Branch of Odd Fellowship.

By becoming a member of an Encampment you will be meeting with members of other lodges. Ideas are shared and a whole lot of fun will be coming your way. There's only one meeting a month.

And, if you're lucky, you can purchase a purple fez — not a tarboosh. Yes we wear purple fezzes during meetings!

If you are interested please contact me at the Grand Scribe office. You can call 800-345-1766 or go to: grandscribeofgeow@gmail.com and I will direct you to the closest Encampment and Scribe to contact.

Come join us!

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



From the desk of your Grand Secretary

ST. PADDY'S DAY ALREADY

Brothers and Sisters,

My, how time moves quickly and here we are getting ready for St. Patrick's Day.

ANNUAL REPORTS & REP ELECTIONS

All lodges should have sent in their Annual Reports and those that haven't — and you know who you are — you are being charged \$5 per day for being late. If you need help with these reports, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Odd numbered lodges should have elected a Lodge Representative and



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

Alternate during the first meeting in February. Certificates should be mailed and into my office by Saturday, March 15.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Speaking of Representatives, Grand Lodge Sessions are coming up and the Planning Board Committee will be meeting on Saturday, March 8 in Yakima for final arrangements. Once everything is set, the registration form and the hotel information will be in the April edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. Please make sure your Representative can attend Sessions. I promise it will be a fun and informative time.

All Third Degree members can attend Sessions. Have your dues cards ready for the Credentials Committee. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

'TAKE ME' REPORTS DUE APRIL 15

Grand Lodge Elected Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairs, your reports for the "Take Me" (Advance Reports) are due into my office by Tuesday, April 15. If you send your report after the 15th it will not be in the "Take Me" and you will

have to read the report on the floor at Grand Lodge Sessions. I have a limited time to get the "Take Me" put together and mailed to all Lodge Representatives. If you will be requesting money, be sure to check with me for your expenditures for the year so you can request funds for the 2025-2026 budget. The Finance Committee will be in need of this information.

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

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #79

EXTENDING OUR LOVE & PRAYERS

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #79 send our love and condolences to our Sister Michelle Whitten and her family following the loss of her mother Diane Whitten.

Trinity lost a Sister on January 26, 2025. This is the last Sister who joined us from Pe Ell. Our love and prayers go to the family Of Marian Moon who was 102 years young! Trinity Sisters draped the Charter for Sister Marian on February 27.

NEW BINGO EQUIPMENT

We were able to have our Bingo on February 8. We had to purchase new equipment because of the break in to our lodge. The new set up is great.

FEEDING OUR CATS & DOGS

At our last meeting our Noble Grand was surprised with some dog and cat food that was brought in by members to help with a small project she wanted to do, but we were unable to help with at the time of her request. She took the items to the local animal shelter in Centralia.

BINGO IS BACK!

Our next Bingo night will be on Saturday, March 1. There will *not* be a dinner, but at half time we will have a Nacho/Taco Bar. The cost is \$10 with a drink. The cost to play is two cards for \$10. Extra cards are \$5 each. We will be starting the Bingo at 5 p.m. *This is a new time!!!* See flyer on page 7.

I wouldlike to remind everyone to keep looking for "Moo" (New) members.

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

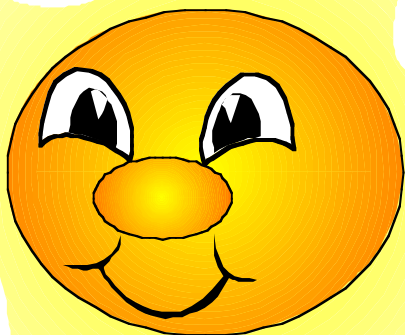



Joyous time and plenty of good eats!

It was a joyous occasion when members of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 gathered at Branks Bar-B-Q in Sumner on Saturday, December 7 for a Lodge Christmas Party. The event began with a very tasty dinner followed by a gift exchange and visiting. Participants were: Front row: JoAnn Silvernail, Karen Hoylman, Marcia Presley, and Kendra Frogge', Back row: Kim Presley, Karman Lundell, Toby Hanson,

Jaime Hanson, Jonathan Keener, Elizabeth Keener, and Tom Frogge'.

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**50/50
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1/2 time Nacho/Taco Bar

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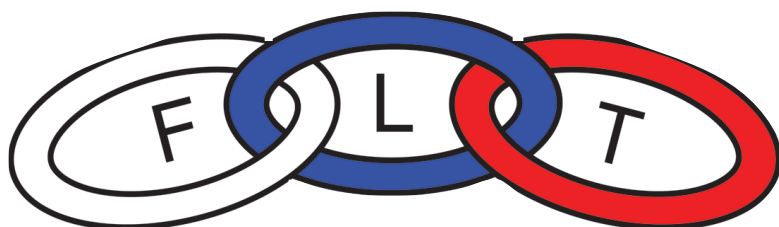
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~ Lodge Cards ~



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

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle
Mailing Address: PMB 918, Seattle, WA 98107. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Bob Duniway, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 372-4164.
Sec'y: Michael Manning, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (503) 740-4190 (2/28/26)

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:** Ken Roth, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383-9220. **Ph:** (360) 900-3054.
Sec'y: Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 9838-9220. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. (2/28/26)

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, WA 98530. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Laura Purcell, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 259-6144.
Sec'y: LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046. **Email:** LAHOFF@scattercreek.com (Cell) (2/28/26)

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Greg Powers, 9435 39th Ave. So., Seattle, WA 98118. **Ph:** (206) 760-2287. **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasperek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/26)

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington St., Spokane, WA 99201-0599. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elizabeth Winship-Moon, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. **Ph:** (509) 953-8739. **Sec'y:** Joey Locke, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. **Email:** joeyclep@hotmail.com (2/28/26)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

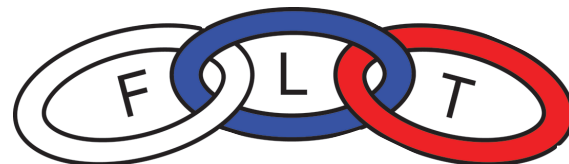
Meets At: IOOF Lodge Hall, 201 Pine St., Kelso, WA 98626. **Lodge Mailing Address:** c/o Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 409-9900. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 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:** jbfitnesswa@yahoo.com (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 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)



~ Lodge Cards ~

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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,

Don't forget the wearin' of the green.

~ Lodge Cards ~

PILGRIM I.O.O.F. LODGE #187

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201. **Mailing Address:** 2431 Rucker Ave., Ste 3. Everett, WA 98201 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** June, July & Aug. **NG:** John Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077-7102. **Ph:** Home: (425) 788-3772. **Sec'y:** Mary Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077. **Cell Ph:** 425-478-9129. (2/28/27)

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 (2/28/26)

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 (2/28/26)

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 Butternut, 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

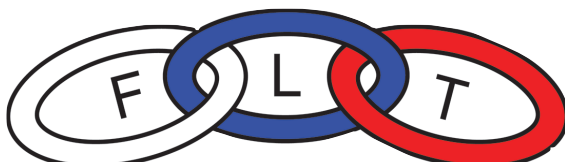
Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665 **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Hill, 8207 NE 99th Circle. Vancouver, WA 98662. **Ph:** (360) 713-3348. **Sec'y:** Richard Blade, 12908 NE 71st Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684. **Ph:** (360) 771-1101 (2/28/26)

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)



Our Grand Sessions will be here before you know it. The Planning Board meets this month in Yakima and there will be information to share next month.



JUDY DIEKMAN
Grand Matriarch

I will be sending out letters soon with requests for assignments for our Sessions. I hope you will accept the jobs that you are asked to assume. It takes all of us working together to have a successful Session.

ARTHRITIS MONTH

March is Arthritis Month so if you are looking for a project to support this month send your donation to Sister Margaret

Truttmann, Grand Scribe for the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary.

FIRST LOVE YOURSELF

My motto is **FLY** — **F**irst-**L**ove-**Y**ourself.

Keeping that in mind, here are my words of encouragement for this month:

- “**Sad**” has three letters but so does “**Joy**”
- “**Fall**” has four letters but so does “**Rise**”
- “**Curse**” has 5 letters but so does “**Bless**”
- “**Ignore**” has 6 letters but so does “**Listen**”
- “**Enemies**” has 7 letters but so does “**Friends**”
- “**Immature**” has 8 letters but so does “**Maturity**”
- “**Ignorance**” has 9 letters but so does “**Knowledge**”
- “**Negativity**” has 10 letters but so does “**Positivity**”

You have two realities to choose from. It's up to you.

MAKE GOOD CHOICES!

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



Hope #38 has another lively meeting Jan. 15

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025 we gathered for lunch at noon. Each member brought their own lunch.

Before the meeting John “Johneo” Otterstrom, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, came in and presented Sister Joey Locke, DDP, with her 15-Year Veterans Jewel.

VP “Johneo” presented the drawing winner of the first afghan, crocheted by the Assembly President, to Debra Tobler. This was done first because “Johneo” had to get on the road to work. When he heard it was Hope’s Installation of Officers, he said he would stay until 3:30 p.m.

Lodge opened in regular form and the Vice Grand asked that we go directly into the Installation of Officers so “Johneo” could get on the road. DDP Joey Locke was asked to preside.

OFFICERS INSTALLED IN STYLE

The ceremony was carried out and all officers were installed into their offices: Noble Grand Elisabeth Winship-Moon, Vice Grand Beverly Johnson, Secretary PGM Tim Moon, Conductor George Chinn, Right Supporter to the Noble Grand Linda Bradley, Chaplain, Debra Tobler, Outside Guardian John Otterstrom, Right Supporter to the Vice Grand Tedd Swanson, and Past Noble Grand Joey Locke. Those missing were Treasurer Pat Nave, Warden Sarah Kane, and Left Supporter to the Noble Grand PPRA Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe.

“Johneo” hit the door running so he would not be late for work. He had come up earlier to visit his mom in rehab. Keep “Johneo” in your prayers. His list just gets longer and longer, but he is holding up well.

At each of our stations was a white carnation from Sister Joey, our Installing Officer. Thank you Joey! What a thoughtful gift.

Our Secretary gave a report on bank balances for savings and checking and all the checks that had come in since the last we met. NG Elisabeth told us she would like to get tablecloths with our name and organization on them and go to the Community Centers and set up a table and hand out flyers with our information and what we do and what we stand for. Not to panic, this is just a goal in the future.



Rebekah Assembly Vice President John “Johneo” Otterstrom, right, delivered a 15-Year Jewel to Sister Joey Lock, left.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherry Pond, PNG, Past Grand Matriarch, and Past Grand Patriarch from Burbank, Washington, passed away on January 4. The family held a celebration of life on February 1 in Burbank. Tim said he was going because he was Grand Patriarch when Sherry was Grand Matriarch. After a discussion, Tim moved to take flowers and give the family a donation. Seconded by Joey and Dusti, the motion carried. Thank you Tim.

Pat Nave’s 40-Year Veterans Jewel is here but she is home sick. Must be too much crafting down south with her sisters. We missed you, Pat!

Dusti gave us a heads up that she was going to have surgery on her foot on February 4 and will most likely not see us until March. She will have to

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Projects getting done at Hope Lodge #38!!

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use a knee scooter in the meantime. Please keep Dusti in your prayers.

NG Elisabeth said we need to get committees started and need volunteers to head them. Volunteers are: Tedd and George, Lilac Festival Parade in May; Beverly and Linda, Parade; and Tim, Community Centers.

Dusti said she will have a lot of time and will go online and print out things on the internet to do.

The refreshment calendar was passed around by Joey and all signed up with a couple of days where we have potlucks, etc.

During the last meeting of 2024 we had an ice cream social with 10 different toppings to choose from. What fun!

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Debra asked us to keep Sarah in our prayers as she is upset. Elisabeth said we would have the closing prayer and then a prayer for all who need care and love.

VG Beverly led the members in the Rebekah Creed. The meeting was closed and all headed to the cookie table for refreshments and gabbing. Refreshments were served after the meeting closed. Linda was hostess and she served homemade chocolate fudge, peanut butter fudge, and cookies.

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

Above left: Tom Harper sits with Laura Purcell during the Installation of new Officers for Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 **Above right:** Joe Schaible receives his Past Grand Jewel from his wife. At right is Joe's daughter.

Yes, there were 2 Past Grands for Buckley!!

Joe Schaible, who finished nine months of being a Noble Grand for South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211 before consolidating with Buckley #75, definitely earned his Past Grand Certificate and Jewel. He was presented with his PG Jewel and his lovely wife pinned him. We hear there may be some members of his family ready to join. Our fingers are crossed. Joe's daughter was also present.

And sitting very unobtrusively was Tom Harper, who transferred to Buckley when the Fall City Odd Fellows Lodge closed. He went out as Noble Grand at Buckley #75. His meetings were very well run. Thank you Tom for a great year! And thank you to Joe Schaible for stepping up and taking an office for the next year.

*— The Members of Buckley
Odd Fellows Lodge #75*

From your Assembly Warden

We need to get the word out now!

My Brothers and Sisters,

In recent articles, I have given hints on how to attract new members.

I went to a funeral last week. She was a member of my lodge and an almost 50-year member and in those years she only belonged to the two local lodges, Friendship #44 and Sunbeam #147. She held many offices at the local and district level. She came from a large family that lived in the area for many years. It was only natural that her lodge serve at her funeral reception.



JENNIE REED
Assembly Warden

WHAT IS A REBEKAH?

During the luncheon, a family member asked, "What was a Rebekah?" I gave the standard response, we are a fraternal organization and our

mission is "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan." Well he asked again what do you do, I answered our lodge collects coats and blankets throughout the year and they are given to those in need by one of our churches. I also told him about projects of other lodges and some about the projects of our Order. He seemed to understand what I was saying, but he asked me again, "Who are you?" I thought about it and said we were established as Degree of Rebekah in 1851 as the counterpart of Odd Fellows. "Oh," he said, "I have heard of them." Brothers and Sisters, we still have work to do! We need to work together to get our word out.

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

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Bucoda Bulletin Board #45

Yes, we are trying to improve Bucoda

STEVE TAKES A WALK TO LODGE

What's going on in Bucoda in February and March?

First, the Grand Master made the long and difficult trip to visit Skookumchuck #129 in Bucoda on Valentine's Day. The Planning Board meeting is in Yakima on Saturday, March 8 and the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association meets in Chilliwack, B.C., Canada March 28 through 30.

WE'RE ALL LOOKING FOR SOME IMPROVEMENT!

Some members of the Bucoda Improvement Club joined us for dinner January 24 to begin discussions on ways to combine our efforts to help improve the community. This is still in its infancy, but several good ideas have been broached and will be discussed more fully at a later date. Unity and cooperation between the Odd Fellows and other civic organizations not only improves conditions within the community, but also gets the Odd Fellow name out,

making us more visible and allows our residents a better look at how our organization operates and piques their interest in membership.

MONTESANO BUILDING FOR SALE

One of the biggest things for Skookumchuck #129 is that our building in Montesano is finally on the market. The "For Sale" sign in the window has drawn significant attention and a few inquiries. This is still early in the process, but we have great hopes of finding a new family for that beautiful, old building.

COME JOIN US FOR DINNER

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

— *Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth*
I remain Steven Purcell,

Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent,
Skookumchuck IOOF #129 & Bucoda Rebekahs #144

Where's Sammy?

PGM Kelly Hughes finds Sammy in February edition

Where was Sammy hiding in the pages of *The Washington OddFellow* in February? Past Grand Master Kelly Hughes found Sammy lurking on page 10 last month in the top photo of the Acorn Theta Rho #79 photo showing Acorn's newly-elected officers for 2025.



And yes, Kelly is still an IOOF Brother in Washington although he is living and working in Florida.

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 March 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.

Fez Head & Scribes:

Let's get ready for our '25 installations

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

It's time to get ready for Installations and for odd-numbered Encampments to elect an Encampment Representative and Alternate. Letters went out March 1. Be sure to elect a Representative who can attend Grand Encampment Sessions on Wednesday, June 26. Don't forget they need to be a Past Chief Patriarch. **HERE'S THE PLAN**



To All Elective Officers (Grand Patriarch, Grand High Priest, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Junior Warden, you reports for the "Take Me" need to be in the office no later than April 15. Reports not sent to me will have to be presented on the floor at Sessions. Hopefully, the "Take Me's" will be mailed out by May 1. That's the plan.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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

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Grand Master leading the choir

Grand Master Steve Purcell wasn't leading the choir, but he was installing the officers for Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 and Titusville IOOF Lodge #34. At far left is Laura Purcell, Grand Chaplain. Taking the obligation of office are: Joe Picanco, Marshal; Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PGM, GSE, and Noble Grand Titusville #34 Kevin Esmay, Vice Grand, Des Moines #305; Steve McCord, Secretary, Des Moines #305; Tina Reitan, Secretary, Titusville #34; C. Allan Reitan, PGM,

Treasurer, Titusville #34; and Dave Moerhle, Treasurer, Des Moines #305. In the far back, from left, are: Kathi Picanco, Joanne Balmert; Dave Delony, DGM; John "Johneo" Otterstrom, RA Vice President; JohnMcKindley, member of Des Moines #305; Tom Harper, Grand Guardian; and Jr. Past Grand Master Michael Scheurich.



From left, Tina Reitan, Titusville Secretary, and Steve McCord, Des Moines Secretary, being installed by Grand Secretary Laurel Delony while Grand Marshal Joe Picanco looks on.



Watching the installation are, from left: Steve Purcell, Grand Master; Michael Scheurich, Jr. Past Grand Master; Dave Delony, PGM and Deputy Grand Master; Laurel Delony, PGM and Grand Secretary; Steve McCord, Grand Treasurer; Laura Purcell, Grand Chaplain; Tom Harper, Grand Guardian; and Joe Picanco, PGM and Grand Marshal.

Ballard-Alki #170 installs its new leaders for 2025!!

At right: Linda Shwab, Jr. Past Grand for Ballard-Alki Odd Fellows Lodge #170, is not only installed as the new Treasurer, but is pinned with her Past Grand Jewel by Brother Bob Duniway.

Middle left: Grand Secretary Delony is installing the Financial Secretary Brother Greg Powers who was escorted by Grand Marshal Joe Picanco. Directly to the right of Sister Laurel is Grand Master Steve Purcell at the podium with Grand Treasurer Steve McCord on the far right ready to install the new Treasurer.



Grand Marshal Joe Picanco, far left, with the officers-elect ready to take the obligation. To Joe's right are: Noble Grand Bob Duniway, Vice Grand Ivan Kotcher, Secretary

Michael Manning, Financial Secretary Greg Powers, and Treasurer Linda Shwab.

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St. Valentine's, St. Pat's Days keeping Acorn Girls busy!!

Upper left: Miss Diana, far right at the top, engages with Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 members, from left, Aviana Moore, Riley Moore, and Shauna Schultz, while making Valentine's and St. Patrick's Day items.

Lower right: Ash Thomas, Ava Kaser, Bella Gleghorn, Quinley Spydell are busy with their St. Patrick's Day items.

Lower left: All finished and ready to go!

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