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Spunky by name, Spunky by nature!

On Tuesday, March 18, members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 were bearing their claws following their installation of new officers for the 2025 term at First Methodist Church in Downtown Tacoma. PGM Toby Hanson served as their Installing Officer and Club Adviser Sylvia Summers as Installing Marshal. As the club hadn't practiced the Installation for a while, it was a somewhat loose and improvised ceremony, but the advisers took each pause as an opportunity to teach the girls

in the club more about the ceremony and its importance. The Installation was also a great opportunity to prepare the girls for the Theta Rho Assembly Installation that happens in Yakima in June. Everyone was very excited and happy to take on their new roles within the club as family and friends looked on. From left are: Adriel Keena, Hailey Hanna, Jamie Keena, Elizabeth Keena, Toby Hanson, Lorrie Bonnell, Sylvia Summers, Ari Chambard, Autumn Scheiderer, and Allister Jennings.

From the Grand Master's Den #8

Recently I've had several people ask my opinion of the Odd Fellows Ritual. There's a short answer and a longer answer. We'll start with the short.



STEVEN PURCELL

SHORT ANSWER

Open your Charge Book and turn to page "iv" just past the table of contents. The last sentence of the last paragraph states that no other (Ritual) shall be used.

LONGER ANSWER

Our Ritual defines who we are and differentiates us from other, similar organizations. Periodically Sovereign Grand Lodge will make revisions to the Ritual during Annual Sessions and publish those changes. The most recent revision was in 2005.

Those who have read the entire Charge Book have likely noticed some, for lack of a better word, archaic language; and most notably in the Degree Work. This language is, to me, part of the charm of our Ritual; it connects the present members with those who founded our organiza-

tion and provides a link for our future members through us to those founders.

Each meeting, each conduct of the Ritual should be a celebration of Odd Fellowship: Opening according to the Ritual, conducting business, and closing according to the Ritual.

In my opinion should a lodge have something that doesn't strictly fall within the Ritual but has become a part of their identity as a Lodge, is why there is a portion of the Order of Business called "Good of the Order."

Good of the Order may encompass many things that are not a part of the Ritual such as announcements of upcoming events within or outside the Order, a sharing time where simple casual discussion is held (remember, religion and politics stay outside). Upon completion of Good of the Order then the meeting is ritualistically and formally closed.

As I said earlier, our Ritual is what defines us as Odd Fellows. Celebrate and enjoy who we are!

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



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From the desk of the Assembly President

WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?

Before we know, it will be time for Assembly Sessions in Yakima. First I must finish the race



ALBERTA LUURS
Assembly President

against time. The challenges that are left for me include:

- The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Chilliwack, BC, Canada.
- Then I'm off to Denver, Colorado for IARA President Mira Pittman's Testimonial.

Once I get back I will set dates for my last three visitations I need to make.

BINGO FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Please don't forget about the All Jurisdictional Rebekah Bingo on Saturday, April 26 at 4 p.m. in Napavine at Trinity's hall All

proceeds are going to the Washington State Special Olympics.

OFF TO ARLINGTON CEMETERY

After the Bingo, I will be preparing for the trip to

Washington, D.C. along with Grand Master Steve Purcell to place a wreath in Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Until next month. . .

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

Keep those stories and photos coming

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 email your news items and high resolution photos by the 15th of the month for publication the next month. **DO NOT** send photos attached to a text message. Please submit your submissions to:

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

Sherry Pond passes away in January

Sherry Daneen Brickey Pond, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington for 2009-2010, and Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA in 2018-2019 passed away on January 4, 2025. She was 84.

During her time in our Order, Sister Sherry was a member of: Three Link Rebekah Lodge #92, Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145, Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242, and Eureka State Lodge #S1

She also belonged to: Spokane LAPM#2, joining on November 13, 2000; Unique Unified Encampment #32 joining on September 23, 1997 (she was actually a member of the LEA prior to 2000 as women were not allowed membership until then); Tri-City LEA #66; Samaritan Odd Fellows Lodge #52, joining October 1, 2002; and Pasco Odd

Fellows Lodge #257, joining on January 18, 2008.

Sister Sherry was a Grand High Priestess and Past President of the LAPM Association, as well as PNG of the Rebekahs.

Finally, Sherry was very active in Theta Rho. She was Advisor of Pasco Theta Rho #14 in 1997-1988, and Assistant Advisor from 1988 under Dee Hanson in 1988-2005 and Sharleen Davies in 2006.

Sister Sherry will be missed by family, friends and all who knew her.



SHERRY POND
Past Grand Matriarch

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY SPRING!

The flowers are blooming, the sun is peeking through the rain drops, and there is a lot of work to do. My yard is calling (very loudly), but I am showing great restraint and spending many hours inside at my desk.

June and our Annual Sessions will be here before you know it. Spring per capita bills recently went out. These are based on your Annual Report for the year ending 2024



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

'TAKE ME' AND MORE

The Advance Report (aka the "Take Me") is under construction and hopefully will be to the Printing Committee by Friday, April 11. Officers, if you haven't gotten your report to me — you are late. Please do so immediately. This should cover your activities through March 31, 2025. You can then submit a supplemental report

to reflect your travels between Tuesday, April 1 and our Sessions. I know you have all been very busy.

At this time, I have two pieces of legislation that will be presented in the "Take Me." All lodges should discuss these items during a regular meeting and inform your Representative how you want her/him to vote.

If anyone has any items you would like included, please notify me right away. Otherwise you may bring items to the floor on Monday morning at our Sessions.

BINGO NIGHT FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

I hope you have all seen President Alberta Luurs' information on the Bingo Night to be held on Saturday, April 26. There is a flyer in this newspaper relating to the Bingo fundraiser. This is a special event. Our International President Mira Pittman has asked us to hold a fundraiser to support our State Special Olympics. Alberta is excited for the opportunity to have all lodges in Washington participate.

She is asking for each lodge to donate an item for a Bingo prize. If you can't be here, please consider sending a gift card or donation from your lodge for this project. We will then send a check to the Special

Olympics from the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and inform President Mira of our donation. Well, that's a lot of information. I hope you stayed with me to the end!!

Have a great Easter and remember to count your blessings.

— *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



Moss beware!

Is that our Grand Secretary Laurel Delony doing her high wire act? No, that's her doing her "high moss act" on the roof of the Fall City IOOF Lodge. She was just cleaning the roof in anticipation of the disposition of the building.

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

APRIL DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Brothers and Sisters,

Time is moving by rapidly and all Grand Lodge Committee Chairs need to get their reports into me

no later than Tuesday, April 15 for the Advance Report, aka the "Take Me."

Do not put a report number at the top as I will handle that when it comes in. Committees should have their budgets in their reports. What was budgeted for 2024-2025, show what was spent, and what you plan to budget for 2025-2026. The Finance Committee will need this information. You can check with me for those amounts spent for your committee.

REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATES

All *Odd* numbered Lodges need to make sure and get your

Representative's Certificates in as soon as possible if you haven't already. The Grand Master needs to start working on his committees for Grand Sessions and needs the information.

SOME CHANGES THIS YEAR

Speaking of Sessions, the registration information is in this edition on pages 17, 18 and 19. Please note there will not be a Grand Master's/President's breakfast and no Representatives' breakfast since breakfast is included with in the price of your room. The Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President will have short meetings on Monday morning at 8 a.m. in the East/West Ballroom and the Grand Master-elect and President-elect will meet with the

Representatives on Tuesday at 8 a.m. All officers and Representatives should attend.

ANNUAL REPORTS

After receiving all the Lodge reports I will be having a zoom meeting to go over the reports so all Secretaries will know what needs to be done. I don't think the instructions are being read. I will send out an invitation and date along with a zoom link. I'll go over the report and give the Secretaries an opportunity to ask questions and clarify anything that is confusing.

'TAKE ME' IN THE MAIL MAY 1

The "Take Me" will be sent out on May 1. Secretaries, make sure your Representatives go through the "Take Me" and report on any bills, petitions resolutions, etc. The lodge should vote on how you want your Representative to vote.

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

From your 2024-25 Theta Rho President

HAPPY EASTER!

I can't believe it's Spring already. I was ready for the sun again. With this wonderful season I encourage everyone to do some kind

of community service outside, whether or not it's picking up trash or mowing grass.

Remember to come ready for a fun Theta Rho Retreat this month as we prepare for Assembly and meeting new friends!

I'm also happy to announce that the Spunky Blue Birds have enough members to elect new officers after a few sparse years. We're inviting friends

and family and the JYC members to attend this special moment for our club. Remember to smile and spread happiness.

— In Happiness Through Service
And in F., L. & T., Hailey Hanna,
Your Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary



HAILEY HANNA
TRA President

Bucoda Bulletin Board #46

What's going on in Bucoda?

Because of the wacky weather we've had until recently, the Grand Master's visit was postponed until February 28. The chef has indicated we're having spaghetti for dinner that night.

Members of the Odd Fellows/Rebekahs and the Bucoda Improvement Club got together February 22 and 23 for some cleaning and reorganization of the Community Center. Getting into some of the deeper, darker corners of the building brought out the Indiana Jones in some of us.

Planning for our 2025 Grand Sessions was in full swing when our Planning Board met in Yakima on March 8. This year's menus are in the hands of the Planning Board members, and the Host Committee

will be ordering the "chochkies" for this year soon.

Watch *The Washington OddFellow* for registration forms which are included in the edition and will be repeated again next month.

Don't forget our meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays with dinner is at 5 p.m. The Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellows follow at 7 p.m. Come join us.

Until next time. . .

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

Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Skookumchuck IOOF #129
Bucoda Rebekahs #144

~ *Founder's Day Proclamation* ~

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy two hundred and six years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

Therefore, I, Gerald V. Workman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim That the month of April be declared **Odd Fellows Anniversary Month** throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That April 26, 2025 be known as **Founder's Day** throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 206th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: *Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work*

Project, etcetera.



Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2025 and of our Order the 206th year.

Yours in F, L & T,
s/ Gerald V. Workman
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:


s/Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

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April 26, 2025

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Raffles

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Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2025

Our Sisters and Brothers met at 11:30 a.m. There were 13 people waiting to eat the spaghetti lunch prepared by Dusti Trebe (on her trusted scooter). Salads, bread, and dessert were brought by other members of the lodge. Those present were DDP Sarah Kane and her husband, Debra Tobler, Pat Nave, Elisabeth Winship-Moon, Tim Moon, Joey Locke, John “Johneo” Otterstrom, Linda Bradley, Tedd Swanson, George Chinn, Dusti Trebe, and Beverley Johnson. If you were not there you missed a delicious meal and lots of good fellowship.

After the meal NG Elisabeth called the meeting to order and asked Linda if she would like to talk about informational door hangers for our next project. Linda explained she had one put on her door and we could make them easily and inexpensively. We could just hang them on the door and go to the next house or apartment. There’s no talking with people, but they will have all the information on the flyer of when, where, type of sale, directions, and hours open. Pat is going to set up a template and we’ll discuss how we want it to look.



Pat read a book about how to improve our yard sales and gave us a few ideas. NG Elisabeth suggested a Spring yard sale. Tim and Pat stated we could have a rummage or yard sale and clean out our room from the summer items that did not sell at our Christmas Bazaar. Members were urged to clean out their garages and basements. Dates are Thursday, June 5 and Friday, June 6. NG Elisabeth stated she wanted reports from each of the committee teams at the next meeting.

ARMED FORCES PARADE

Beverley and Dusti called to find out how we can participate in the Armed Forces TorchLight Parade. (The Old Lilac Parade.) There was a lot of discussion on who should ride and what they could ride on and what type of decorations can to be used. The lodge will wait until we see if we can participate.

CRAFT / FAIR WORKSHOP

Pat, our crafter, saw a program with several cute items. Debra asked about several things she was thinking about making. This should be a great sale.

We are starting our craft/fair workshop March 26 at 11:30 a.m. (Bring your own lunch) Pat will bring a lot of different ideas and materials to work on.

Our Christmas Bazaar has been set for October 31, November 1 and 2, and again on November 7 and 8. The Bazaar will run from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. each day.

Besides door hangers we discussed large signs for the front of the building along with parking direction arrows.

March 19 was our formal meeting with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tedd and George brought dessert.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2025

In attendance were NG Elisabeth Winship-Moon, VG Beverley Johnson, Secretary Tim Moon, Treasurer Pat Nave, PNG Joey Locke, Warden Sara Kane, Chaplain Debra Tobler, RSNG Linda Bradley and RSVG Tedd Swanson. The meeting was held in regular form.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

Sickness and Distress: Dusti was at the VA Hospital getting her foot checked out after her operation. Joey reported the boot was off now, her foot looked good. Debra had to go to the eye doctor as her lens kept popping out. Sara’s mom was frustrated with her new phone. Linda has been falling down the stairs (I guess to see if she could do it without breaking anything. Of course she could have just tripped?)

We missed John “Johneo” Otterstrom and sent our love to him following the passing of his mom Mary.

The weather was not great for travel as it snowed two inches during the meeting. Leon Tobler is still having issues, and Tedd Swanson still has a deep cough he can’t seem to get rid of, but he came to the meeting.

Correspondence: Received a bill from the



Assembly President, and a thank you note from Sherry Pond’s family for flowers and donation. Sara Kane was elected as our Representative to Assembly. Joey Locke is the Alternate.

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Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

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Pat asked about the Bazaar and accepted the position of chairwoman for the year. She already has many ideas.

NG Elisabeth asked Warden Sarah to present to the Altar Linda Bradley, Beverley Johnson, and Pat Nave. Tim presented each of them with a Rebekah

Veteran Jewel and Joey presented them with a bouquet of flowers. Much applause was given.

(Later this year Beverley will be a 60-year member if we can find the Medical Lake Lodge's records for 1965.)

Next to be presented at the Altar was

Elisabeth. Tim had the honor of presenting her with her Past Noble Grand Jewel and Certificate.

She also received flowers from Joey and much thankful applause for a job well done. Elisabeth is serving a second term as Noble

Grand. Joey led the group in

recognizing Elisabeth for all her unique and beautiful decorations for the Lodge each meeting and everyone agreed with loud applause and thank yous.

VETERAN JEWELS

Sister Pat Nave received her 40-Year Jewel. Sister Pat was initiated into the former Three Links Rebekah Lodge in 1984. Three Links gave up its Charter the same year. She transferred into Hope. Pat has the distinction of having numerous PNG certificates.

Sister Linda received her 50-Year Jewel. She was initiated into the former Hillyard Rebekah Lodge and served as NG in 1975.

Sister Beverley is a first time Vice Grand for Hope. She received her 50-Year Jewel. Later this year she will receive her 60-Year Jewel. She was initiated into Medical Lake Rebekah Lodge in 1965. She and her late husband moved to Georgia, then they moved to Walla Walla to the Odd Fellows

Home Apartments. She was an active member of Narcissa #2. Several years ago she moved to Spokane and transferred her membership to Hope #38.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Elisabeth went over the committees: Bazaar; Pat Nave; Community Centers, Tim; Parade, Beverly and Linda; Fair, Dusti, Tedd, and George; Pig Out in the Park, Dusti.

Our next meeting will be the spaghetti dinner. Debra will make the garlic bread; Dusti the spaghetti and meatballs; Linda and Joey the dessert; and the rest just bringing something to go with the spaghetti menu.

Pat won the door prize and a \$29 love offering was taken early on. The meeting was adjourned in form.

NG Elisabeth was hostess for dessert. She served chocolate whip crumb coffee cake. Debra and Tedd observe February birthdays. A lighted candle was placed on their pieces of cake. Members sang "Happy Birthday" as they blew out their candles.

George, our Inside Guardian, was absent following nose surgery. Tedd received word on February 23 that his brother-in-law, Kenneth Hilbert, passed away Saturday February 22 in Yuma, Arizona.

— In Friendship, Love, and Truth
Tedd Swanson, PNG and Reporter

Where's Sammy? Trinity's Mary Smith spotted our Sammy!

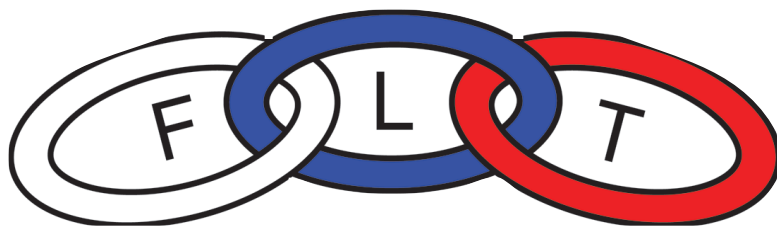
Where was Sammy hiding in the pages of *The Washington OddFellow* in March? Mary Smith of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 found our little girl on page 14. Sammy was on the back wall of the upper photograph



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 grand-secretarywaioof@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.

GOOD LUCK!

~ Lodge Cards ~



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

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

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle
Mailing Address: 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. **Email:** rduniway@gmail.com **Sec'y:** Michael Manning, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (503) 740-4190 **Email:** ioofballardalki170@gmail.com (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. **Email:** 1odd-fellowmike@gmail.com (2/28/26)

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

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321 **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 777-0777, 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, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. **Email:** buckley75ioof@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 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 259-6144 **Email:** laurapurcell@scattercreek.com **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. **Email:** fattuba@gmail.com **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasperek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. **Email:** jmc_gasperek@yahoo.com **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/26)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

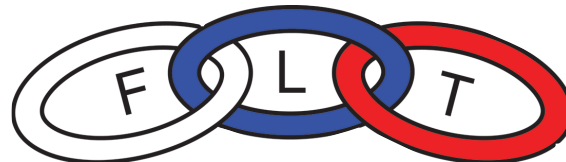
Meets At: IOOF Lodge Hall, 201 Pine St., Kelso, WA 98626. **Lodge Mailing Address:** c/o Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 409-9900. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson,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

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

Submit information and payment to:

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

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

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

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

From the desk of your Grand Matriarch

Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is here and I hope when you are reading this the sun is shining and the flowers are blooming.

This is the month for Installation of Officers for our Auxiliaries. Kent #15 and Mt. Angeles #88 will have a Joint Luncheon Installation on Friday, April 18 at the IOOF Hall in Buckley. The lunch will be a potluck at 12 noon, followed by the Installation Ceremony.

~ 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 & 3rd 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. **Email:** laureljdellony@gmail.com **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 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)

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)

Plans for Sessions in Yakima are made and I thank those of you who graciously accepted assignments.



JUDY DIEKMAN
Grand Matriarch

The theme for the Monday All Branch Banquet is your favorite cartoon character, so start making plans for your costume.

Members have been asking about attire for our Sessions. Since my colors are the same as Sister Alberta's, this makes it easy. Ladies can wear their same black skirt and either pink or green top. Gentlemen, if you have a pink or green shirt or tie and choose to wear it, that would be great,

but not a requirement. I'm hoping to see many of you at our Sessions.

FIRST LOVE YOURSELF

My words of encouragement to help you *FLY* (First Love Yourself) for this month:

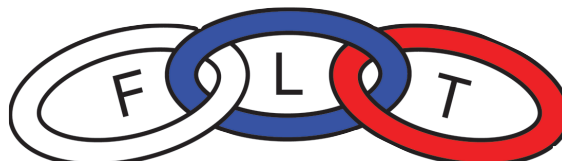
Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't, and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get the chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

— Dr. Seuss

— In F. H. & C.,

Judy Diekman, Your Grand Matriarch





From left are: Dave Moehrle, Orlee Groh, Steve McCord, John Crispin, Initiate Bryan Peterson, C.

Allan Reitan, Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., and Barbara Reitan.

Des Moines #305 initiates new Brother

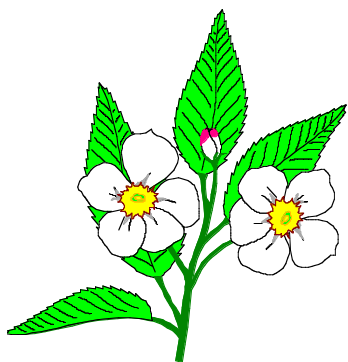
On Tuesday, March 11, members of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 held a special meeting to initiate Bryan Peterson into the lodge. Members John Crispin, Steve McCord, Dave Moehrle, Orlee Groh, C. Allan Reitan, Barbara Reitan, and Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan, Jr. were joined by visitor Toby Hanson to confer the Degree.

Past Grand Master C. Allan did an excellent job organizing the Degree Team and assigning roles

which were filled capably by all present.

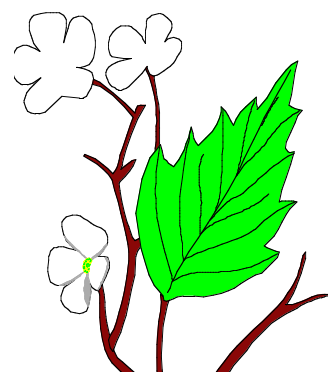
The candidate received an exemplary Initiation which was highlighted by Brother Butch's performance as Outside Guardian.

Members of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 are very excited with their two most recent new members, John McKindley and Bryan Peterson, as they are very enthusiastic and ready to start contributing to the lodge. Brother McKindley was initiated earlier.



Spring Has Sprung!

Get Out And Enjoy The Sun!





Past Grand Matriarch Karen Hoylman and Tom Frogge' flank Kent LEA's newest member, Karman Lundell.

LEA's a busy!

New member, scholarship applications and our Joint Installation all in the news

On March 14 Kent LEA #15 initiated a new member, Karman Lundell. Karman is the daughter of Marcia Presley. It is great to have another mother/daughter team in our Auxiliary. Welcome Karman!

Both Auxiliaries are looking for new members. Any Rebekah is eligible to join. Kent LEA meets at 1 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. The meeting follows a potluck at noon.

Mt. Angeles LEA meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Both Auxiliaries meet in the Buckley lodge hall.

JOINT INSTALLATION

There will be a Joint Installation of Officers on Friday, April 18. Potluck is at 12 Noon with the Installation to follow. Grand Matriarch, Judy Diekman will be the Installing Officer.

The new officers for Kent #15 are: Chief Matriarch Laurel Delony, Senior Warden Tom Frogge', Junior Warden Joanne Balmert, Scribe Jennie Reed, and Treasurer Kathi Picanco.

The new officers for Mt. Angeles #88 are: Chief Matriarch Laura Purcell, Senior Warden Steve Purcell, Junior Warden Margaret Truttmann, Scribe Jennie Reed, and Treasurer Judy Diekman.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary scholarship applications are still available from any Matriarch. The Grand Lodge has them or you can email Jennie Reed at daveandjennie@hotmail.com. The deadline to have them returned to the scholarship committee is Wednesday, April 30.

— *In Faith, Hope, and Charity,*
Jennie Reed, Scribe



Karman gets a big welcome

New Kent LEA member Karman Lundell, center, is greeted by her new LEA Sisters after her initiation. From left are: Kendra Frogge', Karen Hoylman, Karman, Joanne Balmert and Laurel Delony.



From your Assembly Warden

All you have to do is ‘Just Ask’

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In past articles I have given you hints about inviting a prospective new member to join the Rebekahs, but I haven’t explained how to join or the qualifications for a new member.



JENNIE REED
Assembly Warden

Any person of good and moral character more than 16 years of age who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, is eligible to become a Rebekah. An active lodge member must sponsor a prospective member

If you don’t have a membership application, they are available online. Log onto The Sovereign Grand

Lodge web page at <https://odd-fellows.org/>, open the heading “**join us,**” then open **how to join** and download the application. Fill out the application and the sponsor will take it to the local lodge. You will be interviewed by a committee and upon their recommendation your application will be voted on by the members. You will then be notified of their decision, and if elected you will be initiated into a great organization.

Remember sponsors, the first step to getting new members is to **ASK** — just **ASK**.

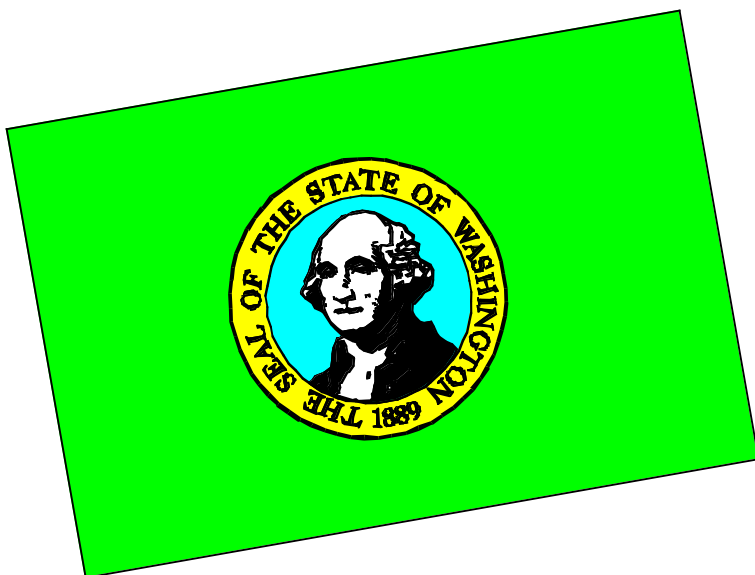
— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth,*

Jennie Reed, Assembly Warden

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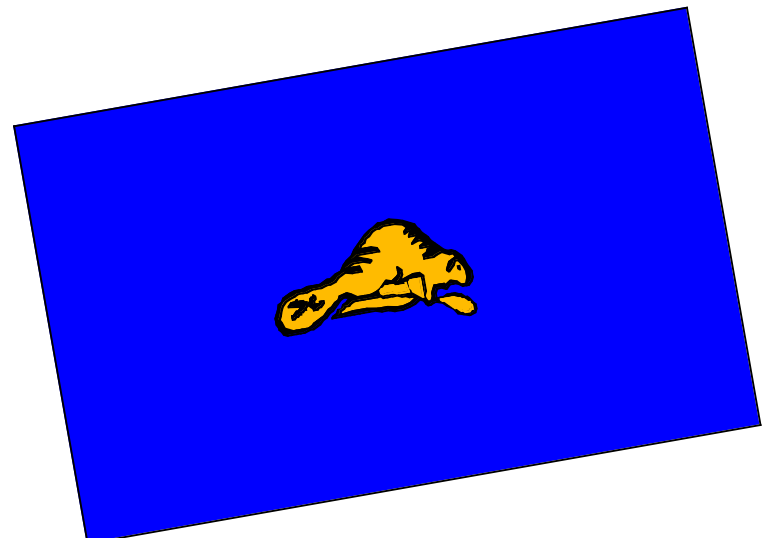
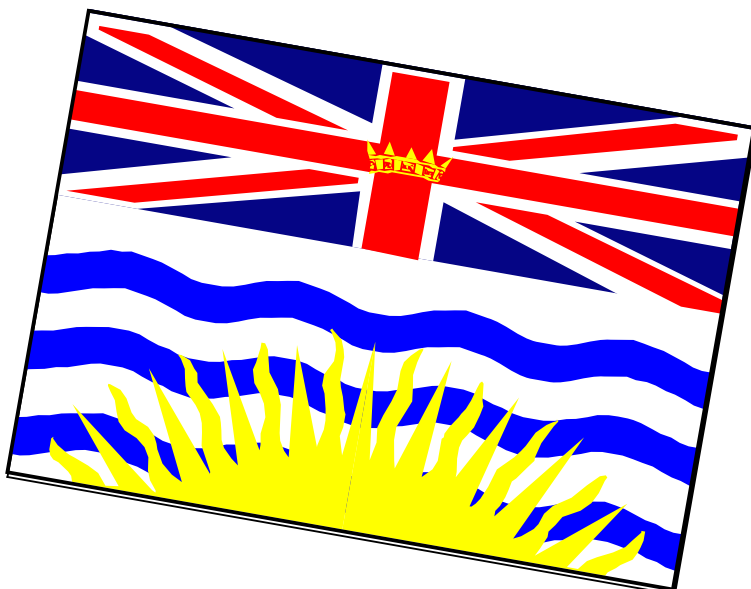
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**Northwest
Odd Fellow And
Rebekah Association**

**Meeting
Chilliwack,
British Columbia,
Canada**



In Oak Harbor

Acorn Girls are busy as bunnies

HAPPY SPRING TIME

This is a really busy month for us starting with making our Easter Bunny treat bags for the “Welcome Home Assisted Living” facility, and after our second meeting we will be doing Mother’s Day cards because we do not have a meeting in May before then.

Then the next weekend we will be attending the Theta Rho Retreat at the IOOF Park in Olympia. This is always such a fun weekend besides helping us get ready for our Theta Rho Sessions in Yakima.

During the last weekend we will be doing our joint clean-up with the Rebekahs, spiffing up the outside of the building where we meet in honor of Earth Day.

Our Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce decided to diversify the spring festival and there is no more Holland Happening Days, but they are starting a new tradition called a cultural fest for the first weekend in May and we will be participating in that parade instead. We are hoping the weather will be nice by then.

We are looking forward to our Theta Rho Sessions in Yakima and hope to see many of you there.

Until next month. . .

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

Washington State Battalion meeting in Buckley April 5

On Saturday, April 5 Canton Mt. Si #20 will be hosting the semi-annual meeting of the Washington Battalion. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall located at 120 S. Cedar Street, Buckley WA 98323. Uniforms will be Class A or Class B which is black trousers, white shirt, with black tie.

Additionally, there will be a District Deputy Grand Masters’ meeting directly after the Battalion



Easter Bunny treat bags made for the “Welcome Home Assisted Living” facility by members of Acorn #79.

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Trinity Sisters busy with Bingo, bake sales

The members of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine wish one and all a Happy Easter.

Trinity has worked with our Napavine Lions Club to put on a Ham Bingo Night on April 12. It’s really nice to be joining and working together with another active group.

We have been busy working on our bake sales. As of this writing, we have set the dates for our Spring Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10.

We have a new member waiting for a date to be initiated. We keep our hopes to have a couple more new members soon!!

Until next month. . .

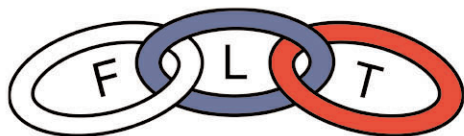
— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Alberta Luurs, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

meeting. Lunch will be provided between the meetings.

Please let Captain (r) Laurel Delony of the Adjutant Washington Battalion know if you plan to attend either of these meetings.

— *In. F. L. & T. and Universal Justice,*
Laure Delony, Adjutant, Washington Battalion

Membership Application



Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Date:

I, Apply to the members of Lodge, No.
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of for membership by:

and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and teachings of the Order. I understand my rights as a member are protected by the laws of the Order and I agree not to resort to the civil courts for their enforcement. I believe in a Supreme Being and am loyal to my Country.

I was born at On

My occupation is: My Employer is:

My mailing address is:

email: Phone No.:

Applicant's Signature: _____

Sponsor: Branch Name & No.:

We certify that the applicant meets the qualifications for membership in this Lodge.

Interviewing Committee:

I certify that _____

is a member of _____ Degree

in good standing in _____ No. _____

ATTEST: _____

(Secretary / Scribe)

(SEAL)

**See Page 14 For Rebekah Assembly Warden
Jennie Reed's Membership Report**

2025 Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

June 20 through 22, 2025

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY • THIS FORM FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY YOUTH ONLY

Adults Please Use Annual Grand Session Registration Form

Club Name & Number _____

Assembly Jurisdiction _____

Advisor's Name / Phone _____

Please Fill Out On Per Theta Rho Girl

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & # _____

Current TRA Title or Past Title _____

Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____

Saturday, June 21, 2025 6 p.m.

Please List Any Food Restrictions

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

Steve or Laura Purcell, PO Box 386. Bucoda, WA 98530-0386

Or Email to: scpurcell@scattercreek.com

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2025 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 19 through 25, 2025

ONE form person, please. Make as many copies as needed.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
(Highest current or past title) (Branch of the Order attending)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

Please list any food allergies or restrictions

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

Taco Bar with Ice Cream Bar

Adults \$31.50 _____

Banquet Theme: "Monster High"

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

4:00 p.m. Past Presidents' Meeting / Banquet

Grilled Chicken with Artichoke Penne Pasta

\$34.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 23

5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet Buffet

Gold Rush featuring Cilantro or BBQ

Chicken with Ice Cream Bar

\$35.00 _____

Banquet Theme: "Classic Cartoon Characters"

Please note: there will not be a Grand Master/President Breakfast or a Representative's Breakfast for Odd Fellows or Rebekahs.

However the Grand Master and the Rebekah Assembly President invite you to a short meeting in the East/West Ballroom at 8:00 AM Monday morning June 23rd. .

The Deputy Grand Master and Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly invite all Representatives to a short meeting in the East/West Ballroom at 8:00 AM Tuesday morning June 24th.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Reds Home Style featuring Meatloaf &
Baked Chicken

\$37.00 _____

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2025

Late Registration after June 1, 2025 \$30.00 _____

No Refunds After June 1, 2025

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly ONLY! \$10.00 _____

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2025 Grand Sessions

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Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-5900 For Front Desk

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen), Number Staying in Room (*This is critical as it determines how many may enjoy breakfast as part of the room cost*), Any Special Needs/Requirements. If more than 4 per room, extra people must pay for breakfast \$10 ea.

There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

Rates: \$87 Single or Double \$97 Triple or Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2025. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2025 Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, accepts advertisement(s) for the Grand Sessions Program Booklet to help offset the costs of publishing and distributing.

The advertisement charges are:

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All advertisement bills must be paid to the "Grand Lodge Host Committee" prior to them being placed into the program. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2025

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PURCELL@SCATTERCREEK.COM

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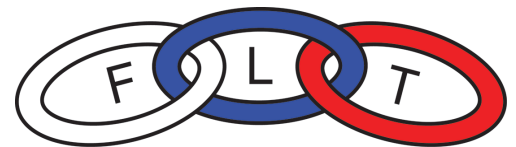
— Fraternally, Steve & Laura Purcell, Grand Lodge Host Committee

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- ¥ **Harry R. Wilson**, Excelsior #111 and Adler Rebekah Lodge #80, January 2, 1925 - February 16, 2025 100-years-old, 76-year member. Joined on January 15, 1949
- ¥ **Marlene Lenz**, November 30, 2024
- ¥ **Rod Givens** Golden Rule #207 June 22, 2024
- ¥ **David St. John**, Rosalia #110, December 27, 2024
- ¥ **Margarite Marshal**, Sun Beam Rebekah Lodge #147, January 18, 2025
- ¥ **Edith Matsen**, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, December 26, 2024
- ¥ **Karen Mains**, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, November 15, 2024
- ¥ **Sherry Pond**, Eureka State Lodge #S-1, January 4, 2025
- ¥ **Robert Miller**, Rosalia IOOF Lodge #110, August 28, 2024
- ¥ **Marjorie Saranto**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, November 1, 2024
- ¥ **Thomas Galvez**, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, October 29, 2024
- ¥ **Phyllis Fountain**, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, February, 2024.
- ¥ **Polly Komarek**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, September 22, 2024
- ¥ **Jud Weaver**, Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20, July 18, 2024