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Hailey Hanna



Brock Boone



Ella Wilson

Hailey, Brock, Ella win L.J. Jones awards

By Jody Morris

Hailey Hanna won a \$10,000 scholarship from the Washington Odd Fellows annual L.J. Jones Scholarship. Hailey joined Theta Rho, the young girls' branch of Odd Fellows, when she was 8-years-old. She worked her way up to being Theta Rho President this year. She was a member of Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor originally, with Judy Diekman as her Advisor. Recently, she moved to Tacoma with her family and joined Spunky Bluebirds #93 with Advisor Sylvia Summers. Hailey will graduate with Phi Theta Kappa honors at Central Kitsap High School. She lettered in academics, varsity wrestling and running start. Her Theta Rho fundraiser was the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Hailey plans to be a Registered Nurse. She currently works with a child with autism.

The alternate for the \$10,000 scholarship is Shauna Schultz, a member of Theta Rho. She plans to study automotive technology at South Seattle College.

Centralia High School senior Brock Boone is the winner of the \$5,000 scholarship for a boy. Currently he is finishing his two-year graduate degree in diesel mechanics at Centralia College. Brock's sponsoring member is Jaimie Salazar who is a member of Golden Rule Odd Fellows Lodge #207 in Napavine.

The alternate for the \$5,000 scholarship for a boy is Luke Mohnney who plans to attend Volta College in Idaho to pursue a career as a lineman. His great grandmother Alberta Luurs sponsored Luke. She is a member of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine.

Ella Wilson was awarded the \$5,000 scholarship for a girl. She attends Roosevelt High School in Seattle. While in high school, she worked at the King County International Airport, Boeing Field, as a CAD intern. She plans to study aerospace engineering. She is sponsored by her grandmother Delma Wilson of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton.

Reese Mathers is the alternate for the \$5,000 scholarship for a girl. She will pursue a degree in engineering at the University of Washington. Her grandfather, John Mathers, is sponsoring Reese. He is a member of Pilgrim Odd Fellows Lodge #187 in Everett. Chairperson Jody Morris of Vancouver 3 thanks 10 lodges for submitting 17 names with nine applications returned. This year's judging team was led by Deputy Grand Master Dave Delony.

From the desk of your Grand Master



The Final Chapter

Somehow the article I wrote for the April issue was reprinted in the May issue. So, this article is being edited a bit to make it my final article as Grand Master.

I just returned from the Pilgrimage to the Tomb where I was honored to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. It was an emotional event for me, but I managed to hold it all together.....mostly.

In my visitations, to date, I have had the opportunity to renew and make new acquaintances, have many valuable discussions on many matters both Odd Fellow related and otherwise.

I was asked at one lodge if I thought that being Grand Master had changed me. After some reflection I have to say yes, it changed me in that I have worn a suit and tie more in the past 10 months that I have in the past ten years; other than that, I hope not.

As is my final article as Grand Master I'm going to share some impressions and observations.

I was somewhat concerned at the lodges that could not make quorum for a meeting; while on the other hand I was heartened by the appearance of new, and notably, younger faces at some lodges. Discussions usually centered around recruiting, retention, participation and following the ritual. Community service was also discussed. As each community is unique each lodge seems to take a unique approach to serving those communities. Scholarships are the most common form of community support, but the

lodges also sponsor and participate in seasonal events, local festivals and parades to illustrate the lodge's commitment to improving their community. And here is where the new members can bring in fresh ideas, perspectives and innovations. Often the subject of Schools of Instruction surfaced; taking some time during good of the order and working on just one small, and often, lesser used part of the ritual such as balloting.

While my visitations have all been enjoyable and informative the most enjoyable part was always talking with the newest members of our order. Their questions and thirst for knowledge regarding Odd Fellowship were invigorating and welcomed. I especially liked impressing upon them to seek out positions of leadership within their lodge. Many expressed concerns at making mistakes in the ritual and I assured them all that if they made a mistake that they would be the only person in 206 years to have ever made one; and that there was nothing to prevent them from serving as Noble Grand, Grand Master or even Sovereign Grand Master.

There are still so many places to go, things to do and people to see I'm not sure I will be able to accomplish everything I set out to do but I will keep working.

I was recently asked if I was looking forward to my term being over. That's a very difficult question to answer. I've been in a number of positions, over the years, that were very enjoyable and rewarding and I was saddened to see them come to an end. Add being Grand Master to that list. It's not an easy job, no worthwhile job is, but it is rewarding in ways that cannot be simply expressed. Would I do it again? Without a doubt.

Every day that the Sun comes up is a GREAT day to be an Odd Fellow.

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

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 met with Spunky Bluebirds on April 15 to stuff plastic Easter Eggs for Olympia's Annual Easter Egg hunt. The group enjoyed KFC for dinner with beverages. And there were cupcakes for dessert in honor of Sister Joanne Balmert's birthday which was that day.

The lodge participated with the Buckley Odd Fellows German Dinner on May 2. Eola Rebekahs had a raffle table and South Tacoma Rebekahs had a dessert table. Slices of cake were sold for \$5 and we made a total of \$75 which was donated to the Buckley Food Bank. The turnout was okay, but the food was great! Schnitzel and gravy, Spaetzle, warm German Potato Salad, and red cabbage. All homemade. Yum.

— *With Rebekah Hugs, South Tacoma Rebekahs #160*

From the desk of your Assembly President

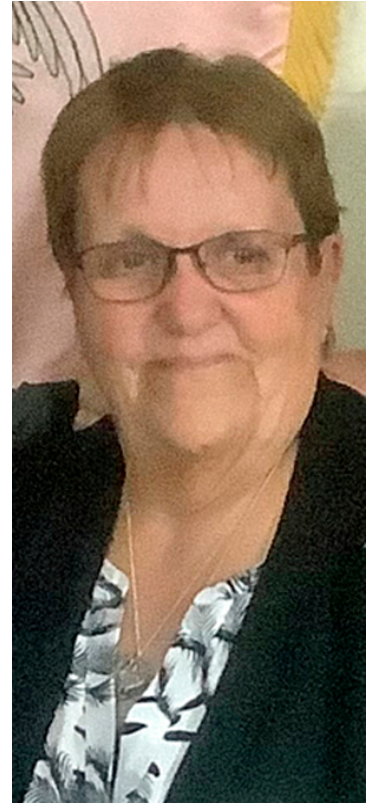
I've been on the road again traveling this time by car to the east side of the Cascade Mountains to visit Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton. They had a very nice dinner for us at 6:30 and a great turn out for their meeting at 7:30 p.m. A big shout out to Tabitha Reilly for setting up the visitation arrangements.

The trip to Arlington, Virginia for the Tomb of the Unknowns Ceremony was great. We arrived a little early but it gave us time to get a game plan on as we really did not know what to expect. The banquet was held on Saturday night. It was very well-attended with not an empty seat.

Earlier in the day we wanted to see some sights as this would be or could be my only time in our nation's capital. I connected with our Oregon Brother and Sisters and planned a trip to visit the sights by the Old Town Trolley's Tour. This is a guided tour that is hop on and hop off if you wanted to, or you could just stay on and enjoy the sights. Joe Moe was our driver and guide. He narrated the whole trip. This was the best \$65 I spent on the whole trip. I recommend this to everyone who has a problem walking.

The trip was shared with Oregon's Grand Master Lisa Corda, Past Grand Master Gordon Corda, and Oregon's Rebekah President Sande Maxwell. We all had a great time.

I will be headed up to Oak Harbor to visit Judy Diekman's Rebekah Lodge, Oak Leaf #254. Followed by a trip up to Bothell to visit Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #254 on June 10.



Guess What's Next! Sessions!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again. The first Sessions I attended this year was the Oregon Sessions on May 17 and 18 in Salem. It is always fun and exciting to see what everyone else has going on. You might gain new ideas for our Sessions which is to follow. See you soon in Yakima!! Remember:

Life's a Dance you Learn as you go!

— In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington



Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs' made her official visit to Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge in Oak Harbor recently. She helped initiate three new members. From left are: Elizabeth Pacheco, Courtney (Kat) Morris, President Alberta, Mary Poolman and NG Kim Kaahanui.



From your Assembly Secretary

Summer weather is finally here (part of the time) and right now I am looking out my office window at blue sky, bright flowers and rabbits nibbling at my plants.

This is a busy time of year with Sessions only a few weeks away. I am slowly checking things off my list and hope to be organized and efficient by the time we all get to Yakima.

If your lodge needs any supplies, please contact me ASAP so I can bring them to you. Our International Vice President, Pam Isenhower, will be our IARA Representative this year. I am sure you will all enjoy getting to know her as much as I have these past couple of years.

Following our Sessions, the Rebekah Lodges in Washington State will go dark for July and August. While we may not be holding our regular meetings, I really want to encourage all lodges to get together at least once a month and enjoy some social time together, maybe a potluck picnic or a simple "Tea Time" gathering. We are more than just "twice a month meetings."

We are a sisterhood that thrives on sharing our hearts and our thoughts with each other. And what a great time to invite friends and neighbors to get to know your Rebekah Brothers and Sisters. It may just spark their interest and cause them to join our Order.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Be watching for activities such as the Heads of the Order Reception, and Olympia #1's Anniversary and Seafood Dinner.


Be ready to return to meetings in September and challenge yourself to bring an application for a new member with you.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, as well as a hug or two,*
Cathy Garcia

Oly's Top Keglers

At Right: The Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 bowling team placed first in their 2024-2025 season. They bowled in the Cloverleaf Men's League at Westside Lanes in Olympia. From left are team member Kevin James, Past Grand Dave Reed, team member Bruce Robinson, and in the back row is Color Bearer Dave Kitsch.





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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are, June already. If you haven't sent in your registration for Sessions, better get it in soon. The registration form is in April, May, and this month's newspaper. You can also go to the website www.ioofwa.org, and print from those editions. The schedule of events, hotel information, and costs are listed.

There has been a change of meeting rooms for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The room that the Odd Fellows have been meeting in was going to be the Rebekah meeting room this year, so it is no longer available. We've decided to split the East/West ballroom.

If you arrive in Yakima early you can attend the Theta Rho Session on Saturday, June, 21, along with the banquet and Fun Night. Installation of officers will be on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Dress for Sessions is suit and tie for Brothers and pant suit, dress suit, or dress for Sisters. Appropriate shoe wear for all. No flip flops. (professional business attire) A letter to all Representatives will be mailed with this information.

Just a reminder that The Washington OddFellow newspaper goes dark for July and August but we'll be back in September. Next deadline is August 15.

I hope to see you at Sessions.

— With Fraternal Hugs and Love,
 Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary
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See You In Yakima At Sessions!

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Acorn TR Girls just having fun!

We can't believe it's June. Time flies when you're having fun and we did have fun in the first Cultural Fest Parade in Oak Harbor that replaced the Holland the Happening parade. We had nine of our members with two parents and our Assistant Advisor participating. With our Advisor being restricted on activity, because of her broken arm, we decided to postpone our annual trip to Ft. Casey to the last weekend of May in hopes she will be able to go with us.

We are continuing to work on getting ready for sessions this month in Yakima and know with Hailey's and Teanna's plans we will have a great weekend. We're hoping to see many of you at the youth functions.

— *In Happiness Through Service*
And hoping to see you down the road,
The Members of Acorn



Top Left: Ready and waiting for the First Cultural Fest Parade in Oak Harbor are Elizabeth Pacheco (parent), Willow Miller, Bella Gleghorn, Ava Kaser, Quinley Spydell. **Middle Left:** Shauna Schultz, Ash Thomas, and Leilah McNichols with our club banner. **Bottom Right:** Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club members show their pride during the Cultural Fest Parade.



Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 enjoying a busy year

It's been an active few months at Ellensburg Odd Fellows Lodge #20. The first few weekends in February saw appreciative audiences enjoying performances of "Peter and the Starcatcher," a sequel to Peter Pan.

On February 22, more than 200 family and friends of Virginia Mack, (wife of Brother, Richard (Moose) Mack for over 60 years) came together in enthusiastic celebration of her life. A passionate scholar with two Masters and a Doctorate of Irish Literature degree; she taught English literature in four institutions, both domestic and overseas.

Sister Alison Carpenter and Brother Scott Nicolai hosted the "Meet the Delegates" program on March 6. The five candidates participating in this year's Pilgrimage for Youth program are from Wahluke and Ellensburg High Schools. In front of more than 60 attendees, past delegates, Aislin Payton and Sam Altman-Coe described some of the teamwork skills they developed with the other 75 delegates.

Sisters, Debbie Sonntag, along with Jamie and Meghan Rothwell, provided creative and imaginative decorations; their services added greatly to all the presentations.

Ellensburg Lodge #20 renovations by Brothers Thor Franklin and Jim Wilson created a library/study from a former storage room. The Poolroom has been enhanced by Brother Russ Humphrey's cue-stick art display and Brother Scott Nicolai has added two accompanying side tables made of black walnut.

Volunteer and dear friend, Fred Padjen has finished our second ADA compliant bathroom. He chose, or better discovered, the antique wallpaper and floor tiles, that go perfectly with our lodge's style. He's a master builder and he adds timely and substantial assistance when needed.

On April 26 Sister Raven Harlin participated in the Ellensburg Recycling Event, acquiring three truckloads of bicycles worthy of restoration that Brother Tom Rosser repairs each year. His work allows Ellensburg #20 to give 100-150 bicycles yearly to the community. We also participate in the City of Ellensburg's bike month. Bike Day is May 21 and the Lodge has donated a light weight, highly respected bicycle to the city for the Bike Day Raffle.

Come! Join us the first Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.



Raven Harlin helps her father Richard Gallagher celebrate his 80th birthday. Richard is a Past Grand at Ellensburg Odd Fellows Lodge #20.

Remodeling projects have been at the forefront at Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20. At right is our second ADA bathroom. The antique wallpaper and tile floor is original to the bathroom. Below, our poolroom has been enhanced with a cue-stick art display. Two black walnut side tables have been added.



Bucoda Bulletin Board #48

I just checked the archives. Bucoda Bulletin Board #1 was written on October 25, 2019. For nearly six years I've been doling out drivels. Please, someone stop me before I drivel again. . . TOO LATE HERE WE GO.

We've been mostly preparing for Sessions in June and taking care of all the registrations that have been pouring in from all over (well, maybe trickling in is more accurate at the moment). As always, I'm looking forward to Sessions in Yakima.

Not a well know fact, but Skookumchuck #129 is in the process of selling the lodge building in Montesano. The Realtor just completed doing a video of the building so prospective buyers can see it without making the drive. We've had a couple of nibbles so far but no firm offers.

The Theta Rho Clubs are preparing, as of this writing, for their Annual Pilgrimage for Youth. Skookumchuck always likes to donate a bit of money to them so that the ladies have a little pocket money.

The run up to Sessions always seems to be a light period for news from Bucoda so, once again, this will be short.

Remember our meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays. Dinner is at 5 p.m. The Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellows at 7 p.m. Stop by if you happen to be in the area.

— *Steven Purcell, Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent, Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129
And Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144*

Olympia Odd Fellows to celebrate 170 years

Olympia Odd Fellows will have an AnniversaryParty/Seafood Fest on Saturday July 12 starting at 2 p.m. The party will be at the IOOF Park and everyone is invited to come and celebrate.

There will be a clam chowder contest. Bring two gallons of your favorite recipe. The winner has bragging rights and their name will go on a plaque in the kitchen. Persons bringing the chowder will not have to pay for their seafood ticket. Please have your clam chowder at the park no later than 1:30 p.m.

Cost of the seafood dinner is \$10 for ages 12 and up, which includes salmon, shrimp, clams, and oysters. We are asking that you bring a dish to share.

The park's address is 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia. For more information please contact either Noble Grand Cathy Garcia at (360) 701-5896 or Secretary Laurel Delony at (253) 468-1949.

Come have some fun. Everyone is invited.

If you know ahead of time that you will be attending please send an email to Oly1IOOF@gmail.com.



Richland Lodge #338 increases its giving power

Brothers and Sisters,

We are small but mighty and as we seek new members and opportunities to spread the benefits of Odd Fellowship to our friends, families, and neighbors in Southeast Washington. We are looking for ways to increase our giving power. We want to continue the traditions of our lodge, aiding The Chief Joe Food Project through donations and the project of our Noble Grand John "Johneo" Otterstrom, the Northwest Food Bank.

Towards that effort, two of our Brothers and Sisters have begun using their crafting knowledge and equipment to create some new Odd Fellows swag. Etched drink ware, coasters, personalized badge holders, shirts, hats, stickers, banners, and wall art are just some of the items they make in their "free time." The sale of any item will go to support these two great causes and the growth of our lodge. These items are not being offered to the public, only to Odd Fellows in good standing with the lodge.

They can be ordered by contacting the Secretary of Lodge #338 Erin Murphy @ secretary@sewaioof338.org or 509-730-5857

Lodge #3 gives our member a brand new wheelchair ramp

Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3 worked on a project for a fellow member in early May. The member was in need of a wheelchair ramp to allow access into her home. Our lodge members jumped into action and got busy planning.

Our member Dave Owens got the plan in motion. He had one of his crew, Jim, break up the existing walkway, and set the forms for the cement. Then Dave set up a time for the cement truck to arrive.

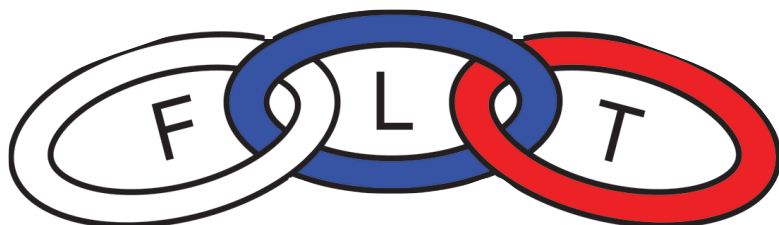
Our members Jorden, Pat, Richard and his wife, Dave, Trisha, Jamie (the ramp was for her), Jeff, 5-year-old Ryder (a future Odd Fellow), and Jim got together and moved cement in wheelbarrows from the truck to the ramp.

Yes, we made the ramp! They will be adding a handrail soon! Our member Jamie, could not express her appreciation for all the help and hard work!! It's made her life a lot easier with access into her home!!



A long day's work ended with plenty of satisfaction for members of Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3.

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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

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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)

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Meets At: 309 N. Pine Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926-0154. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Russ Humphrey, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926-0154. **Ph:** (206) 399-0996. **Sec'y:** Meghan Gilbert Rothwell, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926-0154 **Ph:** (509) 306-1432 (2/28/26)

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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 Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Monday, 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)

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

Have A Great Summer, Brothers & Sisters

~ Lodge Cards ~

PROSPERITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #301

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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)

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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 Butterson, 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)

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Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

Members of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane met on Wednesday, April 16 for a brown bag lunch followed by the lodge meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Prayers go to our Sister Mary who was reported to have been in Sacred Heart Hospital with blocked lungs. She is home now.

The lodge is still trying to be in the Hillyard Neighborhood Parade. Hope members are trying out various small town parades and festivals including the Elk and Reardon parades. We'll have to be at the parade route lined up 1-1/2 to 2 hours before start time. We also have to have our paperwork for announcing to the officials. Sister Sara mentioned that Tekoa has a tractor parade and will provide a tractor for us to ride in if we wish.

President Alberta Luurs held a Bingo Night for the Special Olympics. The lodge donated \$100 worth of gift cards to her endeavor.

The lodge is discussing logo designs for shirts with ASK ME!

DDP for District #1, Sara Kane, will hold our own special District Meeting to go over things with us.

Vice Grand Sister Beverly is enjoying a fabulous trip to Germany visiting family. She left on May 19 and will return June 7. Beverly is our senior citizen 9-5 working gal. She has been employed by Walmart for a number of years. Later this year Sister Beverly will receive her 60-year Rebekah Veteran Jewel. After 60 years of membership, Beverly is going through the chairs for the first time. She was initiated into the former Medical Lake Washington Rebekah Lodge. She transferred membership to the State Lodge and then moved back to Washington and transferring to Narcissa Rebekah Lodge and then into Hope Rebekah Lodge #38.

Death, once again, has entered among us. Sister Mary Matherly died on May 13, 2025 after a lingering illness. Sister Mary was a transfer from Chewelah Rebekah Lodge. Although a member of Hope after the lodge consolidated, she remained living in Chewelah. Sister Mary, Sister Joey, and Sister Debra were the last remaining members in Hope Rebekah Lodge. Sister Mary was the sole caregiver for her husband.

The family will hold a gathering of family and friends in June to share memories of Mary. The date of the memorial will be on, what would have been her and her husband's 50th wedding anniversary. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #79 in Napavine

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #79 in Napavine has been steady, but a lot of members have been missing at our meetings. Events are not where they should be with the shortage of help.

We had a Bake Sale at our Bazaar and one at the IGA grocery store in Winlock. We did okay. Our Bazaar vendors were preoccupied and that left us short on vendors. We need to work harder to get more vendors.

We are looking forward to our Fun Time Festival in July, where we will have our breakfast on Saturday morning and probably some kind of a sale. We're still in the planning mode

Everyone, please take care and we will see you in Yakima.

— *Hugs to All In Friendship Love and Truth,
Alberta Luurs, Reporter*

~ From your Grand Scribe ~

Calling All Fez Heads! Just a reminder that we have our session meeting on June 25 at 1 p.m. Grand Patriarch Jerry Smith will be presiding.

All new Past Chief Patriarchs can attend and receive the Grand Encampment Degree. All Royal Purple Degree members can attend after the Grand Encampment is opened and brought down to the Royal Purple Degree for business. Get ready to remember you passwords and signs. See you soon and have a great summer.

— *With Fraternal Hugs
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe*



From your 2024-25 Theta Rho Pres.

Hello everyone. June has finally came. I've been mostly busy working on my graduation and getting everything ready for Sessions.

I encourage everyone to dress up for Fun Night at our Sessions. The theme this year is "Monster High."

I encourage all of the girls to participate in the Ritualistic Contest, especially the younger girls.

I invite everyone to come to Sessions on Saturday, June 21 in Yakima. I'm so blessed and honored to be your Theta Rho President for 2024-25. I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported and helped me through my Presidency.

Have a great summer and see you guys at Sessions.

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

Hailey Hanna,

Your TRA President

~ From your Grand Matriarch ~



Brothers and Sisters

This is my last letter as Grand Matriarch. As most of you know I fell at the Theta Rho Retreat and broke my right humerus at the shoulder joint and that was not humorous. So, this will be short.

I want to thank all of you for your patience and support. Apologies to my own Auxiliary for having to change my visit again to hopefully June.

The Lord willing will see you in Yakima.

Here are my last **F-L-Y** words for you.

If the mountain seems too big today
then climb a hill instead;

If morning brings you sadness
it's okay to stay in bed.

If the day ahead feels heavy and your plans feel like a curse,

There's no shame in rearranging,
don't make yourself feel worse.

If a shower stings like needles
and a bath feels like you'll drown;

If you haven't washed your hair for days,
don't throw away your crown!

A day is not a lifetime.

A rest is not defeat.

Don't think of it as failure,

Just a quiet, kind retreat.

It's okay to take a moment

— *From An Anxious, Fractured Mind.*

**Special
Thanks
To Some
Special
Sisters**

I would like to acknowledge three special Sisters who were my angels when I fell at the the Theta Rho Retreat. Before the first responders even arrived, Sisters Laurel and Sylvia had plans in place for getting my girls and car back to Oak Harbor (160+ miles) and —Sister Jennie went to ER with me and stayed until my son could drive down to pick me up. You ladies went above and beyond in exemplifying the principles of our order. This is what makes our group so special.

I can't thank you enough for being there for me and the girls.

Love and Theta Rho hugs to you.

— *Judy Diekman Advisor Acorn #79*



My Odd Adventure to BC for Victoria Grand Session

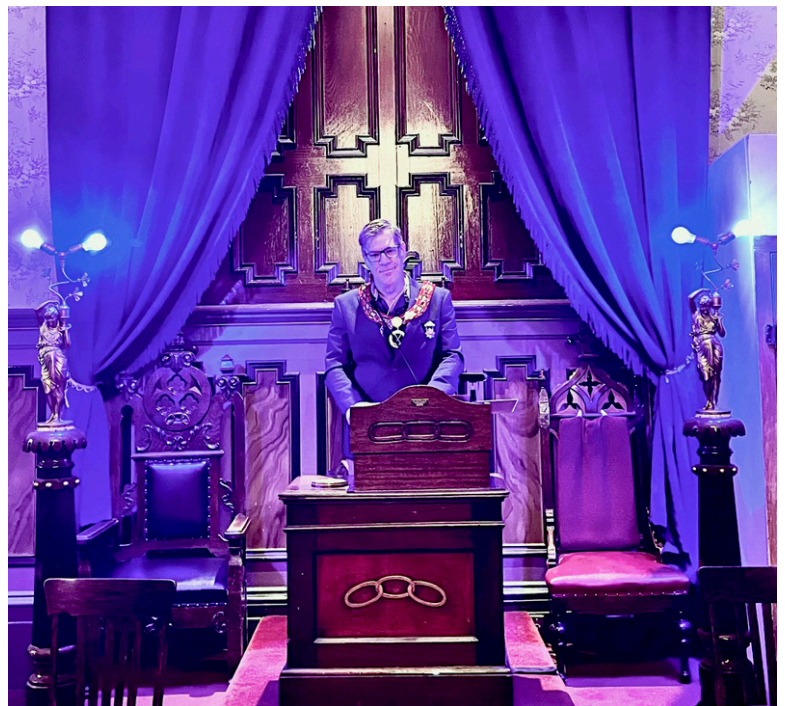
On Wednesday, April 23, my girlfriend Jalynn Calvani (Bremerton Friendship Lodge's newest member) and I traveled on the Black Ball Ferry from Port Angeles, WA to Victoria, BC on Vancouver Island. It was a short, very scenic 90-minute crossing. The purpose of our trip was to attend British Columbia's annual Grand Lodge Sessions. I had heard years ago that Victoria's Lodge was something special and that on occasion they hold their Grand Lodge Sessions there. As the crow flies, this lodge is only 72 miles from my lodge in Bremerton, WA, closer than many of our Washington Lodges.

As with most Odd Fellow groups that I have met, everyone was very welcoming and a pleasure to spend time with. The hotel that we and most attendees stayed at was within sight of the lodge. To cut down on expenses they had different talented lodge members prepare and serve meals to the members and guests, at a very reasonable rate. The lodge building was as advertised. Please enjoy the accompanying pictures.

The Sessions were different than ours in that they do a joint opening and closing, with Rebekahs meetings in the morning and the Odd Fellows meeting in the afternoons. Business went much the same as we are used to. Washington's own Sovereign Grand Warden Ron Hanson was the official Sovereign Grand Representative. The one special item that happened was the signing of a Charter for a new lodge, with most of the new lodge's members present. This made me wonder what the group that signed my lodge's Charter would have looked like so many years ago.

We were able to do some sightseeing in Victoria. What a spectacular city with beautiful spring weather. Speak to me if you are going. I have a few great suggestions.

— In F., L. & T.,
Michael Scheurich,
Jr. Past Grand Master





Getting parade ready

Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79, along with parents, helped decorate the Acorn float for the first ever Cultural Fest in Oak Harbor. See page 6 for more photos and details.



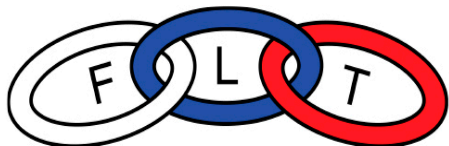
Pouring a concrete wheelchair ramp for a member of Vancouver Odd Fellows #3 was a big job. For more information and additional photos, see page 9.



Mike's Canadian taxi

Have you ever taken a taxi to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada? This may look like a Checker Cab on the water — and it was! Jr. Past Grand Master Michael Seurich ride to the British Columbia Grand Sessions recently. See page 14 for details and photos.

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: _____

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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 _____

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Please Fill Out On Per Theta Rho Girl

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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Contact Name & # _____

Current TRA Title or Past Title _____

Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____

Saturday, June 21, 2025 6 p.m.

Please List Any Food Restrictions

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Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

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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.

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Name _____
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Address _____

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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

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No Refunds After June 1, 2025

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2025 Grand Sessions Hotel Reservation Information

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

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Thanks in advance for your support.

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

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