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## *Sharks and Jets ready to rumble!*

Can you tell the Sharks from the Jets among this motley crew gathered at the Spring Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Meeting in Chilliwack, BC, Canada the first week of April? Even though they look very questionable, they were just reliving childhoods (and for some a time even before birth.) Front row, from left, are: Mary Smith,

Kathi Picanco, Laurel Delony, Jennie Reed, Laura Purcell, Cathy Garcia, Alberta Luurs LouAnn Hoffman, and Mashelle Patrick. Back row, from left, are: John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Joe Picanco, Ron Hanson, Dave Delony, Dave Reed, Steve Purcell, Toby Hanson, and Jaime Hanson.



# From the Grand Master's Den #9

I just returned from visiting Rosalia #110 and Hunters #216 on the east side of the mountains. I wish to thank them for their hospitality and generosity during my



**STEVEN PURCELL**  
*Grand Master*

visits and wish them well in their future endeavors.

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, attend other meetings and events, such as Northwest in Chilliwack and get a great deal of windshield time.

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 change 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 this is my penultimate 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.

I just looked back and realized that this has quickly devolved into a semi-coherent narrative to an incoherent rambling so I will finish for now.

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

I remain. . .

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

*Clip And Save*

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# From the desk of your Assembly President

March ended with a trip to the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. The weather was cool, but it was really nice. The food was great and the Odd Fellowship was wonderful!

The following week I was off to Denver, Colorado to IARA President Mira Pittman's Testimonial Dinner. It was great seeing a new countryside and state. There were seven Washington Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in attendance. It was a large crowded room. The weather was snowing lightly off and on. Cathy Garcia wanted to build a snowman, but she didn't have enough snow. It was a great weekend for our IARA

As you are reading this newspaper, Grand Master Steve Purcell, his wife Laura and I, your Rebekah President, are on our way to Washington, D.C. for the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

## The Dress For Sessions

You may wear a skirt of ANY color with a white, green or pink top. This will give you a chance to recycle your skirts and save money!

## My Final Visit

I will be making my last official visits to Bickleton on Tuesday, May 13, Oak Harbor on Thursday, May 21, 2025, and Cloverleaf on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

I'm looking forward for our Assembly Sessions this June.

## Thanks For All The Bingo Help!

A huge thank you to the many lodges that donated or helped out at the ALL our State Bingo events for Special Olympics. A special thanks to our Bingo caller Laurel Delony!!!

I have been informed that we need some get well wishes extended to our Rebekah Assembly Treasure Judy Diekman following her unfortunate accidental fall. Get better, Judy!

— In F L & T

Alberta Luurs R. A. President

## Olympia Odd Fellows #1 Anniversary Party and Seafood Fest

Brothers and Sisters,

We invite you to the Olympia Odd Fellow Park on Saturday, July 12 for the Seafood Fest and Anniversary of Olympia Odd Fellows 170th birthday.

The Seafood Fest is back after about five years of hibernating because of the pandemic. The cost is \$10 for everyone 12 and older. Salmon, oysters, clams, and shrimp will be on the menu. We ask everyone to bring a salad or dessert to share.

There will be a clam chowder cook off as well. You must bring two gallons of your famous chowder. Those cooks bringing chowder will not be charged for the seafood.

Come down all day. We eat at 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact our Noble Grand, Cathy Garcia, at (360) 701-5896 or Secretary Laurel Delony at (253) 468-1949.

**Come Celebrate With Us!!**



SGW Ron Hanson, GS  
Laurel Delony, and  
DGM Dave Delony



# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## Happy May!

Spring in is full swing and my yard needs lots of help. I am very thankful for grandsons who are available to help with the hard work. While they shovel beauty bark, I am working on Session preparation.

I am very excited about seeing all of you at our Sessions in Yakima next month. I enjoy this week of meetings, dinners, visiting with friends and hearing what other



**CATHY GARCIA**  
Assembly  
Secretary

lodges have been up to. I really hope that some of you who have not attended in the past will make this your “first”. The more of us we get involved the more we can get done. Sharing information with each other is a vital part of encouraging new members to join our Lodges. We have a lot to offer, but it doesn’t do us much good if we don’t reach out to others.

Lodges/Representatives should have received your “Take Me”, and have shared this information with your members.

There is only one piece of Legislation

to vote on so be sure to share this information with your lodge members. Also, take a look at the proposed budge and get any feed back and/or questions that members may have. If you have any questions you would like answered before Sessions, please don’t hesitate to call me.

Most lodges have sent your Spring per capita checks in as well as the SGL dues. If, by chance, your lodge has not – please do so right away. I need these in my office by the end of May.

I pray each of you have a wonder May. Enjoy the sunny weather, relax in your yard, have a glass of

iced tea on your front porch and invite a neighbor to join you. While she/he is there, tell them about your Rebekah Lodge and maybe invite them to an social activity to meet some of your wonderful Brothers and Sisters.

— 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](mailto:rebsecwa@gmail.com)



## Congrats ‘Johneo’

Sovereign Grand Warden Ron Hanson pins John “Johneo” Otterstrom with his Past Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative’s Jewel. “Johneo” was the official Representative at SGL Sessions last August.

## Memorial Day Celebration at the Olympia Cemetery

Once again Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will place flags on the graves of the veterans on Saturday, May 24 at the Olympia Odd Fellows Cemetery. We’ll be starting at 9 a.m. Coffee and donuts available for the volunteers. Monday, May 26 will be our annual celebration to honor our veterans. The celebration starts at 12:30 p.m. Once the celebration is completed, lodge members will be cooking hot dogs.

The Odd Fellow Cemetery is located at 3802 Cleveland Ave. SE, Tumwater, WA 98501.



## From the desk of Your Grand Secretary

The registration for Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, Grand LEA, and Theta Rho Assembly is in this newspaper as well as in April's edition. The sooner you can get registered the better. There is still time to take out an ad to honor those of your members who are moving up in the Order. That too, you will find on the registration pages.

As of the writing of this article I am still waiting on a couple of Odd numbered lodges to get their Representative Certificates back to me.

The Advance Report ("Take Me") was mailed out on May 1. Secretaries and Representatives, please be sure to go over the "Take Me" with your lodge members. Lodges, you are to direct your Representative how to vote on any Reports, Bills, Petitions, and Resolutions. Be sure your Representative is going to attend Sessions. Your lodge has a voice and a vote, if your Representative comes to Sessions in Yakima.

Secretaries, if you have any changes in membership, address changes, etc. please do not wait to notify me. Please get the information to me as soon as possible.

— *Fraternal Hugs*

*Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary*  
*grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com*  
*800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514*



Grand Master Steve Purcell recently presented a Membership Award from former Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckert to Noble Grand Bob Duniway of Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170.

## Bucoda Bulletin Board #47: We're Springing Ahead

Bulletin Board for the following announcement from the Grand Sessions Host Committee:

Registration forms for the 2025 Sessions are now available in The Washington OddFellow newspaper; black and white copies of the form are acceptable. Please provide your current or highest former title so it can be included on your name badge.

With the discontinuance this year of the Representative Breakfasts, we call your attention to the notes in the lower left corner of the registration form.

To streamline the process, credentials will be checked and verified at the time of check-in at the check-in kiosk, so please remember to have all required cards and certificates available.

The banquet theme this year is "Classic Cartoon Characters."

We now return you to your regularly scheduled drive.

As is typical this time of year, the Host Committee has taken up most of the space for this article. Don't forget, our meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays with dinner at 5 p.m. The Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellows 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*



## Easter eggs in abundance at Olympia Park



### Children make a Easter egg haul

The Olympia Odd Fellows and Ruth Rebekahs sponsored an Easter egg hunt at their park on April 19. Friends, family, members were invited to partake and the Easter Bunny and the Easter Egg made a visit. the kids were read stories by Sister Elyse of Olympia No. 1. We lucked out as the weather was looking a little dismal but we were blessed with the sun coming out. Thank you goes out to the egg hidiers, the cooks, decorator, the egg and bunny, and everyone that helped make this a wonderful day.



# German Dinner

Hosted by  
Buckley Odd Fellows # 75  
Friday May 2, 2025  
7 pm  
120 Cedar St



Schnitzel, Rotkohl, Kartoffelsalat, and Music

\$10 donation per meal recommended

Please RSVP to [buckley75ioof@gmail.com](mailto:buckley75ioof@gmail.com)

(there are stairs to climb)





### Happy May Day

Last month during our spring break, we did yard work for our Advisor which she greatly appreciated. Afterwards, we enjoyed pizza and social time together. Then we were off that weekend to the annual Theta Rho Retreat at the IOOF park in Olympia where we had a super fun weekend. We were able to have seven members attend the Retreat. Thank you to the Joint Youth Community (JYC) for planning the Retreat, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for use of the park, and Grand Lodge Officers for cooking our dinner Saturday night.

This first weekend in May we will be participating in the first Cultural Fest Parade in Oak Harbor. We also have planned our annual trip to Fort Casey State Park. We will share pictures with you next month from these activities.

For our Community Service project this month, we will be making Mother's Day cards for the ladies at the "Welcome Home" assisted living facility. We wish all the moms a happy Mother's Day.

We can't believe next month are our Theta Rho Sessions. We are busy working on our assignments and our scrapbook, too. We're hoping to visit with many of you in Yakima. Until next month enjoy the nice weather. . . — *In Happiness Through Service,*  
The Members of Acorn



Leilah McNichols, Avi Moore, Quinley Spydell and Shauna Schultz



Willow above and  
Bella Gleghorn at right





## Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley

Rebekah Assembly President Alberta Luurs recently made her official visit to Eola Rebekah Lodge #63, accompanied by her traveling companion, Mary Smith of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #79. The event began with Alberta being our guest of honor at a dinner at the Hacienda restaurant in Buckley with seven members from Eola.

The group then gathered at the Odd Fellows building with three more members added for a total of 12.

A formal meeting was held with President Alberta speaking during Good of the Order, after which Noble Grand Karman Lundell presented her with a check from the lodge for her project.

We are pleased to announce that we have added a new member to our group. We conferred the Rebekah Degree upon Steve McCord on March 29. We welcome him to membership in our lodge.

We are still donating healthy snacks to the local Youth Center once a month as our Community Service project.

— Karen Hoylman

## Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 held an informal meeting on Wednesday April 2. Members gathered together for a brown bag lunch. Everyone enjoyed a slice of pie served by hostess Sister Joey. There were 10 members present.

Tedd Swanson gave a report on the fair Which will be held in September at the Spokane Fairgrounds and what the cost is. VG Beverly reported on the high cost of entering the Spokane Lilac Parade and the insurance. Needless to say the lodge will not be in the parade or the fair.

Our lodge decided to concentrate on the indoor yard sale May 6-7.

NG Elisabeth is checking on the Senior Center and Community Centers in Spokane for the lodge to have a table to give out pamphlets on Rebekahs and to answer any questions.

Hope Rebekah Lodge had work day April 17 and 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to work on crafts for the Fall Craft and Bake Sale.



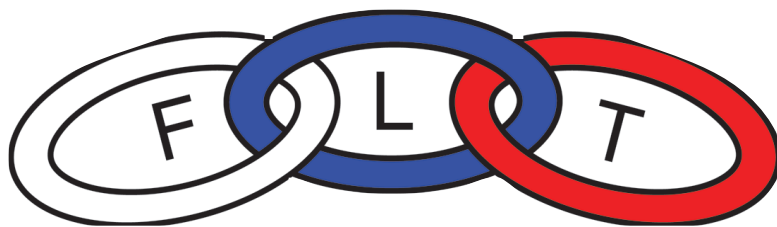
**Eola Noble Grand Karman Lundell presented President Alberta Luurs with a check for her project.**

**NG** Elisabeth suggested that the lodge have shirts with the Rebekah Logo on the front and “Ask Me” on the back. Everyone will make a design and present it at our next meeting. The lodge will decide what design we want to use. Elisabeth will get quotes for the shirts.

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



# ~ Lodge Cards ~



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## LODGE CARD UPDATE

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His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( City ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary's Name \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( City ) \_\_\_\_\_

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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. **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:** Mashell Patrick. PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 259-6144. (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)

### ELLENSBURG I.O.O.F. LODGE #20

**Meet At:** 309 N. Pine Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, 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)

### 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)

# ~ Lodge Cards ~

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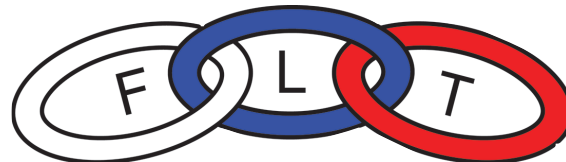
Submit information and payment to:

**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](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com) or (360) 829-1514.





# From the desk of your Grand Matriarch

Sisters and Brothers,

I will be making my official visit to Mt. Angeles LEA #88

## ~ Lodge Cards ~

### 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:** oly1oof@gmail.com (2/28/26)

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

**Meets At:** 601 N. Chelan Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Mailing Address:** 601 N. Chelan Ave. Wenatchee, WA 98801, Time 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Joel Myrene, 1332 Seneca St. S., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Ph:** (360) 306-0128. **Email:** jmyrene@hotmail.com. **Sec'y:** Dustin Deane, 1043 Cherry St., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Ph:** (509) 679-0373. **Email:** prosperitylodge#301@gmail.com

### 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:** laureljdelony@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)

in Buckley on Monday May 12. I am looking forward to visiting with their members.

My project for the year is the National Alliance on



JUDY DIEKMAN  
Grand Matriarch

Mental Illness. I will be having a raffle at Grand Sessions with several items ( I think I have 15 right now), and you will choose which item you would like to use your tickets on, like the gift table at the SGL Sessions. Winners will be drawn after Rebekah Sessions close on Tuesday. I hope those of you attending sessions in Yakima will support my project. I'm sure we all know people who are struggling with this illness.

## FIRST LOVE YOURSELF

My *FLY* words of encouragement for May  
I CHOOSE

To live by choices not changes,  
To be motivated not manipulated,  
To be useful, not used,  
To make changes not excuses,  
To excel not compete  
I CHOOSE

Self esteem not self pity,  
To listen to my inner voice,

Not random opinions of others  
I CHOOSE to be ME!  
Choose wisely.

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







Installation of Officers for Kent LEA #15 and Mt. Angeles LEA #88. Installation was held on April 18 with a potluck lunch beforehand. L-R back row: Dave Reed, Laura Purcell (new Chief Matriarch for #88), and Marcia Presley  
L-R front row: Steve Purcell, Karman Lundell, Jennie Reed, Karen Hoylman, Maggie Truttmann, and Joanne Balmert. Photographer: Laurel Delony (new Chief Matriarch for #15)

## Happy May From Your Theta Rho President

I'm so happy I got to see new and returning people at our Theta Rho Retreat at the Odd Fellow Park near Olympia. I love seeing new bonds being formed between the girls. Luckily we didn't have rain so we could practice for Assembly outside.

We all planted lots of flowers in the gardening beds. I can't wait to see how all of them turn out. My favorite part was playing fun games with the girls. We had amazing food prepared by members of the Joint Youth Committee (JYC). I want to thank everyone who made the Retreat possible for us girls. We really do have an amazing time. I'm excited to see how the girls do at our Assembly Sessions in June. Remember to spread kindness and be yourselves!

— *In Happiness Through Service*, Hailey Hanna, Your Theta Rho President





## *Leisure time ahead for Penny*

Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147 in Satsop closed a recent meeting by celebrating a special event. Penny Hubler, Sunbeam's Vice Grand, retired after many years as a hair stylist. The last 14 years she wore many hats at her job at The Little Creek Casino. She also retired her alarm clock. Enjoy your "leisure time." Surrounding Penny are, from left: Cindy McCluer, Jill Vance, Chris Hansen, Paulette Straughn, and Margaret Truttmann.

— Jennie Reed, Noble Grand

## *See You At Grand Sessions In Yakima!*





*From left above:* Alister Jennings, Adison Nevens, Jenna Fery, Leila Lostrom, Shauna Schultz, Elizabeth Keena, Teanna Gardner, Willow Miller, Hailey Hanna, Ash Thomas, Quinley Spydell, Ava Kaser, Aviana Moore, and Moira Struthers. Not pictured Autumn is Scheiderer.

## A Beautiful Weekend on Puget Sound for a Theta Rho Retreat

*Photo Below:* Grand Master Steve Purcell presenting members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 with a "Making A Difference Award" from Sovereign Grand Lodge. From left are: Grand Master Steve, Ash Thomas, Hailey Hanna, Shauna Schultz, Avi Moore, Ava Kaser, Quinley Spydell and Willow Miller.



Ash Thomas working in the flower beds at the IOOF Park during the theta Rho Retreat. it's a dirty job only a theta Rho girl can do.





# An update from Bremerton friendship #145



Over the last month my lodge has been busy building 123 Easter baskets. On Monday before Easter we dropped off 50 of them at the central Kitsap Food Bank to give away, and on April 19 we had an event in the waterfront park here in Silverdale to give the rest of the baskets away.

This year more than ever the baskets seem to go fast and furious. My thanks to all of our lodge members as everybody participated. It is a fun and fulfilling project every year.

— In F., L. & T.,  
Mike Scheurich, Secretary



Central Kitsap Food Bank

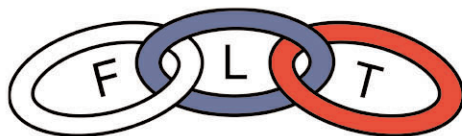
Apr 15 •

A massive Thank You to The Odd Fellows from Bremerton Friendship Lodge # 145- They donated over 50 Easter Baskets for us to distribute to our clients!!! This is Amazing, and will be such a blessing to those in need with small children ❤️





# 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)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

*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](mailto:scpurcell@scattercreek.com)**

**ATTENTION ADVISORS: PLEASE COLLECT FORMS FROM GIRLS AND SEND AS A CLUB GROUP**



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Your Make Checks Payable To:**

**Grand Lodge  
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**Mail To:**

**Steve or Laura  
Purcell**

**P.O. Box 386**

**Bucoda, WA 98530**

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**Email: purcell@scattercreek.com**



# 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

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:

**FULL PAGE, 5" BY 8" FOR \$50 — HALF PAGE 5" BY 4" FOR \$25**

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

**Please make checks out to: Grand Lodge Host Committee**

You may send your request by email followed by your check or mail both to:

**STEVE OR LAURA PURCELL**

**P.O. BOX 386, BUCODA WA 98530**

**PURCELL@SCATTERCREEK.COM**

**STEVE: (360) 259-2741 • LAURA: (360) 259-6144**

Please include the following with your ad:

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks in advance for your support.

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



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## From Your Assembly Wardern

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In recent articles I have written about what the Rebekahs have to offer new members, hints to recruit, and explained the application process of a prospective member. Now that you have initiated a new member, what's next? I remember when I joined the lodge. It was a beautiful ceremony and the members were friendly and welcomed me. I went to meetings, but did not really understanding what was going on.

Sitting on the sidelines, my mind would wander thinking about what else I could be doing. Before long I found reasons to stay home. I went when it was my turn to serve refreshments or if there was a guest speaker that interested me. This went on for several years.

One day I got a call from the newly-elected Noble Grand asking me to be her Conductor. She told me the responsibilities of a Conductor and I thought I could do that. I did become her Conductor, and I have missed only a few meetings in the last 40+ years because she gave me a job.

My point is give that new member something to do. Don't let them sit on the sidelines thinking why did I join. That job doesn't have to be an office, it can be a committee appointment or a special project. If they have an idea, give it a try even if it was tried before and didn't work. Times change, it may work this time. Give that new member a reason to come back.

My term as Membership Chairman is coming to an end. I hope your lodge can use these hints in increasing memberships.

— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth, Jennie Reed, Assembly Warden*  
P.O. Box 494, McCleary, WA 98557, [daveandjennie@hotmail.com](mailto:daveandjennie@hotmail.com)  
Home: 360-495-3573, Cell: 360-470-0422

## Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

Spring has sprung finally on the west side of our state. Trinity members have been very busy working with the Easter Bunny and our local Lions club doing a joint Easter Ham Bingo on April 12 2025. (I sure miss the Olympia gang!)

Our District Meeting was held on April 26 at the Trinity Hall with Sunbeam #147 being the host lodge. The lunch was a baked potato bar and salad.

Our Spring Bazaar will be on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 with a Mother's Day Bake Sale. We still have tables available. If you are interested, please contact LouAnn Hoffman. She is the one taking charge of the vendors.

A get well wish to all our members who have been under the weather. We need you back at our lodge. We fall weak when you're not available to attend. We still have a quorum, but we are missing some of our officers at lodge meetings.

With bunches of hugs and love to all for having great Odd Fellowship and keeping it going.

— *In Friendship, Love, & Truth, Alberta Luurs*