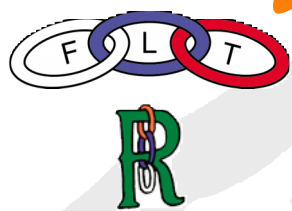


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Aloha to our new Jurisdictional Officers

Washington's new Officers were honored Hawaiian style on Saturday, September 20 at the Odd Fellows Puget Park near Olympia. From left are: Grand Master Dave Delony, Rebekah Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom, and Grand Matriarch Laura Purcell. There was no report on whether or not they enjoyed the poi. The other officers were not able to attend the annual All Branch Reception.

From your 2025-26 Grand Master



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Well Summer is over and all those special holidays will soon be upon us. What a great time to spend with family, friends, coworkers and all of your Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters.

It will be a great time to give and give to all in need who are less fortunate than us.

I would like to let you know how SPECIAL this year's Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions were in August. We all have the wonderful honor to see our own Brother Ron Hanson be elected Deputy Sovereign Grand Master. And to even make the time more fun, we saw a Past Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Washington (who currently lives in Florida) be elected your new Sovereign Grand Warden. Congratulations Kelly Hughes

It would be great if all of you could visit Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions held each year. It is such a wonderful time to get together with old friends again and spend time reminiscing about the past year that we all missed together. Meeting the new attendees is always a highlight as we get to hear and learn so much more about their Jurisdictions and how and what they are doing for Odd Fellowship.

I will say that every year I come back so glad we have such a wonderful Jurisdiction. It is all too evident why so many of our leaders want to visit and stay with us during our Grand Sessions. I would argue with anyone who would not say we have the best run, and most fluid Jurisdiction of any in our Order. We seem to have the least amount of problems or issues I think that I have ever heard. I believe it is because we have such knowledgeable Brothers and Sisters

who talk to one another and gather knowledge and ideas to make our lodges and committees work better. I thank each of you for that. Its always good to be able to let people know how well we are doing in most areas. Just last week the Buckley Odd Fellows and your Grand Lodge participated in the Buckley Wine Walk. Again what huge success! We had the Odd Fellow Museum open and had over 200 people come through in little less than three hours. It was definitely a very busy time. Trying to explain about what we do and who we are. A tremendous amount of interest was generated and we even had some take applications as they were definitely interested. Let's hope they do come back and not because of all the good wine we served.

One of the most asked about items in our Grand Lodge Museum were the letters "FLT" which can be seen just about everywhere. When I explained to them the meaning of these letters, everyone was duly amazed. Most agreed it is what we need in these times of uncertainty.

I would like to give some voice to my thoughts on FLT:


FRIENDSHIP — To me this is the most life changing opportunity we have. Because of Odd Fellowship we are unbelievably lucky to meet new people and get to know and appreciate them. Our Brothers and Sisters we see all the time in our Lodges, at events, or just communicating by phone, text, email, Facebook, etc. are such a big part of our lives that we are and have been changed forever. And this is a good thing. Because without these Friendships we become stagnant and central-minded with no outlet for our ideas, thoughts and wishes. I just wish there were even more times to spend together as we all know the times we spend together are never long enough.

LOVE — I believe that because of our Friendships we have such a greater capacity for caring and LOVE. The more we are engaged with one another the more they touch our souls and heart. Thus our Love will always continue to grow as we accept each other for who they are: "Friends - Brothers - Sisters - Odd Fellows."

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From your Assembly President

Greetings all

By the time you read this we will have had our All Branches Reception. We had a fantastic time and seeing you all warmed my heart 

I'm also writing this on 9/11 and remembering 24 years ago and how we all had so many emotions and wanted to be with loved ones. My immediate family was on the east side of the state. This was before I became an Odd Fellow/Rebekah. I'm so glad that I have all of you now as my family, Brothers and Sisters.

This being October it is now time to nominate officers for your lodges, I know some will recycle a few officers and we'll have some new ones. Remember to help the new officers make your lodge and community awesome.

Remember the 31st is a Friday this year, so keep an eye out for little ones looking for the great pumpkin.



— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"

Your 2025-2026 Rebekah Assembly President of Washington



From your 2025-26 Grand Master

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TRUTH — You can't have wonderful Friendships filled with Love without being able to be Truthful to yourself. Being true to yourself on how you feel, act and react to your surroundings, Friends, and all situations truly defines how you see yourself. Being honest to your wants and needs and being able to voice those without malice or vice makes you that much stronger of a person. Sharing your true feelings, ideas, and thoughts only makes you that much stronger as a person and so much more reachable by those around you.

None of these three (FLT) work alone. But when practiced together there is nothing one cannot achieve.

I will finally start my visitations soon, so be prepared. Again I am late getting started but demands from work and doing so much in some other areas of Odd Fellowship, I have gotten off slowly.

I would like to remind everyone about the program our Rebekah Assembly President and I share, "NORTHWEST HARVEST." This is such a worthwhile project that helps so many in the State of Washington. If you can't give to Northwest Harvest, please help out your local food banks. There truly is a very big need.

— *Sincerely in F., L. & T., Dave Delony,*
Your 2025-26 Grand Master



From your 2025-26 Theta Rho President

Hello Everyone!! The time we spent in West Virginia was wonderful! I'm missing you guys lots. My favorite part was definitely breakfast in the morning and sharing what I've done on the Pilgrimage for Youth.

Speaking of the pilgrimage, I want to thank the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for giving me that chance to go on the trip and learn about the history this world holds.

Being on that trip made me feel better and open my eyes more about how big the world actually is now that I've been around it, how much history we hold on our backs is unique. I never knew war history until I've gotten a tour of the field and explained how a cannon worked!!

And with that I'd love to see you girls soon. If you have any questions about anything please don't be afraid to ask or reach out to me. My email address is: teannanaliyah253@gmail.com

And my phone number is: (253) 212-8733

— *With Friendship, Love & Truth & Happiness Through Service,*
Teanna Gardner, Your 2025-26 Theta Rho President



From your Assembly Secretary

Happy October

Fall is in full swing and days are definitely shorter. A few plants are still in bloom, but I am putting many of them away for the winter. Time to settle in with hot coffee and a good book.

You should have received your Fall Assessment bills. I hope you are pleased with the lesser amounts. Be watching for your Annual Report forms in the next several weeks. If you start reviewing your records now and make sure all accounts are balanced and updated, these reports should be quick and easy to complete. The information in these reports is used for our International Report, and this determines the dues we pay to SGL in a few months. Having accurate member and financial information from each lodge allows me to complete the SGL report quickly and accurately.

October is officer nomination month. Spend some time talking with your members about the responsibilities of each elected and appointed position, as well as how your lodge members can work together to encourage each other to accomplish these jobs. Successful lodges are those who work together and reach out to each other with positive words and strong expectations.

"Our jack-o-lantern's glowing with a candle lit inside.

It sits upon our top porch step, a helpful gleaming guide.

So, all who come to spook us, here the jack-o-lantern greets.

You're welcomed with a toothsome smile, as well as candy treats."

Have a Happy Halloween!!

— 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

New Rebekah Leaders

Our new Rebekah Assembly Officers were all smiles at our Grand Sessions in Yakima in June. From left are Vice President Jennie Reed, President John "Johneo" Otterstrom, and Warden Joey Locke.



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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

Nomination Time

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in Fall already and you know what time it is? It's time to start the nomination process for your 2026 officers.

If you wish to have the Grand Lodge install your officers please contact the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge office.

Digest Updates

Secretaries, updates have been mailed to each lodge for the Washington Digest. Please make sure that your Digest (black book) is updated.

Northwest Meeting

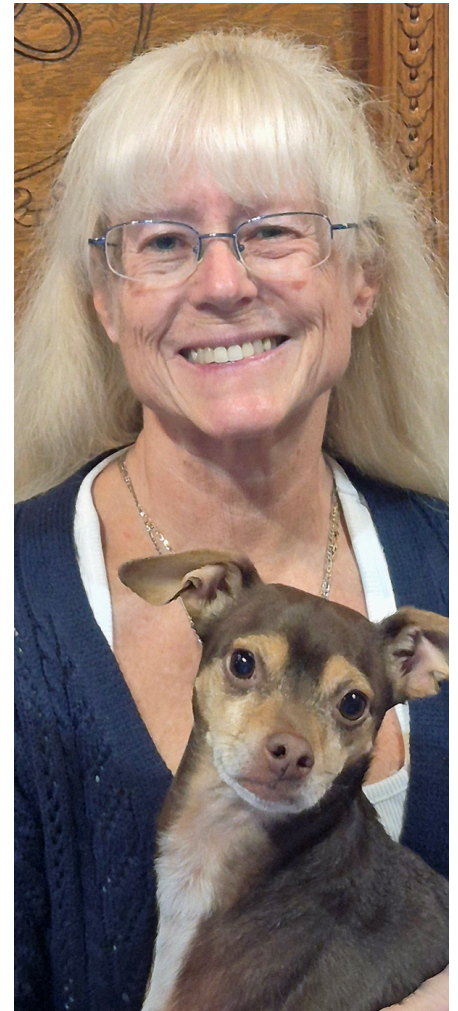
The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting is coming up later this month, October 31 and November 1 and 2. The theme for the banquet is "Mother Goose." Use your imagination. Northwest is open to anyone who would like to participate. You will find the registration form in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*.

Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw amendments will need to go to Deputy Grand Master Jamie Vest Bey this year. Route them through the Grand Lodge office. I will make sure Brother Jamie gets your bylaw amendments.

Happy Fall Ya'll!

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



Bro Hanson receives his 25-Year Jewell!!!

It was all smiles and celebration at Ballard-Alki Lodge #170 on Thursday, September 11 as the lodge had the honor of bestowing his 25-Year Jewel on Brother Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP. Brother Hanson was initiated into the Order on July 13, 2000, sponsored by the late Verne Eke of Olympia Lodge #1.

Brother Hanson had originally applied to the lodge in 1998, giving his application to Brother Eke, but it took Verne almost two years to hand the application into the lodge. When the application finally got to the lodge, the Secretary called Toby to ask if he was still interested in joining, to which Toby gave an emphatic "yes!"

Sister Jaime Hanson, Vice Grand of Buckley Lodge #75 and Toby's wife, was on hand for the occasion to present him with the jewel. Jaime's two children, Elizabeth Keena of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club #93, and her brother Jonathan Keena. After the meeting, there was a potluck dinner presented by the members in Brother Hanson's honor.

Fall 2025 Northwest

Odd Fellows / Rebekahs Association Meeting

October 31-November 1-2, 2025

Holiday Inn Airport Portland

8439 NE Columbia Blvd

Portland, Oregon 97220

Phone 503-256-5000

Make Room Reservations directly with hotel. Code OOF

State that you are with the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Northwest Group.

Deadline for room registrations is October 15, 2025.

Room Rates:

Single/Double \$119.00

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Pre-Registration Form

(Please use one form per person. Copy if additional forms are needed.)

Name & Title _____

Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Postal/Zip Code _____ e-mail _____

Pre-Registration due by October 24, 2025 \$25.00 _____

Late Registration (no meals available) \$ 35.00 _____

Saturday Dinner Chicken Tortellini \$53.00 \$ _____

or Atlantic Salmon \$56.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please note any dietary restrictions

Return registration and Make Checks payable to:

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3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202



Ballard-Alki welcomes Oscar, marks Jerry's 10th year

On August 14 Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge initiated Oscar Boechler, and Jerry Smith, PG/PGP, received his 10-Year-Jewel from his sponsor, PG/PGP Nora Carria. In the background of Jerry's Jewel photo is Vice Grand Ivan Kotcher. in the initiation photo are Left Scene Supporter Jeffrey Nelson, acting Conductor Greg Powers, PG/PGP, and Jerry Smith PG/PGP guiding a very tall Oscar to protect his head from our low basement ceiling. We used our basement because the warm temperatures.

— Nora Carria Reporting

From your Grand Scribe

Let's all get back to work

We hope you are back getting busy with your Encampments if you were dark during the summer months.

Grand Encampment Sessions went well and your new officers for 2025/2026 are: Michael Douglas, Grand Patriarch; Grand High Priest Greg Powers; Dave Delony, Grand Senior Warden; Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe; Joe Picanco, Grand Treasurer; Tim Moon, Grand Jr. Warden; and Two-year Representative, Michael Scheurich.

Congratulations to you all.

There were no changes in the Grand Encampment Digest this year. Let me know if your Encampment needs a Digest.

If your Encampment has by-law amendments, please send them to the Grand Patriarch for approval. Yes, we're different then the Grand Lodge.

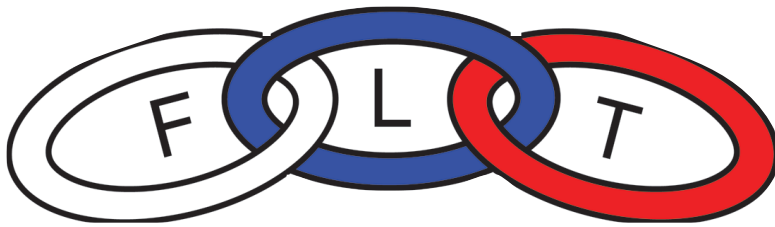
Hope your summer was hot and wonderful. Happy Autumn!

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



Grand Scribe painting the walls at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

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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) 870-2581. (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

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)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Lodge Hall, 201 Pine St., Kelso, WA 98626. **Lodge Mailing Address:** c/o Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 409-9900. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86, Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (564) 220-6922 (2/28/26)

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

Meets At: 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Lodge Mailing Address:** Same. **Time:** 3rd Thursday monthly, 1 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Candice Blair, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Phone:** (425) 293-8940. **Email:** myerscandice@comcast.net. **Sec'y:** Sis Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Phone:** (360) 794-7174. **Email:** jbfitnesswa@yahoo.com (2/28/26)

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

Meets At: Olympia 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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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)

RICHLAND I.O.O.F. LODGE #338

Meets At: 534 Boyer Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99362 **Mailing Address:** 184 Murphy St. Waitsburg, WA 99361, **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** John Otterstrom, 2719 18th St. Clarkston, WA 99403 **Ph:** (253) 740-8038 **Sec'y:** Erin Murphy, 184 Murphy St. Waitsbrg, WA 99361 **Cell Ph:** (509) 730-5857. (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:** laureldelony@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. **Ph:** (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)

Grand Patriarch asks: ‘What is Patriarchy?’

Most non-Odd folks, on hearing about a patriarchal fraternity, might imagine a group of incels meeting in a basement to swap misogynist jokes. The implications of “militant patriarchy” are simply frightening in this age of random ideological violence. So I’d like to look at the history of this word and clarify precisely why we uphold it as an ideal of virtuous conduct and a pragmatic program for enlightened society.

In sociological use from the 19th century, patriarchy referred to autocratic rule by the male head of a family. In the 20th century, this was largely superseded by the feminist usage of “patriarchy” as the male domination of society and the systemic subjugation of women. At the present moment, any other use seems archaic.

Yet the etymology of the word tells a somewhat different story. “Patriarchy” derives not from “pater” (father, as in “paternity”), but from “patria” (family, lineage, tribe, as in “patriotism”). In the Jewish tradition (from which the Christian and Muslim traditions spring) the “patriarchal age” refers to the time of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (or more broadly from Adam to Abraham). This was an age when the basic social unit was the clan or tribe. As Odd Fellows, we have formed a family or tribe based not on the unchosen destiny of blood, but on conscious choice. We are literally a “chosen people”. One of the attractive aspects of Jewish tribal society as reflected in the Torah is the consciousness of social life as a network of agreements (covenants, or contracts) founded on personal honor. This is fundamental to Odd Fellowship, as reflected in the vow of Friendship in the 1st Degree.

Of course, we are talking about myth not history. Much like other fraternal models (the Order of Red Men, the Shriners, the Muscovites, etc.) we are using a sort of fairy tale reflection of other times and places to focus our inquiries into present day problems. We aren’t holding up animal sacrifice, polygamy, or slavery as values. Rather we are positing a set of universal values that operate across time and space. These values undergird our practical morality, the way that we treat people face to face and day to day.

It’s worth remembering that the original meaning of “virtue” is “power.” The virtues of generosity, hospitality, and sacrifice are powers that we wield in an ongoing struggle against the dark powers of greed, narrow-mindedness, and intolerance. It is the particular virtue of patriarchal Odd Fellowship that our understanding of our fraternal duty inherent to the lodge is extended to the entire world and to all of humanity.

— In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Michael Douglas, Your Grand Patriarch

Bucoda Bulletin Board #50

I'll start with news from Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions held in Charleston, West Virginia:

1. Ron Hanson (Jurisdiction of Washington) was elected Deputy Sovereign Grand Master.
2. Kelly Hughes (who claims to be from Florida, but is really from Skookumchuck #129) was elected

Sovereign Grand Warden on the first ballot.

West Virginia was a lot of fun. You have to love the South; everyone I encountered was polite, friendly and easy going. The Sessions were great, our accommodations were wonderful, and the food was memorable.

Besides that, our lodges which are dark during the summer are opening back up and some work parties have taken place. A painting party at Olympia #1's 5th and Capitol building got a lot accomplished to help prepare the building for potential renters.

Laura Purcell, our Grand Matriarch, is hosting a pancake breakfast fund-raiser on Saturday, October 4 starting at 10 a.m. in the south room of the Bucoda Community Center. That also happens to be the day of the Hearse Procession and Viewing. Come out, have some pancakes, support Laura's project, and check out the hearses. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the award-winning "Boocoda Haunted House" will not be open this year.

Speaking of the Grand Matriarch's fund-raiser, it is for her project, the Tenino Food Bank Plus. I can't recall how many years she has been a volunteer there but she is already raising money with a dollar for dollar matching grant promised. Ask her about it.

September 20 found us at the All Branch Reception at the Odd Fellows Puget Park. There was a delicious pot luck format with meats provided.

Also upcoming is the meeting of the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting in Portland, Oregon on October 31 through November 2.

I think that touches on all the highlights. Anything I've missed will SURELY be mentioned in at least one other article.

(Editor's Note: In last month's edition, I wrote in a headline that said Joe's Place was the best joint in Tenino. Of course we all know, or should know, that Joe's Place is in Bucoda. Even our Grand Secretary and proofreader missed that one, and she's eaten at Joe's many more times than I have.)

— Until next time in Friendship, Love & Truth, Steven Purcell (AKA Junior)

Below: Dave Reed, Cathy Garcia (partially hidden in the doorway), Laura Purcell, Laurel Delony and Joanne Balmert were all down to business at the 5th & Capitol Building in Olympia.

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Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129
Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144



Acorn #79 Girls celebrates 65 years!!

Happy Fall Everyone

At our first meeting back after summer break, we celebrated our 65th Anniversary (which was on August 12 when we were on vacation and headed for West Virginia) with a surprise celebration shared with our Rebekahs. We had a game night and yummy cake provided by our Rebekah Sisters.

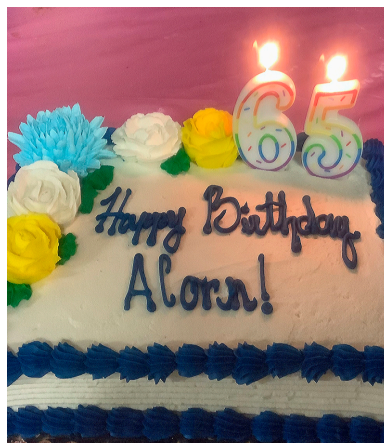
October is a busy month for us. We will be initiating a new member at our first meeting.

At our second meeting we will be putting together 12 boxes filled with hygiene products, school supplies, and some toys and fun activities for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This is one of our favorite community service projects.

Of course we will also be having our annual Halloween party with lots of games and good laughs. Don't let the ghosts and goblins get you!

Happy Halloween!

— The Members of Acorn #79



*Happy 65th
Birthday!*



Acorn's Advisor Judy Diekman was a Charter Member and the club's first Past President.



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 celebrated their 65th birthday at their first fall meeting with a game night and cake from their sponsoring lodge, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254. Around the table are: Levi Dailey, Avi Moore, Willow Miller, Bella Gleghorn, Elizabeth Pacheco, Quinley Spydell, and Kat Morris.

From your Grand Matriarch

Brothers and Sisters;

The weather is finally getting back to normal and lodges are waking up. Keep a look out for my visitation letters coming soon.

Since my last newsletter we attended the Bucoda Barbecue and had a good turnout. We had a booth for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and even got an application for the Odd Fellows.

Sovereign Grand Lodge in West Virginia was warm, but I gathered lots of information and the food was memorable.

Here is a correction from the last edition: My pancake breakfast for my project is on Saturday, October 4 (not the 5th) from 10 a.m. to noon.

I'm planning on attending the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in October and early November in Portland, Oregon.

On Saturday, September 13, I'm attending the Tenino Food Bank Plus dinner to introduce my program.

The All Branch Reception was held at Puget Park on September 20. It was wonderful seeing everyone there.

I know this letter is short. Hopefully I will have more information after I attend my visitations. So everyone enjoy this beautiful weather while we can.

— In F., L. & T.,
Laura Purcell, Grand Matriarch



Laura Purcell
Grand Matriarch



Jennie Reed of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary presents Raychel Squibb with a certificate for her \$3,000 Scholarship from Washington's Grand LEA.

LEA awards \$12,000 in Scholarships & Grants!

The Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Scholarship Committee received six applications and gave \$12,000 in Scholarships and Grants.

The award winners were:

Lucy Crouch, Acorn Theta Rho #79 and Past Theta Rho Assembly President, received the \$5,000 scholarship.

Raychel Squibb, granddaughter of Assembly President Alberta Luurs, received the \$3,000 scholarship.

Grants of \$1,000. each were awarded to the following recipients: Isaiah Shamp and Isabelle Windle, both grandchildren of Chris Hansen, Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge; Kaylee Picanco, granddaughter of Past Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco; and Shaunna Schultz, Acorn Theta Rho and Theta Rho Assembly Warden.

The 2026 Scholarship application packets will be available in January of 2026. These packets may be obtained from any Matriarch or at the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley.

— Jennie Reed, Scholarship Committee

*Congratulations To All Our Scholarship Winners
From Your Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary!*

Mike's Canadian War Memorial trip to Ottawa was memorable!!



At the end of May and in early June I went back east for my 50th high school reunion. As luck would have it, we were also able to attend this year's annual Canadian War Memorial Ceremony in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Jallynn Calvani, my girlfriend, and I arrived in Ottawa after a pleasant drive from Toronto. (You can fly directly from Seattle to Toronto and get to see the Hockey Hall of Fame while you're there).

As we arrived Friday late afternoon, the sky turned dark and scary looking. By the time we checked in and made it to our room with some of our items, the brouhaha became an epic thunder and lightning storm, complete with heavy rain, wind and hail. I have so missed these storms living in the Pacific Northwest.

That evening there was a check-in and meet and greet gathering. The hotel was nice, and the restaurant was fantastic. Saturday was mostly set aside for attendees to explore the area. Although it was a little cool and rainy, we enjoyed the architecture of this Canadian Capital City with its old structures and fascinating history.

Saturday evening was a banquet with great food, friendship, and instructions as to the event on Sunday morning. There also were introductions of the Sovereign Grand and International Representatives and a well-received message from our Sovereign Grand Master, Gerald Workman.

Sunday morning went smoothly. Everyone was on the bus as scheduled and it took about 20 to 25 minutes from the hotel to the site of the memorial. The memorial is in the city within sight of some of the old, grand looking government buildings. The weather was cool, but we didn't get rained on.

There was a "Changing of the Guard" formalities at the memorial and our ceremony followed. Flags of both nations, Canada and the United States, were presented, bagpipes were played, and a prayer and speech were made. The heads of our Order laid big wreaths on the top steps, followed by all of the Provinces and some of the States that had wreaths there from past visits, on the steps just below. The wreaths are reusable, and this year Washington had a ribbon made so we now have a wreath.

I want to thank the Executive Committee for their support and would recommend this event to anyone who has the time to attend. The committee that put this on was well-organized and needed everyone who was available to lay all the wreaths that they had. The four members from Hawaii each carried a different state's wreath. Jallynn presented Saskatchewan's Rebekah's wreath, then she circled around and joined me with the Washington wreath. As with all the Odd Fellow events, the people were amazing. While we were involved with the ceremony there were many people who stopped, asked questions, and were impressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our Jurisdiction of Washington!

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

Hope Rebekahs #38 are very active!

Summer has swiftly passed us by.

Hope Rebekah Lodge enjoyed our annual BBQ on Wednesday, June 18. Special thanks to Pat Nave for furnishing the hot dogs, burgers, and buns.

The Sisters and Brothers brought salads, condiments, pies, and cool cola drinks. It was an afternoon of savoring great food and enjoying visiting.

In July, Brother Tim Moon hosted a birthday party at the lodge hall in honor of Elisabeth's birthday July 7. This was a western hoedown birthday party. Guests were asked to wear cowboy boots, hats, and western apparel. Guests feasted on Western BBQ consisting of burgers, ribs, hickory smoked baked beans, macaroni and potato salad. Then there was birthday cake, cool drinks, and a "tall one."

Brother Tedd Swanson has an appointment to see his physician to treat what he thinks is severe arthritis in his right hand, wrist, thumb, and fingers. His doctor referred him to an orthopedic surgeon. Tedd was diagnosed with the cartilage in his hand, and wrist are deteriorating. This has been going on for many years. Tedd was injected with shots and prescribed therapeutic gloves so Tedd could work. The glove gave Tedd a nasty rash and itch.

Hope Rebekah Lodge members are super proud of our Brother John "Johneo" Otterstrom who was elected and installed as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. We are also very proud of our Sister Joey Locke who was elected and installed as the Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Sister Sarah Kane was appointed Assembly Chaplain, and Sister Dusti Trebe was appointed Assembly Marshal. Sister Dusti was also elected and installed as the Junior Warden of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington and Assembly Warden of the Montana Rebekah Assembly. Brother Tim Moon was elected and installed as the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of Washington..

Sister Beverley Johnson enjoyed a fabulous trip to Germany this summer to visit family. She toured other European countries while there.

Sister Dusti and Sister Joey attended the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in West Virginia along with Rebekah Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom.

Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52 is greatly honored to have Brother Ron Hanson elected and installed as the Sovereign Deputy Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Charleston, West Virginia.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Pat after her surgery.

We resumed our first September meeting on Wednesday, September 3 at noon with a pot luck lunch. The first Wednesday of every month is our social meeting and get together. The third Wednesday of the month is our business meeting.

An afternoon of visiting and eating good food was enjoyed by everyone. Beverly Johnson brought a delicious pudding her nephew, a master chef, made. We also enjoyed a chocolate/white cake to honor our five members who hold offices in the Rebekah Assembly.

Rebekah Assembly Warden Joey Lock, and PP Dusti Trebe gave an informative report of their trip to IARA Sessions in Charleston, West Virginia. John "Johneo" Otterstrom, RA President, was the Representative from Washington to IARA.

Pat has been under the weather. We send Rebekah hugs and love.

Samaritan Lodge #52 is very proud of our own Ronald D. Hanson, PGM, who was elected and installed as the Deputy Sovereign Grand Master at Sovereign Grand Lodge in Charleston, West Virginia in August.

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



A look at Charleston's Odd Fellow Stations

Here's a look at the Charleston, West Virginia Lodge Noble Grand's Station courtesy of our very own Steve Purcell. All their stations feature the regalia colors.

Trinity #179 stays busy all summer!

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine started the fall with great fellowship by our Rebekahs and Odd Fellows.

July featured our Funtime Festival which included a breakfast, bazaar, and bake sale. We also had a Rebekah-Odd Fellow picnic at the park in Napavine. Lots of Rebekahs from Trinity showed up. It was well attended. We are hoping the Odd Fellows will be able to show up next year at the end of July. We had lots of leftovers so on our way back to the hall we stopped by our local fire department and shared our potluck dinner. The Rebekahs and fire department got the Luck!! There was lots of ham and baked goods to share.

During the month of August we held a back to school Bingo Night. We filled backpacks for a \$5 raffle and there were 14 all together! Two were won by Bingo players and one was donated to a member's nephew in need. The rest was won by our local UPS driver, Chris Rovito, who bought \$80 worth of tickets. He announced that he was going to donate them to the other drivers to find needy kids out in the country where they don't have big enough stores to get a sale on school supplies. The county roads lead to a lot of areas away from Centralia-Chehalis such as Pe Ell, Curtis, Morton, Mossy Rock, and other surrounding areas that the UPS drivers travel.

I was also able to present the money from Alberta's Rebekah President's Project to the L.C. Renal Foundation. A check for \$7,268.77 was presented to Chris Rovito and Lawsyn. Thank you to all who helped me with a worthwhile project.

Trinity members are still doing their monthly bake sales. We are also planning a Christmas bazaar. For information on table availability information, contact Lou Ann Hoffman at (360) 451-2046. The date is November 14 and 15.

Our lodge will be making a donation of Band-aids to a local day care center. At our next meeting we will be donating cat and dog food brought in by the lodge and members.

Our next Bingo event is our Halloween Bingo on Saturday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. Come wearing a costume. Prizes will be presented for those who do. Either way come have some family fun and play Bingo!

We're working on our Turkey Bingo Night with the Napavine Lions Club on Saturday, November 22. More information next month.



Chris Rovito, left, happily accepts a \$7,268.77 check from Alberta Luurs for the L.C. Renal Foundation while little Lawsyn looks on. The funds came from Alberta's project while she was Rebekah Assembly President.



Bingo Night

October 25, 2025

\$10.00

5:30 PM

Includes:
3 Bingo Cards (20 Games)
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From your 2025-2026 Grand Warden

I am honored to serve the Grand Lodge of Washington as your Grand Warden for this year. My goal for the next few years is to see a membership growth equal to the number of lodges in this Jurisdiction, which 25.

Remember that the Officers of our Grand Lodge are here to assist your Lodge doing installations or Degree work. All you have to do is call or e-mail our Grand Secretary to make a time and date.

— Tom Harper, Grand Warden

*THE WISE OLD
OWL IS
KEEPING AN
EYE OUT FOR
YOU THIS
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