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Let's All Be Thankful This Month!



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Yes, the Holidays are here!

With Thanksgiving this month, can Christmas with all its trappings be far behind? Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor already have started stuffing bags for children in town and on Whidbey Island. From left are: Willow Miller, Ava Kaser, and Bella Gleghorn packing sacks and boxes for Operation Christmas Child. See page 11 for Acorn's monthly letter.

Winter Is Coming! Be Prepared!!

From your 2025-26 Grand Master



Good Day Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you had a wonderful September and that October will carry through.

I was very honored to attend the All Branch Reception for the Heads of our Order at the Olympia Lodge's Puget Beach Park on September 20. There was a great turnout with many, many Brothers and Sisters present.

Along with me was your Rebekah Assembly President "Johneo", your Grand Matriarch Laura, and arriving a little later Theta Rho President Teanna. The food, the atmosphere, the love and friendship, were all that could be expected. And for those of you who donated to all of the projects of the Heads of our Order, I thank you very much for your support.

By the time you get this I will have made many visitations, weather permitting, of course:

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| • Olympia #1 | • Bothell #124 |
| • Golden Rule #207 | • Skookumchuck #129 |
| • Titusville #34 | • Buckley #75 |
| • Bremerton #145 | • Ballard #170 |
| • Prosperity #301 | • Washougal #194 |

It will be nice to see you all again and hopefully see newer members taking on more and more roles within your lodges.

On Sunday, October 19 we held our DDGM meeting upstairs in the Buckley Lodge. We always have a very good turnout with some very good discussions on how to help our members, our lodges and this Jurisdiction grow and get better.

Working Together As DDP's

There was a new twist this time at the meeting. Following up on an idea from your Grand Secretary, I have asked if the Rebekah's DDPs would like to attend so that we can work together to better build and bond our Order in Washington. They were eager to do so as this will be a great opportunity to bring questions, concerns and ideas so that we can help each other to get stronger and more solidified. I am really looking forward to see how this all works out.

Halloween Trick Or Treat Party

Saturday, October 25 was Buckley's Halloween trick or treat party through the Main Street of town. Your Grand Lodge and Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 both participated in this fun-filled evening where we saw more than 500 kids come into town to get candy and be scared by all those dressed for this night. All of us were in costume and handing out plenty of sweets and scares for our young visitors. And the costumes the kids wear were pretty amazing.

Northwest Meeting In Portland

Friday night, October 31 will find a lot of us in Portland, Oregon for the Fall Meeting of the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association. It, too, is always a great time to gather with our Brothers and Sisters from Canada, Idaho, Oregon and, of course, Washington. We have even been lucky enough to have some friends come up from California just to see what we do at these meetings. It is always a couple of days of well-spent time with good discussions and ideas on how to always improve our Order. All of you should try to come to one of these meetings and bring a friend or friends. It is open to everyone, members or not. Northwest meetings are held each Spring and Autumn.

Northwest Harvest

Of course I need not remind you that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This, of course, brings up our project this year for your Rebekah President and myself — Northwest Harvest. I ask you all again to help out in any way with this worthwhile statewide organization.

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From your Assembly President

Greetings All,

First of all, thank you to everyone who made it to our All Branches Reception. It was a wonderful day. Would have loved seeing some of the local Brothers and Sisters on the west side of the state =)

Elections Are This Month

November is the month we vote for new officers and in many lodges we are recycling members. Remember to do what is best for your lodges.

Installation of officers is just around the corner. IF your lodges are having a formal Installation with the Rebekah Assembly officers, officers please wear the blouses we had at Grand Sessions in June with black skirts (winter colors). I'm hoping to make all Installations for the coming year.

Thanksgiving is coming fast. Please have a wonderful time with the ones you love.

— *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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You can help either by supporting Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom or me with donations. You also can assist your local food banks with food, money, or giving of your time. Anything at all will help feed those in need in Washington State. And, of course, I will keep reminding you about this project. It truly boggles my mind that we have such a **NEED** and there are so many in this Jurisdiction going without everyday.

With that I hope you all had a great Halloween! The Mariners came oh so close to the World Series!

I also hope you all are truly blessed this Thanksgiving with good food, good times and most of all, loving friends and family.

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



From your 2025-26 Theta Rho President

Happy Fall everyone. We love this spooky season!! I hope everyone is having a good fall so far. I know I am.

I joined Spunky members Autumn Scheiderer and Advisor Sylvia Summers by helping with the pancake breakfast in Bucoda. We served breakfast to the people in town along side of the Bucoda Rebekahs. The breakfast was very yummy and filling and the people were very nice.

The "Ghostbusters" came to town and even they filled themselves with yummy food! I hope you all have a good fall. Stay safe and warm!!

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



Teanna Gardner
TRA Assembly President
2025-2026



From your Assembly Secretary

Wow! The Holidays Are Almost Here

The Holidays are upon us. Family, friends and lodge activities keep our daily schedules full and crazy. Be sure to breathe and relax with a cup of coffee occasionally.

Fall Assessments are starting to arrive. I hope you are all pleased to pay the lesser amount.

I have sent the Annual Report forms out. This gives you plenty of time to get started on them and organize your books to have the information easily available. As you double check your membership pages, please be sure the number of people on your list matches the number on your report. I do not have correct contact info on several members, so if you could check this as well. Also, be sure that NC and PNG members are marked and add your Associate members to the end of the list. I know we still have a few members without email, but I am missing email addresses for quite a few. This makes contacting members so much easier. All of this takes a great deal of your time and I really appreciate the work you put into completing these reports. If I can be of any help, please call or email.

It's election time. I was thinking that as we vote on members to run our meetings, and lead our projects, it might be encouraging and helpful to take a minute prior to the election and read through the responsibilities of each office as it is stated in your Digest. These Duties begin on page 26 of the Rebekah Lodges Constitution.

Following the election, your Noble Grand-elect should read through the duties of the Appointed Officers which start on page 16 of your Ritual. This will assist him/her in choosing capable and willing officers.

Our lodges need the involvement of all of us, along with our willingness to serve. Each of you are very important to the success of our Order.

I pray you all have a happy and exciting time with your family for Thanksgiving this month. I know I am really excited to have my gang over for dinner. There's a lot of us, but as the Grandkids grow up and start families of their own, I don't always get the houseful that we used to have. But I love it and am thankful for all who join us.

Happy Thanksgiving

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs, Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

Election Of Officers Time

Brothers and Sisters,

Time is flying and by now, for those lodges that have two business meetings a month, you should have had your two nominations for next year's officers. Elections should be at your first meeting this month. If your lodge has a social meeting and a business meeting, your second nominations should be this month with elections in December.

Secretaries!

I will be mailing the year-end report on December 1. Please, please, please read the letter in lodge and the instructions before starting. I still receive reports that aren't filled out completely. Every lodge has liabilities if only it is your per capita tax. Every lodge has paraphernalia and it has a worth. What is paraphernalia? That's your Rituals, charge books, SGL Code, Washington Digest, regalia, gavels, charter, drapes, scenes, banners, etc. They have a worth and must be reported on the form. Do not leave this or the liability boxes empty. If you need help with a \$\$ amount please contact me.

Also on this note, if you conferred degrees on new members and haven't sent me the new member form, or sent it to Sovereign Grand Lodge, I need that information before November 25, so your new members will be listed on your lodge's roster when I print it. If you need to double check with me you know where I am.

And remember, if you need assistance, just give me a call. I'm here to help. You can also ask your District Deputy Grand Masters. They will be getting a lesson on how to fill out the forms. You can also request from me the electronic version. It does the math for you.

I wish for you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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



Eola #63 takes home the banner!

At the Annual Meeting of Rebekah District Association #2, the Attendance Banner was awarded to Eola Rebekah Lodge #63.

The banner will hang proudly in the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall upstairs now that the chairlift is in and usable. From left are: Karen Hoylman, Karman Lundell, Marcia Presley, and Kim Presley. Congratulations Ladies!



Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

FRI. NOV. 14th/SAT. NOV. 15th

9:00am to 4:30pm DAILY

Friday Lunch

Turkey Dinner w/ trimmings

11:30am to 2:00pm

\$15.00

Saturday Lunch

Turkey Noodle soup

11:30am to 2:00pm

\$10.00

Bake Sale

Table Runners

Bird Feeders

Scentsy

Tumblers

Hand crafted items

Lots of gift ideas

Jewelry

Signs

Scrubbies

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179

111 West Washington St.

Napavine, WA



Wow! Halloween is gone and now on with two things: Election of officers and beware of those wild turkeys around the state.

I understand that Trinity members went out hunting and captured one of these elusive birds for their bazaar luncheon. So, if anyone would like to have an early Thanksgiving dinner, come on down to Napavine on Friday November 14 from 11:30 a.m to 2 p.m. This will give you a chance to check out our Holiday Bazaar.

I also understand that on the 22nd of November there will be about 20 turkeys looking for new homes for dinner. Trinity Rebekahs, along with the local Napavine Lions Club, will be having our "Famous Turkey Bingo." Come have LOTS OF FUN!!

Trinity Rebekah Lodge and its members pulled together for the dogs and cats/kittens at the animal shelter. Our Noble Grand, Melody Butterson, took the food and delivered it to the shelter. Thanks to all the members!

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 has added another day care center for "Christmas with Santa." We donated coloring books and crayons for Santa to distribute.

During our first meeting in December, we will assemble our shut-in baskets. We usually put together about 35 baskets, and remember those who are away from families and members' grown kids who are unable to get out. We'll try to find a couple local families for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all of our Brothers and Sisters.

— Hugs to All In F.,L.&T.,
Alberta Luurs, Reporter



Beauty and the Beast!

Mira Pittman, Jr. Past President of the IARA, and Ronald D. Hanson, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, together (right) at the Colorado Grand Sessions at the formal dinner. The large photo shows most of the participants surrounding Ron and Mira.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Brothers and Sisters,

We are finally able to move our belongings upstairs to the Buckley IOOF #75 Hall. Thank you to the Buckley Odd Fellows for installing that beautiful chairlift. It works beautifully! We'll now be able to have floor work and meet in a real hall.

We have our election of officers during the first meeting on Wednesday, November 4. Once that is completed we'll be able to move on to planning our Installation of Officers which, I believe, we'll be asking to participate with Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 on Saturday, January 18, 2026.

But we have community service to plan before that. We'll be planning and purchasing our stocking stuffer supplies for Christmas. We already have the stockings, but we need stuffers. Then we'll connect with our Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club to help us stuff the stockings and have a Christmas party. Stockings will be donated to "My Sister's Pantry" for distribution to homeless adults.

Halloween is in the rearview mirror. Buckley Lodge members assisted in handing out candy during the Buckley Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat event on Main Street. Everyone who participated wore costumes. We invited the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club to join us.

Until next month we hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

— *With Fraternal Hugs and Love, Laurel Delony, Reporter*



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

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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 Butters, 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)

Bucoda Bulletin Board #51

Time for a new crop '26 officers

Just a short and sweet missive from Bucoda this month as all the best news has probably already been submitted by one or two others.

It's October and that means time for nominations of officers for next year. A new crop of officers will be elected in November.

"Boo-Coda" is in full swing with just two more Saturdays as of this writing. Members of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 have a table set up at the vendor fair selling a lot of baked goods and other things. I understand they've done pretty well the last two Saturdays. Keep up the good work, Sisters.

The Grand Matriarch's pancake breakfast was a great success again, but I know that was detailed in another article so I'll stop here on that subject.

October 19 was the Patriarch's Militant Battalion meeting and DDGM meeting in Buckley. That was followed by the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting in Portland starting October 31. Between my DDGM visitations and Laura's DDGM and Grand Matriarch visitations, October is extremely full.

Speaking of Northwest, the theme this year is Mother Goose (Mother Goose?). Well suffice to say that Little Bo Peep and Wee Willie Winkie will be representing Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129.

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

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

Grand Scribe's scribbles

Hey all you Fez Heads! Happy Thanksgiving! Let's hope you're planning on a wonderful holiday feast, or helping others to have a wonderful holiday.

Scribes, the year-end reports will be sent out on December 1. Reports are due into the office no later than February 15. This should give you more than enough time to fill out the report. If you need help please do not hesitate to contact me. Be sure to read the cover letter and instructions completely. I will not include the new officers page this year. I will send that out April since installations do not occur until then for new officers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Happy Thanksgiving



From left are: Grand Patriarch Michael Douglas, PGP Toby Hanson, PGP Jerry Smith, PGP Nora Carria, Patriarch Freddy Castillo, PGP Greg Powers, Patriarch Evan Ochs, and Patriarch Penny Curtis.

Ballard Encampment opens its tent!!

Ballard Encampment #76 once again opened its tent to weary travelers, this time to perform the Golden Rule Degree for Patriarch Evan Ochs of Buckley Encampment #40, and their own candidate, Patriarch Freddy Castillo. Grand Patriarch Michael Douglas was again in attendance and led the Degree Team.

Given some of the contemporary issues with the language in the Golden Rule Degree, the presentation of the Degree was preceded by a discussion of the intent of the Degree to ensure that the candidates learned the lessons as intended by the Degree. Both candidates were duly impressed by the exemplification of the Golden Rule Degree and are enthusiastic about continuing their journey in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship.

— Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP

Thanksgiving Blessings To All



At left: Grand Matriarch Laura Purcell takes a quick break at her pancake breakfast in Bucoda. *At right:* Laura, presents a \$15,000 check to representatives of the Tenino Food Bank. The donation came from fund-raisers spearheaded by Laura during her year as Grand Matriarch.

From your 2025-26 Grand Matriarch

My Visitation Letters Are In The Mail

Brothers and Sisters,

I have been busy sending out my visitation letters and they are now in the mail. I have planned my first visit to Unique Unified Encampment #32 in Spokane on Tuesday, November 4. My second visit will be with Mt. Angeles LEA #88 on Monday, November 10, and my third visit will be with Kent LEA #15 on Friday, November 14. I'm looking forward to seeing all my Patriarchs and Matriarchs.

\$15,000 To The Tenino Food Bank

I attended the Tenino Food Bank dinner and presented my donation of \$15,000 which made poor Jody and Pat very happy. (I think Jody had tears in her eyes).

I've also been busy with the activities in Bucoda. I had my pancake breakfast and cooked 25 pounds of pancakes, 10 pounds of sausage, and 20 pounds of ham. We had a very good turnout and I was happy to see you all even if I was busy flipping pancakes. The haul was \$439. A very special thank you to Sylvia Summers, Teanna Gardner, and Autumn Scheiderer from the Spunky Bluebirds for coming down and helping out at the pancake breakfast. Your girls were a very big help! Thank you!!

Also a big thank you to Lori Bonnell and Brad, along with Deborah Morrill for helping. By the way Brad did not burn any pancakes. Yay!

October "Boo-Coda"

I'm now busy with the "Boo-Coda" activities we have during the whole month of October. We have festivities on every Saturday during the month. I am busy doing the vendor fair and will be doing the Thrill the World dance.

Then I'm off to Portland for the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

— *In Faith, Hope and Charity, Laura Purcell, Grand Matriarch*



Our entire team in no particular order: Christine Larkin, Cathy Garcia, Jordyn Seeley, Schylar Seeley, Kamiko, Riley, Elyse Balmert, Laurel Delony, Lindsey Orozco, Danny Orozco, Eva Orozco, Kellen Orozco, Pepper the Wonder Dog, Melissa Hildner, Deanna, and Theresa.

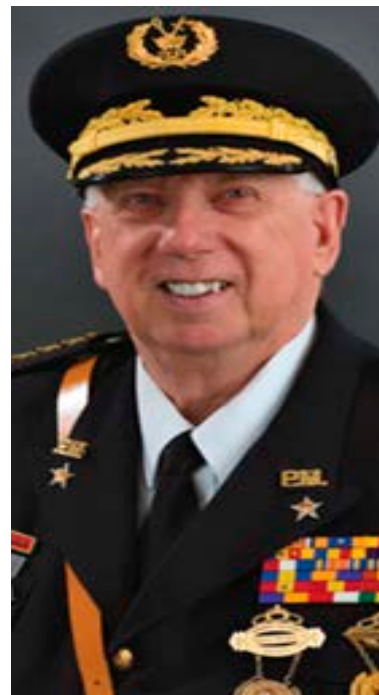


Bedazzling beauties (and guys) take on cancer

At lower right Laurel Delony, Captain of The STC team for the Sumner Breast Cancer Walk, shows off her winning “Blinged Bra” entry. Unfortunately the batteries wore out and no lights were glowing. The team collected about \$1,000 for breast cancer research. The weather stayed dry for the walk. Several members of our Order were present: Laurel Delony, Cathy Garcia, Christine Larkin, and Elyse Balmert. Oh, and Melissa Hildner Grand Lodge Assistant. They were joined by a multitude of friends and family. Two survivors of breast cancer, Laurel’s niece Lindsey and Cathy’s niece Christine had their pictures taken with many other survivors. Thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause.



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The Pacific Northwest Department Council Annual Session will be held on **Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 10:00 am**, with Registration to commence promptly at **8:00 Am**. Registration fee is **\$5:00**. Please make checks or money orders payable to: Pacific Northwest Department Council. Light lunch will be provided after the Session has concluded.

Day: November 16, 2025

Time: (Registration) 8:00 am

(Session) 10:00 am

Place: Hillsboro Odd Fellows Lodge

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See You All In Hillsboro
On Sunday, November 16

Olympia Odd Fellows #1 And Ruth Rebekahs #17

Happy Thanksgiving Brothers & Sisters!!

It's time for the members to get busy. We are so lucky in our Odd Fellow lodge that a lot of the younger members are stepping up to take on committee roles as well as elected offices. We know that it's time to start turning over the mantle of responsibility to our younger members so they can continue on in the good works of the Order.

Welcome New Brothers

Welcome to the newest members of Olympia #1: Wayne Watson, Travis Weeks, and Rick Bonnell. And yes, we're putting them to work soon as they were conferred all of the Degrees on October 12. Congratulations and welcome! We're so glad you've joined us.

We Need Your Help Stuffing Stockings!

Ruth Rebekah Lodge is stuffing 100 Christmas stockings for the kids at the Union Gospel Mission. The stockings are already purchased, but we are looking for monetary donations to purchase stocking stuffers. If you would rather donate enough of an item, please contact their Secretary Cathy Garcia at rebsecwa@gmail.com or (360) 701-5896. She can give you some ideas of what they need and how many individual items.

Installation Of Officers On January 18

Both lodges are planning their installation of officers for Saturday, January 18. Lunch will be at noon with installation to follow. Mark your calendars. We'd love to see you. The Olympia Lodge Hall is located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia, WA 98501.

Congratulations to the new officers! We're looking forward to the new year.

— *Fraternally,*

The Members of Olympia #1 and Ruth Rebekahs #17



Bucoda's "Digger" AKA Junior Past Grand Master Steve Purcell has finished a very busy October in "Boo-Coda."



Joe Schaible was kind enough to hop on Buckley's new chairlift and try it out. By the look on Joe's face, he's ready to give thumbs up to the new ride.

California Cave Degree more than impressive!!



Washington members participate in Cave Degree

By Toby Hanson, PGM

During the weekend of September 5-7, Grand Chaplain Penny Curtis and Grand Musician (and PGM) Toby Hanson, traveled to Yreka, California to participate in the Cave Degree Weekend. The Cave Degree began as a presentation of the Second Degree by Yreka Lodge #19 in the Pythian Cave near Mount Shasta in 1940. In 1962, the Yreka Lodge bought the cave and surrounding property from the Knights of Pythias, bringing it fully under the control of the lodge.

Originally, the Cave Degree was just a presentation of the Second Degree, or Degree of Brotherly Love, in the cave facing Mount Shasta, given by the light of the moon. A rudimentary stage had been constructed for use by the Degree Team to exemplify the Degree. As it became more popular, the Cave Degree expanded into a full weekend, with the First Degree added to the weekend, then the Initiatory, and eventually the Third Degree. The highlight remained the moonlit presentation of the Second Degree.

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the last Cave Degree was in 2019. After that event the stage and approach stairs were deemed to be in dangerous condition. Yreka Lodge turned the cave and surrounding property over to the Grand Lodge of California. A fundraising drive was initiated to make the much-needed improvements to bring the cave up to safe, modern standards. Work began during the pandemic and finished up in time for the Cave Degree to return in 2024 with two weekends and expanded Degree presentations including the Patriarchal Degree.

For 2025, the Cave Degree Weekend was further enlarged to include an English Country Dance on Friday night, for which Grand Musician Hanson and Ashley Hill of Davis Lodge #169 provided the music on fiddle and accordion;

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Initiatory and First Degree presentations on Saturday morning; member learning seminars Saturday afternoon; the traditional Second Degree in the cave; the Third Degree on Sunday morning; an added Rebekah Degree presentation; and the Patriarchal Degree on Sunday afternoon back out at the cave.

The Cave Degree Weekend is organized by Richard Brouse of Degree Lodge #190. Degree Master Mason Wolf of San Jose did an excellent job of organizing the weekend, making it a full experience for all participants. Each Degree Team who presented a Degree did so in the best possible way, with full robes, props, and dramatic effects. There were 38 candidates who took the Degrees over the course of the weekend and all were suitably impressed with the quality of the presentation.

The Cave Degree is scheduled each year for the Saturday where the full moon rises over Mount Shasta to illuminate the cave. Next year, that will happen later in September. Information about the Cave Degree is available on their website at <http://www.oddfellowscavedegree.com>. The Cave Degree Weekend is a fantastic celebration of Odd Fellowship at its finest and should be experienced by every member if at all possible. It is a true treasure of our Order.