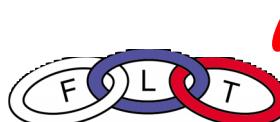


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Pilgrimage for Youth delegates sponsored by Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 are, from left, Jayden Ramirez, Liliana Lopez, Danelia Mendoza, Lainey Gray, Taylor Dycus, Yuxi Liu, Weston Hadaller, Helen Cuevas, and Isabella Gutierrez.

Investing in youth, shaping the future

Ellensburg #20 sends 9 delegates to Pilgrimage

On Sunday, January 11, Ellensburg Odd Fellows Lodge #20 proudly hosted a packed house for this year's IOOF Pilgrimage For Youth (PFY) Speech Luncheon, where 84 community members gathered in support of nine remarkable high school students from Ellensburg, Cle Elum-Roslyn, and Wahluke High Schools competing for a spot on this prestigious civic journey.

Following weeks of preparation, including writing essays, gathering letters of support, and speech mentoring sessions, the finalists delivered powerful speeches centered on the social issues they care most about. Topics ranged from mental health to AI to social media use to healthcare to censorship and climate change. Each student brought not only their voice but their vision for a stronger community.

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From your 2025-26 Grand Master

A Grand New Year

Welcome Brothers and Sisters both old and new. We now have the first month of 2026 under our belts and on with the making of a grand new year.

I would like to thank all of you for all your past work with Odd Fellowship and I look forward to working with you this coming year.

I extend my most sincere thank you to all of you, both new and recycled, who have stepped up to take an Elected or Appointed position in your lodge. Be assured that your position, whatever it may be, is vital to the success of your lodge and that of Odd Fellowship in Washington. For what we do together in our lodges, practicing the acts of FLT, not only affects us while in the lodge, but carries over into our everyday lives — and thus becomes a part of us more than we realize. Thus the reason it is so important to do the work in our lodges by the book and carry on for our new and future members the true meanings of Odd Fellowship.

If at anytime you may have a question or need help, please feel free to contact any of us at the Grand Lodge office. Our emails and phone numbers are posted in your newspaper and on the website. We will be more than eager to help you with whatever resources we can.

Like A Spring Rain

The beginning of a new year is like the coming of a spring rain. It is like the cleansing of our souls and hearts, giving way to a renewed hope in the future of Odd Fellowship. It brings new ideas to celebrate what we can do not only in our lodge, but in our community. And hopefully with the new members you have been able to acquire there will be more ideas and opportunities to be more active in your communities. Again we at the Grand Lodge support you all in your endeavors and ask that you contact us for any help of any kind so that we can share your lodge successes.

Some February Tasks

A few things for you to do as a lodge: Even numbered lodges will need to vote for their Grand Lodge Representative at your first meeting in February.

Your Lodge Annual Reports will need to be into the Grand Secretary by February 15.

Lunch & Learn In Olympia

There will be a "Lunch & Learn" session on Sunday, February 15 at 9 a.m at the Olympia #1 Lodge Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW in Olympia. This is always a great time for open discussion and instruction on the workings of a lodge and the business it does. If you cannot attend but would like to have this informal instruction brought to your lodge, please feel free to contact our Grand Secretary Laurel Delony.

Northwest Meeting In Idaho

Also, mark this on your calendars: We will be having the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association meeting March 27-29 to be held in Hayden, Idaho this year. These meetings are always open to everyone and anyone, and are a great way to get together with old and new friends from Washington, Canada, Oregon, and Idaho. There is always great discussion and ideas on how and what we need to do to promote Odd Fellowship.

So for now I wish you all a fantastic February. May this beginning of the New Year bring you hope and prosperity.

— *Fraternally In Friendship, Love, and Truth, Dave Delony,
Your 2025-26 Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington*

Rebekah District #18 Annual Meeting coming to Longview

You are invited to the Rebekah District #18 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25. The meeting will be held at the Longview Rebekah Lodge hall located at 400 S. Pacific in Kelso WA. The lodge will be opened prior to the meeting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the cost of \$6 per person.

Please RSVP the number of individuals coming from your lodge by Wednesday, March 25 to Noble Grand Ann Van Antwerp at:

homelesshobo@centurytel.net



From your 2025-2026 Assembly President of Washington

Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings all. I hope everyone is doing well.

It's been a very busy month. I've been traveling around the state visiting Rebekah lodges and installing officers. I made a surprise visit to Kent LEA #15. I was invited to a wonderful lunch, attended the meeting, and was introduced. It was a good time and I got to see Sisters who I don't usually get to see.

I attended the Installation of Officers at my Associate Lodge, Des Moines #305, which was a Joint Installation with Titusville IOOF Lodge #34. A late lunch was served and the Grand Lodge Officers installed the new officers of both lodges.

Missing Patriarchs & Chevaliers

Kent Encampment #15, along with Mt. Si Canton #36, had a meeting on Tuesday, January 13 and I was able to attend. I really miss those Patriarchs and Chevaliers.

I've been pleased with my visitations to the Rebekah Lodges. Every lodge has its challenges with running lodge meetings. I have more visitations to make.

To any lodge members who would like to attend, the Grand Lodge will be hosting a "Lunch and Learn" session at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall on Sunday, February 15. The hall is located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia, WA. There are steep stairs but a chairlift is available. I've attended some of these and I take away something every time I didn't know or may not have remembered. Contact the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley for further information. I highly recommend taking the time to attend. And, of course, lunch is provided.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day.

— Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,
John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"
Your 2025-2026 Rebekah Assembly President



John 'Johneo' Otterstrom



Teanna Gardner

2025-2026
TRA Assembly President



From your 2025-26 Theta Rho President

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is hitting it off good for the New Year. Happy 2026 to our Theta Rho Girls and all the members of IOOF.

For the start of the year I'd love to invite all potential members to our Installation in Olympia with us! We would love to have people there as well as spend time with everyone. I hope to see a few people there to say hi and have a wonderful time with everyone that will attend.

For Community Service, I encourage the girls to help their communities by volunteering for service work — even if it is just selling goodies or picking up some trash. Do whatever you can think of that'll help our communities more and get noticed.

Along with community Service, tell a friend to tell a friend about the Theta Rho Girls' Club!! I encourage the girls to bring in more members so we can grow and get noticed, as well as being more active together. The more members we have, the more fun!

I hope everyone is having a good start to the year. Don't forget to stay warm.

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



From your Assembly Secretary

Happy Valentine's Day!

2026 is off to a good start. The holidays are behind us and our new officers are installed. I would like to go over some basic information with our Secretaries. Your Noble Grand depends on you a great deal. It is very important that you plan ahead and be prepared with information needed for each meeting.

- Remind your Noble Grand of any unfinished business that will need to be addressed.
- Come to each meeting with your minute book ready to read the roll of Officers – please read their office and complete name.
- Pre-read all correspondence and bills before the meeting. This helps you present them in a professional manner during your lodge meeting.
- At the end of each meeting, be sure your financial information matches that of your Treasurer. Please don't discuss finances (or anything else) during the meeting. This is disruptive as well as disrespectful to your Noble Grand. Go over the bills and basic finances prior to the meeting and, if necessary, stay after the meeting to straighten things out.
- Take notes as accurately as possible and be sure to review your minutes the next day, while the meeting is still fresh in your mind, so you can clarify the parts that you may have hurried through. Keeping clear and complete records is vital not only for historical purposes, but to help you work with your Noble Grand in running a smooth, productive meeting.
- Read through your minutes prior to next meeting to be familiar with what you recorded.

Well, this is a lot of information. I'm sure it is not new to any of you, but sometimes we all need to be reminded of the basics. I am blessed to work with many wonderful Secretaries in our lodges. I learn a lot from each of you and really appreciate it when you share ideas with me.

Thank you all for getting your Annual Reports in. I am starting on the SGL Report. Like you, I will be happy to get it done and out of my hair.

Have a great month and kiss someone special for Valentine's Day.

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington
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Sammy is back!

Can you find Sammy in this newspaper???



After almost a year, Sammy is back lurking in the pages of *The Washington OddFellow*. If you are clever enough to find Sammy this February, you may win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Just call Grand Secretary Laurel Delony at (360) 829-1514 or email her at grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com. Be sure to have your guess in to Laurel by March 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.

From the desk of your Grand Secretary



Laurel Delony
With Assistant Secretary Poppy

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are the first of February. Secretaries, your Annual Reports are to be in my office by the 15th of this month. If you need any help, please let me know. Plan accordingly.

Congratulations to all the new officers. For those lodges that had the Grand Lodge team install them, thank you. Thanks for all the good food and fellowship.

Representatives

Letters, along with Representative Certificates, were mailed out on January 12. If your lodge has not received the letter and certificates, please let me know and I will email you copies. Even-numbered lodges are to elect a two-year Representative and Alternate. Do not elect Representatives until the first meeting this month. You have till March to get them to my office.

New Merch Now Available

I received some new inventory from the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If you are interested I have chrome vehicle three link emblems at \$12 each (I have one on my Jeep. See picture of the item), and plastic license plate covers are \$2 each. I still have baseball caps, usb/charge book carrying cases, some t-shirts, and long sleeve denim shirts ,as well. They make great gifts or raffle items.

Veteran Jewels

Secretaries, if you have members who have attained Veteran status (5-year, 10-year, 15-year, 20-year), you can order Veteran pins. And if you have veteran members who are 25-year and up (5 year increments), you can order them a jewel. (See difference in picture. There is a difference in size and the jewel hangs from a Three Link pin.)

Lunch And Learn

For anyone who would like to attend, there will be a "Lunch and Learn" session on Sunday, February 15. Please let me know if you plan to attend as I need a head count for lunch. Start time is 9 a.m. The location is the Olympia Odd Fellow Hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia WA. Email or call me.

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or call me at (253) 468-1949 or (800) 345-1766. Please attend, learn, and ask any questions you want. There are no stupid questions. We'll do our best to answer your questions and if we don't have an answer we'll go find one.

Northwest Meeting In Idaho

The Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association will be having its semi-annual meeting March 27-29 in Idaho. See information in this issue. Everyone is invited. You do not have to be a member of the Order. There's a theme for Saturday night's banquet. Get your boot and chaps ready. Idaho always provides us a good time. If you would like more information please give me a call.

Okay, I made your eyes bleed from so much writing, so enough for now. Remember, I'm here to help.

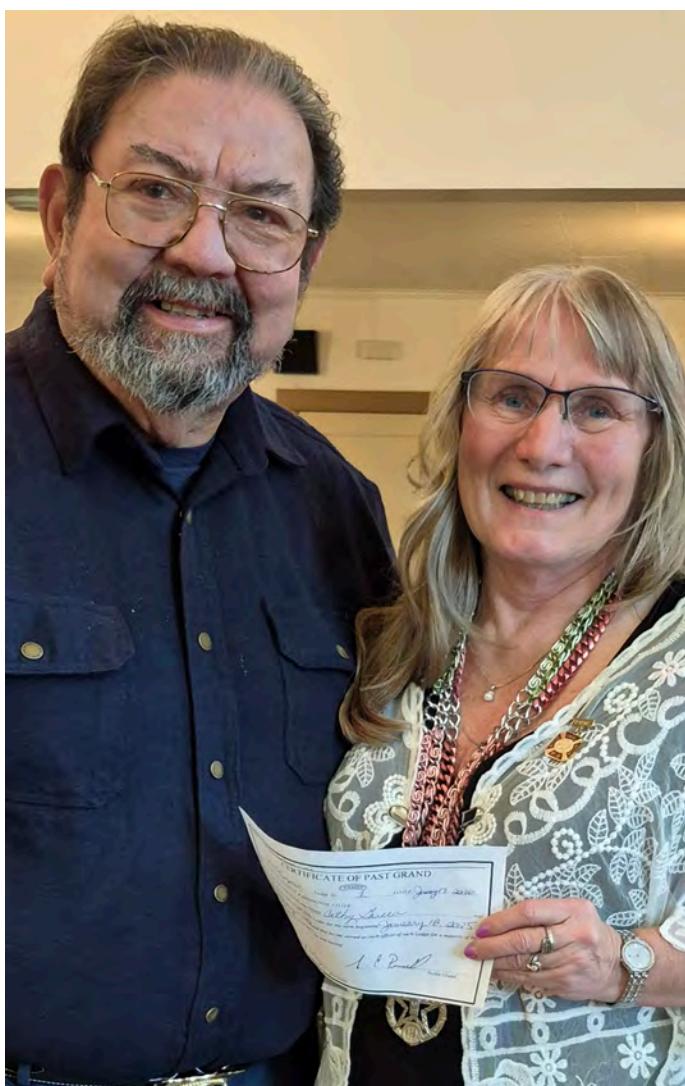
— With Fraternal Hugs and Love,
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary
grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com
800-345-1766 or 360-1766
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Installing officers are, front row from left: PP Peg Ogilvie, PP Barb Nelson, Jr. PP Alberta Luurs, VP Jennie Reed, PP Maggie Truttmann, President John Otterstrom, PP Kathi Picanco, and Grand Sec. Laurel Delony. Back row, from left, are: Grand Guardian Greg Powers, Grand Musician Toby Hanson, Grand Treasurer Steve McCord, Grand Chaplain Penny Curtis, Grand Warden Tom Harper, Grand Master Dave Delony, Junior Past Grand Master Steve Purcell, and Grand Marshall Joe Picanco.

Plenty of fun at Oly's Installation



Hubby & Daddy are both very proud!!

Assembly Secretary Cathy Garcia receiving her Past Grand Jewel from her husband Rick Garcia. Cathy's Past Grand Jewel belonged to her daddy Herb Turner. He would be so proud.



Why so serious?

Assembly President John 'Johneo' Otterstrom, Jennie Reed, Dave Reed, and Grand Master Dave Delony.



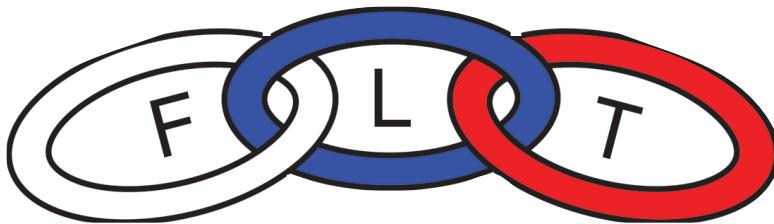
Jennie Reed and her hubby exchange Meritorious Jewels

At left, top and bottom: Dave and Jennie Reed, unbeknownst to each other, were both receiving a Lodge Meritorious Jewel. Needless to say, they were both very surprised. The Grand Master Dave Delony and Assembly President John “Johneo” Otterstrom were their escorts.

Above right: Lou Ann Hoffman being presented with her 55-Year Jewel by her son Bill Hoffman. Surrounding Lou Ann, from left, are: Mashell Patrick, GM Dave Delony, Bill Hoffman, President John Otterstrom, and Lou Ann Hoffman. More photos on Page 10.

Congratulations To All Our Honored Brothers & Sisters!

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

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

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 98383-9220. **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:** Jamie Hanson, 6801 150th St. SW, Lakewood, WA. 98439 **Phone:** (907) 355-3607. **Email:** Yellowk@gmail.com **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. **Email:** buckley75ioof@gmail.com (2/28/27)

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:** Lou Ann Hoffman PO Box 112, Bucoda, WA 98530-0112. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046 **Email:** lahoff@scattercreek.com **Sec'y:** Mashell Patrick. PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 870-2581. (2/28/27)

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 Gasparek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. **Email:** jmc_gasparek@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:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98396-0386. **Email:** purcell@scattercreek.com. **Ph:** (360) 259-2831. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949. **Email:** laureljdelony@gmail.com (2/28/27)

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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:** propertylodge#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. Waitsburg, 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: 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. **Ph:** (360) 834-2354 (2/28/26)

VANCOUVER I.O.O.F. LODGE #3

Meet At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver WA 98665. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2746 Vancouver, WA 98668. **Meeting Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Hill, 207 NE 99th CIR, Vancouver WA 98662. **Ph:** (360) 713-3348. **Sec'y:** Trisha Pyles, 417 NW 146th St, Vancouver WA 98685. **Ph:** (360) 921-4208 (2/28/27)

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)

From your 2025-26 Grand Matriarch

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season. I don't have much news this time because of the holidays, but now that January is starting I am attending some installations.

I want to congratulate the outgoing officers for a job well done, and to the incoming officers good luck.

I still have to visit Unified Lodge and I'm hoping the weather in March will be much better.

I want to thank my officers for always keeping me in line and to the Grand Lodge Secretary for all the help she gives me. Thank you all!!!

Here's a reminder that our Planning Board meeting is on Saturday, March 7 for the Sessions meals. Menus have been sent out to the heads of our Units for their choices.

Well, I know this is short, but I hope to have more to write about next time.

— In F., H. & and C., Laura Purcell, Grand Matriarch

Lunch & Learn is Back

Brothers and Sisters,

For those who would like to do a little learning about the proper way to run a meeting, and be able to ask any and all questions, the Grand Master has authorized a "Lunch and Learn" session for Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m. at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia.

Parking can be a challenge, but the bank at the end of the block lets the lodge members park in their lot. Parking on the street is free on Sunday if you can find a space. Lunch will be provided.

If you plan to attend please send an RSVP to Grand Secretary Laurel Delony at:

gransecretarywaioof@gmail.com

or 800-345-1766

Be sure bring your Ritual or Charge Book (Red), Washington Digest (Black Book), and SGL Code (Green Book)





Group Installation in Olympia was very impressive!

Above: Officers for Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. **Right:** Junior Past Grand Master Steve Purcell, Grand Matriarch Laura Purcell, and Rebekah Assembly President John Otterstrom. **Below Left:** President Johneo presenting PGM Michael Scheurich his Past Noble Grand's Jewel for Ruth #17. **Below Right:** Grand Master David Delony and Assembly of Washington President John Otterstrom.



~ Bucoda Bulletin Board #54 ~

It's that busy, busy time of the year with Installations. Congratulations to all the officers who have stepped up to take a chair. It doesn't matter if it's your first time or your 10th, you make our Order work.

Our Bucoda Christmas family, by all reports, had a wonderful Christmas. Santa has returned to the North Pole until next year and things have kind of returned to a semblance of normal.

Bucoda Rebekahs #144 enjoyed a visitation from Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom. It was great to see you "Johneo." We hope you enjoyed your visit.

There are a lot of things happening and/or still in the planning stages. It won't be long until the Grand Lodge Host Committee will be shifting into high gear for this year's Sessions.

This is necessarily short this month as I'm running in about six different directions.

Don't forget, if you are in the Bucoda area on the second and fourth Friday of the month, please stop by and join us. Dinner is at 5 p.m., the Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m., and Odd Fellows meet at 7 p.m.

— Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth, Steven Purcell (AKA Junior) PGM, PG, PNG, USDA, USO & LSMFT
Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent, Skookumchuck IOOF #129 & Bucoda Rebekahs #144



'Johneo' off to Longview

Rebekah Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom visited Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 on January 15. From left are: Linda Marrow, Lila Jordan, Ann Van Antwerp, President "Johneo," Cookie Music, and Cynthia Washington-Mattson. "Johneo" reports that the officers and members did a good job running the meeting. Following all the business, everyone enjoyed a fun social time with cake and coffee.

*Congrats To All Our 2026
Officers! We're Behind You!*

Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting

March 27, 27, 29, 2026

Hayden Eagles #4080
1520 W. Wyoming Ave.
Hayden, Idaho 83835

REGISTRATION---- ONE PER PERSON PLEASE

NAME _____ Title _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____ ZIP _____

Pre-Registration \$20.00 (After March 5th \$25.00) \$ _____

Meals: Served by the Eagles

Friday: Burgers & More 4-7pm (See Menu) Please check here if planning to eat.

Saturday: Lunch \$12.00 – Soup & Sandwich \$ _____

Saturday Banquet \$20.00 – Western Theme \$ _____

Menu: Ham, Scallop Potatoes, Veggie, Salad, Roll & Dessert

Sunday: Breakfast \$12.00 – Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon or Sausage \$ _____

French Toast, Eggs, Bacon or Sausage \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

The theme for the banquet will be Western. So, wear your western getup and polish up your boots to enjoy a great evening of dancing to live music from the 50's, 60's & 70's.

Friday evening Opening of Northwest Meeting.

Saturday meeting all day followed by banquet.

Sunday wrap up, memorial, closing.

Motel Suggestions: (Please make reservations directly with the motel)

1. Days Inn - 2200 Northwest Blvd, [Coeur d Alene, ID](#), 83814,
Phone: +1-208-423-3412
Serves breakfast. About 7 miles for our meeting
2. Silver Lakes Inn - 9986 N Government Wy, Hayden, ID 83835
It doesn't serve breakfast but a restaurant is close by.
3. Triple Play Resort - Address: 151 West Orchard Avenue, [Hayden, ID](#), 83835
Phone : +1-208-423-3412 - Serves Breakfast. Family Fun Park

Return Registration and make checks payable to:

Mail to: Nancy Morris
10379 Morris Road
Hayden Lake, ID 83835-9532

Please note "Northwest" in the memo.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Go West!

Saddled Up for Service and Fellowship
Northwest Schedule of Events

Meals: Served by the Eagles

Friday March 27th

4-7 PM Burgers & More
7PM Northwest Meeting

Saturday March 28th

8-9 AM The Eagles will have fruit, donuts, muffins, etc on a donation basis.

9-11:30 AM Meeting

11:30-1 PM Lunch Soup & Sandwich

1-4:30 PM Meeting

9 PM Banquet & Entertainment Western Theme

Saturday March 28th

8-9 AM The Eagles will have fruit, donuts, muffins, etc on a donation basis.

9 AM Meeting

? Adjournment



Is the Emerald City ready?

It almost appears as if Janie Kuja is getting ready to click her ruby red heels together at the Centralia Point Assisted Living and Memory Care. Janie, who was a vital member of the JJYC for many years, recently received a visit from Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom at her home for the past 10 years. Janie reports she is busier than ever since retiring from a career in education. If you would like to send Janie a note or card, her address is 2010 Cooks Hill Rd #208, Centralia, WA 98531-8833

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

Installations are over and we'd like to congratulate all the new officers and wish your lodges an exciting and successful new year.

We elected and installed our own new officers. They are: President Avianna Moore, Vice President Willow Miller, Secretary Shauna Schultz, and Treasurer Bella Glehorn.

Those receiving appointive offices were Emma Lynch, Ava Kaser, Khloe Kaser, Quinley Spydell, and Levi Dailey.

At our first meeting in January we set up our calendar of events for spring and early summer.

We will be making Valentines for Welcome Home Assisted Living as our Community Service project. We hope all of you have a Happy Valentine's Day. Until next month...

BURGERS	
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MORE	
MENU	
HAMBURGER ----- \$7 Freshly Cooked For You	
CHEESEBURGER ----- \$8 Add American or Pepper Jack	
DOUBLE BURGER ----- \$9 Twice the beef, twice the taste.	
DOUBLE CHEESE BURGER ----- \$10 Twice the beef, twice the cheese. American or Pepper Jack	
FISH BASKET ----- \$10 2 Piece with fries	
FISH BASKET ----- \$11 3 Piece with fries	
CHICKEN BASKET ----- \$10 With fries	
SHRIMP BASKET ----- \$8 With fries	
GERMAN SAUSAGE ----- \$5 With cheese add \$1	
BEEF FRANK ----- \$4 With cheese add \$1	
FISH SANDWICH ----- \$10 Breaded, with fries	
CHICKEN SANDWICH ----- \$8 Breaded	
AVAILABLE SAUCES/CHEESE: First two sauces are FREE!	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> EXTRA TARTAR SAUCE	50¢
<input checked="" type="radio"/> RANCH SAUCE	50¢
<input checked="" type="radio"/> CHEESE SLICE	50¢
*On any item add American or Pepper Jack cheese!	
SIDE ITEMS:	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> ONION RINGS	\$5
<input checked="" type="radio"/> FRENCH FRIES	\$4
<input checked="" type="radio"/> TATER TOTS	\$4

— In Happiness Through Service
The members of Acorn Theta Rho Club #79

Ellensburg Odd Fellows send 9 on '26 Pilgrimage

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Moved by the caliber of the speeches and the character of the students, the Odd Fellows voted unanimously to send all nine finalists on the 2026 Pilgrimage For Youth, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel across the country and engage in leadership development, historical exploration, and civic education. "We weren't just choosing the most polished speakers," said Jamie Rothwell, Odd Fellow and Ellensburg Lodge #20 Pilgrimage Coordinator. "We were choosing the most passionate, future community leaders; the students who are ready to grow, give back, and carry the spirit of the Odd Fellows into the next generation."

The impact of this year's PFY program is already evident. As one finalist shared after completing the essay, mentoring, and speech process, "While delivering public speeches can be extremely nerve-wracking for most people, public speaking and social skills are areas many in the younger generation significantly lack. An experience like this can be a gateway to thousands of new opportunities in someone's future. Without these skills, a person can miss out on those same opportunities.

This journey doesn't stop with the Pilgrimage. In partnership with the National Association of Students With A Purpose



(NASWAP), these students will continue their leadership development. Each delegate will work with a mentor from NASWAP, Odd Fellows, and the community to transform their speech topic into a community-based awareness campaign or service project. The students' development will be showcased at a Community Impact Showcase in September at the Ellensburg Lodge, featuring a student-produced video and hands-on presentations from each delegate. The January speech luncheon marked not only a celebration of our youth but a reflection of what the Odd Fellows stand for: uplifting others, investing in community, and building a better future through Friendship, Love, and Truth.

We encourage IOOF Lodges across Washington to support these students by donating to the Pilgrimage for Youth Fund at ellensburgoddfellows.org/pfy. You can also watch the video that explains further on how your help can truly make a difference: <https://youtu.be/qs2xXwuz7sI>.

Let us continue to walk beside the next generation as mentors, supporters, and Odd Fellows, committed to helping the PFY delegates find their purpose while growing into strong, community-minded leaders.



Scribblings from your 2026-27 Grand Scribe

Hey All You Fez Heads,

Annual Reports and per capita invoices were sent out in December. Your Encampment Scribes should be finishing up and getting it returned to my office. Reports, signed and sealed, need to be into my office by Sunday, February 15.

In the annual packet is the New Officer Form. Your Scribes need to hold that until after the Installation of your Officers in April. Hopefully your Encampment has had its first nomination of officers in January and will have the second nomination this month.

I'll be sending out the Representative Certificates in March. Your Encampment will need to elect a two-year Representative if your Encampment is even numbered. — *In Faith, Hope, and Charity, Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe*

~ South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 ~

A big thank you to Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 and Olympia Odd Fellows #1 for hosting our Installation of Officers and to the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers for installing our officers. There were six lodges in total along with a nice full house.

Tom Harper was installed as our Noble Grand and believe it or not, this is his first round through the chairs.

We are looking forward to a great year with Brother Tom Harper at the helm of our Rebekah Lodge and thank you Sister Joanne for her year as Noble Grand. Great job sister!

Now it's off to a new year and getting busy with the new officers.

Congratulations to all the new officers of all our lodges. — *Fraternally With Rebekah Hugs, Laurel Delony, Secretary*

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

Greetings from Hope Rebekah Lodge #38

A formal installation was held Wednesday, January 7 following a noon sumptuous and delicious potluck food arrayed on a 16 foot long tray.

Officers and members were in formal attire. The ladies were in various colored skirts and tops and formals, and the men were in their finest suits or tuxedos.

Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom called the members to the lodge room and Noble Grand Elisabeth Moon opened the lodge in regular form. President "Johneo" was invited to preside as Installing Officer. Assembly Warden Joey Locke was our Installing Warden and Assembly Chaplain Sara Kane was the Installing Marshal.

The new officers installed are: Noble Grand Beverly Johnson, Vice Grand Debra Tobler, Secretary Tim Moon, Treasurer Sara Kane, Conductor George Chinn, Chaplain Joey Locke, Right Supporter to the Noble Grand Tedd Swanson, Left Supporter to the Noble Grand Pat Nave, Left Supporter to the Vice Grand Linda Bradley, and Inside Guardian John "Johneo" Otterstrom.

Our new Noble Grand Beverly thanked the Installing officers and spoke about how beautiful the installation was. She left a small silver house at each station to remind us we are family. And we are to reach out to those who are not attending lodge. She then gave each officer the name of a member not currently attending lodge and instructed the officer to call and/or visit the member to see if we can help in any way. We are to invite and encourage the members to return back to our lodge if they are in good health. Each Sister and Brother will report back to Beverly at the next meeting.

NG Beverly advised everyone that we will be working on our ritualistic work, including opening and closing, correctly according to the Ritual.

President "Johneo" instructed the members that no one is to pass between the altar and the Noble Grand's Station. He explained how to go around the altar to the Secretary's desk or to get to things or people on the other side of the room from you. The Warden and Conductor will have to learn to step forward and a little toward the outside of their chairs so the Noble Grand's view is clear to the altar.

DDP Sara Kane presented gifts to the Installing Officers.

NG Beverly will have hip replacement surgery on February 6. She currently has been walking with a cane. Our prayers are with her for a successful surgery.

Tedd Swanson has been staying home since our Installation with a bad case of the flu, including a cough, congestion, and painful aches and pains. Tedd had an appointment the morning of Installation with an orthopedic hand surgeon. Tedd thought he had severe arthritis in his right hand, wrist, palm, and fingers. He had an x-ray which showed Tedd's cartilage and tendons have almost all disintegrated and most are all gone. The surgeon gave Tedd several instructions and prescribed a therapeutic glove for him to wear most of the time.

Happy New Year To All!

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

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Everything's coming up roses at Trinity #75

A Rose Parade Winner

Congratulations to everyone who worked on this year's Odd Fellow and Rebekah Rose Parade Float on New Year's Day. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs brought home the Golden State Award!

Santa reported back to Trinity that the two girls we took on from Trinity were very happy. I know it really warms my heart to be able to reach out for others in need.

Three Christmas food boxes also went out.

Our shut-ins also have responded back with their enjoyment and appreciation. It's really a joy to go to the local nursing homes and see their faces.

Just before Christmas, Mary Smith and Alberta Luurs made cookie trays that were taken to our local Napavine Fire Department District #5. We also delivered cookies to our Napavine Police Department and our local radio station, KMNT 104.3, as part of our continuing community service. It was fun to help put the cookie trays together and then to deliver them.

Our next BINGO session will be on Saturday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. So come on down and have some fun.

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