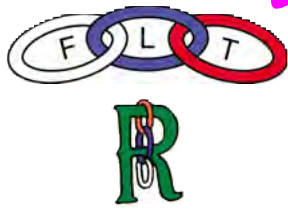


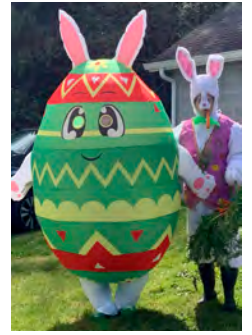
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Easter Egg Hunt At Our Olympia Park April 4th

See Details On Pages 11 And 15



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Decades Of Theta Rho Leadership!

Vicki Schmall, Sylvia Summers (standing) and Janie Kuja have been members and leaders of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington for more than a half century. See page 11 for details and additional photo.



From your 2025-26 Grand Master



Wow! April Is Here Already

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Well another month has come and gone. How does the time go by so fast — or is it that as we get older we move that much slower, so time seems to speed right past us. No matter March is here (as I write this) and we get to go out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Sounds like an excuse to eat and drink something **GREEN**.

With March here it reminds us that Easter is just around the corner. What a great time for all of us to do something with our families, friends and hopefully in our communities. We are, of course, celebrating Easter on April 4 down at the Olympia Beach Park. Everyone is invited to visit the Easter Bunny and a **LARGE EGG**. More information in your *Washington OddFellow* newspaper.

Spring Is The Time To Promote Odd Fellowship

Speaking of Spring, Easter and the warmer weather provides us with opportunities to get out within our communities; it reminds me to mention the necessity of all of you to look for ways to get out and promote your lodge and Odd Fellowship.

But more importantly you must know the financial state of your lodge. Ask the question at your lodge meetings; do we have the money to pay our bills, maybe fund a dinner, lunch or breakfast, and if not what do you need to do to raise funds to be able to promote yourselves? Each of us should know what our lodge is capable of doing financially at all times. If for some reason you are not getting that information, then you need to be asking your Treasurer, Secretary or Noble Grands. Then you will be in a position as a lodge to make good sound financial decisions to host fund raisers, community events or donations. And this will help you be recognized within your lodge and community.

The Officers Of Our Grand Lodge Are Here To Help You

If you need help I continue to offer the participation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge. We are committed to assisting you in anyway possible as long as we are available. And most importantly, get your information to your *Washington OddFellow* newspaper so we can share it with other lodges.

Northwest Meeting In Hayden, Idaho

Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting in Hayden, Idaho met on March 27-28-29. We had a great time and really good discussions. We renewed old friendships and made new ones.

Grand Sessions Only Three Months Away

A reminder that our June Grand Sessions in Yakima are only three months away. And Sessions will be here way sooner than we think. I encourage all of you to come to these meetings. You will walk away with a whole new perspective of how we operate as an organization. The people you come in contact with and the new friends you will make will always be the highlight of your visit.

Many, many thanks to all of you for your time and efforts spent on Odd Fellowship. Without your volunteer efforts, we would surely fade away.

May all of you have a wonderful Easter with your loved ones.

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

Please keep your your information current

Brothers and Sisters,

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Maybe your email address? Have you contacted your Lodge Secretary of your move, change of phone, or email address?

It's very important that you keep your Lodge Secretaries and the Grand Bodies Secretaries/Scribes informed so we have good contact information. We continually receive mail back because a member has moved, or email has changed. Ever wonder why you're not getting information from your lodge or receiving *The Washington OddFellow*? Please check with your Secretaries and make sure your information is up to date.

— *Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary*

From your 2025-2026 Assembly President of Washington

Happy April Brothers And Sisters

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter weekend. I hope you enjoyed your time with friends and family. I'm looking forward to seeing pictures of the Easter Egg Hunt at the Olympia Park, and I'm hoping the weather holds for the kids. This is always a fun event that I hope many of you are able to attend.

It has come to my attention that lodges are not having their books audited before the Installation of Officers. Brothers and Sisters, this is a must! All lodges are required to have a Finance Committee. Members of the committee should be going over all the bills, and making sure the books match with the Secretary, Financial Secretary (if there be one), and the Treasurer.

Don't Forget Those Warrants

Are you writing warrants? If not, your Secretary, or Financial Secretary should be writing these for every check written. The Noble Grand should be signing the warrants along with the Secretary. These warrants give your Treasurer the permission to write the checks. This is all about checks, balances, and transparency. Is your Treasurer reconciling the bank statements? If not, why? They should be.

Is your lodge getting a financial report from the Treasurer at the end of each meeting called Receipts and Disbursements? If not you should be. And it's up to the members of your lodge to make sure this happens. If you aren't seeing the books or getting a report and seeing that the statements are being reconciled, that could be a red flag, too. It's important to make sure that your balance and everything is clear and transparent and all books match. Make sure your Finance Committee is fulfilling their responsibilities.

We Can Help With Your Audit

If you need any help with the auditing process or rectifying discrepancies, please feel free to contact the Rebekah Assembly office or myself. We are here to help in any way we can.

Northwest Makes For A Wonderful Weekend

On a happier note, we will have had our semi-annual meeting of the Northwest Association of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Hayden Idaho. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone and I'm sure we will have had a wonderful time catching up.

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



John 'Johneo' Otterstrom



From your 2025-2026

Theta Rho President Teanna Gardner

Hello everyone! I hope you all were warm, cozy, and had a nice day when it snowed.

I hope everyone does something good to help out within our communities. Even if what you do is small it means a lot to everyone along with connecting more with others by picking up trash, making donations, etc.

I can't wait to see everyone as I'm very excited!

I still encourage all the girls to help out and help our communities grow. Let us be known who we are, as well as what we represent to our communities and people around us.

I can't wait to see scrapbooks full of fun and love with each other!

*And Happiness Through Service, Teanna Gardner,
Your 2025-26 Theta Rho President*



Cathy 'Cat' Garcia
Assembly Secretary

From your Assembly Secretary

Happy Easter

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter weekend, whether you spend it with your family, friends or quietly on your own, take time to reflect on your many blessings and how you can share them with other.

It's time we put our thoughts and efforts toward getting organized for our 2026 Sessions. The Planning Committee and Executive Officers have met and arranged the meals and set up our rooms. Our job now is to get reports, legislation and budgets together for the Advance Report, other wise known as the "Take Me."

If you are not aware, the "Take Me" is a document that provides reports from the executive officers outlining their activities over the past year. It also proposes legislation that will be voted on at Sessions and introduces the suggested budget that the Finance Committee is recommending for the upcoming year. This document is sent to each Lodge Representative. He or she is responsible for reading it thoroughly and reviewing it with their lodge members. The lodge members then informs the Representative of how you wish her/him to vote on these items at Sessions.

Officers, please start putting your reports together and get them to me by the end of April. Any activities that take place after that time will be put in a supplemental report and published in the Journal following Sessions.

Secretaries – be sure you get your Assembly Assessments and Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues checks to me right away as well. These need to be in by the end of May if your Lodge Representative is to have a vote at Sessions.

Well, that's a lot of information. If you have any questions about reports or assessment dues, please feel free to call me anytime.

Have a wonderful month.

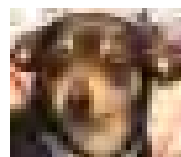
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Sammy winner!

Ballard-Alki #170

Brenna Gray wins





Sometimes Sammy likes to roam the pages of *The Washington OddFellow*. At other times she likes to stay put. And that's exactly what she did in March. Sammy was lurking in the middle of the photo on page 15. But Sammy didn't evade the the eyes of Brenna Gray of Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170. Congrats, Brenna!!

This month, Sammy is hiding elsewhere. If you can find her, just call Grand Secretary Laurel Delony at (360) 829-1514 or email her at

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com


You could win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Be sure to have your guess in to Laurel by March 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary



Laurel Delony
With Assistant Secretary Poppy

Yes, Grand Sessions Are Getting Close

Brothers and Sisters,

Time is still flying and it's time to start thinking about Grand Lodge Sessions. You will find the registration for Sessions in this issue and it will appear again in May and June. I hope you get your registration in as soon as possible, especially if you are a Grand Lodge Representative.

The Grand Master, based on Representative registrations, sets up his committees for the Grand Lodge Session ahead of time. So the sooner you register, the better.

Once again there will not be a breakfast meeting on Monday or Tuesday during Sessions. You get that breakfast free with your room, but the Grand Master and Assembly President will still have a brief meeting on Monday and the incoming Grand Master and Assembly President will have a brief meeting on Tuesday morning before we start to go over their expectations and programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

'Take Me' Reports Due April 15

All Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Committee Chairmen, your reports for the Advance Reports (aka "Take Me") are due to me by Wednesday, April 15. If your report comes in after that date you will have to bring it to the floor of the Grand Lodge, read it, and move for approval. I have a short window to put everything in the "Take Me," get it printed, bound, and mailed out.

Now you new Past Grands and Representatives may want to know what the "Take Me" is for. This is a booklet that is sent to all Representatives of the Grand Lodge. This has all the reports of the Elective Officers, Committee Reports, Bills (legislation), Resolutions, Petitions and Budgets for committees, etc. This is information that the Grand Lodge Representatives will be approving or voting for or against at June's Grand Lodge Sessions

District Deputy Grand Master's Meeting

The Grand Master will be holding his DDGM Meeting on Sunday, April 12.

Members of the Washington Battalion will meet first at 10 a.m. at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall with lunch at 11 a.m. and the DDGM meeting following after lunch. To those DDGM's, you are required to bring printed reports of your visitations to your lodges. You should have received letters with the invitation.

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

Our Encampments beckon you

Are you ready to take the next step in Odd Fellowship? If so, the next step is to become a member of an Encampment. There are five Encampments in Washington.

- **Alpha #1** meets in Olympia the first Thursday of the month. They go dark July and August. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. They usually meet for a no-host dinner at a restaurant directly across the street from the hall.
- **Kent #15** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall located at 728 S 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98501. Dark July and August.
- **Unique Unified #32**, located in Spokane meets the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellow Temple located at 1420 N. Washington Street, Spokane, WA 99201. Dark July and August. Unique is unique as it is a Unified Encampment. This means the Ladies Encampment joined and they are combined, but the Ladies Encampment members also have to be members of an Odd Fellow lodge and have the Royal Purple Degree to continue membership in a Unified Encampment.
- **Buckley #40** meets the second Wednesday of the month directly after the Buckley Odd Fellow meeting. Odd Fellows meet at 7 p.m. at the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall located at 120 Cedar So. Street, Buckley WA 98321.
- **Ballard #76** meets the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Ballard Odd Fellow Hall, 1706 NW Market Street, Seattle, WA 98107. Does not go dark.

If you would like more information on becoming a member of an Encampment please let me know. I can mail or email an application (same as an Odd Fellow application) and get you to the Scribe nearest you.

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



Back row, from left, are: DDGM Michael Scheurich, PGM; Joe Schaible; Dave Delony, PGM and Grand Master; Toby Hanson, PGM and Grand Musician; Troy Cager; and Evan Ochs. Middle row, from left, are: Ryan Williams; Tom Harper, GW; and Jamie Hanson, Noble Grand. Front row, from left, are: Terry Blakely, Curt Johnson, Joanne Balmert, Stuart Dye, Aaron Rios, Jeff Miller, Braden Gunn, and Sean Kelly.

New NG Jamie shines as Buckley's Degree Captain!!

By Toby Hanson, PGM

Buckley's IOOF Hall was abuzz once again on Wednesday, February 25 as Noble Grand Jaime Hanson guided her first Initiation as leader of the lodge. Over the previous two months our lodge had taken in three applications and interviewed and voted on the candidates.

Once the hour had arrived, the candidates were assembled in the dining hall and the robes donned and the props set. Once the Initiation began, the lights were dimmed and the candidates were led into the room where the world was shut out. Lodge members did an exemplary job performing the Initiatory Degree with 14 members present. Everyone did their roles with great effect and the candidates were suitably impressed by the performance and excited to take their subsequent degrees.

Buckley will be performing the First Degree on March 25, the Second on April 22, and the Third on May 27. Lodges with eligible candidates are welcome to send them to Buckley with a signed, sealed letter from the Lodge Secretary attesting their eligibility for the Degrees.

The exciting and passionate performance of the Initiatory Degree has the lodge full of excitement for future meetings and Degree work. It's a really fun time to be a member of the Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge.



At Left: Alex Rios, Trevor Williams, Sean Kelly, PGM Toby Hanson.

Above: Tom Harper and Jamie Hanson. Jamie reigns over her first Initiation Ceremony.

More information and photos on Page 7.



We are growing like crazy at #75

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 just initiated three new members: Aaron Rios, Terry Blakely, and Sean Kelly. Welcome Brothers. Our Conductor was Toby Hanson, and Noble Grand was Jaime Hanson, her first time being the Degree Captain. She did a beautiful job. Well done Sister!

Deputy Grand Master Michael Scheurich made a second visit to our lodge making sure we were doing our initiation correctly. No, he really just wanted to visit and watch the Initiation Ceremony. It was nice to have him present. Grand Master Dave Delony acted as Past Noble Grand for the initiation. We're not sure if that is a grin or grimace on his face. It could be both.

Next on our horizon is the annual German Dinner. This event will be held on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Buckley IOOF Hall. A requested donation is \$10 at the door, and South Tacoma Rebekahs will be holding a dessert sale table. We hear there may be some German music played, but you'll have to come and see for yourself. Please RSVP to buckley75ioof@gmail.com or you can call Buckley's Secretary at (253) 468-1949. We need that head count. This is open to everyone. Come enjoy some good food, good camaraderie, and good music!

We will be conferring the Second Degree on April 22. Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. with dinner at 5:30ish. Everyone is welcome, just give us a heads up.

— Laurel Delony, Secretary



Right Supporter to the Vice Grand Jeff Miller, Vice Grand Evan Ochs, Left Supporter to the Vice Grand Stuart Dye, and Right Scene Supporter Troy Cager.



Special visitors at Buckley's Initiation

At Left: Take a look at the expression on Grand Master Dave Delony's face. Is that a grin or a grimace? Dave was acting at Past Noble Grand.

At Right: Deputy Grand Master Michael Scheurich made a visit to observe the Initiation Ceremony.

More info on Page 6



German Dinner

Hosted by
Buckley Odd Fellows # 75
Friday May 8, 2026
7 pm
120 Cedar St



Schnitzel, Rotkohl, Kartoffelsalat, and Music

\$10 donation per meal recommended

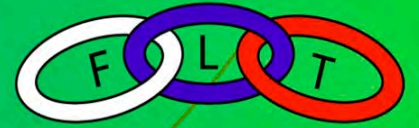
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From your 2025-26 Grand Patriarch

Transforming Ourselves



The purpose of Odd Fellowship is human transformation, or as we say: to improve and elevate the character of mankind. In the past, frameworks for transformation beyond the ordinary were largely limited to education or devotion to the dominant religion. Now we are fairly inundated with psychological advice, self-help regimens and competing ideologies. Most of these, predictably, keep our individual ego firmly at the center of things. Odd Fellowship begins with the limitation of the individual in the most obvious sense: our mortality. We are asked: What can we do for humanity in the short time given to us? This viewpoint underlies all subsequent Degree Work.

Benevolence And Charity

Our method is the inculcation of specific principles through embodied ritual or storytelling, and the practical integration of those principles through social and organizational action. We learn the theory through our teachings and test that theory in our interactions. Our primary purpose as an institution is not charity, but the diffusion of the principles of benevolence and charity. If we raise money for good causes, but are not ourselves changed, we have only gone half way. We say that Virtue founded on Truth is the basis of our affiliation. This means not simply imitating virtuous actions, but living from the realization of Truth that will naturally produce Virtue.

As Jack Nicholson Would Say:

What is this Truth? Truth, of course, is a living thing that cannot be pinned down or ever fully articulated. But for us, there are vital principles represented in our symbols and rites that, if we open our hearts to them, can gradually mold our thoughts and actions into the desired form.

Principles Not Obvious

These principles are not obvious to the uninitiated. The principle of Friendship in the 1st Degree is not that we should promote friendship, or that “it’s good to have friends.” It is that the bond of friendship requires intention and commitment. The Truth of the 3rd Degree is not the ordinary truth of ideology or science, but the realization that the voice of Truth as a living being speaks through forms and symbols. These are not facile cliches, but propositions to be struggled with. If we act as though these teachings say something about reality, what are the results in our lives? How does it change our relationships? If we are merely recreating our dysfunctional families or workplace dynamics in the lodge, then we miss the very real opportunity of experiencing a different mode of social relation.

A Cooking Process

In a way, this is like a cooking process. It is this social relation formed around specific ideals that can act as a vessel in which we may be tenderized and our flavor deepen, taking on the flavors around us and contributing to a harmonious dish. If we can create an energetic field suffused with humility (from our consideration of mortality) and a spirit of service, others of like heart and mind will be attracted to that. If we are fortunate enough to own a building, and leverage that for the good of the community, it is as though we have created a feast and invited the world in to share our bounty. In a very real way, this transforms the world.

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

Scribbles from your 2025-26 Grand Scribe

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

Sessions are coming up soon and I will need all Elected Officers and Committee Reports for the Advance Reports (aka “Take Me”).

Please get these reports into my office no later than Wednesday, April 15.

I would prefer the reports to be in 12 point in size and in Times New Roman for the font. Spacing should be at zero.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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



50 years of Theta Rho camaraderie recalls memorable reminiscences!!

Last month I had the opportunity to spend a few days with three dear Theta Rho friends — Vicki (Flagen) Schmall, Janie (Curtis) Kuja, and Becky Jo (Baccus) Baker. I first met these women more than 50 years ago when we were all Theta Rho Girls. Throughout the decades we have remained close, and they continue to influence my life with their constant encouragement and love.

Reflecting on these visits, I realized there are so many members of the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows who also positively influenced my life — both then and now. In fact, I attribute a large part of my own success to the influence of Theta Rho.

I want to thank all of you for continuing to encourage, love, and mentor our Theta Rho Girls. Knowing they have someone who truly cares and believes in them is one of the greatest impacts on their lives and the women they will become. You are all a vital part of their journey.

Many thanks to you all for your unwavering support of our Theta Rho Girls. Having someone take a genuine interest in their lives is a true blessing.

Special thanks to members of all the lodges which attended our Installation on February 28. It felt like a real celebration.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*

Sylvia (Johnson) Summers, Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Advisor



Spunky Bluebirds Advisor Sylvia Summers and Becky Jo (Baccus) Baker reminisce about their years in Theta Rho.



Arianna Chambard and Laurel Delony at Spunky's Installation.

South Tacoma Rebekahs, Spunky Girls join forces for pair of events

Members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 met with girls from Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club for a couple of events. First lodge members attended the Installation of Officers on February 28. There was a nice crowd on hand as the President of the Theta Rho Assembly, Teanna Gardner, installed the new officers.

Afterwards Eola and South Tacoma Rebekahs provided food, including cupcakes for dessert. Everyone walked away full and happy.

Our lodge members are working with girls from Spunky Bluebirds #93 at the Buckley IOOF Hall stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park. This is their Community Service Project. The girls are joining us for dinner, having their meeting in the hall, and visiting the Odd Fellow/Rebekah museum.

— *Fraternally With Rebekah Hugs, Laurel Delony, Secretary*

Oly and Ruth getting ready for annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4!

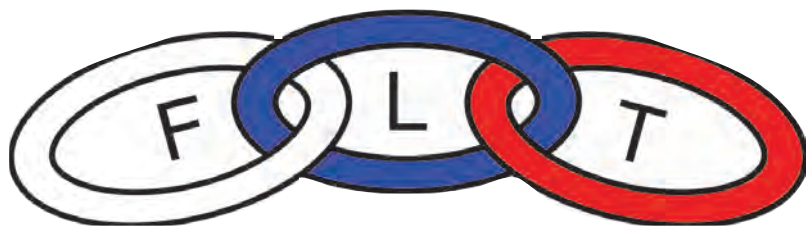
Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 are busy working on our Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at the park. Everyone is invited. We would like to get some kind of head count for the burgers and hot dogs the Odd Fellows will be providing. That includes the condiments. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share by first letter of their last name: **A-H Salad • I-P Side Dish • Q-Z Dessert**

The Easter Bunny and the Egg will be making a visit. This is a great photo opportunity. We also hear the Easter Bunny will have carrots for an alternate snack. Everyone is invited.

Oh, and for those little ones who will be hunting those eggs? The grounds tend to be very wet this time of year so bring extra shoes or wear boots. The Bunny even wears boots to keep his furry little paws clean and dry. For information you can call (253) 468-1949 or (360) 701-5896.

— *Until next time in F.,L.&T., The Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17*

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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 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **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)

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, 98396-0386. **Email:** purcell@scattercreek.com. **Ph:** (360) 259-2831. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box :4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Ph:** 468-1949. **Email:** laureljdelyon@gmail.com (2/28/27)

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: 184 Murphy St. Waitsburg, WA 99361 **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)

SKOOKUMCHUCK I.O.O.F. LODGE #129

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th St. (upstairs) Bucoda, WA. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Email:** laureljdelyon@gmail.com. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949. **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046. **Email:** lahoff@scattercreek.com (2/28/27)

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 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Tom Harper, 917 212th Ave NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Email:** mtharper@comcast.net **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Email:** laureljdelyon@gmail.com **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/27)

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. **Email:** **Ph:** (253) 886-6311. **Email:** cougwoman@gmail.com. (2/28/27)

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:** Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629 (2/28/27)

~ Lodge Cards ~

Rate: \$20 per year from March 1 of the current year to February 28 of the following year

Submit information and payment to:

**The Grand Lodge of Washington
P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377**

Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. No newspapers are usually published in July or August.

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

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

~ From your 2025-26 Grand Matriarch ~



Laura Pucell

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well! There are a lot of things coming up this time of year.

I would like to thank whoever changed my picture. I love this one more than the other one. Thank you, thank you. (*Editor's note: That be me.*) And I would like to thank you for all the hard work you do for getting the newspaper out each month.

I went to the Trinity Rebekah's Bingo on February 7 which was a lot of fun. They had their annual candy

bouquets for auction.

I also attended the Spunky Theta Rho Installation on February 28. Great job ladies, well done!

Our annual Planning Board meeting was on March 7 via Zoom except for Steve and I. We went to Yakima to set up the Zoom meeting for the hotel staff. There were lots of new faces, but we always look forward to seeing old friends from the hotel.

Saint Patrick's Day was last month. Did you remember to wear green or did you get pinched a lot? (I forgot and did get pinched.)

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting was held March 27-29 in Hayden, Idaho. I got to see some familiar faces there and made some new friends. This meeting is always open to anyone who would like to attend.

You do not have to be a member. This is a great way to show potential new members what we are about.

Grand Sessions will be here during the last week in June. Remember to send your Representatives as every vote counts.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. By the way, the banquet theme is "Television Series" and the Theta Rho theme is "Pokémon."

I would also like to thank you all for having the confidence in me to do the job of the Grand Matriarch. I can't believe almost a year has gone by already. It has been a great pleasure.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 held a Degree Day on Saturday, March 21 at 9 a.m. You probably saw me there.

The Easter Bunny and Egg will be at the Olympia Park on Saturday, April 4. This is a potluck event. Look in this newspaper to see what each person needs to bring. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be supplied along with soft drinks. We hope to see you all there.

Well, it looks like I ran out of stuff to say, so until next time. . .
— In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Laura Purcell, Grand Matriarch

Reminders. . .

Grand Encampment

Executive Officers Reports

Grand Encampment Officers, your reports are due in to the Grand Scribe by Wednesday, April 15. Grand Patriarch, Grand High Priest, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Junior Warden are due by this date. The Grand Scribe will have already sent you an email reminder.

Please email your reports to:

grandscribeofgeow@gmail.com

Rebekah District #18 Annual Meeting

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

~ More Lodge Cards ~

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington St., Spokane, WA 99201. **Mailing Address:** Same. **Meeting Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **NG:** Beverley Johnson, 1420 N. Washington St., Spokane, WA 99201. **Sec'y:** , 1420 N. Washington St., Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** . (2/28/27)

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

Meets At: 309 N. Pine St., Ellensburg, WA 98926 **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154 Ellensburg WA 98926-0154. **Meeting Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 6:30 pm., **Recess:** None. **NG:** Russ Humphrey, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98296. **Ph:** (206) 399-0996. **Sec'y:** Meghan Gilbert, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (509) 306-1432 (2/28/27)

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Mailing Address: PO Box 448, Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathryn Jester, 3904 NE 122nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662 **Ph:** (360) 980-7948. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. **Ph:** (360) 901-9378 (2/28/27)

YAKIMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #22

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut St., Yakima WA 98902. **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:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341 **Ph:** (509) 452-0910. (2/28/27)

See You At Sessions

Ellensburg Lodge #20 members came out to support the Installation of their 2026 Leadership on February 19, '26



Pictured left to right: Dylan Rothwell, Marsha Hawk, Debbie Sonntag, Anna Marie Newman, Dave Sturgell, Katie Sturgell, Bernadette Jungblut, Jim Wilson, Russ Humphrey, Shawn Corrigan, Dave Soltz, Shawn Reichert, Thatcher Montgomery, Jamie Rothwell, Sam Storlie, Raven Harlin, Rex Wirth, and Don Shriner.



Treasurer, Shawn Reichert; Vice-Grand, Bernadette Jungblut Noble Grand, Russ Humphrey; Secretary, Meghan Rothwell; Not pictured, Financial Secretary, Raven Harlin;

EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK

April 4, 2026

2:00 pm

Odd Fellows Beach Park

6520 79th Ave NE

98516



Stories, Egg Hunt, Games and a
visit from the Easter Bunny.

Hamburgers, Hot dogs and soft
drinks will be provided



Please bring a side dish to share

A-H —Salad , I-P — Side Dish,
Q-Z — Dessert

Open to all members,
friends and families

For more information please call:

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Friday Night Art Walk a city-wide event in Ellensburg

By Jamie Rothwell

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Ellensburg IOOF #20 Correspondent

On Friday, March 6, Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 was proud to welcome the community, during Ellensburg's First Friday Night Art Walk, by hosting the opening reception for Central Washington University and BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) student Beka E. Pruitt's exhibit, *Nightingale*. Held from 5 to 7 p.m., the evening brought together art lovers, students, Odd Fellow Lodge members, and guests for a unique and memorable experience filled with creativity, music, and fellowship.

Pruitt's exhibit, *Nightingale*, features layered, intuitive multimedia paintings that explore the relationship between darkness and light. Drawing on memory and nostalgia, Beka creates imagined landscapes using vibrant color and



Art community comes together in Ellensburg

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reflective, glow-in-the-dark elements that invite viewers to slow down and discover their own meaning within each piece.

Beka describes painting as “a language of the soul,” building each work gradually through transparent layers in a meditative process. “Each layer reflects a layer of life,” they explain, noting that every piece is shaped by multiple sources of inspiration. Marks are added, softened, subtracted, rebuilt, and transformed, resulting in paintings that feel both deeply personal and universally evocative. Through fairytale-inspired imagery, reflective adornments, vivid color, and glowing elements, the artwork becomes a sensory landscape where intuition leads and meaning gently unfolds over time.

Adding to the atmosphere of the evening was live music by Isaac Pruitt, who entertained guests with piano and accordion performances. A self-taught musician of more than 12 years, Isaac draws inspiration from baroque classical music and Eastern European folk traditions, as well as artists such as J.S. Bach and Vladislav Zolotaryov. His improvisational pieces flowed naturally throughout the reception, enriching the experience with warmth and artistry.

Sister Bernadette Jungblut, Odd Fellow and Chair of the CWU Art Department, coordinated the evening and graciously provided food and drink for guests. Because of the reflective glow and dark elements in the paintings, visitors were guided through the lodge by Odd Fellows carrying blacklight flashlights, allowing guests to fully experience the unique qualities of Beka’s work. This thoughtful presentation transformed the lodge into an immersive gallery space and made the evening especially memorable for all who attended with the art pieces showcased among the historical backdrop of the lodge’s 18th century architecture.

Private viewings of Nightingale may be arranged through March by contacting Ellensburg Lodge #20 through its website.



March was a busy one at Trinity #179

“April Showers Bring May Flowers,” the old saying goes!

March has come and gone. We had our Community Garage/Bake Sale, as well as joining in on the Grand Opening of the Garden Center at our local Ace Hardware store on the same day.

At our meeting it was reported that Laura Lee Bowen was in the hospital and then had a short stay at Sharon Care. She is home again. We hope she continues to improve. Our best wishes are coming Laura’s way. She has a very sweet, wonderful husband, Loren, who takes great care of her. Hugs and lots of love goes to our Sister Mary Smith following the passing of her friend and roommate, Belinda, who had cancer.

Happy Birthday to Naomi Dow who will be 100 years young on Wednesday, April 15. Through consolidation, Naomi came to Trinity from Onalaska’s Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300.

Our District Meeting will be on Saturday, April 25 in Longview.

Condolences are being sent to our Noble Grand, LouAnn Hoffman, following the loss of her sister.

Everyone, enjoy your family with Easter celebrations.

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

Community Engagement To Increase Membership

by Toby Hanson, PGM

All of us know the challenge of gaining new members. They don't just grow on trees, after all. However, new members can be found in our communities if we raise the profile of our lodges and make them discoverable. The old method of word-of-mouth still works but it's a much harder sell than it was a hundred years ago when everyone knew who the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were and what they did. Now, we have the dual challenge of explaining both what the Order is and what our individual lodges do. To that end, your Membership Committee has compiled a list of activities and events you can do with your lodge to raise your profile your local community and hopefully gain new members as a result.

All methods of gaining new members require some measure of promotion of the lodge. It's important to know how to promote your lodge so that more people in your community will know who you are and that your lodge offers fellowship and a sense of belonging. Below are some ways of promoting your lodge (and any events you may hold):

- Put a sign along the highway outside of town
- Put a sign or banner on the side of your building
- Put up signs in other businesses in your town
- Hand out flyers for the lodge and/or lodge events in town
- Write press releases and send them to local media (newspapers, radio, TV)
- Participate in local online communities (Facebook groups, Reddit groups, Nextdoor, biogs, etc.)

Most of those are fairly self-explanatory. Anyone with rudimentary computer skills can usually make a passable sign to put in the windows of a lodge hall or downtown business. For those who don't have such skills, there are online tools like Canva that can be used for making promotional materials. Larger formats like a banner may require finding a local printer who can make a vinyl banner. Putting a sign along the highway often requires consulting the local Chamber of Commerce or Department of Transportation. You'll need to look up local statutes to find out the requirements for such a sign.

Writing a press release and sending it out is a more specialized skill. Formats for writing press releases can be found various places on the Internet. One that's recommended is found at <https://help.notified.com/en/articles/8019984-free-press-release-templates>. The basic idea of a press release is that it's a one-page summary of what the event is, why it's important, and why someone should want to come. In this age of reduced newsroom staffing, well-written press releases often get printed in their entirety in local newspapers. Even if a particular press release doesn't get printed, the more often journalists and editors see a press release, the more important they will think your lodge is. Don't send press releases for just anything; save them for serious, significant public events where you want to attract a crowd. Radio and TV stations, especially in smaller markets, will want to receive press releases because it lets them know what's going on in the community and where there might be future stories to cover. Find the contact addresses for your local media and send releases to all of them when you have an event to promote. It's also helpful to do a search for biogs that cover your local area. Send press releases to them. Biogs are often one-person operations that rely on information being sent to them. Press releases are a great way to share your events and activities with bloggers.

Almost every town, city, neighborhood, or other geographical area now has a Facebook group dedicated to it. The same is true of other networks like Nextdoor and Reddit. They have thousands of communities dedicated to all kinds of small locales. It's beneficial to get to know which of those groups are pertinent to your area and share information about events with them. Join the groups and post regularly about whatever events your lodge is hosting that would be of interest to the folks around you. Let your community know that your lodge is a hub of activity and that they are welcome to join you for fun and fellowship.

Once you have a handle on how to promote your activities, it's time to start planning some! Every lodge has different circumstances. Not all will be big enough to handle putting on a large event by themselves. We have organized our list of potential activities from smaller to larger so that you can hopefully find something that will be a good fit for the resources your lodge has available to you.

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LODGES WITHOUT A BUILDING

Lodges that don't have a building in which to hold events have a unique challenge. Many things that would work for a lodge with a building, like a pancake breakfast or spaghetti feed, won't work (or take a lot of extra planning). However, lodges without a building can meet that challenge with some creativity. The most important thing is to do something in a public place that will showcase the lodge as a place for fellowship and fun. It's extremely helpful when doing one of these public activities to wear lodge attire, such as t-shirts, hats, or other items that will readily identify the members as Odd Fellows to the public at large. Take one meeting a month and do a social activity wearing your Odd Fellows shirts or hats. Go out for pizza the same time each month. Go bowling. Volunteer for something like a high school sporting event, repackaging food at a food bank, or walking in a parade. Sponsor a local youth sports team, including their banquet and end-of-season awards. Lodges without a building can also partner up with other groups to do activities that will draw attention to the lodge. Can you partner with another fraternal group like the Masons, Elks, Moose, or Eagles to do something to benefit both lodges? Maybe you can hold an inter-fraternal competition for something in your town like collecting the most donations for

the parks department? Consider hosting a Fraternal Fair where members of different fraternal groups get together in the same place. You can offer to identify old jewelry or other items that may have come from a family member involved in fraternalism. Serve coffee in a highway Rest Area (you might need to partner with another group for that to have enough people). Pick up litter along the highway and get a sign with your name on it. Collect socks, hats, or coats for the homeless. Set up a display about your lodge at the local library, city hall, or other public building. You could also use one of our SGL programs like the Living Legacy Program to donate a tree to your town. Some towns have an open comment period after council meetings. Show up to those meetings and give a short presentation about your lodge. Contact your local school nurse with information about our Washington Visual Aid Program and include flyers about the Order. Just make sure a lot of pictures are taken at any public events and that the media is aware so that word of your activity can go out to the wider world. Some of the greatest value to your lodge of working on projects is sharing news about those projects with the community through the media.

LODGES WITH A BUILDING

Lodges with a building have a lot more possibilities of what they can do because they can host groups and events. They can host concerts, plays, lectures, and other performances. To find concerts to host, talk to local school music programs (including colleges) to see what ensembles might be interested in doing performances outside the school. A high school jazz band performance is going to bring a lot of parents into your hall. Likewise, hosting an Open Mic Night will invite local amateur musicians and their fans into your hall. The more they see inside of your building, the more likely they are to go home with an application. The same goes for local school drama programs, community theater groups, and other arts associations. You could contact the local arts council and offer your hall as a location for an art show. That will bring a lot of foot traffic into your building. If your town has some kind of local festival, you can contact the festival organizers and offer your hall as a venue, break room, relief station, or any other thing the festival needs. Contact other fraternal groups that might not have as large of a space and let them know that your hall is available to rent for when they need a larger space for their events. Host your own food event like a pie auction, chili cook-off, chowder competition, or other food competition. Food competitions usually require getting other people involved as judges and support staff, which is another good way of reaching out to people about Odd Fellowship. If your own has a historical tour, you can get on the tour as a stop and share your building and any beautiful old fraternal items you have to the tour participants. All the ideas presented here are approachable for even a small lodge. However, we on the Membership Committee recognize that not every lodge is going to have the necessary time or resources to plan and execute these ideas. You are always welcome to reach out to us on the Membership Committee and we will do our best to assist you in planning and carrying out any of these membership building activities. There are many more ideas to help attract members to your lodge than just what is included here. The main idea is to make sure the people in your community know that your lodge exists and that they are welcome to join it. As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, we offer one of the best fraternal experiences available. We want to make sure that everyone in our communities knows that the lodge is the place to find fellowship and connection. Our work as promoters of Odd Fellowship is never done. There are always new people waiting to learn about our Order and what we do. After all, today's new applicant will likely become tomorrow's new Noble Grand.

2026 Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

June 26 through July 1, 2026

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY • THIS FORM FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY YOUTH ONLY

Adults Please Use Annual Grand Session Registration Form

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Assembly Jurisdiction _____

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Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

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Acorn #79 Girls ready for Spring '26 activities

Happy Easter Everyone!

We made our Easter Bunny treat bags and delivered them to the “Welcome Home” assisted living facility.

With all the bad weather in March things got a little crazy with cancelled meetings and postponed functions. We did have our skating party, just a week later, and enjoyed our social time together. We are hoping for better weather as our outdoor activities for spring begin.

This month we will be doing a joint cleanup with our Rebekahs around the outside of the building in honor of Earth Day for our Community Service.

Our Chamber of Commerce went back to our Holland Happening festival after complaints last year, so we now will be back doing the Holland Happening Parade the last weekend of April. We always have fun doing that and can share pictures later.

At our last meeting we will work on Mothers’ Day cards for “Welcome Home” because we don’t have a meeting in May before Mothers’ Day.

You can see things are picking up again this month for us. With Spring officially here, we are looking forward to some outdoor time.

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



Ava Kaser, Annabella Gleghorn and Khloe Kaser enjoy an evening together at the Roller Barn.



Bucoda Bulletin Board #55 - Planning for Sessions

The run up to Grand Sessions in June has officially begun with the Planning Board Meeting on March 7. Members of the Host Committee traveled to Yakima and the remainder of the Planning Board joined us via Zoom. The registration forms for Sessions are available starting in April. Sessions this year are scheduled to run from Friday, June 26 through Wednesday, July 1. Watch The Washington OddFellow for the registration form and get them in early. The theme for this year’s banquet is “TV Series.”

March 27 through 29 is Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting in Hayden, ID. We always have a good time when we get together.

Join Cathy's Crowd For A Country Dance

Circle Friday, May 8 on your calendars. This is the date Skookumchuck #129 Odd Fellows and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 will host a “country dance” event. Our very own Rebekah Assembly Secretary Cathy Garcia is scheduled to teach us some line dancing. The event is free to all. Refreshments will be available for purchase. This family-friendly event is open to everyone, not just members of our Order. I will probably not be dancing as I can’t find a pair of boots to fit two left feet.

Finally, DDGM Jamie Vest joined us on March 13 for his official visitation. As always, dinner was at 5 p.m. with meat loaf. The Rebekahs met at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellows gathered at 7 p.m.

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

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

***I’ve been told the joke I ended the last article with was a crime. The conditions of my parole prohibit me from repeating that travesty.**

2026 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions ~ *Registration Form* ~ June 26 through July 1, 2026

ONE form person, please. Make as many copies as needed.

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Name _____
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SATURDAY, JUNE 27

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

Teriyaki Chicken with Ice Cream Bar

Adults \$37.00 _____

Banquet Theme: "Pokemon"

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

4:00 p.m. Past Presidents' Meeting / Banquet

Mustard Crusted Pork Loin Plated

\$37.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 29

5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet Buffet

Red's Home Style *featuring* Meat
Loaf and Baked Chicken with Ice
Cream Bar

\$40.00 _____

Banquet Theme: "TV Series Characters"

Please note: there will not be a Grand Master/President Breakfast or a Representative's Breakfast for Odd Fellows or Rebekahs. However the Grand Master and the Rebekah Assembly President invite you to a short meeting in the East/West Ballroom at 8:00 AM Monday morning June 29th. The Deputy Grand Master and Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly invite all Representatives to a short meeting in the East/West Ballroom at 8:00 AM Tuesday morning June 30th.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Beef Stir Fry

\$34.00 _____

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2026

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Steve or Laura Purcell

P.O. Box 386

Bucoda, WA 98530

Phone Laura (360) 259-6144

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Email: purcell@scattercreek.com

2026 Grand Sessions Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel
Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-5900 For Front Desk

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen), Number Staying in Room (*This is critical as it determines how many may enjoy breakfast as part of the room cost*), Any Special Needs/Requirements. If more than 4 per room, extra people must pay for breakfast \$10 ea.

There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

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Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2026. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2026 Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, accepts advertisement(s) for the Grand Sessions Program Booklet to help offset the costs of publishing and distributing.

The advertisement charges are:

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

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It's very important that you keep your Lodge Secretaries and the Grand Bodies Secretaries/Scribes informed so we have good contact information. We continually receive mail back because a member has moved, or email has changed. Ever wonder why you're not getting information from your lodge or receiving *The Washington OddFellow*? Please check with your Secretaries and make sure your information is up to date.

— *Fraternally, Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary*

LEA Scholarship apps due April 30

The Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary scholarship applications are available from any Matriarch. The Grand Lodge has the application packets that can be mailed to you, or by email. Contact Jennie Reed at:

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for more information. The deadline to have the packets returned to the scholarship committee is Thursday, April 30.

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