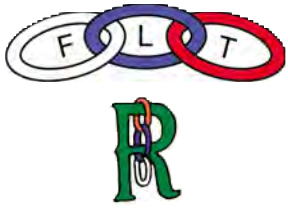


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Puget Beach Park Hosts Our 2026 Theta Rho Retreat

*A Weekend Of Rainbows, Fun, Work & Learning
For Our Acorn, Spunky & Eta Girls!*

Below Left: Ash Thomas, Moira Struthers, Bethany Struthers, Sylvia Summers, Jamie Hanson, and Stephanie Scheiderer yuck it up while the sun sets over Puget Sound.

Below Right: Autumn Scheiderer, Annabella Gleghorn, Ash Thomas, Willow Miller, Jennie Reed (seated), and Khloe Kaser didn't go hungry.

Below Left Corner: Alister Jennings says, "Look at that rainbow!"

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From your 2025-26 Grand Master



David Delony

Your 2025-26 Grand Master

Jurisdiction of Washington.

Once again I wish you all a wonderful year and thank you so much for all your support this last year.

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

Another Successful Odd Fellow Year

Brothers and Sisters,

First let me thank you all for the chance to have served you this year. Hopefully I made some positive differences in our Jurisdiction. Trust me, the honor was all mine once again. But amazingly no matter how prepared you may be and think you have things well in hand there is always something that comes up to make you realize you are really never prepared fully.

It is still wonderful, though, to see so many of you making Odd Fellowship a part of your lives. As I have traveled about and have gotten to reacquaint myself with you all, I realize how lucky I am to be able to do this. No matter the hours and days taken to do the work needed, it has all been worth it. But there is always more that can be done.

Please Support Our Project: Northwest Harvest

I would only ask that you please continue to support our project, Northwest Harvest. This can be done in any manner of ways by directly donating to them, or helping the local food bank in your community. By donating locally, you can let people know who you are and it does help Northwest Harvest and the people of this wonderful Jurisdiction of Washington.

We Have A Great Team Of Volunteers

Remember that even though we, as Grand Masters, come and go, we are still here and able and willing to help in anyway we can. For once you have been a part of this great team of volunteers from your Grand Lodge Executive Committee, you never really go away. We will always be available to the members of this Jurisdiction at any time. And I relish the opportunity to help in anyway. Please do not hesitate to ask any of us.

Now It's Time To Support Our New Leaders

So let's welcome in the new leaders of our Order this summer. Give them our full support and help them make this the greatest year ever of Odd Fellowship in the



Our leaders in DC

Grand Master David Delony and Rebekah Assembly President John "Johneo" pause for lunch while at the Wreath Laying Ceremony near Washington, DC.

Bring your candidates to Oly's Degree Day!!



Members of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 will hold a Degree Day on Saturday, June 13 at their lodge hall located at 405 Columbia Street SW, Olympia 98501. We invite any lodges that have prospective members ready for Degrees to send the Lodge Secretary a letter requesting Olympia confer the Degrees.

We start promptly at 9 a.m. and request that all prospective members be at the lodge hall no later than 8:30 a.m. for preliminaries. Lodge Secretaries should make sure that the prospective members are escorted by a lodge member. Do not send them on their own.

The question book and members registered should also be present.

You can contact the lodge secretary at oly1ioof@gmail.com

— *Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth. . .*

*The Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1
And Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.*

From your 2025-2026 Assembly President of Washington

What A Fantastic Year!!

A big thank you for a fantastic year. I've enjoyed being your Rebekah Assembly President. It's been memorable. Again I'd like to thank you all for the donations, gifts and Rebekah love this year.

Whew! My Visitations Are Done

When this newspaper comes out, I'll have been to *ALL* of our lodges and a couple LEA meetings, as well as many regular meetings from the southeast corner of our great Jurisdiction of Washington.

Pilgrimage To The Tomb Of The Unknowns

I went to Washington, D.C. with Dave and Laurel Delony and we all had a wonderful time. Our own Ron Hanson, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, was my escort at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington, Virginia National Cemetery. It turned out to be a beautiful day. We met up with vintage friends.

Yes, It's Grand Sessions Month

Grand Sessions are rapidly approaching, so please register soon. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Yakima. IARA President Pam Eisenhower, is this year's official representative. Let's show her a wonderful time.

Sessions Dress Attire

Dress attire for all elected and appointed officers is a long back or white skirt with the blue top that was available at last year's Session. If you do not have one of these tops, any nice top is fine. Blue would be nice. All others should be dressed in business attire. Please, no flip flops.

As "The Happenings" Sang In 1966: "See You In September."

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and a safe Fourth of July. To those lodges which go dark in the summer, I look forward to seeing you all in September.

***See Y'all
In Yakima...***



*— Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,
And with Rebekah Hugs,
John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"*

Your 2025-2026 Rebekah Assembly President of Washington



John 'Johneo' Otterstrom
*2025-2026 Rebekah Assembly
President*

From your 2025-2026

Theta Rho President Teanna Gardner



Teanna Gardner

Your 2025-2026

Theta Rho Assembly President

Hello everyone. I hope everyone's May was amazing as it was Mental Health Awareness Month. Happy Mental Health Month, as well.

Starting off a bit personally, your Theta Rho Assembly President is happy to say my senior year in high school is almost wrapped up as I am graduating in June. (I can't wait!!)

Next I'd like to say that I hope all the girls and advisers have been busy these past few months, as well as being productive, planning, pulling in small members, cleaning up trash, or simply helping out in your community, all while showing your club's support in each other!

Making our club known is always important so we can grow and connect with others, especially younger girls. I still deeply encourage everyone to get ourselves known. Much of our work can be hard, but the more we grow the more fun it gets having a bigger group than last time.

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



Cathy 'Cat' Garcia
Assembly Secretary

From your Assembly Secretary

*Happy June, I Think Summer Is Actually Here
At Least Part Of The Time*

This is the last newsletter I will be writing for a couple of months. The Washington OddFellow newspaper isn't published in July and August. With that in mind Secretaries, I wanted to say – GOOD JOB! You have all worked hard at your office and I have really enjoyed visiting with each of you on the phone. You turned in your Annual Reports and Lodge Assessments, your Installation Reports, and your PNG Certificates, along with Representative's Certificates. All these things make my job so much easier. I may have received the "Secretary of the Year" award last August, but it is only because I have the privilege of working with such a wonderful group of Lodge Secretaries. With your assistance, I have been able to be efficient and productive in my job. Thank you so very much.

Wow! It Is Assembly Sessions Time!

As we are only a few short weeks away from our Annual Sessions in Yakima, it's a busy time. I truly hope that each Lodge Secretary will be present at this meeting. Lodges, please encourage your Secretary, your Representative and your Noble Grand to make this event a priority. All members are welcome and the information, presentations and activities are vital to keeping our Order healthy and alive. I will be meeting with the Secretaries on Monday afternoon. At that time, I hope you will feel comfortable sharing any concerns or suggestions you may have.

Secretaries, I Can Bring Your Supplies To Sessions.

I do have a couple things I would like to ask the Secretaries to check on before we meet in June. First, take a look at your supplies — Secretary's minute book, Treasurer's book, warrant book, dues card book — or an other items you may need to keep your Lodge running smoothly. If you contact me soon, I will be able to

bring those items with me to Sessions and save us the postage. Veteran Jewels Also, please check your Membership Book and see if any of your members qualify for a Veteran's Jewel. A fifteen (15) year members deserves a Veteran's Jewel with that number on it. The jewels go up in increments of five (5) years. Check with your members and honor them with the jewel they deserve. I will have several of these jewels with me, but if you let me know

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Sammy winner!

Yakima's Tom Cox had his spy glass out



Tom Cox, the longtime Secretary of Yakima Odd Fellows Lodge #22, made Grand Secretary Laurel Delony's job much easier this month. You see, Tom found Sammy hiding on page 20 in the lower left corner photo between the ears of one of the Acorn Easter Bunnies.

And why is Laurel's job easier? She can just deliver Tom's prize to Yakima during Grand Sessions.



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 August 15. Yes, Sammy is taking the summer off as per her Doggy Union labor contract. What a life, huh?

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

Are You Registered For Grand Sessions Yet?

Brothers and Sisters,

We're getting close to our Grand Sessions scheduled for June 29 through July 1. You still have time to register. However, if your registration is postmarked after June 1 you will have to pay the extra \$10 for late registration.

If you are planning on attending Grand Lodge, there is a dress code. This is a business meeting and business attire is required to attend.

For Brothers: Suit, tie, coat or sport coat, slacks, and shoes.

For Sisters: Suit, dress suit, pant suit, etc.

Jeans, shorts, crop tops, flip flops, sandals, etc. are not allowed. Please dress professionally.

Representatives, please bring your Grand Lodge Advance Reports, ("Take Me") to the Sessions.

Joint Reception In Olympia July 19

The incoming heads of the Order will have their Joint Reception at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park on Saturday, July 19. Bring a dish to share and the meat will be provided. Light beverages also will be provided.

Thank you to all the Lodge Secretaries for all of their hard work this year. You make my job easier and I appreciate it.

I hope you all have a good summer.

— With Fraternal Hugs and Love,

Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

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Scribbles from your Grand Scribe...

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

Grand Sessions are almost here. As I write this article I have not received a couple of Representative certificates. Session will be July 1 starting at 1 p.m. If you are a Past Chief Patriarch be sure to bring your certificate so you may receive the Grand Encampment Degree.

Please bring your Grand Encampment Take Me's.

All Branch Reception

I hope to see you at the All Branch Reception on July 19 at our Olympia Odd Fellows Park. Keep your fingers crossed for a nice day. The kayak will be out and ready for anyone that would like to paddle around Puget Sound.

I thank you all for a great year and wish you the best this summer.

— Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe



Wind, rain, cold, but the show must go on

Despite a rainy, chilly afternoon, 25 to 30 hardy souls braved the weather to attend the Memorial Day ceremony at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Olympia. Grand Master, Dave Delony welcomed everyone and spoke about the meaning of Memorial Day.

The ceremony began with a cannon salute by the American Legion Post #100. The American Flag along with the POW Flag were raised by the South Sound Civil Air Patrol. “The Entertainment Explosion” singing group and “Boomer Brass” led everyone in singing The National Anthem.

Jennie Reed, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly, and the Grand Master placed a wreath at the base of the flagpole as Scott Shoengrath sang “Arlington” and Scott Lumsden played “Amazing Grace” on his bagpipes.

The guest speaker was Leatta Dahlhoff, mayor of Tumwater, followed by “Entertainment Explosion,” singing several songs and John Williams who sang “Going Home” and a special song that he wrote for his mother.

“Boomer Brass” played a medley of songs including a salute to the US Armed Forces. The veterans in the audience were asked to rise and be honored as their military song was played. The ceremony concluded with “TAPS” presented by trumpeters Don Bedlington and Tom Crepeau.

The afternoon ended with hot dogs furnished by the Odd Fellows of Olympia Lodge #1.



Remembering Our Fallen Warriors



Willow Miller, Zara Beadnell (our guest), Avianna Moore, Annabella Gleghorn, and Ava Gleghorn are parade ready.

Acorn TR Girls excited ahead of Yakima Sessions

June is finally here and we are excited about our Theta Rho Assembly Sessions in Yakima. We are planning to have nine members attending.

We received our Sessions assignments at the annual Theta Rho Retreat at Puget Beach Park in Olympia, so now we are busy preparing our parts.

We had six members attend the retreat. Everyone had a fun weekend with the girls from Spunky Bluebirds and Eta.

Once again, thanks to the Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 members for sharing their park with us and to the Grand Lodge Officers who came to help with dinner and share the correct way to dispose of old American flags.

Our last outing before Sessions is our annual trip to Fort Casey State Park. We always enjoy exploring this historic U.S. Army Fort followed by a picnic lunch. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Yakima.

We hope all of you have a wonderful summer. Until next fall. . .

— *With Theta Rho Hugs
and Happiness Through Service*
The members of Acorn Theta Rho Club #79

Acorn Girls called into Memorial Day service

Quinley Spydell and Avi Moore of Acorn acted as ushers at the local Memorial Service in Oak Harbor on Monday, May 25. They were called into service at the last minute according to Advisor Judy Diekman.



Emma Lynch and Shauna Schultz carrying the Acorn banner.





Solemn ceremony surrounded with fun-filled days in Washington, DC

The Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese, Sovereign Grand Master of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, delivered the following remarks at the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery near our nations capital, Washington, D.C. Washington's Rebekah Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Grand Master David Delony, and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony were in attendance.

Brothers and Sisters, esteemed members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

Waiting to present Washington's Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Virginia are, from left, Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Grand Master David Delony, and Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Ronald Hanson.

Today we gather in sacred solidarity at this hallowed ground, a place where valor, sacrifice, and the spirit of our beloved country echo profoundly.

Here, at the Tomb of the Unknowns, we honor those gallant souls who gave their all yet remain identified only by the valor of their actions and the depth of their sacrifice.

As your Sovereign Grand Master, it is my privilege and profound honor to stand alongside you in this pilgrimage — a journey that symbolizes not just our commitment to the principles upon which our Order was founded, but also our dedication to honoring those who have served, those who have fought, and those who have fallen in the defense of our freedoms.

Each wreath we lay today is a token of our respect, a symbol of our gratitude, and a reminder that, while some may remain nameless, none will ever be forgotten. The Unknowns embody the spirit of solidarity, selflessness, and love for humanity — values we hold dear within our Brotherhood.

This site challenges us to reflect on the true cost of freedom. It unites us, reminding us that behind every name, every face, there is a story — a story of dreams, hopes, and aspirations cut short by war. When they fell, countless families felt the weight of their absence: mothers whose gray hairs came too soon, widows who learned loss in the hardest way, children who grew up clutching a faded photograph. Their sacrifice echoes in our own bonds of friendship, love, and truth. Let us honor these heroes not only in remembrance but in our actions every day. Let their legacy inspire us to cultivate peace, understanding, and goodwill in our communities.



Are Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and Grand Master Dave Delony learning a new trade? The International Spy Museum looks like a good place to start.

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John Otterstrom, Laurel Delony and David Delony.

Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns always a memorable ceremony

From Page 8 As we go through our lives, let us carry forward the lessons of compassion and service that these brave individuals taught us. Each of us is called to be a beacon of hope and light in an often-dark world. Through our charitable works and commitment to uplifting those around us, we honor the Unknowns. We embody their spirit, extending the principles of our Order beyond these walls into the heart of society.

As we stand in the presence of hallowed ground, let us reaffirm our commitment to uniting as a force for good. Let us take inspiration from these Unknowns who served with unconditional courage. May we strive to serve our communities with that same spirit, ensuring that we are not just members of a fraternal organization but true Brothers and Sisters in service to humanity.

In closing, I ask you to reflect on the sacrifices of those we honor today. Let your hearts swell with gratitude and determination and may the values of our Order guide you. Together, let us continue to make a difference in this world, fulfilling our mission to promote Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Thank you, and may peace be with you all.



Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Ron Hanson helped the Jurisdiction of Ontario raise more than \$1,000 by placing a well-aimed pie in the face of then Grand Master Jason Walt. (*Editor's Note: This guy has to be some kinda wuss. We'd never waste a perfectly good garbage bag in Washington.*)

\$1,080 raised in Ontario & that's no pie in the sky

I attended the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Canada for their Annual Sessions May 4 through 6. During a break I was asked by the then Grand Master Brother Jason Walt if I would help him raise some money for his project. Of course I said yes and I asked what he had in mind. When he told me I asked if he was sure that was what he wanted to do, Brother Jason told me he had done that during his visits to raise money. Then I replied, "Yes, I will do that for you. When do you want to do it?" He told me at their banquet.

So during the banquet he announced that the Deputy Sovereign Grand Master would be giving him a pie in the face if enough money was raised. So after passing the hat and raising \$1,080, I gave him a pie in the face.

— Ronald D. Hanson, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master

All Branch Reception set

Brothers and Sisters,

You are all invited to the All Branch Reception to be held at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park on Saturday, July 19 at 1 p.m.

Puget Beach Park is located at 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia WA 98502.

Meat will be provided and we are asking that everyone bring a dish to share.

From your 2025-26 Grand Patriarch

The Varieties Of Fraternal Experience



Michael Douglas
Grand Patriarch

Every IOOF Lodge is unique. That's one of the wonderful things about the Fraternal Experience. We get to experience a variety of versions of a common core of practices and beliefs. Different lodges bring out different aspects of the tradition. I'd like to explore how I've come to think about these differences by classifying lodges into different types. Of course, any real lodge will be a combination of these. Even a "paper lodge" usually gets together for a meeting — sometimes.

'Paper Lodge'

This lodge is just an administrative shell. It's a legal fiction, not a real lodge at all, but a lodge in potentia, or maybe a lodge in suspended animation, a sort of placeholder. There are sometimes good reasons to have a lodge that only exists on paper, but it is a desperation strategy. The danger comes when we accept it as the status quo.

'In Form Lodge'

This lodge meets regularly and goes through the form of a meeting. This is the minimum condition of a real lodge. We sometimes forget that the lodge is not the building or the legal entity. It is an energetic field that we bring into existence through Ritual. It is created through our collective intention when we open a meeting and it disappears when we close it. This energetic aspect of the lodge is dealt with well in John Michael Greer's book, *Group Ritual in the Western Tradition* (he is also a PGP of Washington as many of us remember). Constituting the lodge on a regular basis allows us to connect with the tradition as a living force. Indeed, we invest our lives (our time and energy) in embodying that tradition. Sometimes, this is as far as it goes, but this lodge is the real deal and has the chance of further development.

'Social Lodge'

This lodge focuses on fraternal gathering and fomenting a clubhouse atmosphere, a space for relaxation and social interaction. This is more important than it ever was, as non-commercial spaces for gathering, and "third spaces" of all types, are dwindling in our culture.

'Engaged Lodge'

This lodge has developed a public face and is connected to the community through acts of benevolence and charity. This is where creativity and an "earnest desire to ameliorate the condition of Mankind" find room to express themselves. For many, this is the most important measure of a lodge's health and success.

'Committed Lodge'

This is the inner-directed face of a lodge. There is a great value placed on enacting the Degree Rituals and integrating the teachings. Rather than benevolence and charity, the focus is on wisdom and the pursuit of truth. The mythic retelling of illustrative stories is as old as humankind. Our particular tradition of Ritual re-enactment has its roots in the mystery plays of the middle ages, where Biblical narratives were acted out on the church steps by the people of the town. This is the beating heart of our tradition, and is generally in decline.

'Functional Lodge'

In this lodge the inner and outer aspects are balanced. The members individually and collectively work to understand and embody the teachings of our Order by serving the larger community. Members consciously engage in the work of personal and societal transformation. When we are working in this way, all the parts of the tradition support each other, and the lodge becomes much more than the sum of its parts. It embodies the best of human culture and civilization. This may sound arcane, but it is a deeply human and natural process which we have all experienced the power of at some level or we wouldn't be here.

The great thing about a lodge community that is firing on all cylinders is that it calls forth the individual talents of the members and supports them in realizing their potential. When we do this, we are truly fulfilling our mission to "improve and elevate the character of humanity."



A portrait of Thomas Wildley adorns the side of the Ballard-Alki IOOF Hall.

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Laura Purcell

Your 2025 - 2026 Grand Matriarch

From Your 2025-26 Grand Matriarch



Brothers and Sisters,

Well it looks like this is my last submission to *The Washington OddFellow*. I want to thank all of my officers for the wonderful job that they did. Kudos to you all!

I finally managed to make it to Spokane to visit Unique Unified Encampment #32. I had a really good time catching up with the members and had a very yummy dinner. Thank you all for the warm welcome and the gift to my project. And a special thank you to Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe for letting me camp out at her cabin for the night!

I attended the Installation of Officers on April 17 for Kent LEA #15 and Mt. Angeles #88. We had a wonderful turnout with lots of good food! I think it turned out very well.

A New Idea From The District #18 Meeting In Longview

I also attended the District #18 meeting in Longview. Members even handed out a membership application at the door for their Rebekah Lodge. Way to go ladies

Work on the Host Committee for Grand Sessions is speeding up now, with registrations coming in. I feel we’ll have a good time. I know the hotel will be serving lunches for \$15. You can pay when you go to the lunch which includes

build-your-own sandwiches and soup.

I know Spring is here as I have to mow the lawn one or two times a week right now. But on the bright side I got all my flowers planted.

Theta Rho Retreat Weekend

I attended the Theta Rho Retreat at the Odd Fellow Park in Olympia. It was so nice to see all the girls and their advisors.

I attended the dance in Bucoda even though only one person showed up. We gave them some information and an application to join. We will try again in September. Special thanks to Cathy Garcia and her son BJ for coming to teach the line dancing.

The memorial celebration is coming up soon. I will be attending that event as well.

Well it looks like I ran out of things to tell you. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Grand Matriarch for 2025-26. I really enjoyed the year.

See you all at Grand Sessions.

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

From Your 2025-26 Grand Patriarch

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Thank You To So Many

On a personal note, I’d like to thank all the Washington Encampments and the Grand Encampment for the experience of serving in this post for the past year. Also, a big thanks to those who have supported my project, the “Uganda Martyrs Orphan Project.”

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

From Your 2025-26 Assembly Secretary

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ahead of time it increases the chance that I have the right one. Be Sure To Read Your President’s Letter

Included in this publication is a letter from your President regarding Sessions. I sincerely hope every lodge will have representation.

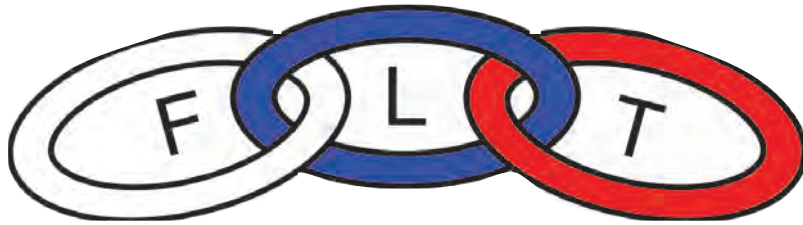
Have A Wonderful Summer!

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

(360) 413-7014 or (360) 701-5896 rebsecwa@gmail.com

Have A Great Summer, Brothers And Sisters

~ Lodge Cards ~



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) 259-6144 **Email:** laurapurcell@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:** Nathaniel Murphy, 184 Murphy St. Waitsburg, WA 99361 **Ph:** (509) 386-7207 **Email:** nmurphyav@gmail.com
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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)

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



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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)

BREMERTON FRIENDSHOP I.O.O.F 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:** Larry Seward, Jr, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383-9220. **Ph:** (360) 710-2924. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 9838-9220. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. **Email:** 1oddfellowmike@gmail.com (2/28/26)

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meeting Address: 1420 N. Washington St., Spokane WA 99201 **Mailing Address:** Same **Meeting Days:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday **Time:** 1 pm **NG** Johnson (no phone #) **Address:** 1420 N. Washington St., Spokane WA 992017 (2/28/2027)

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

Meeting Place: 309 N. Pine St., Ellensburg, WA 98926 **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926-0154 **Meeting Days:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays **Meeting Time:** 6:30 pm **Recess:** None **NG:** Russ Humphrey, **Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98296 **Ph:** (206) 399-0996 **Sec'y:** Meghan Gilbert, PO Box 154, Ellensburg WA 98926 **Ph:** (509) 306-1432. (2/28/2027)

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #19

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)

Buckley Brothers move up to the Second Degree

Buckley Odd Fellow Lodge #75 Brothers John Walston and Sean Kelly each received their 2nd Degree on Wednesday, May 20 in a ceremony during Buckley's regular meeting. In the front row, from left, are: Joanne Balmert, John Walston, Sean Kelly, and Debbie Beers. In the back row, from left, are: Dave Delony, Joe Schaible, Jaime Hanson, Evan Ochs, and Toby Hanson

~ In Memoriam ~

• **James Macomber**, Excelsior Lodge #111, Bickleton. 32-year member, passed away April 14, 2026.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

April News From Hope In Spokane

Rebekah shirts were discussed at our last meeting. Beverly Johnson and Joey Locke will look into designs and prices.

With Easter arriving early this year, we did not get to do a nursing or retirement home visit. Disti will talk to the retirement and nursing home communities and find out what to or not to put in the baskets. We mostly visit with the residents.

“Dusti” has two hats on. (She’s a busy girl!) “Dusti,” Grand Junior Warden of the Grand LEA, is going through the chairs again.

Beverly thanked everyone for their time and efforts put into our Spring High Tea Luncheon. Are we looking forward to May? We remembered our members still living on Mother’s Day and our own mothers who have passed on.

We heard a report from “Dusti” as Warden of the Montana Rebekah Assembly. “Dusti” served just not long ago as President of the Washington Rebekah Assembly. Her mother is also a Past President of the Montana Rebekah Assembly.

NG Beverly made a visit to the Rebekah Lodge in Coeur d’Alene on April 28 for the meeting. Her niece is a Past Noble Grand of Carnation Rebekah Lodge. All our members were welcome to ride along with Beverly to their lodge in Idaho.

In April, we cleaned our craft room out and seeing which projects we will be working on for our Christmas Bazaar. This year we will not have our Bazaar at the lodge because of the lack of parking spaces and not enough foot traffic.

Brother Tedd had an appointment in Seattle at the Swedish Institute Neuroscience Neurology. He is hoping he will be able to walk again without his walker. It has been over four years since he broke his hip and had it replaced. The specialists at Swedish are encouraged that Tedd will walk again.

We are excited that we are having a good turnout at our meetings.

Linda, Joey, Tedd, and George Chinn attended Brother Jack Moon’s memorial service on Saturday, April 11 at Heritage Funeral Home. Brother Jack was a Past Grand and 54-year member of Samaritan. He also was a member of Unique Unified #32. Jack served honorably with the Spokane Fire Department. The firefighters conducted the entire service. “And passed through this mortal veil” may their memories be cherished.

May 6, 2026 Meeting

We gathered together on May 6 at noon for a brown bag lunch. Noble Grand Beverly Johnson was our dessert hostess. She served both cherry and chocolate cream pie with ice cream. Sister Linda Bradley brought brownie pudding. Wow!! The meeting followed at 12:30 p.m.

Brother Tedd Swanson started off the day with a marvelous Mother’s Day program. He spoke about the early beginnings of Mother’s Day and through the years until President Woodrow Wilson created the second Sunday in May as a holiday in 1919 to honor all moms. We learned that various countries abroad, as well as Canada and island countries, all mark this holiday. Also, India celebrates one day each year. Often various countries celebrate Mother’s Day on Mondays.

Tedd asked us all to bring photos of our mothers. Then, one at a time, we had to guess whose mom it was. It was a lot of fun.

Our Hope Lodge Rebekah shirts were discussed. Some want pink and some want green.

Our service project has hit a stone wall because the nursing homes won’t call us back.

A bunch of our Hope Rebekahs went with several Samaritan Odd Fellows to Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery on Friday, May 22 to place Odd Fellow and Rebekah flags on the graves members buried in the Odd Fellows section of the cemetery. There is a large old monument in the center of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah section of the cemetery. The monument was placed there in the late 1800s or early 1900s by Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52. Samaritan is hosting a BBQ at the Odd Fellows Temple after we finish placing the flags on the graves.

Hope members voted to take out a full page ad in the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Session booklet.

We are honored to have five of our members serving as officers in the Rebekah Assembly. They include Assembly President John “Johneo” Otterstrom, Assembly Warden Joey Locke, Assembly Marshal Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe, Representative Linda Bradley, and Assembly Chaplain Sarah Kane.

Sister Sarah was escorted by “Johneo” to the center of the floor where she was presented her Assembly Chaplain Jewel. The Rebekah Assembly did not have the Assembly Chaplain’s Jewel at Sessions. Joey, Sarah, and “Johneo” have done so much learning their jobs. We appreciate all they have done. We are all so very proud of them.

— *With Rebekah Tedd Swanson, PNG and Reporter*



30 years and counting

Lila Jordan, center, was presented with a 30-Year Veteran Jewel recently. Jennie Reed, left, and Laura Purcell, right, were part of the pinning ceremony. Lila belongs to Longview Rebekah Lodge #305.

Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 gains City's Historic Preservation Award

Ellensburg Odd Fellows Lodge #20 was recently honored with the City of Ellensburg's Landmark & Design Commission Commercial Historic Preservation Award, recognizing the Lodge's extraordinary commitment to preserving one of the city's most treasured historic buildings.

The award ceremony was held on Saturday, May 2, at the Kittitas County Historical Museum, where community members, preservation advocates, and local leaders gathered to celebrate our lodge's years of dedication to restoring and protecting its historic home. The evening ended with the award attendees walking through downtown to a dessert reception at the Ellensburg IOOF Lodge. Past Noble Grand Jeff Watson treated our guests with a tour of the building showcasing our renovations while sharing the history of our vibrant building and organization.

For the past eight years, members of Ellensburg Lodge #20 have worked tirelessly to preserve the architecture, character, and spirit of the historic building located at 309 N. Pine Street in downtown Ellensburg. Through countless volunteer hours, fundraising efforts, and restoration projects, our lodge has ensured that this historic landmark will continue serving both the Order and the community for generations to come.

Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 has played an important role in the city's history since it was chartered in 1881. Early meetings were held near Pearl and Third Streets on the site of an old stockade. In 1885, town founder John A. Shoudy donated land for our lodge's first permanent building, which was tragically destroyed in the Great Fire of 1889.

The current Pine Street building was constructed in phases between 1901 and 1913 and remains one of the most significant community buildings in Ellensburg. It is especially notable as the only historic lodge building in the city still owned and operated by its original founding members.

The historic structure features a classic early 20th Century brick façade, the iconic second-floor staircase, and a remarkable 3,500-square-foot lodge room with soaring 16-foot ceilings. In recent years, the lodge completed extensive preservation and modernization efforts, including exterior masonry restoration, structural repairs, and ADA accessibility upgrades such as the installation of an elevator and an additional ADA bathroom.

Today, the building continues to serve as a vibrant hub for fellowship, community events, and public gatherings, truly demonstrating the enduring impact of Odd Fellowship in Ellensburg. This recognition is not only a celebration of a historic building, but also a tribute to the dedication, vision, and perseverance of the Brothers and Sisters of Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 who continue to preserve the principles and legacy of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows through service to their community.

— Jamie Rothwell, Reporter



Top Left: NG Russ Humphrey. **Top Right:** PG Rex Wirth and NG Russ Humphrey. **Bottom Photo:** Jamie Rothwell, Meghan Rothwell, Jeff Watson, Debbie Sonntag, Rex Wirth, Anna Marie Newman, Russ Humphrey, and Ellensburg City Planning Manager Stacey Henderson.



~ Bucoda Bulletin Board #58 ~

First A Word From Our Host Committee

Are you tired of leaving the hotel at lunch time at Grand Sessions in Yakima? This year, on limited days, the Red Lion will offer a “Build -Your -Own Sandwich and Soup” lunch for \$15. Inquire at the registration desk when you check in for the days it is available.

Country Dance Night Disappointing

Friday, May 8 was our Country Dance Night/Open House. We didn't get the participation we'd hoped, but those who did attend had fun. We're looking to do it again in the future (possibly September), and expect a better turn out based on what we were hearing. We raised a few dollars from the bake sale. Of course, as the official “goody tester,” I wholeheartedly approve of the goodies.

Memorial Day Events

Many of us will be participating in marking the veterans' graves at the Olympia IOOF Cemetery on Saturday, May 23. We start at 9 a.m. and continue until all the graves are marked. Monday, May 25 is the Memorial Day Observance which starts at 12 Noon. As always after the program, the Grand Secretary and her helpers will be staffing the grill, for our traditional hot dog lunch and general gathering. We hope to see you all at the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Theta Rho Retreat

Our annual Theta Rho Retreat at the Olympia IOOF Park on May 15 – 17. I know the young ladies always enjoy this gathering. The Grand Lodge Officers cooked dinner for them Saturday evening. The girls worked on the flower beds and general beautification at the park.

See You On The Oregon Trail

Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 plan to participate in the Tenino Oregon Trail Days Parade again this year. Anyone from any Branch or Lodge is welcome to join us on Saturday, July 25 to showcase Odd Fellowship. Last year we passed out 50 to 70 pounds of candy and Odd Fellow related goodies along the parade route. If you wish to join us, contact Laura Purcell at (360) 259-6144 or myself, Steve Purcell at (360) 259-2741 for details. Please join us, the more the merrier.



Get Your Grand Sessions Registrations In

Don't forget to get your registrations for Grand Sessions in by Monday, June 1 to avoid a late registration fee.

— *Until next time, in Friendship, Love and Truth, Steven Purcell (AKA Junior)
Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144*

Warmness greets Longview District #18 Meeting

It was a warm day on Saturday, April 25 for the District #18 meeting in Longview, which was the hostess lodge. Everyone who came was very welcome and all enjoyed themselves. It was a day of Friendship, Love and Truth.

A representative from each lodge was present making it a good total of Rebekah Sisters. It was good to see them all. The attendance award went to Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147 for having the most Sisters present.

The Membership Award went to Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 for bringing in two new members. They are still working on attracting more new members, as I'm sure all Rebekah Lodges are.

Memorial Service

A warm and sentimental Memorial Service was presented by Lou Ann Hoffman and Maggie Truttmann. With a rose bouquet on display, each read an emotional verse, remembering our past Sisters with respect. A ham luncheon was served by Candice, a very good cook. She enjoyed our company making her job very pleasant. There were plenty of door prizes going around with very few losers. Thank you to Ann Van Antwerp who was in charge.

Our next District #18 meeting will be on April 24, 2027 with Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 serving as the Hostess Lodge. We hope to see another good turn out. These meetings are fun and very educational.

— *In F., L. & T., Cookie Music, Secretary, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305*

Buckley German Dinner gets tastier every year

Once again, the *gemütlichkeit* was in abundance in Buckley as the Odd Fellows hosted their annual German Dinner. Begun in 2019, the German Dinner has become one of the most anticipated culinary events of the year in East Pierce County.

This year's dinner featured PGM Toby Hanson's homemade schnitzel with mushroom gravy, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony's rotkohl (red cabbage), Brother Ryan Williams' spätzle casserole, Brother Evan Ochs' kartoffelsalat (warm potato salad), and the South Tacoma Rebekahs' dessert table, which inspired Grand Warden Tom Harper to eat his dessert before dinner (especially the raspberry pie).

Once again, PGM Toby was kind enough to bring his accordion and played a few traditional songs during the dinner.

The greatest joy of the evening was seeing the dining hall full of people excited at the opportunity to share a good meal. There were more than 30 people in attendance, most of whom did not have a connection to the Odd Fellows. A group attended from Bethany Lutheran Church in Spanaway, where the Hansons and Ochs are members.

Additionally, several applications were given out at the dinner to prospective members, two of which have already been read in lodge. All in all, it was another successful event for the lodge, with the proceeds of \$260 going to support the Buckley Food Bank.



Above: Jennie Reed kept the buffet table stocked with goodies. **Below:** Some great prizes at the raffle table.



Gemütlichkeit (pronounced geh-MOOT-likh-kite) is a German concept that defies a single English translation. It describes a state or feeling of warmth, friendliness, good cheer, and social belonging.





Jamie Hanson, Bethhany Struthers, Ash Thomas, and Moira Struthers practice folding American Flags.



Elizabeth Keena, Jennie Reed, and Jamie Hanson learning how to dispose of a tattered American Flag.



Ash Thomas and Moira Struthers with the folded flag.



Right: Sapphyra Houle has a look of urgency on her face as she cleans windows. She belongs to the Eta Club.

Annual TR Retreat is much more than just fun & games

The Olympia IOOF Park hall recently transformed into a sea of air mattresses and stuffed animals as our Theta Rho Girls gathered for their annual three-day retreat. This favorite tradition is much more than a giant slumber party; it was a weekend where fun, service, and leadership meet.

Fun And Friendship

From beach explorations to impromptu games under the trees, the girls spent the weekend reuniting with old friends and welcoming new ones. These bonds were fueled by the incredible efforts of our JYC leaders, who handled all the shopping, cooking, and cleaning to keep the group well-fed and happy.

Leadership And Growth

Between the games, the girls focused on preparing for the upcoming Theta Rho Assembly. They practiced presenting the flags and learned formal voting procedures, ensuring they are ready to lead with confidence. In addition, Grand Master Dave Delony and PGM Joe Picanco helped show the girls how to properly fold and/or dispose an American flag.

Giving Back

The girls also showed their appreciation for the Odd Fellows by helping maintain the park. By washing windows and tidying flower beds, they learned the value of caring for the community that supports them.

A Stronger Sisterhood

The girls headed home with more than just memories; they left with a deeper understanding of our organization that loves and embraces them. We are so grateful to everyone who made this weekend of sisterhood possible.

— *Sylvia Summers, Spunky Bluebirds Advisor*





Photo #1: Dave Delony, Ash Thomas, Moria Struthers, Bethany Struthers, Leila Lodstrom, Joe Picanco, Jamie Hanson, and Dave Reed around the firepit.



Photo #2: Shauna Schultz, Emma Lynch, and Sylvia Summers painting rocks.

Photo #3: Jamie Hanson, Vicki Simonsen, Laura Purcell, Linda Boatman, Moria Struthers, and Bethany Struthers work on jigsaw puzzles.

Photo #4: Khloe Kaser cranking the ice cream freezer.



Photo #5: Jennie Reed, along with Laurel Delony (not pictured) had some major shopping to do for a host of hungry girls and adults, too.



Bear Meat. . .

Chief of *TaNaMaKa* asks: 'Are you ready'

Chief of *TaNaMaKa* Toby Hanson has ordered the Long House to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of *TaNaMaKa* on Monday night, June 29 following the All Branch Banquet at the Yakima Red Lion Inn and Center.

Members of *TaNaMaKa*, you need to be on the lookout for BEAR MEAT!

There will *not* be a sales table this year.

Please see Maggie Truttmann or Laurel Delony at our Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions to obtain a membership form for *BEAR MEAT* and a *BEAR MEAT* tag. Membership cost is \$3.

'Johneo' sez: Here's what to wear at Assembly Sessions

John "Johneo" Otterstrom, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has called a meeting of the Annual Session of the Assembly for June 29 through July 1, 2026.

The start time of the Annual Session meeting will be 9 a.m. and will be opened in the Rebekah Assembly Degree and then re-opened in the Rebekah Lodge Degree. All Rebekah Members are welcome. The Location is-Red Lion Inn, 607 E Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98901.

President "Johneo" has requested and directs the attire for the Session for all elected and appointive officers to be a long black or white skirt with the designated blue top. If you do not have the selected top, any appropriate top will be fine. All others should be dressed in business attire. Please no flip flops.

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

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Current TRA Title or Past Title
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Saturday, June 27, 2026 6 p.m.
Please List Any Food Restrictions Below

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Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

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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

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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

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Must be post marked by June 1, 2026

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607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

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There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

Rates: \$87 Single or Double \$97 Triple or Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

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

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

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Gathered together are, from left: Grand Patriarch Michael Douglas, PGM David “Ace” Adams of Minnesota, PGM Toby Hanson, PG Bob Duniway, PGP Greg Powers, NG Jaime Hanson, and Roxanne Duniway.

Minnesota Odd Fellows invade our museum

Odd Fellowship has an amazing ability to bring people together from across the miles. At the Northwest Folklife Festival at Seattle Center on Saturday, May 23, a group of Odd Fellows came together in just such a manner.

David “Ace” Adams, PGM and Grand Representative of Minnesota and his wife Deb were coming through Seattle after an Alaskan cruise. They took the opportunity to visit Odd Fellows here in Washington for a couple days before their return flight to Minnesota.

On Friday, May 22, they were hosted by our Grand Secretary at the office in Buckley where they were able to tour our Odd Fellows Museum.

On Saturday, PGM Toby Hanson picked them up and brought them up to the Folklife Festival for the day. The highlight of the event was the meetup following the performance of the “Joy Street Orchestra.” Joy Street was founded in 1998 as the Valse Café Orchestra. Toby Hanson has served as pianist and music director since 2003. The orchestra is managed by Brother Dean Paton of Bothell IOOF Lodge #124 and also includes PGP Greg Powers on trombone.

The orchestra gave a nimble and spirited performance after which all the Odd Fellows present gathered.