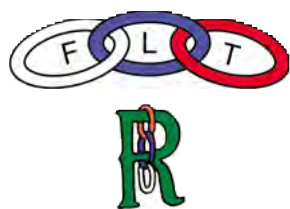


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Inside*

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From the Heart of the Grand Master

Sharing My Gratitude Straight From My Heart



Jamie Vest

Your 2026-27 Grand Master

Greetings, my beloved Washington Odd Fellows family!

It is with a heart full of gratitude, humility, and love that I address you as your newly-elected Grand Master of this Jurisdiction. As my first letter to you, I want to share the words that came directly from my heart on the day I accepted this sacred responsibility. This speech reflects not only my gratitude for the trust you have placed in me, but also my deep love for this Order and for each of you who carry its light forward.

I titled this article From the Heart of the Grand Master because every word comes from a place of sincerity and devotion to the principles that unite us.

I want you all to know how deeply I love and cherish this Jurisdiction and the Brothers and Sisters who make it what it is. I give you my solemn promise that I will work tirelessly to spread the light of this Order's principles — Divine principles, I might add — which guide our fellowship and our service to humanity.

The highest principle known to humankind is Love.

I Need Every One Of You Now More Than Ever!

I look forward to the coming year working alongside each of you as we continue moving our Jurisdiction forward with purpose, unity, and progress. To accomplish this, I need each and every one of you now more than ever.

Remember well the lesson we are taught about the bundle of sticks — that together we are strong, and united, and we cannot be broken.

I work for you, not the other way around.

Together, we will make this Jurisdiction even stronger and more vibrant than it already is.

Following Is My Acceptance Speech At Our Grand Lodge Sessions:

Friendship • Love • Truth

DEDICATION

This speech is dedicated to the generations of Odd Fellows in the Jurisdiction of Washington who, since 1878, have upheld the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Their service, charity, and devotion laid the foundation upon which we stand today.

It is also dedicated to the Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction, whose leadership guided this Grand Lodge through generations of growth, challenge, and progress.

Brothers and Sisters, Distinguished Guests, Honored Past Grand Masters, Family, and Friends:

It is with a deeply humble heart and sincere gratitude that I stand before you today, having been entrusted with the great honor of serving as Grand Master of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

To be elected to this office is a privilege that I accept with reverence and humility. I do not stand here today simply as an individual, but as a representative of the faith, confidence, and trust that the members of this Jurisdiction have placed in me.

This moment is not one that I take lightly. To serve as Grand Master is to inherit a responsibility that has been carried by dedicated leaders before me — men and women who labored faithfully to preserve and strengthen the work of Odd Fellowship in our great state.

At this moment, it is only fitting that I pause to recognize the Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction. These distinguished leaders carried the weight of this office before me and guided this Grand Lodge through generations of change and challenge.

Brothers and Sisters, Distinguished Guests, Honored Past Grand Masters, Family, and Friends:

It is with a deeply humble heart and sincere gratitude that I stand before you today, having been entrusted with the great honor of serving as Grand Master of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In those early days — long before modern systems of assistance existed — Odd Fellows visited the sick, relieved the distressed, buried the dead, and educated the orphan.

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Heart of the Grand Master

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Those acts of compassion were not simply charitable gestures. They were the living expression of the principles upon which our Order was founded.

Those principles are symbolized by the three links we know so well: Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Here in Washington, those principles have taken real form through institutions created to serve humanity.

For generations, Washington Odd Fellows demonstrated these principles through institutions dedicated to care and compassion, including the historic Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, which provided dignity and care for elderly members and their families.

Across this state, Odd Fellows also established charitable homes, cemeteries, and community support programs that reflected our enduring commitment to humanity.

Today, I stand before you humbled to recognize that I am the first person of color elected Grand Master in the history of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington.

I recognize the significance of this moment not as a personal milestone alone, but as a reflection of the continued growth and progress of our beloved Order.

When I look out and see my family and friends — especially those who are not Odd Fellows but who have traveled here today to support me — I am reminded that the work we do in this Order reaches far beyond ourselves, regardless of the title we may hold.

Because the work is not about us.

It is about our communities.

And ultimately, it is about the world.

The principles we uphold today will shape the opportunities and possibilities for those who come after us.

Brothers and Sisters, the future of Odd Fellowship now rests in our hands — just as it once rested in the hands of those who established this Grand Lodge in 1878.

They built lodges that became centers of fellowship and charity.

They built institutions that cared for the vulnerable.

They built a tradition of service that has endured for generations.

Now it is our duty to carry that work forward.

We must strengthen our lodges.

We must renew our commitment to service.

We must ensure that the light of Odd Fellowship continues to shine brightly throughout Washington and beyond.

And if we remain faithful to the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, then the future of Odd Fellowship will not merely endure — it will flourish, it will inspire, and it will shine brighter than ever before.

Let it be said by those who come after us that in our time we did not allow the light of Odd Fellowship to grow dim — but instead we lifted it higher, carried it farther, and passed it forward brighter than we received it.

Thank you, my Brothers and Sisters.



Serious obligation

Grand Master Jamie Vest, Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative, escorted and held the Bible for Sister Laurel Delony, Sovereign Grand Chaplain, to take the obligation of office. In the middle is Lloyd Fries, PGM of Oregon holding the Bible for his wife Patty Fries, PGM of Oregon, Sovereign Grand Conductor, as she takes the obligation of office.



— Jamie Vest, Grand Master,
Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows
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Good Luck Jamie!



Cathy 'Cat' Garcia
Assembly Secretary

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about your responsibilities. I am available, along with the entire Executive Committee, to help in any way I can.
Enjoy the last of our sunshine days and look forward to cocoa and warm blanket evenings.

— 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

From your Assembly Secretary

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are returning to your Rebekah Lodges with new ideas and enthusiasm. It always amazes me how quickly the summer comes to an end, and I still have a list of projects I didn't get finished. At the same time, I am excited to return to regular meetings with my Rebekah Brothers and Sisters.

Grand Sessions - A Great Three Days

Our Annual Sessions in Yakima went well with President John "Johneo" Otterstom leading our meetings and IARA President Pam Isenhower representing the International Association. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great three days of fellowship and information. Your Lodge Representative will give a full report at a lodge meeting in September.

More Exciting Times To Come!

I'm a bit behind with the Journal of Proceedings, but will hopefully get them to our lodges in September.

Our President for 2026-2027 is Jennie Reed. I am excited to work with her again and I am sure we will have a very productive year.

Back To Work Lodge Secretaries

As we move into the fall season, I am asking all our Lodge Secretaries to spend some extra time going over your minute books, meeting with your Noble Grand and Treasurer, and confirming that your information is accurate and easy to read. As a team member, you are responsible to your lodge members for your attendance records, finances and meeting information. If we are to grow as individual lodges and as an Order, we really need to work together.

Sammy Winner!

Mt. Constitution #88
member wins in June



It probably took Michael Hurwicz a magnifying glass to find Sammy in June's edition of The Washington OddFellow. Sammy's face was a little smaller than usual, but it was right on the front page in the lower right corner.

Michael is from Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 on Orcas Island.

This month you find Sammy hiding in another location. If you spot our grand old dame, 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 September 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

Welcome Back To Lodge!

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back to those lodges that go dark in July and August.

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge Representatives for re-electing me to a two-year term. I love Odd Fellowship, I love the office of Grand Secretary, and I love working with our Lodge Secretaries, the elected officers and members of this Order.

Now, on another note. I have mailed out the per capita invoices for 2026. The cost of the per capita is based on your lodge membership from the Annual Reports ending December 31, 2025. If it's wrong, then you better double check your records.

Yes, Everything Is Going Up

The Grand Lodge, at Sessions, is still charging the lodges \$28.50 per contributing member to Sovereign Grand Lodge, \$6 newspaper tax, \$1 Home tax, and \$.75 for entertainment tax. That's a total of \$36.25 per member. Do your dues per member cover this cost? I also have heard rumors that there may be an increase in the SGL per capita of \$5 per year for the next two years. That would put the Grand Lodge per capita to the lodges at \$46.25. Once again, do your membership dues cover this amount? If not you need to get your by-laws adjusted.

Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions

I attended Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Texas in August. I was the SGL/IARA JYC Youth Committee Chairman. I would like to thank our Grand Lodge for its generosity by sending 10 Theta Rho Girls to SGL Youth Days Sessions with their advisors/chaperones. Of course, the girls made us very proud as they always do. Congratulations to our new Sovereign Grand Master Ronald D.

Hanson. Washington is so proud to be home of the SGM. Speaking about SGM Ron, his Testimonial registration is in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. Get your registration in as soon as possible. Ron's Testimonial is forecasted to be a great time. Come help us celebrate Brother Ron's accomplishments.

Registration for the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting is in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. This event is open to anyone. You don't have to be a member to attend. The Pacific Northwest Department Council will also be meeting Friday, November 6.

Secretaries, I am planning a Zoom meeting or you can be at the office in person to help you with any of the reports that are necessary to keep your lodge in compliance. These include Transfers and how they are processed, Year-End Report, and new member reporting forms, etc., and anything else you would like to talk about. Details will be coming to you soon.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve this great Jurisdiction. I am here to help.

I hope you all had a good summer.

— *With Fraternal Hugs and Love,*
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary
grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

800-345-1766 or 360-1766 or 360-829-1514

Hope didn't run for the Texas hills

Washington's Sovereign Grand Lodge delegation spent an evening at Texas Roadhouse. Many of our Brothers and Sisters, plus Hope, our server on the extreme left in the photo is included. Anyone who can work with this crew and not run screaming into the night deserves to be famous. Thanks, Hope!



A Promise to Washington. . .

No Me Without You!

There are moments in life when you are given an honor so great that words seem almost inadequate to describe what it means. For me, being entrusted to serve as Grand Master of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington, and being chosen to represent this Jurisdiction at the Sovereign Grand Lodge, are among those moments.

But as I reflect on these responsibilities, one truth stands above everything else: There would be no me without you. Washington gave me the opportunity to learn, to serve, to stumble, to grow, and to become the Odd Fellow I am today. The confidence you have placed in me is something I will never take for granted. When you elected me as your Grand Master, you entrusted me with the leadership of this Jurisdiction. When you elected me as your Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, you entrusted me with something equally precious: your voice. I carry both honors with humility.

I have learned many lessons along this journey — some through success, some through disappointment, and some through circumstances that tested me more than I ever expected. But every lesson has strengthened my conviction that this Order is worth fighting for, worth protecting, and worth building for those who will come after us. And through it all, I have never forgotten where I came from.

My Home: Buckley IOOF Lodge #75

There is one place in this Jurisdiction that holds a particularly sacred place in my heart: Buckley IOOF Lodge #75. Buckley, you became my home.

When South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211 came to you, you did not have to open your doors to us. You did not have to accept Consolidation. You could have chosen a different path. But you chose us. You welcomed us — not merely as members coming through the door, but as people who needed somewhere to belong. And in doing so, you gave me something I had never truly understood the importance of until I found it: Family.

You have stood beside me when life was difficult. You have mourned with me when I experienced loss. You have celebrated with me when life gave me reason to celebrate. You have encouraged me when I was tired, challenged me when I needed challenging, and believed in me when I needed someone to believe. The lodge room in Buckley is more than a place where meetings are held.

It is part of me. My heartbeat hangs in that lodge. I mean that with every ounce of sincerity in my heart. Just as a vital organ cannot live without the blood that sustains it, I need the love, fellowship, friendship, and connection that I find within those walls. That bond is a lifeline to me.

Buckley 75, you didn't simply give me a lodge. You gave me a family. And I will spend the rest of my life being grateful for that gift.

To The Jurisdiction I Love

Washington, you have given me opportunities I could never have imagined when I first began this journey. You have allowed me to serve. You have allowed me to lead. You have allowed me to represent you. Most importantly, you have allowed me to grow.

I know that leadership is not about having all the answers. It is about having the courage to listen, the humility to learn, the strength to make difficult decisions, and the willingness to keep moving forward when the road becomes difficult.

There have been victories. There have been disappointments. There have been moments that have broken my heart. And there have been moments that reminded me exactly why I love this Order. Through every one of them, I have learned something. And every lesson has made me more determined to leave Odd Fellowship stronger than I found it.

My Promise

I cannot promise that every decision I make will be perfect. I cannot promise that every road ahead will be easy. But I can promise you this:

As long as I have breath in my body, I will work tirelessly for this Jurisdiction and for the betterment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. I will work for our lodges. I will work for our members. I will work for the future Odd Fellows who have not yet walked through our doors. I will protect the traditions that deserve to be protected, embrace the changes that will make us stronger, and never forget that at the center of everything we do are people — Brothers and Sisters who simply want to belong to something meaningful.

When I stand before the Sovereign Grand Lodge as your Representative, I will remember that I do not stand there alone. Washington stands there with me. Every lodge. Every Brother. Every Sister. Every person who has placed their trust in this Jurisdiction.

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Is there a (meatball) surgeon in the house?

We're not sure if we'd trust this bunch of quacks with much of anything, let alone wielding scalpels. Luckily, they are part of a skit at our Grand Sessions in Yakima last June. From left are John "Johneo" Otterstrom (Maxwell Klinger), Steve Purcell (Col. Sherman Potter), Laura Purcell (Cpl. Radar O'Reilly), Laurel Delony (Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan), and, of course, Dave Delony (Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce).



Breathing fire

PPRA "Dusti" Trebe was transformed into "Athena, the Warrior Goddess" during the All-Branch Banquet at Grand Sessions in Yakima. She looks pretty smug after battling the fire-breathing giant "Enceladus."

Grand Warden's Musings # 1

First of all, the July and August recess season is over; Lodges which go dark during this time are back in session and *The Washington OddFellow* is again being published. Welcome back!



Steve Purcell

2026-27 Grand Warden

Usually I'll be writing about membership as that is one thing the Grand Warden oversees. This article, however, shall be a bit off topic as I wish to introduce a young man by the name of Sam Harshman to you all.

I met Sam at one of our Memorial Day events at Memorial Park in Tumwater. He was wearing his Scouting uniform, carrying a trumpet. We began to chat and I discovered that he, upon traveling to local cemeteries, would sound "Taps" over the resting place of any Veteran upon request. He performed one of the most outstanding renditions of "Taps" I had ever heard. Then I was informed, by his rightly proud father Bruce, that he was completely self taught.

During one of our chance encounters he broached the subject of his proposed Eagle Scout project. His proposal was to construct a solar powered unit which would play "Taps" over a loudspeaker every day at noon. I arranged for him to present his plan to the IOOF Cemetery Committee, who viewed it favorably, and the project was then presented to members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 which voted to allow the project to move forward.

Upon my relaying approval from Olympia's members to him, the wheels were set in motion. Sam began designing the system, arranging for and collecting the necessary funds and acquiring the materials to bring the project to fruition.

If possible, Sam is more involved in and committed to Scouting than even I am to Odd Fellowship. In addition to this project some of Sam's other commitments are teaching leadership classes and, of course, traveling to and attending Scouting Jamborees. How he finds sufficient days in the year, let alone hours in the day, to fulfill all his commitments is beyond my comprehension. In addition to building and installing the system, the project also includes some permanent signage along side the cemetery office which explains the project and the significance of "Taps." There is also a concrete walkway from the road to the signs.

Sam finally got to the ground breaking stage on August 5 with a planned completion date of August 22 or 23. I will have returned from Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions by that time and hope to be present when "Taps" sounds over the cemetery for the first time.

That's Sam's story and the story of his Eagle Scout project. I anxiously await its completion. One final note. Sam would make an excellent Odd Fellow; I'm just not sure we'd ever be able to lure him away from Scouting.

It's a great day to be an Odd Fellow in Washington!

— Steve Purcell, PGM, Your 2026-27 Grand Warden

A Promise to Washington. . . — Continued From Page 6

I will carry your voice with me. And when I return home, I will continue the work. Because this has never been about a title for me. It has never been about a position. It has always been about people, family, friendship, service, and the future of an Order that I love deeply.

So to my beloved Washington Jurisdiction: Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for trusting me. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you.

And to Buckley IOOF Lodge #75: Thank you for opening your doors. Thank you for accepting us. Thank you for standing beside me. Thank you for giving me family.

I love you all more than words can adequately express.

Whatever the future holds, I will continue to give everything I have to this Jurisdiction and to this Order. Until my last breath, I will serve. And when I take that final Degree, I hope it can be said that I left Odd Fellowship just a little stronger, a little better, and a little more united than I found it.

Because you gave me a place to belong. And I intend to spend my life honoring that gift. With all my heart and with sincere fraternal love,

— Jamie Vest, Grand Master

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Pacific Northwest Department Council will meet at 9:00 am Friday, November 6, 2026



Come On Beaver!
We Can't Be Late For Yakima!



Our Theta Rho Girls decorated two pickups for the Oregon Trail Days in Tenino.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Following the parade, we all went to Joe's Place bar in Bucoda where we treated the girls to lunch. It's always a pleasure to host the Theta Rhos, and we thank all who participated.

SGL Testimonial Dinner

Grand Lodge Sessions were in June, many of us attended Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions during the middle of August. At Sovereign will saw the installation of Washington's own Ron Hanson as Sovereign Grand Master. Ron's Testimonial will be at the Double Tree Inn, by Hilton in Sea-Tac on October 22–25. Registration forms for this event are on page 22.

I think that just about catches us up on all the news that's fit to print.
Until next time. . .

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*

Steve Purcell (The Retread formerly known as Junior)

Domestic Reporter and Foreign Correspondent

Skookumchuck IOOF #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144



Washington OddFellow is tops

The *Washington OddFellow* newspaper is back on top again. After last year's misunderstanding with entry deadlines, this year our Jurisdictional newspaper earned four wins including "Best Newspaper Overall." We also won the "Best Use of Photography" award. Other wins were for "News Content" — Runner Up; and "Best Column" — First place. Our own Laurel Delony was elected Vice President of the International Press Association (IPA). There were no critiques issued by the IPA this year, so we don't know whose column won. So go ahead and take credit if you feel your column was the best. Editor Bill Ostlund said, "Every edition we publish is a team effort, so all contributors should be proud. Without all of you, there would be no *Washington OddFellow* publication."

Bucoda Bulletin Board #59

September is here and it's time to crank up the articles for *The Washington OddFellow* again.

When last we left our heroes there was discussion about tying another community dance night. Circle Saturday, September 26. Come join us at 7 p.m. We'll be upstairs, in the IOOF Lodge area of the Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, Bucoda WA. This is a free, family friendly event. Baked goods and light refreshments will be available for purchase in the dining area. The event flyer should be in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*.

Tenino Oregon Trail Days

Our annual tradition of participating in Tenino's Oregon Trail Days Parade is intact. This year we had two vehicles and around 20 participants of which at least 11 were Theta Rho Girls and their Advisors). We didn't get an award this year, but we passed out in the vicinity of 65 pounds of candy and a number of

Odd Fellow car trash bags containing pencils, rulers, and information about the



From your 2026-27 Theta Rho President

Ash Thomas

Hello everybody! I hope you have all been well. In June we wrapped up our Theta Rho Assembly Sessions and now I'm starting prep for next year's assembly, also in Yakima.

In July I got the opportunity to attend the All Branch Officers' Reception in Olympia, Washington. I was happy to see everyone who came out. I hope everyone had a wonderful time.

I have already started putting everything together for next year's Sessions and I'm going to start reaching out to Eta #94, Acorn #79 and Spunky #93 Advisors to get my visits planned and get prepared for my sessions. I hope I see you all at Youth Days.

I also wish everyone a wonderful month!

— *In Happiness Through Service,*

Ash Thomas, Your 2026-27 Theta Rho President

Ash is a member of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 (plus she's also a member of ETA Theta Rho in Oregon where she is living now.)



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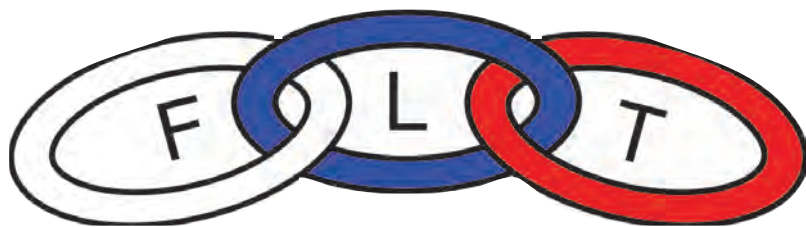
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Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:**
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BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101A E.
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Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131 **Time:**
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Meets At: Olympia Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA
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4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** June, July & Aug. **NG:** John Mathers,
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(2/28/27)

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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)

BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle. **Mailing**
Address: POB 17940, Seattle, WA 98107. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs.
7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Ivan Kotcher, 2233 NW 58th St., Apt
544, Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (817) 917-3003. **Sec'y:** Freddy Castillo
606 W. Howe, Seattle, WA 98119. (2/28/27)

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Laura Purcell
2026-27 Grand Matriarch

From your 2026-27 Grand Matriarch

Brothers and Sisters,

Hi all. What beautiful weather we are having, but it is a little hot at times.

Well here we go again for round two. I **LOVE** it!

My project is the Tenino Food Bank. My animal is the Hummingbird, my flower is the Calibrachoa (mini petunia), and my colors are blue and white.

I haven't done much yet as most lodges are dark. I did attend the Planning Board meeting at the Olympia Park on Puget Sound followed by the All-Branch Reception on July 19. I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and the monetary donations to my project.

I also attended the Oregon Trail Days Parade in Tenino. It was wonderful to see all the Theta Rho Girls. We had a wonderful time and passed out 65 pounds of candy. Then we went to Joe's Place in Bucoda for lunch which is a tradition.

As I write this, I am getting ready to go to Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Texas. When I come back I will start sending out my visitation letters.

Please keep our Brothers and Sisters in Spokane in our thoughts and hope for rapid fire suppression to keep them all safe.

I'm looking forward to seeing and helping you all this year (or anytime someone needs it).

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

~ Lodge Cards ~

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)

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

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

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)



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)



New leaders

Our new Grand Master Jamie Vest escorts Ash Thomas at her Installation as Theta Rho President during Theta Rho Sessions in Yakima last June.



We're growing & we can prove it!!

From left are Shauna Schultz, Emma Lynch, Aviana Moore, Ava Kaser, Quinley Spydell, Willow Miller, Khloe Kaser, and Bella Gleghorn with their award for most new members. The award was given to the Acorn #79 girls at our Grand Sessions in Yakima in June.

Acorn #79 Girls have a great time in Yakima!

Welcome Back!

We had a busy summer. At the end of June we had eight members attend Theta Rho Assembly Sessions in Yakima. Two of our members received elective offices, Vice President Shauna Schultz and Warden Aviana Moore. Girls who received appointment offices were Ava Kaiser, Bella Gleghorn. Emma Lynch, Khloe Kaiser, Quinley Spydell, and Willow Miller. Our club received awards for the Most New Members and First Place for our scrapbook. Bella Gleghorn took second place in the 11-and-Under Ritualistic Contest and Willow Miller received a Special Recognition Award from IARA President Pam Isenhower.

In July some of our members attended the reception at the IOOF Park in Olympia honoring the heads of our branches.

In August four of our members and an Assistant Advisor attended Youth Day in Frisco, Texas. Thank you Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, JJYC and our travel agent, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, for making this happen. We hope we represented our jurisdiction well. It was so much fun.

In September we will be doing our Papa Murphy Pizza Card Fundraiser. For those who would like to help, you can contact our advisor at queenche2000@frontier.com and we can mail them to you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

At our first meeting in September we are having a "Welcome Back, First Seahawk Home Game/Board Game" social event at our Advisor's house. We also will be welcoming back past member Kiara Moore.

You can see that even though we're not having official meetings during the summer we stayed busy.

We are looking forward to being back at meetings together and starting our fall activities.

Until next month. . .

The members of Acorn #79



Girls attending Theta Rho Assembly in Yakima are, front row from left, Willow Miller, Khloe Kaser, Malena Lodstrom, and Sapphyra Houle. Second row from left are Ava Kaser, Autumn Scheiderer, Elizabeth Keena, and Bella Gleghorn. Back row from left are Ash Thomas, Shauna Schultz, Aviana Moore, MaLana Barbas, Teanna Gardner, Hailey Hanna, Quinley Spydell, Emma Lynch, Leila Lodstrom, Makayla Lodstrom, Alister Jennings, and Rachel Boggs.

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Sales run until September 30. You can order cards by contacting Acorn's Advisor Judy Diekman at queenche2000@frontier.com. Funds help with our community service projects and travel. Your support is appreciated.



Alpha #1 & Canton #20 welcomes new member

Alpha Encampment #1 and Canton Olympia #20 welcomed their newest member in June. Front row, from left, are Joanne Balmert, new member Joe Soel, Tom Harper, Laura Purcell, and Jennie Reed. In the back row, from left, are Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie, Michael Scheurich, Dave Reed, Dave Delony, and Steve Purcell.

— Photo by Laurel Delony



Sovereign Grand Lodge Installation

In the front row, from left, are: Laurel Delony, Sovereign Grand Chaplain; Pattie Fries, SG Conductor; Sue Downing, SG Marshal; Davey Wiggers, SG Secretary; Ray Jackson, SG Warden; and Kelly Hughes, DSG Master. Their escorts were directly behind them to hold their Bibles and present their collars. You can also pick out Dave Delony, SG Guardian, with his escort Cathy Garcia.

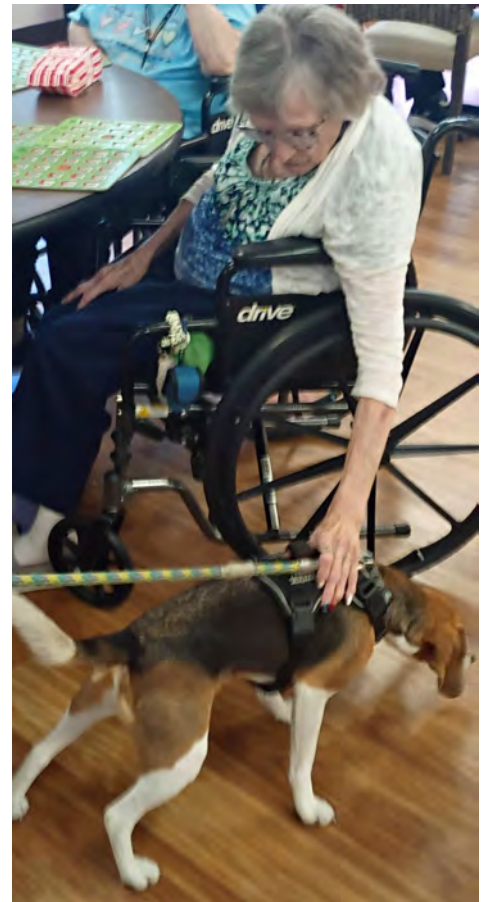
— Photo by Dusti Trebe

This Washougal dog can ‘Con’ his way into anyone’s heart!!

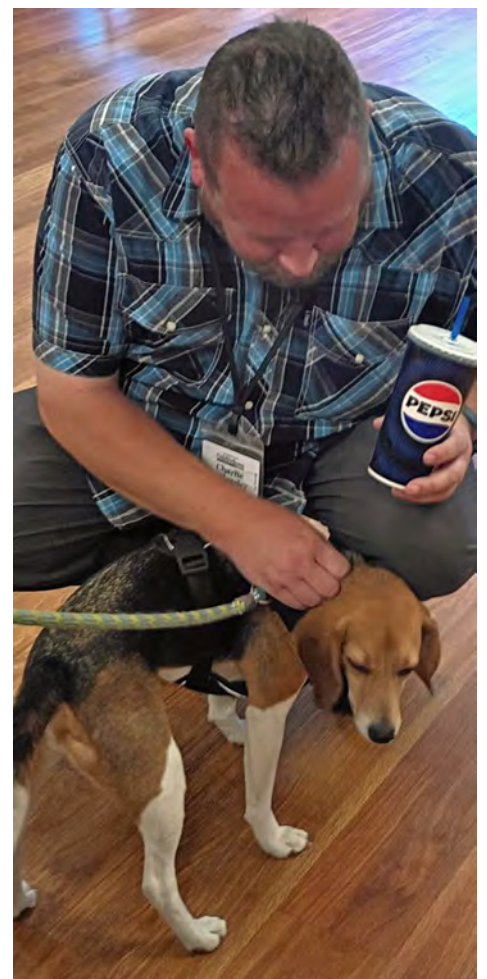
Members of Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 went to Grand Lodge Sessions in Yakima, and then continued to spread Odd Fellowship following Sessions. Harry Jester and Kathy Jester (she’s the newly-installed Grand Canadian Color Bearer), were invited to take “Con” (Conway), their service dog beagle, to the Odd Fellow Home in Walla Walla as they were traveling to visit family in Dayton. The Jesters had never been to the Odd Fellow Home in Walla Walla.

They were quite impressed after seeing the grounds, buildings and facilities. “Con” was well mannered for the residents and was giving lots of love, scratches, and hugs while talking to by residents and staff. He put smiles on all the faces he met. They also visited a lodge meeting for Richland #338.

— Kathy Jester, Noble Grand
Washougal IOOF Lodge #194



IOOF Home Assisted Living
Resident Violet Deshazer has a
moment with Conway, AKA “Con.”



Charlie, a staffer at the Home in
Walla Walla, bonds with Conway.

Table for 12, please

Embassy Suites Manager's reception found, from left, Kathi Picanco, Joe Picanco, Laura Purcell, Cathy Garcia, Sovereign Grand Master Ron Hanson, Dusti Trebe, Dave Delony, Laurel Delony, Jennie Reed, Dave Reed, Michael Scheurich, and John “Johneo” Otterstrom.





Save Second Base

Raychel Squibb, is shown at her graduation from Lower Columbia College in Longview. She was part of an adult softball tournament called "Save Second Base" which raised funds to support the families of the Nippon paper mill chemical spill on May 26, 2026. Trinity #179 Rebekah Michelle Witten lost her son in the disaster.

We're back to Fall fun at Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179

Well, here it is the middle of August and time to write an article for *The Washington OddFellow*. I really hope everyone who attended Assembly Sessions in Yakima had a good time and enjoyed their visits with our other members.

Congrats to Sister Jennie Reed and Brother Jamie Vest. It will be a great year with them as the heads of our Order. The Officers' Reception was really nice and well attended.

Trinity had a Sister who was in the hospital. We have been praying for her recovery. She currently is at home and moving on with her life. She said, "I am not ready to leave this world yet!" She is not at 100 percent yet, but she's alive and doing better. She has incredibly strong will power.

Summertime Projects

We had a wild summer with our fun time events. We have also been working on the backpacks for lower income, school-aged kids. We completed 14 backpacks this year. Many were completed with donated funds.

Mary Smith and Alberta Luurs organized a bake sale to help sponsor an adult softball team that was playing in a charity tournament to raise money for the families who lost loved ones in the tragic Nippon paper mill chemical spill on May 26, 2026. The spill resulted in the deaths of 11 people and many others were injured.

Year-End Projects

Trinity members are working on a lot of end-of-year projects such as our Christmas Bazaar, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas shut-in Baskets, Christmas family Baskets, and playing Santa for a day care facility! We will also be working on bake sales to keep the lodge running.

We congratulate one of our own Sisters, Raychel Squibb, who graduated from Lower Columbia College in Longview with honors. Her mortarboard cap says it all as she is heading back to first grade in the Winlock School District. Congrats Raychel.

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Raychel Squibb celebrated her college graduation by heading back to her home town to teach first grade.

Trinity #179 stays very busy

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Trinity has a lot of roads to cross, but with help from our members we just might keep our heads up high.

Blazes Continue In Washington

To all our Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, we hope you are all safe and well with all the devastating fires around our state, especially in the Spokane area.

— Hugs to All

In Friendship Love and Truth
Alberta Luurs, Reporter

Grand Master Jamie makes his appointments

As the new year in Odd Fellowship in this Jurisdiction has just begun, I would like to introduce to the entire Jurisdiction your 2026-27 Grand Lodge Officers, both Elected and Appointed; District Deputy Grand Masters and the Districts they serve; as well as newly-appointed committee members and the committees they have been appointed to. These Officers are a vital component in the operation of the business of this Grand Lodge, and have a tremendous responsibility in ensuring that this Grand Lodge not only survives, but thrives well into the future. And I cannot stress the importance that, as Grand Lodge Officers, we work for YOU, the members of this Grand Lodge. Because, without you, there is no Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Elected Officers:

Grand Master: Jamie Vest
Deputy Grand Master: Phillip "Tom" Harper
Grand Warden: Steve Purcell
Grand Secretary: Laurel Delony
Grand Treasurer: Steve McChord

Grand Lodge appointed Officers:

Grand Marshal: Dave Reed
Grand Parliamentarian: Joe Picanco
Grand Conductor: Dustin Deane
Grand Chaplain: Greg Powers
Grand Herald: Nora Carria
Grand Guardian: Orlee Groh
Grand Color Bearer: Jeni Thompson
Grand Canadian Color Bearer: Kathy Jester
Grand Musician: Jeremiah "Toby" Hanson

District Deputy Grand Masters:

District #1: Nora Carria
District #2: Philip "Tom" Harper
District #3: Steve Purcell
District #4: Laura Purcell

District #5: Dusti Trebe

District #6: Dave Delony

Committee Appointments:

Arthritis: Alicia Vest
IOOF Pilgrim For youth: Laurel Delony
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Fraternal
Newspaper: Bill Ostlund
Joint youth committee: Dave Delony
Website & Webmaster: Patricia Smith
Cemetery: Dustin Deane, Hazel Mahan
Finance: Dave Delony
L.J. Jones Scholarship: Laurel Delony
Odd Fellows & Rebekah Historical
Association: Dave Delony
Visual aide: Laurel Delony

— Jamie Vest, Grand Master
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Testimonial Weekend

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Join Sovereign Grand Master Ron Hanson On A Cruise

BUFFET MENU

Boneless Beef Short Ribs Braised with Garlic and Thyme

Herb Crusted Breast of Chicken with Mushrooms in Marsala Sauce

Boiled New Potatoes with Butter and Parsley

Italian Roasted Cauliflower Salad with Olives and Capers

**Salad of Roasted Butternut Squash and Delicata Squash with Baby Kale,
Pecans and Maple Cider Vinaigrette**

Bread and Butter

Dessert

Chef's Selections of Cookies and Bars

Everyone Is Invited!

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

We're Well And Safe After Grand Sessions

Seven of us made it back from June's Rebekah Assembly Sessions. Assembly President John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Assembly Warden Joey Locke, PP Dusti Trebe, Assembly Chaplain Sarah Kane, Assembly Musician Neita Stearns, and PNG Linda Bradley, and Noble Grand Beverley Johnson, the two first-timers to attend Rebekah Assembly. It was informative and fun. "Johneo" had \$5,000 donated from the Rebekah Assembly to his special project, Northwest Harvest.

Sister Neita was given an award for her music by Pamela M. Isenhower, President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from Texas. Sister Linda received the Rebekah Assembly Degree.

We have four new officers for this 2026-2027 year: Joey Locke, RA Vice President; PP Dusti Trebe, U.S. Color Bearer, Senior Warden of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, and Vice President of Rebekah Assembly of Montana. Sarah Kane is District Deputy President for District #1. All seven were in costume for the All Branch Banquet. Sister Beverley won one of the quilts.

We are still looking for a place in August to have our \$1 to \$5 rummage/yard sale. If you know of a place, let one of us know so we can get rid of all this yarn material, dolls, and old Christmas stuff before we start on the new Christmas stuff. If you need items picked up, call one of us.

On August 5, we planned to meet at the lodge for our summer barbecue. Members were asked to provide a side dish or a dessert to go with the hamburgers and hotdogs. Our meeting was canceled because of the devastating wildfires in the Spokane area.

September Meeting

I am still working on getting permission from Garfield and Sunset Grade Schools to take hats, caps and scarves to the classes there. If you are making any of these items, we will be glad to have them. I am working on donations from Walmart and Costco. If you know of other places that may make donations, I have the EIN number and am getting the 501(c)8 information from the Grand Lodge office. We would like us to deliver the clothing items on September 12 after we get permission.

We're waiting on Sunset Gardens to get back with us for a visit. I left a detailed message at the front desk today as they hadn't returned previous calls.

Pat will be scheduling work days for doing crafts.

We are bringing a two-pack of cookies each month to deliver to one of our agencies as a thank you. These include AMR Ambulance, police, firefighters, school crossing guards, and anyone else you can think of who helps keep us safe. The delivery date will be determined.

On Wednesday, October 14 at 2:45 p.m., we will be at Royal Park Nursing Home to visit with the residents. We will do simple crafts with them including washrag creatures, or anything small they can do as we talk with them. Bring cookies and crafts you have completed.

In November we will be visiting the Sunshine Gardens if we hear back from them. We also will have our turkey dinner and Christmas Bazaar with the date to be determined.

In December we'll be working on boxes for Royal Park (like we do each year). Coloring books, crayons, Sudoku, or word find books and other items for the shoe boxes. During the month, we will have our Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Please bring two packages of cookies for others.

We would love to have you all at our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. If you need a ride we can get you to the lodge. Let us know. Call Beverley Johnson at (706) 415-7263 if you need help, a ride, or anything. Each meeting features "brown bag" lunch unless there is something special going on. One Rebekah will provide dessert for each meeting.

Save some shoe boxes for December and work on some crafts for the bazaar.

Our new shirts are in and they look GREAT!

Thanks for participating in the "Bakeless" Bake Sale.

Please put Debra Tobler on your prayer list. She goes into surgery on her hip soon.

All our members are safe from the wildfires. No one has lost their home. As of August 5, Dusti Tribe, who lives in Newport, and Joey Locke who lives in Chewelah, are on standby a most of the time just in case the fire spreads up to their locale.

Brother Tedd Swanson had an appointment and consultation June 26 in Seattle's Swedish Hospital Neuroscience Institute to evaluate the neuropathy in his right leg and hip. The doctor told Tedd he doesn't have neuropathy. It's Tedd's back causing the pain and weakness. The doctor referred Tedd to his physician at Providence in Spokane. Tedd has been unable to walk for over four years. He uses a walker 100 percent of the time. Sister Deb Tobler, our Vice Grand, is under treatment for her surgery. Our prayers are with her. Brother Tedd is to seek further treatment for healing.

The Spokane area has been hit hard by the fire with devastation. The IOOF Temple is out of harm's way. All members are safe.

— *With Rebekah Hugs In Friendship, Love, and Truth,*
Tedd Swanson, PNG and Reporter
Beverley Johnson, Noble Grand



1st Degree for Buckley's newest member

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 conferred the 1st Degree on the Lodge's newest members over the summer. Front row, from left, are Grace Kelly, June Kelly, Chris Savoy, Grand Master Jamie Vest, and Debbie Beers. In the second row, from left, are Sean Kelly, father of Grace and June; Jr. Past Grand Master Dave Delony; Grand Warden Tom Harper; Brandon Marek; Grand Musician Toby Hanson; Noble Grand Jaime Hanson; Joanne Balmert; and Joe Schaible.

— Photo by Laurel Delony

Ron & Sandy ready to lead Odd Fellows, Rebekahs!!

Sovereign Grand Master Ronald Hanson and IARA President Sandra Nickerson being presented for Installation at SGL Sessions in Frisco, Texas.

— Photo by Dusti Trebe



**TESTIMONIAL WEEKEND
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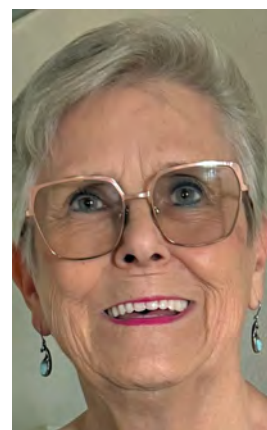
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From your 2026-27 Assembly President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for electing me again as your Assembly President for 2026-2027. My Program is as follows:

- My Colors are Lavender Red and Green
- My Emblem is a Watering Can with three Red Carnations
- My Fun song is “Sentimental Journey”
- My Hymn is “In The Garden” • My Motto is “The Serenity Prayer”
- My Project is the SGL/IARA Education Foundation.
- My Scriptures are Psalm 133:1 and Joel 2:1



Jennie Reed

only thing new is my motto. Each portion of my program has a special meaning to me, and I will explain each in future articles. I will start with the Watering Can.

When I was president the first time, my motto was “Plant a Seed and Watch It Grow” which means always encouraging new members, giving them something to do and watch them grow in our Order.

The Three Red Carnations symbolize one carnation for my husband and one for each of our two sons.

When I was Assembly President the first time we had 68 lodges. Ten years later we had 22 lodges and now only have 11 lodges. We cannot lose any more! As I visit your lodge, we will work together on increasing and retaining membership.

— As always in Friendship, Love and Truth,

Jennie Reed, President

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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‘Johneo’ is Mr. Past Everthing

IARA President Pam Isenhower pinned John “Johneo” Otterstrom’s Past President’s Jewel on him during the closing ceremonies of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington Sessions. John is the first male to serve as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, as well as the first person to serve as both a Past Grand Master and President. “Johneo” is also a Past Grand Patriarch. We are very proud to have “Johneo” as a member of our Order. He truly represents our tenants and exemplifies Friendship, Love and Truth in all that he does.

