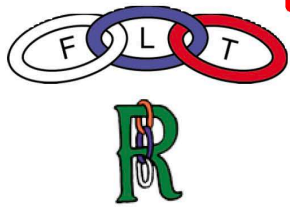


THE *Ghosts, Goblins & Kids Are On The Loose*



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Back row, from left, are: Tom Cox, Toby Hanson, Jim Boyd, and Chad Quesnell. Second row, from left are: Bob Duniway, Erin Murphy, and Penny Curtis. Third row, front left are: Ivan Kotcher, Katie Gray, Nathaniel Murphy, Greg Powers. In the front row are, from left: Initiates Kevin Pierce, Brittney Chambers, and Andrew Chambers.

Members gather to initiate 3 in Yakima

by Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP

Friendship, Love, and Truth were in abundance as members from Ballard-Alki, Bothell, Richland, and other lodges came together to perform an Initiation for Yakima IOOF Lodge #22. The Yakima lodge is always an eager host for the post-installation celebration for our Grand Sessions.

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From the Heart of the Grand Master



Jamie Vest

Your 2026-27 Grand Master



Tradition Meets Progress: Odd Fellowship In A New Age



We are living in an electrified age.

The way people communicate, discover organizations, build relationships, and connect with their communities has changed dramatically. Information travels in seconds, and much of the world now connects through phones and social media. As Odd Fellows, we cannot ignore that reality.

But embracing the future does not mean abandoning our past.

Our traditions, our history, our ceremonies, and our principles of **Friendship, Love and Truth** remain the foundation of who we are. They are not going anywhere. What must evolve is how we introduce those traditions to people who may not yet know us.

A New Doorway To Odd Fellowship

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington is actively expanding its presence on social media, including our **Grand Lodge Facebook page**, to tell the story of Odd Fellowship and the work being done throughout our Jurisdiction. This is about more than announcements.

It is about showing our communities **who we are, what we believe, and what we do.**

We want people to see our Lodges in action, our community service, our fellowship, our history, and the people who continue to carry this great Order forward.

To help lead this effort, I have appointed **Sister Penny Curtis as Grand Lodge Social Media Officer**, with an accompanying Grand Lodge Digital Outreach and Membership Information Committee. Their work will be focused on outreach, education, engagement, and helping bring the message of Odd Fellowship to populations that may never otherwise encounter us. There are people in our communities looking for friendship, purpose, service, fellowship, and belonging.

They simply need to know we are here.

Progress Without Losing Our Identity

Modernization does not require us to sacrifice tradition.

Our rituals can remain sacred. Our history can remain cherished. Our Lodges can remain places of fellowship and reflection. At the same time, we can use modern technology to introduce someone to those very traditions.

Tradition gives us our foundation. Progress gives us our reach. We need both.

If we stand still while the world moves around us, we risk becoming invisible — not because our principles have lost their value, but because we failed to communicate them where people are today. We must move at the speed of the world while remaining firmly grounded in who we are. We are not becoming something different.

We are making sure the world knows what we already are.

The Future Is Ours to Build

The future of Odd Fellowship will be shaped by what we do today. There are people in our communities looking for friendship, purpose, service, and belonging.

They simply need to know we are here.

So we must tell our story, show our service, invite people through our doors, and use every responsible tool available to us to reach those who have yet to discover Odd Fellowship. Our traditions are not being left behind.

They are being carried forward.

The world is moving. **So must we.**

Not away from our traditions, but forward with them.

Our past is our foundation. Our present is our opportunity.

Our future is ours to build.

And together, we will build it.

— *Jamie Vest, Grand Master,*

*Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington,
Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

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From your 2026-27 Assembly President,

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Fall is definitely in the air and the leaves are changing color. It seems like only yesterday that we were in 100+ degree weather in Frisco, Texas for Sovereign Grand Lodge/International Association of Rebekah Assemblies meeting. IARA is a time of fun and learning.

There are several amendments to Bills and Resolutions of interest.

Bill #22 A Bill to amend Chapter XXXVII Section 6C. Approval from The Grand Body prior to the local unit disposing of property and assets. Grand Bodies disposing of property and assets must obtain permission from the Sovereign Grand Lodge. 6D A Grand Body shall not incur any debt without the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

— *Approved*

Bill #18 A Bill defining qualifications for DDP Chapter VII, Section 8 A (4) (b), A DDP shall be a Past Noble Grand or a Past Grand who has obtained the Rebekah Assembly Degree— *Approved*

Bill #16 A Bill to clarify ballot counting Chapter V Section 2 Rebekah Assembly protocol. Ballots shall be counted by the committee of tellers in front of the Rebekah Assembly.

— *Approved*

October is a busy month. Sunday, October 11 is a joint meeting with the Grand Lodge and Assembly Officers and DDPs, and DDGMs. Sovereign Grand Master Ron Hanson's Testimonial is on October 23, 24 and 25. Then on November 6, 7 and 8, the Northwest Odd Fellows/Rebekah Association meeting will be held in Yakima.

Just For Thought

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." — Woodrow Wilson

As always in, Love and Truth,

Jennie Reed, President

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 welcomes 3 new members

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For many years, the Brothers and Sisters of Yakima have invited the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly members to their hall for pie and ice cream after the Installation of Officers. This year, those invited members got to return the hospitality to Yakima and put on an Initiation for three candidates the lodge had voted in as members.

Erin Murphy of Richland Lodge #338 jumped in and started organizing the Initiation, working with Yakima members to locate all the necessary props for the degree, as well as assigning roles to perform. With so many talented and experienced Odd Fellows in attendance, an excellent performance of the Initiation was assured. Yakima has a full complement of robes and props so the crew was able to put on a serious and impressive Initiation.

Once the Outside Conductor had brought the candidates in and the world was shut out, the Initiation flowed from there, with the serious and important messages imparted by the impromptu Degree Team. By the end of the ceremony, the three candidates had united with the lodge and become valued members who appreciated the importance and gravity of becoming Odd Fellows.

Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time performing the Initiation for the Yakima lodge; it was a wonderful way to thank them for their years of hearty hospitality.

Welcome Kevin, Brittney & Andrew



Jennie Reed
Assembly President



Cathy 'Cat' Garcia
Assembly Secretary

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

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From your Assembly Secretary

Fall really is here, the leaves are changing color, temperature has dropped, and I'm getting my yard ready for winter. I am very thankful I have grandsons to help me.

I want to thank everyone for your love and prayers over these past several weeks. I also want to thank you for your patience as I have gotten way behind on Rebekah responsibilities while I have been taking care of my mother. She has gone on to be with the Lord and my Dad now, and is suffering no more. As most of you know, she was a very active, independent woman and was not being able to continue as such the past several weeks of her life. These past weeks were very hard on her, but she is now dancing once again, and for that I am happy.

Thanks To Laura Purcell

I really want to thank Laura Purcell for jumping in and finishing the Rebekah Journal of Proceedings for me. She did a wonderful job and made it possible to get the Journals out to everyone by the end of September. Laura will be working with me to get your Rebekah Assessments and Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues statements to you later in October. After that, be looking for your Annual Reports to arrive. We are always busy, but that, too, is a blessing.

It's Nomination Month

Don't forget that October is "nomination month." We will be nominating officers for the year 2027 at both meetings in October, and elections will be held the first meeting in November. Secretaries, read through the responsibilities of each officer in your Washington Digest and share this information with your lodge members prior to nominations. Be sure your lodge is nominating members who are capable and willing to fulfill the requirements of the position they are accepting.

Have a wonderful October, enjoy the beautiful fall colors, and live each day to the fullest.

Sammy Winner! Trinity's Mary Smith spots Sammy in Sept.



Where was our mascot Sammy hiding in the September edition of *The Washington OddFellow*? She was hiding in a rather dark place on page 16 behind the crowd at the dinner table. Because of a printing problem, the entire page was very dark. Sammy was much clearer in our on-line edition.

Anyway, Mary Smith of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine found Sammy in her dark place.

This month you'll find Sammy hiding in another location. If you spot our grand old girl, 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 October 15. The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct guesses.

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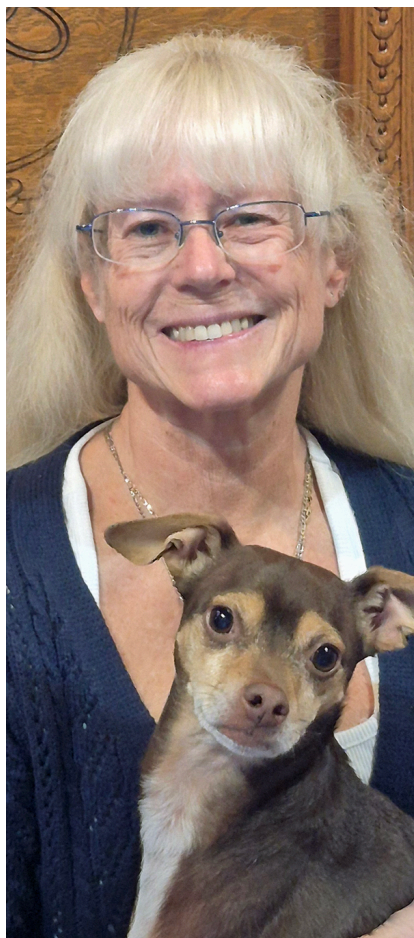
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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

Are You Ready For Nominations?



Laurel Delony

With Assistant Secretary Poppy

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Time is flying by and October is the time to start your nomination of officers for 2027. If your lodge only has one business meeting a month then first nominations should be in October, second nominations should be in November, then election in December.

If your lodge has two business meetings a month then nominations will be at the first meeting and second nominations at the second meeting, with elections being held at the first meeting in November. Once your officers are elected be sure to contact your DDGM to set up your Installation of Officers. If you would like the Grand Lodge officers to conduct your installation, please let me know and we'll get you on the calendar.

District Deputy Grand Masters

Speaking of DDGM's, if you don't know who your DDGM is, you will find the information in the back of the 2026 Journal of Proceedings on pages 87-89. DDGM's contact information is above the list of lodges they are responsible for. Please make a note in the Journal that the DDGM for District #2 is Brother Bob Duniway. His contact information is: rduniway@seattleu.edu, or rduniway@gmail.com, phone (206) 789-9677.

Reminders:

Sovereign Grand Master Ronald D. Hanson's Testimonial is this month. Registration information was in September's newspaper and this edition, as well. Northwest Odd Fellows Rebekahs Association is November 6-8 and you'll find the registration in last month's edition and this edition.

L.J. Jones Scholarship. I'll be sending out the forms this month. Be sure to let all of your members know that if they have a graduating senior, make sure they get their name on the forms.

Pilgrimage for Youth. Any lodges interested in sending a delegate in 2027, please contact me. I will send you all of the information or you can find it on the SGL website odd-fellows.org. Be sure to go through all of the downloads. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Happy Fall To All! — *With Fraternal Hugs and Love, Laurel*

Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

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

Longview Sisters lose Treasurer

Sisters at the Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 are in sorrow over the sudden loss of our longtime Treasurer Adreinne Galvaz. Just turning 90 on April 1 of this year, she lived to enjoy a very good life. Born in 1936, she lived to see the ending of WWII, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and the sudden death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

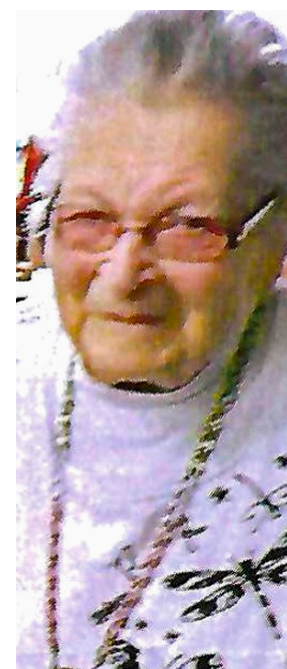
Along with the Rebekahs, she devoted a great deal of her time and energy to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On September 3 our Charter was draped and a memorial reading was given by our Noble Grand and Chaplain.

The job of maintaining our check book is currently in the hands of our Noble Grand Ann Van Antwerp for the time being. Secretary Cookie Music commented that we will hang together as a group.

A Celebration of Life for Adrienne was held on Sunday, September 13 at the Kelso Eagles Club. The slide show and memories were very emotional. Adrienne is now resting in peace along with late husband Tom Galvaz. We liked him too! He was a good handy man around our lodge. Our sincere condolence goes to Adrienne's five children, friends, and family.

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





Our Theta Rho delegation at Sovereign Grand Sessions in Frisco, Texas in August gathered outside amid a lot of dust on a windy day.

Youth Days in Frisco, Texas

Washington's Theta Rho Girls did us proud

Sovereign Grand Lodge/International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Youth Days were in Frisco, Texas this year with 11 of our girls attending.

Orientation was Friday where everyone got to know everyone, and a “candy salad” was shared by everyone. For a Community Service Project all of the girls stuffed a variety of animals. The Frisco Fire Department came and showed off their fire truck and the youth donated their stuffed animals.

Then it was lunch time at the mall. Some of the girls rode the carousel.

And what girl doesn't like to use the hotel swimming pool? It was very hot in Texas, so a dip was refreshing.

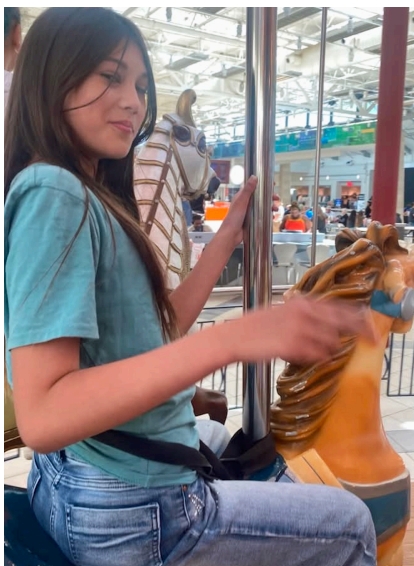
Our girls learned how to present the flags, how to be an escort, how to introduce folks, how to write and give prayers, and how to be a monitor.

Fun Night saw our girls at Boulder Park where they could get rigged up and go through obstacle courses, zip line, play arcade games, drive bumper cars, and feast on hamburgers, potato salad, coleslaw, and chicken stripes. Thank you to Texas for a very enjoyable Fun Night.

Next year's Youth Days will be in South Dakota.

Thank you to the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington for their generosity.

— *Laurel Delony, Chairman WA JYC*



*Is this a Texas
Round Up?*

At left is Bella Gleghorn on her trusty steed. At right Avianna Moore checks for approaching desperados.



Washington's Girls were on Fire in Frisco, Texas



Left: Laurel Delony, Chairman SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee.

Above: Youth Day kids admiring the Frisco Fire Department fire truck.

Below Left: Pam Eisenhower President IARA with Theta Rho Assembly of WA President Ash Thomas.

Bottom Right: Just a sampling of the 50 plush animals stuffed and donated to the Frisco Fire Department.



Grand Warden's Musings # 2

Arguably the greatest challenge facing Odd Fellowship is growing and maintaining our membership. This is not a new challenge, nor is it unique to the Odd Fellows; all fraternal organizations are facing the issues of aging membership and the difficulty in bringing in new — and younger — members.



Steve Purcell
2026-27 Grand Warden

Visibility is an important factor in attracting new members. Unique Odd Fellows attire is one method to be visible in the community. I recently acquired a very nice windbreaker with the “Three Links” and the “All Seeing Eye” embroidered on it. The jacket has garnered significant attention and questions about our Brotherhood. I was doing some banking a few days ago and was stopped by an individual who asked if I was an Odd Fellow, too? We exchanged pleasantries and information regarding our respective lodges; but we would not have met had I not been wearing a symbol of Odd Fellowship. ***It pays to advertise.***

I also try, with varying degrees of success, to have literature and applications close at hand. I was sitting in a presentation at Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions this year and the presenter made mention of the fact that he was not a member of the Odd Fellows because he had never been asked to join. I opened my notebook, passed an application to a member of his local lodge and by the end of the presentation his application was completed, the application fee had been provided by another member of his future lodge, and he was on his way to becoming an Odd Fellow.

Sometimes All You Have To Do is Ask

Once all the administrative stuff has been done, it is the responsibility of the interviewing committee to meet and interview the candidate. This is an important step that, unfortunately, is sometimes minimized. If you have the privilege of being a part of the interviewing committee, you must ask yourself if you are asking the right questions. Questions such as: How did you find out about the Odd Fellows? What has your sponsor told you about the organization? Why do you want to join? What can you bring to the lodge and what do you expect from the lodge? Can you make the meetings? — and many more. Then, of course, the interviewing committee makes its report the lodge members, and the process continues. We'll discuss the importance of the sponsor in later articles.

The initial steps in growing your lodge are to be visible in the community, be knowledgeable about our organization, and be prepared to help the potential member take the first steps toward Odd Fellowship.

Until next time, it's a great day to be a Washington Odd Fellow!

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



Is this a dance or an exercise class?

Some of the members of the Rebekah Assembly did a line dance to IARA President Pam's song “Stretchy Pants” during her visit to Washington's Rebekah Assembly Sessions in June. Our members are, from left: Cathy Garcia, Karman Lundell, John “Johneo” Otterstrom, IARA President Pam Eisenhower, Joey Locke, Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe, Jennie Reed, Kathi Picanco, and Kendra Frogge’.



Northwest Odd Fellows Rebekahs Association

November 6-8, 2026

Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center

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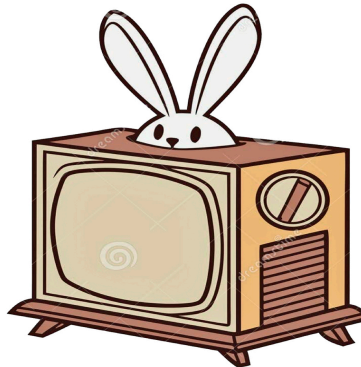
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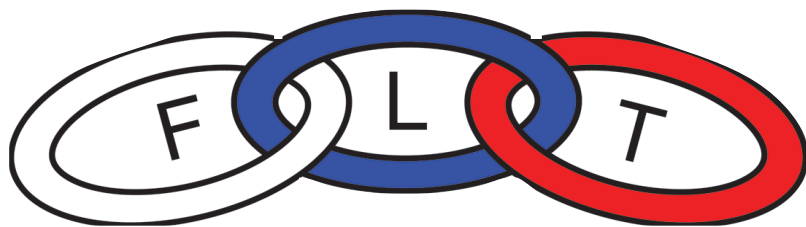
Pacific Northwest Department Council will meet at 9:00 am Friday, November 6, 2026



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Don't Be Late For Yakima!



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

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Laura Purcell
2026-27 Grand Matriarch

From your 2026-27 Grand Matriarch

Brothers and Sisters,

Sovereign Grand Lodge was hotter in Texas than here in Washington. I am enjoying the weather we have right now. It was a very good trip.

I would like to congratulate Ron Hanson on his ascension to Sovereign Grand Master. Congratulations to all the appointed officers, too.

I will be having a fundraiser, a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 10, at the Bucoda Community Center located at 101 E. 7th St., Bucoda, WA 98530. This is a donation only event and the proceeds will go to the Tenino Food Bank Plus. I am looking forward to seeing new faces, and old friends.

On Saturday, September 26 a Degree Day is scheduled at the Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 starting at 9 a.m. Later that night at 7 p.m. there will be a dance in Bucoda. The dance is free and snacks are available for a fee.

Now our lodges are opening up for a new term, I will be sending out my visitation letters. I will always give you all at least a month's notice.

I will be attending Sovereign Grand Master Ron Hanson's Testimonial which will be held at the Doubletree Inn at SeaTac. I will be an "I-Ron Worker" (a skit we did at Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Texas). The dates are October 22-25.

November 6, 7 and 8 is the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting in Yakima at the Red Lion Hotel. Everyone is invited to this, members or not. The theme for dinner is Retro TV Characters.

Well, until next issue. . .

— 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)

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Adrienne Galvez**, age 90, 30-year member and longtime Treasurer, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305.

• **Sandy Beane**, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, 46-year member, Napavine, passed away September 19.

• **Mickey Turner**, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, 21-year member, Olympia, passed away September 10, 2026.



~ Wise Words From Your Grand Patriarch ~



Dave Delony
2026-27 Grand Patriarch

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your Grand Patriarch.

Your Officers For The 2026-2027 Are:

Grand Patriarch: Dave Delony
Grand High Priest: Ivan Kotcher
Grand Senior Warden: Michael Scheurich
Grand Scribe: Laurel Delony
Grand Treasurer: Joe Picanco
Grand Junior Warden: Bob Duniway
Grand Marchal: C. Allan Reitan
Grand Inside Sentinel: John Crispin
Grand Outside Sentinel: Jamie Vest
Grand Color Bearer: John Otterstrom
Jr. Past Grand Patriarch: Michael Douglas
Parliamentarian: Toby Hanson
SGL Representative: Michael Scheurich
My Program Is As Follows:
Colors: Red, White, and Blue
Emblem: American Eagle
Flowers: Red Rose
Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
Fun Song: "Harvest Moon" by Neil Young

Projects: Northwest Harvest

Motto: Spread the word, "Odd Fellowship"

Bible Verse: Galatians 6:9 "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Northwest Harvest

Any donations for Northwest Harvest can be made directly to me or through the Grand Encampment. Just mark "NW Harvest" in the memo line and the check should be made out to the Grand Encampment. Or you may help your local food bank directly. I have a beautiful quilt I am auctioning off with the proceeds going to Northwest Harvest. Thank you to Sister Penny Curtis for this beautiful quilt.

I encourage all Encampments to reach out to the members of your Odd Fellow lodges and ask the members if they would like to take the next step, thus becoming a Patriarch or Matriarch. We only have five Encampments and we need to get our membership up and we need to make sure and have meetings. Continuing with "no-shows" is not an option. In case you don't know what a "no-show" is, it's when you cannot get a quorum — that's five members with one member qualified to preside — to show up for your meetings. If this is a problem, try sitting down with the members or sending out an email and see if a different night would be better for meetings. Let's not fail. Let's try to overcome the challenge and make it work. There's always a solution. See what works!

If you need any help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. My information is in the Grand Lodge Journal on the inside back page. Or you can contact me directly by email at: davidcdelony@gmail.com or call me at: (253) 590-6208.

— In Faith, Hope & Charity, Dave Delony Your Grand Patriarch



**HUNGER
STOPS HERE.**

Calling all Canton Mt. Si #36 Chevaliers. . .

The Fall Washington Battalion meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10 a.m. in the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall, 120 Cedar Street, Buckley, WA 98321.

Traditionally Canton Mt. Si #36 is considered the host Canton for the Fall meeting and our officers open and close. Snacks will be provided along with coffee beforehand.

If you plan to stay for the DDGM meeting, you are invited to lunch at 11 a.m. Please let Laura Purcell know you will be attending for lunch so she will have a head count. Contact Laura at laurapurcell@scattercreek.com or (360) 259-6144.



Just hanging out in the sun

The Right Worthy Grand Master of The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington made his official visitation to Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 on September 7, 2026. Pictured, from left, are: Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Jennie Reed, Grand Matriarch Laura Purcell, Grand Warden and Noble Grand Steve Purcell, Right Worthy Grand Master Jamie Vest, member Stu Carlson, member Steve Charles and member Bev Charles. They were hanging out before the meeting chit chatting.

~ Bucoda Bulletin Board #60 ~

Okay, summer is over, the kids are back in school, and our lodges that go dark in the summer are lighting up again. That being said, should you ever find yourself in Bucoda on the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month, dinner is at 5 p.m., our Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m. and the Odd Fellows meet at 7 p.m.

We are still on course for a community dance night on Saturday, September 26. A flyer was published in the last issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. Don't know how to country dance? Welcome to the club, but we'll do a little teaching and have some open dancing beginning at 7 p.m. Snacks, coffee and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, October 10, we will have a pancake breakfast, by donation, to benefit the Tenino Food Bank Plus. This event is spearheaded by Grand Matriarch Laura Purcell. The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 11 a.m. We are expecting some of our wonderful Theta Rho Girls to attend and assist in the operation. We hope to see you there.

Finally, I'll continue to mention the Testimonial Weekend honoring Sovereign Grand Master Ronald D. Hanson, October 22 through 26. Cut off for registration for this event is October 1.

And, don't forget, the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting November 6 through 8 in Yakima.

I'm hoping to see you all soon at any or all the events included here. And I thought things were supposed to slow down after summer was over.

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

Remember Sovereign Grand Master Ron's Testimonial! Weekend

South Tacoma #160 Rebekahs back to work

We had our first fall meeting after a lovely summer. We are working on our next project which will be our annual stockings for the unhoused through “My Sister’s Pantry.”

We’ll be collecting toiletries, socks, hats, gloves, etc. to fill the stockings. “My Sister’s Pantry” in downtown Tacoma will hand the holiday stockings to those in need. We enlist the help of our younger members from Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls’ Club #93 to help stuff the stockings and then have a meal afterwards. We always have a fun time with the girls and helping others.

Members of District Association #2, which includes Ruth #17, Eola #63, and South Tacoma #160, will have their Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17, at the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall. Start time is 10 a.m. We’ve got our assignments so we’ll be working away on those to present to the members.

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

Rebekah District #2 meet, Sat. October 17

Brothers and Sisters,

Members of Rebekah District Association #2 will have their annual meeting Saturday, October 17 at 10 a.m. at the Buckley Odd Fellows Hall, 120 So. Cedar Street in Buckley. Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 is the host lodge for this meeting. Lunch is potluck, so show us your cooking skills. Other Rebekah Lodges in District #2 include South Tacoma #160 and Ruth #17 in Olympia.

The hall will be open at 9:15 a.m. for coffee and snacks. The three lodges will be giving their addendums and the Representative to IARA will give an overview of the Sessions in August.

If you would like more information, please get a hold of Secretary Laurel Delony at laureljdemony@gmail.com or (253) 468-1949. Oh, and the hall has a chairlift and it works very nicely.

Scribblings from your Grand Scribe. . .

Hello All You Fez Heads!

Summer is officially over, and now is the time to enjoy the fall colors, warm drinks, and Patriarchal Odd Fellowship. Hopefully your Encampments are back in the swing of things.

Here’s an early heads up that your Annual Reports will be going out December 1 and with it the per capita invoices. Make sure these don’t get lost in all your paperwork.

If you have initiated any new Patriarchs please be sure to get those new member forms filled out and emailed to me and to SGL. If you need the form please let me know and I will be glad to send it your way. Getting those new members listed for Encampment membership is just as important as getting the new members information to the Grand Lodge or any Unit of the Order to their Grand Body.

Grand Encampment Code Books

If any Encampment needs a Code Book, please let me know.

Happy Halloween!

— *In F., H. & C., Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe*





Acorn #75
Girls Just
Wanna Have
Fun!

Above: Evie Vojtecky, Aya Cowan, Willow Miller, and Bella Gleghorn play "Head Bands."

Right: Kiaira Moore and Quinley Spydell play "Guess Who" during their get together in September.

More photos and story on page 10



Girls from Acorn Theta Rho Club #79 made Halloween ghost mobiles at a recent meeting. From left are: Quinley Spydell, Kiara Moore, Evie Vojtecky, Ava Gleghorn, Bella Gleghorn and Aya Cowan.

Acorn girls prepping for the scary season

Happy Fall Everyone!

Our first fall meeting back was a joint social with our Rebekah Sisters which included the Seahawks game, crafts, games and, of course, food. We made paper plate ghost mobiles, ate pizza, devoured Seahawks cookies, and played games. Some of the adults watched the Seahawks opening win over the New England Patriots. We had two prospective members attend and hope to initiate them soon.

This month we will put together our boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Once again we will pack 12 boxes with school supplies, hygiene products and some fun items. This is one of our favorite community service projects.

Of course in October, we will also be having our Halloween party — which is always a lot of fun. We hope you have fun, too, but don't let the ghosts and goblins get you.

Until next month. . .

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



From your 2026-27 Theta Rho President

Ash Thomas

Hello everyone! I hope you all are doing well. I'm excited for this fall season to finally be here.

I had a wonderful month. I started my freshman year of college. I'm loving my classes and I'm just altogether having a great time. I was really excited to meet some new friends at school. I hope everyone has a wonderful month.

Now we are starting our Theta Rho Club meetings back up and getting work done for the upcoming year. I hope all the youth are enjoying club meetings and that their classes are going well.

And if any of you need help, feel free to reach out to me.

— 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.)

Testimonial Weekend

ARGOSY CRUISE ABOARD THE LADY MARY



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!

**TESTIMONIAL WEEKEND
HONORING
SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER, RONALD D. HANSON
OCTOBER 22 - 25, 2026**



REGISTRATION FORM - ONE PER PERSON

Name _____ Title/Rank _____
Address _____ Phone _____
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Friday Oct 23 - Excursion to Pike Place Market Buses load 10:30 am and Depart 11 am
Argosy Buffet Cruise - - - Reboard Buses 4 pm \$85.00 \$_____
Casual Attire. All participants must ride buses.

Please check one
I will ride bus to Pike Place and Buffet Cruise _____
I will ride bus to Buffet Cruise only _____

Saturday Oct 24 - Testimonial Banquet \$85.00 \$_____
Formal Attire 4:30 pm Social Hour
5:30 pm Dinner

Please Select Entree

- ☐ **Pan Seared Salmon**
☐ **Herb Roasted Chicken Breast**
☐ **Vegetarian - Roasted Cauliflower Steak**

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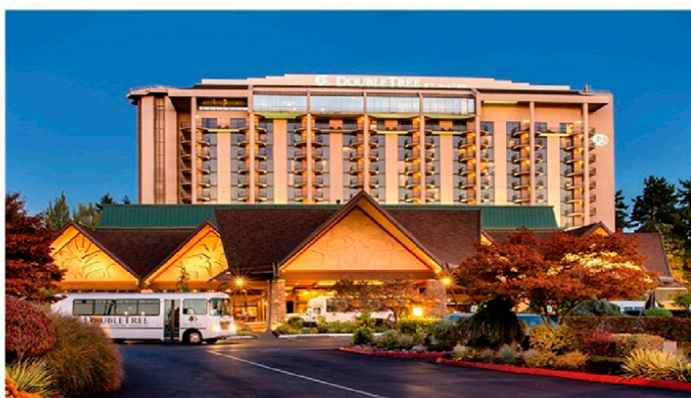
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We're back to work at Trinity #70 in Napavine

It's back-to-school time, and we're also back to meetings.

Mary Smith and Alberta Luurs started the month out with a bake sale for IARA scholarships. At our first fall meeting Alberta moved to have our lodge match the total of the bake sale. It was seconded and **PASSED!**

When our Sister President Jennie Reed comes to Trinity for her official visit, we will be presenting her with a check for her project.

During the close of our last meeting, we asked our Warden Melody Butters to escort Evelyn Neumann to the center of the floor. I had the honor to present Evelyn with a Merit Jewel for all the years that she was our Chaplain. She always knows her charges and duties by heart. She was very surprised and stated she got all her knowledge from our Delia McNelly. The older Trinity members were a lot stricter in following the Ritual. They would say, "Say it until you get it right!"

One of our next community projects is putting candy together and getting information out about the Rebekahs "Trunk and Treat" event which will be at the old Fire Hall. Working with the fire department, we will help decorate and have our Rebekah logo displayed in an area where we will hand out information and have membership applications available.

We also have two membership applications that we are excited to continue to work on. The applications were sent to an interviewing committee. Wish us good luck!

Condolence were sent out to Sandy Beane following the loss of her sister-in law, and the next week her brother Terry passed away. Condolence also to Cathy Garcia in the loss of her mother. She was a sweetheart.

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