



Happy Holidays!

From Your 2003-04 Unit Leaders

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U.N. Pilgrimage report

UN deposit increases to \$500

I hope this finds you all well and excited about the holidays. Christmas is just around the corner and this is close to the first deadline for the UN Program deposit for your students.

I have been informed that the UN deposit has been increased from \$200 to \$500. I wish that I had known this sooner, like before our letters to all Lodges went out. I just received this information and hope this does not keep anyone from sending students. As we know, there has been an increase in the cost of the program, but we were not informed as to why. I guess it is because of the airline prices. I am so sorry about the price increase, but this is something that we cannot control.

Again, please don't let this price increase affect our students. This is a good program and I hope that we can continue to support these kids and this great learning experience. Again I apologize for this inconvenience. Thanks.

In F., L. & T.,

Mary A. Dunivan, UN Pilgrimage Co-Chairperson



These JJYC members were having fun. In the front are Holly Houser, Loletta McCormick and Janie Kuja. In back are Joanne Balmert and Laurel Delony.

JJYC is on a mission to find past members

The Joint Jurisdictional Youth Committee (JJYC) is looking for the names of all members in good standing who were once either a Theta Rho Girl or a Junior Odd Fellow. Please send your information to: Laurel Delony, Secretary, 8703 Dolly Madison St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. Or you may phone her at: (253) 983-7619 or e-mail her at: LoloOrepac@aol.com.

You also can call Loletta

McCormick at 1-800-345-1766.

The JJYC also is looking for any Rebekah members in good standing who were Past Theta Rho Advisors.

And if you were wondering what some of your JJYC members look like, well you can see above. And don't ask me what was going on. All I can tell you was that we were having fun!

In F., L. & T.,

Laurel Delony, JJYC Reporter

RA publications available

The following publications are available December 1 from Rebekah Assembly Secretary Betty Weldon:

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY DIGEST — \$15

Contains Rebekah Assembly Constitution, Rebekah Lodge Constitution, Book of Instructions, and the Theta Rho Assembly Constitution. It is updated and in a binder. The sheets measure 5-1/2" x 8-1/2".

REBEKAH LODGE CONSTITUTION (UPDATED) — \$4

BOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS (UPDATED) — \$4

These are without binder and measure 4-1/4" x 6-1/2"

THETA RHO ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTION (UPDATED) — \$2

This is without binder and is letter size.

Visual Aid Report

We need your donations now at the need is growing

The Visual Aid Committee met in Kelso on October 31 before the start of the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting. Chairman Carson Inman spoke about the Visual Aid plan he has been presenting to the Lodges that he's visited. These are new ideas and hopefully some sound ones where we can help more children than those who just need glasses.

All Lodges have a challenge before them to get to their schools and spread the word about our Visual Aid work. We do help children who need eye care. We also help children in Third World countries who need glasses. I would like to see all Lodges promote an ice cream and cake social around May 1, 2004 for the class that turns in the most pair of eye glasses or eye glass cases. For the exceptional student that goes far and beyond the call of duty and collects at least 100 pair of glasses or cases, the Grand lodge will present a \$50 Savings Bond. Also, some Lodges have volunteered to double that if such a student meets those demands. All glasses and cases must be turned in by April 1, 2004.

Last year we had 59 applications submitted for eye care. This year, we have processed more than 100 applications. This costs money, so we are putting out a challenge called the "100 Per-Center Club." If all members donate \$2 to their Lodge to be sent in, they will receive a certificate recognizing this at the next Grand Sessions. Some of the Lodges I have visited have been generous in making a donation. This is where we depend on you to help us out.

I pledge my full support in promoting this program throughout the state. I have visited a lot of the Lodges and hopefully will visit all of them by the end of the year. I have also visited a lot of schools, and here is the down side: some schools have school nurses who take care of this, some have counselors and in some schools you have to go through the superintendent's or principal's office. It will vary depending on where you live, so get your applications and letters to the nurse in all of your schools. One person can't do it all, but together we can and it will make a big difference.

I apologize for omitting Loletta McCormick's name from the list of people who attended a previous meeting. She not only was there, but also attended this meeting. She is now our new secretary.

In F., L. & T., Carson Inman, Chairman

Grand Chaplain's Corner

Calling all Brothers!

Odd Fellowship is a caring, practical Order. We look out for one another. As we approach the holidays, call your Brothers and Sisters. During this time, many of us will see our families. Some will not have that luxury. They may get depressed about it. This is the moment that a call from a Brother or Sister can make all the difference between loneliness and love, between fear and joy. So call a Brother or Sister today, tomorrow — everyday. Who knows, maybe someone will call you in your hour of need.

— Rich Osborne, Grand Chaplain

Winter Decoration Day planned by District #2

There were approximately 25 people at our Stamp Party on Saturday, November 8. A great time was had by everyone. We made five different cards. For snacks we had homemade chili, corn bread and brownies with fudge frosting.

Many who attended were not members, but one lady told me that her grandfather had been an Odd Fellow. She said she didn't even know the Lodge still existed. I told her of course, we are still around and always looking for members. She was going home to call her mom and tell her about her day. I hope with some fun activities it might inspire new members.

For December, a Winter Decoration Day is planned for Saturday, December 13 at 1 p.m. What you make is up to you. There are centerpieces, wreaths, garlands and boughs. The more people who come, the more fun there is to have and to help other Sisters. You should bring your own trinkets, bobbles, candles, lights, etc., whatever you want on your masterpiece. If you have supplies like a glue gun, glue, wire cutters, pruning shears, floral wire, floral tape, cording, twine, flower bowls, wreath frames — anything you need or could share with someone — please bring them with you.

Since this is just before Christmas, please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank. Munchies for the craft day to share are appreciated. If you plan to attend, let me know by December 10 so I will have enough greens. my phone number is (509) 924-6892

— Linda Bradley, District Association #2 President



ARTHUR A. CRAIG

From the desk of the Grand Secretary

FACING CHANGES

John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

As this fraternal year ends and a new one begins, we will all face many changes. Be sure that you and your Lodge are ready to accept the changes of the future. As your new officers accept the reins of leadership, take time to pledge your support to their ideas and programs. Let's all be ready for the changes that will ensure our success in the coming year.

DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES?

Do you have Past Grand Jewels for your retiring Noble Grands? How about veteran jewels to be presented on the night of your installation? With the beginning of a new fraternal year, do you need secretary books?

Order early to avoid delay in receiving them in time for the New Year.

Passwords for the year 2004 are in the mail. They are being mailed to District Deputies and Secretaries to ensure that you have them for your new officers to pass on to the members.

Do not forget that Annual Reports are due soon.

I wish each and every a happy holiday season.

— Fraternally, Arthur A. Craig, PSGM and Grand Secretary

Arthritis Committee report

Your help is needed now

The winter weather reminds us of how many joints we all have that can really feel the cold temperatures. That should remind us about the need to find a cure for this disease — arthritis. A cure can only come about with the help of all Lodges making a charitable donation.

The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide, non-profit health organization helping people take greater control of arthritis by leading the efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases.

We hope everyone enjoys the holidays and upcoming installations ache-free. Remember, a cure is being looked for, but we all need to help.

— Lady Elizabeth Morgan, Chairperson, (360) 459-5964

Hugh A. Smith, PGM and Co-Chairperson, (360) 671-0810

Ballard enjoys Halloween fun

On October 30, Ballard/Alki IOOF Lodge #170 held its first Halloween party. Brother Greg Powers decorated the hall, assisted by Rich Osborne, using some of his hot air to help blow up 150 orange and black balloons.

We had a pumpkin-carving contest. Our winners were NG Bob Duniway with his spider, and our newest member, Brother Miranda Bodus, with a peace symbol.

We feasted on vegetarian and meat-lovers' chili and danced to the music of the Grand Band. We sang silly songs and the 40 or so members attending had a rousing good time!

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From your 2003-2004 Grand Master



DAVID L. MORRIS

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO START A HOLIDAY PROJECT

December marks one of the busiest times of the year for many Lodges which help the lonely and/or less fortunate folks in our communities. For those of you who have not become involved in a holiday service project, it's not too late to do so. There's still time to gather food for a local food bank, adopt a family or share an afternoon with someone who is lonely. If you have been collecting stuffed animals for children in crisis, why not deliver the items to local police or fire stations as soon as possible. Helping others is a basic premise of our great Order. Keep up the good work!

As the new year approaches, it's a perfect time to start goal setting. Ask each member what he or she would like the Lodge to accomplish in 2004. Perhaps it's more community service throughout the year, not just at holiday time. Or, maybe it is for Lodge members to become more familiar with rituals and the new codes. It could be to seek help from your Grand Lodge Officers on membership or projects of the Order. We are available to help you. Just ask.

You may remember that my theme this year follows the thoughts that we all come to Odd Fellowship with common similarities and unique differences. It is in the acceptance of these similarities and differences that we grow not only as individuals, but also as an organization. True Odd Fellows show compassion, accept others for who they are and encourage all to be the best they can be.

At this time I would like to announce that Walter Dodge of Bremerton Friendship #145 has accepted the appointment of Grand Marshall. Walter has visited many Lodges across Washington while helping to promote membership and Visual Aid works with Grand Warden Carson Inman. I appreciate the time and energy of all past and present Grand Officers, both elected and appointed. It takes all of us at state, district and local levels to continue working together to accentuate the positive and make Washington Odd Fellowship the best in the land!

As the year comes to an end, please remember the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

*Warm holiday wishes in F., L. & T.,
David L. Morris, Grand Master*

VISITATION SCHEDULE

- December 3 Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3. Dinner 6 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- December 22 Welcome Winter! Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66, Kelso. 2 p.m. meeting.
- December 25 Merry Christmas!
- December 31 Be safe this New Year's Eve.
- January 3 Installations of Lodges in Districts #6 and #7. Camano Island, 1 p.m.

District #9 reorganizes

On November 24, IOOF District #9 had a reorganization meeting, Des Moines #305 hosted the meeting. With eight members present, our three Lodges were all represented.

We updated our bylaws and elected officers. They are: Dist. Pres. Jamie Osborne, VG Jean Coston, Sec.-Treas. John Crispin and Musician Greg Powers.

We then ate — I mean we are Odd Fellows. PG Jim Langston cooked a wonderful shepherd's pie. We all had a great time and look forward to our next meeting in March.

— Rich Osborne, DDGM for District #9

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Robert Huntley**, Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, Bothell.
- **Mabelle Craber**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Margaret Hurt**, Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn.
- **Bessie Hansen**, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.
- **Connie Seaver**, PNG, Alkaziah Rebekah Lodge #325, Coulee Dam.

From your Deputy Grand Master

Be prepared when a Grand Officer visits

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When preparing for a visit by the Grand Master and/or President of the Rebekah Assembly, or other officials of the Order, there are many questions which confront the host or hostess Lodge and its officers.

Before the officer arrives at your Lodge, learn if he or she will be traveling alone or accompanied by a spouse or other officers. He or she should be given a name, address and telephone number of a person to contact upon arrival.

It is proper for the host or hostess Lodge to pay for the officer's room; the Lodge is not responsible for other distinguished visitors who may be traveling with them. The officer should be informed of all arrangements in advance.

As you read this in December, it is just a short time until installation of new officers. Be sure to notify *The Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper of your installation time, date and location.

As the holiday season is just around the corner, your local food bank or a family may be in need. May this holiday season find, peace, joy and love within our Order.

— In F., L. & T., Michael P. Billups, Deputy Grand Master

From your Grand Warden

Let's share with others less fortunate this Christmas!

Hi Brothers and Sisters:

December is here and baby it's been cold outside. Traveling surely poses a different kind of challenge, but we like to think it only poses as a small bump in our venture to visit the Lodges and attend the different functions on our schedule.

Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner, then January will be here. That means installation of officers' month. I hope the Lodges have been setting their dates and lining up their installation teams. First called, will be the one reserved. I plan to participate in as many installations as time allows. The invitations need to be sent out as weekends are just about full for many of us.

All Lodges should have their new membership booklets. I hope they provide enough interesting information and ideas to motivate all members to try and get new members in their Lodges. Advertising yourself by wearing a hat or shirt or any emblem applicable to our Order. People will ask what they stand for. They are great conversation pieces and a way of spreading the word. Fellowship and community involvement are great places to start.

Getting a viable story with a picture about your Lodge in your local newspaper can do wonders. Assisting our neighbors and helping those less fortunate and being kind this Christmas is a great time for spreading our good will through the different programs at your local banks, libraries and community centers. Also, remember to donate your stuffed animals to the local police and fire departments. They pass them out to the children who otherwise might not have anything else for themselves under the Christmas tree.

Here's wishing you and your family a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

In Friendship, Love And Truth, Carson Inman, Grand Warden



Quintet initiated

Five women were initiated into Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222 and Richland IOOF Lodge #228 on November 3. From left are June Phillips (Kennewick), Samantha Phillips (Kennewick), Elsie Brand (Kennewick), Elaine Delozier (Richland) and Diane Hall (Richland).

From the Department Commander

Happy holidays one and all

I am sorry to report that only four Cantons remain in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

- Canton Ballard Number 3
- Canton Yakima Number 11
- Canton Olympia Number 20
- Canton Mt. Si Number 36

If any Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant have Ladies they wish to propose for the Decoration of Chivalry, please notify this office so proper paperwork may be sent and the process begun.

I wish for each and every Lady and Chevalier a happy holiday season.

*Chivalrously in Universal Justice,
General Arthur A. Craig, Department Commander*

From your Grand Patriarch

A holiday dispatch from the 'Big Tent'

May the joys and blessings of the season find each of you filled with the spirit of sharing your good fortunes of health and friends as we continue to practice our lessons of a greater brotherhood. Please remember that the opinions of those outside of our Order can determine their desires to become members with us. Always put your best efforts into presenting a rosy picture of what we do and who we are.

Until I've had the good fortune of getting the pain killers out of my system, I am not allowed to drive and must rely on someone else to get me to the few meetings I've been able to attend. Still, I am tired from sitting too long. Hopefully I will soon be able to mix it up again and I hope to be able to visit all of the Encampments and Unified Encampments prior to the Grand Session in June.

May the good Lord bless and keep you in the hollow of His hand and enrich your lives with His love.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity,
George Carlile, Grand Patriarch,
Grand Encampment of Washington*



MARY ROBINSON

From The Grand Matriarch

HAVING FUN IN WALLA WALLA

Hi Matriarchs! What a wonderful month October was. The highlight was in Walla Walla when DoRis Klotzner and I got to join several of the residents and helped sack candy for Halloween treats. Each resident was given a sack of candy and on the big night, they set outside their rooms and as the ghosts went by, they were given a treat. It is so great for the residents to be kept involved.

It has been such a joy to visit all of our Auxiliaries and enjoy the good food and hospitality given by everyone.



We are beginning the holiday season and like everyone else, I am sure I won't be able to pass up the pies, cakes, candies and the yummy candied yams. I would suggest that we all hide our scales and enjoy each day and thank our Lord for giving us the joy of our good health and our wonderful Order.

Our Grand Patriarch is slowly improving, but our prayers are still needed.

There may be someone out there who could use a meal. This is the season we share. Our nation began with sharing. Our forefathers and Indians shared a big feast. Can't we all share?

Life demands from each of us that ability to sometimes endure things we do not understand — patience, perseverance and hardest of all, waiting — to sometimes achieve the ultimate success we have set as our goals. This we could not do without *faith*. May God bless you all.

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Mary I. Robinson, Grand Matriarch*

From the Department Association President



LADY MARJOURIE SCHAAF

Dear Ladies,

I missed the November issue because of a mix-up in dates. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now it is time to look forward to the Christmas season.



I hope that each of your Lodges will be able to help a needy family during the holidays. It seems like we all need a friend to help us along our way. It is especially important to remember all of our servicemen and women who are fighting to keep our country safe.

We also need to share the news with our friends that this is the greatest Order in the world.

I have planned visitations to Olympia and Camano Island during the next couple of months, however these plans could change if the weather is bad in the mountains. If I can't keep these appointments, I will re-schedule as soon as possible.

Please be sure and get your new officers involved in work. If they have new ideas you may want to try them, we can always use something a little different.

It sure has been pretty outside with all the leaves turning red and gold. I guess it is finally fall and that terrible heat is gone.

We had a very good Regimental and did a lot of practicing. I want to thank all the ladies who helped out on the floor. That did help a lot. We had some ladies who didn't have a chance to practice the different positions. Sometimes they kept the same chair. I do believe that I wore them out. It is a lot easier to go out on the floor without a book. You learn better by watching or having someone on the floor to show you what to do.

We need to publicize our events we are having. There are bulletin boards in most of the stores and senior citizen centers in our areas where you can advertise for free. Some radio and television stations have that service, as well. We need to get the word out somehow. Also, invite your neighboring towns to your events. I hear so many times, "I did not know that you were having that."

I did have to make some changes in my line officers this year. I hope you will go along with and accept the changes. Let us all remember to practice something at every meeting.

During the last month or two we have had a lot of sickness. We need to remember our Brothers and Sisters with a call or a card. It means so much to them.

I have been to quite a few receptions. It has been a lot of fun and enjoyed a lot of good food.

I have made a few trips with Lady LeRose Coulter on her inspections. I also attended some of Mary Robinson's visits.

As you go about your daily duties in and out of your Lodge, don't forget that you are Sisters and Brothers and should keep up the standards of "Friendship, Love & Truth."

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful and memorable year and a special thanks to all my officers.

Now I will close until next time. Spread the word of our great Order as we let the Angel guide us on our travels. Goodbye for now. I will see you down the road.

*Chivalrously,
Lady Marjourie Schaaf
Department Association LAPM of Washington*

Karen enjoys District #25

Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Karen Hoylman enjoyed the District #25 meeting with President Mary Durbin, left, and Noble Grand Florence Harper, right. The meeting was in Fall City.



Karen's Korner

From Your Assembly President



KAREN HOYLMAN

A WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Here it is, that wonderful time of year when everyone seems to smile a little more, be a little more happy and generous — not to mention busy. I wish for each of you holidays filled with peace and joy with your loved ones.

Congratulations to the officers for 2004, be you new or “recycled.” I commend you for your dedication and willingness to serve our Order. I hope the year will be happy and productive.



I extend my thanks to the anonymous person who slipped an envelope in my bag some time during my visits with a card and money. There was no name so I don't know who you are, but I do appreciate your kindness and

donation.

My request this month is to the Lodge Chaplains and to everyone who may hold the office of Chaplain sometime in the future (and that means everyone, doesn't it?). Please show respect to the Bible by not placing anything on top of it. This means while it is on your station, when you carry it, and when it is on the altar. If you need to have a ritual or paper with you, that is fine, just carry it under your arm or under the Bible. At the altar, either hold your paper or set it beside the Bible. This will look so much better. I would appreciate your cooperation in this request. I feel it is important to show respect for our Bible.

I have been dress shopping for a dress to have for the officers at Assembly. I have finally found one that meets my requirements. I hope you will like it. This is a very difficult task. The one I have chosen is a two-piece, burgundy color. It is kind of a light brocade look and I am told it is washable. It is lined and best of all the price is under \$100 for regular sizes and just a bit over for extra large sizes, including shipping and handling. I have had one made for myself and am taking it with me on visits so you can see it.

And speaking of visits, they have been great! The hospitality everywhere has been wonderful. Rebekahs are special people!

In Rebekah Love,

Karen Hoylman, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

VISITATION SCHEDULE

- December 1 — Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn, 7:30 p.m.
- December 2 — Fir Rebekah Lodge #149, Sultan, 1 p.m.
- December 3 — Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21, Centralia, 7:30 p.m.
- December 9 — Peace Rebekah Lodge #336, Camano Island, 11 a.m.
- December 9 — Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54, Bothell, 7 p.m.
- December 10 — Plymouth Rebekah lodge #142, Everett, Noon
- December 17 — Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31, Orting, 7:30 p.m.
- December 20 — Holiday dinner, all units of Buckley, 6 p.m. in Fife
- December 23 — Mt. Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #69, Tacoma, 8 p.m.
- January 7, 2004 — Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289, Des Moines, 8:00 p.m.
- January 8, 2004 — Deborah Rebekah Lodge #321, Blaine, 4:30 p.m.

Yelm Rebekah Lodge #296

We were honored to have Karen Hoylman, Rebekah Assembly of Washington President, as our guest on October 20. We had a very nice potluck for her and presented her with a check for her project. Rosalie Davis and Eugenia Young from Monterose #46 in Toledo also were guests.

Helen Hankins, who moved to Oregon, wrote and said she has started attending Lodge there. Weather permitting, she plans to be with us for our Christmas party. We do miss her.

Sister Jenny Cole visited with Fern Wright who lives in Olympia. She said she would try and attend our meetings. I hope she will be well enough to come as it would be nice to

visit with her. Thanks, Jennie, for the effort you have made to visit her. This is what F., L. & T. means.

We donated \$25 to the Yelm UCBO for food baskets for the needy during the holidays.

Was anybody else surprised when they woke up November 2 to find the ground covered with snow? Thank heavens it was gone by noon (not in Yelm). I hope it doesn't mean we will have a hard winter.

Our new officers for 2004 are NG Esther Webb, VG Nancy Huddleston, Sec. Dee Guizzetti and Treas. Jackie Silva.

In F., L. & T.,

Mary Clarambeau, Reporter

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By the time you read this letter, plans for Christmas should be in full swing. It is my sincere wish that you and yours have the very best ever. What a time to remember your family and friends with the joy of Christmas.

We keep having surprises in our “Bird Lodge.” We counted 18 pigeons the other day. Of course, our resident blue jays are multiplying all the time as their home is in our fir trees, and many other bird species are present. Like our Lodges, sometimes there are a lot, sometimes a few, but there is no quarreling or pushing. Perhaps that is because we give them what they want and they have learned to enjoy each other's company. This might be a clue as to what we need

to do in our Lodges if we want to keep and attract members.

As District Deputy President, I had occasion to visit one of my Lodges which had what seems like a very good idea. Rather than raise dues again, they each put in \$3 per meeting for dues. This amounts to as much as regular dues paid once a year and provides enough to meet all the obligations. We sometimes complain about our dues, but, if we are realistic, two cups of coffee or one of the specialty coffee or two greeting cards would cost that much. Sometimes we forget how much good our Order does for so many people who we never meet face to face

George and I had the pleasure of attending the last Northwest Odd Fellow Association Meeting in Kelso. Two things impressed us very much. One was a talk by a man from the Rose Parade Committee. It was very interesting to learn how they make the metal frame and then cover it with a substance which is painted in the finished design colors so they know where to place each flower color. The hours of work to put it together and to the specifications of the judges is unbelievable. Our float will be number 14 this year and will have Canada's name as well as the U.S. on the side. Be sure to watch this on the Home and Garden Channel as they will give the best coverage.

The other talk, which we found interesting, was one on membership by Sheryl Rhode of Oregon, Membership Chairperson for this region. Usually my mind kind of wanders off when someone talks about membership, but her talk was very informative. I will be sending to Sovereign Grand Lodge for some of the new pamphlets they have out and will be including them in my mailings. Please take time to really look at them and let me know if you would like to order some to hand out (no charge). You have to get this information before the public if you want to let them know what we do.

Two of the important things she specified are: 1) put the name and phone number of a person to contact on the front of your membership application and 2) fill in the application so that the person applying for membership only has to fill in personal information. As she pointed out, a new person doesn't have a clue as to some of the information that needs to be filled in.

As you know, you are allowed to have a social meeting where anyone can attend (no business is conducted). If your membership is dwindling and you want to attract new members, why not have a social meeting and have something special like cards, games, a speaker or other? If you do this often enough, people will get in the habit of coming. As with our birds, you have to have something that people want to get them to come and stay.

Enough for this time. Again, happy holidays to all and remember to count your blessings.

With Rebekah Love,

Betty Weldon, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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Car keys found at the Home

A set of Ford car keys with a Veteran's medallion on the key ring was found at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla recently, reports Grand Warden Carson Inman. If these keys are yours, please e-mail Carson or Judy Inman: at inman@olypen.com or call them at: (360) 379-9505.

From your 2003-2004 Theta Rho President



KENDALL SHUPE

SLOW START TO THE NEW YEAR

Wow, this month has gone by rapidly! I can't believe it almost Thanksgiving and getting close to Christmas. I'm working on my wish list. I bet everyone else is, too!

This month has been productive, but kind of slow. There were not too many Theta Rho activities that I attended, but I can tell everyone what I have done outside of Theta Rho.



I finished my externship at The Portland Clinic on Thursday, October 23. It was hard to leave their clinic. Everyone there was so nice and extremely helpful. They really prepared me for Friday, my graduation day. When I walked into my graduation ceremony on October 24, it was awesome and it was a lot of fun.

On October 25 my home club held its annual spaghetti and meatball dinner. Many people came in support and we received many compliments.

On November 8 I worked at Shamrock Rebekah Lodge #113's annual craft bazaar at the Beta Omicron craft table.

I am hoping to begin making plans to visit each club in the near future. A few weeks ago I sent out requests to each club. I requested them to plan a date that would be good for each of them or a time they would like for me to visit. I am looking forward to visiting each club and seeing all of my friends again.

I want to take this time to recognize the Theta Rho Clubs of both Washington and Oregon. It was very pleasing when I opened up the November Odd Fellow newspaper. Each club had submitted an article to the newspaper. **Keep up the great work, girls!**

I am finishing up my program for Assembly next June. It will be presented to the JJYC at their meeting on November 15.

That's all for now. Happy Thanksgiving, merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I am looking forward to next month's article.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Kendall Shupe, President, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy holidays to all of you. May each of you celebrate in your own special way this joyous time of the year.

We were happy to welcome Sister Loletta McCormick, Vice Chairman of the JJYC, and Sister Guyida White, Past Advisor of Starlite Theta Rho Club #80, to one of our meetings. We were very nervous, but glad to have them here.



Acorn Theta Rho members Stacey McCloskey, Christina Bond, Kristyna McCloskey, Lindsay Knaus and Kayla Jones sorted the food they collected for the food bank.

At our meeting we voted to make a donation to the Lighthouse Mission Ministries in Bellingham to help with their Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. We also decided to make Thanksgiving place mats for the retirement community where Past Advisor Mae Blevins now resides.

We would like to share with you that on our scavenger hunt we collected four boxes of food for the food bank. We finished our turkey raffle project and made a nice donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help terminally ill children receive their wish.

We have not made any plans yet for December community service at the time this was due, so will have to report on that next month. However, we have been invited to the Rebekahs' Family Potluck Christmas party. Several of our members attended last year and we had a lot of fun. (We are surprised we were invited again since we won most of the bingo prizes last year.) We do enjoy the time we spend with the senior members of the Order.

May peace and joy be with each of you this holiday season.

Merry Christmas from the Members of Acorn #79

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

Greetings everyone! Can you believe its been almost a year since our club was instituted. My how time flies! I can't begin to tell you what an experience its been for me as advisor and how rewarding this job has been. I have a great group of girls who put forth a lot of effort for the good of our Order. They are so special to me and I love each of them very much.

Our new candidate Amber Bailey has been so enthusiastic since joining last month. We have a couple more candidates whom we hope to initiate sometime this month.

We are busy selling tickets for our raffle, so be sure to get your tickets on time. The drawing will be at our December 15 meeting. We want to thank Loletta McCormick for printing up the tickets and for all the selling she is doing. She is quite the saleswoman!

We also had a food drive in November for "My Sister's Pantry," the food bank that we work at once a month. Food has been pouring in and I can tell you from all our hard work of stocking that the shelves are full. Thanks everyone for all your support donating food to our cause.

At one of our November meetings, we were lucky to have Rebekah Assembly Warden Linda Dodge come and speak to us. She is a veteran, so it was nice to have her come and give us a woman's point of view on what it was like serving during war time. We thank her for that.

As advisor, I also attended an advisors' workshop in November. This was to give us advisors some tips and ideas and share thoughts with one another. We stayed overnight at a cabin and had a great "hen" party. Thank you, JJYC for all your information and work putting this on for us advisors. We would also like to thank Karen Hoylman, Rebekah Assembly President, for all her support. We can always count on Karen when she's in town to take time out from her busy schedule to come and help at our meetings.

December will be a busy month for us. We are planning to make Christmas cards and deliver them to nursing homes in our area and go caroling at the same time. We are also having a Christmas/Birthday party for our whole club. We are going to go bowling and have a gift exchange.

At this time of year, we would like to wish everyone peace, joy and happiness. Be good to yourselves and each other.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Kendra Frogge', Advisor*

In Oregon City

Beta Omicron Theta Rho #63

Happy holidays to everyone! The holiday season is almost upon us. Our club is working very hard to prepare for this wonderful time of the year.

On October 24 we had our third annual spaghetti and meatball dinner. There was a great turnout. Beta Omicron thanks everyone who purchased tickets in support of our club. Also, we would like to thank everyone who came to eat the wonderful spaghetti made by our Advisor Teola Parsell. It was very nice to be able to serve our fellow Odd Fellows and Rebekahs as they have served us for many years.

On November 8 we had a table at Shamrock Rebekah Lodge's bazaar to raise money for our club. It was a lot of fun. There were many craft-blessed people there (myself not included).

On November 10 we had a work-

shop. We went right to work on our Christmas cards that we send through military mail to the men and women overseas. There have been times that we have heard back from people. It is a really fun and rewarding project.

During our meeting we discussed plans for the upcoming holidays.

Two of our girls, the Sammons sisters, are on a cruise. They are so lucky!!

Beta Omicron has some really good news. We have two prospective members. It would be really awesome to bring in two new members during the holidays.

That's all for now. We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Warm wishes to all.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Kendall Shupe, Secretary*

Fraternity Rebekahs #78 - Ilwaco

Once again I am doing a letter for the newspaper. It has been a while.

In September, our members enjoyed a welcome back dinner after summer recess. It was a good time and the food was delicious.

In October we had nominations of officers for 2004. Those nominated were: NG Barbara Emond, VG Polly Reed, Sec. and Fin. Sec. Judy Williams, Treas. Dottice Heiner and Trustee Lowene Keiski. The election took place in November.

Several of our members attended Lodge at Ocean Beach #313 on October 21 when President Karen Hoylman made her official visit. We had a good time and won several

prizes.

We have been busy planning for the President's official visit to Fraternity on November 13. Dinner preceded the 7:30 p.m. meeting. As it was Veterans' Day, the decorations were red, white and blue and members were asked to dress accordingly. More on that later.

Thanksgiving will have come and gone by the time you read this. I hope everyone had a wonderful day with their loved ones, being thankful and counting your blessing.

Where has this year gone? Before you know it, Christmas will be here.

*In F, L. & T.,
Judy Williams,
Reporter*

Tri-City Encampment & LEA #66

Grand Matriarch Mary Robinson paid her official visit to the Tri-City LEA #66 on Thursday, October 28. Members took her to dinner and were joined by Patriarchs from Tri-City Encampment #66.

Visitors introduced were DoRis Klotzner, Parliamentarian, PGM and Past President of the DALAPM; Eloise Graves, PGM; and Dee Hanson, PPRA.



Those receiving the Honors were Sharleen Davies, Grand Junior Warden, GLEA; Marg Schaaf, President DALAPM; Barbara German, Treasurer GLEA and Secretary DALAPM; and Grand Matriarch Mary Robinson.

After the regular meeting and a rather lengthy list of those sick, we honored Grand Matriarch Mary with a poem and gifts. She spoke about her projects and reminded us of the Visual Aid Committee's needs for used glasses, lenses and frames, as well as financial donations.

We look forward to her returning visit in April for installation with our Patriarchs.

—Dee Hanson

On Camano Island

H.P. Downs Unified Encampment

We hope each of you has a happy holiday season with friends and family.

At our meeting in November we decided to have a sales table at each of our meetings to raise some money for our treasury. Each member is to bring one item each month and put it on the table for others to buy. Remember, one person's "junk" is another person's treasure.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas party. It will be a regular potluck lunch at noon followed by our meeting. Each member is to bring an exchange gift. After the meeting we will play games, so bring some white elephant prizes. We are hoping that Santa might make a visit, but he has been a little under the weather lately so we are not sure if he will be able to make an appearance. He may need to save his strength for the "big night." Anyway, we will have a lot of fun.

The members of our Encampment were also invited to attend the Christmas party at the Royal Fork sponsored by Skagit Rebekah Lodge #82 on December 17 at noon. It is a no-host luncheon and you are to bring a \$2 edible gift. This is always a lot of fun, too.

We had a good number of pennies turned in at our meeting for Sister Mary's penny drive for Visual Aid, so please keep saving those and bring them to the meeting.

May Santa be good to you all.

— Judy Diekman, Jr. PCM and Reporter

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings to everyone. Yes, we finally got some *cold* weather. Brrrr! I for one will stay in and go out only when necessary. Can you see me doing that??

Sorry we didn't get to have our Friendship Day. With sickness and lack of interest, it had to be canceled. We hope to see everyone down the road sometime.

We plan to have a Christmas party, so we hope the weather cooperates. All members, please come out on December 16 for a fun afternoon.

We had our election of officers last month and will have installation in January. All officers will be listed then.

There was a work party and we went to Moses Lake and delivered our 100 baggies to the Hope Center.

We also gave a monetary donation to the United Nations Youth Pilgrimage to help our youth participate in this program. They derive so much good from this tour.

Sisters Carla Brown and Dot Kelly

took care of our youth in the "Trees of Sharing" that are being displayed in area businesses. A boy's and a girl's name were picked to receive our gifts.

I trust everyone had a delightful family time at Thanksgiving or were able to spend the day with friends. It was a time to give our blessings and thanks to our military personnel, as well as all at the home front.

Don't forget the new year is approaching and dues are due. Our obligations must be met.

Remember to send your holiday cards and greetings out in plenty of time. Also, I do have Christmas cards on hand along with regular or everyday cards.

We wish all Sisters a happy holiday whether near or far.

I will leave you with this thought and see you in the new year.

"It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong."

In F., L. & T.,
Jeanette Kelley, Reporter

Chaplain's Corner

Remember our Brothers & Sisters during the holidays

Friends, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

— 1 John 4: 7-8

Our President Karen Hoylman's motto, "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care," is a very good message for this holiday season. Let's not forget our Sister Rebekahs and Brother Odd Fellows who are living alone. We need to make sure they are included in our holiday festivities. Please send your prayers and love to all those who are in ill health with hope for better days to come.

LOVE AT HOME

*There is beauty all around
When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound
When there's love at home;
Peace and plenty here abide,
Smiling sweet on every side;
Time doth softly, sweetly glide
When there's love at home.*

— Nita Sherwood Sherwood, Chaplain,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Pasco Theta Rho #14

Pasco girls are on the road again

We just can't stay home. On October 4, Rebecca Koenig, Marijane Koenig and Advisors Dee Hanson and Reba Koenig ventured to Walla Walla for Department Association President Marg Schaaf's reception at the Walla



Lisha Demille, Rebecca Koenig, Kim Campbell and Marijane Koenig built 245 fruit cups for the Home.

Walla IOOF Hall. Marijane represented Theta Rho Assembly President Kendall Shupe, presenting Marg with a gift and bringing the Assembly's greetings and best wishes for a successful year. Rebecca represented the club and presented a gift and extended our thanks for all the help Marg gives the club when needed.

At this time it was decided we would return to Walla Walla on Veterans' Day for a visit. Since we have to deal with school days off with girls in two states, this was an opportunity to get all the girls together and visit the Home, present residents with fruit cups for lunch and visit the the IOOF Museum at the Walla Walla hall.

We spent two meetings making the fruit cups and one day filling and packing them for travel. We hope the Home residents who received them enjoyed them. Look for our report on this trip and what we are doing for Christmas in the next newspaper.

— In Happiness Through Service, Rebecca Koenig

Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

The holidays are upon us. We have just finished the Thanksgiving turkey and it is now time to send out cards and greetings to our families and friends to wish them a safe and merry Christmas and happy New Year. It is time to celebrate the Christ child! Happy birthday, Jesus!

The elections are now in the past and the our officers will be installed in January.

Winter has arrived with a few rain drops and flurries of snow here and there!

Our Lodge did have that Thanksgiving dinner in November and it was great! Thanks to all our good cooks who brought something to share.

On December 9 we will plan our Christmas party and on the 23rd we will have a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and then exchange cards.

WISHING YOU JOY

*May Christmas bring you happiness
And fill your heart with love,*

*And may you richly share in all
The blessings from above.
May there be many presents bright
Around your Christmas tree,
And greeting cards from near & far
For all the family.
It is the hour to rejoice,
It is the time of year when
Everyone should dwell in peace
And in good will and cheer.
And when December disappears,
May there be even more
Of pleasure and fulfillment,
And of happiness in store.
May every season, day and month
Throughout the new year bring
Prosperity and progress
And the best of everything.*

— By James F. Metcalfe

Now the time has come to close this year of 2003 with a great big cheer and welcome the New Year when it arrives. Can you believe it is soon to be 2004?

*Until next time in F.,L.&T.,
Joyce Miller, Reporter*



Narcissa jewel recipients and those who presented them are, from left, Ruth Phillips with son Ted Hanson, Elsie Wells with daughter Judy Zohner, Polly Komarek with husband Al Komarek, and Jeannette Oswald with daughter Jan Edwards.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Narcissa Lodge #2 celebrated its 118th birthday on November 7. Our Homecoming dinner was held at the Elks Lodge in Walla Walla where we joined with Enterprise and Bee Hive Lodges as they also celebrated their birthdays. It was pointed out by Mistress of Ceremonies Nancy Klicker that when all of the birthdays were combined, they added up to a total of 365 years — Enterprise with 140 years, Narcissa with 118 years and Bee Hive with 107 years. *Now, that was a good reason to celebrate!*

We were honored to have RA President Karen Hoylman present for our Homecoming celebration. Several other dignitaries were there to share in our festivities.

After an enjoyable meal, each Lodge made jewel presentations and



Nancy Klicker, left, was named runner-up while Rose Ringhoffer was presented the "Rebekah of the Year" award from Narcissa Lodge.

named its respective "Brother or Sister of the year" recipients. It was very special to have John Brigham and Bud Dotson wearing their tuxedos, joined by Jane Hanson and Jeanne Elder in glittering formal attire, to serve as escorts for the evening. It was impressive to see each recipient as he or she was escorted to the center of the floor to be presented with an award.

Narcissa Sisters who were present to receive their jewels were: Ruth Phillips, 30 years; Polly Komarek, 45 years; Elsie Wells, 45 years; and Jeannette Oswald, 65 years. Those who were eligible to receive jewels, but were unable to attend, also were recognized. They were Eva Greenhalgh, 30 years; Betty Sauer, 55 years; Melissa Cummins, 30 years;

and Alice Beckel, 25 years.

Barbara Lechner, last year's "Rebekah Sister of the year" and committee member Marthann Hall presented two awards. It came as a complete surprise to Rose Ringhoffer who was named "Rebekah of the Year and to "runner-up, Nancy Klicker.

We all enjoyed the Waitsburg Male Quartet which entertained us with songs that were familiar to all of us. They started off the evening with their very touching rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

John Paulson, our photographer for the evening, was kept very busy.

Narcissa Lodge was represented by Sisters Elsie Wells, Rose Ringhoffer and Jane Hanson at the recent Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Kelso. Elsie reported that the time spent was very positive and worthwhile.

We are saddened by the death of our Sister Dorothy Becinski who passed away on October 8.

Our first meeting in November was held at the IOOF Home. As always, it was special to meet there. Sixteen of those present were Home residents and we had seven Sisters from Bee Hive among our visitors. Marthann Hall and Arline Maxson were the hostesses.

Elsie Wells and Thelma Warfield have been the lucky winners of our last two cash prize drawings.

Even though most of us are involved in several activities and are leading busy lives, we need to remember to pause and take time to give thanks.

In F., L. & T., Nancy Klicker, Reporter

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Trinity Rebekah Lodge # 179 met on November 13 with 13 members present. Items discussed were the Firemen's Family Christmas Dinner and our shut-in plates for those we want to remember at Christmas. There were quite a few people who have passed on and just as many new names added on.

We chose a boy's and girl's name off the "Giving Tree." Our PNG Evelyn Newman and her husband complete this project with much plea-

sure.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party with a \$5 gift exchange and potluck. Our "Secret Pals" will be revealed, too.

Our newly-elected officers are: NG Delia McNelly, VG Alberta Luurs, Sec. Pat Harader, Fin. Sec. Sandy Beam, Treas. Curdy Cooms and three-year Trustee Rosalie Fojt. Our installation is set for January 10 with a dinner at noon.

Alberta Luurs, Reporter

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Assembly President Karen Hoylman made her official visit to our Lodge on October 21 and we made it a Halloween party with lots of treats and no tricks. Visitors came from Monterose, Fraternity and Ramona in Oregon.



They gathered around the caldron with us to entertain Karen with a poem and present her with gifts. A lace doily was made by Bessie Braschuk and a birdhouse and money were also presented to our President.

NG Cathy Kary mailed a package to our servicemen in Iraq. We used our "Seed Money" for the packages. Long Beach Postmaster Casey Killingsworth provided information for sending the packages.

Halloween songs were sung and witches, a ghost, a bat, a Raggedy Andy doll, a gypsy, a Mardi Gras lady and a punk rocker joined in for a pumpkin walk for prizes. Our bat, Vivian Currie, kept the piano keys tinkling with scary music (and some other tunes). Her music is so much appreciated. Thanks to Polly Reed, Frances O'Neil, Cathy Kary, Opal

Eaton, Linda Zuern, Carla Schmidt, Betty Pierce, Marla Johnson, Olney Patch, Diane Eneix, Lucy Aydelott, Sandy Thissell and "some husbands" for all their hard work and donations for our special evening. It was nice to have Rose Conto and Bette Snyder at our meeting.

We elected new officers on November 4. They are: NG Helen O'Neal, VG Olney Patch, Sec. Betty Pierce, Treas. Linda Zuern, Fin. Sec. Sandy Thissell and three-year Trustee Sue Johnson.

Barbara Emond served refreshments for our meeting. It was a small turnout as Opal Eaton, Betty Pierce and Polly Reed were serving on the election board. It was a very cold night and some Sisters stayed home.

Several of our Sisters attended Faternity's meeting on November 11 for President Karen's visit. A delicious dinner was served and games were played. A patriotic theme was carried out for the evening as it was Veterans' Day.

Marla Johnson and Linda Zuern served for our Thanksgiving meeting on November 18. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. I know I enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings and I hope you did, too.

December seems to have arrived right after January this year. What happened to the rest of those months in between? Our Lodge had a very good year with many fun times, good food and the joys of being with friends.

We keep in our prayers our servicemen all over the world and their families, and also our families and friends who have endured illnesses or misfortune. To all Rebekah Sisters and Brothers, Ocean Beach wishes you a blessed holiday season, peace in your hearts to share with the world and guidance from our almighty God to lead us in the tasks of our daily lives with love and understanding. **Merry Christmas and happy New Year!!**

In F., L. & T., Sue Johnson, Reporter

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

It is a pretty, sunny day here, although it is chilly.

We had our nominations for next year's officers. The following were nominated: NG Winifred Johnson, VG Diane Bullock-Gauron, Sec. Lorene Swedberg, Treas. Willie Rentz and Trustee Ed Sullivan.

Sisters Anna Sullivan, Lorene Swedberg and Lois Whitehurst attended the District Meeting in Goldendale. They were in charge of the addendum for the Past Presidents.

At our last meeting, we met at 6 p.m. to have a pizza party. Dave and Faye Christian were in charge. After

we enjoyed the pizza, we had our meeting. It was a fairly good turnout, but we still have quite a few of our members experiencing medical problems.

We still are giving food to the local food bank every month.

Diane Bullock-Gauron was the lucky person, winning the traveling basket brought by Winifred Johnson.

This all for now. We hope everyone has a good holiday season. Take care and may God bless.

In F., L. & T., Grace Wilson, PNG and Reporter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, BROTHERS & SISTERS!



Project completed

A new green house for the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla was the project for Grand Master Ernie House and Rebekah Assembly President Mavis House when they headed the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in 2001-02. The project is now completed, thanks to the generous donations from many of the IOOF and Rebekah Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

In Walla Walla

Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2

Two real life brothers, Brothers Ted and Don Hanson, shared the 2003 Odd Fellow of the Year Award. Brothers Ted and Don have spent many hours over the last several years helping to keep our old building afloat. You can catch them working in the shower rooms, maintaining the pool pump and at many other necessary chores. They spend many weekends and evenings keeping our building at 20 S. Spokane Street open as a Lodge and Athletic Facility.

Also receiving his District Deputy Grand Master's badge from Grand Master David Morris was District #16's Deputy Grand Master, Phil Crawford of Harmony IOOF Lodge in Pomeroy.

We were honored to have Grand Master David Morris and his staff,

including his wife and driver, Jody, visit our Lodge on November 6. It was nice to see Deputy Grand Master Michael Billups, Grand Warden Carson Inman, Past Sovereign Grand Master and Grand Secretary Arthur Craig, as well as three members of the Home Board — Neal Emond, Verl Duff and Rose Ringhoffer.

This month we will be honored with a visit from our District Deputy Grand Master Phil Crawford.

A combined installation of officers of Enterprise IOOF Lodge, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge and Narcissa Rebekah Lodge will be held January 17 in the East Auditorium of the Odd Fellows Home, 534 Boyer Ave. in Walla Walla.

*In F., L., & T.,
Art Schreiber, Secretary*

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Brrr! It's cold outside. I think the winter climate has snuck up on us. It went from warm to cold overnight. However, we are still having beautiful sunshine.

Our costume District Meeting turned out to be a nice affair and lots of fun. We were happy to welcome Assembly President Karen Hoylman and her companions, Doris Wigglesworth, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand LEA; and Florine Roehl, Keeper of the Unwritten Work journal. We enjoyed their words of wisdom. We also had a nice group from the Home in Walla Walla. They certainly add flash, fun and humor to our annual meetings. The reports were interesting and gave us food for thought.

Our election of November 4 brought forth the following: NG Belinda Sweetin, VG Nancy Robinson, Sec. Mary Gosney, Treas. Glenda Bowdish and Trustee Christene Sweetin. Installation will be on January 3. The appointed officers will be listed in the next newspaper.

Our longtime member, Sister Pearl Shepard, fell in her home and was taken to Klickitat Valley Hospital in mid-October. She suffered no broken bones, but sustained bumps and bruises everywhere. After a two week stay, she has been moved to the Columbia

Basis Nursing Home in The Dalles, OR. Her address is: 1015 Weber St., The Dalles, OR 97058. I am sure cards or visits would be welcome. Sister Grace Spencer has been battling shingles. I know from experience that shingles are very painful and slow to get over. Our thoughts and prayers are with these Sisters.

After a long absence, we welcomed Sister Lucky McGaughey back. Then she had to miss our November 4 meeting because she hit a deer on her way home from town. The car was a total loss and she was really shook up.

Our annual holiday dinner will be on Saturday, December 6 at the Odd Fellows Temple. On Tuesday, December 16, we will have our Christmas party and gift exchange. Plus, we will put together the 30 or so shut-in boxes we fix for our members and others in the community. We also will serve cocoa and cookies after the Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade on Saturday, December 13. Some sort of shelter will be provided on the courthouse grounds.

May everyone far and near have a wonderful Christmas and may the New Year bring peace and better times for everyone.

*In F., L., & T.,
Loleta Zumwalt,
PNG and Reporter*

Contributing Factors

State of the Endowment: 2003

A well known philanthropist once said, "In the end, it won't matter how much money I made or how much I spent; the only money that will count is the money I gave away. I want my life and work to count for something besides myself."

What a powerful thought this is as we approach the close of 2003 and consider our own personal philanthropy. Gifts come from the heart and are meant to improve the quality of life in some fashion. They are often made spontaneously and usually in response to an important need or to further a meaningful interest. When gifts are made with some planning, they can enhance your giving even more.

I believe that the greatest gift we can bring to the new year is the gift of peace. Peace is a blessing given and received each day. With peace, optimism prevails and new ideas take hold. Fear is eroded and security can prevail. A simple, thoughtful act of charity can ensure peace in ourselves and bring peace to others in need.

I want to express my appreciation to you for your steadfast support of the Washington Odd Fellows Home. Your faithful and generous giving to the Endowment Fund speaks louder than words.

I also want to report that our future looks bright! We recently received a \$500,000 bequest. With this sizeable gift, the total contributions to the Endowment Fund surpassed the \$873,000 mark. By building up these funds, we increase the financial stability of the Home and provide a stream of income that we can depend on. The principal of these funds remains intact. Only the income, or a portion of the income, may be used to meet ongoing needs. Thus, the funds last indefinitely and provide ongoing resources to the Home. As you consider your year-end giving, I hope that you will direct some of your generosity to the Home's Endowment Fund.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I appreciate all of you and wish you and your families a blessed holiday season.



By JOHN PAULSON
*Director of Development
Odd Fellows Home*

Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

I guess winter officially has arrived — even though it is almost a month early and much colder than we expected. Our Lodge members have been busy at work (which helps keep them warm) with a bazaar in November and another one in December. Raffle tickets are being sold for a large food basket, a gourmet breakfast basket and a mystery gift bag.

Our Friendship Day with Grand Coulee #315 in October canceled because of a lack of interest and lack of response from invited Lodges. It seems an RSVP doesn't always get results.

Sisters Ainie Powell and Maxine Williams have abandoned Coulee Dam for warmer weather in Nevada and Arizona. We wish them safe traveling.

Elected officers for 2004 are: NG

Mary Lee Novelli, VG Nancy Meyer, Sec. Ethel Bennett, Treas. Theda Rosenberg and Trustee Maxine Williams.

A monetary gift was sent to the Home in Walla Walla for Christmas. Christmas Greetings were purchased in Electric City, Grand Coulee and Coulee. Our Lodge will select the names of two young people from the Tree of Sharing for Christmas gifts.

A family potluck was held at the Lodge hall on Halloween, but we didn't do any trick or treating. We just ate a lot of good food!

Because of our Secretary Connie Seaver's illness, our Lodge has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 252, Coulee Dam, WA 99116. Please change your records so we will get your letters.

*In F., L., & T.,
Maxine Williams, Reporter*

In Soap Lake

Sun Lakes Rebekah Lodge #329

Soap Lake checking in!

As I write this, it is nearly turkey time. It feels like it, but there is a lot left to be desired — no snow!!

Officers have been elected for the coming year. They are: NG Betty Nolan, VG Opal Stoops, Sec. Marleita Wahl, Treas. Margee Smith (our new member) and Three Year Trustee Marge Lawrence.

Meetings have been inspiring. We have seven to nine members present each time.

We found another outlet to buck up our bank account. We had a yard sale in the patio of a local restaurant (now closed) on Main Street. We made more than \$400 in two days from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Now we are exercising our minds to find more means to pick

up our coffers.

Sister Jan Underwood is recovering from major surgery at this time. She's now at home. We all wish her the very best for a speedy recovery.

Sister Jan Freed is having trouble with swollen legs and feet. She is unable to attend meetings. We miss her input.

Sister Ruby Thorton is on the ailing list. Other members are enjoying reasonably good health. Thanks be to God.

Love and prayers to all the ailing members of all Lodges. Until we meet again, keep a smile on your face, joy in your heart and love in abundance for all our world.

*In F., L., & T.,
Opal Stoops, Reporter*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Hi, everyone! Another month has gone by and we're already thinking about Christmas and the holidays. Hopefully everybody was careful and didn't over eat at Thanksgiving. It's hard to restrain yourself with turkey and all the goodies.

After all our hot weather during our long, hot summer, we got a break and did have a few days of rain. It was nothing like many had in other parts of the state. Then it turned cold and we feel that winter can't be far behind.

We had election of 2004 officers at our November 3 meeting. We believe 2004 should be in good hands with NG Sharin Brown, VG Shirley Daling, Sec. Kay Smith (who else), and Treas. Grace Hoffman. Our 2003 Noble Grand had an interesting schedule for all of her meetings — even though a couple had some changes.

Longtime member Sister Edith Ogle lost her husband of almost 64 years on October 12. Our Lodge helped with the lunch following the services. Several members attended the funeral.

Beginning with our December 1 meeting, we will be holding them at 2 p.m. for three months. This makes it

easier for us to get out in the daylight. Our attendance is usually 10 to 11, so we hope this helps to keep them all coming.

Our Christmas dinner and family celebration will be on Monday, December 15. This social event probably will be held in the late afternoon.

The usual aches and pains are reported by members, but most everyone is doing fine. Our longtime Secretary Kay Smith is just completing a series of radiation treatments for a re-occurrence of cancer. She reports all is going well and this hasn't slowed her down too much. Her twin sister Fay (yours truly) got a "cancer free" report following her annual check-up, so we have much to celebrate and give thanks for at Thanksgiving. Our wish is that all could be so fortunate. To all with health problems, we again send our thoughts and prayers.

Merry Christmas wishes and happy New Year to all our Sisters and Brothers and their families. See you in 2004.

*Fraternal Love to All,
Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter*

Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276 and Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246

Newly-elected officers for our two Lodges are: NGs Ron Wilkins and Valma DeVall, VGs George DeVall and Helen Thiel, Secretaries Sarah Owens and Ramona Niccolson, and Treasurers Valma DeVall and Jenene Munson.

We will have a dinner installation on January 4 at 1 p.m. with PGM Ernie House and PPRA Mavis House serving as installing officers. They will be assisted by Lloyd and Christene Sweetin.

Our two Lodges supplied a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family and plans are underway to do the same for Christmas with the DECA Club at our local high school.

BALANCE OF

CHIPPEWA INDIAN PRAYER

Make me wise so that I may know the things You have taught my people, the lessons You have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, Father — not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy, myself. Make me ever ready to come

to You with clean hands and a straight eye, so that when life fades like a fading sunset, my spirit may come to You without shame.

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

A mother was showing her son how to zip up his coat. "The secret," she said, "is to get the left part of the zipper to fit in the other side before you try to zip it up." The boy looked at her quizzically. "Why does it have to be a secret?"

CHRISTMAS LINKS THE WORLD

"Christmas links the world today, countries new and old, as round the hearthfires of the earth the story of the Christ Child's birth is reverently told. Christmas links the world today. We hear its sweet, glad call as hymns held lovingly by time, as carols, bells, and sounding chime bring Bethlehem to all."

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year that may bring peace to the world.

*In F., L. & T.,
Val DeVall, Reporter*

Deborah Rebekah Lodge #321 - Blaine

We are into the fall weather after a very beautiful summer and now the rains are starting up for the winter months.

We have had some major events over the past few months. The first one was a 90th birthday celebration for IG Bessie Andrews on September 10. Many family members and friends were present at her son's restaurant in Bellingham.

On September 25 our Secretary Elinor Blakely had a celebration for her 80th birthday. Her family hosted the event at the Blaine Senior Center. It was a fun time at both of these celebrations.

Our "Seed Money" project was a raffle for a special gourmet basket with some merchants gift certificates. The raffle for the gourmet basket and gift certificates was held on October 9 at the Blaine Senior Center. The six winners were: Jason Gorr, Amy Lindeman, Carol Talmadge, Elaine Murphy, Rich Todhunter and Ellen Wortendyke. The proceeds from the raffle were donated to the 4-H

Herman Miller Farm on October 30. The check included funds from our Lodge so we could make the sum an even \$400.

We attended the District #10 meeting. It was good to see and visit with everyone again. Next spring the meeting will be hosted by Deborah Rebekah Lodge in Custer's Cardinal Hall.

Our Charter was draped in memory of Marie Arbuckle for the next 30 days. She passed away October 12 after a lengthy stay in the Staffholt Nursing Home in Blaine. She celebrated her 96th birthday in June and had been a member with Cardinal Lodge first in 1946 then with Deborah Lodge. She had been Secretary for many years. She was the local historian and kept busy knitting new-born caps for babies. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

We hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and now we wish one and all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mary Onyon, PDP & Reporter

PNG's Association

PNG's will meet December 18

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet on the third Thursday of December, the 18th, at Collins Grange Hall, 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma. Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 of Buckley will be the hostess Lodge.

Our President, Florine Roehl, has chosen the theme for the day as "the oldest information written about Santa Claus." Memories of the past should bring out many participants. Prizes for the best "info" will be awarded.

The F.,L.&T. Drill Team's activities have begun. Practice time and day will be announced by our Drill Captain.

A big hello to our Sister Dema in Spokane. We miss you!

We hope you all had a blessed and thankful Thanksgiving. We, as Rebekah Sisters, are so grateful for our Friendship, Love and Truth.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of the dream."

In F., L. & T., Dorothy Nelson, Reporter

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

In November our hall witnessed three big events. The first was replacing the old, damaged floor tile downstairs, in the rest rooms and the area where bingo is played. It took several days for Floors-n-More to chip off the old tile, smooth out the floors, and put down the new tile. Then Dennis Sullivan put on six coats of wax, and at the same time he washed and waxed the rest of the downstairs floor.

The second big event was the election of Pine Forest officers for 2004. Sam Crandall was elected NG, Anne Williams VG, Cheryl Eckhart Secretary, Nancy Davis Treasurer and Wanda Koontz Financial Secretary.

The third big event was Turkey Bingo, a tradition which always brings folks back from far and wide to relive an event that revives many memories. Cheryl Eckhart took charge of both Bingo and the kitchen, as Sam Crandall is recovering from a lumpectomy.

Other members who are recovering from health problems are Marge Young, Sylvia Dilley and Barbara Garza. Marcia Hirsch is mourning the

death of her stepfather.

Lila Middleton took charge of the materials for gingerbread houses, Yule logs and candy necklaces this year. Goodies were soon piled everywhere as we prepared for another Christmas Bazaar. We are now taking orders for gingerbread houses.

The Ione Community Bazaar Committee decided to have the bazaar at Ione Elementary this year. They are calling it Winterfest 2003. The items we sell at the bazaar, along with contributions from local businesses, organizations and community members, will help fund the Christmas boxes we distribute to families in need in December. Pat Mendenhall is busy getting the list of families together, Marvel Smith has already stacked cases of canned goods in every corner and Bernice Emrick has been busily covering boxes with bright Christmas wrap.

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

*— Bill Cosby
Anne Williams, Reporter*

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our family Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 7 at 1 p.m. Be sure and bring a \$2 gift for each guest. We will play bingo. Gifts move around a lot before the game is over. Lunch will be potluck. We always have fun, so come and join us.

The Rebekah Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 10. This also is a potluck and once again remember to bring a \$2 gift for the exchange. Secret Pals will be revealed and new ones drawn.

Officers elected for 2004 are: NG Leona Treznoski, VG Louise Lusk, Sec. Jerry Bierdeman, Fin. Sec. Marian Moon and Treas. Cora Walker.

DDP Lou Ann Hoffman of District #29 made her first official visit to our Lodge and was given the honors. Since it was a sack lunch meeting, our

NG Carolyn Miller brought extras for Lou Ann and other other visitor, Helen Petrie of Trinity #179.

The following poem was written by Vesta Latta:

THERE ARE TIMES

*There are times, when us humans
Are blind as can be. . .
We can't see the trunk
For the leaves on the tree.
So let's tackle the jobs
That make life worthwhile,
Put them together,
And work with a smile.*

The doctors have changed my chemo formula. I am halfway through and things will be better!

With love and good health to all.

*In F., L. & T.,
Luellen Ainsworth,
PNG & Reporter*

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

Time has really slipped by too rapidly for me as your reporter. We are busy as bees as the holidays approach.

Election of officers was held. We will have the same slate of officers for the coming year. Thank you, Sisters. Our installation will be on January 19 at the Elk Plain Grange Hall. The F.,L.&T. Drill Team will install our officers.

We celebrated our Thanksgiving

meeting with dinner at the Lady Luck Cafe.

Our best wishes are extended to our Sister Betty Hague. Because of illness, she is home bound. She loves to have calls.

We hope you all had a blessed turkey day.

For now, "always believe in your dreams."

*In F., L. & T.,
Dorothy Nelson, Reporter*

Grand Lodge is honored!

Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed, left, presented a certificate to Roger Bruland of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 proclaiming the Grand Lodge of Washington as a Territorial Corporation. The Grand Lodge was instituted July 9, 1879 during the Washington Territorial period between 1853 and 1889.



Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

The Tri Cities Odd Fellow Degree Team, ably assisted by Enterprise IOOF Lodge of Walla Walla, conferred the Degrees on a class of candidates. The candidates were from Kennewick and Richland. DDP Phil Crawford, from Harmony IOOF Lodge in Pomeroy, was there to help present the Initiatory Degree. Candidates from Kennewick were June Phillips, Samantha (Sam) Phillips and Elsie Brand.

Elections were held in November. Officers elected for the coming year are: NGs Jim Billingsley and Shirley Gross; VGs Louie Brand and Eloise Graves; Secretaries Dee Hanson and Jean Lucke; Fin. Sec. Elsie Brand;

Treasurers Bruce Lucke and Neva Watkins; and Trustee Harriet Cummings. We will again hold a joint installation in January with the Pasco and Richmond Lodges.

Clarence Wandling, a friend of the Odd Fellows, donated a load of butternut squash to the Home in Walla Walla. Three of the Brothers assisted in the delivery. They then visited with our members who are there.

The Rebekahs lost a good and faithful sister with the death of Sister Bessie Hansen. She was everything a Rebekah should be. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

*In F., L. & T.,
Jean Lucke, Reporter*

In Richland

All States Rebekah Lodge #319 and Richland IOOF Lodge #338

The holidays have arrived and they are keeping us busy with our caring and sharing projects.

Our new All States #319 officers for 2004 are: NG Mary Jo Miller, VG Juanita McElveny, Sec. Anita Shoop and Treas. Alma Stephens.

Richland IOOF Lodge #338's new officers are: NG Paul Palmer, VG Carl Roberts, Sec. Glenn Delozier and Treas. Dennis Young.

Richland #338 welcomed to membership Elaine M. Delozier and Diane M. Hall on November 4. Welcome

aboard!

We are happy to have Mary Jo Miller as our new leader for 2004. She is young and vivacious. She came from a Rebekah and IOOF background of 85 years.

Good wishes to Betty Spears with her many problems. Just hang in there, Betty!

Merry Christmas with a great New Year!

Thinking Green.

*In F., L. & T.,
Juanita McElveny, Reporter*

Aurilla Rebekahs #133 - Bremerton

Our Lodge has retained our officers for another year. They are: NG Joella Toppi, VG Don Cowdery, and Sec. and Treas. Florence Cowdery.

Seven of us enjoyed our birthday dinner out. Happy birthday to all!

November was a busy month years ago. I believe Dottie Freeman is our

oldest member. She still comes to Lodge, too.

We wish everyone good health, peace and contentment. Have a merry Christmas!

*In F., L. & T.,
Florence Cowdery,
Secretary*

Longview Rebekah Lodge # 305

Seasons greetings from Longview Rebekah Lodge #305.

On November 4, Assembly President Karen Hoylman made her official visit. She was accompanied by ladies from Monterose #46. After the luncheon at the Red Lion Restaurant, everyone adjourned to the Lodge hall for the business meeting. Even though there were several pro-tems appointed, all went smoothly.

Lately there have been so many Sisters and Brothers unable to attend meetings because of illness, so we are well-versed in the pro-tem department.

President Karen gave a fine talk regarding her plans and wishes during her term. She is an optimistic and

capable lady and will undoubtedly accomplish much. We were impressed.

Our elected officers for 2004 will be: NG Betty Weldon, VG Ellen Vossen, Sec. Mary Elder, Treas. Lillie George and Fin. Sec. Jessie Niemi. Brother Lloyd Bjorge was appointed to a three-year term as Trustee.

We are about to go visiting to see our old friends at Riverview Rebekah Lodge in Cathlamet and then on to Fraternity Rebekah Lodge in Ilwaco. Many of us have been unable to travel to other Lodges because of one thing or another, so this will be a nice treat.

*Mary Elder,
PNG and Reporter*

Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings!! Sister Elsie Patterson's son Don is now home in Walla Walla. He eventually will be at the Regency at the Park. They are making arrangements so his wife Evelyn can stay with him and help with his therapy. They thought that if he were closer to home and among friends, his memory may return. As of now, Don only remembers things when he was young. We send our prayers to Don and his family. May God bring him healing.

Sister Neva Cook and her husband Paul haven't left for California yet. I don't know when they will be leaving.

Sister Cora Davis was terribly tired after her day on the Election Board. Sister Nancy Free had her carpal tunnel surgery and has the bandages off now. She is doing fine. Sister Dale Polson has been a little under the weather. She had some physical tests that are not pleasant. She was anesthetized, so she didn't know how terrible the tests were.

Our rummage sale is in the past and all the clothes were picked up to be washed and mended. This year, they

will be sent to California for the fire victims. All the cardboard was picked up, too.

The Double D's PNG's Club will have its Christmas potluck on Monday, December 1 at noon in Dixie. The meat will be supplied. We are to bring salads, desserts and accompaniments to turkey or ham. Also, bring a donation for the food bank in Dayton. Election and installation will be held that day, too.

*Christmas is a comin'
The moon is shinin' bright
We pray that Santa brings to all
A happiness that's bright.
As I sit under the mistletoe
With greatest expectations
The fellas nobly pass me by
Ignoring my subtle flirtations.
Good cheer, good health
And happiness
Is what I wish for you,
And all the joy this season brings
To last the whole year through.
Merry Christmas!*

*In F., L. & T.,
Mary Lou Bostrup,
Reporter*

Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 - Centralia

At the time I am writing this, the big news at Ivy #21 in Centralia is the upcoming visit by Karen Hoylman, President of the Washington Rebekah Assembly. She is honoring us with her presence on December 3. We are taking her out to dinner at the newly-opened Oasis Restaurant near I-5 just off Mellen Street in Centralia. Our meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., but dinner will be at 6 p.m. We are extending an invitation to all of you reading this. There is plenty of room, the food is good and, of course, the company is excellent. After dinner, we will go to the hall on Pearl Street and have a very interesting meeting, interspersed with some very fine entertainment.

Our election of 2004 officers was held and those going into the chairs are: NG LouAnn Hoffman, VG Mary Robinson, Sec. Jerry Bierdeman, Fin

Sec. Wanda Garrett, Treas. Betty Cardwell, and Three-Year Trustee Eva Allen. It ought to be a very good year. (Sounds like a song, doesn't it?)

Our new District Deputy President for District #29, Lou Ann, made her official visit and was given the honors.

Sister Mary Robinson has been quite a "flutter-by," visiting everyone she can reach by car. I sure wouldn't want her job.

Sister Gladys Briske is on a crutch because of pain in her leg.

My foot is finally getting better. I will get more surgery to the other foot in December, but that will be mild compared to this.

Until next month, take care and happy holidays.

*F., L. & T.,
Jerry Bierdeman, Reporter*

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Our Lodges held their elections of officers for 2004. Officers of IOOF Lodge #145 are: NG John Gaiski, VG Ray Johnson, Sec. Donald Cowdery and Treas. Michael Cruise. Leading Rebekah Lodge #168 are: NG Vera Paulsen, VG Helen Walsh, Sec. Florence Cowdery, Fin. Sec. Ettamay Strang and Treas. Linda Dodge.

All on our sick lists are on the mend. We do wish everyone continued good health.

For the "Festival of Trees," 23 animals were delivered and the mini-tree is ready to deliver in four weeks. This

and our donations to the Bellringer program is our way to get the local newspaper to put our names in print when they cover the Harrison Hospital Foundation. The newspaper prints a list of donors to the Bellringer program. Those donations are divided between the many food banks.

We all enjoyed our dinner and visit with Grand Master David Morris and his wife, Jody.

May all have a merry Christmas.

*In F., L. & T.,
Don & Florence Cowdery,
Reporters*

South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211

Last month our Grand Master, David Morris came to visit our Lodge and he brought several friends — his wife Jody, Grand Warden Carson Inman, Grand Marshal Walt Dodge and Leroy Inman. Our members who met the Grand Master for dinner had a good time. The Grand Master spoke at length and was very informative.

Our UN Pilgrimage delegate also came and spoke as a program for the Grand Master. I think everyone enjoyed Kaely Summers talk and the pictures that she brought to show. The UN Pilgrimage is a worthwhile pro-

ject. Just ask Kaely!

Elections of officers took place and here is the list our newbys. NG-elect Dan Marek, VG-elect Laurel Delony, Sec.-elect Holly Houser, Fin. Sec. John Nelson, Treas. Andy Hoffman and Three Year Trustee Kevin Fisk (he's Andy's grandson).

We are planning our dinner installation for Saturday January 10 at 5 p.m. We hope to get a good crowd.

Well that's it for now. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

*In F., L. & T.,
Laurel Delony, Reporter*

Lodge Cards will return

Because of the large volume of material this month for *The Washington OddFellow*, the Lodge Cards usually printed on this page have been left out. They will return as soon as possible. Your Lodge Card will be extended for the time it was left out.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Well, we got elections out of the way. Our new elective officers are NG Barbara Nelson, VG Sharon Harris (Hey Sharon, haven't you already done this once or twice or . . .), Sec. Holly Houser, Fin. Sec. Carol Robertson and Treas. Joanne Balmert. Congratulations to you all!

We're looking forward to a fun year with Barb at the helm. Installation of new officers will be held Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m. in the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall. We hope we see you here.

Our Lodge put on a great Thanksgiving feast at our second meeting in November. We served the traditional feast of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, etc. If you didn't get enough to eat, it was your own fault. This Thanksgiving feast was our way of thanking all those folks who were kind enough to help us with our ballot pickups.

We hope Santa is good to you all. Happy Holidays, everybody!

*In F., L. & T.,
Laurel Delony, Reporter*

First family

Newly-installed Assembly President Karen Hoylman smiled with members of her family who participated in the ceremony. From left are grandson Jeremy Edwards, Grand Jr. Warden of the Grand Encampment; granddaughter Florence Frogge, Secretary of the Theta Rho Assembly; and daughters Dawn Tucker, PNG, and Kendra Frogge, PNG.



In Spokane

Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52

Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge #52 was honored to have Grand Master David Morris with us at the October 27 meeting for his official visit. There were 19 Brothers and Sisters in attendance for a buffet dinner that was served before the meeting.

Other guests that evening included Deputy Grand Master Michael Billups, Grand Warden Carson Inman

and Idaho Grand Patriarch Jerry North. We also had a number of other distinguished guests.

Grand Master David spoke about a variety of on-going projects.

Chuck and Ed Hare were presented with Merit Jewels.

*In F., L. & T.,
Peg Ogilvie,
Reporter*

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 wishes one and all seasons greetings.

Speaking of seasons brings to mind that new officers and Sisters will be looking forward to our lovely installations. Our installation is on January 15.

Before that, dues for Nisqually members are to be paid on or before December 31.

We should have bottled some of our summer warmth. Ha!

*In F., L. & T.,
Norma Roberts, PNG and Reporter*

Bothell Odd Fellow Lodge #124 Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54

Our Sisters Nancy Graesser, Mary Durbin, Dorothy Sly and Zoe Gonzales attended the District Meeting representing our Lodge. They reported that everything went beautifully and it reminded them of old times. Everyone had a good time.

We are looking forward to our visit with Rebekah Assembly President Karen Hoylman on Tuesday, December 9. This happens to be the night of our cookie exchange, too, so we will be getting sweeter, as well.

We will *not* be serving breakfast in December because of the Christmas

holiday, a time when most of us will be visiting family and friends. But we will start again next year. Wow! It is almost 2004 already!

Sadly, I have to report that Robert Huntley passed away in October. He is greatly missed. Please keep Jinny Sly (recovering from heart surgery) and Woody Reed (recovering from a stroke) in your prayers.

This letter is very short. Hopefully there will be more to report next year.

*In F., L. & T.,
Nancy Graesser,
Reporter*

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Season's greetings to each and everyone one of you from all of us at Oak Leaf.

We had a delightful evening with our Assembly President Karen and her traveling companion, PPRA Doris Wigglesworth, when Karen made her official visit.

At our meeting that night we voted to participate again this year with getting a family from CADA and providing gifts for them for Christmas. All members are asked to make a contribution to help with this project. Money is to go to Sister Myrtle Whitehead, Treasurer, by the first meeting in December.

We are also planning our Christmas Family Potluck and inviting the Odd Fellows, Theta Rhos and their families to join us for a night of good food, fun and fellowship. After dinner, we

will play some white elephant bingo.

Our new officers have been elected. They are NG Alyce Lane, VG Maxine Hansen, Sec. Judy Diekman, Fin. Sec. Nita Sherwood, Treas. Myrtle Whitehead and Trustee Lee Holt. Let's all stand behind our new slate of officers and work together to have a successful year.

We have had two wonderful years under the leadership of NG Cindy McCloskey and are looking for great things also from Sister Alyce. Our installation is planned for January 11, at 2 p.m. Rebekah Assembly President Karen Hoylman and her team will be doing the installation ceremony. So put that date on your calendar and come join us for the afternoon.

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
Reporter*

Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312 - Seattle

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I know I did. What weather! I wanted to be outside every minute of the day and well into the evening. Everyone is finally healthy and back to the meetings. It has been just one thing after another this year.

President Karen Hoylman came to visit us on November 3. In addition to Karen, Sisters Loletta McCormick and June Robinson were here, too. We had a wonderful visit. Thank you for coming.

As it was election of officers, we all agreed to stay in the same offices for one more year. That made things easy.

It was good to have Sister Arlene here for the day as she doesn't make it out too much. We are all starting to

wear down. We had a good lunch before the meeting and then had cake and strawberries for dessert. Thank you, Edith.

We will be joining Salmon Bay for our installation in January.

*If we would walk an extra mile
To help some friend we know,
And sort of share our lot with him
When he is running low,*

*If we would speak a pleasant word
And see some stranger smile,
If we would do but one of these
Our day would be worthwhile.
We know our days are numbered
Just how many no one knows,
But we can use this one we have
And know where it goes.*

*In F., L. & T.,
Judy Sansom, Secretary*

Unity IOOF Lodge #18 - Puyallup

All of us at Unity Odd Fellows Lodge wish to thank our gracious hosts from the South Tacoma Lodge and, of course, Art Craig and Wilson Esterly for conducting the Degree program October 22. New member Jack Vincent is going to be a great member and I am hoping he will be our reporter in the very near future. Also attending from our Lodge were Dave Greening and myself, Bill

LeBlanc. Noble Grand Byron Rake was home nursing the flu. Thanks again to the South Tacoma Lodge (We are envious of your great facility).

We also are looking forward to our upcoming visit from Grand Master David Morris on November 5. We hope to have good attendance to make him feel welcome.

*Bill LeBlanc, Vice Grand
And Temporary Reporter*

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