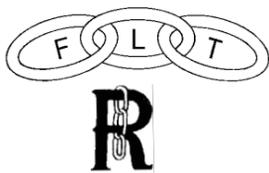


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From your Deputy Grand Master

Deadlines for scholarship and UN tour are nearing!

Hi Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is gone and fall is setting in and so are our programs that our committee members and Lodges need to be working on. Sovereign Grand Lodge is finished. What an experience! The receptions are now finished with the exception of the Military Council.

Our Fall Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Meeting is being held in Hood River, OR the first weekend of this month. I hope to see many of you there. Then there is the Home Board Meeting the following weekend. And then there is our Thanksgiving Day festivities which start our holiday season, but first there are a couple of things we should be working on.

The first is our L.J. Jones Scholarship program. The applications should be out and the students working on their essays for submission to the committee. We offer two \$2,500 scholarships apiece for a son or grandson, or a daughter or granddaughter of a member. These applicants must have a parent or grandparent in one of the units in good standing. Other scholarships include one \$8,000 scholarship for a male or female member of the Order and one \$3,000 scholarship for a son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter or a member of the Order over the age of 21. Each applicant must be a graduating student or qualified under a GED program. They also must be planning on attending either an accredited four or two year college or trade school.

Second on the agenda is our United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. Your local high schools should have been notified or the student your Lodge is willing to sponsor should be getting their forms finished. Students must submit a 300 to 500 word essay on the United Nations, two proofs of citizenship, a health insurance card and a physicians exam. All students must be 16 years old by January 1, 2005 and have at least one year of high school remaining. These tours cost approximately \$1,600 each. Having participated the past two years in this program, the knowledge and experience these young students achieve during these almost two week trips is well worth it.

Last summer, we sent only five students, two from Ilwaco, two from Bremerton and one from Sequim. No students from the east side of the state attended. In 2003, we sent 10 students, so let's get out and help our youths experience a once-in-a-lifetime dream. If you think that is an exaggeration, all you have to do is attend one of the talks the participants give at their sponsoring Lodge. You will admire at how much they have matured, their shyness having disappeared, and the friendships they have developed with other students from around our nation during this journey.

Both of these programs have December 31, 2004 deadlines and they are strictly enforced. On the United Nations Pilgrimage, a \$500 deposit needs to be made by this time and the rest paid by April 1, 2005.

If you have any further questions please call the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly Secretaries.

Also, I hope the Lodges or Districts are getting their installation teams organized for January as your new officers need to be elected this month for the incoming year.

See you down the road.

In Friendship, Love And Truth, Carson Inman, Deputy Grand Master

JJYC to meet November 13

The Jurisdictional Joint Youth Committee will meet Sunday, November 13 at 1 p.m. at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley. If you have any agenda items you'd like to submit, please email our Chairman Janie Kuja at pptra@comcast.com or call our Vice Chairman Loletta McCormick at the Grand Lodge office 1-800-345-1766.

— Janie Kuja, Chairperson, JJYC



Tribute in St. Louis

Junior Past Assembly President Karen Hoylman gave the Tribute to the Theta Rho Flag at the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in August as IARA President Sharon Magden looked on.

Pasco Theta Rho #14

Pasco girls install officers

Pasco Theta Rho installed new officers on October 10 at an afternoon ceremony in the Kennewick IOOF Hall. We were blessed with many visitors, who came to watch new President Rosey Miller and her officers take command of the club. Other officers installed were: Brooklynn Davies, Vice President; Marijane Koenig, Secretary; Kimberly Koenig, Chaplain; Lisha DeMille, Warden; Rebecca Koenig, RSVP and Amanda Fleck, First Herald. Ashley Herrin and Destiny Davies presented the Bible and Flag and Rosey and Brooklynn did the candle lighting ceremony.

Installing Officer Sharlene Davies had a capable staff help complete the installation. They were: Installing Vice President Nanci Davies; Installing Secretary Eloise Graves; Installing Marshall Barbara German; Installing Chaplain Virginia Woolfolk and Installing Guardian Elsie Brand. Thank you Sisters for your help.

Past President Jessica Peters was presented her Past President's Certificate by Advisor Dee Hanson. Her parents pinned her with her Past Presidents' pin and later in the afternoon she received her "new" gown of TP from all the past club Presidents in attendance. We even had a couple from Spokane help with the "draping!"

We were very surprised with the number of jurisdictional present and

past officers who were able to attend: Rebekah Assembly President Sandra Moon and husband Jack, Assembly Warden Dee Hanson, Grand Master Ernie House and wife PPRA Mavis, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Sharlene Davies, Treasurer of the Grand LEA Barbara German, Vice President of the Department Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant Lady (?teehee) Sherry Pond and Secretary of the DALAPM Barbara German. Past Grand Patriarch Louie Brand accompanied his wife Elsie. Each brought best wishes to Rosey. But the best came from Grand Master Ernie when he announced the continuation of the fund to help pay for Theta Rho and Junior lodging at Grand Sessions. **Thank you!**

But the most important people who attended were Rosey and Jessica's parents — Dave and Debbie Miller. The club appreciates the parents' support of the girls' activities and we hope to have them at more of our club activities.

We will initiate on October 13 with one and possibly two new members. JJYC member Sherry Pond was hoping to make that evening her official visit. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Kennewick IOOF Hall. Stop by for a visit too!

— In Happiness Through Service, Rebecca Koenig, Secretary

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

ANNUAL REPORTS OUT SOON

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Fraternal greetings to all in this fall session. Our Odd Fellow Lodges should have or will be receiving very soon the usual package of Annual Report Forms. We have not found or been able to access the membership computer file or database that Brother Art used last year.

I am asking Lodge Secretaries to review the computer printout of your Lodge's membership. Please make appropriate corrections, deletions and additions and return the form to the Grand Lodge office as soon as possible. Please do not wait until you have all of your Annual Report forms finished. This will assist us in reviewing the Lodge Membership Report.

— In F., L. & T., "Butch" Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.,
PGM and Grand Secretary

Arthritis Committee report

Cold weather brings out our old buddy Arthritis

Hello from the Arthritis Committee. As co-chairperson for the Arthritis Committee, I am now able to get going again and I'm looking forward to another good year.

I am sure many of you have noticed the fog this fall along with the rainy season which has started. How many of you have felt the effects of our painful buddy, arthritis?

Remember, all donations to the Arthritis Fund go directly to research in Washington State to help find a cure. That cure will help all of us who feel that little buddy. I will have more next month.

— Hugh A. Smith, PGM and Co-Chairperson
Lady Elizabeth Morgan, Chairperson

Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

We have been having good turn outs for our meetings.

On October 5, we had a potluck luncheon for Assembly President Sandra Moon and her husband. Doris Perry was in charge of an addendum to honor Sandra. Taking part were Wilma Bly, Margaret Tueth, Lois Tippett and Donna Miller. Hazel Crawford sang "I Believe There Are Angels Among Us," a beautiful and meaningful song. Janet Scoggin presented Sandra with a white cloud with an arch of red roses and two white angels with money for Sandra's projects.

We have donated to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah float that will be in the

Rose parade.

Marlane Schilling will be the Assembly Musician and Hazel Crawford will be the Assembly Chaplain.

The District Association #5 meeting was on October 16 in Dayton. Faith #16 honored the Past Presidents and each received an angel. Hazel Crawford gave a really cute reading about chocolate. It was a fun day visiting with friends and learning more about our Order.

We will see you next month *if* you escaped all the ghosts and goblins!!!

In F. L. & T.,
Janet Scoggin,
Reporter

From your 2004-2005 Grand Master



ERNEST HOUSE

LET'S ALL WORK ON MEMBERSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you read this, the reception for your Rebekah Assembly President and me will be over. To those of you who attended, thank you. For those of you who don't attend the receptions or other functions, you miss out on a lot of fellowship and friendship, not to mention the good food and fun.

I know that part of the Grand Warden's job is membership, but I will be talking membership, too — and not just this year either. Our taxes to Sovereign Grand Lodge are going up again! The only way we, the members, can stop this is by getting more members. Let's get with it and get more members. Talk to those who dropped out for non-payment of dues. Try to get them to come back again.

I have neglected to mention what my project for the year is. It is raising money for youth to help pay for the motel rooms at Grand Sessions. I hope all Lodges will give generously to this project. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge for the Grand Master's project.

All Lodges and DDGM's, please read the Washington Digest and the Sovereign Grand Lodge book, then use common sense in applying what they say. If it is working, don't try to fix it! I don't mean if it is way out in left field some place, but use your best judgement. If need be, call me and let me make the decision.

To all Lodges — if you want me and/or the Grand Lodge Officers to install your new Lodge Officers next year, please let us know as soon as possible. It will be on a first come, first served basis!

See you down the road some place and time. We wish for all of you a happy Thanksgiving. May God bless you all.

In F., L. & T., Ernest L. House, Grand Master

Contributing Factors

Thank you from the Home!

Dear Friends of the Home,

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time when we gather to express thanks for the blessings we have received. The Board of Directors and staff at the Washington Odd Fellows Home wish to express our sincere thanks for your donations over the past year. You have given generously to assist us in fulfilling the Home's mission.

It's also a time to pause and make plans for the future. For many, it can also be a time of sharing with others through charitable gifts. Here's an opportunity to review your long-range estate and financial plans. While some of you have included the Home in your will, others are considering naming the Odd Fellows Home as the beneficiary of life insurance policies or IRA accounts.

All of these gifts — whether current or deferred — inspire within us a keen sense of gratitude not only for your generosity, but also for your expression of confidence in our leadership. We realize there are numerous causes and organizations that compete for your charitable interests and this makes us all the more grateful for your support. You honor us with your gifts.

We want you to know that we do not take your generosity for granted. We feel responsible to be careful stewards of the resources you provide.

You have honored us and we desire to honor you by making sure the Home is all that you expect it to be both now and in the future.

Again, thank you for every gift — past, present and future — that you have made or will commit to make to the Washington Odd Fellows Home Endowment Fund. We are working hard to be worthy of your trust.



BY JOHN PAULSON
Director of Development
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From your 2004-05 Assembly President

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL MY SISTERS & BROTHERS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First of all I hope for all our Brothers and Sisters a happy Thanksgiving. May you be able to enjoy a day with family and friends and most important a healthy holiday. May those of you that have had medical problems get better so that you may enjoy all of the good food.

This month I am enjoying the family in British Columbia and will be gone for a week. While I am gone Linda Dodge will take care of any problems and she is very capable of doing so.



Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the reception for Ernie and me as it was a wonderful day to remember. A special thank you to Tammie Drapeau and Blanche Berry and all the committee members who worked so hard and to the members who helped. Remember, no committee can do all the work as it takes everyone working together to complete the job.

My visitations this month are just some drop-in ones to Lodges I have heard are having some problems. They will not get a letter from me. I feel that this is a month for family time.

This is the month to elect your officers for next year and I trust that you select officers who will work for the betterment of your Lodge. Each of us have been officers and know how hard it is, especially to the new officers. Please be there for them and help them along.

My visitation this month will be with Beacon #91 on November 23 at 1:30 p.m.

*In F., L. & T., Sandi Moon, President
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Robert Gault**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.
- **Robert Munz**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.
- **Earl Weatherbie**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.
- **John Moore**, 14 year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Eugene Snively**, 7 year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Melvin Cummins**, 63 year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Woody Reed**, Bothell IOOF Lodge #124.
- **Loui Petersen**, Washougal IOOF Lodge #194
- **Jewel Lane**, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Alice Score**, PNG, Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn.
- **Wilma Johnson**, Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #54, Bothell.
- **Patti Bloom**, 40 year member, Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78, Ilwaco.
- **Helen Armstrong**, PNG, Aurilla Rebekah Lodge #133, Bremerton.
- **Frances Barth**, Aurilla Rebekah Lodge #133, Bremerton.
- **Phillis Razor**, Aurilla Rebekah Lodge #133, Bremerton.
- **Connie Grahn**, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.
- **Ruby Meyer**, PNG, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Napavine.
- **Rose Robinette**, PNG, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Napavine.
- **Teanie Schmit**, PNG, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Napavine.
- **Yvonna I. Kelly**, PNG, Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Ballard in Seattle.
- **Janet (Sam) Crandall**, PNG, Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271, Ione.
- **Helen Fallert**, PNG, Riverview Rebekah Lodge #293, Cathlamet.

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We welcome our newest member, Rosemary Hicks, who was initiated on September 21. After the initiation, she was greeted at a reception where refreshments were served by Lou Wiebe assisted by Beth Entze, who helped in the absence of Lorraine Dummler. Lorraine had been hospitalized for observation and tests. We thank all who helped, especially those who served on the Degree Team.

Rose Ringhoffer offered to deliver the food items that we had collected for our local "Pantry Shelf" and Jane Hanson will take care of delivering those items collected for the YWCA Women's Shelter.

Vice Grand, Linda Joseph, reported that \$100 in proceeds were collected from the donation containers which

were placed around town to help Patty Newman's family with expenses.

Jeannette Oswald told of her recent visits to Dorothy Sutherland, Pearl Smiley, Dorothy Clarke and Betty Sauer who have been ill or housebound. We pray that each of you will experience improvement in your health very soon.

We received a thank you note from Joanna Angel, a Walla Walla Community College second year nursing student, who was the recipient of our \$500 scholarship. Also, a note of appreciation was received from the Community College Foundation for our contribution of two scholarships for the 2004-2005 year.

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

BE THANKFUL FOR ALL OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Well, Halloween is behind us and we have the holidays to look forward to. The deer have been having quite a time with our apples, the raccoons with our cat food and the birds with the seed George puts out, which is a real sign of the season. This is the month to be thankful for all our friends and family. It is the time to let your friends know how much you really care about them, especially the people in our Order. To the many "you" who are family, I wish you the very best in this important season of the year.



By now you should have received the Journal, the SGL membership form and the new price list. We are trying a binding on the Journal rather than spiral as it saves some money. Please let me know what you think. A few of the supply item prices had to be raised because SGL raised their prices, plus they charge full shipping and a handling charge.

Several Lodges have inquired regarding consolidation and/or surrender of Charter. There are papers you need to obtain from this office which must be filled out before any action can be taken. If you phone me I will be happy to assist you. A couple of reminders — no money may be spent other than rent and necessary expenses once letters go out to members. The Lodge officers are responsible for seeing this is done. When a Lodge consolidates they still must make out an Annual Report and the dues billing (for the Lodge consolidating) goes to the new Lodge to pay. This is because the dues you are paying are based on the previous year's enrollment. If money is in a trust from the sale of a building by the consolidating Lodge, that trust goes to the new Lodge, but remains as a trust under the same provisions which are: The Lodge may use the interest from the trust for necessary expenses, may use money from the trust for improvement of a Lodge building or to purchase a new building. The money may not be used for dues or ordinary Lodge expenses. (If you are planning on selling a building you must notify the Assembly as there are certain procedures to go through).

When sending checks to the Assembly office, please make them out to The Rebekah Assembly of Washington. I have been receiving checks made out to me personally or to a project, which makes it a little difficult in preparing the bank deposit. When you send a memorial donation, give me the name and address of the family and I will send them a Remembrance Card.

Are you charging enough for dues? Your Lodge should be charging at least \$30 per year to cover Jurisdictional and SGL dues and leave a small amount for Lodge expenses. This sounds like a lot, doesn't it? I just received my newspaper bill. Monthly it doesn't seem like a lot, but it notes that if you want to pay for one year it is \$165. Isn't our Order worth more than a paper we throw away? If you don't charge enough your Lodge bank account is soon gone and then it is too late to do anything. Think about it.

The Assembly would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Sister Karen Hoylman, Jr. PP, who has donated her project money to help the Theta Rho, the Lodges and the Assembly with their expenses. Thank you Karen, you are greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to Sister Bernice Smith, formerly of Hazel Rebekah Lodge #72, who left a small bequeath to the Lodge and Assembly in her will.

When this newspaper arrives I am going to get a cup of tea, sit down, and read about what all my friends are doing — it's like a personal letter. Why don't you do the same, think happy thoughts and let the cares of the world go by?

*With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
E-Mail: bweldon@crpud.net*

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Members of Nisqually #233 look forward to their new slate of officers. Being a PNG is one of my greatest pleasures. Any Sister accepting the honor of holding office will always be thankful that she did so. Being a Noble Grand or Chaplain is so special.

Our meetings are on November 4 and 11. Florine Roehl will be our November hostess.

Best wishes one and all. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

From your 2004-2005 Theta Rho President



CHRISTINA BOND

WE WILL MISS MAE BLEVINS

Hello again to everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying school and life. The month of September was full of activities and events to attend.

The beginning of the month was very hard for many due to the fact we lost our beloved Mae Blevins. She passed away late in the evening on September 5. Our love for her will never end. Her memorial service was held on September 11 in the afternoon. Many of my own club members attended this service. I personally played "Amazing Grace" in memory of her.



On the same day was the reception for LeRose Coulter. With a heavy heart I was not able to attend. Later on in the month, though, members of my own club and I attended the reception for Doris Wigglesworth and Ward Martin. It was a wonderful event to end that month.

In October I attended the reception for Rebekah Assembly President Sandi Moon and Grand Master Ernie House. I also participated in my own club's Halloween "scavenger hunt" for food items for our local food bank.

This month there are two holidays, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving. Try to have your club plan some type of community service in honor of one of these days. Make your presence known in your community.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Christina Bond, President, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington
Love, Peace and Cookies*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We have good news to share. We have another new member! Welcome Chylah Bass to our club.

Our Past Advisor Mae Blevins loved trees, and so in her memory we made a donation to American Forests to purchase 50 trees to be planted in areas of reforestation following wildfires.

In keeping with the holidays of this month, we made a donation to the Hospitalized Veterans to be used to purchase craft kits to be given to veterans at Christmas. It is important to remember that we have the freedoms that we do because of our men and women in the military.

This also is the month of Thanksgiving and we are thankful for all the blessings that we have. We are thankful that we do not go to bed hungry. Because there are children not as lucky as us, we made a donation to purchase 100 pounds of food for "Feed the Children." Also at our Halloween party again this year, we had a scavenger hunt and collected food items to help our local food bank.

We will have a table at the Rebekah's Rent-A-Table on November 6 and will be holding our annual turkey raffle to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Until next month, count your blessings and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

— *The members of Acorn #79*

Alder Rebekahs #80 - Bickleton

On September 28 Alder Rebekahs welcomed "with a handshake and a smile" Sandra Moon, Rebekah Assembly President of Washington. Sandra first attended a dinner get-together at the Bickleton Market Street Cafe, catered by Jennifer and Kelli Wilson (delicious!) and then to our regular meeting with 12 Alder Rebekahs and four (!) guests present. Our guests included Valma DeVall, Ramona Niccolson, Margie Schut and Helen Thiel from Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246.

Sister Sandra was the second Rebekah Assembly President to visit our Rebekah Lodge in Bickleton this

year. This past spring, Sister Karen Hoylman, Rebekah Assembly President for 2003-2004, visited us. Sisters Karen and Sandra are dedicated and energetic Rebekahs and just plain fun to be with. Come and visit us again.

The Alder Rebekahs made about \$500 during the Town Flea Market on September 11. Thank you everyone who helped out and supported us.

With heartfelt love and support, we hold everyone in our thoughts and hearts who are suffering illness or loss.

*In F., L. & T.,
Pam Rapach, Reporter*

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

October was a busy month for us. We participated in the Hungerwalk and it was a big success. We had a team of eight and we raised more than \$200 for the food bank. We could not have done it without all you wonderful Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and your Lodges for sponsoring us. Thank you very much! We wore our sweatshirts that our two sponsoring Lodges donated to our club and it was great exposure in the community.

We have had more applications coming in, so we initiated a new member in October and are planning another initiation in November. It's so great to see these girls come in so full of enthusiasm with their ideas and input for the club. It really makes my day to see the club growing. And the best part is, my Rebekah Lodge has had two of my Theta Rho girls' mothers join. I hope our Order keeps growing stronger.

In December we are planning a sale. All the proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and "My Sister's Pantry" food bank that we volunteer at. If you would like to donate some nice sellable items, please let us know. We will be sending out letters to Lodges.

At this time of year when we give thanks, I would like to thank all my girls for being such great inspirations to me. You all are like daughters to me and I feel very blessed that I am able to be your advisor and part of your lives.

We hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and please remember those less fortunate than us.

In Happiness Through Service, Kendra Frogge', Advisor

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Past Noble Grands were honored at our September 21 meeting. Eighteen Sisters were present and 17 were PNGs. NG Helen O'Neal had a "cake walk" for us and gave out goodies to all. Diane Eneix, with the help of Olney Patch, served individual pumpkin bundt cakes for dessert after the meeting. A fall theme was used to decorate the tables. NG Helen was wished a happy 80th birthday with a poem by Donna Merrill and a presentation of a "money pail."

The Friendship Club went out for Chinese food for dinner, then met for Bingo and dessert at our favorite meeting place — France O'Neil's side room at her print shop. We played Bingo and Sisters Lucy Aydelott and Donna Merrill served dessert. Bunco is also played at this location. It is so kind of Frances to let us use this room and we are very appreciative.

Sister (and very good friend) Helen Davis of Seaside, OR passed away on a flight home from Germany. She was such a fun-loving, delightful person and will be profoundly missed. NG Helen attended her memorial service.

Nine sisters traveled to Winlock for the District #18 meeting on October 2. At the close of the meeting, Frances O'Neil was seated as President for the

coming year. Linda Zuern, Sandy Thissell, Opal Eaton and Marla Johnson seated the new officers. Also attending the meeting were Donna Merrill, Cathy Kary, Olney Patch, Helen O'Neal and Sue Johnson.

The 5th was our first meeting for the month of October and new officers were nominated — which will carry over for two more meetings. The evening was hosted by Polly Reed and Sue Johnson. A fall theme was used for decorating.

Friendship Night was held on October 19 with a Halloween costume contest highlighting the evening. (More in our next issue.)

Keep Judy Williams in your prayers. She is still recuperating from a stroke. Bessie Braschuk is feeling quite well now after a bout with pneumonia. Fritz Mose is getting ready for more surgery and we will keep her in our prayers.

'Tis the time of year when we celebrate Thanksgiving and sit down to dinner with family and friends and give thanks for our many blessings. May your Thanksgiving be filled with good food and happy times. Bless you all.

*With Rebekah love,
Sue Johnson, Reporter*

Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Dear Friends, Sisters & Brothers,

I'm back!! Following a bad fall, I cracked my head open. I've been in a Seattle hospital and in the Odd Fellows Home East Care Center for half a year. I was able to get back to my apartment the last Monday in June.

Sister Vernita Webster had knee surgery in August on Friday the 13th. She is coming along fine now.

It was reported that Sister Elsie Patterson was not feeling well. However, we were glad to see her at our last PNG's meeting.

It also was reported that PP Judy Diekman's mother, Mae Blevins, passed away September 5. We send our prayers and condolences to Judy and her family. Sister Nancy Free's brother, Leslie Johnson, also passed away. Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Nancy. May God bless her deeply.

Our Lodge had the good fortune to

have new steps built for our back door. Sister Cora Davis' husband Terry and son Jeff, along with son-in-law David Stewart, put the steps in. A big thanks to all of them.

Our Double D's PNG's voted to change our meetings from the first Monday to the second Monday in November and others. Our meeting in November will be at the Flour Mill outside of Pomeroy. We hope all will be able to attend.

Sister Neva Cook had a mild stroke, but she seems to be able to get around well and is planning to go to California as they do every winter.

AUTUMN

*O, it sets my heart a clickin'
Like the tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the pumpkin
And the fodder's in the shock.*

— *James Whitcomb riles*
May God be with you!

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

From The Grand Patriarch



WARD W. MARTIN

I'M ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Well, the new season is about two months old and I find myself having accomplished nothing. I will try to make up for it in the coming months.

As I am sure that everyone is by now aware, I did have a bout with the "Big C." Having had surgery, the doctors have assured me that they got all of it, but even with that assurance, I chose to go ahead with chemotherapy. It is now completed, but I still do have a few side effects. The doctors tell me that they will disappear in a few months.



Now I want to offer a huge thank you to all of you who sent cards and remembered me in your thoughts and prayers.

Mine and the Grand Matriarch's visitations have now begun with the first one to Walla Walla on September 27. We were greeted by what I thought was a large gathering. We had a very nice meeting. Our next visitation was to Spokane on October 5. I will be spending a lot of time on the east side with meetings in Spokane, Hunters, Goldendale and Yakima. A couple of special meetings will be thrown in for good measure.

Last month the Grand Matriarch gave you a pretty full report on our trip to St. Louis, so there is really no need to say more about it here except to agree with her that our meeting with the committee was very disappointing. I will relate more to you when I make my visits.

Your next letter from me will be in two months as the Grand Matriarch and I have agreed to alternate months. So until then. . .

Yours in Faith, Hope and Charity,

Ward W. Martin, Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Washington

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

Hope #38 had as our guest in September Sandra Moon, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Sherry Pond put together a cute angel skit. Angels can even be found at the grocery store. We had a potluck dinner in Sandra's honor with Spokane Lodges in attendance. Marie Putman and Carol Hare were in charge of decorations. A fun time was had by all.

October 2 saw us meeting at the hall for our District Meeting with Linda Bradley from Hillyard #145 serving as President. Linda's project for the year was to raise money to buy telephone cards for our servicemen. She also had as a guest speaker, a serviceman who told us something about his unit.

We were asked to do a tribute to the U.S. Flag. A very nice one was done by Ruth Berglund, PP. Our Marie Putman was elected Vice President

and Carol Hare was elected the new Secretary of the District.

On October 6 we had initiation. We had help from Beacon #91, Ramona #138 and the Rebekahs from Post Falls, ID. The Post Falls ladies did the Chaplain's part and the ladies wore our costumes. Some of the beautiful costumes were about 100 years old. We initiated Cathryn Bond into our Lodge and Elmer Lindor into Ramona #138. This reporter was so impressed at seeing the initiation done as it was many years ago. It had meaning and beauty and renewed our Odd Fellowship spirit.

Our Bazaar will be held November 6 at the Spokane Temple from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is our hope you come and see our wares.

Thought — "A problem is a chance for you to do your best."

In F., L. & T.,

Sherry Pond, Reporter

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

It's time to remind Sisters of our Christmas parties. On Sunday, December 5 at 1 p.m., we will have a potluck for our families. A turkey will be cooked by our Noble Grand.

Wednesday, December 8, will be our Rebekah Sisters' party. Please furnish a \$2 gift for each party. Y'all come!

In October, four Sisters attended Friendship Night at Ivy #21 in Centralia. NG Leona Treznoski picked up this reporter. I enjoyed

going to another Lodge. This is the first time in four years or more.

DDP of District #29, Leona Treznoski, made her first official visit to Sylvan Glen and a week later to Ivy #21. She was given the honors.

We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving — peace in the world and good health to all.

We had first nominations of 2005 officers our first meeting in October.

In F., L. & T.,

Luellyn Ainsworth, PNG & Reporter

Buckley Unified Encampment #40

In September, we were happy to take part in the joint reception of Grand Patriarch Ward Martin and our member, Grand Matriarch Doris Wigglesworth. It was a very nice day and we thank all who attended.

Donations to their projects were made as well as to the scholarship fund in memory of Art Craig.

We are now looking forward to the visit of these two presiding officers at our next meeting November 10.

In Faith, Hope and Charity, Kathy Pierce, Senior Warden

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Just because we had no meetings in July and August did not mean our Lodge Sisters were not busy.

In July we made reservations for the Lions Club train rides and had our food booth going in the city park for the annual "Down River Days" celebration. The weather was hot, but many people were in Ione for the parade on Saturday. Our Rebekah float was designed by our Noble Grand, Sister "Sam" Crandall as a memorial for Sister Nancy Nicholas. Our float was very lovely and was awarded a prize. On Sunday a large crowd was in town for the Snowmobile races across the river. Our food booth had to close early as all the hamburgers and hot dogs had been sold!!

On September 11 sadness visited our Lodge when Sister Noble Grand "Sam" Crandall slipped away to a better place after a summer-long illness. We draped our Charter for her at our September meeting. On October 2 our Lodge hosted a time for "Sam" to be remembered by her friends and Rebekah Sisters at our Lodge Hall.

Megan Smith, to whom we pre-

sented the Nancy Nicholas Scholarship, has started college and will pursue a medical career.

We will still be making train reservations for the Autumn Colors rides for the Lions Club.

We also will serve a "soup and dessert dinner" at one of the Lions meetings.

Prayers and thoughts are extended to our Sister Marge Young following the loss of her daughter Marjory Ann, and to Sister Marilyn Cornell in the loss of her husband Jim.

In F., L. & T.,

Bernice Emrick, Reporter

A PURPOSE

Each life has a purpose,

Each purpose a plan:

Great minds find a reason

To do what they can. . .

A hope for tomorrow,

A task for today,

Through troubles as sorrow,

Each trial on life's way. . .

A purpose for living,

A test you must meet,

Accepting each challenge,

The bitter, the sweet. . .

— Garnett Ann Schultz

Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

Summer is over and a beautiful fall has begun. It seems a good time was had by all. We had a wonderful indoor picnic. It was well-attended, even by the husbands of two of our deceased members.

The high point of the year for yours truly was my 80th birthday. All five of my children came home, along with spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We are missing our Sister Maxine Williams as she moved to Spokane. They will be heading south as soon as her husband has recovered from back surgery. Also going south for the win-

ter is Ainie Powell.

We miss Sister Evelyn Easling Smith who has been unable to attend meetings for some time because of health reasons.

We've had one initiation so far this year. Debbie Toulou, daughter of Ethel Bennett, is our new member. Last year we initiated Debbie's daughter. That gives us three generations.

First nominations were held, so it looks like we will have a good slate of officers for the coming year.

In F., L. & T.,

Ruth Walberg, Reporter

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

Thanksgiving is a time for all of us to pause and count our blessings, to be thankful for our families, our friends, our freedoms and our Creator.

Members of Red Apple Lodge have been busy with their monthly breakfasts and now that vacation time is over, the attendance at the breakfasts is improving and the cooks are keeping busy.

They were honored by a visit from Ron Hanson, Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by Dee Hanson, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly. The same day the Rebekahs had a visitation from Sandra Moon, President of the Rebekah Assembly. The Rebekahs meet on the first and third Thursdays at 2 p.m. and the Odd Fellows meet the same days, but at 7 p.m. This sort of rushes their "Brother Mom," but she manages to get to both meetings.

Our Sister Helen Thiel received another star in her crown. She received a "Volunteer of the Year" certificate from SGL and IARA. She

is busy contacting participants in the December 1 program at the Grandview Senior Center. She and Valma DeVall were honored by the local museum for their volunteer hours at the museum.

Both lodges are busy with a food drive for needy families in November and December. The Rebekahs gave a monetary donation to the local community library, also, for children's books and to the "U.S. Troop Care Package" program.

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

Grandmother was entertaining her granddaughter with stories of her younger days. She told her there were no stores where they could buy chicken or beef for Sunday dinner. She told how her great-aunt would catch a chicken and wring its neck by swinging it around. Her granddaughter listened, wide-eyed, then asked, "Now tell me, how she killed the cows?"

In F., L. & T.,

Val DeVall,

Reporter

Mansfield Rebekah Lodge #281

Hello to everyone. It is good to be back to our meetings after vacation time!

Our Bible table was presented to our museum and they really appreciated getting it.

Reports of illness found Darline Hodges is in the hospital with infection under her knee cap. It will be a little while before she can have surgery. Leatha Parcels had surgery and is recuperating at her home in Waterville. Anne Matthiesen received burns on her arm from hot coffee. Doris Matthiesen sends her greetings to our members and said she misses all of us.

NG Naoma Matthiesen received a letter from Lorena MacIntyre. Lorena says she is doing well and lives in Idaho with her daughter Sherry. It was good to hear from her.

Our DDP Fay Bowers-Holland of Waterville sent us her report from Assembly, along with Assembly President Sandra Moon's program for the year and copies of the resolutions that were read at Assembly.

Our Lodge received a certificate from Assembly for sending in a perfect Annual Report. New pages for the Digest were received and placed.

On September 21, we had a noon luncheon before the meeting. Special guests were Rebekah Assembly President Sandra Moon and PP Irene Kossow of Waterville. Our DDP Fay Bowers-Holland joined us for the meeting. President Sandra was introduced and given the Honors. She was given a corsage, a personal gift and a gift for her project. She talked to the members about Assembly business.

PP Irene Kossow was introduced and welcomed. She talked about the Arthritis Foundation. DDP Fay Bowers-Holland's Commission was read and she was given the Honors. She talked about the unwritten work.

Under Unfinished Business, plans were discussed about our upcoming yard sale which was held on October 2. Committees were appointed.

Under the Good of the Order, Naoma Matthiesen, Lydia Goll and Dorothy Murison presented a program about our emblems.

After the meeting, refreshments were served and there was much visiting.

Hello to all our members who are unable to be with us.

*In F, L. & T,
Helen Kemp, Reporter*

Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Oh my goodness, where did October go? I missed it, and know not what happened to it. I must not let November pass by with out a letter to send in.

November is the time for Thanksgiving for what God has given to each of us. We are thankful for a new application for membership. This month we hopefully will be able to initiate one more member. Our little Lodge wants to grow and we are happy for the growth spurt!

We are still waiting for cookbook orders, so if you want a nice gift for that special cook in your life, let us know soon! Thank You.

BE THANKFUL

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times, during those times you grow.

Be thankful for the limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvements.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes, they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become blessings.

(This came to me over the e-mail.)

Until next time, may God bless you all and Happy Thanksgiving!!

*In F, L. & T,
Joyce Miller, Reporter*

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

I am sure that last month everyone enjoyed the antics of the witches and goblins that snuck in. It even brought the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Now we must think of November when we will enjoy the turkey and all of those pumpkin pies that we all love so much. This is the time to be thankful for all of our blessing and for us to take the word of God into our hearts.

Sister Gladys Morris spent a vacation in Kodiak, Alaska visiting her family last month.

Our past member, Sylvia Richards, was married on October 9. We all

signed a card and sent it to her. We wish her the very best in her new life.

We served a luncheon to the Hospital Auxiliary Guild last month. There was a good turnout.

We held nominations of officers last month and in November we will have election of officers. Thanks, everyone, for accepting an office.

With everyone's help, we should have another exciting year.

Let's look forward to December. See you then.

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

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

We are all happy to be back in Lodge and going strong after the summer break. Our Friendship Picnic in August was well-attended. We played Bingo and many prizes were won.

Several of our Sisters have been ill with the flu bug including Arlene Bennett, Kathy Nelson and Joann

Bergeron. Sister Betty Hague spent time in the hospital.

Frankie Tabia traveled to California to visit her sister.

To all, I wish a happy Thanksgiving.

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

PNG's Association

Next meeting features history

The Past Noble Grands will meet on Thursday, November 18 at Collins Grange Hall, 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma. Hostess Lodge for the day, Eola #63 of Buckley, will serve lunch at noon.

On November 10, the F., L. & T. Drill Team will travel to Olympia to initiate new candidates for Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. President Loletta McCormick has asked each hostess Lodge to bring something about the history of their Lodge to share with us.

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, so to each and everyone, a happy Thanksgiving Day.

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

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Sorry I missed two months because my articles didn't meet the deadline. I hope this article will be in time. In the first place I was sort of out of touch because I wasn't able to get to the first meeting in September because of a fall I took on August 29. I had to spend three weeks at my daughter's house in Dallesport because I was in a wheelchair. However I am back on my feet again and back to normal.

Sister Elnora Winterstein was in the hospital in Yakima for a time, but she is back home and is slowly getting back on her feet. Brother Lloyd Sweetin has been having leg and ankle problems. We sincerely hope all who are ailing will soon be recovered and able to come back to Lodge. We really miss them.

Noble Grand Belinda Sweetin announced that our fall tea would be held on October 25. The theme "Hats."

Several of our members have been planning to attend the District Meeting in Yakima on October 9. Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 was the host Lodge. Our Sister Christene

Sweetin is the President.

Our annual Holiday dinner will be on November 30 at 6 p.m. As usual, turkey, potatoes and rolls are furnished. The members bring veggies, salads and desserts.

Sister Mary and Brother Ray Gosney were in charge of the blood drive held October 4. They had a good turnout and lots of helpers.

First nominations of officers were held on October 5 with the following being nominated: NG Belinda Sweetin; VG Sharon (Lucky) McGaughy; Sec. Mary Gosney; Treas. Glenda Bowdish; and Trustees Pat Benjamin and Mavis House. Election will be on November 2.

Time has passed so fast for me this year I can hardly believe that Thanksgiving is here. I hope that everyone has much to be thankful for in these topsy-turvy times. Our prayers are with all the families who have members in the service of our country. May everyone have a happy Thanksgiving.

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

Aurilla Rebekahs #133 - Bremerton

We are back to Lodge and attendance remains down. Therefore the consideration of Consolidating our Lodges has come to the members' vote.

Our NG Joella Toppi has served as our Noble Grand three years now and was our Representative to Assembly this year. We do thank her for her service.

Vice President Linda Dodge made her visit. Her commission as District Deputy President was read and the honors were extended. We wish her

many safe miles as she travels for our Assembly.

Aurilla Rebekah Lodge was instituted August of 1901. Members reaching milestones this year are Susan Cordiner, 25 years; PNG Julia Binder, 40 years; Bettie J. Anderson, 60 years; Phylis Rasor, 60 years; and Winnie Vanderpool, 65 years. Congratulations to each of you. Many other milestones have been obtained throughout the years.

*Fraternally in F, L. & T.,
Florence Cowdery, Secretary*

In Walla Walla

Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2

The remodeling of our Athletic Facility is continuing on schedule. We will soon have a very nice updated facility.

All members are looking forward to our annual combined Homecoming with our sister Lodges, Bee Hive #70 and Narcissa #2. We will gather together at the local Elks Lodge for

our celebration.

Enterprise members receiving their 50-year Veteran Jewels will be Brothers Del Klicker and Don Klicker, also blood brothers. Eligible for 25 year Jewels are Brothers Heuer Grandstaff and Mark Klicker.

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

On October 26, we had a nice Halloween meeting/party at the Odd Fellows Home with many residents and other Rebekahs participating.

On November 9, we will have a Friendship Meeting and it will be our election night. For our next meeting

on November 23, please bring a donation of food to be donated to the food bank as the stocks at the food bank are very low.

*In F, L. & T.,
Henrietta "Penny" Everson,
Secretary and Reporter*



65 years of service

Members of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 of Buckley recently gathered around Virginia (Savage) Pasero as she was presented with her updated 65-year Jewel by then Assembly President Karen Hoylman. From left are Dixie Friese, Loletta McCormick, Karen, Virginia, Kathy Pierce and Kendra Frogge'. Virginia was a member of the first Theta Rho Club in Buckley.

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

Busy has been the word since returning to meetings after the summer recess.

Our annual bazaar was held October 22, so we were getting things ready to sell right away. Then we were the hostess Lodge for the District Association #26 meeting which was on October 25 in our hall. That meant more plans and things to make and practice. We also prepared and served the lunch. Our member, Loletta McCormick, was elected President for 2005, so in addition to doing the opening and closing, we were privi-

leged to seat the new officers at the close of the meeting.

Another happy note is that we initiated a new member in June and have a candidate who will be initiated this month. Hopefully, after that, things will slow down until the first part of the year so we can prepare and spend time with our families during the holidays.

We wish all of our Sisters and Brothers a happy turkey day. Don't get too stuffed!

*In F., L. & T.,
Karen Hoylman, Secretary*

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

First of all, Mystic members please note that our by-law change was approved in June and our dues for 2005 will be \$24 with a few pennies left over. Dues for 145 members remain at \$25.

September has been a busy time. We had our United Nations Delegates at our joint potluck and they spoke about their experiences.

Our members attended memorial services in Port Townsend and Port Angeles and extend our sympathy to Brother George Eagleson and Sister Thelma Ringer. The Brothers visited Sequim Lodge, too. DDGM Don Cowdery made an official visit.

All again were to District in Port Angeles — Odd Fellow District #15

and Rebekah District #21. New Rebekah officers are Pres. Helen Walsh, VP Sherrill Rieck, Sec. Florence Cowdery and Treas. Phyllis Rodgers. Distinguished officers present were: Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Carson Inman and Grand Chaplain Walter Dodge, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly Linda Dodge, Grand High Priestess of the Grand LEA Phyllis Rodgers, and President of the Department Association of the Grand LAPM LeRose Coulter. The next meeting in the spring will be in Port Hadlock.

We wish everyone good health and safe journeys.

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

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

Well, our summer vacation ended a couple of months ago and our breakfasts have started again in September. Because of some computer problems, I have not been able to get our information to the newspaper.

Regretfully, I have to report that during the summer vacation Wilma Johnson passed away. She was a long-time member of the Rebekahs. We also lost a longtime member of the Odd Fellows, Woody Reed, after a long illness. They both will be greatly missed.

Our breakfasts have started again and we had good attendance in September. We started out great after our vacation, so please don't forget to come and see us on the fourth Saturday of each month for breakfast.

We won't have a breakfast in December as the date falls on the 25th.

Also, we are collecting clothing for the homeless again this year. If you have any to donate for the cause, bring them to the breakfast. Thank you in advance for your help.

Remember, if you ever need a spectacular dress or outfit for a special occasion, they are available for rent from Cinderella's Trunk located upstairs in the Rebekah Lodge Hall in Bothell.

That just about does it for this month's reporting. Enjoy the holiday coming up. Stay safe and warm.

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

District #18 Rebekahs enjoy a lively meeting!

President Albert Luurs did a very nice job at the District #18 semi-annual meeting held in Winlock on Saturday, October 2. There were about 50 Rebekahs present from as far south as Longview and as far west as Ilwaco.

Leona Treznoski and this reporter arrived at Maple Leaf #326 about 9 a.m. There were plenty of coffee and treats prepared. The hall was decorated beautifully with flowers. I understand that NG Kay Pratt was instrumental in doing the preparations.

Lodge opened at 10 a.m. and after opening, Jean Parnell of Pine Burr #300 did the unwritten work. What a hard job that is with all these women listening, but Jean was up to it. Good job, Jean.

Just as an aside, the programs were dedicated to our dearly departed Secretary Emeritus Ruby Meyer of Trinity #179.

President Alberta and her officers were seated by her home Lodge, Trinity #179.

Noma Clark, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer and the visitors were introduced. PP Betty Weldon was given the honors as befitted the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Of course, this was done during open meeting and then she was introduced again in District. The Address of Welcome was given by Maple Leaf #326 and the response by Fraternity #78.

Under sickness and distress, Mary Robinson was mentioned as having heart surgery, but she is doing well. However, she has to refrain from any activity for at least two months. That's kinda like keeping a thoroughbred in the stalls, raring to go. Jeannine Hepp is in an Alzheimer's unit. President Sandi Moon's husband had surgery.

Nominations of new 2005 officers was held. Those nominated were: Treasurer, LouAnn Hoffman from Bucoda #144; Secretary, Mary Dunivan from Harmony # 335; Vice President, Kay Pratt from Maple Leaf #326; and President, Frances O'Neil of Ocean Beach #313. They were all elected by acclamation.

New business: A motion passed was to raise the amount paid to the home Lodge at District Meetings from \$50 to \$75 effective immediately. Marla Johnson and Frances O'Neil were appointed to make up a list of the duties for the new officers. Marla said some input would be greatly appreciated.

A tribute to fall was done by Sylvan Glen #184 of Pe Ell. Ocean Beach #313 exemplified the protocols of the opening and closing of the Bible. A presentation explaining the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth was done.

Harmony #335 presented gifts and read a poem honoring the Past Presidents. Thirteen were present. President Alberta then did a tribute to all the Chaplains.

Lunch was served and it was delicious. Via the grapevine, I was told the cooking was done by NG Kay and she did a great job. Thanks, Kay.

Then the afternoon session opened. The DDP's present answered two questions put in the coin basket. Ivy #21 did the exemplification of applying for membership in a Rebekah Lodge. Secretaries were honored by Cowlitz #337 and given a gift.

A very nice memorial service was given by the Condolence Committee. Eleven Sisters answered the roll call in Heaven.

Then reports from State of the Order and Finance Committees were given. With extra funds available we were able to contribute \$25 to the President's project, \$50 to the Children's Visual Aid and \$50 to the Salvation Army.

An invitation to the Spring meeting on April 2, 2005 was made by Fraternity #78 and the response was given by Ivy #21.

Monetary awards were also awarded to Trinity #179 and Longview #305.

Addresses from the members included a few words from PP Betty Weldon regarding our PP Karen Hoylman's generous contributions on behalf of the Lodges from the money she collected during her year by selling chances, etc.

Seating of the new 2005 officers was very nicely done by Ocean Beach #313. Then the members of Maple Leaf #326 closed the Lodge. It was a very tiring day, but I think we learned something and a fun time was had, too.

— *In F., L. & T., Jerry Bierdeman, Reporter pro-tem*

In Castle Rock

Cowlitz Rebekah Lodge #337

It was good to be back go Lodge after a busy summer. The meeting was called to order by Vice Grand Bonnie Dillon. Our special District Deputy President Rosalie Davis was on hand with assistance.

Our sympathies are extended to our Noble Grand Sandy Holderman who lost her daughter to cancer over the summer. Sandy will be back for our

next meeting.

We were looking forward to the District #18 Meeting which was held in Winlock. At least four of our members were planning to attend for sure. Cookie Music was in charge of a program for the Secretaries.

*In F., L. & T.,
Cookie Music,
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.

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Well Trinity is back to the grindstone with all our many activities, starting out big time. Our fall bazaar will be on November 19-20. Tickets are on sale now for the quilt!

We had a rummage sale September 25-26 for our Noble Grand's project (to lighten and brighten the kitchen.) The money raised was for materials to paint our kitchen. That should look really great with the new floor that was installed last fall.

Trinity is always finding some way to earn money to improve our hall. We are fortunate to have a Sister with a lot of brain waves working while she is in her car driving around. Candy is her name and money is her game. She is also our treasurer. Some of her ideas are great ones. Watch out Sisters, we're going to be getting busy.

The District #18 Meeting was on October 2 in Winlock with Maple

Leaf hosting. We were treated very warmly and an excellent lunch was served with Kay Pratt putting out 100 percent of the excellence. We all had great comments. It was a very wonderful day, Trinity had nine members present. Our own Alberta Luurs was District #18 President.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who took part in making the District #18 meeting a success. I want to thank the officers for the lovely gift and wish Francis O'Neil a great year.

Our ladies also parked cars for the concert that was held September 25 and our Noble Grand rented out chairs for the concert. She brought in \$82 from the chair rental. Way to go, Delia McNelly!

*In F.L. & T.,
Alberta Luurs,
Reporter*

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Thanksgiving to all our Brothers and Sisters. Let us all remember to give thanks this month for all the blessings and freedoms we enjoy. Let us not forget our veterans and those currently serving in the military for giving us the freedoms that we so readily take for granted.

Our Lodge members had a great time at our District Association Meeting which was held in Concrete and once again we came in second on the attendance, but we will not give up trying. It was nice to have Rebekah Assembly President Sandi Moon and Assembly Vice President Linda Dodge with us for the day. It was our Lodge's turn for the Vice President and guess who got railroaded into the office again — me! We are also the hostess Lodge for the next meeting which will be held on April 9, 2005 at our hall in Oak Harbor.

Our Rent-A-Table Bazaar is getting

bigger and bigger. It will be held on November 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We now have 21 vendors plus our own table and one for the Theta Rho Club, so come by and visit. You can do a lot of your Christmas shopping all under one roof.

We are also working on our annual stuffed animal drive for our ambulance service, so if any of our members who do not attend Lodge on a regular basis would like to help with this project, please contact one of us to come and pick them up from you.

I am happy to say that our members are pretty healthy at this time. There are those who can not attend Lodge on a regular basis and we do miss them. Mary, Mary and Marion, our best wishes to you and the rest of our shut-ins.

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
Reporter*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

It seems like I reported on about everything going on here in the October letter. We are having a beautiful fall here in north central Washington.

It was a real enjoyable evening when President Sandi visited us. The next day past Presidents Irene Kossow and Fay Bowers-Holland attended her visit to the Mansfield Lodge. What a pleasant visit we had.

The first nominations of officers went well at our October 4 meeting. If everyone accepts the nominations, it looks like we have a full slate of recycled officers. Hopefully nothing causes any change.

We were all pleased to see Sister Eva Payne at the meeting. She hasn't been able to attend, but now that she is living with her daughter in Waterville, she hopes to be able to get out more often. Sister Jackie Osborne will be heading south to Arizona the latter

part of October.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Loretta Ingram following the loss of her husband, Wes, very suddenly on September 25. A memorial service was held October 7 in Waterville. We will miss his beautiful voice at our Christmas party, which we were privileged to hear for several years. Several Sisters attended the memorial and assisted with the reception following.

Committees from both Lodges are busy with the process to complete the Consolidation of Reliance #232 with Waterville #77. By next month's writing, I may have more definite information and dates.

Happy Thanksgiving greetings to everyone in our great Order. Can it really be that time of the year already?

Good health to all!

*Fraternal Love,
Fay Bowers-Holland, PP*



Here's a close-up of the leaves on the Richland Community Center which have ties to All States Rebekah Lodge #319 and Richland IOOF Lodge #338.

In Richland

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

The autumn leaves are falling all around as Indian Summer is here.

The Senior Association Dedication Leaf that we are so proud of is displayed at the Richland Community Center. The names of All States Rebekah Lodge #319 and Richland IOOF Lodge #338 are engraved on the leaves. PNG Nina Hames and her family placed Arlie Hames' name on one leaf. Our Lodge contributed in the memory of Brother Arlie. This was Mary Jo Miller's project before she was transferred back east.

The whole city of Richland, headed by the Senior Association, worked years to have this beautiful building. Our own Sue Pritchitt spearheaded the project. Sue was president for several years until the job was finished.

We welcomed our District Deputy President, Past President of Rebekah Assembly and Grand Warden to our October 2 meeting. Dee Hanson brought words of wisdom and helpful

advise to us.

Special thanks to everyone who worked, donated or contributed in any way to our fall rummage sale.

We are happy for Sister Mayme Bolin as she is moving to our IOOF Home in Walla Walla this month. We will really miss you, Mayme. Do take extra care.

We were saddened by great loss of Sister Alma Schwab, PNG, who was living at Life Care in Richland. Our love and prayers go to her family.

November is always a special month because it brings Thanksgiving. It is a time for caring and sharing and expressing our thanks to family and friends for the many things they do for us, especially our troops serving our country. Our best wishes go to our sick and shut-ins. As always. . .

*In F, L. & T.
And counting our blessings,
Juanita McElveny, Reporter*

Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

On October 6 several of our member's helped Hope #38 with their initiation of a new member for Hope and a new member for Ramona #238.

On October 12 a number of our Sisters went to Post Falls, Idaho to attend their Friendship Day. We had a great time. We always enjoy visiting with our Sisters in Idaho.

On October 13 we helped Blanche Berry celebrate her birthday.

On October 16 we entertained and hosted President Sandra's and Grand Master Ernie's reception. Everyone

had a great time and enjoyed a lovely day with friends and family of the honored guests.

We are going to be having our Holiday Bazaar in November and so everyone is working hard to get lots of things made. We will have homemade goodies.

We hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and enjoys their families on that day.

*In F, L. & T.,
Blanche Berry,
Secretary*

Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 - Centralia

We at Ivy #21 had our Friendship Night October 6 and what a great turnout! Seven sisters from Bucoda, Onalaska, Vader, Napavine and Pe Ell attended. We had our meeting and then ate a meal of salads, sandwiches, chips and dessert.

We had our first nomination of 2005 officers. I will tell you their names next time.

I understand Sister Mary Robinson is home now, but she is still housebound. But she is a fast healer so we will see her soon, I am sure.

The District #18 Meeting was reported on and Ivy did a good job with their presentations.

There were a number of Friendship Day invitations and we attended where we could.

Ya know, we are acquiring a tradition that is so nice. At each meeting, our NG LouAnn Hoffman almost always reads a poem of some kind. Thank you, LouAnn.

'Til next month.

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