



Part of the crew from Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271 work on assembling the gingerbread houses.

Gingerbread houses a big hit at Pine Forest!

Every year, around Thanksgiving, the members of Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271 in Ione construct, decorate and sell large gingerbread houses loaded with candy. Proceeds from the houses, and from candy necklaces made with the leftover candy, help fund our Christmas baskets. We put these "baskets" together just before Christmas and give them to local families in need, so that they will not be caught short during the holiday season. This project also receives donations from the Pend Oreille Mine and other local residents and organizations.

The baskets are actually large boxes covered with bright wrapping paper and filled with an unbelievable amount of food: bread, butter, fruit, vegetables, potatoes, Jell-O, cookies, and coupons for meat. There are knit caps and mittens for the children. The Selkirk High School students hold a toy drive and wrap gifts for the children which we include in the boxes.



The finished product, all wrapped and ready to go!

Blanket Dispensation

CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR INSTALLATIONS

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows does hereby grant permission to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges to jointly and publicly install their officers for the 2005 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

 Ernest L. House, *Grand Master*  Sandra Moon, *President*

Attest:

 Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., *Grand Secretary*  Betty Weldon, *RA Secretary*

Our Community Service highlights NW meeting

On November 5-7, more than 100 members gathered at the Hood River Inn in Hood River, OR for the semi-annual meeting of the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association. Friday night opened with a discussion led by Northwest Association Chairman Sheryl Rohde of Oregon. The discussion concerned Community Service. Heads of each Units shared what members were doing in their jurisdictions and then those present added more comments. All ideas were recorded on large pieces of paper hanging around the room so additional ideas could be added all weekend.

On Saturday, the opening was held. We were welcomed by Grand Master Kimm Kady and Assembly President Vangy Smith of Oregon. Association Vice Chairperson Dee Hanson gave the response to the welcome. Committees were appointed and roll call was taken. Communications and bills were read and referred. Members serving in SGL, IARA, GMC and IALAPM offices were introduced and welcomed. Then we had a coffee break.

We continued our Community Service discussion, only this time we focused on projects of the Order and how they could help our Order get more into the public eye. Discussed were the Arthritis Foundation, Educational Foundation, Visual Research, and the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. There were comments on jurisdictional projects and then we had lunch.

We reconvened to talk with directors from the Holgate Center (Odd Fellows Home of Oregon) about the opportunities for community service on the complex. We got many ideas and they got many new ideas to use at their facility.

A legislative report by all the SGL Representatives was to be presented, but during lunch the representatives gathered, discussed the presentation and Gary Hahn of Oregon was selected to do the entire report. Considerable discussion followed, especially concerning the planned raise in per capita. We finished up business and adjourned for the day.

Committees met and a lot of members were seen making a quick trip to WalMart. The evening banquet featured Western garb and everyone had a good time in this relaxed mode.

Sunday morning opened with the introduction of the Host Committee from Oregon, and reports from the Registration, Finance, Auditing and Courtesy Committees. The Memorial Service, led by Vangy Smith, and Devotional Service, led by Gary Hahn, were intertwined and very impressive. Comments and announcements were called for. With no further business, the Association meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be April 1-3 in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Please make plans to attend this next informative and fun session!

— Ron and Dee Hanson, Wardens

A special thank you

As we in the wonderful Jurisdiction of Washington begin a New Year, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your kindness and your understanding for me and my family during this past eight months. You all have truly shown me what Odd Fellowship is all about.

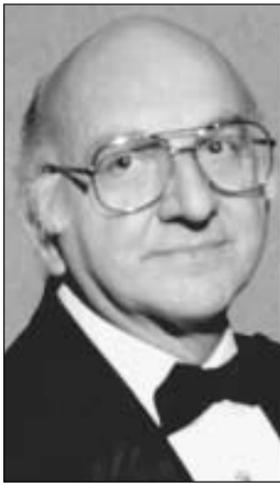
We all know how Arthur felt about Odd Fellowship as he lived it every day. Yes, he is missed very much, but we all will carry on his wishes and spread Odd Fellowship throughout the world.

The scholarship in his name will be awarded in the coming year. More than \$2,000 has been sent in. He would be proud.

Once again, I would like to say those three meaningful words — *thank you all!*

— Loletta and Family

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

A FRESH START WITH THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR

We hope that all of you experienced a joyous holiday season. As we enter January and the Installation of Officers season, we have an opportunity for a fresh start. Let's get behind our new officers with our support and make them successful, as well as our Lodges.

Now down to business. Newly-elected officers might ask, "What do I do now? What are my duties?" A veteran member might respond, "It is in the book."

As I see it, there is more than one book. Suggestion — the Ritual is the first place to look. Part of your duties are found in the charges you receive during the installation ceremony.

Starting with the Noble Grand found on page 162 of the Ritual or Pocket Charge Book, after you have reviewed the charges to Lodge Officers from the installation ceremony, turn back to page 3 and look for the Duties of Officers. Next seek out the Code of General Laws for the Grand Lodge of Washington (The Digest). Each Lodge should be maintaining a copy for use by members. I refer you to Chapter 3, Section 3.12 - Duties of Officers. This is for Lodge Elected Officers found on page 45. This includes Lodge Trustees found in Section 3.12.6 found on page 48, which are not installed offices, all of which are administered and applied per your Lodge By-Laws.

Here's wishing everyone much success as we all work together to grow our Order.

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

Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I have some news of sadness to report — the passing of Sister Midge Conklin. She was a member for only 11 years and two months, but she was a hard-working member. She was Noble Grand twice and received her Decoration of Chivalry in 1998. Midge was District #5 President last year and was a good one. She ran the rummage sale for the Lodge for nine years to help us have the money to run our Lodge. When she would leave us, she would say, "Angels all around you." Now, I am sure, she has "Angels" all round her as she deserves them in her home in Heaven.

At our last meeting, we initiated Karen Johnson. We welcome her as a Sister and hope she will attend our meetings often.

Sister Nancy Free has a specific announcement to make. She married John Schireman on December 19 in the Ingle Chapel near State Line. Congratulations, Nancy. May you and

yours be very happy.

Soon to be installed by Assembly President Sandi Moon are: NG Gail Frankie, VG Freida Church, Sec. Cora Davis, Fin. Sec. Neita Stearns, Treas. Betty Mason, and Trustee Mary Lou Bostrup. Our installation will be on January 16 with a potluck at 1 p.m. followed by installation at 2 p.m. We hope you all can be here.

It was so good to have Sisters Molly Williams and Elsie Patterson present as it has been a long time since they have been at Lodge. It was announced that Sister Vivione Donley has not been feeling well. Now she has pneumonia and can't drive her car. She really feels hemmed in. We hope and pray that she will be well very soon.

"Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen, both when we sleep and when we wake."

— Milton
In F, L. & T.,

Mary Lou Bostrup, Reporter

From your 2004-2005 Grand Master



ERNEST HOUSE

READ YOUR BOOK & GO BY THE BOOK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I do hope you had a wonderful holiday season. I wish each and everyone the very best. I hope you all received just what you wanted — I know we did, a grandson who we hadn't seen or heard from in 14 years!

On December the 20, Mavis and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. It was wonderful having most of our children and grandchildren together on the 19th to help us celebrate this occasion. Each and everyday I thank God for sending me the perfect mate for me. We have been blessed in so many ways.

Now down to business. If you or your Lodge has a gripe about someone or something, read the book and go by the book in reporting or filing a report. Now, of course, this is after you have tried to right the wrong by talking to that person or persons, contacting your DDGM and asking for his help. Let's take care of our problems ourselves. It isn't necessary to write to Sovereign Grand Lodge! If you can't get an answer from your Grand Lodge Officers or they will not help you, then maybe SGL is the next step. However, there are a lot of Past Grands or officers out there who can help if you will just ask. Please keep a copy of everything you write. Let's work on our F, L and T instead of causing trouble!

Most of your Lodge Officers have only one meeting to go, then the new officers will take over. Let's work with them and try new ideas. Do it their way. Just maybe it will work and you will get some new members. We have to get these new members or our Order will be **dead!**

I want to wish the new officers all the luck. You may need it! Some of our members are pretty set in their way. Please, if a member does something wrong, don't jump up and correct him or her in front of all the members. Wait until Lodge is over and explain what was wrong and how it should be done — if you know the right way, that is! Remember, you had to learn, too.

See you down the road someplace and time.

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

Contributing Factors

Let's continue to 'Believe'

Believe in yourself
In the power you have
To control your own life
Day by day.

Believe in the strength
That you have deep inside,
And your faith will help
Show you the way.

Believe in tomorrow
And what it will bring
Let a hopeful heart
Carry you through.
For things will work out
If you trust and believe —
There's no limit
To what you can do!

Happy New Year! Over the past five years, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, residents and family members, as well as our friends in the community, have contributed to the Home's Endowment Fund. At the core of your giving, you "believe" in the mission of the Odd Fellows Home. You believe that we make a difference in the lives of our residents. Providing quality care in a loving and supportive atmosphere is what we're all about.

Life is to be celebrated at every age. We make every effort to let residents know that they are loved. Thank you for supporting the Home during the past year. We look forward to 2005 and the wonderful opportunities that await all of us to serve and care for the residents. Let's all continue to "believe" that good days are ahead. There's no limit to what we can do for the residents of the Home!



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From your 2004-05 Assembly President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To all Brothers and Sisters, my greeting to each of you is for happiness and good health. This is the time of the year to look forward to starting a new year with new officers, more members and a new outlook for a future of new ideas to improve our Lodges. The new officers will be installed this month. *Please* support them as you have elected them to serve your Lodge. Be open to any new ideas they may have and let's try some new ideas.

This is the month of "Education." Getting out to our schools and promoting our scholarships is one way to get our Order known in the community. We have a variety of scholarships available to help students further their education. This is a good way to show our communities that we are there to help. Do you need forms to be filled out? Please let us know. This year SGM Brother LaVaughn and IARA President Sister Martha have a Lawson/Pezo Vocational Technology Scholarship. If you are interested, please ask for the information.



One of the ideas I have for this year is for each Lodge to come up with a different money raising idea. I am not doing a money raising project, so it is open to each Lodge. One idea came from Unity Rebekah Lodge in Auburn. Each member made a mitten or sock to decorate their tree. Then they put money into each sock or mitten. I received a box in the mail with the cutest socks and mittens along with the money. This was a great new idea. What is your Lodge coming up with for your money making project? Please let me know. Remember, the money is to be sent to the Assembly Secretary so it can be recorded properly. Half the money goes to Visual Aid and half goes to the Arthritis Fund.

My visits this month are for installations. I hope the weather will be agreeable as bad roads will affect my plans. Thank you for your understanding as my family said that they want me around after this year.

JANUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE

January 9 — Isabella #23, Yakima

January 15 — Tri-Cities — All three Lodges, 1:30 p.m.

January 16 - Dixie — Schuyler #18 and Sunshine #56, 1:30 p.m.

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

Tempest Rebekahs #114 - Wenatchee And Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

We are really excited here in Wenatchee with Tempest Rebekahs and Prosperity Lodge ending the year with new members. Grand Warden Ron Hanson and a wonderful team of Odd Fellows joined us for a special meeting and initiated five new members. Many thanks to all who helped and to the Rebekahs who furnished a very good lunch.

The Rebekahs are welcoming Joanna Ashley and Brother Bill Clark as our newest members. We also had a busy month besides initiations. Before Christmas, we held a craft fair and bake sale. Our December meeting was a potluck and Christmas party with

the revealing of our "Secret Sisters."

Installations of officers will be on January 8, using the dinner installation. Our Social Club, former PNGs, has decided to disband. It has been a lot of fun over the years, but everyone seems to have such busy lives that it no longer fills its purpose.

Prosperity Lodge is moving ahead with repairs to the Lodge hall and work should begin after the first of the year.

We wish all of you a very happy New Year filled with new enthusiasm, new goals and new members!

*In F., L. & T.,
Marjorie Farrens, Reporter*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Happy New Year 2005! Another year has slipped by taking many loved ones, but leaving fond memories — both personally and fraternally. May 2005 be a year of much happiness and prosperity for each and every one.

December was our month for annual donations. We remembered our Home, our adopted Sister in the Home, all our members far and near and officers qualification. Then we had our Christmas observance with families included. It was a time to feast, socialize, sing Yuletide carols and exchange gifts. All present enjoyed their time together.

Is everyone ready for installation? Now is the time to get behind the leaders of our Lodges and work for

their programs. Good luck to all the newly-installed for an excellent year.

Did all you members have a nice holiday season with family and friends? If you didn't, just think it will all happen again in a few short months.

As I write this in early December, we have a skiff of snow, but a bright and sunny day. Keep hoping for lots of snow in the mountains as we need it for next year's crops.

Until next month, good health to all.

Oops!! There was enough snow to cancel our meeting in Waterville this morning!

*Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Well, the holidays are over and you can breathe a sigh of relief for the next three hundred and some days. I hope you had a wonderful holiday with friends and family.

Here's some New Year's Resolutions and reminders of some things that we sometimes forget:

• If you decide to meet in a different location you must get a dispensation from the President, before you move and then you must change your by-laws and get them approved by the Vice-President.

• All checks sent to the Assembly Secretary must be made out to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington regardless as to what they are for. A letter of instruction should accompany them but, at least, there should be a notation on the memo line as to its designation.

• Checks for the Home, in memory of a departed member or friend, automatically go into the Home Endowment Fund unless you state otherwise.

• You cannot sell a Lodge Hall without permission of the Assembly Executive Committee. Funds from such sale must be put in trust. They cannot be given away in large donations or used for ordinary Lodge expenses. The Lodge officers are responsible for seeing that this is done.

• No officers may be installed into office unless the current Per Capita Dues are paid.

• You may not hold your meeting in a restaurant and use Lodge funds to pay the bill.

• Your dues or other methods of raising membership money must cover the Per Capita Dues. You are not allowed to draw from trust funds for this purpose.

• Your Lodge officers work very hard for the Lodge and they should receive some kind of recognition for their work.

• Every Lodge Hall needs liability insurance. Some have said they cannot afford it. You really cannot afford to be without it. I'm sure if you asked the members for a special insurance levy or assessment they would understand. This could be separate from the dues and, in most instances, would amount to very little. No one wants to get hurt in the Lodge hall and not be covered by insurance.

We have no snow at this time, but our winter birds are here in full force for their winter handout. It is such a pleasure to watch them and see the many varieties work together in harmony.

May you and your Lodge have blessings throughout the year and prosper greatly.

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

Happy New Year!

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Bill Vercoe**, Wilford IOOF Lodge #269, Spokane Valley.

• **Paul Palmer**, Richland IOOF Lodge #338, Richland.

• **Eva Jene McCully**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

• **Eileen M. Auton**, 20 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.

• **Naomi Finch**, Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78, Ilwaco.

• **Gladys Huyge-Rhinestein**, PNG, 75 year member, Skagit Rebekah Lodge #82, Mt. Vernon.

• **Livette Parnell**, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, Longview.

• **Ellen Vossen**, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, Longview.

• **Sue Woods**, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, Longview.

• **Avon Walkup**, PNG, 67 year member, Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312, Seattle.

• **Helen "Smokey" O'Connell**, Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313, Long Beach.

• **Shirley Atwood**, All States Rebekah Lodge #319, Richland.

From your 2004-2005 Theta Rho President



CHRISTINA BOND

IT WILL BE A FUN YEAR AT SESSIONS

Hello again to all my friends and a happy New Year. I hope that your holiday season was wonderful and full of laughter and good cheer.

My program has been approved by the JJYC members and will be full of fun for all of us at Sessions this year. Be ready for lots of fun and laughter — even during our meetings. I will be sending the clubs letters soon with your assignments.



I would like to extend a warm, cheerful greeting to all the members who have taken new offices.

A little reminder to all clubs, please email me or send me your schedule so that we can set up a time when I can come to make my visit with you. My new email is magicflute_872@hotmail.com.

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

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We hope everyone had a great holiday season and will have a wonderful New Year.

Our “Jingle Bells for Arthritis” project last month made \$125 for the arthritis program. We also enjoyed our evening of caroling. We invited friends with the idea of interesting them in joining our club.

We will be electing new officers soon and will hold our Installation of Officers in February, so be watching for the date in the next newspaper. We do not at this time have any plans made for January, but we will probably come up with a project at our next meeting.

We want to thank all the adults who have been so supportive of our youth this past year. A really big thank you to the Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge which have helped us out financially with a donation each month.

Happy New Year to everyone!

— *The members of Acorn #79*

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

Happy New Year everyone! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend it with those you love.

We are very pleased to announce we have initiated another new member. Her name is Breanna Hyde. She is the sister of Kaitlyn Yates, the young lady we initiated back in March of last year. We have a couple more applications out, so we hope to initiate again in the next month or two.

December was a busy month. For a community service project we held a charity sale for “My Sister’s Pantry” Food Bank. We donated the money we made and four boxes of clothes to the clothing/food bank. We would personally like to thank the following for their donations: Eola Rebekah Lodge, Lorraine Rebekah Lodge, Karen Hoylman, Barbara Reitan, Joanne Balmert and Judy Diekman. Without you, this sale would not have been possible. If I have left anyone out, please know you’re very much appreciated.

Also in December we held a Christmas party. We decided to try ice skating. It featured a lot of fun and falls! We then had a gift exchange and sleep-over at Assistant Advisor Teresa Bailey’s home.

We held our elections of new officers and will be announcing them next month. Our installation of officers will be in February. The date has not been set yet, but we will be sure it is in the next newspaper.

Once again, thank you to all the wonderful Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for your continued support of our club.

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

Pasco Theta Rho #14

Pasco gains two more girls

On November 10, Pasco Theta Rho welcomed two more new members. Jessica Steinwand and Kristein Betz, who both had attended our open meeting, were welcomed to membership. Club President Rosey Miller sponsored Kristein and Advisor Dee Hanson sponsored Jessica.

Because the next meeting fell just before Thanksgiving, we decided not to meet, but gather on Monday, November 30 and decorate the Kennewick Lodge Hall’s Christmas tree. Brooklynn Davies and her sister Destiny, along with Ashley Herrin and her brother Matthew, plus the whole advisory staff, worked on the tree. We enjoy doing this for the Kennewick Odd Fellows and Rebekahs since we use their hall at no charge.

Our club sponsored a potluck on December 8 for all members, their families and friends. We showed the Visual Research DVD the Odd Fellows received.

We hope you all had a safe and fun Christmas and New Year!

— *In Happiness Through Service, Brooklynn Davies, Vice President*

PNG’s Association

Installations on the horizon

Happy New Year to all! The Past Noble Grands will meet on Thursday, January 20 at Collins Grange Hall, 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma. Hostess Lodges for the day are Ruth #17, Ivy #21, Rainbow #31 and Mystic #168.

The F.,L.&T. Drill Team has been actively preparing for installation of the following Lodges:

- **Mt. Tacoma #69** on January 11 at 1 p.m.
- **Warren #308** on January 12 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Kapowsin #241, Yelm #296 and Nisqually #233** on January 17 at 1:30 p.m. This is a joint installation.
- **South Tacoma #160** on January 23 at 2:30 p.m.

We welcome all members of the Order to our installations.

Congratulations to all newly-elected officers and best wishes for a healthy and successful New Year.

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

In Des Moines

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289

New Year’s greetings to all.

Our bazaar in November was moderately successful and gave us the means to do our yearly donations to different charities and projects. In December we held an annual Christmas social evening with the Des Moines Odd Fellows. It is always a fun and relaxing time spent in fellowship between the two Lodges.

As previously reported, we were saddened by the deaths of two Sisters at the beginning of the year.

In September we initiated one new

member, Dannielle Hiatt Martin. She has been a valued addition to our Lodge.

Our Installation of officers will be Sunday afternoon, January 2. It will be a joint installation with the Des Moines Odd Fellow Lodge. We re-elected the same officers. We are looking forward to another year under the direction of NG Beverly Palermo and VG Jean Coston.

*In F., L. & T.,
Betty Young,
Reporter*

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings, Sisters for 2005. A New Year is upon us. May it bring lots of love and happiness and many new projects to look for in the future.

We had our Christmas potluck and party. It was a fun time.

Our VG Carla took two names off the “Tree of Sharing” and purchased our gifts for three children. This project makes a happy Christmas for many of our local children.

We were given some more items to be donated to the Hope Center in Moses Lake. We thank all who have been so generous.

Our sick Sisters are much improved. They are Helen Scheibner, Katie Eckhart and Gladys Morris.

Remember, installation of officers will be during the month of January.

Ours will be on January 18 starting with a noon dinner potluck. Please come. The officers’ names will be printed in the next newspaper.

Christmas card greetings were sent to our far-away Sisters. We do miss them, so we keep in touch this way.

Our Card Chairperson, Sister Katie Eckhart, tries to remember each one on their birthday. Maybe some of you can write back to us.

I will close with this thought — “Friendship is when you may not see eye to eye, but you can walk arm in arm.”

I hope to see all of you next month. It will be February and a time for showing our love to one another.

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

From your Grand Warden

Are your new members sitting on the sidelines?

I trust that you have all had an enjoyable holiday season and are looking forward to installation of your new Lodge officers in the coming month. "You do have new officers don't you?" If you left a new member sitting on the sideline without a job, will that member still be around next year? Think about it. Also remember that officers must have all of their degrees to hold an office.

I have made my visitations to all but two of the Lodges on the east side of the state. It has been a rewarding and eye-opening experience for me. I have gained a better understanding of the shape of our Lodges and the thinking of a great many members — these run the gamut of being in good shape and really putting in to practice what we stand for and believe in to the thinking of some members and Lodges that we can do what we want and it doesn't matter what the Ritual and our Codes and Laws say as long as we have a good time and it is convenient for the individual member.

I have overheard some members complaining about the tax increase that is coming from Sovereign Grand Lodge and there are comments that we should just tell SGL where to go and break away and be our own independent order. Believe me, the "Independent" in Independent Order of Odd Fellows does not mean what you think in that context. If we break off from Sovereign Grand Lodge we will not be members of the Order regardless of what we call our selves. We will be just a bunch of "good old boys and good old girls." Is that what you really want? The way to lower the tax bite if you will is to bring in more members and tell your Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative to vote no on a tax increase. If you think about it, we have kept our dues and membership costs to a minimum for years and at some time we will have to bite the bullet and suffer an increase even with more members.

You as members have to decide what you want this Order to look like in the future and work for the betterment of the Order and it's membership.

I would like to leave you with a poem by a cowboy poet named Paul Harwitz. When you read the poem and think about it, it puts everything in a pretty good perspective for us all.

RIDE FOR THE BRAND

*The dismounted young cowboy asked the old hand,
"What does it mean when they say 'Ride for the brand'?"
The grizzled old-timer's age seemed to drop years,
And he sat straight up in the saddle as he surveyed the steers.*

*"It means a lot of different things, son.
It has a lot to do with what's lost and what's won.
I ain't talking about gambling, but earning a living,
Hard work, trust, respect, taking, and giving.*

*"It means you don't never foul up the land,
And you don't take unfair advantage or rob.
You work hard, even when the work's rough as a cob.
That's part of what it means to ride for the brand.*

*"It means you help your neighbors and your friends,
And you help even strangers just passing through.
It means you hire on a hungry old saddle-tramp
Who needs a place to winter past the cold and damp.*

*"It means you don't let the poor folks go hungry
Just 'cause they're down and short on grub and luck.
And it means that you don't work just for a buck,
But 'cause you need work like water's needed by a tree.*

*"It means you can be trusted, and that you trust each pard,
To do the chores that are needed, no matter how hard,
'Cause you're all riding for the same outfit,
And you're all striving together to benefit it.*

*"It means you keep searching for that one last stray,
Even though it's the end of the day,
Even though you'd rather stop and go to town.
It means you don't lay your responsibility down."*

*"It means you give an honest day's work for an honest day's wage,
Whether you're in the corral or out riding the range.
Every job's important, and there ain't none that ain't.
It's not the cowboy way to quit though it'd be easier to say 'I cain't.'*

*"It means you'll not complain when you help dig a well,
Nor even have to be asked to spell a tired cowpoke who's stove-up.
It means you'll work with others as well as you'll work alone,
And that even when you're tired to the bone, you'll cowboy-up.*

Continued in next column



208 years and going strong!

Homecoming for Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 and Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 was held on December 14 with a potluck dinner. It also was the official visit of Grand Warden, Brother Ron Hanson. He is pictured here with Jim Boyd, Roy Bowden and Wilfred Farley. These three Brothers have a combined total of 208 years as members of the Yakima Lodge.

Grand Encampment roots are traced way back to 1884

Harry Coulter, Grand Scribe for the Grand Encampment of Washington, has compiled the following history of the Encampment. He will be doing additional research and submitting more historical articles about the Encampment.

The Grand Encampment of Washington was instituted on May 14, 1884 in Walla Walla, Washington Territory. Six Encampments signed the Charter: Alpha #1 of Olympia, Unity #2 of Seattle, Walla Walla #3 of Walla Walla, Washington #4 of Port Gamble, Alki #5 of Puyallup, and Yakima #7 of Yakima. The last was but two months old and the entire jurisdiction had 191 members on that date. North Star #6 of Spokane Falls had no Patriarchs eligible to attend a Grand Encampment Session and therefore was not invited.

The warrant was issued by Grand Sire Eric J. Leech on April 19, 1884. Institution was by SDGS John V. Meeker, assisted by Patriarchs J.M. Swan of #1; W.D. Plantz of #2; and H.E. Holmes, Ed Baumeister and Le F.E. Shaw of #3.

The Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon was adopted until a new one could be submitted. All of the first seven Encampments were chartered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the first five Encampments had been placed for administration under the Grand Encampment of California. Encampments #6 and #7 were not so assigned because a petition for a Grand Encampment Charter was placed before Sovereign Grand Lodge in September, 1883. The Charter was approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge on September 19, 1884.

The first officers elected and installed at the institution were: N.S. Porter, Grand Patriarch; H.E. Holmes, Grand High Priest; J.V. Meeker, Grand Senior Warden; Le F.A. Shaw, Grand Scribe; George W. Hall, Grand Treasurer; J.M. Stout, Grand Junior Warden; and Ed Baumeister, Grand Representative.

Walla Walla Unified Encampment #3

The Patriarchs and Matriarchs of Walla Walla Unified Encampment gathered together on December 27 in the "Blue Room" of the Washington Odd Fellows Home for our holiday social. After a brief social time, we went next door to "The Well" for our food and then ate together in the "Blue Room."

It has been decided that we will do our own installation of officers on April 25. Past Grand Matriarch Barbara German will assist. The installation will be held in the Washington Odd Fellows Home. — Art Schreiber, Scribe

From your Grand Warden

*"That's what it means, that, and a whole lot more.
It means that you've got pride in yourself, your job, and the land.
So saddle-up. Toughen-up. Cowboy-up. Be a man.
Ride for the brand."*

To me it also means a loyalty to our Order that goes beyond just being a member. Do you "Ride For The Brand?"

*In Friendship, Love And Truth,
Ronald D. Hanson, Grand Warden*



These happy members received jewels and awards at Narcissa's combined Homecoming Dinner. All three Lodges — Enterprise #2, Narcissa #2 and Bee Hive #70 — are represented in the picture. In the back row, from left, are Jane Hanson (25-yr), Art Schreiber (25-yr), Del Klicker (50-yr), Don Klicker (50-yr), Jacqueline Klicker (25-yr) Eunice Hansens (25-yr), Aramae Buckingham (Narcissa's "Rebekah of the Year"), Tom East (Enterprise "Odd Fellow of the Year"), Beth Entze (30-yr), and June Cummins (50-yr). In the front row, from left, are Nancy Klicker (25-yr), Rose Ringhoffer (25-yr), Geraldine Taylor (50-yr), Henrietta "Penny" Everson (Bee Hive's "Rebekah of the Year"), and Arline Maxson (50-yr).

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

On November 12, Narcissa Lodge #2 joined with Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 and Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70 to celebrate our birthdays. The Homecoming dinner was held at the Elk's Lodge in Walla Walla and marked 119 years for Narcissa.

Eleven of the 13 jewel recipients were present to receive their jewels. Each was accompanied by an escort for the award presentation. They were Jane Hanson, Nancy L. Klicker, Jacqueline Klicker, Rose Ringhoffer, Eunice Hansens and Art Schreiber, 25-years; Beth Entze, 30-years; Betty Harpe, 35-years; and June Cummins, Arline Maxson and Geraldine Taylor, 50-years. Those who were eligible to receive jewels, but unable to attend, were Marjorie Saranto, 70-years; and Lonnie Demaray, 75-years.

There were other special highlights of the evening. Rose Ringhoffer and Nancy Klicker presented the Narcissa "Rebekah of the Year" award to our very deserving Sister, Aramae Buckingham. Audrey Renaud provided entertainment as she accompanied herself on the guitar and sang delightful songs which were mostly of her own composition. Several dignitaries were introduced and we enjoyed the words expressed by Grand Master Ernest House.

A big thanks to Jennifer Knowles who served as photographer for the evening and for the escorts, Linda Joseph, Craig Schultz, Bud Dotson and Jeanne Elder.

Initiation was held on November 16 and we welcome our new Sisters, Ruth Gibson, Carolyn Harrison and Donna Rivera. Following initiation, we enjoyed refreshments served by Linda Joseph and Barbara Tvrz. The cash prize for the evening was won by that lucky Thelma Warfield.

We received thank you notes from Lonnie Demaray for her 75-year jewel and from Aramae Buckingham for the monetary gift she received along with her "Rebekah of the Year" award.

At our first meeting in December, we had the pleasure of welcoming a newcomer to Walla Walla, Genevieve Crawford, who is a 60-year Rebekah member. She is from Filer, Idaho and is living in the Miriam Street Apartments.

Jeanine Griffin was the winner of the cash prize drawing. We all enjoyed refreshments provided by Fran Putnam, Ken and Aramae Buckingham. A variety of delicious treats were served from a lovely table. The decor of the table cloth, center piece and china dessert plates were in keeping with the holiday season and instilled in us the spirit of Christmas.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy New Year to everyone. Our officers for the coming year are a rerun of 2004. We all did such a good job they are letting us stay another year. They are: NG Alyce Lane, VG Maxine Hansen, Sec. Judy Diekman, Fin. Sec. Nita Sherwood, Treas. Myrtle Whitehead and Trustee Lee Holt. Our installation of officers will be on January 30 at 2 p.m. in the IOOF Hall. I know we will have another great year under Alyce's leadership.

We had a wonderful time at our Christmas Family Potluck and were happy to have Carson and Judy Inman

and Walter Dodge join us for the evening. At that time we were able to present the ambulance service with 130 stuffed animals to use in crisis situations.

We had one of our former members reinstate and had a new applicant last month. Welcome back Muriel Bigelow. We will be planning an initiation for the near future.

That's about it from this corner of the state. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
Reporter*

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Happy New Year. It is so hard to believe that it is the year 2005. Back in 2004, we had bad weather in late November and early December and therefore our attendance was down.

Fritz Mose had surgery and is back up and about and attended our last meetings. We lost a beloved, long-time Sister, Helen "Smokey" O'Connell in November. Our Charter was draped for her at our December meeting.

Naomi Finch of Fraternity Lodge passed away in December.

VG Olney Patch gave us a bit of a scare in December with a trip to the hospital with chest pains. Further tests are in the works. She is doing okay now.

At our November 16 meeting, Frances O'Neil and Cathy Kary hosted the evening with a Thanksgiving theme and served a yummy dessert. We discussed our Christmas gift exchange to be held at our second meeting in December, which has come and gone as you read this. News of that event will appear in next month's newspaper.

NG Helen O'Neal is always giving us little treats. Her year is over, but not her devotion and hard work she gives our Lodge. Many thanks, Helen, for a great year.

At our first meeting in December, we enjoyed our tasting affair (everyone brings something to nibble). Such

wonderful goodies and we all commented how good it was, but that we ate too much. At that meeting, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Betty Pierce, whose birthday is on the 7th

Bunco is still providing the Lodge with some extra money and those of us who attend have a really fun time. We will be trying to think of some more ways to make money for our Lodge this year.

Olney Patch, NG-elect, has named her officers and set up her committees, so we will be busy and under way with a new slate in January after installation on January 18.

We sent \$30 to the Home for Christmas. Plans for more projects will come about as the year progresses. Our Ways and Means committee sent out "tax" letters to all our members, taxing them on their possessions of rings, boats, cars, necklaces, etc. A nice sum was collected for our treasury. We are doing what we can to keep our Lodge in the black.

Our December 21 meeting was our Christmas party and gift exchange. We sang Christmas carols and enjoyed goodies after the meeting, served by Fritz Mose and Olney Patch. Everyone was decked out in their Christmas attire and it was a festive and fun time.

Here's to a great year for all of us!

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

Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

We have had a very busy two months. We have our new officers elected and have entertained President Sandi with a dessert bar.

Our newly-elected officers are: NG Edith Johnson, VG Chrystal Driver, Sec. Blanche Berry, and Treas. Mable Pangle.

The week before Thanksgiving, three of us from Beacon #91 and Katherine Thompson from Hillyard #145 helped with the one of our local TV station's annual food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank. We helped with collection of money and assisted by taking bags of food purchased by customers to the truck in carts. We were all in our pink jackets that Past President Yvonne had sold during her year. People would ask about them and that gave us a way to

explain who we were and what we did. We enjoyed the chance to represent our Lodge in Mead.

We went out for lunch at one of our restaurants before our meeting for our Christmas party. As our Christmas gift, we gave cans of food and a cash donation to our food bank in Mead. We also had a Christmas card exchange.

We are looking forward starting the New Year with our new officers. Our Installation will be in January.

We hope everyone got what you wanted from Santa and that this year will bring us peace to our world and all of our troops will be home with us again by this time next year.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our family Christmas party was well-attended. I think Leona's granddaughters had more fun than anyone. A turkey dinner with special side dishes was served.

This reporter's five-year-old brother, Winfred Lee, was buried in the Goldendale IOOF Cemetery in August of 1921 and lay in an unmarked grave for more than 80 years. With the help of Grand Master Ernest House and Brother Gosney, I was able to have a marker placed on his grave. It took awhile to find the spot. I am so pleased. My heartfelt thanks to them.

We do have a Vice Grand. I apologize for that. Sister Louise Lusk was omitted from the list of officers.

A little bluebird told me that Jerry Bierdeman didn't lose her job because the book store was closing. It was sold to her. What a nice thing to happen!

Thought — "Today, plant a word of love heart-deep in someone's life and watch what happens."

At each meeting we find out who is

ill in the community and our Sunshine Chairman Nina McCalden sends cards.

Our Rebekah party was held on December 8. We had a gift exchange and "Secret Sisters" were revealed. New ones were drawn.

Thought — "By the time you reach 80-years-old, you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."

Carolyn Miller is having hip surgery in January. She will be happy to be able to walk without pain.

Warren Walker hung our Charter on the wall. A big thank you from us.

Our installation will be a dinner potluck meeting on January 26. We eat at 11:30 a.m. and install at 12:30 p.m. Louann Hoffman will be the Installing Officer.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and have a good year ahead.

With peace and good health to all.

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



Giving thanks on Orcas Island

Members of Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 on Orcas Island welcomed nearly 200 community members into their hall as they hosted their third annual Thanksgiving Community Potluck this past November. Nine turkeys were donated for the event and all the trimmings arrived in abundance with the guests. Everyone present enjoyed sharing in the spirit of community and gratitude. Shown in the kitchen are Brothers Bill Gincig, David Densmore, Joe Goodrich, Ezekial Barr, John Sumrall, Jeff Zbornik, Didier Gincig, John Abbott, John Clancy, Bill Thompson and George Post.

Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Happy New Year, everyone! We all hope your new year will begin with peace and joy left over from the Christmas holiday. Remember what God has done for you!!

As we begin this new year, we will install our officers and hopefully finish up the old business from the old year we left behind, including our cookbooks. We still would like to sell what we have. We will make them as we need to. Let us know, okay?

More later on the Lodge business, but for now here is a poem.

CALENDAR OF LIFE

Some calendars begin their span...

When it is New Year's Day...

And some have fiscal attributes...

That start in June or May...

Our government commences on...

The first of each July...

While schools select September for...

*The students low and high...
It does not matter over much...
Where they may start or end...
As long as there are just 12 months...
To figure on and spend...
A year of life is still a year...
Wherever it begins...
For everyone who struggles and...
Who loses or who wins...
And only God himself can choose...
The day that we arrive...
And mark the few or many dates...
That we may be alive.*

— By James J. Metcalfe

Again I say, **happy New Year for 2005!**

*In F., L. & T., Joyce Miller,
PNG, Secretary, DDP & Reporter.
Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220
Meeting in Washougal the second
and fourth Tuesday of each month
at 888 E. 17th St. in Washougal*

Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 - Centralia

We at Ivy #21 in Centralia are getting in high gear for a new year and "new" officers. Mary Robinson will be our incoming NG and, as usual, she will do a great job. LouAnn Hoffman is stepping down after a very successful year. LouAnn read a fitting poem before each meeting and finished with another. She will be our VG this coming year.

Our last party of the year was our annual Christmas party. We met at RJ's in Centralia and it was so much fun! Attending were Betty Cardwell, Sabrina Stone, Eva Allen, Bonnie

Dillon, Norline Burton, myself, Ruby Smarz, Herb and Helen Petrie, Leona Treznoski, Wanda Garrett, Mary Robinson and LouAnn Hoffman. We had a gift exchange after dinner. There were so many nice presents!

At our last meeting, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Leona Treznoski.

Sister Lynette Eliton sent a check for the Float Committee and the Lodge matched it and sent it off.

That's it for 2004. More next year.

F., L. & T.,

Jerry Bierdeman, Reporter

In Richland

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

Happy New Year to everyone far and near — and especially to our veterans and our service men and women around the world.

We will be doing our Joint Public Installation with Kennewick on Saturday, January 15 at 1 p.m.

All States new officers for 2005 are: NG Virginia Woolforth, VG Juanita McElveny, Sec. and Fin. Sec. Sue Prichett, Treas. Elsie Jepsen and Mus. Dorothy Straight.

New officers for Richland are: NG Carl Robert, VG Elaine Delozier, Sec. and Fin. Sec. Glen Delozier and

Treas. Dennis Young.

Many good wishes go with Mayme Bolin, who has moved to the Merriam Street Apartments at the Home in Walla Walla, and to Hazel Horning as she moves to Albany, OR to be near her family.

We are saddened by the loss of our dear Sister Shirley Atwood on December 10. Our love and sympathies are extended to her family.

In F., L. & T.

And counting our blessings,
Juanita McElveny,
Reporter

Five new members welcomed during Prosperity's Degree Day

On November 20, members of Prosperity Odd Fellows Lodge #301 of Wenatchee hosted a Degree Day for their Lodge. After all degrees were given, they had five new members. Ken Abbott, Jana Ashley, Margaret Clark, Russ Hepler and Ken Rickards are the new members. They are ready to help the Lodge grow. A big thanks to Charles and Wanda Goll. They recruited all the new members.

Lodge was opened by NG Bill Clark, VG Francis Whiting, Sec. Charles Goll, Chap. Lois Clark and Ward. Marge Farrens. The following visitors were introduced and given the Honors: Ronald Hanson, Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; Dee Hanson, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly; and Doyle Graves, Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment. Other visitors were Jane Hanson, Grand Conductor of the Grand Lodge; Phil Crawford, DDGM of District #16; Hazel Crawford, Chaplain of the Rebekah Assembly; Craig Schultz, PNG, James Patzkowski, PNG, and Ted Hanson PNG of Enterprise Odd Fellows Lodge of Walla Walla, and Bruce Lucke, PNG, and Jim Billingsley, PNG, of Kennewick #222. They were all welcomed.

The Degree team was organized by Grand Warden Ron and led by Grand Conductor Jane. James was the Vice Grand, Charles the Secretary, Doyle the Warden, Ron the Conductor, Dee the Outside Guardian, Craig the Inside Guardian, Bruce the Chaplain, Phil the Past Grand, and Jim and Ted were Scene Supporters. A special thank you to Jane for providing robes for the degree staff from the large collection at the museum in Walla Walla.

After the Initiatory Degree, Martha Ellis, Blanche Ellis, Wanda Goll, Barbara Pittman and Sharin Brown, all Rebekahs of Tempest Lodge #114, served beef stew with all the trimmings and, of course, apple crisp! We took a little time talking with the new members and got to know them.

After lunch, the First, Second and Third Degrees of Odd Fellowship were conferred. The Grand Officers congratulated the new members and wished the Lodge much success with them. Lodge was closed and everyone helped with clean-up. It definitely was a successful day in Wenatchee!

— Dee Hanson, Warden, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

In Spokane Valley

Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 & Wilford Odd Fellow Lodge #269

Wilford was host to a potluck dinner in honor of the official visit of DDGM Mark Querio. NG Elmer Lindor conducted an interesting meeting that featured a speech by Mark.

Four Sisters went to Beacon's Harvest Lunch. Fran Schmidt, Barbara Good, Selma Lindor and Donna Flatt were given Assembly President Sandi Moon's traveling bunnies.

Our Lodge visitor, DDP Kathy Thompson, then took them home to Hillyard #145. We hope they will work their way across the state before the 2005 Assembly.

Wilford bought four turkeys to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Wilford and Ramona took names from the "Tree of Sharing" and Selma and Elmer bought the gifts. Instead of a gift exchange, we voted to donate \$5 each to give to "Meals on Wheels."

We had our holiday party at Wilford's Business Lunch with Kathy Thompson and Blanche Berry of Beacon #91 as guests.

District #2 is collecting mugs for the Union Gospel Mission. Any mugs the Lodges wish to give can be taken

to the downtown Temple.

Longtime Wilford member, Bill Vercoe, has passed away.

Ellen Nunn had carpal tunnel surgery, but she is back to all her meetings.

Another longtime member, Eleanor Cook, has been battling MS for over a decade.

Brother John has been able to keep his home, but Hospice is now helping him.

Sister Shirley Gardener and Brother Joe have been in and out of the hospital. Joe now has an electric wheel chair and up until December was even going shopping on his "hot wheels."

Georgia Jameson, who was our longtime Secretary, is looking good and is well-cared for at Good Samaritan Care Center, but she no longer remembers us.

Fran and Don Schmidt, our Ione transplants, have not had a good fall, but both are home and feeling stronger.

Our best wishes to you all for a healthy New Year!

In F., L. & T.,

Donna Flatt, Reporter

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Well, we had the final meeting for 2004 and we are looking forward to the first meeting in 2005.

Installation of Officers for Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 and Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70 will be on Saturday, January 15 at 7 p.m. Ron

Hanson, Grand Warden, and Dee Hanson, Rebekah Assembly Warden, will be the Installing Officers for the combined installation at 28 So. Spokane St. in Walla Walla.

Happy New Year to you all.

Henrietta "Penny" Everson,
Secretary and 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.

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Our sympathies went out to our Noble Grand Vera Paulsen following the passing of her daughter who had many up and down times the past two years.

We have continued our traveling lately. The guys have been going on the DDGM visits and the gals went to Celesta to help confer the Rebekah Degree twice. Congratulations to them.

Our Lodges' joint installation will be Tuesday January 18 at 8 p.m. Officers elected are Noble Grands Helen Walsh and John Gaiski, Vice Grands Elsie Burgett and Ray Johnson, Secretaries Florence and Don Cowdery, Financial Secretary

Ettamay Strang, and Treasurers Vera Paulsen and Michael Cruise.

Our meeting and mailing address remains 100 South Dora Ave., Bremerton, WA 98312.

Our installing teams will be led by Deputy Grand Master Carson Inman and Vice President Linda Dodge. We look forward to helping and visiting at various installations.

Coming up soon will be the Consolidation of Aurilla Rebekah Lodge #133 into Mystic. We welcome them all.

To everyone, may your new year be filled and joy and good health.

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

Mansfield Rebekah Lodge #281

Hello to all you Rebekah Sisters. There's not much going on in our Lodge, but I will write what I can.

It was reported that Anne Matthiesen is recovering very well from her burned arm. Lydia Goll is doing a lot better and Darline Hodges had her knee surgery and hope-fully she is doing well. Doris Matthiesen seems to be doing okay.

Our Lodge received our new Secretary's book and a letter on United Pilgrimage for Youth. President Sandi Moon's letter was read and Secretary Betty Weldon's letter was read from *The Washington OddFellow*.

The By-Laws Committee report was read for the first and second time in November. The report concerns the first Tuesday meeting of Rebekahs be a regular meeting and the third Tuesday be a social meeting. The final reading was in December.

The following officers were elected

by acclamation: NG Naoma Matthiesen, VG Phyllis Masee, Sec. Ethel Poole, Treas. Dorothy Munson, and 3-Year Trustee Lydia Goll.

Under Good of the Order, Naoma Matthiesen read an article on "Jack Frost" and Core Nordby read an article on "Getting Older."

Members voted to have a table at the Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 1-2, selling our dish cloths and telephone directories.

We are still collecting pull tabs from pop cans, Betty Crocker coupons, Campbell soup labels, Box Top for Education coupons and fronts from greeting cards.

Our Lodge sends greetings to our members who are unable to attend our meetings. We do think of you and miss each one of you.

Take care until next time. . .

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

Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312 - Seattle

It has been a while since I have written anything. Not a lot is happening. Rae Ann is still having trouble with her knee. It is hard for her to get around.

Our Sister Avon Walkup passed away the first of November. She just lacked a couple months of being 100 years old.

We had our bazaar in November and did quite well.

We will be sending out our donations this coming meeting. We send to

the food bank, senior center and other places that will be brought up at our meeting.

There has been so much going on it is hard to keep up with it all. I had to have my wrist operated on again. This is the last time. It really feels a lot better now. Don't ever break your hand.

May the new year be good to you all.

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

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

We wish all new officers and chairpersons a very special New Year's wish. Much happiness and success to all Rebekahs.

Thanks to our NG Florine Roehl. It

has been a great year. Best wishes to all.

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

Greetings from LeRose!

Season's greetings to all members of our Order. Sorry I was unable to send out cards as I am not feeling so good.

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

— LeRose Coulter, President, DALAPM



Members of Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271 in Ione staged a very successful Annual Family Turkey Bingo event on November 21. There were 103 players. Add the workers and that makes quite a crowd. In fact, all the chairs were used. Including photographer Anne Williams, there were 11 Rebekahs in attendance. They were Irene McCoy, Esther Breeden, Lila Middleton, Carolyn Turner, Cheryl Eckhart, Becky Eckhart, Wanda Koontz, Pat Mendenhall, Fleta Baker, Millie Smith, Milly Schock and Pat Mendenhall.

Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

By the time you read this, the holidays will be over, but we hope all had a happy time.

We had a successful raffle with baskets being won by Linda Carlson and Barbara Ketner of Grand Coulee.

Plans are afoot for our Christmas party with gift exchange and food.

We hear our Sister in Wilbur, Laura Belle Kuntz, is in rehab following hip surgery and Ida Williams is at home under the care of a visiting nurse.

Barbara Golden in Colville is busy with her 22 first graders and mother Vi holding down the home front!

Alta Wheeler recently celebrated a

birthday at her son's home in Idaho.

It was great to have Ethel Bennett in Lodge following her surgery.

Lois McVeigh and Sally Johnson, where are you?

We are looking forward to a good year with the following officers: NG Nancy Myer, VG Ruth Walberg, Sec. Linda Braunstein, and Treas. Theda Rosenberg.

We recently initiated another granddaughter, Linda Braunstein's Jennifer.

Sounds like a good year!

*In F., L. & T.,
Ruth Walberg, Reporter*

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

As I write this, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas inside and outside of my house. NG Belinda Sweetin has the Lodge hall all decorated, too.

Our dinner installation of officers has been set for January 11 at 6 p.m. It will be a potluck. Here's our new officers to be installed: NG Belinda Sweetin, VG Sharon "Lucky" McGaughy, Sec. Mary Gosney, Treas. Glenda Bowdish, RSNB Christene Sweetin, LSNG Erleen (Maggie) Teeter, RSVG Ray Gosney, LSVG Margaret Mesecher, Ward. Ernie House. Cond. Dennis Sweetin, Chap. Mavis House, RSC Beverley Zarella, LSC Floydene Lyons, Mus. Loleta Zumwalt, American Flag Bearer Kathleen Berg, Rebekah Banner Bearer Dale Bowdish, IG Lloyd Sweetin, OG Shari Stewart, PNG Viva Musgrove, RSPNG Agnes Ritzschke, and LSPNG Avis O'Brien.

Two of our officers, Sisters Erleen Teeter and Margaret Mesecher, are our new members who were initiated in September. It sounds to me that we have a pretty good group to work with. Let's all cooperate and help our Noble Grand the second time around.

Sister Avis O'Brien's husband Ken is suffering with stomach ulcers. The

Wintersteins, Art and Elnora, are slowly recovering from their illnesses. Sister Christene Sweetin sprained her ankle and has been walking with crutches. Brother Lloyd Sweetin is slowly improving, too. We hope all will soon be recovered and come back to Lodge. We miss all of you.

The Annual Holiday Dinner on November 30 was well-attended and brought along Sister Roberta who had transferred to another Lodge in the state. Thanks for coming.

On December 21, we had our Christmas party and filled 35 shut-in boxes for members and friends in the community.

Several of our members served hot chocolate and cookies after the Holiday Parade on December 11. I think the Chamber of Commerce furnished the chocolate and cookies and we furnished the people to serve them.

We hope all our members locally and afar had a merry Christmas and we hope the New Year will bring peace to all the world. If we all live up to our watch words of Friendship, Love and Truth and Faith, Hope and Charity, it will help.

*Loleta Zumwalt,
PNG and Reporter*

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

Our main event for January will be our joint installation January 16 starting at with a dinner at 1 p.m.

Activities for December for the Odd Fellows was their monthly breakfast. The Rebekahs furnished a food basket for a family for Christmas. Instead of having a gift exchange, they donated extras for the basket. They also gave Christmas treats to Orchard House for their resi-

dents. Hopefully we can have more activities with them this year.

Several money-making activities are being planned by the Rebekahs that won't be too hard on us physically. None of us are very spry anymore. Our brains keep active, but our bodies rebel!

Happy New Year!

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