

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

This turtle is moving!!

Grand Matriarch Sharleen Davies received a turtle hat at her reception. The hat was a gift from the new Grand Matriarch Jeremy Edwards. The new Grand Matriarch banner is seen in the background.



PNG's Association

We'll reminisce about Thanksgivings gone by

Remembering what used to be is both educational and humorous. Recalling attendance and the joys it brought, including tales of the infamous "goat" and various precautions taken proved to be most enjoyable. Crafty individuals will surely shine upon revealing the tribulations of the first "do-it-yourself" Thanksgiving. Where did this "first" event take place, who and how many guests were invited, were decorations used or whatever made this day different? Dare you explain what it was like dressing that slippery bird?

This is an open invitation to any Past Noble Grand to attend our noon luncheon and business meeting. Help us dig up some of our amazing past.

Past Noble Grands' Association meetings are held monthly, September through June, at the Collins Grange Hall, 3404 -120th St. E. in Tacoma. They are on the third Thursday of the month.

— Flo Roehl, Reporter

Thank you from Marjourie

Hi, everyone.

After one month in the hospital, I'm finally home and recovering from by-pass surgery. It is great to be home! I would like to thank all of the Odd Fellow, Rebekah, LEA and LAPM members for all your support, phone calls, cards, flowers and gifts. Thank you, too, for all of your prayers.

I look forward to seeing everyone later.

— Marjourie Schaaf, Past President,
LEA and LAPM

JJYC meets in Tacoma Nov. 20

The Joint Jurisdictional Youth Committee will meet on Sunday, November 20 at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. The address is: 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma. We hope to see all JJYC members in attendance.

— Janie Kuja, JJYC Chairperson

U.N. Pilgrimage report

Puyallup student reports on a very rewarding trip

Curtis Yanasak was one of the delegates from Washington who participated in the 2005 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. Curtis is from Puyallup and was sponsored by Unity IOOF Lodge #18.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs trip to the United Nations was definitely a good learning experience and just a fun trip in general. It was really fun to be able to experience new things with new people every day of the trip. I met so many interesting people on the trip and got to see something historical everyday. We visited places like the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, United Nations building, Ground Zero, Ellis Island and Philadelphia. I think one of the most interested places I visited was Ottawa, the capital of Canada. The capitol buildings were very historical and beautiful.

On the way back into the states we spent a night at Niagara Falls. In Niagara we saw a light show projected on the falls in the evening. On the Canada side of Niagara the area is like a mini Hollywood in that there are many shops and things to do and see.

After leaving Niagara we headed toward Washington, D.C. but not until we stopped and took a tour of Gettysburg, PA. On our bus tour of the battlefield we had a guide on our bus who was very knowledgeable about the battle and gave us a lot of interesting information.

We also went to Washington, D.C. and visited the Mall area. That is the location of many of the Smithsonian buildings. We also visited Arlington Cemetery and the United States Capitol buildings.

Many places we went to most people will never see in their lives. I learned a lot about each place that we visited. The famous places were just a small part of what made this trip so enjoyable. It was fun to meet many kids my own age and go somewhere new each day. I still stay in touch with many of the kids from the trip. In fact I am driving nine hours this weekend for a few nights with some of the kids I met while on the trip. Many people made friends they will always stay in touch with, which made the trip fun for everyone.

I want to thank the Odd Fellows for this wonderful opportunity. I have to admit I was not looking forward to going at first, but by the time we had left Oregon en route to Philadelphia I knew we were going to have a great time. The staff in New York City was friendly, helpful and showed us a good time. Our bus chaperones were really cool and fun.

I recommend this trip to anyone who may have this opportunity. Both my older brother and sister had gone in previous years and also had great trips and made many new friends.

— Curtis Yanasak



Loletta honored

Some of the appointed officers paid tribute and seated President Loletta McCormick at the District Association #26 Meeting on October 5. From left are: Doris Wigglesworth, Jane Kuja, Marie Wilkins, Loletta, Janet Bjork, Nancy Vriezema and Kendra Frogge. Judy Diekman stood in at the Noble Grand's station. Loletta was showing off her "bee slippers."

A Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving To All Our Brothers & Sisters!

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

ARE RUMORS AND MALICIOUS GOSSIP FESTERING IN THE JURISDICTION OF WASHINGTON?

This Office responded to a Rebekah Lodge inquiry on October 11, 2005 as follows:

Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mead, WA

The Grand Lodge of Washington received a two page letter from your lodge dated October 8, 2005 with the seal of the lodge on page two.

Addressing: To Whom It May Concern.

I believe we all should be very concerned about the spreading of misinformation and disinformation. This type of thing is a violation of our Rules.

Please refer to your Sovereign Grand Lodge (SGL) Code of General Laws. Chapter XXXVIII - OFFENSES and TRIALS

Sec. 1. Laws for the Preservation of the Order.

A. Offenses. The following shall be deemed offenses against the Order.

(17) Spreading false or malicious allegations or charges against a member.

(18) Promulgation of spurious written or unwritten matter.

As you can see it would be imprudent and irresponsible for me or any other member to attempt to respond to or participate in what your Lodge may have heard.

Matters of true facts that pertain to your Lodge should be in the files and records of Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91. Your members are best qualified to answer truth and or rumors regarding Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91.

Fraternally, Edmond L. Reitan Jr., PGM, Grand Secretary

ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE.

November is the month of elections, for selecting your leaders for next year. Please get behind them and support them in carrying out the programs and good works of the Order.

A reminder to those Lodges that may be graduating a first-time Noble Grand: Please consider ordering a Past Grand Jewel soon if you intend to present one at installation of Officers.

I wish all members a bountiful and happy Thanksgiving season. — *Butch*

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

It was good to be back in lodge again after a busy summer.

Six Monterose members attended our District Meeting in Centralia on October 1. Thank you to Ivy Rebekah Lodge for hosting a very nice and educational meeting. The lunch was good, too.

We were very surprised to receive the membership award for bringing in four new members. We wish we could do this all the time.

Our first nominations of officers was held. By popular demand, Rosalie Davis was nominated for Noble Grand. Other nominations were: VG Norma Clark, Sec. Hilma Bowen and Treas Laura Lee Bowen. Sandy

Haudleman was elected as our new Trustee.

A get well card was sent to Sylvia Horapala who is in the hospital with a broken hip. We heard she is doing much better.

We will be hosting the District Meeting next spring and we are now making plans for that event. The welcome mat will be out. We will have more on that later.

Following our meeting, we had a party featuring ice cream and cake for our Past Noble Grand. It made is all feel appreciated.

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

From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

OUR ORDER IS CHANGING

My Brothers and Sisters,

It's November and that means election time and a lead-in to the holiday season. I've got two months of visitations in, and wow, what a variety of ways I've seen meetings conducted. I have not attended any meeting that would match up to another lodge. This is sort of disheartening. You will not hear me interfering during your meeting, but I will offer assistance to you and some advice, if thought necessary after the meeting as long as the tenets of the Order are being followed in Friendship, Love and Truth.

The Three Links are as strong today as they were in the past, with variables, as we know time moves forward and change is necessary for survival in a lot of us.

I know the words, "Help the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan," are sometimes handled differently from one lodge to another, but the benefit distributed within a Lodge to these tenets can be created in different perspectives today. We no longer have orphanages. Not all lodges have cemeteries and a lot of lodges rent their meeting spaces. With these tenements being so different, we have to be creative in change to achieve success in these partridges of our Order. Our members are working hard to provide achievement, deliverance and spirit within our community. The panorama of this is seeing smiles, pictures being taken, and a story written in response to a good deed performed. Our newspaper has not had enough of these, so I challenge all Lodges to get out and work toward these ideals.

If these acts are realized and our community sees what IOOF stands for, membership will rise. Make sure your Secretary has sent all names of new members in so they can be tallied. December 31 is fast approaching and that is the deadline for counting new members this year.

One last thing. January is installation month. We need to be thinking about our installation teams. We all perform on a first call basis. As long as that day or night falls within our travel guide as established by the team of officers doing the installation, we will be there.

This is Thanksgiving month and that means a lot of food drives, turkey dinners and donations to favorite charities are given. Good luck to all who donate their time or effort to whichever action your particular lodge is involved in.

I am proud of all our members and lodges who gave offerings and donations to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. For this we say thank you for your generosity.

My visitation schedule for November is as follows:

- November 3 Colfax IOOF Lodge #14 and Rosalia IOOF Lodge #110 Joint Meeting, Rosalia, 8 p.m.
- November 4-6 Northwest Association Meeting, Kennewick
- November 7 Centennial IOOF Lodge #241, Moses Lake, 8 p.m.
- November 8 Hunters IOOF Lodge #216
- November 11-12 . . Home Board Meeting in Walla Walla
- November 24 Thanksgiving

In F, L. & T., Carson Inman, Grand Master

Ephrata Rebekah Lodge #223

We met on our regular meeting day of September 27 at Elaine Porter's home. It was all decorated with the fall colors. She has such a pretty yard and works hard at it.

We were pleased to have our Sister Jeanette Kelley, an Associate member, and Sister Betty Roller of Grand Coulee Lodge #315 join us for our meeting.

Our Charter was draped for our members we lost this summer and fall — Sister Eleanor Fueling and Brother Arlie Christian. We donated \$25 each to our local food bank in their memories. Our members also attended a memorial for our Sister Eleanor on Sunday, October 2 here in Ephrata.

Our Sister Grayce Christian was celebrating her birthday and we all sang the "Happy Birthday" song and she was given many cards of good wishes. A birthday cake was served by her daughter, Arla Mae Deycous.

It is so nice to get together with our lodge Sisters even when we have so little business to attend to. Many happy memories are shared with lots of giggles and laughter.

Our prayers go out to all our Sisters and Brothers in our lodge and other lodges who are in need. We pray for their speedy recoveries.

*Yours in F, L. & T.,
The members of
Ephrata Rebekah Lodge #223*

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From your 2005-2006 Assembly President



LINDA DODGE

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Now is the time to offer thanks for our blessings. Who we are is the result of our family, the people we meet, the places we have been and the experiences within our lives.

While we all have these in various measures, we all have experienced friendships in our lives that greatly impact us. I have a special friend who I met decades ago. Each time we talk, it is like the continuation of yesterday's conversation, although thousands of miles separate us.



Friendship is a great gift that needs to be shared. Think of all the members of this Order who are special to you. Who was the first member you met? What friends have you developed? Why did you join the Rebekahs? Who introduced you to the Rebekahs? What makes Odd Fellowship unique? What are the projects of our Order? How do they meet the needs of society? How does your lodge promote them? How are you involved in your community? Make a list of your answers. Then use this information to share the meaning of the Rebekahs and Odd Fellowship.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, remember to give thanks for life's blessings, your families and the Order.

My thanks will go to the lodges and districts that sponsored and worked on the reception for Carson and me, as well as all those who attended that special day. Special thanks to to Judy, Helen and Florence who worked so hard behind the scenes. Also, I truly appreciated the surprise card shower I received. Thank you.

In Rebekah Love,

Linda Dodge, President Rebekah Assembly of Washington

~ In Memoriam ~

- **John Davis**, Wilford IOOF Lodge #269, Spokane Valley.
- **Leonard "Chubby" Miles**, Fall City IOOF Lodge #59.
- **Eva Mae Berger**, PNG, Eureka State Lodge #1 (formerly of Sequim Rebekah Lodge #255.)
- **John B. Mansfield**, 50+ year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Walter Wallace**, 50+ year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Robert McCaslin**, 10 year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Jeanne Ohlsen**, PNG, 53 year member, Golden North Rebekah Lodge #4A, Fairbanks, AK.
- **Lena Mac Benedict**, Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21, Centralia.
- **Dorice Lapacek**, PNG, 46 year member, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.
- **Agnes Lankow**, PNG, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.
- **Dorothy Sly**, 50+ year member, Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54, Bothell.
- **Ruth Lincoln**, Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78, Ilwaco.
- **Helen Kellogg**, Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91, Mead.

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

Well, the vacation is over and the year is almost gone already. Where does the time go? When I got back from my vacation (as well as the lodges' vacation), I heard the sad news of our loss of Dorothy Sly. She had been a member for 58 years and had been our devoted Secretary for 40 of those years. She had a great wealth of information on how the lodge should be run and knew all the rules and regulations that we needed to follow. She will be greatly missed.

The Semi-Annual District Meeting was held at our lodge on October 8. Erlene Fay, visiting from Gilman Lodge, gave a nice presentation about exemplification. We were honored by the presence of Dorothy Beale, as

well.

There was a luncheon provided after the meeting. Dorothy Gizzy won the beautiful afghan that had been donated by Maxine Duffy as a door prize. Everyone who attended had a good time. The next Semi-Annual district Meeting will be on April 5.

We congratulate Ruth Halliwell for being a 77-year member. She joined in 1928! For many years, she has been our Rebekah Assembly Representative and in 1964, she was President of District Association #25. She has been a very active member in our lodge. She now lives in Kittitas. We wish her well.

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO GIVE THANKS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The frost is on the pumpkin and everyone is thinking about the holidays ahead, starting with Thanksgiving. We all have many things to be thankful for, not the least of which are our many friends we have made over the years in our Order. I will always treasure these friendships and the many people I have met along the way.



With the passing of the SGL bill to raise our dues \$2.00 per year for five years, it is time we started thinking seriously about our Lodge, our Order and our dues. We need to think carefully about all the good our dues support. They keep our Assembly going so we can pay for printing, mailing, telephoning and a modest amount to our officers for their travel and expenses; they keep our Home operating; they pay for the newspaper you get each month and many other expenses that come along. The SGL dues go to keeping them operating with all the expenses they have. (If you think it's hard to do your financial records and reports, think what they have to do). In addition, your dues support your Lodge expenses. This all adds up and I have one suggestion if this is a hardship for you. Take a jar or a can, that you cannot see into (so you're not tempted), and put 10 cents a day in it. If you do this you will find, at the end of the year, you have enough to pay dues and have some left over for the coin march. Ten cents a day will not break any of our finances and will keep the Order going. If your dues are not paid by January 1 or the date they are due, then your fellow Lodge members have to pay them and I am sure no one wants to do that.

I need to remind you that you will need a new Assembly Secretary next year. I have greatly enjoyed being your Secretary for six years, but it is time for someone else to take over. The secretary must know how to use a computer. By using Quik Books, our financial records are not hard to maintain. The files can be stored in a storage facility and funds are allowed for this. The new Secretary will have wonderful Lodge Secretaries to work with and friends who will help.

Some of our members are trying to use the Assembly's old toll-free number. This number is 1-866-725-3508. I have checked with the phone company and this number is correct.

On our Lodges — at times we become blind-sided by what we think are irreversible rules of our Order. We should remember the wise words of our founders, which are printed in our Sovereign Grand Lodge Code Book, "These rules should be liberally construed." I feel they did this so that we would remember that the Code is not written in stone for all occasions. Sometimes common sense must prevail.

There's good news from SGL — there will be large print Rituals. I will let you know when these become available.

Assembly Digest Updates are now being mailed (\$3). Also, Charge Book Updates are available for \$1.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I write down everything I want to remember. That way, instead of spending a lot of time trying to remember what it is I wrote down, I spend the time looking for the paper I wrote it down on."

During this Thanksgiving season, as we look at the devastation many people in our country and other countries are enduring, let us be grateful for our friends, our family and realize that we are truly blessed.

With Rebekah Love,

*Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
New e-mail address: bweldon@opusnet.com.*

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Members of Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving potluck will be on November 19.

Our November 3 evening meeting will be hosted by PNG Thelma Funk.

During the recent months, PNG

Frances Brown and PNG Evelyn Henley passed away. They will be missed.

Remember, our meetings start at 7 p.m.

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

From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

I'VE BEEN ENJOYING MANY RECEPTIONS

Hello everyone. Since the last newspaper I have been so busy with school starting, receptions and personal things. The first reception was for Linda Dodge and Carson Inman. Unfortunately we had the time mixed up and showed up late, I'm really sorry. It was a wonderful reception. Thank you for inviting me. The second reception I went to was for Jeremy

Edwards, which was a lot of fun. I came up early and spent the night with his Sister Florence Frogge' (my Vice President) and his mom. The third Reception I attended was for Sharleen Davies where the Pasco girls did a very wonderful job hosting the reception. Great job, girls!



At this time I am looking forward at going to Sherry Pond's reception on October 15. It will be a long drive, but I'm sure it will be worth it! I can't wait to tell you all about it.

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

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We had our Halloween Party and scavenger hunt for our local food bank and it was a big success. After the scavenger hunt we went back to our advisor's home for pizza and some visiting.

We are busy with plans for upcoming community service and fund-raisers. At our Rebekah Bazaar Rent-A-Table Craft Fair on November 5, we will be selling cookbooks and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. We also will be selling chances for our annual Turkey Raffle with all the proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We will be selling chances at one of the grocery stores on Friday, November 11, too.

We read the applications for two new members that made us very happy. They were to have Grand Master Carson Inman and his wife Judy as adult members. Now we just have to find a meeting night when he is not on the road making visitations to get them initiated.

We want to thank Rebekah District Association #10 for their donation to our club. These ladies always support our club and we appreciate them very much.

Remember, Veterans' Day falls in this month. Let's not forget those who have fought for and who are currently fighting for the freedoms that we so often take for granted.

Until next month have a happy Thanksgiving. Don't eat too much turkey!

— The members of Acorn #79

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters. Our weather is beginning to feel like fall. It is nice to be back after our summer break.

We were glad to have our Sister Winifred Johnson back after her bout with shingles.

At our meeting we made plans to go to our District Association Meeting which was held in Yakima on October 8. We planned to do a skit.

Our sister Anna Sullivan had a letter from Sister Arlene Manson who is our Sister from the Home. We were hoping that the ones from the Home will be there so that they could join us when we meet our Sister Arlene and

give her her birthday presents.

Our Sister Secretary Lorene Swedberg said we received two certificates from the Assembly. One was for Community Service and the other was for donating to the Arthritis Fund. We sent donations to the Katrina Fund and to the Rose Parade Float. We still are collecting food for our local food bank every month.

Our next meeting will be the time for nominations of officers for next year. We look forward to a good turnout for this important meeting.

Take care and may God bless.

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

From the Department Association President

LET'S LEARN IN A KIND AND LOVING MANNER

There is a chill in the air here in Spokane and the weatherman is predicting a normal winter of at least 50 inches of snow. So I guess we will be making lots of snow angels and men. It is my hope that the snow stays in the mountains and off the roads, but I'm sure it won't.



I had a wonderful time at my reception and want to thank everyone that made it so successful. A special thanks to all the Spokane area Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, the Spokane Unified Encampment and Spokane LAPM. I

love you all and you are greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone for the gifts and support of my project.

I am trying to learn as much as I can from reading the Ritual, however it is nice to be shown how to do things, too. I am thankful I have Ruth Berglund helping me. She has been such a wonderful mentor and friend. She has me practice and corrects me in a kind and loving manner. I only hope that I will be given the opportunity to pass on what I am learning. I am sure there is someone in your LAPM who could teach you. Hopefully they will do it in a kind and loving manner, too. One doesn't learn too well if they are being ridiculed or yelled at. Please keep this in mind if you are trying to teach your ladies how to do things the right way.



Now for the usual what are Sherry's favorite things or stories. . . I have always loved music. When I was young I wanted to be an opera singer, but of course that never happened. I loved the movie musicals. I have a few of these old movies on tape. Of course my all-time favorites are "Singin' in the Rain" and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." I also have three favorite singers. Of course, if you were a teenager in the '50s, Elvis was the most. Then there was Tennessee Ernie Ford. I tell you no one could sing a song like he could. Last was Eddy Arnold. His recording of "Here Comes Heaven" was a goody.

Well that is enough of a trek down memory lane. I did a big ooooooohsss!!! by telling you I was a teenage in the '50s and gave away my age.

Remember to light up someone's life with your smile. Love to you all.

*Lady Sherry Pond, President
Department Association LAPM of Washington*

Harmony I.O.O.F. Lodge #16 and Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

Faith #16 of Pomeroy received a Community Guiding Award from the Sovereign Grand Lodge for working together in our community and creating a knowledgeable awareness of Odd Fellowship.

The District Meeting was held in Walla Walla October 15. Faith #16's Noble Grand Donna Miller gave the Response to the Welcome. Hazel Crawford and Doris Perry of Faith #16 seated the new officers. Hazel Crawford is the District's Treasurer. Doris is on the Finance Committee. It was a fun and informative day.

We voted to donate money to the

Mississippi Hunger and Disaster Fund. These people still need our prayers.

Sister Lois Tippet had a stroke and is in the Clarkston Tri-State hospital. Wilma Bly's husband had hand surgery.

Violet Smith celebrated her 88th birthday with family and friends. Violet is bed ridden at home. Please keep these Sisters in your prayers.

Until next time, keep smiling and may God bless you all.

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

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

Greeting from Tempest #114 and Prosperity #301 in Wenatchee. Our fall began with a joint potluck which was well attended.

The exciting news for the Sisters was the initiation of a new member, Connie Evans. We look forward to having her with us.

Rebekahs are busy planning a fall sale which will take place in November. Linda McElhaney is chairing the event which includes crafts, a flea market, bake sale and Christmas decorations.

We continue to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We have a special collection box for "Coins for the U.N." We also are raffling baskets of personal care articles and other goodies.

Sisters Lois Clark and Marge Farrens will be attending the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting, representing both the units.

Both lodges gave donations to the Disaster Fund for hurricane relief. We keep those who are victims of this tragedy and those who are part of the rescue teams in our prayers. As we pray, we may be called to be part of the answer to our prayers and we can give thanks for organizations which include our "Family of Odd Fellowship" for their wonderful response.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Count your blessings and give thanks.

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

From the Grand Matriarch



SHARLEEN DAVIES

REMEMBER OUR COMMUNITIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, let us remember our communities and find out how we can be of help to them. Donate to your food banks and let them know who we are and that we care for them.



By the time you read this, I hope to have all of my official visits done with the exception of Camano Island. I enjoyed meeting with you all I thank you for your kindness and courtesies that were extended to me.

Next month I will tell you about the "S.O.S. Children's Village" as I learned more at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting since they had a speaker.

A special thank you to my LEA Lodge and the Pasco Theta Rho Girls who made my day special. I will remember it always. Thank you to everyone who attended my reception.

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Sharleen Davies, Grand Matriarch*

Buckley Unified Encampment #40

We were honored to have the official visit of the Grand Patriarch Jeremy Edwards and Grand Matriarch Sharleen Davies at our October meeting, Wednesday the 12th. Matriarch Wanda Bogess of Tri-Cities accompanied the Grand Matriarch.

A no-host dinner was enjoyed by some of our members with the guests at the 410 Cafe, followed by the meeting at the lodge hall. The honored guests spoke and were presented with gifts. Grand Patriarch Jeremy was given the banner of the Grand Patriarch which he then hung on the wall of our meeting room. Refreshments and fellowship then followed.

— Karen Hoylman, Scribe

Fern Rebekahs #26 - Montesano

It has been a while since our lodge had a report in the newspaper. We have been working on a few projects.

Our lodge gave two \$250 scholarships to deserving Montesano seniors. Sister Donna Hamilton, one of our members, was proud when her great-grandson was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from the Grand Lodge.

We had a silent auction at one of our meetings. The money raised went to the Arthritis Fund. Our Ways and Means Committee is working on ideas for fund-raisers. It keeps us busy.

In June, one of our Sisters passed away. Sister Dorice Lapacek was a Past Noble Grand. Our Charter was draped in her memory.

In February, our lodge honored Sister Joyce Murphy. She was crowned "Queen of Hearts." She was presented with a flower basket.

On May 23, our lodge had a surprise birthday party for our Noble Grand, Sister Jean Briscoe. She is 90-years-old. Sisters from Friendship #44 and Sunbeam #147 were in attendance. We all had a good time.

Sister Florence Abrahamson, who was one of the "Rosie the Riveter" girls, was given a special trip to Seattle. She saw the plane she made parts for. Then she was given a ride on

one of those planes. On March 6, she will be 102. She still lives at home.

We are now starting to plan for the Festival of Lights. This event will be held on the second Saturday in December. This is our largest fundraiser and helps put the Rebekahs in the public's eye. This is when we have our annual soup and pie luncheon.

Sister Ruby Rice broke her hip. She is home now. Ruby donated her formals to the Theta Rho Club. Sister Donna Tonn, their Advisor, was very thankful.

Sister Sylvia Trissell had a stroke this year. She is home and improving. Sister Penny Avery also had a stroke. She is in physical therapy and doing well.

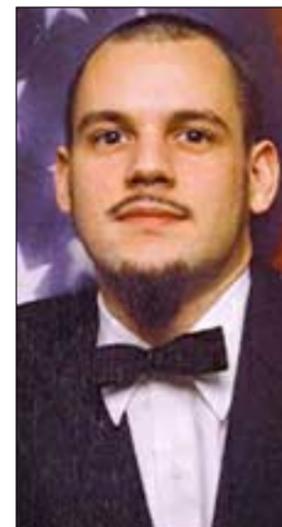
Our lodge also is planning to work at the Elma Rest Area with the Montesano Eagles. This will enable both organizations to do this as a fund-raiser. There are not as many members who can work, so together we can do it.

Our lodge had a great turnout at our first meeting in September. It was great so see everyone.

Happy holidays. They are not far away.

*In F. L. & T.,
Frances Jonason, Reporter*

From the Grand Patriarch



JEREMY EDWARDS

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR COURTESIES

Greetings,

I am enjoying making visits to the Encampments, and I'm trying to fill in the ones I have missed. Thanks to those I have visited for your courtesies.



Congratulations to Snohomish Unified Encampment for initiating a new member. I hope the rest of you will be able to do the same this term. Keep looking at your Odd Fellow Lodge and those around you. If you get a candidate and need help with an initiation, please let me know.

I also hope all the Encampments are having formal meetings according to the Ritual. We need to practice the correct way to do the opening and closing, as well as the order of business so new members will learn and the long-time members don't forget.

My best wishes to all of you for a happy Thanksgiving. Think of all the things you have to be thankful for. I am thankful for all of you.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

- November 4, 5, 6 . Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah meetings, Kennewick
- November 7 Mt. Angeles Encampment #88
- November 15 Snohomish Unified Encampment #25
- November 19 H.P. downs Unified Encampment #61
- November 24 Thanksgiving dinner with my family
- December 1 Alpha Encampment #1

In Faith Hope and Charity, Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch

A 'green' Buckley visit

Grand Matriarch Sharleen Davies and Grand Patriarch Jeremy Edwards at their visit to Buckley Unified Encampment on October 12. Jeremy was given a hat with some greenery poking out.



Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

We have returned to a busy fall schedule.

More than 100 attended the Grand Master's and Assembly President's Reception. Thank you for your support.

We are continuing our joint monthly breakfasts. It is a chance to stay in contact with our widows and spouses. We do miss the ones who now live out of the area.

Three of us went to the Mt. Tacoma #69 Friendship Meeting. Our Sister Elsie Burgett is their Noble Grand. It also was nice to see our friends from the other visiting lodges.

October 1 was our Rebekah District Association #21 Meeting and Odd Fellow #15 Meeting in Port Townsend. There was 20 Sisters attending, including the Assembly Warden Marcia Presley and Past

Presidents Thelma Ringer and Judy Diekman, who is also the Parliamentarian.

The 13 Brothers included Grand Master Carson Inman, Deputy Grand Master Ron Hanson and Past Grand Master Babe Ruth. Grand Herald John Gaiski and Canadian Color Bearer Don Cowdery are District officers, too. Replacing Helen Walsh as the new President is LeRose Coulter and the new Vice President is Donna Caldwell. The next meetings will be March 25 in Bremerton.

Mystic has two applications to act upon. Young members are our future.

We look forward to more visits and wish all a happy Thanksgiving Day with much to be thankful for.

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

From your Deputy Grand Master**Please follow the book when submitting by-law changes!!**

By the time you read this you will have nominated, and in some cases elected your officers for the coining year. Knowing that you have chosen well, did you remember to put your new members in an office so they may learn more about the Order and work their way through the chairs so they can take the Grand Lodge Degree?

I have received by-laws for review from several lodges. I would like to talk about that for a part of this letter.

One set was given to me at a meeting and another was sent to me in the mail. It does not matter how they arrive. What is important is that when I receive them they are done in the right format. In the case of these two sets of bylaws, I was aware of what was going on with one of them and with the other I was reasonably sure of what they were doing. The point is that in both cases, neither set was done according to form #2, which is found on page 128 of the Washington Digest. Although I may be aware of what you are doing, in most cases it is to change the time place, or day of your Lodge meetings, you need to do it according to the procedure contained in form #2. I am aware of about five lodges that will need to amend their by-laws due to changes such as those already mentioned. Keep in mind that you do need to send three copies and the amendments as set forth on page 128 of the Digest. If you need help in how to do the amendments in a correct form, let me know. I would be happy to send you the format that my lodge uses.

I was privileged to attend the District #15 Meeting on October 1 which was hosted by Mt. Baker Lodge #9 in Port Townsend. What a great meeting! These Brothers do a wonderful job of putting on a district meeting. This also gave me a chance to meet some of the members from these lodges who do not come to Grand Lodge, and gave them a chance to meet me and ask questions one-on-one. If you have a district meeting coming up and an invitation to attend is made, I will put it on my schedule of things to do. Just as a great many of you do not know me, I in turn do not know you. These meetings provide that opportunity outside of our regular lodge meetings. The dinner put on by the Rebekah Sisters was great if you find yourself without something to do when District #15 meets, pay them a visit. They will enjoy having you and you will enjoy going to it.

In my last letter to the newspaper it seems that I hit a nerve. I do not and will not normally respond to hate mail. In this case, however, I did. My Brothers and Sisters, "Your Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, and the Military officers are not targets for the rest to take shots at. Our respective Grand Branches hired us to represent them and when we come across things that are not right it is our duty to speak out and let you know that something is not right. There is enough strife in the world today that we need to do our best to keep it out of the Order. Too many people seem to want to change the rules in an incorrect manner so they can be in charge instead of doing it by the rules that have been established. The comments that I received were 99 percent in favor of the things I said in that letter as needing to be said. So if it was a wake up call, good. If not, oh well.

As I sit here writing this I received a phone call from my son who is an Infantryman stationed in Iraq. He has it a little better than some of his fellow soldiers. He is able to get to hot chow once in a while. Some of the companies in his unit have been in the field on cold rations since arriving in Iraq more than a month ago. So when you sit down to Thanksgiving dinner this year, please remember to give thanks and say a prayer for these fine young men and women and their families who give so much in the defense of our country, ideals and way of life.

— *Fraternally, Ronald D. Hanson, Deputy Grand Master*

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Don't forget our Rent-A-Table Bazaar on Saturday, November 5 if you are in our neighborhood. It will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We have 20 vendors, so there will be a great selection of gift items.

We had 10 members attend our District Association meeting and we are very happy that we had two candidates initiated for our lodge. We welcome Kristyna McCloskey and Diana Hammond to our lodge. Kristyna is a member of our Theta Rho Club and Diana was one of our vendors at last year's Rent-A-Table Bazaar.

We are having our Christmas Tree raffle again this year with each of 25 balls holding a \$2 bill. The money from this project goes towards our

annual scholarship for a graduating senior.

Just in case the next issue comes out a little late, we are planning our Christmas Family Potluck for December 7 at 5:30 p.m. followed by "White Elephant" Bingo. We love to have visitors.

Our wonderful Musician has not been able to attend our meetings as she found out she has a hairline fracture of her hip. We really miss her as her music contributes so much to our meetings. We hope you are feeling better, Doral, by the time this comes out. To all our other shut-ins, you are always in our thoughts. Until next month

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman, Reporter*

Cooking up a storm!!

LeRose Coulter fried up hamburgers on a grill at the East-West Picnic at Lake Easton while husband Ernie and Doris Wigglesworth waited and watched.

**Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77**

Here we are in Waterville after a busy October. It seems like things are slow, then *wham!*, the wheels really turn.

At our first meeting in October, of course, our nominations of officers for 2006 opened. We have nominees for all offices. We will give you the election final in the next letter.

Our Charter was draped honoring our longtime Sister Anne Obergh, who passed away during the summer break.

The District Deputy Commission was read and PP Fay Bowers-Holland was introduced and received the honors. She then made her Assembly report.

Final plans were made for our 110th Anniversary of the Institution of the Lodge. Speaking of this, we celebrated on October 17 with a visit from our Assembly President Linda Dodge and husband Walt. Visitors from several lodges were in attendance and the Consolidation with Reliance #232 of Entiat was conducted. Waterville now has six new names on its membership roster. Welcome to each of you.

Sister Kay Smith gave a recap of the last 10 years of the lodge, to be attached to the 50th and 100th year histories previously printed.

Our by-laws change has been

okayed by the Assembly Vice President Dee Hanson. So from now on, we will be meeting at 2 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month, with refreshments preceding.

We hope the Halloween pranksters didn't affect you and you only had good goblins.

Of course, now that it is November, it means election of 2006 lodge officers. Also, be sure to vote in your local elections, then you can voice your opinions when necessary.

Last, but not least, comes Thanksgiving, a time to be thankful and give thanks for all our blessings of the past year. What a horrible year many areas have had. We do have much to be thankful for here in Washington.

I believe all of us who have had illnesses or surgeries during vacation are now on the mend. This has been a trying few months for several members, but all is looking better.

I will be talking to all of you through this column again next month.

Happy Thanksgiving to all as you give thanks with your families and friends.

*Much Fraternal Love,
Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter*

In Spokane**Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 & Wilford Odd Fellow Lodge #269**

Our Lodges have lost three longtime members this spring and summer. Our two Brothers were Don Schmidt from Ione and Joe Gardner. They were both cheerful and charming men. We miss them greatly.

Our Sister Eleanor Cook battled MS for more than 20 years and was diagnosed with cancer in 2001. Her husband, Bother John, was her faithful caretaker. His eulogy love letter to Eleanor was read by Laura Fiddler of Hillyard #145 during the memorial portion of President Selma Lindor's District #2 meeting in October.

Sister Selma's meeting was so well planned that everything from business and instruction to entertainment and fun went smoothly. The entertainment was provided by our own Al Komarek trio. Ramona and Wilford had a preview of his talent with his banjo at the summer picnic barbeque held at his and Polly's home. Al and Polly put in many volunteer hours with their group, "The Hillyard Bells," in parades and entertaining at retirement homes.

District #2's President Selma's project was "Toys for Tots." It was an overwhelming success, raising more than \$300 for the Marine-sponsored campaign. Selma will be in her element shopping for sale toys.

The District Sisters and Brothers even voted the leftover funds from her year be put in the "Toys for Tots" fund.

Special note: Selma's family from husband, son, son's friend, and son-in-law to grand daughters did all the serving and cleaning up. How's that for support!!

Sister Josette Putman of Hope #38 will be District #2's new President for the 2005-2006 term.

This is old news, but we were delighted to see Sister Shirley Gardner at Al and Polly's picnic.

Sister Fran Schmidt is also back to lodge and is coming less dependent on oxygen.

Sister Lillian Davis has not been able to attend many meetings as Brother John can not be left alone. Hospice provides a caretaker when she goes to dialysis.

Our new meeting place is at the Spokane Temple. Thanks to Al, Polly, Elmer and Selma for moving our accumulated "stuff" from the Valley.

Wilford's first official visitor at the "new" hall will be Grand Master Carson Inman.

Here's wishing you a wonderful day!

*In F, L. & T,
Donna Flatt, Reporter*

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

The "Famjestic Raffle Project" was a financial success and we are happy to report the winners of the drawing which was held at our meeting on September 20. Our Sister Dorothy Bland was the recipient of the \$50 cash prize and Sister Sue Scott received the \$100 cash prize. Congratulations to both of you!

Several of our members have recently suffered from illness or falls. We wish Jo Cox, Jeannette Oswald, Mary Loue Schreiber, Alice Davidson, Virginia Braden, Dorothy Clark and Julie Borgers continued recovery.

Karen Schultz, District Deputy President of District #8, made her official visit to our lodge on October 4.

During the month of October, our Silver Drill Proceeds were matched by Narcissa's Charity Fund and designated to be given to the Hurricane Katrina Disaster through the Sovereign Grand Lodge Hunger and Disaster Fund

We received a thank you note from the IOOF Home on behalf of our adopted Sister Alice Beckel for the gift that she recently received from our Lodge. Sue Scott also sent a thank you for her prize money.

Narcissa Lodge members participated in District Meeting on October 15 by honoring Past Presidents.

Alice Davidson and Mamie Bolin were the most recent winners of the Silver Drill prizes.

We thank the hostesses who so willingly provide such delicious refreshments following each meeting. Pauline Patterson, Rose Ringhoffer, Rosemary Hicks and Jeanine Griffin served us this past month.

Members of LD-2 have invited us to attend their meeting on Tuesday evening, November 29 at the Miriam Street Apartments where our Sister Margaret Caicedo, representing "All About Women," will give an interesting presentation.

We hope to see you at the All-Lodge Homecoming Dinner at the Elk's Club on Friday, November 11. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

District #18 report

Sisters meet in Centralia

Using a fall theme, Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 of Centralia hosted the District #18 meeting October 1. Following the opening of the Lodge, Sister Helen O'Neal of Ocean Beach gave the unwritten work. Ivy then turned the meeting over to the District. Secretary Mary Ann Dunivan called the roll of officers and Ocean Beach Sisters, Olney Patch, Linda Zuern, Mary Lund and Opal Eaton, seated them in a commendable manner. Ivy gave the welcoming address with Bucoda giving the response.

Sister Alberta Luurs, of Trinity #179 was introduced as the Inside Guardian for the Rebekah Assembly.

Roll call found eight Representatives present. Members reported sick or in distress were Vice President Kay Pratt's sister who was in a coma at a Seattle hospital. Kay and her mother Betty Allen were unable to be present as they were at her bedside. It was reported, Elsie Newton, a Past President and very active member in the District, had passed away in August. Her service will be greatly missed in the Order.

Under unfinished business, it was reported the bank account has now been moved to Key Bank to accommodate more officers. The by-laws were read and some changes made with the main one to pay the hostess lodge \$75 for expenses. President Frances O'Neil will have the by-laws printed and ready to pass out for the April meeting.

New business was election of officers for 2006. Voted by acclamation were Kay Pratt, President; Mary Ann Dunivan, Vice President; LouAnn Hoffman, Secretary; and Dorothy Music, Treasurer.

Maple Leaf #326 exemplified the duties of the trustees. Harmony #335 honored the Past Presidents of the District and Trinity expressed gratitude with gifts for the Treasurers.

Fraternity #78, represented by Vivian Currie as a very realistic Sacajawea, and Ocean Beach Sisters Linda Zuern and Olney Patch as Lewis and Clark with Indians Helen O'Neal and Mary Lund, gave a tribute to Lewis and Clark. Sister Sue Johnson had researched the history of their trip westward and Sister Donna Merrill gave the reading.

The Condolence Committee, under leadership of Dottice Heiner with Delhia McNelly and Cathy Kary as committee members, gave an inspirational tribute to our ten departed members. A solo was given by Musician Vivian Currie.

Monterose #46 invited the District to meet with them for the spring meeting on April 1 and Pine Burr, on behalf of the District, accepted the invitation.

Under good of the order, \$100 was voted to the Rose Parade float; \$50 to the President's project and \$50 in memory of Elsie Newton and our departed members to the Visual Aid fund.

Receiving the membership award was Monterose with four new members and the attendance award went to Maple Leaf #326.

President Frances thanked everyone present and expressed her appreciation to all for her presidency.

The officers for 2006 were seated by Ocean Beach and President Frances O'Neil turned the meeting back to Ivy #21 for closing.

Ivy served a delicious luncheon at the Moose Hall and each member received a miniature ceramic oaken bucket made by Mary Robinson. Thanks, Mary.

In F.L. & T.,

Frances O'Neil, Reporter Pro-Tem

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 members met on October 13 with 13 members filling the chairs. Our Fall Bazaar was discussed. The quilt is almost finished and tickets are on sale at two for \$1. The bazaar will be on November 18-19 with the doors opening at 9 a.m.

We had a letter from the Washington State Troopers requesting a donation. We decided to keep our donations local rather than letting them go north. We would donate \$50 to our own local police department. We are asking that they use it for our own local children for Halloween.

We passed a motion to help the Lewis County Animal Shelter. We are donating a 50 pound bag of dog food. There's a lady in Winlock nicknamed the "Fairy Dog Mother." She takes in dogs that have been abandoned. We will donate a 50 pound bag of dog food to her for her 18 dogs.

We had our first nominations of officers. Nominated so far are: NG Rosalie Fojt, VG Debby Lee, Sec. Pat

Harader, Fin. Sec. Sandy Beane, Treas. Candy Koons and Trustee Marilyn Williams.

Under good of the order, we had our white elephant drawing and "Secret Pal" gifts were handed out. Refreshments were served in the kitchen following the meeting.

Our next meeting will be filled with lots of surprises. In November, we will be doing a basket for a needy family and start filling shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child." Also, our Chaplain Evelyn and her husband Edward will pick a boy's and a girl's name off one of the local Christmas Giving Trees. Then they will pick up the items on the list.

The District #18 Meeting on October 1 was done beautifully. Frances O'Neil did a wonderful job.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season and can help someone who may need your help.

In F.L. & T.,

Alberta Luurs, NG & Reporter

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

October began with a presentation before the first meeting by Bob Wilson, supervisor at the Border Patrol station in Metaline. He described Border Patrol activities which have increased in the area because of the threat of terrorism. There are 15 employees at this new station. We are happy about this for many reasons, including the fact that it brought us Patricia, our Lodge secretary

Distressed members this month included Kim McNaughton, who flew out to be with her father after her step-mother died; and Irene McCoy, who was flown by Lifebird out to Sacred Heart Hospital when her heart reacted to the massive stress she has been under lately. Irene is home and doing better. It was good to hear that Nellie Giles's suspected hernia is something more simple and she will be able to postpone surgery if she so wishes.

More good news: Loita Musgrove may be able to attend Lodge meetings again and will bring a friend who was once a Rebekah and Theta Rho member and wants to re-join. Loita and her friend are doing paralegal work together and reaching out from Spokane to rural areas like ours. They hope to use part of our Lodge Hall for their work.

Also, our newest members John and Betty Stevenson have stirred up interest in our Lodge by talking about it at the Pend Oreille Mine where they work and they may have found some new applicants for membership. Betty was recruited to prepare the Oktoberfest dinner for our local Lions Club and brought the Lodge in to help. She loves to cook and bake and,

being from Germany, found Oktoberfest to be an ideal project. Betty organized the food and Marvel Smith organized the rest of us. Marvel also organized getting pumpkins to all the third graders at Ione Primary School for their pumpkin project this year. She was assisted by Patricia Woelfel. Craig Higashi of Spokane Produce very generously donates the pumpkins.

The Temple Association is working on having siding, a proper door, and a wheelchair ramp added to the front (Main Street) side of our Lodge Hall. Nancy Davis is preparing a request for help on this project from the Lions. Nancy is very relieved that we have finished taking reservations for the Lions' Excursion Train Rides. As a result of some fantastic publicity in the *Spokesman-Review*, some of the weekends this year were among the most fully booked ever.

We are preparing for Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 20. Cheryl Eckhart will be in charge again this year. Lila Middleton reports that Donna Jean Davis has moved to Kennewick to be near her son Michael who was transferred to the Tri-Cities by Avista. Lila has been busy lately, bringing our plaques up to date and hanging other items, like the framed needlework piece Bernice Emrick gave us when she left. The following words, surrounded by colorful flowers and blessed by a bright butterfly, are stitched there on a pale background:

*Time passes and we may part
But Sisters stay close at heart.*

*In F., L. & T.,
Anne Williams,
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.

Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Happy Thanksgiving! What do you have to be thankful for? Think about it. You will have so many things to thank God for that your list will go on and on.

Friendship, Love and Truth is the Odd Fellow and Rebekah motto. Be thankful for each one in your lodge! Make each one feel welcome and include them in projects, programs or other activities.

Our members will celebrate Thanksgiving together at our second meeting on November 22. It will be a planned potluck. We will enjoy the

friendship of each other's company and really good food.

We have added a handmade 19-inch Teddy bear to our raffle. It was made by Joyce Miller.

Our Rebekahs will have a table at Navy Mothers' Bazaar on November 19 and we will sell tickets for the quilt and the bear. We will have other handmade items made by our members to put on the table, as well.

Until next time, may God Bless you all!

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

Pasco Theta Rho #14

There's been plenty of activity

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!

Now that we are back in school and going to Theta Rho meetings, we have been very busy! We have been going to our local Humane Society to walk the dogs and help out as much as we can. At our last meeting we made Halloween place mats for the retirement center. It was lots of fun.

We also helped out at the Grand Matriarch's reception. We escorted everyone in. Jessica and Destiny presented the flag and Bible and we did a little skit for entertainment.

We attended Jeremy Edwards' reception and Sherry Pond's reception, too. Both were very nice.

Our installation went well. The Grand Matriarch and the Rebekah Sisters were the installing staff. Cake and refreshments were served downstairs afterwards. Brooklynn Davies is President, Kristin Betz is Vice President and Jessica Peters is Secretary.

In Happiness Through Service, Brooklynn Davies, President, Pasco #14

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

Hope Rebekah Lodge had a very eventful month. In October we had the honor of helping with the reception of our member Sherry Pond who is the Lady President of the Department Association LAPM of Washington. We had a giggling, tasting and fun time making the "Happy Face" mints for the reception.

We had a very nice luncheon and meeting when we presented Carol Hare with her 50 year Jewel. We had several guests and many told little stories about Carol and her many years in the Order and some funny stories that had nothing to do with the Order. She is not to be held responsible for anything she may have done when she was a teenager.

We went over to Post Falls, ID and visited with members of Carnation

Rebekah Lodge. The President of Idaho Rebekah Assembly made her visit. They had a nice luncheon and meeting. It is always fun to go and see how another Rebekah Lodge works.

We have been very busy making handcrafted items for our November 18-19 Bazaar. It should be a very enjoyable experience and we hope many of our Sisters will come by to help us out. We always meet lots of nice people from the community.

I couldn't find a thought for the day, but here's one that might work: "Never put your thoughts away so well that you forgot where you put them and can't find them. Try to have a better one next time."

We hope you will come visit us.

*In F., L. & T.,
Sherry Pond, Reporter*

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Things are going well here in Pe Ell. Cora Walker's son is doing much better. She still changes his dressing twice a day and the incision is healing slowly. Cora also is feeling better after a very bad allergy attack.

Leona Treznoski went to the District Meeting. She also made the regalia for the meeting.

Sisters Marian Moon and Beulah Crocker went to the Portland Zoo for the first time. They had a fun time!

THOUGHTS

"All I am or every hope to be, I owe to my sainted mother."

— Abraham Lincoln

We always enjoy the brown eggs

that Ruby Smarz brings as hostess gifts.

Sister Luellyn Ainsworth had bladder tumors removed during the first part of July and again in the first part of October. They can't be in permanent remission if they keep growing.

A cousin from Oregon came for a visit. They brought lunch and we talked "family" all day before they went home. It was a wonderful visit.

Sisters, let's do something for the Katrina survivors.

With love to all, also good health.

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

Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

Happy Thanksgiving. By the time you read this, Halloween will be over along with Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting.

Beacon has been very busy with our District #2 Meeting on October 1. Sandi Moon was elected Vice President and Blanche Berry was re-elected District Treasurer.

We are planning our annual Harvest dinner and will be entertaining some of the other lodges. We will

be planning our fall bazaar and getting things put together for that.

At our District Meeting, Beacon gave the Chaplain's charge with the members doing the tableaux of the women of the Bible.

We have not had much going on, so hopefully next month we will have done lots more things.

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Ocean Beach #313 members greet you from the great Pacific Ocean.

November is here and with that we have election of officers. Please say yes when you are asked by your new Noble Grand to participate in her year, 2006.

Nine of our Sisters attended the District #18 Meeting in Centralia. It was an enjoyable day and our lodge did the seating of officers.

Nomination of officers was held and the following slate will be elected: Noble Grand, Sue Johnson; Vice Grand, Vivian Currie; Secretary, Betty Pierce; Financial Secretary, Sandy Thissell; Treasurer, Linda Zuern; and Three-year Trustee, Frances O'Neil.

Sisters Polly Reed and Beverly Gilpin decorated the hall in a fall theme and served a delicious pumpkin dessert at our first meeting in October. On October 18, we enjoyed the company of Sisters from many other lodges for Friendship Night. After dinner Program Committee members Linda Zuern, Vivian Currie and Marla

Johnson had a horse racing game which kept everyone busy until lodge took up. During the meeting a cookie walk and costume parade was held. Good job, Sisters. It was a fun night.

Helen O'Neal hosted Friendship Club on October 12 and served spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert to an appreciative group of ladies. After the meeting conducted by our new President Cathy Kary, we helped with plans for Friendship Night.

Bunco continues to be a great money-maker for our lodge. We have many Sisters who attend regularly, plus many friends. During the last couple of months we have had 26-plus members attending. Each pays \$5 and after we payout to the hostess and for prizes, we realize more than \$60 for our lodge. It sure helps with the rent.

May you have a happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

*In Rebekah Love,
Frances O'Neil,
Reporter Pro-Tem*

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Frost is on the pumpkins and fall is here to stay! We hope everyone had a happy Halloween!

Louise King, daughter of Sister Viva Musgrove, has been admitted to our ranks and will be initiated November 1. Welcome, Louise!

At our October 4 meeting, Sister Mary Gosney presented Sister Neva Riddle with her 50-year Veteran's Jewel. Sister Neva joined the Rebekahs on November 16, 1954 in Colorado. Congratulations, Neva.

First nominations of officers brought out the following: NG, Sharon (Lucky) McGaughy; VG, Mavis House and Glenda Bowdish; Sec., Mary Gosney; Treas., Glenda Bowdish and Mavis House; and Trustee, Belinda Sweetin. We proceeded with the second nominations on October 18. Elections are on November 1.

Brother Art and Sister Elnora Winterstein had an auction at their farm site September 29 through October 1. They have sold their farm and eventually plan to move to Selah to be near their daughter.

One of our over 50-year members (56, in fact), Sister Myrel Mesecher isn't able to live alone and has moved

to a foster care home in Lyle. I'm sure she would love to get a card or letter from any of us. Her address is P.O. Box 952, Lyle, WA 98635.

Brother Ernie House reported that our fall highway cleanup has been completed. He thanked everyone who participated.

Ten members were planning to attend the District Meeting in Yakima on October 9. Brother Ernie and Sister Mavis House were planning to attend the Idaho Sessions October 17-20. They also will be at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in early November.

November 1 meeting refreshments will be handled by Sister Erleen (Maggie) Teeter and Sister Glenda Bowdish will be in charge of the program. On November 15, Brother Ernie House has the program and Sister Mavis House has the refreshments.

November 29 is the date for our annual holiday dinner at the Temple. Everyone is welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and good wishes to all.

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

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

Hello to all our Sisters who are unable to attend lodge. We wish you well and miss you.

Our Friendship Picnic at Roy Park was a great success. More than 30 lodge Sisters attended. We played Bingo and lots of prizes were awarded.

Our next project is collecting and donating food for the food bank for Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to our Sister Lena Swetz. She was appointed District Deputy for District #5.

On October 17, we enjoyed lunch at the Lady Luck Restaurant before lodge at 1:30 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving. May God bless you all.

*In F., L. & T.,
Dorothy Music,
Reporter and Inside Guardian*