



Help Hilda Sprague celebrate 100 years!

Everyone is invited to celebrate Hilda Sprague's 100th birthday on Saturday, February 25. The centennial celebration will begin at noon at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island.

Spaghetti, green salad, French bread, etc. will be served. Attendees are asked to bring a salad. Everything else will be provided. The family asks that you bring no gifts or cards — just your smiling faces.

Arthritis Committee report

We need your Arthritis donations, they will stay in Washington state

Now that all of the newly-elected and appointed officers have been installed, I wish to offer my congratulations to all. Now is the time to start thinking about committee appointments.

The pain of arthritis is one thing most of us can relate to now that we all have been through the cold and wet. And as we get older, we feel "Arthur" visiting us more often.

With the help and support of all our lodges, you can help support the research that will find a cure that will tell "Buddy Arthur" to take his pain and begone for ever. All funds raised here stay in Washington state. Please consider the Arthritis Fund as one of your civic duties.

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



Acorn's 'senior member'

Grand Master Carson Inman takes his turn at the pinata at Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club's Christmas party in Oak Harbor. The Grand Master later became the new "senior member" of Acorn, along with his wife, Judy Inman, and Mary Stewart.

PNG's Association

Valentines and Presidents on PNG's agenda for February!

With the hurry and scurrying of the holidays and installations behind us, its time to start thinking of things to come. We the faithful F.L.&T'ers, invite you to join us for lunch and a social meeting once a month. The theme for February is to share a favorite valentine memory. This could be more interesting than staying home listening to the soaps as we have no commercials and you may even know the contenders, or better yet, get acquainted with them.

Presidents' Day is also celebrated this month and if you are unable to recall a favorite Valentine memory of your own, try one of theirs or bring an oldie Valentine article to read. Mark your February calendar for Thursday, the 16th at the Collins Grange Hall for noon lunch and the sharing of lovely memories.

— Flo Roehl, Reporter

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93 plans installation for February 5

Some of our members have attended the installation of officers of our two sponsoring Rebekah Lodges and presented the flags and helped with serving refreshments.

Installation for our club will be on Sunday, February 5 at 1 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall in Tacoma on South Puget Sound. Everyone is invited to attend. We would like to see you there. Jennifer Vargo will be installed as President.

We have some applications on file and hope to get those girls initiated before our installation.

In Happiness Through Service, Kendra Frogge', Advisor



Oak Leaf Lodge is a zoo!

Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 presented 102 stuffed animals to the EMT's from the Whidbey Ambulance Service recently. With the EMT's are NG Alyce Lane and Nita Sherwood who spearheaded the project.

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEW OFFICERS

I congratulate the new officers who have assumed their duties following installation of officers and I commend the officers who are returning to the same position for your loyalty and dedication to the work of our Order.

A reminder to all Lodges that the combination of Secretary and Financial Secretary as one office is authorized. The combination of Financial Secretary with the office of Treasurer is not approved. It is very important that a Lodge have two financial officers and that you balance your accounts at the close of each regular meeting.

SUPPLIES AND PUBLICATIONS

As reminder to those who maintain their own copy of the Washington Digest, the 2005 recent changes are still available for \$11.50, plus postage. Another item that may be of interest is the Charge Book or sometimes called the Pocket Ritual. They are available for \$10 each, plus shipping. Some Lodges have purchased these to use at meetings to supplement the four large Lodge Rituals or to issue to members upon obtaining the Third Degree.

GENERAL INTEREST

Thank you to those Lodges that have already sent in their Annual Reports. A reminder to those still holding theirs, reports must be filed by February 15 or a \$5 per day penalty will accrue thereafter.

All Odd Fellow Lodges should have recently received a Representative's Certificate. It is important that you return them in a timely manner to allow for the selection of Grand Lodge committee members for the 2006 Session.

To all Lodges and members wishing to make donations through the Grand Lodge office to the "Every Member Campaign" in support of the SOS Children's Villages, the donations need to be in this office by March 1 for forwarding to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan Jr., PGM, Grand Secretary

Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings!

Some of our Sisters and family members have had serious illnesses. Vivione Donley has been and still is very ill. Ellen Want had a mastectomy. Ellen's daughter-in-law, Evelyn, had open heart three-way bypass surgery. A pacemaker was put in, but it didn't work, so she had to have another. She went home the weekend of December 31. Cora Davis is on crutches because of back or hip trouble. We pray all of our Sisters will be up and going very soon.

Our installation of officers, along with Schuyler's, was held in Dayton on January 15. A potluck dinner was served and enjoyed by everyone. Officers installed were: NG Neita

Stearns, VG Nancy Free, Sec. Cora Davis, Treas. Betty Mason, RSNG Mary Lou Bostrup, LSNG Sarah Kane, RSVG Gail Frankie, LSVG Elsie Patterson, Chap. Kathy Coon, Ward. Frances Randolph, Cond. Neva Cook, IG Terry Rhodes, and OG Molly Williams.

Friendship must be accompanied with virtue and always lodged in great and generous minds.

— Trap

Truth and love are two of the most powerful things in the world; and when they both go together, they cannot easily be withstood.

— Cudworth

In F., L. & T.,

Mary Lou Bostrup, Reporter

From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

Wow! It Is FEBRUARY ALREADY

Hi Brothers and Sisters,

We just finished the holidays and we're into February already. Time flies when we're having fun and this has been a fun ride. There's been a pothole here and there, but what road doesn't have them. If it was any other way, this would be a very boring world and none of us would be doing what we do. Living the good life of believing in Friendship, Love and Truth opens lots of new passages.

Like I said, February is here and all lodges should have their installations completed, and now the Theta Rho Clubs will be installing. Good wishes to all our girls who are taking that trek up the ladder to maturity and responsibility. You will do well.

This year is flying by. We only have four and a half months until Grand Sessions, so this month if you are an even numbered Lodge, you will be electing a new Representatives or possibly keeping the same ones. Whichever way, I hope to see them in Kelso along with the odd year representatives who will be serving their second year. I hope to see all Lodges represented. Your vote is the mode to change, and changes are the clandestine steps to approach what needs to be done in order to welcome tomorrow.

Great strides are being made in the development of our community project and the involvement plan. We have taken those small steps in building the ground floor. Now we start adding the columns in our endeavor to elevate our participation in forming that good spirit of helping.

The United Pilgrimage for Youth, along with the Visual Aid program, is our way of helping our children. The Arthritis, Cancer, and Hunger and Relief programs help all ages. Our SOS Village in Battambang, Cambodia is a village for orphans, fulfilling another tenet of our Order. Donations from community projects help these programs, so lets get active and do something to help. Good luck, in whatever you do.

As of this writing we have had 23 straight days of measurable rainfall, with lots of snow in the mountains and lots of mud slides. In mapping out my next three months of visitations, weather permitting, these will culminate with me having visited all Lodges by April 27.

As members, we all need to take a good look around, start talking and asking prospective members to join our fraternal organization. Good ideas and plans, followed up by good results, start getting people's attention. I hope all lodges in this great jurisdiction take to heart being gleeful in helping new members learn about the great traditions and honors of our Order.

MY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

- Thursday, February 2 - Enterprise # 2 — Walla Walla
 - Monday, February 6 - Valley #60 — Auburn
 - Tuesday, February 7 - Excelsior # 111 — Bickleton
 - Wednesday, February 8 — Acorn Theta Rho #79 Installation, Oak Harbor
 - Thursday, February 16 - Monroe # 156— Monroe
 - Tuesday, February 21 - Goodwill # 188 — White Salmon
 - Wednesday, February 22 - South Tacoma # 211 — Tacoma
 - Thursday, February 23 - Buckley # 75 — Buckley
 - Tuesday, February 28 - Yakima # 22 — Yakima
 - Wednesday, March 1 - Golden Rule # 207 — Napavine
 - Thursday, March 2 - Titusville # 34 — Kent
- Have fun and enjoy, my friends!

In F., L. & T.,

Carson Inman, Grand Master

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

We wish you all a belated happy New Year.

To our PNG and NG Dorothy Ray, congratulations to you on performing in this office once again. We look forward to a happy and prosperous year.

Now we have Presidents' Day upon us as we enter the Valentine season.

Let's hope our service men and women are all home with us at this time.

Nisqually still meets at 7 p.m.

Thanks to hostesses Dorothy and Charlene who are both PNG's.

In F., ♥ & T.,

Norma Roberts, PNG and Reporter

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From your 2005-2006 Assembly President



LINDA DODGE

NEW YEAR, NEW OFFICERS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

To the newly-installed officers, I offer my congratulations and best wishes.

With a new term, there are often changes in how we do things. Think of multiple persons trying to describe an elephant while wearing blindfolds.

As a game it is comical, but it also reminds us there are a variety of ways to do the same things. Offer support to one another as we express Friendship, Love and Truth in our Order. Stop and consider that each of these can be accomplished in many different ways. Accept changes and try new projects and challenges. Doing things in other ways can build up interest in our activities. Some projects also can cause us to become better known in our communities. Consider that if changes don't work well, we can still try it again and we all can take a turn as the leader.



You will notice that there is an increase in your Sovereign Grand Lodge dues this year. This is the result of legislation that was enacted at the Sessions held last August. There also will be equal increases for the next four years. As your Representative to the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, I assure you that I voted as directed by the Assembly and I was among the majority vote by the IARA Representatives. I will share more on this subject at a later time.

Also, there will be changes coming to the Ritual. There will be changes in both the initiation and consolidation ceremonies. The process continues to make it gender neutral. Remember, males can become Rebekahs at age 16 without becoming Odd Fellows first. They will wear the Rebekah regalia. Men and women work side by side. We have done it for some time in other environments. Reach out with love and compassion.

In Rebekah Love,

Linda Dodge, President Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Deputy Marshal Nancy Davis led the Pine Forest Rebekahs through the Installation of Officers for 2006, with DDP Barbara Garza presiding. This year's officers are: NG Cheryl Eckhart, VG Patricia Woelfel, Sec. Betty Stevenson, Treasurer Nancy Davis, Fin. Sec. Wanda Koontz, RSNG Esther Breeden, LSNG Fleta Baker, Color Bearer Kim McNaughton, Ward. Irene McCoy, Cond. Marsha Hirsch, Chap. Pat Mendenhall, RS Chap. Ruthe Spears, LS Chap. Patty Cool, RSVG Lila Middleton, LSVG Marge Young, IG Milly Schock, OG John Stevenson, Mus. Marvel Smith, PNG Anne Williams, RSPNG Gerry Rumerfield, and LSPNG Barbara Garza.

Only one perfect attendance gift was awarded this year. Wanda Koontz was the person honored.

Installation was followed by a delightful repast prepared by the Past Grands' Club. The gaiety was somewhat dulled by the fact that we had to drape the Charter for Nellie Giles on Installation night.

All 2005 officers had received a small dish garden of "Jack Snipe" miniature daffodils from outgoing NG Anne Williams after the previous meeting.

The Temple is looking spruced up since NG Cheryl Eckhart's husband Skip steam-cleaned the carpet upstairs. Who would have thought

that old carpet had so much life left in it? Thanks, Skip. We're also enjoying the new sound system that Marvel Smith scouted out for us. It has four cordless microphones and is it loud!

The Temple Association is putting together a long range plan for renovation and remodeling of the Lodge Hall. We're all busy looking around to find things to add to their list.

More good reports came from our work on Bob and Cassandra Wilson's wedding. We even had a request for the recipe for Pat Mendenhall's Nappa Cabbage Salad.

Discussions about restarting Saturday Night Bingo at the Lodge Hall continue, and Cheryl is working through correspondence with the State Gambling Commission to see what is involved. This would be smoke-free Bingo. Numerous people from the community have asked that we start offering Bingo again, because there is not much to do in Ione on Saturday nights. Cheryl has started a survey to find out how many people are interested and how often they think they would come.

A basic source of faith,

A reason for believing:

That someone waits there

to be thanked

For gifts that we're receiving.

In F., L. & T.,

Anne Williams,

Reporter

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

TIME TO REMEMBER YOUR SPECIAL FRIENDS

Dear Sister and Brother Rebekahs,

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. This day is a good time to surprise some special friend or member of your lodge with a small remembrance, phone call or something to let them know how much you appreciate having them for a friend.

There will be a Canadian War Memorial Weekend on June 2-4, 2006. On June 4, there will be a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Canadian War Memorial on Parliament Hill in downtown Ottawa, Ontario. The host committee requests participation by all members of all Branches of our Order. If you are interested in attending this event, call me and I will send you the particulars.

If you are interested in running for the position of Assembly Secretary in June, please contact me for details as to what the job entails. This requires a lot of time in order to be of service to the members.

Thank you all for being so prompt in sending in your year-end reports. Your promptness is really appreciated. A note for next year — if you are mailing your report to this office in a regular envelope, please wrap a piece of plain paper around the report. Some reports came in with the envelope glued to the report, which resulted in the report being torn. These reports stay in the file for years and it is important that they be in good condition. The other day I was asked to trace a Sister's membership. I went back to 1974 when she joined a now defunct Theta Rho Club, traced it to where she initiated into a Rebekah Lodge, traced that to where she transferred to another Rebekah Lodge and checked every report up to date. So you can see these reports are really important and it is very important that you put in dates when someone passed away, transferred, married, etc. You are really writing history for future generations.

A note: Please check that you have my correct toll free number — it is 1-866-725-3508. I have checked with the phone company and this is the right number. Also, only six lodges have sent in the names of their elected officers. Please send them in with your next mailing.

As a courtesy, if you have any questions about anything sent from this office or you wish to order anything, please call me direct — don't let me hear about it from someone else. I am the only one who can answer your questions regarding anything that originates here and it is misinterpreted if it goes through a third party. This would be greatly appreciated.

Teddy Roosevelt said this, which I think is very appropriate in dealing with other people: "It is not the critic who counts. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena — who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly."

Remember, don't forget to count your blessings. You have more than you know.

With Rebekah Love,

Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters. I hope everyone had a good holiday season and that things will go well this coming year.

Our sympathies go out to our Brother Bob Crosier whose mother Sister Beatrice Crosier passed away. She was a Rebekah from Sunnyside.

Sister Anna Sullivan read a letter from Sister Arlene Maxson who is our Sister living in the Home.

We had our installation of officers

at our first meeting in January. Our elected officers are: NG Diane Bullock Gauron, VG Irene Trosky, Sec. Lorene Swedberg, Treas. Willie Rentz and Trustee Dave Christian. We had a potluck dinner before the installation of officers.

We wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day. Until next time, take care and may God bless.

In F., L. & T.,

Grace Wilson, PNG and Reporter

From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

THINK ABOUT YOUR SWEETHEART

Hello everyone! I hope you all had the happiest of holidays. I know I did! It's about that time to think about your sweetheart for St. Valentine's Day. I wish you all the happiest.

Members of the Theta Rho Girls' Clubs, I will be writing you all shortly to tell you what I would like you to do for Assembly, as well as asking you when you would like me to make visitations.



During the holidays, I had a lot of stuff to do with my choirs. Now that we are done with holiday music we are getting ready to compete in district. I also will be competing in a solo competition.

Another sort of cool, but scary thing that I will be doing, is getting my wisdom teeth pulled. I can't wait, but at the same time I'm afraid of the pain it may cause. With that said, wish me luck. I can't wait to talk to you all again!

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

From your 2005-2006 Department Commander



BRIG. GEN. CLAUD SCHEER

This year at the Regimental meetings at Grand Lodge Sessions, I want all those present to join in a sword drill competition. All Cantons should open up the Drill Regulations manual that was published in



1944. I have been watching the Chevaliers and one of the things that most do incorrectly is when they are at "carry swords," they still hold the sword as if it were a rifle. To begin with, the sword at "carry swords" is held with the index finger and the thumb, the remaining fingers behind the grip and the thumb against the thigh. If you do not have a copy of the manual, please let me know and I will see that you get the pages that explain how to preform the maneuvers. I have a prize for the first place winner of each regiment.

Let's all take pride in our Cantons and work to improve our skills so others will want to join us. There used to be a commercial that went, "To look sharp you have to be sharp." It is time to do just that!

*Fraternally,
Brigadier General Claus D. Scheer,
Pacific Northwest Department Commander*

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 are enjoying going back to their formal meetings twice a month.

At Christmas time we donated stuffed animals to the local fire department for needy families in our community. In lieu of other donations, we helped a local single mother pay her utility bills.

We were pleasantly surprised with a visit from our Deputy Grand Master, Ronald Hanson, at our January 12 meeting.

We have conferred the 1st Degree on two of our mem-

bers and plan to do the 2nd and 3rd Degrees in the near future for these Brothers.

Our installation was held jointly with Eola Rebekah Lodge #63. Officers installed were: NG Jim Devlet, VG Tony Ostlund, Sec. Elizabeth Morgan and Treas. Bill Ostlund. There were lots of good eats and fellowship enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

*In F, L. & T.,
Loletta McCormick,
PG and Reporter*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

Our Installation of Officers is set for Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. in the IOOF Hall in Oak Harbor. We would love to have some company. We know this is hard for people who have to come any distance and work around sports, jobs, competitions, etc. but if you can make it, we would be happy to see you. PNG Robin Bond will be the Installing Officer and will install her daughter Bethany as President. She will be assisted by other PNGs from our sponsoring Lodge, Oak Leaf Rebekahs.



Acorn Theta Rho members made Christmas cards for the local nursing home.

Later in the month we will be making Valentines and delivering them to the local nursing home. The residents always appreciate the cards we make for them for the various holidays.

We have lots of plans of things to do between now and June. We know with the leadership of our new officers, we will be able to accomplish them all. We will share them with you each month.

In January we attended the installation of our sponsoring lodge and served the dinner for the installation at Camano Island. We will also be serving for Hilda Sprague's 100th birthday on February 25 at Camano.

Until next time. . . enjoy time with your fellow members and come visit us whenever you are up this way.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

From the Department Association President

WE WILL WEATHER THE STORM

Dear Ladies,

It seems that we are either frozen here or wearing water wings. Better water than snow and ice. Who knows what next week will bring, or in fact what tomorrow will bring. Weather is so unpredictable. But we must all move on day after day and keep smiling and weather the storms. (Smile!)

I am beginning to put together the program for June's Department Association meeting in Kelso. I already have requested that Goldendale exemplify balloting on a new member. Since we are not growing too fast, I thought this would be something we need to see so we don't forget how it is done.



Walla Walla is going to do the Past President's part of the mustering ceremony. Since they have initiated one new member, they are practiced up on how this is done. I might add they did a beautiful job.

I have asked Spokane to honor all visiting guests as they are introduced. I will be sending out letters to the other LAPM's very soon to ask them to do something.

I was very proud to have been asked to install the officers of Spokane #2. I want to thank them for this honor. At this time, I would like to congratulate all the new officers of all the Auxiliaries. I know that you will all do the best job you can to have a successful year.

Remember officers and members, treat each other with kindness, love and respect. If you do this, things will run smoothly and you will have harmony between all of the members.

Things about me you might not know. . . I don't like to do laundry and dusting is a waste of time, so I have quite a collection of varying sizes of dust bunnies. Most people collect pretty things. Not me, I collect dust. I guess dust can be pretty. You can make art designs in it and you don't even need a brush, a finger will do. I have beautiful blue eyes and this week my hair is a dark golden blonde. (Winter does that to my hair. *Smile!*)

Remember, I love you and God loves you and that's the way it should be. Keep smiling.

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

From the Grand Matriarch



SHARLEEN DAVIES

WORKING TOGETHER AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hi Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

I wish for you all a happy New Year and a new beginning. We will make a difference this year if we all work together.



February brings that special time of "love" for our friends, families and our Order. Let's think of what we can do for our Matriarchs and Patriarchs who are unable to attend out meetings. Visit them, send Valentines or call them on the phone. Take on a special project for the community.

I know I talk a lot about our SOS project, but I just feel within my heart it is so important that we help children. We are giving these children a chance and a future. What can we do to help SOS?

- Donate your silver drill for a month.
- Hold card parties or purchase a gift card or gift basket from Card Cafe. A percentage goes to SOS.

I know you have great ideas for money-making projects. Maybe a percentage could go to SOS.

It's time for nominations and elections of officers. Please support your officers so they can carry out their projects.

Please let me know when your installation is and if you want us to do the installing. We like coming to your lodge to do the work and to meet with you. Deputy Grand Matriarch, it is up to you to notify all installing officers.

God, we pray you will bestow your grace and blessings on our friends, families and our Order with your love and that we will walk close to you during the New Year. Amen.

In Faith Hope and Charity, Sharleen Davies, Grand Matriarch

Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

Greetings to all. I hope your New Year is great.

December was a slow month. I didn't know just what to write. We had a lot of illnesses and bad weather.

We did not have a quorum at our first meeting of the month. The next meeting was to be our Christmas party. We decided on a no-host dinner at the Siam Palace in Grand Coulee. Everyone had an enjoyable time. We did take two names from the Tree of Sharing and bought dried beans for the food bank.

Our January meeting was ably conducted by our NG Nancy Meyer. We were delighted. She has been very ill and is now undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Our hats are off to you, Nancy, as you remove yours.

Sister Maxine Williams is unable to

attend as she fell and broke her wrist, making it difficult to drive from Spokane.

It was reported that Sister Ida Williams is in the nursing home in Davenport.

Just as I am writing this, I received a phone call that our Sister Dorothy Dailey passed away. She has been living in Everett. Our sympathies go out to her family and to her many friends in Coulee Dam where she has lived for many years. She was one of our two remaining Charter Members.

Our next meeting will be our installation at a potluck dinner.

We hope the groundhog sees his shadow. We are ready for spring.

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

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

Happy Valentine's Day to all!!

Our lodge will be sending Christopher Musgrove on the U.N. tour. He is a junior in high school this year and a very nice young man. He's very active in church, school, Boy Scouts and F.F.A.

Lois Tippett is in the Lewiston rehab and care center. Madelyn Fanning is in the Lewiston Care Center. Delora Kimble is home from the hospital. Violet Smith is bedridden at home and our NG Donna Miller is back after having a minor stroke.

Installation was held on January

17. Our 2006 officers are: NG Donna Miller, VG Wilma Bly, Sec. Hazel Crawford, Treas. Philip Crawford, and Trustee Margaret Tueth. These officers work very hard to keep our lodge going.

We hope you all had a very merry Christmas and may the New Year be a healthy and fun year.

We were blessed with a new little great-grandson on December 7. This was especially nice in this Christmas season.

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

From the Grand Patriarch



JEREMY EDWARDS

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!

Greetings,

It is the time for nominations and elections of officers in the Encampments. Please members, be willing to serve. It really isn't a burden to hold an office and your Encampment needs you. If the officers and members work together, the load will be light and the road enjoyable.

Looking ahead, if you have not done so, set a date for your installation right away. And if you would like the Grand Encampment Officers to participate in your installation of officers, please ask them as soon as possible. Schedules fill up fast. The sooner you ask, the better chance you will have to get them there.

On a personal note, I now have a full time job and I work in the evenings. If I continue in this way, it will be difficult for me to do installations. Please do invite me though, and I will do as many as I possibly can. Those that are during the day, like noon or 1 p.m., will be easiest to get to. Evenings will depend on my days off, which change each week. I do hope that the Past Grand Patriarchs and Past Chief Patriarchs will step up and fill in for me when I am not able to be there for you. It would be greatly appreciated.

Remember to do some community service. I hope the remainder of the term will be successful in membership and fun for the Encampments.

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Jeremy Edwards,
Grand Patriarch*



Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Valentine's Day. We hope you all remember your sweethearts with special surprises.

Our installation was very nicely done by Rebekah Assembly President Linda Dodge and her team of officers. Thank you ladies for doing such a lovely job.

We are looking forward to an exciting year. Cindy did a wonderful job the last time she was Noble Grand, so we look for great things this year.

Also, a big thank you to Sister Alyce Lane for serving as Noble Grand the past two years. She also did a wonderful job and these two ladies are fairly new members.

We had the pleasure of reinstating Debbie Dyer, a former member who was also a former Past President of Acorn Theta Rho. We are so glad to have her back. We know she will be a real asset to our lodge. Welcome back, Debbie.

Our wonderful Musician Doral Shelton was back and what a difference that makes. However, we are missing our Vice Grand Maxine Hansen who finally agreed to stay off her hip and let it mend. (Yours truly tried to tell her that back in September, so hopefully she will follow her doctor's orders better than mine.)

We are also glad that Sister Irene Wolschlagler is feeling better and home after her time in the hospital. She has a new pacemaker. I think the rest of us are hanging in there.

Until next month. . .



The winner of Oak Leaf's \$50 tree raffle was Carolyn Hilberg. Proceeds went to the local scholarship fund..

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman, Reporter*

*From your Deputy Grand Master***Travels with Ron. . .**

January was the month we installed our new lodge officers for the coming year. I am going to let someone else talk about that in their letter. What I am going to talk about is how fast time flies when you are having fun. We are "having fun, aren't we?"

It hardly seems like seven months have passed since Grand Lodge was held in Kelso and I was advanced to the position of Deputy Grand Master.

The past seven months have really been interesting and enlightening in a great many ways. There is a new challenge or educational experience around each corner and each experience gives a different perspective on attitude and outlook of our membership. While someone was sunning in Mexico, the Rebekah Assembly Vice President accompanied me to Nashville, TN for the testimonial dinner for Sovereign Grand Master Michael Dutton. What a trip it was! We left Pasco on time and flew to Denver for a connecting flight to Nashville. It was two hours late the airline had to find a plane that worked. This gives one pause to think, doesn't it?

On Friday we talked with some of the other people who were there for the testimonial dinner and caught up

on goings on with them. Friday evening we went to a local church for a barbeque dinner and some entertainment from an old time gospel singing group. They were very good and enjoyed by all present. It was quite interesting to see that we were served dinner by a Past Sovereign Grand Master and a past Grand Master and Past Rebekah Assembly President from the Jurisdiction of Tennessee

On Saturday we took some time to go shopping in the shopping center that is part of the Opryland complex. We got a few Christmas gifts out of the way at Bass Pro Shops. Saturday evening was the dinner for Sovereign Grand Master Michael Dutton. This was well-attended and quite nicely put together. I was proud and privileged to present a gavel to Brother Mike that was similar to the gavel which was presented to Past Grand Master Ernie House at our Sessions last June. This gavel, along with another one, was made by Brother Jim Billingsley, a member of Kennewick Odd Fellows Lodge #222. The second gavel that I took with me was the traveling gavel for our lodge, which Brother Mike was asked to take with him on a visitation and leave with some one to take to their lodge and pass along until it returns to Kennewick someday with a story to tell about its travels through the world of Odd Fellowship.

On Sunday we tried to fly home, but the airlines were up to the same thing — running late with broken planes. We wound up spending the day in Chicago, then flying to Spokane where we shuttled a rental car home for a friend who works for a car rental company. Quite a trip, all things considered.

I know that all of our lodges have picked wisely for their officers for the coming year and are involving new members in an appointed office or their first elected office. Be sure to take the time to mentor these new officers and help them grow into the job they are doing.

I would like to leave you with this poem that hangs in my union hall. I think that if you substitute the word "lodge" for "union," you will see that it is quite relevant to our lodges.

THE CARETAKER

This union is not for yourself, but for your children.

It does not rise to avenge the past, but to claim the future.

It is an expression not of the dignity of it's leaders, but the dignity of it all.

It was not called into being to celebrate the majesty of one person.

It does not live to serve the self-indulgence of another.

It is not property, but mission.

Every decent moment in the history of man is the assertion of an affronted conscience.

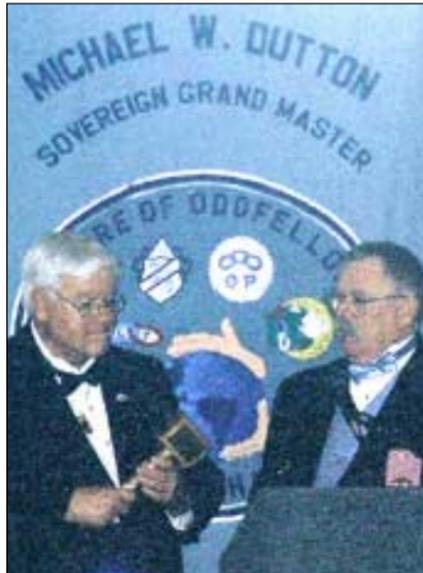
Anyone can belong to a union, but a union belongs to no one.

And least of all to anyone who is ashamed of where he or she came from and indifferent to those he or she left behind.

The union leader is not the owner of an institution, he or she is the Caretaker of a tradition.

— Author unknown.

— Fraternaly, Ronald D. Hanson, Deputy Grand Master



Deputy Grand Master Ron Hanson presented SGM Michael Dutton a gavel while in Nashville

~ In Memoriam ~

- Don Bailey, Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52, Spokane.
- Don Schmidt, Wilford IOOF Lodge #238, Spokane.
- Joe Gardner, Wilford IOOF Lodge #238, Spokane.
- John Davis, Wilford IOOF Lodge #238, Spokane.
- Alice Maxson, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- Ruby Rice, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.
- Marjean Mains, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, Bickleton.
- Irma Looney, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, Bickleton.
- Dorothy Daily, PNG, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.
- Pauline Durham, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.
- Irene Safford, PNG, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.

- Clarice Steele, PNG, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.
- Mary Bozlee, PNG, PGM & PPLAPM Idaho, Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242, Pasco.
- Fern Coughtry, PNG, Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242, Pasco.
- Marcelle Woody, PNG, Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242, Pasco.
- Nellie Giles, 68 year member, PNG, Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271, Ione.
- Virginia Foust, Yelm Rebekah Lodge #296.
- Edith MacIntosh, Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312, Seattle.
- Esther Wyrick, Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312, Seattle.
- Lily McAllister, 74 year member, PNG, Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315.

In Long Beach**Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313**

Here it is February already and I'm still trying to get Christmas put away. December was such an enjoyable time with all the happenings going on. We had a tasting party at our first meeting in December, with everyone bringing a favorite treat for all to enjoy. Fritz Mose hosted the evening with festive decorations in the lodge hall and dining room. All Sisters brought canned goods that night to donate to the food bank.

A gift exchange was the highlight of our second December meeting. And there were *more* treats, which were provided by Helen O'Neal. We also played "Christmas Bingo" which is one of Helen's game creations.

The Friendship Club was treated to a Christmas party at the home of Sister Bette Snyder. Prior to the party, Bette treated us to dinner at a bistro at the port in Ilwaco. *Thank you so much, Bette.* We had a gift exchange at the party, along with refreshments and fun and laughter. *Wow*, what a great evening!

Our first meeting in January was our Noble Grand Olney Patch's last meeting of her term. It was her second term in six years and we all appreciate her devotion to our Rebekah Sisterhood. Judy Williams snagged half the prizes at this meeting, winning in both drawings. Decorations and refreshments were provided by Sisters Olney and Fritz. The New Year decorations were very colorful and everyone enjoyed the "after meeting" refreshments.

Our attendance is always between 15-20 Sisters at our meetings and the attendance race was very close this

year. Fritz's team put forth a last meeting surge, but nonetheless, Jean's team won by four points. The dinner is in March and now we know who's cooking. New attendance leaders for 2006 will be Helen O'Neal and Frances O'Neil.

Installation of officers for 2006 was held on January 17 at a dinner installation, with yours truly installed as Noble Grand. Sisters Frances and Judy served as chairpersons with help from most Sisters. Betty Pierce headed up the organizing. The theme for the evening was red roses, which was reflected in the decorating. Dinner was ham, scalloped potatoes, salad and vegetable. Sister Helen acted as DDP and Frances acted as DD Marshal. Following installation, a regular meeting was held, conducted by the new Noble Grand. Cake was served following the meeting.

Sister Jean Underwood is back on her feet and doing well following a short stay at home. The cold and flu bug has hit our area, but there are no reports of any of our Sisters ailing at this time. Some are staying home, not wanting to go out in the nasty weather. The weather has been wet, windy and wild, so take good care of yourselves and stay safe and warm. Spring will be here in no time and we will be watching flower buds popping up and the weather turning warmer, but we will probably be seeing more *rain*.

Say a prayer for peace, smile, laugh and live. February is heart month. Share your love. *Happy Valentine's Day to you all.*

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Members of Trinity enjoyed a Christmas party after their meeting on December 22. A gift exchange of a different kind was held. It was based on our age and the number on the packages. It was a blast and some nice gifts were on hand. A delicious potluck was enjoyed afterwards.

We are now looking forward to the new year. Our installation was on Saturday afternoon, January 21. Karen Hoylman and her installing team was in charge. New officers for 2006 are: NG Rosalie Fojt, VG

Debbie Lee, Sec. Pat Harader, Fin. Sec. Sandy Beane, and Treas. Candy Koons.

Rosalie Fojt is busy working on her program and Year Book for 2006. Debbie Lee is hard at work relearning her unwritten work that will be verbally due at our next meeting.

Members of Trinity plan to give them help and support throughout the new year.

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

Sisters & Brothers, Happy Valentine's Day!

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Winter is definitely upon us. A good layer of snow covers the ground and the farmers are lovin' all this moisture. As I write this early in January, the sun is shining brightly, however the temperature reminds us we're still in the 30 degree range.

Our Christmas dinner-party was not so well attended, but the ones who could make it all reported a fun time with good food.

Everyone made it through the New Year's Eve parties and we had our usual 10 members out for the January 2 meeting. Noble Grand-elect Lois Clark qualified with flying colors and earned herself a first-ever Certificate of Proficiency. Sec. Kay Smith gave the Annual Report and plans were made for installation. We noted the passing of the husband of one of our new members, Sister Virginia Cooper.

NG Shirley Daling reported that she would have her husband home the next day after a three-week hospital stay. PP Fay Bowers-Holland spent four days in the hospital during the middle of December with congestive heart failure. She is slowly getting back to normal. PP Irene Kossow feels she is improving each day, but slowly. It's never a good time to be down, but it is very inconvenient during the holidays.

We're all hoping 2006 will be better to us all. Our wishes for good health to all Rebekah Sisters and Odd Fellow Brothers throughout the jurisdiction.

Congratulations to all new officers. We hope for a prosperous year.

Until next month, we wish everyone a good Valentine's Day with your sweetie. *Fraternal Love, Fay Bowers-Holland, PP and Reporter*

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

Well, Christmas is over and it was time to install our newly-elected officers. That took place on January 8 at Fall City. We did not have a large turnout, but we did get a few of us installed as the new officers for 2006. The officers for Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, our Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54, Fall City IOOF Lodge #59, Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141 and Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59 were installed at the same time. A delicious lunch was served and the weather cooperated for us to travel.

Our Rebekah Lodge #54 held another installation at our January 10 meeting for any of those who did not make it to Fall City. Due to illnesses, some of the new officers still need to be installed at our next meeting.

Nancy Graesser had a nice birthday party for Doug on January 7. It was his 95th birthday. There were a lot of people attending to help him celebrate. We also were entertained by a wonderful duet on the piano.

I have one piece of bad news. Mary Durbin fell in December on a slippery morning after Christmas while getting her newspaper. She broke her arm. The good news is that she is recovering nicely. Keep Mary in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Don't forget that we are back to having our breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of each month. We look forward to seeing you here.

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

In Richland

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

Happy 2006 greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters here and across the country. Congratulations to all Grand Officers and members for the New Year. Big and best wishes to everyone, especially our sick, our shut-ins, and men and women of our Armed Services abroad. We are proud of everyone of you, so please come home soon and safe.

All States elected officers for the coming year. Virginia Woolfolk was re-elected Noble Grand. Other officers are: VG Vernetta Carver, Sec. Anita Shoop, Treas. Elsie Jepsen, and IG and OG Donna Snyder. Barbara German, our DDP, was the Installing Officer.

It was good to see Brother Edward Powell and we are glad that he is doing so well.

Our love and sympathies are

extended to the family and friends of our late Sister Thema Dusenberry. We draped the Charter in her memory.

We had a chance to talk with Sister Helen Wilson at the the IOOF Home Walla Walla. She is the last remaining Charter Member of our lodge.

Best wishes to Dorothy Straight as she continues her medical procedures. Get well soon Dorothy. We miss you and your beautiful music.

Our meetings have resumed at 706 Williams Blvd., in Richland on the first and third Thursday of each month. Come join us for lunch at noon. Our meeting starts at 1 p.m. We hope to see you all here this year.

*Lighting the Way with
Friendship, Love and Truth,
Virginia Woolfolk, NG
Juanita McElveny,
Reporter*

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Hello to 2006! We hope everyone had a merry Christmas and the New Year will bring peace to our troubled world

December was really a miserable time for our lodge. After a couple of weeks of very cold weather, snow came and our second meeting in December was cancelled. It was to be our Christmas party and we would fill our baskets and boxes for the shut-ins. I was housebound from December 18 until January 1 with one exception. I was able to go to the candlelight service at our Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve.

At our first meeting in January we had a potluck at 6 p.m., followed by our dinner installation of officers. The installing officers were Past Grand Master Ernie House and Past Assembly President Mavis House. Brother Ron and Sister Beverley Zaremba were the Marshals. They did a very good job. Thanks to all of you.

Sister Mildred Hughes' mother, Katherine Eakin, passed away in December, but I don't know the exact date. A former member, Sister Helen Adams, lost her Sister Pat Rufner. Our thoughts and prayers are with these Sisters during their time of sorrow.

Brother Ken and Sister Avis are both dealing with serious health prob-

lems and we are all concerned. Our prayers are with them for speedy recoveries. We miss you.

At our installation, PGM Ernie House announced that he had the honor of presenting a 60-year Service Jewel to Brother Ray Gosney. Ray's wife Mary pinned it on him.

In the offing are Service Jewels for Brother Glen Benjamin (50 years), Brother Byron Copenhefer (40 years), Brother Art Winterstein and Ernie House (both 30 years). Congratulations.

Our first regular meeting in the New Year was on January 17 and Sister Mary Gosney had the program and Sister Glenda Bowdish handled the refreshments. January 31 will be our fifth Tuesday potluck if the weather cooperates. On February 7 we celebrate St. Valentine's Day and Sister Emily Randal has the program and Sister Heather McGaughy has the refreshments.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was in Goldendale on January 24 at the Methodist Church. The telephone recruiters were busy and the other members assisted as helpers. Everyone furnished homemade cookies and juice. Thanks to all.

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

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Here it is, a New Year — 2006. May it be a prosperous one for all.

Because of conflicts, we did not meet on January 3. We began our year with Sister Dot Kelly as hostess at our January 17 meeting. Preparations were made for installation of officers to be held February 7. May each and every one accept your office and work for the good of the order.

The nominated officers are as follows: NG Jeannette Kelley, VG Carla Brown, Sec. Betty Roller, and Fin. Sec. and Treas. Dot Kelly. The appointed officers will be announced later.

My, where has the snow gone to. The rain has really taken it down. Maybe we should have some more winter before the weather turns to spring. Let us all hope so.

Sisters, isn't it wonderful! Our Sister Katie Eckhart has been transferred from a Davenport nursing home to Wilbur's Vista Manor. Be sure to go and visit her as she has a lovely room or small apartment. She is so happy.

Is anyone sick? Keep well and happy and we will see you all next month.

Remember, February 14 is Valentine's Day and we want each of you to remember someone in their daily travels. Also, this is Presidents' Day month. May we remember Washington and Lincoln in all our travels.

See everyone next month. March is the beginning of spring.

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

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

Hope Rebekah Lodge was very busy the past few months. Our bazaar was very successful. We acquired an application for a new member because of the flyers we handed out. We will be initiating her soon. The other Lodges in the Spokane area will be assisting in this initiation. We hope to have pictures of our new member next month.

We had our Christmas Party and filled gift baskets for our shut-ins. Some were delivered as Christmas gifts and some as New Year's gifts. We had fun at the party and we were glad to visit with our shut-ins. Of course they were glad to see us.

We donated clothing to the Women's Shelter, puzzles to the Veterans' home and mugs to the Mission. We had been saving books to donate and were lucky enough to find that the Arc of Spokane will take them. They even came by to pick

them up for us. The books were heavy. It is so nice to have organizations like this to help out us weak-back ladies. Now I didn't say anything about our age, did I?

We had our Installation of Officers with the other five lodges in the area. Selma Lindor was in charge and did a very nice job getting us all organized and the job done. Our new elective officers are: NG Ruby Brendel, VG Cathryn Bond, Sec. Carol Hare and Treas. Josette Marie Putman.

We would like to extend an invitation to all who might be in the area to come visit us this year. We meet the first and third Wednesdays with lunch starting at noon and meeting at 1 p.m. We would love to see you.

A thought. . . Worry never done a thing you'd think it oughta.

Until next time. . .

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

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Ladies from Monterose Lodge gathered for a meeting on January 5. Following the meeting, a New Year's party was held to ring in the 2006 with lots of good resolutions. Along with hats and horns, refreshments and sparkling cider were brought by Rosalie Davis and Bonnie Hadaller.

Our installation was on Thursday afternoon, January 19. Our new books were ready and a delicious potluck followed the ceremony.

Sister Ruth Pollman is at Sharon Care in Centralia. She enjoyed her treats and company over the holidays and says thank you to her Sister Rebekahs. She also says to come again.

Happy Birthday wishes for January go to Laura Lee Bowen and Dorothy Sloan.

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

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

We are now meeting on our new day which is the second and fourth Tuesday, but still at 7 p.m.

In December we received two new applications for membership. They will be Brother Rebekahs. We look forward to initiating them soon.

We did not have our holiday dinner in December, so we have scheduled a Valentine's Day dinner in February.

For community service in December, we took two cards off a giving tree for gifts for residents of our local nursing home. We purchased the gifts, one for a man and one for a woman, wrapped them and put them under the tree. In addition, we assisted members of our Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club who were preparing a gift basket for a family by donating money for items for the basket.

We have learned that our candidate for the U.N. Pilgrimage from our District Association has been chosen. She is Lea Daniels, Secretary of the Theta Rho Assembly, and a member of the club which we co-sponsor. We are very pleased about this honor.

Installation of officers was held jointly with our Odd Fellow Lodge

#75 on Sunday afternoon, January 15. The Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President presided. Our officers for 2006 are: NG Robert Harding, VG Loletta McCormick, Sec. Karen Hoylman (this seems to be a lifetime job!) and Treas. Kendra Frogge'.

We were entertained by the wonderful talents of Verne Eke on the piano and Reif Olson who sang. Three members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club presented the flags. They were Theta Rho Assembly Secretary Lea Daniels, Theta Rho Assembly Vice President Florence Frogge' and Spunky Bluebirds President-elect Jennifer Vargo.

In lieu of a Past Noble Grand's jewel for our outgoing NG Doris Wigglesworth, we are updating her veteran jewel to 50 years.

Following the ceremony, salads, sandwiches and pies were enjoyed by all present along with much fellowship. There were several guests, and we appreciate their attendance.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

On December 14, we had our Christmas party. The lunch was a potluck with Sec. Leona Treznoski making turkey tetrazzini.

Carolyn Miller is still recuperating from shoulder surgery. She sent a Christmas bag with gifts and candy for each Sister. She has been sidelined a little longer because of a blood clot that developed in her arm.

Norline Burton, Noble Grand-elect, had two emergency calls, but managed to be present for most of the meeting. She is a first responder with the fire department. Norline needs a star for being very helpful.

Chaplain Luellyn Ainsworth was having trouble getting out of bed without falling. Norline brought her a walker to set by the bed. **No more falls! My thanks!**

We spent \$54 for gifts on the community Giving Tree.

Sister Ruby Smarz had a fall. Sister

Edna Kindell made another trip to the hospital.

Luellyn received a miniature string of lights necklace from Norline. It caused a big stir every time it was worn because it blinked red and green whenever it was switched on.

Beulah Crocker has sold her house and moved a block away to be with her daughter. No more yard work!

Come see us. We meet in the V.F.W. Hall at 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

THOUGHT

"Your integrity is your destiny. Don't leave home without it."

— C.E. Hodge

"Middle age is the time of life when you finally know your way around, but don't feel like going."

— From "Over the Hill"

Good wishes to all.

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

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

Installation of officers was held at a luncheon at the Flour Shop during our second meeting in January. Elected officers are: NG Ramona Niccolson, VG Jenene Munson, Sec. Sallie Edwards, and Treas. Freda Keelin. Appointed officers are: Chap. Helen Thiel, Ward. Faye Weathers, Cond. Marjorie Schut, IG Ruth File, OG Alma Davenport, RSVG Laura Vangstad, RSVG Valma DeVall, and Acting PNG Josephine Atkinson.

We are still collecting clothing and other items for the Crisis Center in Sunnyside and we've been donating items to Walter Reed Hospital. Valma DeVall attended a briefing and viewing of pictures of the December, 2005 trip to Washington, D.C. of several of the volunteers of the "US Troop Care

Package." They are receiving donations from Washington State and other areas of the US. So far, Valma DeVall has made more than a dozen beanies for our servicemen and women in Iraq.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A good example is a great gift to give others.

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

Two Burma Shave road signs from the depression and WW II eras:

"Passing school zone, take it slow. Let our little shavers grow."

"Don't stick your arm out the window to far. It might go home in another car."

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

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

Our communications skills have been down, but it is not all our fault. Between the USPS, down computers and a lazy reporter, our news is three months old!

2005 saw the loss of three active Wilford Brothers — Don Schmidt, Joe Gardner and John Davis. Our three Sisters, VP Fran, Mus. Shirley and Chap. Lillian have gathered their strength and returned to Rebekah life.

Our Sec. Selma Lindor had a very successful year as District #2 President. She and her officers visited every lodge and "brought home the bacon" in the form of more than \$400 for "Toys for Tots," Selma's project.

Selma and Elmer Lindor (Wilford's NG), also bought gifts for the "Tree of Sharing" as part of Ramona's and Wilford's donations.

Carson Inman made his official Grand Master's visitation and, as usual, made an inspiring speech that made us all feel good about being Brothers.

Brother Al Komarek provided music for the District #2 meeting with two of his Hillyard Bells. He strums one mean banjo!

He has since been struck with a serious health problem. Our prayers go out to him and Sister Polly.

We are happy to say Brother John Cook is going to resume the Treasurer's post even though he is still doing physical therapy.

Sister Donna is *relieved*, to say that least, as she has been filling in since Sister Eleanor Cook's passing and John's health problems.

Our Christmas gift exchange was replaced by donations to the local food bank.

We are enjoying our new meeting place at the Spokane Temple and we are adjusting to the *new* meeting time on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Ramona and Wilford members would like to note how proud we are of our public service Volunteers: Al and Polly at the Cancer Society's Discovery Thrift Shop, our Treas. Maxine Gregory at the Valley Hospital, and Donna Flatt at the Country Homes ESL School.

The best to you in 2006.

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

Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

As I begin this, I must go back to December, 2005. Our big drawing took place on December 13, after the news was sent in for January. The winners are Tina Bair of Camas who won the quilt, and Lyda Douglass of Stevenson who won the bear. They were both very pleased to win! We would like thank everyone who bought a chance in our raffle. Thank you very much.

Happy Valentine's Day to all you lovely people! Love is like magic. Love works. Love can transform. Love is unselfish. Love is the answer. Love can not be bought. Love, like pure magic, is a sweet mystery! This is from a poem by Helen Steiner Rice.

By now most lodges are ready for

the new beginning of this new year. As we ready ourselves for all kinds of challenges, remember to let your members be a part of all decisions of the lodge. You might be surprised when a new idea will be just the thing you are looking for.

We will be making up our minds this month on new adventures as they are brought up.

February is a time to share a Valentine with your family and members, as our meeting will be on Valentine's Day. Those who would like to bring cards can and make a treat to share.

Until next time. . .

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

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We met for the first time in 2006 on January 3 with 20 in attendance. Notes of thanks and appreciation were read from Margaret Van Etten for the monetary gift she received at Christmas time; from the Home for the gift certificate we gave to our adopted Sister Alice Beckel; from the family of the mid-high student who received a month's rental payment on his violin; and from the YWCA for our contribution of toiletries to the Women's Shelter.

For our January projects, we gathered and contributed food to our local Pantry Shelf and provided a second monthly violin rental payment for a local mid-high orchestra student.

Art Schreiber was the cash prize winner of our drawing during the Good of the Order.

We had a time of fun and good fellowship following our first meeting in January when our refreshment hostesses, Marthann Hall and Elsie Wells, served hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy with the contents of their "Brown Bag Desserts." What an interesting variety of goodies came out of those individual brown bags!

On January 14, Narcissa Lodge participated in the Joint Installation of Officers at the IOOF Home. Those installed were: NG Jane Hanson, VG Dale Ann Buley, Sec. Aramae Buckingham, Fin. Sec. Ken Buckingham, and Treas. Marthann Hall. We thank each of you who will be serving us for a second term and look forward to the year ahead.

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



Selma and Elmer Lindor present donations for Toys for Tots at the Spokane Valley Fire Station in December.