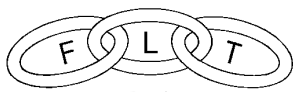


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This year's "Adaptive Sports Jamboree" will not only include wheelchair-bound athletes, but amputees as well.

## Adaptive Sports Jamboree needs your support in 2006

It is that time of year again for our "Sponsored Youth of Washington" campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we came very close to our goal of \$6,000 last year. We have set a goal of \$7,500 this year and hope that we can count on your support. We will again be joining forces with the Kiwanis Club and the Boy Scouts.

This year we have changed the name so that we can include amputees as well as wheelchair-bound special athletes. Many of these folks will be adults from our Armed Forces who have returned home from Iraq with missing arms and legs and others will be kids that may not have participated in the past thinking they had to be wheelchair-bound to attend. We are pretty excited about some of the new events that will be taking place. In past years, our event has been known as the "Washington Wheelchair Sports Jamboree." Our new name this year is "Adaptive Sports Jamboree of Washington."

We have received the blessing of the Grand Master Carson Inman. The date of the event this year will be April 22 and will again be held at Chief Sealth High School in Seattle. The address for those that may want to attend is 2801 SW.Thistle.

The Jamboree, which is for physically handicapped individuals, will involve a track clinic, basketball, hand cycling, tennis, a wheelchair tractor pull, amputee soccer and much more. We will again be providing a free lunch, medals and the opportunity to use some special wheelchairs and other equipment.

Please join us by sending your donation to Frontier Bank, Renton Office, in care of Bill LeBlanc, 617 So. 3rd St., Suite B., Renton, WA 98055.

Thank you again for all of your help.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Bill LeBlanc, Co-Chairman,  
Unity IOOF Lodge #18, Puyallup*

## Congrats to Mary Robinson

Sister Mary Robinson, who does volunteer work for the Federal Way Senior Center, was recently informed that she had been nominated to receive the Jefferson Award for Community Service.

There were 182 people nominated and five finalists were chosen. Mary was given an Honorable Mention, which was an honor for her. We in the Jurisdiction of Washington know how much volunteer service does and has done over the years with our Order. She is very worthy of this recognition.

*In F., L. & T., Loletta McCormick, Rebekah Sister*

## PNG's Association

### Fools and Easter on the April agenda for the PNG's meeting

We're continuing to slink through a third of the year with the ever-present rain. Dare we look forward to some sun without the development of sweltering heat? While it is still cool and before future days begin to add up into months, let us concentrate on one day at a time. Between spring cleaning, checking out new growth in your garden or whatever is on your "to do" list, plan a day to socialize with the F.,L.& T.'ers. After all, food, learning and talking are prerequisites for daily activities and can be enjoyed by anyone socially inclined.

In that April has been designated the month for fools and jokes, we are presented an opportunity to relate some interesting pranks. Then, on a more serious side, our President has asked for a recall on a memorable Easter.

Here's the answer to a question regarding attendance: Membership — Any Past Noble Grand in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge shall be eligible for membership. Presiding Noble Grands, Vice-Grands and Past Vice Grands of Rebekah Lodges may become members. These members may vote and take part in any discussion or transaction of business, but cannot hold any elective office until becoming a Past Noble Grand.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 20 for our lunch and program at the Collins Grange Hall, 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma.

— Flo Roehl, Reporter

## A hundred thanks from Hilda!

To my Brothers, Sisters and Friends,



I want to thank you for all the cards, gifts, best wishes and hugs you gave me at my 100th birthday celebration. You made it a wonderful day. It was worth waiting for. God willing, I will have some more birthdays.

Again, thank you! I love every one of you.

*In F.,L.&T., Hilda Sprague*

## Spunky Bluebirds initiate two!

We are so happy to announce that we have just initiated two new members. They are Jubilee Mande and Joanna Bosche. Both girls are a great addition to our club and we are so happy to have them.

We had our installation of officers in February. It was a nice day, especially for our new President Jenny Vargo. She is very fond of penguins so we decorated the hall with penguins for her. After the installation we had a nice lunch provided to us by our two sponsoring Rebekah Lodges, South Tacoma #160 and Eola #63. Thank you all. We appreciate it very much. We also participated in both of their installations by presenting the flag and helping serve afterwards. We enjoy socializing with our sponsoring lodges and are always happy to be asked to do.

We are keeping busy with our community service projects for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. We are still making and selling key chains in the shape of pink ribbons. We are also working on decorating bird houses to raffle. Each girl is painting one and putting her own special and unique talents on it. Each one has the Breast Cancer symbol on it. We are going to raffle them off, so we hope you will all purchase a ticket from us when asked. Tickets will be \$1 each. It is interesting to see the different ones as they are being decorated by girls ranging in age from 8 to 17. We will be selling the tickets until June 1.

Sessions are also drawing near, so we are getting ready to help host the Fun Night with our member Florence Frogge' who is Vice-President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. Her theme is "Country and Western," so we hope a lot of you will come and "hoedown" with us on Saturday night. Fun Night has been changed from Friday to Saturday night.

Once again thank you to everyone who helps us support our causes. You are loved.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
The members of Spunky Bluebirds TRC #93*

## From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

### LET'S SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are well known for their support of local community projects and enjoyable get-togethers which foster feelings of fellowship among families, friends and neighbors. The upcoming months are an excellent time to reemphasize these activities and make an effort as lodges to promote social events and include members of the community.

#### REMEMBER

The continued support of the projects and programs of our Order is needed and they are valued. These include Living Legacy, SOS Children's Village, Arthritis Foundation and UN Pilgrimage for Youth. In our own Jurisdiction we have Visual Aid, L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarship and several Youth Funds. Donations to the Visual Aid and L.J. Jones Memorial Fund are running light this year. To all, please consider them if you can. Both are fine programs.

#### THANK YOU

We appreciate your donations to the "Every Member Campaign" in support of the IOOF "SOS Children's Village" no matter how the donations may have been made — directly to Sovereign Grand Lodge or through the \$15 raffle system. We are happy to report that five lodges and one individual chose to make their donation through the Grand Lodge of Washington and a total of \$2,195 has been sent to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

#### REMINDER

To all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen, your reports are due now.

#### TO ALL UNITS OF THE ORDER

Annual Grand Sessions registration information is in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. Please note that registrations are being handled by Mavis and Ernie House this year and all forms and payments are to be sent to their address.

#### CYBER NEWS

The Grand Lodge internet and e-mail service is no longer by dial-up. This will allow for the (360) 829-1768 number to be used exclusively for FAX use. We are now on broadband. Please use: **Grandsec@tx3.net** for e-mail messages.

*Fraternally,*

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

## Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our meeting was called to order on March 2 with VG Noma Clark in charge. A get well card was sent to Rosalie Davis who is ill.

We are busy with our plans for the District #18 meeting as we are thrilled to be the hostess lodge. It will be held at the Lone Yew Grange hall in Toledo on April 1. "April Showers" is the setting, with flowers and decorations giving the hall a spring atmosphere.

Come early for coffee and cookies. A chicken casserole is on our lunch menu. Look for flower seeds near your plates!!

We have a winner among us. Our Treasurer, Laura Lee Bowen, just won a shopping spree give-away at the IGA in Toledo. Congratulations to Laura Lee.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed a spaghetti feed and garlic bread provided by Edna Armstrong and Thelma Pratt. They are good cooks!

Until next month. . .

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

## From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

### WE HAVE SOME GREAT LODGES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With all of our reports, donations and letters hopefully having been received for the printing of our "Take Me," I would like to make a couple of comments on my observations of the lodges that I have attended.

During my travels during these past almost three years, I have witnessed the many different ways a lodge performs the opening and closing of a meeting. I have not attended two lodges that do them the same way. With that I would like to give my viewpoint on the lodges that have shown the greatest degree of proficiency in conducting a meeting, the most improved lodge and the lodge that espouses the true word of community spirit.

- **First**, the most proficient, was Yakima Lodge #22. Their participation in community projects, providing social functions on a regular basis, for attracting new members and giving the community a place to gather for card games and meals is commendable. Their meetings were done with great dignity and care in the opening and closing. Officers at each station did their parts with proficiency and with tremendous pride in explaining their duties and presenting and retiring the flag of our country. It was inspiring. They also meet once a week and repetitious practices makes for better proficiency.

- **Second**, the most improved is Kalama Lodge #101. Hands down, from what I witnessed three years ago and even a year ago, their work and effort to improve the workings and running of lodge affairs is second to none. They have cleaned up behind the building, done some exterior work, made improvements on the inside, and set a plan in motion for the future. They are not sure of their financial condition, but are working on it. And they do have three active lodge members on the checking account. They are working to find out where all of their other funds are. They are raising the rent of their tenants \$100 each starting next month, with no complaints from them. They have also told them to expect further rent hikes as the work is completed. New electrical, sewer lines and updated water and rest room facilities are to follow. They, the tenants, were unanimous in saying that was okay. A huge hand is in order for this group.

- **Third**, Community Service at Mt. Constitution Lodge #88. This lodge is active in most things that take place on Orcas Island and East Sound, their main community. Not only do most projects and activities go through their lodge, the members are also involved in most of them. They conduct their meetings under the guidelines of Manchester Unity, the "Olde English Way." If you have not had the pleasure of attending one of their meetings, you should put it on one of your must do lists. You will be greatly impressed.

More on lodges in next month's letter.

This month and next will be busy preparing the "Take Me" and going to Washington, D.C. to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. What a pleasure that will be. We will have our final meetings prior to Grand Sessions, plus visiting the Grand Sessions in British Columbia and Oregon. Members, enjoy the scent of spring and the smell of our May flowers.

#### MY VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- Monday, April 10 — Oak Lodge #291, Oak Harbor, 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 18 — Richland Lodge #338, 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 20 — Mt. Constitution Lodge #88, Orcas Island, 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 25 — Mt. Vernon Lodge #23, Camano Island, 1:30 p.m.
- April 27-29 — Home Board Meeting, Walla Walla

Remember to have fun and enjoy in whatever endeavor you choose

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

## Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 wishes everyone a happy Easter with a beautiful spring. May lots of blossoms fill your days and lodge friendships fill your evenings.

NG Dorothy has planned pleasant

surprises for our Friendship Night on May 4 at 7:15 p.m. with a social hour to follow. do come and join in!

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

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## Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

April is here already. Where has the time gone? Happy Easter to all my Brothers and Sisters in the Order. Easter is here. The flower and tree blossoms are blooming, the wind is still blowing and the rain comes and goes as it pleases. But what a great thing that God has done for us. We can enjoy His creation because He has died on the cross for us so we can be free from sin. All we have to do is ask for forgiveness and ask Him to come into our hearts and stay. How wonderful is it to have such a Savior!

At our last meeting we decided to

have a Easter Bonnet contest in April near the Easter holiday. This should be fun! We asked the Odd Fellows to judge.

Time is getting short and we all should be out there asking people to join our lodges. It is always nice when someone calls me and wants to visit our lodge. We have a lady from Montana visiting us after moving here a few months ago. Get out there and just ask someone to join. Make new friends and keep the old ones.

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

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Clarence Griffin**, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Dorothy Bury**, 43 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Pearl Smiley**, 15 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Ava Smith**, Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31, Orting.

- **Helen Theil**, PNG, Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246.
- **Marjorie Green**, Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246.
- **Irene Wollschlager**, PNG, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.
- **Willard Stone**, PG, Pasco IOOF Lodge #257.

### Glendale to consolidate April 23

Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312 of Seattle will be consolidating with Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217 on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m.

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

March was exceedingly dull. Ramona and Wilford didn't even have any bills other than the "no contest" regular ones.

Wilford's NG Elmer Lindor and Ramona's Sec. Selma have taken over the management of their mobile home park. Life since has not been a bowl of cherries, but has provided our Brother and Sister with a lot of second hand excitement concerning the "business" of trying to run that business.

Our lodges voted to reduce their inventory. There is no need to keep dishes, table cloths, dish cloths, silverware, pitchers, etc. when the Spokane Temple has all those things.

If anyone has a need of any of these items (who needs ten salt and pepper shakers?), please call our Secretary before the end of this month.

The health news concerning Al and Polly Komarek is good. Polly is feeling better and radiation has not slowed Al down.

VG Fran Schmidt lost her older sister in March. Our sympathies are extended to Fran and her family.

Sister Shirley Gardner has been able to come to Wilford's business luncheons when the weather is warmer. She hopes to be more active in the spring.

Do you remember the toy with a head and a rounded bottom? A child could knock it over and it would roll right back up. Well, our Sister Lillian Davis has had two months of bobbing back up after low blows. She had three hospital stays in three weeks and is now regaining her strength at Alderwood Manor near Spokane Valley. She was in the hospital for the flu, diverticulitis and the flu, in that order! Throw in dialysis three times a week and you have one tough lady.

Ramona and Wilford members wish you all good health and a lottery win!

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

## Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings!! This is no April Fool's joke. Spring has sprung and so has Daylight Saving Time.

Several of our Sisters have not been well. Sister Ellen Want cracked her hip ball and is in the Dayton Hospital. Sister Terry Rhodes has the flu, as did Sister Neva Cook. Sister Sarah Kane and her husband Pat have colds. Sister Kathy Coons is not well, but she is caring for her mother, Dale Polson, who used to be our member. Sister Ellen Patterson is not very strong anymore. Sister Vivione Donley was to be home from Arizona the latter part of March.

The District Association #5 meeting will be at the Odd Fellows Home

in Walla Walla on Saturday, April 8. Narcissa #2 will be the hostess lodge.

The Double D's PNG's will meet on Monday, April 10 with Sister Gail Frankie and Neita Stearns serving as hostesses.

### FOOLS

*The world is full of fools and he who would not wish to see one must not only shut himself up alone, but must also break his looking glass. A fool no more can see his own folly than see his ears. Oh, what fools we mortals be!!*

May you all have a glorious and happy Easter.

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

## From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

### I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER

April is here with many daffodils and crocus in bloom. I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to the summer.

I have a very unpleasant subject in this column which is dues. Are your Associate's Home Lodge Dues paid? Have you seen their dues card? It should be the responsibility of the Associate to show your Financial Secretary her or his Home Lodge Dues card before an Associate Card is issued for the current year. Recently it was found that a

Sister who was being elected as officer in her Associate Lodge had not paid her Home Lodge Dues for more than a year. Since it is embarrassing, I am sure, to ask a Sister to see her dues card, the Associate should take the responsibility of automatically showing the card or there could be a rule that the card has to be shown before the Associate Card is issued. If an Associate Member resigns from her or his Home Lodge, or the Lodge turns in its Charter, they cannot be an Associate Member in your Lodge, but need to apply for full membership. Everything is going up in price. I had the shock of my life the other day when I took George's suit and a jacket to the cleaners. Now, mind you, I had not been to the cleaners for some time, but when they said it was \$20.50 (a year's dues in many lodges) it blew me away. With a cup of coffee more than \$1.50 and meat at \$5 or more a pound, we should not be surprised at the price of our dues. If you get more than one newspaper a month you know what that costs. I feel my friends are worth more to me than what I pay for one month's newspapers. How about you?

Thank you to all the Lodges for getting your Annual Report and SGL dues in on time. Your Secretaries and Financial Secretaries worked very hard on these and the Lodge should be very proud of them. Also, the prompt payment of supplies ordered over the phone or by e-mail is greatly appreciated as it makes keeping the books much easier.

Eulogies will be held at the August Session of Sovereign Grand Lodge for any past elected or past appointed officer of the SGL, IARA, General Military Council and the International Association LAPM who passed away last year (before January 1, 2006). Please let me know if there is anyone in your Unit that needs to be recognized at this ceremony.

I would like to remind you about our Visual Aid Programs. When you send money to this office simply designated for "Visual Aid," it goes to Grand Lodge. Twenty-five percent of that money goes to SGL for Visual Research and the remaining 75 percent goes into a fund to assist Washington and Alaska children with their visual needs. The Vanderlinden-Sheppard Adult Visual Assistance Program, on the other hand, goes for adults only, specifically members of the Order or any needy adult in the State of Washington or Alaska, recommended by a member of the Order. There are applications for this program in the Assembly office. Please state on your check VA-children or VA-adults, so I know exactly where you want your donation to go. Both are good programs.

The Assembly fiscal year ends March 31, so if you have a report it must be in this office by April 6 to get in the "Take Me." The dates for the Rebekah Assembly this year are June 26-28. My apology to anyone who may have been misinformed regarding this date.

Call a friend to say hello, send a card to someone having a hard time, forgive an injury, help a child, kiss a relative, hug someone, do a kindness and you will have a very blessed day.

*Rebekah Love,  
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
New e-mail address: bweldon@opusnet.com  
Toll Free: 1-866-725-3508*

### District Assn. #10 will meet

Rebekah District Association #10 will meet on Saturday, April 8 on Camano Island at the IOOF Park. There will be a light lunch at 11 a.m. with the meeting starting at noon. Peace Rebekah Lodge #336 will be the hostess. We would love to see some visitors!

*— Judy Diekman, President, District Association #10*

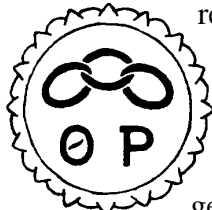
# From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

### ONWARD TO STATE

Hello everyone! Last month I told you about how I was in a solo competition. Well I got second place and am now going to state! I'm really happy and can't wait. The competition will be held in Salem, OR.



On to Theta Rho things. To all the girls, I'm really sorry it took me so long to get out my letters, but I would really like to come and visit all of your clubs, so get back to me so I can! I'm excited to see all of you! I hope I see you soon.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Jean Smith, President, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

## Don't miss Theta Rho Fun Night

I am going to try something different for our Theta Rho Assembly Fun Night this year at Sessions. There will be only three categories in the talent competition with three prizes in each one — a first, second and third. The first category will be for girls age 11 and under with any talent they wish to do except skits. The second category will be for girls age 12 and over with any talent they wish to do except skits. The third category will be group skits. The skits can be any group of girls with two or more participating, including club ones. I hope that this will be a more successful way of recognizing all the talents for a good fun night.

The Fun Night theme this year is "Country Western."

I would like to see all the girls take part. If there is a Theta Rho girl in your club or family, please let them know of this information. Thank you.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Florence Frogge' Vice President,  
Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

## In Oak Harbor

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

Spring has come and the Easter Bunny will be here soon.

At our last meeting we made nut cups for the installation of H.P. Downs Encampment. We also voted to give a \$50 donation for Muscular Dystrophy to help our Advisor's son with his bail money to keep him out of the Muscular Dystrophy "jail."

April is going to be a busy time for us. We will be doing the Memorial Service for the meeting of Rebekah Association #10. We are also planning to make Easter baskets for one of the assisted living facilities in our town. Then the end of the month we will be participating in the Holland Happening Parade.

To help finance our community service projects, we will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at Walmart and one of our local food stores on Saturday, April 22. In the meantime, we continue to work on getting new members.

We are looking forward to the Retreat in Olympia next month and also Sessions so we can visit with the members of other clubs.

We hope you all have a happy Easter.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
The members of Acorn #79*



BRIG. GEN. CLAUS SCHEER

# From your 2005-2006 Department Commander

The Patriarch Militant Degree — how did it come into being. After the Civil War, many of the young Odd Fellows wanted to have a uniform or regalia that they could wear in parades, funerals or other public outings to set them apart and show that they were members of the Order.



At that time in our history this was not permitted. It took many tries from 1841 to 1855 to pass legislation to establish a policy in favor of allowing Encampments and lodges to appear in public in an appropriate regalia, even at a funeral of a deceased Brother.

Very little progress was made from 1865 to about 1885 when legislation was passed to create a Fourth Degree in the Encampment. In order to acquire this degree, you had to be a member of the Royal Purple Degree. This Fourth Degree became the Patriarch Militant Degree After taking the Patriarch Militant Degree, it gave you the distinction of wearing the uniform not only at Canton meetings, but also in parades and at funerals.

Our first commanding General was Brother Underwood.

*The information for this article came from the "Official History of Odd Fellowship" published in 1914.*

### ATTENTION ALL CANTON CLERKS

Please send me your name and address, the name and number of your Canton, and the address of its meeting place. Also, if your Canton had any deceased member this year since your last Grand Lodge Session, please send me their names and their rank.

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

## Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Our Charter was draped and a memorial service was held at our February 23 meeting in loving memory of Helen Slaybaugh, PP of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. It is interesting to note that she was not only pretty, but that she was in the Navy and served during World War II. She was a wonderful person.

We just re-elected Alberta Luurs as our Representative for 2006. Cookie Music is the Alternate.

Jackie Crabbe from Napavine has been interviewed and the members voted to accept her as a new Sister. Initiation for Jackie was at the Roy Lodge north of Yelm on March 8.

About seven ladies from Trinity attended. She will be a plus for our group and she is most welcome.

At our Presidents' Day program, Sandy Beane read an interesting article from a 1930s newspaper. It was about Muriel Yahn's great-grandfather who attended the Lincoln-Douglas presidential debate. Wow! That's history.

We wish Candy Koons a speedy recovery from the flu.

"Happy Birthday" was sang to Evelyn Newman.

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

## 2006

# Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Red Lion Hotel ~ Kelso, WA

June 23 thru 25, 2006

*One person per registration, please. Photo copy if more are needed.*

*Please Print Clearly*

**THIS FORM STRICTLY FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY ONLY**

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**BANQUET — SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2006 — 5 P.M.**

	# of Tickets	Amount
Ham Dinner (No charge for youth)	_____	<b>\$00.00</b>
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# From the Grand Matriarch

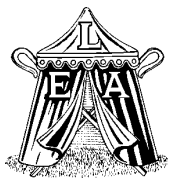


SHARLEEN DAVIES

## LET'S THINK ABOUT EASTER

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

As I start this letter, I was thinking about Easter and how our faith reflects our daily lives. I pondered on how Lent can be a time to identify obstacles between God one's self and how we can clear those obstacles away by creating openness to giving and receiving love. Happy Easter!



Our Auxiliaries are busy preparing for installations. I extend my congratulations to all the new officers and wish them the very best for the ensuing year.

I've been asked about our dresses for our Session in June. It will be an Hawaiian print dress. I prefer floor length, but if you don't have a floor-length dress, a short one will do.

### INSTALLATION DATES FOR APRIL

- Monday, April 3 . . . . . Mt. Angeles #88, 6 p.m. dinner
  - Friday, April 14 . . . . . Kent #15 at Des Moines, 6 p.m. dinner
  - Thursday, April 20 . . . . . Goldendale #99, 6 p.m. dinner
- Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

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

# From the Department Association President

## LET'S ALL MEET IN KELSO

My Dear Ladies,

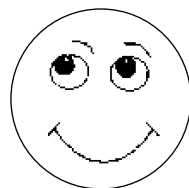
The time is drawing near when once again we meet in Kelso. I do realize it is a long drive for many of us, but we must make the trip to approve the new By-Laws to form the new consolidation coming up in November. We do want this merger to run smoothly.



Now about the Department Association Meeting in Kelso. There will not be a Department Banquet. There will be an All Branches Banquet on Monday night with a western theme. I hope I got the western theme right. Sometimes plans change. We will, however, have a Department luncheon on Friday. I have asked Olympia LAMP to make table favors for this luncheon. Also, the raffle will be held at this time, so you will need to buy your tickets before lunch. The money collected from this raffle will go to the Craft Center at the Home. I have also asked them to give us a brief history of the Decoration of Chivalry.

I have asked Skagit to give a brief history on our uniform. If I can remember to have Ruth Berglund bring a cap unlike the ones we wear, maybe someone can remember when and why it is no longer worn.

A fact that most of you know about me is I love my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I like to share tales about them, so here is one that is so cute I have to tell everyone. My three great-granddaughters were staying with us for a while and I had to take them everywhere with me, so they went to my knitting class. Charissa is 9, Chelsea is 7 and Katie is 5. Surprisingly the two older ones picked up on the knitting pretty good. That night after class they were sitting on my sofa knitting and commenting about the way they were knitting and just talking up a storm. Chelsea said to Charissa, "Just look at us sitting here and knitting. I think we are becoming old ladies." Of course, I just couldn't hold it in. I burst out laughing and then we were all laughing. Not wanting to be old ladies yet, we put the knitting away for the night and went to bed.



Well my friends, it has been a long, cold, windy and snowy day — winter's last hoorah — I hope. So I am calling it a day and putting the old computer to rest. We "old ladies" need our rest, too. Take care and keep smiling. Remember, God loves you and I love you and that's the way it should be.

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

# From the Grand Patriarch

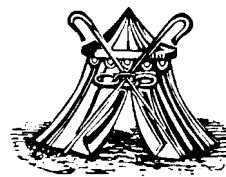


JEREMY EDWARDS

## APRIL - A MONTH FOR INSTALLATIONS AND EASTER

Here it is April — the month for most Encampment and LEA installations — and when we celebrate Easter.

I attended the Planning Board Meeting, and decided to host a breakfast on Thursday morning at Sessions. This will be previous to our Encampment and Auxiliary Sessions. However, it is not only for members of those units. *Anyone* and *everyone* is invited. All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Canton members, LAMP members, friends and guests are also welcome. I hope you will join me that morning.



The Grand Matriarch and I visited H.P. Downs Unified Encampment on Camano Saturday, March 18. We also installed their officers that day. Unique Unified Encampment in Spokane had their installation on Saturday, March 25. They did not invite the Grand Encampment officers to participate as they no longer have any active Patriarchs. I am sorry I was unable to attend due to my work and the long distance, but I wish a good year for them. I hope to get to the other Encampments that have invited me to do their installations.

On a sad note, my own group, Buckley Unified Encampment #40, has decided not to elect officers or hold an installation. We will vote at our June meeting to surrender our Charter. I have appreciated their support these past years as I have held an elective office in the Grand Encampment and for staying with it until I have finished with Sessions this year. We are unable to continue due to lack of interest. We are unable to get a quorum for meetings, no one willing to take office and we are suffering from a lack of funds. Several of our members live a long way from us and some are associates. So we will be going into the State Lodge. I hope most of the group will be joining other Encampments and LEA's to continue their membership. I will.

I do not have a computer in my new apartment so am not getting e-mails. To contact me, please write, or call me at (360) 825-3554 or (253) 680-9676.

On a happier thought, I look forward to our Sessions this year. Please plan to attend.

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

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

It's the end of February as I write this and I had thought winter was over, but there is a fresh covering of snow this morning. By the time you read this, spring will be here, along with all the District Association meetings. Our own NG Barbara Pittman, District President, has been working hard putting together her program for an interesting day. Come and join us on April 8.

Due to illness, I've neglected my reporter's duties, so I want to take this opportunity to thank those who came from Waterville to assist at our installation, Fay Bowers-Holland, PPR, was the installing officer. She was assisted by Nadra Rivers and Grace Hoffman. Thank you Sisters. You did a beautiful job.

Officers for Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 also were installed. They include NG Lois Clark, VG Bill Clark, Sec. Marge Farrens and Treas. Charles Goll.

The first project of the year will be cleaning out closets. Things have a way of accumulating.

Tempest Rebekahs and Prosperity Odd Fellows are sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop which will meet in our hall. Sister Sharin Brown is assisting with leadership of the group. It's been a long time since we have been involved with any youth activities.

We've had a lot of sickness this winter, but hopefully everyone has recovered or is on the mend. My personal goal is to be okay by Assembly.

We've had some winter travelers and will be glad to see them safely home again.

As we look ahead into the year, our NG Barbara has invited us to a Mothers' Day Tea in May. Several members are planning to attend Assembly in June. We will host a highway coffee rest stop in August and hold a rummage sale in the fall.

We hope your District meetings all go well. These are great times to renew friendships and share fellowship with other lodges.

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

## Visual Aid report

### The Vision - can you hear it?

The Grand Lodge Visual Aid Committee met again on Saturday, March 4 to finalize the updated Visual Aid Handout Booklet and send it to the printer. This has been a long project that has been needed for some time. We think it is completed and ready for printing.

The Grand Lodge and the Visual Aid Committee need your help. The donations to the Visual Aid Fund are down this year, however, the requests for assistance are up. We are averaging six requests for assistance per month. Consequently, we need to solicit donations to the fund to continue assisting those in need, mostly our children.



The donations of used eye glasses, lenses, glass cases, frames, hearing aids and batteries are slowly coming in. The District of Olympia, Skookumchuck and the Rebekahs just delivered another batch of collected items for recycle. This newest delivery included: 210 eye glasses, 13 frames, 72 eye glass lenses, 61 glass cases, and one hearing aid with 32 new batteries. The donation originally had three hearing aids, but before delivery to the Grand Lodge, two were recycled immediately to grounds workers at the Odd Fellows Memorial Park in Tumwater.

Please request donations from your lodges, community groups, community leaders and businesses. Then forward all donations of cash, recyclable eyewear and hearing aids (with batteries) to your District Deputy Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge of Washington in Buckley.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and support of the program.

Sincerely, Roger Bruland, Chairman,  
Visual Aid Committee of Washington, Olympia Lodge #1

## Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

We have been busy as usual. Our annual rummage sale will be held April 28-29 at the Odd Fellows Temple in Spokane. We will hand out new membership packets at this time. Hopefully we will generate some more interest in the Order.

We handed out packets at our bazaar last year and got a new member. We initiated Debra Koertgen in January.

We sponsored a knitting class. The instructor, Marie Josette Putman, was able to interest one of her students to join the Rebekahs. We initiated Dolores Mc Reynolds in March. It does pay to have new membership information to hand out. We encourage other Lodges to do the same.

At both of our initiations, the other lodges in the area helped. We even

had members from Idaho come join us. It is so nice to have a wonderful friendship with the group from Idaho. It is nice to belong to an organization that fills in where there is a need. This is true Odd Fellowship.

We are having many workshops to make a lot of nice things for our bazaar this November. Since there was a demand for more "baked potato bags," we made several of them this last month. But I want you all to know we will have a lot of other things to sell besides "potato bags." It is so nice to get together and chat, sew and exchange ideas with each other.

Well, that is about it for this month. Stay healthy, smile and enjoy life.

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

## Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Oh, what a beautiful morning! We are enjoying clear, blue, bright and sunny skies, but it is a little nippy at 40 degrees. It is hard to believe March has come in like a lamb. I believe that is wrong, but it certainly has.

We had our election for Representative at our February 20 meeting. Surprise, surprise! Guess who? PP Fay Bowers-Holland was re-elected for the umpteenth time. Who is the Alternate? I'll give you one guess. Right, it is PP Irene Kossow who was re-elected. It seems like everyone knows we both attend.

March was a busy month preparing for the District Association #17 Meeting which will be held on April 8 in Wenatchee with Tempest #114 hosting. NG Barbara Pittman will wear two hats that day as she is also District President. Several Sisters from Waterville hold offices.

We planned to attend Sister Barbara's Officers' Luncheon on March 11.

Our Sister Kay Smith is Vice President. President Barbara has asked our lodge to give the Response

to the Welcome, honor the Past District Presidents and seat the 2007 officers.

Annual donations to the Arthritis Fund, Visual Aid, L.J. Jones Scholarship and Education Fund were made.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with two of our Sisters. Sister Irene Kossow, PP, lost her son-in-law and Sister Sharin Brown lost a nephew. We draped our Charter for PP Helen Slaybaugh at the February 20 meeting.

April means Easter and all the activities connected with it. There will be spring flowers and nice weather to enjoy.

NG Lois Clark was not at the March 6 meeting because of health problems. Otherwise, all our members are up and going strong. We do hope and wish every lodge could make this report.

Until next month, good health to all.

Fraternal Love,  
Fay Bowers-Holland,  
PP and Reporter

## In Walla Walla

### Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

As we bid farewell to the winter months, we look forward to a busy time ahead.

At our last meeting in February, we draped our Charter in memory of PPIARA Lucy Compton and PPRA Helen Slaybaugh.

Aramae Buckingham was the winner of the cash prize and our evening was topped off with refreshments served by Donna Kennedy and Arline Kerns. Thank you Donna and Arline.

We have learned of the recent deaths of our Sisters Dorothy Bury (43-year member) and Pearl Smiley (15-year member).

Many of our members are ill or shut in and we received detailed reports from those who have been busy visiting our Sisters and Brothers. Our Sister Judy Paul, who is the owner of a local flower shop, recently donated enough roses for Rose Ringhoffer to make 15 bouquets that were then delivered to cheer up those who have been ill or shut in. In addition to the 15 members who were visited by Rose, Arline Maxson called on three Sisters. Marthann Hall and Barbara Lechner visited six members and Art Schreiber reported on four persons including his wife, Mary Loue. We miss all of you very much, but are pleased to hear of your progress.

On a more encouraging note, we were happy to have Beth Entze in attendance at our Lodge meeting. Beth, who has been recovering from burns she received over a month ago, thanked members for all of the cards, calls and flowers.

Now that winter is behind us, we are getting ready to spring into several activities that are scheduled for April.

Narcissa Lodge will provide the main dish and beverage for lunch at the District Association meeting on Saturday, April 8 at the Odd Fellows Home. Plans were finalized for our Tea Party to be held at the home on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Bell Ringers under direction of Marcia Wilke. If you have not done so or would like to purchase additional tickets for the quilt raffle, there is still time. The drawing for the quilt will take place during our Tea Party.

Helen Wilson was the winner of the cash prize drawing at our first meeting in March. All cash proceeds collected during our "Good of the Order" during the month of March were designated to be given to the Arthritis Fund.

Elsie Wells provided refreshments and got us into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. The serving table, from which she served a green colored punch, was decorated with a beautiful floral bouquet that was appropriately surrounded green shamrock candles.

A Rebekah Memorial Service for our Sister Helen Slaybaugh, who served as Rebekah Assembly President in 1967-68, has been planned and all of you are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your special invitation. **Please come!**

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**REBEKAH MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
In Loving Memory Of  
**Helen Slaybaugh,**  
PPRA

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006, 1 P.M.

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ODD FELLOWS HOME

634 BOYER AVENUE, WALLA WALLA

In F, L. & T.,

Nancy Klicker, Reporter

## Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

At our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 7, we initiated Sister Amanda House, Sister Lucinda Letson and Brother David Barnes into our lodge. Sister Mary Gosney was the acting Team Captain as Sister Mavis House is still on the recovery list. She was present and acted as Chaplain because Sister Emily Randle, our regular Chaplain, was home ill with the flu. It was especially meaningful to Sister Amanda because her mother, grandmother and grandfather all participated in her initiation ceremony. We were very happy to welcome three new members and also gave a big welcome to Sister Mavis and Brother Ernie House.

Sister Millie Hughes was reported as being in the hospital with a stroke condition. Sisters Agnes Ritzschke, Emily Randle, Tamara and Megan Randle, Nancy Robinson and Betty

Brown all have the flu. Cards were sent and we wish all of them speedy recoveries. I'm sure the variable weather does contribute to some of this sickness.

Sister Mary Gosney gave a short program on the birthday of Schuyler Colfax.

On April 4, we will celebrate the birthday of Leah Rebekah Lodge #22. Sister Agnes Ritzschke has the program and Sister Christene Sweetin has the refreshments. On April 18, Sister Floydene Lyons has the refreshments, but no one has been assigned for the program.

Since Easter is on April 16, we wish everyone a happy day and hope by that time we will have a little warmer weather.

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

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

Our Noble Grand Donna Miller is back after her surgery in Portland. She began her chemo treatments on March 9. Donna has been coming to lodge even when she hasn't felt very well.

We draped our Charter for PPRA Helen Slaybaugh.

We sent donations to the Heart, Arthritis Fund, Visual Aid, the Rose Parade Float and to the Pomeroy "Dollars for Scholars" scholarship fund.

Plans for the District Meeting April

8 were discussed. Narcissa is the host lodge and the meeting will be at the Walla Walla Odd Fellow Home. Our lodge will honor the Past Presidents.

A thank you was read from the Rae Kessler family. Our lodge took part in her funeral service.

Here's wishing you all a very happy Easter. We hope you find the golden egg!

Until next time. . .

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

# 2006 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Pre-Registration Form ~

**Red Lion Hotel ~ Kelso, WA  
June 24 thru 30, 2006**

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# 2006 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Meal & Banquet Reservations ~

	PRICE	Number of Persons	TOTAL
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 24</b>			
<b>5:00 p.m. — Youth Banquet</b>			
Ham Dinner		_____	_____
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25</b>			
<b>5:00 p.m. — Past Presidents' Banquet</b>			
Roast Turkey Dinner	\$20.50	_____	_____
Stuffed Sole with Lobster	\$21.75	_____	_____
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 26</b>			
<b>7:00 a.m. — Friendship Breakfast</b>			
Stuffed Croissant	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>7:00 a.m. — Grand Master's Officers' Breakfast</b>			
Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>6:30 p.m. — All Branch Banquet</b>			
Apple Cranberry Pecan Chicken	\$20.50	_____	_____
Char Grilled King Salmon	\$22.75	_____	_____
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 27</b>			
<b>7:00 a.m. — TaNaMaKa Breakfast</b>			
Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>7:00 a.m. — IOOF Representatives' Breakfast</b>			
Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28</b>			
<b>7:00 a.m. — Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast</b>			
Ham and Cheese Omelet	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 29</b>			
<b>7:30 a.m. — Grand Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Breakfast</b>			
Lobster Oscar	\$15.00	_____	_____
<b>Noon — LEA / Encampment Luncheon</b>			
Salad Bar	\$16.00	_____	_____
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 30</b>			
<b>Noon — Canton / LAPM Luncheon (All members welcome)</b>			
Salad Bar	\$16.00	_____	_____
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<b>Pre Registration Prior to June 1</b>	\$12.50	_____	_____
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<b>TOTAL DUE WITH REGISTRATION</b>			_____

## Deadline is nearing for the 2006 Kelso Session Program

Does your lodge need extra money? You can earn a 10 percent commission on all business ads sold for the 2006 Grand Sessions book. The cost of business ads are: Full page - \$125, 1/2 page - \$75, and 1/4 page - \$50.

If your lodge would like to place an ad, prices are: Full page - \$100, 1/2 page - \$60, and 1/4 page - \$35. No commissions will be paid on lodge ads.

Be sure to get the content of the ad so it will be correctly printed in the book. Make checks payable to Grand Sessions 2006 and send to: Mavis House, 786 Cedar Valley Road, Goldendale, WA 98620-2307.

The deadline for all ads is May 19, 2006. If you have artwork or logos, please make sure you send along a good clear copy on white paper.

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

Odd Fellow Officers for 2006 are NG David Parker, VG Valma DeVall and Sec. George DeVall.

Grandview Rebekah Lodge draped its Charter in memory of PNG Helen Theil, Marjorie Green and PPRA Helen Slaybaugh. Helen Theil was a very active volunteer in various local organizations, as well as the senior center and Rebekahs. She had received the Decoration of Chivalry several years ago. Her death from a heart attack has left a void in our hearts as she was always ready to give a helping hand. Our lodge took part in her memorial services with a brief resume of her activities and several humorous memories. We also assisted

with the memorial dinner at her church.

We gave a monetary gift to the senior center in Helen's name and also gave to the Arthritis Fund. Valma DeVall donated two dozen beanies for our servicemen.

PNG Laura Vangstad received an award for two years of service at the Toppenish Community Food Service Center. Laura is famous for her Norwegian and German pastries which she donates for bake sales held by various organizations. Laura is a cancer survivor as is Valma DeVall.

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

## Check your Sessions dates

If you have already made your reservations for our Grand Sessions in June, please double check to be sure of the dates! Theta Rho Sessions begin on Saturday, June 24. Odd Fellow and Rebekah Sessions begin on Monday, June 26. Encampment and LEA Sessions begin on Thursday, June 29 and Canton and LAPM Sessions will be held on Friday, June 30.

We hope to see you all in Kelso. Please contact the hotel for all reservations.

## Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We voted to reimburse Minnie Epling for her Veteran's Jewel. Then she donated \$50 to the Ambulance Fund in the lodge's name. Very nice!

Our Charter was draped for PPRA Helen Slaybaugh. She was a very sweet person and had visited our lodge many times.

Thomas Wildey was honored with a short reading at our last February meeting.

Our first March meeting was hosted by Cora Walker and Luellyn Ainsworth. The menu was tortellini casserole, special green Jello salad, pickles and cookies. NG Norline gave each member a Shamrock key chain and card.

Nine McCalden's name was accidentally left off the list of longtime Rebekahs. She has been a Rebekah for 60 years. Nice going!

Our table was decorated in a St. Patrick's Day theme. Hostess gifts

were won by Leona Treznoski and Norline Burton.

When Leona and Norline were coming home from Ivy, they hit an elk. The car had \$2,000 in damages, but the elk walked away.

The Arthritis Fund, the Odd Fellows Home, Visual Aid, the PeEll Ambulance Auxiliary and the PeEll Fire Department Auxiliary were each given \$50 donations from our lodge.

The weather is wild. We've had heavy rains, strong winds and now it is snowing.

Carolyn Miller brings special cards for every holiday. Today she announced she is having an MRI to see what needs to be done to her foot.

Nina's brother is very ill so she missed lodge.

With love and good health to all.

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

## Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings everyone. Here it is April and we are well on our way to another year. We are looking forward to a nice spring.

We just enjoyed having fun entertainment for St. Patrick's Day. Remember, we will celebrate Easter and the closing of Lent time this month.

We have been gathering items and will soon start packing our baggies for Hope Center in Moses Lake. We will be packing at our May 2 meeting and delivering them the next day. Be sure to come and help! Sister, thanks to all for your help on this project.

Sisters, have you paid your dues? Yes, time does get away from us very fast.

We decided to bypass the Rest Area project this year. However, if you would like to make a working donation to the lodge, it would be well appreciated this year.

My, hasn't the weather been cold? We hope no damage has been done to the spring crops. I guess everything we do is a gamble.

Our Sisters who have been sick are reporting that they are having better days. That's great news for everyone.

We are sorry to report that our Sister Betty Roller had some unwelcome visitors when she was gone for a short while. Sisters, be sure to lock your home and try to hide your valuables.

Hello all! Your Noble Grand Jeanette Kelley and her husband Bob took a week-long vacation in March to Sun City, AZ. They visited Jeanette's sister Bonnie down where it was nice and warm. They reported a fun week.

Our Sisters Carla and Helen have new great-grandchildren and more are on the way. How nice.

We draped our Charter in memory of PPRA Helen Slaybaugh. She was a very dedicated person and was very well liked.

Remember, next month is May and we greet everyone. We hope to see you all then.

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

## Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Spring has come at last. My daffodils and crocus arrived long before spring did. Hopefully by now all of you are enjoying warmer weather.

We were privileged to initiate another one of our Theta Rho girls into our Rebekah lodge. We welcome Stacey McCloskey as our newest member. She joins her mother Cindy (who is our current Noble Grand) and her sister Kristyna as members of our lodge.

Our members are looking forward to the District Association Meeting on April 8 on Camano Island. Yours truly is the President again and hopefully the meeting will prove to be educational for all.

We have had many members still on the "down" list. Just when we started getting some of our members back, others went down. Sister Nita Sherwood is making progress slowly. She is now out of the rehabilitation, but still cannot talk. Our wonderful Treasurer Myrtle Whitehead had to have emergency surgery and so we are now down to just me left at the

desk and I have not had a voice for four weeks following minor surgery when my vocal cords got irritated by the breathing tube they had to put in. Hopefully all will be well soon.

We also were saddened by the death of one of our older members, Sister Irene Wollschlager.

There is good news, though Sister Maxine Hansen has graduated from the walker to a cane and is now back with us. Our wonderful Musician Doral Shelton also is back. Hopefully we will soon have all our members back.

At our first meeting in April, we will have an Easter Hat Parade with prizes. If you would like to join us, please do. I heard through the grapevine that the Rebekah Assembly President might make her visit that night, too. At our second meeting in April, we will celebrate Earth Day.

We hope all of you have a wonderful Easter.

*In Rebekah Love,  
Judy Diekman,  
Reporter*

## Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Members of Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271 met on February 14 with our newly-elected officers.

Sister Marvel Smith demonstrated how to use our new speaker system, an addition to our lodge that was long overdue. Thank you, Marvel!

We are hoping Sisters Marge Young, Barbara Garza and Fleta Baker are feeling better, along with Sister Patricia Woelfe who had fallen from a horse, but is okay.

As it was Valentine's Day, Sister Wanda Koontz decorated the table in the red and white Valentine theme and we exchanged cards.

Sister Bernice Emrick, who moved to Sunnyside, was reported to have visited several ladies in the area. It was so good to see her as we all miss her.

At our February 28 meeting, we were sorry to learn that Sister Anne Williams had fallen on the ice.

Sister Loita Musgrove's health is improving, as is Sister Marge Young and Barbara Garza. Take care, ladies.

We spent time gearing up for preparing and serving the St. Patrick's dinner for the Lions at the train depot on March 18.

A survey has been distributed around town to see if the community is interested in having Saturday night Bingo again.

Sister Pat Mendenhall decorated the tables in red, white and blue for Presidents' Day. It was beautifully done and clever, Pat!! She even had chocolate covered cherries for us to eat as George Washington had "cut down" the cherry tree!

Spring is on its way, but we sometimes wonder when we are still having snow, rain and icy conditions here.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Lila Middleton,  
Reporter*

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

Bothell IOOF Lodge #124 held initiation on February 21 at our hall. Diane Swenson, Betty Huntley, Sharon Wilson and Alvin Martin have joined our group. Congratulations to you all. We look forward to many years of fellowship.



New members of Bothell IOOF Lodge #124 are, from left, Diane Swenson, Betty Huntley, Sharon Wilson and Alvin Martin.

There were 14 people in attendance at the initiation. Refreshments were served afterwards. Bruce Kenyon presided over the initiation and did an excellent job, along with all of the others doing their parts.

New officers for the coming year

are: NG Nancy Graesser, VG Dale Swenson, Sec. Zoe Whitman, Treas. Paul Bergren, Ward. Ross Jacobus, Cond. Steve Wilson, RSVG Bruce Kenyon, Chap. Theo Bergren, OG Daryl, IG Ward Martin, and RSNG Doug Graesser.

DDP Lillian Lathrum presented Betty Huntley with her 50-year jewel. It was a very happy occasion.

*In F., L. & T., Jean Oja, Reporter for Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #54  
Nancy Graesser, Reporter for Bothell IOOF Lodge #124*



Lillian Lathrum presented Betty Huntley with her 50 year jewel.

## Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 - Auburn

Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 has the honor of hosting President Florine Roehl, her officers and the members and guests of District Association #26 on Monday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Please come and visit us at our new home, the First United Methodist Church, 100 "N" Street SE in Auburn. We meet in the Education Wing at the back of the church. For detailed directions, e-mail or write our lodge Secretary, Janie Kujja, at pptra@comcast.net, 1106 4th St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002 or write or phone our District Association Secretary, Marcia Presley, P.O. Box 176, Orting, WA 98360, (360) 893-2644.

We were so happy to see our beloved PNG Tony Tamburello at our last meeting. Tony has experienced multiple health challenges in the last few months, but was well enough to return to our recent meeting.

PNG Mary Curtiss still struggles as she learns to compensate for the devastation of macular degeneration which has left her legally blind. She's learning to read with a closed circuit TV reader, enjoys books on tape, the Mariners on the radio and watching TV with her spiffy new glasses made especially for sports viewing.

We miss our member Mary Davie, but we know she is enjoying her winter retreat in Arizona.

Another of our Past Noble Grands, Jeanne Elder, has recently returned from a wonderful trip to the Holy Land. What a great way to miss our ever-changing Northwest weather, gals.

Unity meets on the first and third Monday of the month. Please come and visit us.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Janie Kujja, Secretary*

## Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

It is with great sadness we report the passing of our PNG Vera Paulsen. We conducted the Rebekah Funeral for her as did her Eagles Club and church.

Besides draping our Charter for Vera and Past President Helen Slaybaugh, we also initiated Elsie Burgett's great-grandson Christopher Pry into our lodge. We also have two more candidates.

Chris and another candidate await their Odd Fellow Degrees Chris attended the UN Pilgrimage last year.

Monica Cowdery and Cynthia Turner have completed their registration for this year. We do hope they gain as much as Chris and Rachel did

last time.

At our Temple Corporation Annual Meeting, Sister Kathlene Walsh was presented her 25-year jewel that was worn by her grandmother and mother. Kathie left Ontario with two feet of snow and returned to six feet. Winter had been mild for them until then. She had two days at McChord Air Force Base before her return.

Our PNG Shirley Gosselin is doing well in her assisted living facility, but she misses cooking. Sister Winnie Vanderpool has moved from assisted living to nursing care.

Blessings to all.

*Fraternally,  
Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters*

## Valley IOOF Lodge #60 - Auburn

Members of Valley Odd Fellow Lodge #60 enjoyed having our Grand Master Carson Inman make his official visit on March 6. The address that the Grand Master give was very informative and well received by all.

Before the meeting, a number of us gathered at local restaurant for a lovely dinner with the Grand Master and his wife Judy.

The lodge also would like everyone

to know that we have moved our meeting place to the United Methodist Church at 100 "N" Street SE in Auburn. Our meetings are on the first and third Mondays of the month, starting at 7:30 p.m. This is the same location and time that our Rebekah Sisters meet as well.

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