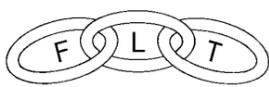


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Grays Harbor installs

Installation of Officers for the Grays Harbor Theta Rho Girls' Club was held February 5. From left are Brittany Miller, President; Florence Frogge', Theta Rho Assembly President and Installing Officer, Cassidy Fiest, Assembly Warden and Grays Harbor Secretary; and Cynthia Ashe, Vice President.

Musician Loleta Zumwalt passes away after 94 years

Loleta Amanda Zumwalt, Past Grand Musician for the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and other units, as well, passed away on January 24, just four days before her 94th birthday. She was born in Spokane on January 18, 1913 and passed away in The Dalles, Oregon.



Sister Loleta Zumwalt was always at home at her keyboard.

Sister Loleta joined Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 in Goldendale on June 17, 1941. She has held several offices as well as being a Past Noble Grand. Sister Loleta joined Yakima LEA in June of 1945 with ten other persons who then formed the Goldendale LEA #99. She was a past Chief Matriarch. She also was a member of the LAPM and was a Past President of Yakima LAPM #11.

She served as Grand Musician in all Units of our Order several times, more in the LEA and LAPM than in the Rebekahs. Several times she was asked to play the piano when the Musician was being introduced

on the first day of Assembly. She was the unofficial musician for the Decoration of Chivalry. Loleta was always willing to accompany anyone who was to sing at installations or other events.

Her funeral, on February 2 in Goldendale, was well-attended by friends and family from all around the state. She was well-loved and respected.

Newspaper Committee to meet

The Fraternal Newspaper Committee will meet Sunday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in the Grand Lodge office in Buckley. If you have any questions or concerns you wish addressed at this meeting, please contact Chairwoman, Betty Young, 26501 128th Ave S.E., Kent, WA 98031, phone: (253) 631-5503 or any other Fraternal Newspaper Committee member.

— Janie Kuja, Secretary

Sponsored Youth program needs your support in 2007

To: All Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, Jurisdiction of Washington:

It is that time of year again for our "Sponsored Youth of Washington" campaign for the physically handicapped. We are starting early this year for two reasons: To accommodate a number of lodges that asked for the information earlier, and secondly because we have a special event this and next year in our area. This year the Northwest Wheelchair Sports Prep Wheelchair Basketball Tournament came to our area. This is the biggest tournament in the country for basketball players 7 to 13 years of age. This is a three-day event that ran February 23-25. We were on hand to help score, and serve snacks and lunch for the participants and spectators. Additional funds will be needed to pay for coaches, referees and umpires, however we will be getting funds from a Kiwanis grant and Northwest Adaptive Sports is having a fund-raiser.



Our hope is to raise about \$5,000 from the various lodges and we will also get a corporate gift from Frontier Bank as we did the previous year.

Please send your donations to Frontier Bank in care of Bill LeBlanc, 617 South 3rd St., Suite B, Renton, WA 98057. Please make checks payable to Sponsored Youth of Washington.

Anyone wishing to join Unity IOOF Lodge #18 by volunteering your time, please give Bill LeBlanc a call at (425) 277-6866 during the day or (253) 841-0625.

Thank you again for your continued support.

In F, L. & T., Bill LeBlanc,
Co-Chairman and PG, Unity IOOF #18

Website Committee wants your ideas and suggestions

Some big changes are on the horizon for the Grand Lodge of Washington's website, but we want your ideas. The Grand Lodge Website Committee met for the first time in January and decided to use a new host which will dramatically cut the monthly cost of maintaining the site. The next step is to upgrade the contents of the website and make it easier for Brothers and Sisters to navigate.

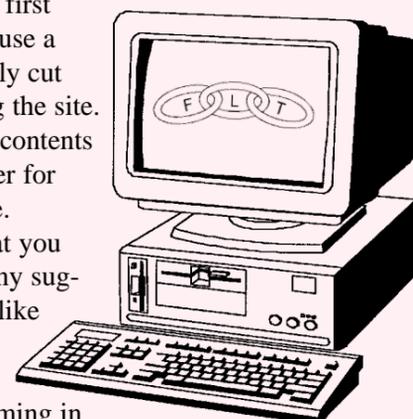
What is it on our website that you like, or dislike? Do you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see. The committee has bounced around a number of ideas and some will be forthcoming in the very near future. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail them to the Website Committee at:

laurel@ioofwa.org

Laurel Delony was elected committee chairperson and webmaster at the January 26 meeting in Buckley. Holly Houser is the committee's new secretary. Others on Website Committee are Toby Hanson and Bill Ostlund. Ex-officio members include Grand Master Ron Hanson, Deputy Grand Master John Crispin, Grand Warden Frank Wilson and Grand Secretary Ed Reitan, Jr.

Please go to the Grand Lodge's website and see what is new!

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From your 2006-2007 Grand Master



RONALD D. HANSON

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

When you look in Webster's ninth new collegiate dictionary you will find the following definitions for the Three Links of our great Order. I have included the definitions of the word "Friend" also, as I do not think you can understand the definition of the word Friendship without knowing what a friend truly is. So let's look at some of the things the definitions of Friend and Friendship tell us. This definition says to me that we need to care about one another. These definitions were taken from Webster's ninth new collegiate dictionary:

What it does not say is that friendship is a benign uncaring thing that will not interfere when you are wrong or about to go in the wrong direction. A true friend will jump up and knock you out of harms way or knock some sense into you when you are about to mess up. A true friend will also be there when you need support through whatever difficulties you may face, and help you make the best of a bad situation.

FRIEND = 1 a: one attached to another by affection or esteem b: ACQUAINTANCE 2 a: one that is not hostile b: one that is of the same nation, part, or group 3: one that favors or promotes something (as a charity) 4: a favored companion 5 *cap*: a member of a Christian sect that stresses Inner Light, rejects sacraments and an ordained ministry, and opposes war called also *Quaker*.

FRIENDSHIP 1: the state of being friends 2: the quality or state of being friendly: **FRIENDLINESS**.

So now let's look at the definition of Love. All of the definitions found in this section of the dictionary would seem to tell us that we are to care for one another unconditionally. Definition 4 seems to speak directly to what we espouse to each other as one of our ideals.

LOVE = 1 a (1): Strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties <maternal for a child> (2) attraction based on sexual desire: affection and tenderness felt by lovers (3) affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests <~ for his old schoolmates> b: an assurance of love <give her my~> 2: warm attachment, enthusiasm or devotion, <~ of the sea> 3 a: the object of attachment, devotion, or admiration <baseball was his first> b: a beloved person: darling — often used as a term of endearment 4 a: unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another: (1): the fatherly concern of God for man (2): brotherly concern for others b: a person's adoration of God.

So now let's look at the definition of Truth as found in this dictionary. The base of truth is the fact that it is essentially a statement of true facts that can be supported by documentation.

TRUTH = 1 *a archaic*: FIDELITY CONSTANCY b: sincerity in action, character, and utterance 2 a (1): the state of being the case: **FACT**: (2) the body of real things, events, and facts: **ACUALITY**: (3) *often cap*: a transcendental, fundamental, or spiritual reality b: a judgment, proposition, or idea that is true or accepted as true <~ s of thermodynamics> c: the body of true statements and propositions 3 a: the property (as of a statement) of being in accord with fact or reality b *chiefly* Brit: **TRUE** 2 c: fidelity to an original or to a standard 4 *cap christen science*: **GOD** — in truth: in accordance with fact: **ACTUALLY**.

Since we believe these definitions then I have to wonder why it is that during the last few months with the passing of my wife Dee the actions of some of our members would lead me to believe that some of our members would seem to think that these three things will equate with treating each other in a manner other than this without regard to the consequences. It seems to me that perhaps we each need to examine what we really believe.

*Fraternally in F, L. & T,
Ronald D. Hanson, Grand Master*

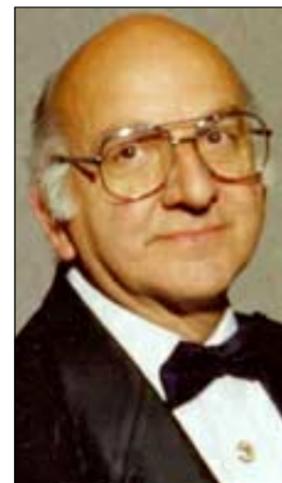
Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 welcomes the wearing of the green and pink during our "green month" on March 15.

Remember, we are a 7 p.m. group. Please come and pay us a visit.

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

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

"TAKE ME" ITEMS NEEDED VERY SOON

The Advance Reports or "Take Me" will be put together in the very near future, so all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairman need to submit their reports and budget requests in time for the publication of this booklet. Note: To those Committee Chairmen needing yearly financial data, it will not be available until after the Grand Lodge books are closed on March 31, 2007. All text only reports could be completed now and forwarded to the Grand Lodge office.

If you or a Lodge Representative wish to submit legislation for consideration at this Grand Lodge Session, it also should be prepared and received in time for printing in the "Take Me."

I would also remind those lodges with odd numbers that elected a Representative this year, you must submit a Representative's Certificate if you have not done so already. We need those certificates as soon as possible to allow the Grand Master to make appointments of Representatives to Standing Committees before the Annual Sessions convene.

The Annual Sessions of all Units of the Order will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Kelso. The dates for this year's activities are June 23 through June 29. Registration forms, including forms for meals, will appear in the next issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. Registrations for Sessions this year will again be handled by Alimus IOOF Lodge #15 and Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 under the Chairmanship of Ernest and Mavis House.

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

Arthritis Committee report

Please donate to our fund

Following all the snow and freezing temperatures and all our new-found aches and pains, we have made it through installations and the start of a new year. Now new committee members have been appointed. However, with warmer temperatures and rainier weather, we will find new aches and pains.

We all hope they will come up with a cure for Arthritis. This is why it is so important for all lodges and members to make donations to the Arthritis Committee for research.

Did You Know?

- Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States.
- More than 70 million — one in every three people — have arthritis.
- Nearly 300,000 children — age 17 and younger — live with juvenile arthritis.
- There are more than 100 forms of arthritis.
- Arthritis has the ability to rob you of your independence and mobility.

These are all good reasons to have the Arthritis Committee as a project so we can do research and find a cure to help others. Help us get rid of this disease by making a donation to the Arthritis Fund. Make this one of your lodge projects for the good of everyone.

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

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

SPRING HAS NEARLY SPRUNG

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Spring is on its way with flowers starting to come out of the ground and the stores selling pansies and primroses. I am very happy to be back on line with you again. Thank you for all your phone calls, notes, letters and lodge support during our difficult winter months. These brought sunshine on sometimes gloomy days. This was a true demonstration of Friendship, Love and Truth.



As many of you know, we had a visit from Sovereign Grand Master Master Rob Robbins and IARA President Sandra Young. The Assembly officers found both to be very understanding, delightful people. You can be proud to have them as our leaders. Sister Sandi is from Louisiana and speaks with a slight southern accent and is not afraid to speak her mind (which was like a breath of fresh air). Brother Rob is soft spoken, but speaks out when needed and people do listen to him. It was a pleasure to meet them.

You have probably received your Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues Statement by now. You will note that it is \$2 higher than last year and will go up another \$2 next year. This five-year graduated increase was voted on by the men Jurisdictional Representatives. They are the ones you need to speak to if you disagree as they are the only ones who can make a change at the SGL level.

For those who do not attend lodge, Past Assembly President June Phillips has been selected as the Assembly President Pro Tem for the remaining 2007 term. Her address is 6405 James Street, West Richland, WA 99353 and her phone number is (509) 967-5538. I know you will give her your full support and love.

Committee members, please remember to send your year-end reports to me by April 5 for the "Take Me." For those of you who have individual Rebekah Assembly Digest Books, there is a replacement page for the 2005 Session — price \$1. For those who have the Code of General Laws, there is a 2005 update — Price \$6.

I have been asked, "What does one do when a person or persons treats you badly?" My personal philosophy is to feel pity for them. It is they who are suffering from ill feelings, not you. By continuing on your life as you want to live it, you are not concerned. Your actions speak for themselves.

I would like to share, with you, these words by Ellen Irvin from the Idaho Treasure Chest of Rebekah Ceremonies. Please think of these when you are discouraged with anything or anyone connected with our Order.

*Let us learn to look for goodness
To find something to praise;
Instead of being fault-finders
Along life's various ways.*

*Look upward, be content, and love
Thy neighbor as thyself
And if you've nothing good to say,
Keep the bad to yourself.*

*Most of us see what we look for
Why should we look for wrong?
Tis best to lend a helping hand
As we journey along.*

*So may we keep our minds so filled
With kindly thoughts and good;
That we may help to build a world
Of peace and brotherhood.*

Now, go have a cup of tea and think good and blessed thoughts.

With Rebekah Love,

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Our meeting was called to order on January 25 by NG Debbie Lee. This is the second time around for Debbie and she wants to make this an interesting year and see the attendance grow. Wouldn't we all love that!

Early plans are underway for our Friendship Night that will be in March. It will have a "Gone With The Wind" theme. This should be interesting. We hope to see you all here.

The program was given by Cookie Music. She passed out her end-of-the-

year quiz. Who did what and when? It was time to put on our thinking caps.

We enjoyed a visitor, Sandy Holderman, from Monterose Rebekah Lodge. We enjoyed her company and hope she will return.

Our tool sale was Monday, February 5 at the lodge. Lunch was served in the kitchen with a delicious menu.

Happy St. Patrick's day to you all!

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

From your Rebekah Assembly President

PRO-TEM

LET'S LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. I was elected by the Assembly Executive Committee to finish the rest of Dee's term, which I will do to the best of my ability.

Now, the word you've all been waiting for: "The Assembly" has had its Charter restored. We are on a new beginning and must do our work as Rebekahs. We have all been through a trying time, but it is time to put that behind us and work together for the good of our members and the good of the Order. Let's not dwell on the past, but look forward to the future.



I will have two people helping me with visitations. Judy Diekman, PP, will be handling visitations on the coastal side of the state, and Barbara German, District Deputy President, will help with visitations on the desert side of the state. They will be writing for visitations along with myself. Judy and Barbara will be known as my Special Deputy Assistants. We want to visit as many lodges as possible. If you are asked to double or triple up on the visits, please do so. We want to see as many of our Sisters as possible. We will coincide our visitations for next month's newspaper so they can be published.

You are probably wondering why I named the visitation sides as I did. We have done away with each side of the mountain as we are all one state. To define the geographical areas so everyone knows where we are going, I put it the "coastal" and "desert" side. Aren't we fortunate to have coastal and desert sides?

If any of you have questions or need help with a problem, please don't let the problem go. Contact either your District Deputy or myself and we'll be glad to help in any way we can.

I send my Rebekah love to each and every one of you, and hope you will try to work away any bitter thoughts. Keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

With Rebekah Love,

*June Phillips, President Pro-tem
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District #18 Rebekahs to meet Saturday, April 7!!

All Rebekahs are invited to attend the meeting of Rebekah District Association #18 to be held at Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179's hall on Saturday, April 7. The hall is located at 111 W. Washington St. in Napavine. The meeting will be hosted by Harmony Rebekah Lodge #335 with President Mary Dunivan presiding.

Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Coffee and goodies will be provided. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. with a lunch break at noon. The meeting reconvenes at 1 p.m.

Lunch is usually priced at \$5 per person. We hope to see all of you there.

— Lou Ann Hoffman, Reporter

PNG's Association

Spring is on it's way as PNG's meet March 15!

Good news! Spring is on it's way.

The Past Noble Grands Association will meet on Thursday, March 15 in the Collins Grange Hall, 3404 East 120th St. in Tacoma.

The luncheon will be served by members of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 of Buckley. The meeting will follow the luncheon at 1 p.m. with JoAnn Rhein presiding. Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 will present the program of the day.

The F.,L.&T. Drill Team had the honor of installing new officers for five Rebekah Lodges in January. The work was well done, team.

Get well wishes are extended to Sister Edna Murphy. We miss you.

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

From your 2006-2007 Theta Rho President



FLORENCE FROGGE'

KEEP WORKING ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello to all! I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day! This new year is already going by so fast! Last month I had the pleasure and honor of visiting the Grays Harbor Theta Rho Girls' Club and installing their officers. It was very fun and I want to thank them for asking me to do it.

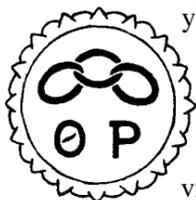
I miss all you girls and can't wait until retreat when I get to see all of you! I am also looking forward to visiting Oregon's club on March 12. Also, at the end of this month I get to go to the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Idaho. I am very excited about that!

I hope all of you are working on your community service. As a reminder, I am here anytime you need me, for anything! I wish everyone the best of luck in getting their numbers up in members and service hours!

I will make this short and sweet and leave you with this, "It is our choices. . . that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

— J. K. Rowling

Hugs and Kisses, Love and Wishes, In Happiness Through Service, Florence Frogge', Theta Rho Assembly President



Eola Rebekah Lodge #63

We are busy trying to raise the remainder of the funds to send a student on the UN Pilgrimage. Toward this end, we will have a big garage sale at the home of one of our members in Enumclaw on March 16 and 17. If you are in the area, or looking for something, call me at (360) 825-3554 and I will give you further information.

Several of our members attended and assisted in the installation of the officers of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club on February 25. Our lodge co-sponsors this group.

Our Noble Grand for 2007 has asked us to bring food to the meetings for the local food bank for community service.

Road clean up is scheduled for this month with the Buckley Odd Fellows and some of the Theta Rho girls. So, we will be out picking up litter along the roadside again. We do this two or three times a year.

We will be the hostess lodge for the spring meeting of District Association #26 on Monday, April 9 at our lodge hall in Buckley at 1 p.m. Dessert will be served prior to the meeting from noon to 1. So as you see, this is a busy time for us.

We wish all of you a happy Saint Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear your green!

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

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

Our sympathies are extended to Alma Davenport following the death of her daughter and to Sally Edwards whose husband died of a heart attack.

Our NG Jenene Munson is undergoing a series of tests and hopefully will not have to have back surgery. Laura Vangstad is grounded due to a cracked vertebrae.

Freda Keelin, our Treasurer, was elected queen for 2007 at the Grandview Senior Center.

Our lodge was 95-years-old on January 10 and we forgot to celebrate the occasion. Several of the lodges we helped to institute years ago have surrendered their Charters.

Valma DeVall will celebrate 60 years of Rebekah membership on April 6 this year. She joined Grandview Rebekah Lodge, then transferred to Mabton, then to Oceanside Rebekah Lodge in California and then back to

Grandview. She may be the oldest member in the Grandview Rebekah Lodge in years of membership, not age wise. She doesn't know yet how she will celebrate, but it will be something she wants to do to honor the Rebekahs. They taught her leadership and she enjoyed working with youth programs and having true friendships.

We are still busy thinking of ways to earn money. We need new ideas that don't involve a lot of physical work on our part.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It's nice to be important, but it's just as important to be nice.

CHUCKLE FOR THE MONTH

My wife wonders why I'm always sitting in the house while she is working on her flower beds and garden. I told her I was raising couch potatoes.

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

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone!

In February we met one night at the hall to make Valentines for the nursing home. We had some refreshments and fun. The Saturday before Valentine's Day we went to the nursing home to deliver them and visit with the residents.

We helped our Rebekahs with installation of officers. Allison Stewart, our new President, held the Bible for the elective officers. Her mother Mary Stewart was installed as Noble Grand. After the ceremony we helped with getting the refreshments ready and later served the cake. We did not do too much else this month as our Advisor was off enjoying herself in Australia and New Zealand. We have made some fun plans for this spring, though, and will be sharing them with you each month.

Time is going quickly and before you know it Assembly will be here. We hope to see some of you soon.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79



Mother - Daughter team!

Mary Stewart was installed as Noble Grand of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #245 in Oak Harbor and her daughter Allison was installed as President of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79, also in Oak Harbor.

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

At the time I am writing this we are still working on the repairs to our hall from the storm. It turned out to be quite a job.

This year we know will be a fun one for us. We installed Sister Mary Stewart as our Noble Grand and our Theta Rho Club installed her daughter Allison as their new President, so we have a mother/daughter team this year as the leaders of our two lodges.

We are making plans to be in the Holland Happening Parade again this year and also to hold a craft fair at our hall on the same weekend as a money-maker. This will be spearheaded by our new Vice Grand Diane Hammond. She did a wonderful job on the Christmas one and we hope to have the same success this spring.

Our wonderful Musician Doral

Shelton had to have surgery again and we miss her so much when she is not able to be with us. Her music adds so much to our meetings.

Sister Nita Sherwood is still in Spokane, but we hope some day she will be able to come back to our meetings. We miss her, too.

Sister Alyce Lane has been having some medical problems and we hope she is feeling better by the time this article comes out.

With the coming of warmer weather, maybe all of us will start to feel better.

Don't forget this month is the "Wearin' of the Green." Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Brothers and Sisters.

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman, PPRA & Reporter*

Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

The "Lunch Bunch" from Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222 went to the Home in Walla Walla, to see their Brothers and Sisters who reside there. Bruce Lucke, the only Brother who resides in the Clinton Street Apartments, was the only one who could go to lunch with them. After lunch they went to Klicker's, for a big ice cream cone. They claim the scoop is as big as a baseball. Shall we all go

with them next time? They finished their traveling lunch at the Owl's Nest for a big chocolate chip cookie

Members, don't forget your Brothers and Sisters who reside in the Home. They would enjoy your visit. Who knows, you might be a resident there some day.

*In F., L. & T.
Louie Brand,
Reporter*

From the Grand Patriarch



TOBY HANSON

SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE

Greetings, Patriarchs!

I planned out my series of articles for my year as Grand Patriarch while I was stranded in a motel in Anaconda, Montana after my van broke down coming home from a performance. I could have never imagined just how relevant my planned article for this month would become. You see, way back in August 2006 I knew that I wanted to address the issue of *members setting a good example for the Order*. Little did I know then just how many opportunities for good examples would come along in that time span.



The reason I first joined the Encampment branch was the example of the Patriarchs who were active in my Lodge. They were the kind of men that I looked up to: intelligent, thoughtful, charitable, helpful; in a word, Odd Fellows. I watched as they lived the principles of Odd Fellowship in their daily lives. I found that highly inspirational and wanted to emulate their example.

As I moved up in the Order and experienced more interactions between members I saw that Odd Fellowship can sometimes lose out to personal squabbles, perceived slights and political rivalries. Such conflicts are endemic of any group with more than about five members. I once heard a heated argument in a certain Norwegian fraternal order about how a certain member was buttering bread for a social event improperly and was therefore harming the future of that group. As absurd as it sounds, that member truly believed that she was defending her fraternity against a wanton saboteur.

Sadly, this sort of thing sometimes gets in the way of doing the work of our own beloved Order. In my time I've seen new members turned off by over-zealous longtime members embarrassing them in lodge meetings in front of their peers. The truly caring, fraternal way to instruct new members is to befriend them and offer encouragement after meetings, not to embarrass them on the floor of the lodge.

Further up in the Order there have been instances of people fighting blindly for what they believe is the one true and right way only to impede the otherwise prudent work of the Order. We each need to ask ourselves if we are working for the best interests of all involved or if we're working for our own ideas of what's best. We should be doing the work with humility, not hubris.

The best way to check and see if we're really working in the broader interest of the Order is to refer to the resources at hand: Brothers and Sisters in the Order, Unit Heads of the various Branches, Grand Secretaries and/or Grand Scribes and the Washington Digest and Code of General Laws. A wise Odd Fellow once told me that when I took my Initiatory Degree I swore to uphold the laws, rules and regulations of the Order, not what one particular member said or thought. Our Code of General Laws and Washington Digest provide the answers that should guide us in times of doubt. Our forbearers were extremely wise and forethoughtful and have provided a great deal of guidance for us. We would be wise ourselves to use it.

A NOTE ABOUT VISITATIONS

I have been remiss in not making my visitations sooner. Visiting the various Encampments is a great joy for any Grand Patriarch and I look forward to visiting each Encampment for their installations. Scribes, please send me the necessary information to be able to attend your installation

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Toby Hanson, Grand Patriarch*

~ In Memoriam ~

- Willie Rentz, Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20.
- Loleta Zumwalt, PNG, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- Mildred Moore, Miriam Rebekah Lodge #25, Ellensburg.
- Don Bell, Titusville IOOF Lodge #34, Kent.
- LaJean Marie Fyfe, Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233, Eatonville.

From your Department Commander



BRIG. GEN. ERNEST HOUSE

To All Chevaliers and Ladies,

It is with a sad heart that I must inform you that Washington is now down to three Cantons. We need four to keep our status as a Regiment. I will have to talk to Oregon and my executive officers to find out what will happen now.

How are things going with the rest of you? I hope you are getting new members and that you are putting them to work. Hopefully the other units of our Order are picking up new members, as that is the only way the P. M. can grow — we need new recruits! It will take lots of hard work, but I know that you and yours will meet the challenge.



According to the groundhog, spring is supposed to be here, but I don't know if this is so as the sun will be out during the day and it is rather warm, but at night it snows! Who knows? I certainly don't. I guess someday spring will be here and then we will be wishing for snow again! We are just never satisfied.

May God bless each and everyone of you and keep up the good work. I hope to see you at Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting in Idaho even though we (the P. M.) don't have a meeting there. Our meeting will be in the fall in Washington.

*Chivalrously
Brigadier General Ernest House,
Pacific Northwest Department Commander*

From the Pacific NW Dept. Association LAPM President

CELEBRATING SPRINGTIME

Dear Ladies and Chevaliers,

Springtime is a time of renewal, new life and sunshine. Put these ideas into action within your Auxiliary and think of ways to rejuvenate our Order's principles. Attend your local Rebekah meeting as a group dressed in uniform. Offer to present the colors at your lodge installation. I know that our dress uniform is outdated, but it is impressive when used for ceremonies.



If you can think of other ways to present our unit to our fellow Brothers and Sisters, please contact me with your ideas and I will pass them onto our Auxiliaries in Oregon and Washington.

May your springtime be full of sunshine, flowers and new growth, not only in our units, but in all units of the Order.

*Chivalrously, Geane Schaaf, President,
Pacific Northwest Department Association LAPM*

Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162

Happy New Year (or is it too late to say that?) Greetings to all from the Sisters of Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162.

The following elected officers for 2007 were installed by DDP Mary Firor, Deputy Marshal Jewel Zeihen and Musician Alice Hubert: NG Linda Meadows, VG Barbara Miller, Rec. Sec. Alice Hubert, and Treas. Janet Tetro. Appointed officers installed were: Ward. Mary Firor, Cond. Elaine Vetch, Chap. Artie Willner, Mus. Alice Hubert, RSVG Myrtle Meadows, RSVG Jewel Zeihen, IG Joyce George and OG Dorothy Lawrence.

We recently initiated a new member, Delores "Joey" Locke. We hope her work schedule will allow her to attend lodge.

Sister Dorothy Lawrence celebrat-

ed her birthday in January and is now 90 years young.

Our Rebekahs have sponsored card parties and a number of rummage sales throughout the year to help with lodge expenses.

As a community service in November, we sponsored a free program that we called "Winter Warmth and Coverings." We helped some 138 people in 40 local families with winter clothing and some bedding. Other boxes of things were given to the Chewelah Food Band, the Addy Rescue Mission and the City Gate organization in Spokane.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*"Knowing what you stand for
Limits what you will fall for. . .*

*In F, L. & T.,
Jewel Zeihen,
RSVG & Reporter*



New officers were installed on January 27 for Wilford IOOF Lodge #269 and Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 in Spokane Valley. From left are: Selma Lindor, Wilford Treas. and Ramona Sec.; Ellen Nunn, Wilford Sec. and Ramona Ward.; Donna Flatt, Wilford VG and Ramona NG; Al Komarek, Wilford LSNG and Ramona VG; Polly Komarek, Wilford IG and Ramona RSVG; Maxine Gregory, Wilford Ward. and Ramona Treas.; Elmer Lindor, Wilford NG and Ramona IG; and Barbara Good, Ramona Cond.

In Spokane Valley

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

The weatherman and Mother Nature conspired against District #2 and our January 20 installation planned for 1 p.m. had to be canceled at 10 a.m. that day. It was no big deal really, but what do you do with a loaf of egg salad sandwiches and a loaf of terrific tuna? Well, you have a lovely regular meeting the following Wednesday with featured sandwiches galore made by Polly Komarek. They were delicious!

Our installation was then held on January 27 and Polly whipped up more sandwiches. This time, however, the lodges insisted that she and Al bill them for the ingredients.

Both Wilford and Ramona Lodges had their year-end reports read and the books balanced. The lodges feel the Secretaries and Treasurers should receive a standing ovation from all members. In fact, the whole state should appreciate how hard the Sisters and Brothers work to report a year of work and balance their books.

Ramona has a new member and District #2 members will help put on

the initiation in February.

The Spokane Temple has completed its new handicapped-accessible entry. It is a lovely covered entry with a large deck, motion sensors, metal-caged lights and double hand rails. It doesn't get any better than that.

Ramona and Wilford Lodges are giving their white table cloths, Thermos pots and towels for the Temple supplies.

Our membership has had a pretty healthy winter. Sister Shirley Gardner is getting more check-ups. We hope she will be able to come to meetings soon.

Sister Freda is happy in her new assisted living home in Mission Ridge.

Our Sister Edna Melby is living practically in the banana belt of Eastern Washington. It hardly ever gets below 20 degrees!

Ramona and Wilford members hope the groundhog was right and the next newspaper will hail spring.

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

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

From Tempest Rebekahs and Prosperity Odd Fellows, a belated happy New Year to all. Because of bad weather some of our winter meetings had to be cancelled, but we are now looking forward to better times.

Our joint installation was combined with the Waterville Rebekah Lodge. We were happy to have them join us. A potluck dinner preceded the ceremonies with Blanche Forst chairing the kitchen activities. We were glad to have the assistance of Ralph Clark and the grandson of outgoing NG Barbara Pittman in setting up the dining room.

Sister Harriet made a beautiful cake with emblems and the names of the three new Noble Grands. Thanks, Harriet.

Our installing Grand Officers were Sister Fay Bowers-Holland, PPRA, and Frank Holland, PGM. They were assisted by acting Grand Marshall

Sharin Brown and acting Grand Chaplain Marge Farrens.

Officers installed for Tempest and Prosperity Lodges were: Noble Grands Grace Burton and Lois Clark, Vice Grands Blanche Forst and Bill Clark, Secretaries Lois Clark and Marge Farrens, and Treasurers Sharin Brown and Charles Gall.

Sister Nadra Rivers of Waterville provided the music. Tempest is very pleased to be able to fill all the appointed chairs this year.

In January Tempest members voted to update some of our by-laws. It was also one of those rare times when there were no reports of illness.

Sister Bernice Riggelman, who is in an assisted living home in Oregon, sends her greetings to everyone and says she misses us terribly. We are glad we can keep in touch.

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

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from chilly, foggy and wintery Waterville as a good 2007 is getting better. We hope all lodges are installed and everyone is looking forward to much action as new Noble Grands present their programs.

Waterville Rebekah #77 officers were installed in a joint installation with Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 and Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114 in the Wenatchee IOOF Hall on January 27. Installing Officers PGM Frank Holland and PP Fay Bowers-Holland were assisted by PNG Sharin Brown as Grand Marshal, PNG Marge Farrens as Grand Chaplain, and PNG Nadra Rivers as Grand Musician.

A delicious potluck luncheon preceded the installation and was attended and enjoyed by families and friends.

The 2007 Noble Grands installed were Lois Clark of Prosperity #301, Fay Bowers-Holland of Waterville #77 and Grace Burton of Tempest #114. Their respective officers were installed, too.

The 2006 retiring Noble Grands were honored by their lodges and officers. Cake and coffee were served at a reception following the installation.

We celebrated Valentine's Day at our kick-off meeting on February 5

with cards to members who were unable to attend. The Noble Grand presented her 2007 program. Copies were sent to members in their Valentine cards. Plans for the District Association #17 informative/instructional social were formulated. The meeting will be held in Wenatchee on Saturday, April 14 with Waterville #77 serving as the host lodge.

We again decided to give a \$350 scholarship to a Waterville 2007 graduating senior in conjunction with the "Dollars for Scholars" program. The scholarship for an alumni attending an institution of higher learning was tabled for the present.

Irene Kossow, PP, was installed as Chaplain as she was out of the state (gone fishing) on the day of installation.

Here it is March already with St. Patrick's Day. It's also Arthritis Month and District Meetings are beginning. Be sure to honor Schuyler Colfax.

Before the next letter is published, watch out for April Fools' Day, but do enjoy a happy Easter.

Here's hoping everyone is enjoying good health!

*Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter*

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Last month when I said we carried on without our Noble Grand, I meant no one went to lodge. The streets and roads were too icy.

We had our installation of officers on January 24. Everyone was there. LuAnn Hoffman, DDP, was the installing officer. Those installed were: NG Norline Burton, VG Carolyn Miller, Sec. Leona Treznoski, Treas. Cora Walker, OG Louise Lusk, RSVG Beulah Crocker, RSNG Minnie Epling, Ward. Nina McCalden, Cond. Marian Moon, and Chap. Luellyn Ainsworth.

The Noble Grand presented the team of installing officers with a gift. A belated birthday gift given to Luellyn was a crocheted lap robe from Leona. A very nice potluck luncheon was served.

Our Treasurer Corky Walker is in the hospital. We hope for a quick diagnosis and recovery.

Joyce Crafton is still busy with care giving. Her husband Joe was in the hospital. PNG Bonnie Dillon was in the hospital at the same time. She was kept busy running between hospitals.

THOUGHT

"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for."

— Will Rogers

"Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved."

— Will Rogers

I've pretty much given up praying for better weather. I find if I leave it alone that the Lord makes it a little easier on us.

On February 7, Ivy Rebekah Lodge in Centralia had their installation and a special birthday celebration for Bonnie Dillon. Leona and Norline are officers there, too.

The Main Street Market is doing well. Norline is manager and makes the most wonderful pizzas. It has only been open less than two months.

I'm supposed to be doing "all the news that's fit to print." Sometimes it is a strain.

With love and good health to all. . .

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

Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings!

Spring begins in March and there's a day for all Irishmen — and I'm one of them.

PNG Sister Kae Fletcher's husband passed away. We extend our deepest sympathies to her.

Sister Ellen Want is getting weaker. She will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 4. We wish her many happy days.

Sister Elsie Patterson was not feeling well enough to have our PNG's meeting, so we met with Sister Gail Frankie on February 12.

We were worried about Sister Betty Mason as she missed the last meeting, but she seems to be doing just fine.

A SMILE FOR YOU
Smiling is infectious,

*You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling, too.*

*I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin,
When he smiled, I realized
I'd passed it on to him.*

*I thought about the smile
Then I realized its worth,
A single smile, just like mine
Could travel around the earth.*

*So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected!*

*Keep the smile going
By sending this on to a friend.
Everyone needs a smile!!*

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



Spunky Valentines

Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club Girls' Club #93 in South Tacoma show off Valentine gifts from their advisor following a recent meeting. From left are Amber Bailey, Lea Daniels, Jubilee Mande, Florence Frogge' and Ceara Dempsey.

Visual Aid

Get the word out about our Visual Aid program

Your Washington Visual Aid Committee met on Saturday, February 17. Attendance included the committee members plus Grand Master Ron Hanson, Deputy Grand Master John Crispin, and Grand Lodge Secretary Ed Reitan.

Assistance applied for from July, 2006 to February, 2007 totalled 24. Only seven of the 24 have received assistance. The problem seems to be follow-up by the applicant, usually the school nurse or family of the student.

Anyone who needs copies of the new yellow "Washington Visual Aid Handbook, Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Visual Aid Program," needs to send their request to the Grand Lodge of Washington, P.O. Box 377, Buckley WA 98321-0377 or call 1 (800) 345-1766.

Grand Master Ron Hanson recommended the committee delete the fourth paragraph down on page 3 in the new pamphlet which refers to the \$300 allowable for special needs. We were informed that the \$300 was added at last Grand Lodge Session as a Resolution which is a one-time fix. It also limits the committee from assisting a family with special needs that may exceed the \$300 limit. The committee moved, seconded and approved a motion to delete that paragraph in the new yellow pamphlet. Special cases will be handled and acted on by the committee.

The committee is asking for assistance from all lodge members in Washington to contact school nurses in your area with the new yellow visual aid book. Donations are still needed for this fund for children. Exact funding totals will be available at a later date and will be reported in the "Take Me" just prior to the Grand Lodge Session in June.

— *In F., L. & T., Roger Bruland, Chairman
Visual Aid Committee*

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all our Sisters and Brothers.

We had installation of officers for the coming year. Elected officers are: NG Irene Trosky, VG Donna Miller, PNG Diane Bullock-Gauron, Sec. Lorene Swedberg, and Treas. Diane Bullock-Gauron. Our appointed officers are: Ward. Winifred Johnson, Cond. Lorraine (Lori) Douglas, Chap. Anna Sullivan, RSNB Arletta Bain, LSNG Jean Lester, RSVG Grace Wilson, IG Gladys Crosier, OG Bob Crosier, Trustee Winifred Johnson, and Mus. Dorothy McCullough.

We were saddened by the deaths of two of our long-time members. Sister Mildred Moore and Brother Willie

Rentz passed away in January. Sister Mildred moved to California, but she still kept up her membership with our lodge. Brother Willie was our long-time trusted and faithful Treasurer. Our sympathies go out to their families. All of us will deeply miss both Mildred and Willie very much.

Sister Anna Sullivan read a letter she received from Sister Arline Maxon. She is our Sister in the Home in Walla Walla. It is always nice to hear from her.

I wish the new officers and our lodge a good year! Take care and may God bless.

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

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Hello. Greetings from the Capital City. The past couple of months had its fair share of bad weather, but as we enter into March it's clear that most are ready for spring to arrive.

Our lodge conducted another second and third degree evening on February 5. George Johnson and the degree team did a great job one more time. Thanks to all who helped and warm congratulations to those we bestowed degrees upon.

Our Odd Fellow Beach Park is doing well as reported by Glen. The perimeter fence needed some repairs as a result of January's wind storm. Glen and a number of Brothers did the repairs and everything is looking good at this time — until we get another wind storm. We are receiving numerous reservations with deposits paid. Our park rules state, "reservations can be made 12 months in advance," so this is the time to book the park for your family functions. Future projects include installing ceiling fans in the clubhouse, expanding the parking area and remodeling bathrooms.

PJ spoke on the cemetery. It is doing extremely well financially and being maintained wonderfully. The Cemetery Board, along with Brothers Frank and Roger, has worked hard to bring our cemetery up to a very high standard. Future work projects include the repair and painting of the machine shed and the community vault.

George Johnson reported that as a result of all the rain this winter, roof repairs were completed at our building on 5th and Capital to the tune of \$2,500. The lodge building roof needed some work as well, so George and his crew, toting a bucket of tar, did the repairs. Future projects include painting the inside window frames in the lodge, replacing the kitchen floor and cleaning the room where the Sweet Adeline's stored their equipment. This room also will be painted and put into order.

Rick and Cathy Garcia are the leads in the food program for feeding school children this summer. This is the program we did a few years back that assisted families whose children receive free lunches at school. The program ends with summer break, so we are picking up the slack. We need volunteers to assist. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for anyone interested. This program is part of our creed and tenet of Odd Fellowship. Please assist the Garcia's with this. It is very worthwhile and certainly appreciated by the children.

Sec. Tom Day spoke at length about our lodge officers and their leadership. The lodge is growing and doing well financially. This is due to the leadership and the interest it generated by our membership.

On Saturday evening, January 20, our lodge hosted the installation of officers for four lodges. Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers did the installation. This beautiful evening started off with a delicious lasagna meal. The dinner was prepared by our imported Italian Chef Bob and his assistant Tom. There were several inept individuals who also assisted. The hall was decorated by Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 members. The meal was outstanding.

The installation was a success. The music added a touch of pageantry. If you have never attended a formal installation, you are missing a beautiful event. I personally was awed by

the participants who were dressed in tuxedos, ball gowns, cocktail dresses and suits. It was mind boggling. Olympia #1 and Ruth #17 would like to thank all the other participating lodges and especially the Grand Lodge Officers.

Brother Frank Wilson presented our Noble Grand Joe with a Past Grand's Jewel. The highlight was when NG Joe Picanco presented our Secretary Tom Day with our first Odd Fellow Merit Jewel. This was a richly-deserved award for a truly outstanding person. Since joining the lodge in 2001, Tom has worked hard in a variety of lodge events, functions, projects and served as lodge Secretary these past four years. Our warmest congratulation goes out to Tom.

If you are Past Grand and have not received the Grand Lodge Degree, consider doing so this June. Our Noble Grand is encouraging all PG's to accompany him in receiving this prestigious Degree during Grand Lodge Session the last week of June.

At our February 5 meeting, Frank Wilson, speaking as the Grand Warden and chairman of the Grand Lodge's Membership Committee, spoke at length about lodge membership. The Noble Grand encouraged members attending to recruit one new member for year 2007. Not only does it increase the size of our lodge he said, but provides a greater base of knowledge and talent the lodge can draw upon on.

The Lodge meeting on Monday, February 5 started out with a lasagna dinner, included salad, garlic bread and cake.

Our lodge conducted the Second and Third Degrees for four new members. Congratulations to our new members. See you at Lodge. George Johnson, our Degree Master, conducted the Degree Day. Great job, George.

The Park Board reported that the fence is repaired thanks to free pipe and fabric from several members. George, Glenn, Joe and Stu helped repair the fence and cut brush around the inside of the fence. Thank you Doug for replumbing the hot water heater in the park rest rooms.

On March 1, the new combination to the lock at Puget Beach Park will be initiated. Please receive the combination from any officer or Park Board member.

We are busy at the cemetery with a few minor electrical problems at the shop. Frank is on top of it and everything will be fixed soon. One of the tractors is back and the other is in the shop and will be repaired soon.

The roof is being repaired on the Thurston Building. All units are rented and we are doing well according to the committee.

Noble Grand Joe presented membership pins to Glen and Stu. Joe asked all members to sponsor at least one new person this year. He is trying for a 20 percent growth in the lodge. We can do it!

Brother Frank Wilson, who is our Grand Warden, discussed an upcoming membership meeting in California.

Nominations will be accepted during the March meetings for a Representative from Olympia Lodge #1 to Grand Lodge Sessions. This is a two-year position. Only PG's are eligible.

*In F., L. & T.,
Stuart Carlson,
Prize Winning 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.

Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, of Kennewick, celebrated its 100th Anniversary in December of 2006. Members came from Pasco and Grandview to attend our luncheon before the lodge meeting. Our Secretary read the original names of the members who were on our Charter when it was instituted in December of 1906 in Dayton.

On January 21, the Pasco and Kennewick Rebekahs had a joint installation. Barbara German, District Deputy President, was the installing

officer. Refreshments were served after our installation.

Alice Seigfried, who is our *new* Noble Grand, is also a first-timer. Aren't we lucky! No recycling. She has many things planned for us.

The knitters and crocheters have made 50 caps for the newborns in Third World countries. The caps were so small they would fit a Barbie doll. We are so lucky that our babies are bigger and healthier.

*In F., L. & T.,
Elsie Brand, Reporter*

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Better late than never applies to the news of our installation of officers. Elected officers installed were: NG Jeanne Elder, VG Karen Schultz. Sec. Jean Lucke, Fin. Sec. Craig Schultz, and Treas. Evelyn Carver. We held a joint installation with Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18 and Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56. We enjoy getting together with our Brothers and Sisters from neighboring lodges.

Another late item is that one forenoon in December, members visited the Care Center in the IOOF Home. We served hot cocoa and doughnut holes with the residents. We enjoyed our visit with them.

We have a number of members who were ill or injured over the past months. At last report, they are

improving or even back to normal.

Our first meeting in January was held in the IOOF Home so that the 2006 Noble Grand Anna Martien could attend. Anna is getting along quite well, but felt it best to remain in the Home instead of going out. She didn't feel up to attending installation, so she was honored at that meeting for her year as Noble Grand.

Henrietta "Penny" Everson is still with her daughter in Pennsylvania. They plan to move to Michigan. Penny hopes some day to move back to the Home. We hope she does as we miss her both in lodge and here at the Home.

May you all have a happy St. Patrick's Day.

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



Helma Bowen put away her Secretary's books for the last time after serving in that office for some 40 years at Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46 in Toledo. Monterose members threw a party for the retiring Secretary.

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our meeting was called to order on February 1 for our newly-installed officers. Members voted in favor of sending a donation to the Arthritis Fund.

Mable Hayrynen, who joined the lodge in 1947, received her 60-Year Jewel. It was pinned on her by NG Rosalie Davis. That is something to be proud of.

It was reported that Thelma Pratt is feeling much better. She sent a delicious loaf of banana bread for members to enjoy.

An angel ornament was given to Rosalie Davis from Sharon Fehl. It was a thank you gift for installing the officers of Harmony Rebekah Lodge.

Following the meeting, a retirement party was held for Helma Bowen. After some 40 years as our dedicated Secretary, she has passed her duties on to another. It is time for her to take it easy and enjoy life. A dozen red roses and a gift certificate was given to her as a token of thanks for a job well done. Members of Trinity and Harmony Lodges were on hand for the party.

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

Unity IOOF Lodge #18 - Puyallup

On Wednesday, January 17, Unity IOOF Lodge #18 officers were installed at a festive dinner held at Charlie's Restaurant in Puyallup. The Installing Officers were Sister Loletta McCormick, Deputy Grand Master John Crispin and Grand Secretary Ed Reitan.

The new officers on hand were NG Don Thiem, VG Dennis Schnell, Sec. Bill LeBlanc, and Treas. Kerry Yanasak. Others present were Dean Baumgartner, PG and Lodge Deputy Jim Hermanson, Jack Vincent, David

Greening, Jay Wolfe and Larry Morrison.

All were installed with the normal regalia in a full ceremony administered by Deputy Grand Master John Crispin, after which all enjoyed an excellent meal and an evening of fellowship.

Our special thanks to Brothers John and Ed and Sister Loletta for doing the honors.

*In Friendship Love and Truth,
Bill LeBlanc, Past Noble Grand
and Secretary*



*Happy
St. Patrick's Day
To All Our Brothers & Sisters*

Let's dance!

Irish Swing Dance in Des Moines

Members of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 have issued an invitation to all Brothers and Sisters to join them for an Irish Swing Dance on Friday, March 16 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Lessons start at 7 p.m. and there will be live music provided by the Haggis Brothers from 8 to 11 p.m. There will be dancing until midnight.

"Then stay and ring in St. Patrick's Day, 2007," said Des Moines Noble Grand Jim Langston.

The Des Moines Odd Fellows Hall is located at 728 S. 225th Avenue in Des Moines. Please RSVP by calling (206) 870-6333, by writing to P.O. Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198 or by e-mailing John Crispin at johncrispin@hotmail.com

"Come join us and bring your dancing shoes — and don't forget your green," NG Jim added.



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