



The Two T's Take Terms In Buckley

A joint installation of officers was held in Buckley on January 27 with the Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 and Eola Rebekah Lodge #63. Installed as Noble Grands were Tim Van Dusen (top, center) for the Odd Fellows and Tom Frogge' (left) for the Rebekahs. They are both first-timers so we are excited about that. Flanking Tim in the top photo are VG Steve Schmidt and outgoing NG Tony Ostlund. The installing officers were John Crispin, Grand Master; and Marcia Presley, Assembly President. Following the ceremony, we enjoyed a decorated cake and fellowship. We are all looking forward to a good year with these two T's at the helm.

Yes, 'change' is the new buzzword at the Home!

You've heard the political slogans and watched the national news. "Change" is the buzzword of the day. In the context of the work of the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, "change" is important if we wish to remain competitive and relevant as a retirement community. Retiring baby boomers look for facilities with a neighborhood setting, restaurant-style dining, activities of choice, individualized living spaces and opportunities for personal growth. As we make plans to meet the retirement needs of this generation, we'll need the help of people like you.

Over the past eight years, you faithfully contributed to the Odd Fellows Home Endowment Fund. During this time, the growth/interest from the Endowment Fund has significantly benefited residents of the Home. In the upcoming months, we'll purchase an 18 passenger wheelchair van and install a cooking center in the Activities Department. As you can see, your donations to the Endowment Fund are positively impacting resident life.

At the present, the endowment is over \$1 million. Over the next several years, let's endeavor together to grow the endowment to \$2 million. Memorial gifts, gifts of stock and bequests are just a few ways to assist us in reaching our goal. Yes, it can be done! As you consider making a donation, remember that we value your partnership in this great work.



BY JOHN
 PAULSON
 Director of
 Development
 Odd Fellows
 Home

Arthritis Committee report

Let's give to the Arthritis Foundation this month!!!

With all four of our interstate passes closed at this time (and they have been several times this winter), plus the devastating floods that hit the western part of our state in December, we have had all the ingredients for Uncle Arthur to raise his head. That Uncle is Arthritis.

March is the month for our yearly donations to be made for the projects of our Order. Arthritis is one of our main projects. The good thing is all contributions made here stay here — going to the Northwest Arthritis Foundation.

This Foundation has two good pamphlets, "Arthritis Action" and "Arthritis Foundation." One keeps you informed of all the activities being done in the state and the other gives reports from the doctors who receive grants to study the many different forms of Arthritis. The most startling fact we found is that it takes 12 years for an experimental drug to go from testing to the pharmacy.

With the majority of our members living with Uncle Arthur, may the next new drug that receives approval be the ultimate cure for our joint aches and pains — along with the many surgeries needed — that allow us some form of mobility. Let's fight this. Together with our donations we will make a difference.

— Carson Inman, PGM, Chairman
 Carol Hare, Rebekah Assembly, Co-Chairperson

Corned beef & cabbage in Des Moines March 18

Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 will hold its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in the Des Moines Lodge Hall, 728 S. 225th in on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is a time for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and prospective members to come together for a relaxing evening of good food and Irish sing-alongs.

Please RSVP to Jim Langston with reservations by March 12 by calling (206) 878-7205.

Attention all committees!! All reports due by April 6th

Your Committee Reports must be in the Secretary's office by April 6 to be printed in the "Advance Proceedings" and "Take Me." Please make out your report after your last meeting in March and send it in. Remember, a copy goes to both the Grand Lodge Secretary and the Rebekah Assembly Secretary.

Check our web site for your lodge's accuracy!

If you haven't checked out the Grand Lodge of Washington's web site, you are missing out on a lot of great information. However, we want to make sure all the information is correct. Please check out your Odd Fellow Lodge's listing by clicking on the link entitled "Odd Fellows" and then clicking on the link "Lodges." Rebekahs should click on "Rebekahs" and then click on "Lodges." If you find any errors in the address, meeting dates and times or even with the maps, please let the webmaster know. Go to www.ioofwa.org to check your listing. You can contact Webmaster Laurel Delony at webmaster@ioofwa.org

From your 2007-2008 Grand Master



JOHN CRISPIN

DIVERSITY OF ACTION

Our Order has as its goal “to improve and elevate the character of mankind.” We strive to do this through the application of Friendship, Love and Truth. Through our teachings and traditions, each of our eight branches has a different perspective as to how this is accomplished. Every lodge is a unique unit and while the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the grand bodies provide a basic framework of laws and regulations that allow us to work together, each lodge is free to choose to spread the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth in the manner they see fit. This provides us with great flexibility allowing us to pursue as many different projects as we have interests and skills. Our Order is not a monolithic entity with a limited scope.

When we work together supporting one another in spite of, or because of these differences, we gain diverse approaches. These differences, when recognized and used constructively, provide us with one of the great strengths of our Order — diversity of action. We are stronger when we support one another. We don’t all need to march in step. As long as we are working within the laws of the Order, the success of any unit is the success of all.

Unfortunately we can allow our differences to become barriers to cooperation, both active and passive, and the result is division among Brothers and Sisters. Typically this division is simple neglect, but sometimes outright strife. Our lodges often do not communicate well with one another. Many of you are aware of units that do not cooperate with one another and whose communications are laced with thinly veiled hostility and lack of respect. In these cases we have allowed differences to undermine our unity and cooperation and rather than strengthen our relationship we use them to further fracture our fellowship.

In the past when we have attempted to repair divisions, we have made agreements with plans to reach out and renew the spirit of cooperation. These attempts have frequently come to naught because of an all too human failing; we focus on what the other party is doing wrong. It is far easier to find fault than address our own shortcomings. In an effort to improve relations, most of us are willing to do things to satisfy the other party, even things that are difficult. These changes may require considerable effort and trust, but we are willing so long as we believe that the other party is investing similarly. Unfortunately we tend to focus on what they are failing to do rather than their efforts. Violations are easy to spot and we deliberately look for them because it serves a purpose; they give us an excuse to cut back on our own efforts and justify our anger. The anger builds over time and we find ourselves angry or feeling wronged for no cause. Since it is uncomfortable to be irate for no reason, we find fault to justify our own anger. This cycle of anger and fault finding builds resentment. The cycle repeats and is amplified and the divisions grow.

In my previous articles I have emphasized the need to trust and respect each other, to cooperate and invest in our Order, to work within our laws and regulations, and to guard the rights of others so that we may all elevate character and pursue the work of the Order. Past differences can make this sort of positive work difficult. Our great Order will continue to fragment until there is nothing left unless we are willing to do the hard work to bridge these divisions, restore unity and celebrate the advantages of our diverse fellowship. We must recognize the value of our diverse skills and perspectives. We must choose to improve our relationships at all levels to support and renew our Order if we expect a brighter future.

It is far easier to work on improving when we make the effort to focus on what the other party has done to improve rather than their failings. As we focus on the positive we gain an appreciation for others and their efforts to improve. Think about these four items as you work with others:

- When you think the other party is not doing their fair share, ask yourself if being resentful, angry and fault finding will help you or our organization.
- Develop an awareness of the other party’s efforts. Try to notice the things they do for the good of both.
- Appreciate that their efforts demand compromise and sacrifice and that they care enough to try
- Acknowledge their contributions. Don’t keep your appreciation to yourself.

We need to do what is in the best interests of both even if it doesn’t come naturally. To stick with it we need to recognize that the other party works as hard as we do. In the end what counts is not what we do or have done to each other but what we do for and with each other.

“We need to be the change we wish to see in the world.” — M. Gandhi

In F., L. & T., John Crispin, Grand Master

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, 2008. 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 even 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 21 through June 27. 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

District #18 meeting on April 5


The Spring District #18 Meeting will be held in PeEll on Saturday, April 5. The meeting will open at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served. The meeting will be hosted by Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184.

— Sue Johnson, District #18 Secretary


Bus may be available for trip to Victoria, BC

With the high price of gas, you may want to consider taking the bus to the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting in Victoria, British Columbia on April 4-6. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Oregon are considering chartering a bus if there is enough interest. If you are interested, please send \$80 per person to: Patty Olson, P.O. Box 1321, McMinnville, OR 97128.

The deadline for reservations is Saturday, March 15. If Patty doesn’t receive enough reservations by March 15, the bus will be cancelled and your money will be refunded. Depending on who would like to ride the bus with Oregon Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, a few stops along I-5 can be arranged at set times. The more passengers on the bus, the lower the cost will be per person. Once the final count is in and the exact cost is calculated, any excess money will be refunded to you. The registration form for the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting is on page 5.



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From your 2007 - 2008 Assembly President



MARCIA PRESLEY

ARTHRITIS MONTH AND SCHUYLER COLFAX'S BIRTHDAY

March is here. I hope the weather will be better for all of us. March is Arthritis Month and the anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, the author of the Rebekah Degree. Almost all of us are affected by Arthritis one way or another. Hopefully one day they will find a cure. Your support of this project is imperative for its success. Your lodge donations are greatly appreciated.



Please take a few minutes during one of your meetings this month to celebrate the birthday of Schuyler Colfax on March 23. Pay tribute in his honor and remind ourselves how important he is and what he did for Our Order.

I hope to be able to make more visitations this month if the weather cooperates. If you are holding your Spring District Meeting in March or April, be sure and let me know when, where and the starting time that they are scheduled. I will try to attend as many as possible. I truly enjoy these meetings. They are always a lot of fun and instructional, too.

Thank you to all of the Rebekahs who agreed to be my appointive officers and committee people for our Assembly in June. This will be the last Assembly on the costal side as we will be returning to Yakima in 2009. Let's have the biggest and best Assembly ever, by your attendance and input. I have a few surprises planned, so I will see all of you in Kelso. June will be here before we know it and hopefully by then our webbed feet will be gone, so we can get into our dress shoes.

On behalf of the Rebekah Assembly, I wish you all a very happy St. Patrick's Day and a happy Easter. *Hope* is the spirit of Easter. "Hope is like the sun, which as we journey towards it, casts the shadow of our burdens behind us."

On a serious note: We need to rededicate ourselves to the principles of our Order — Friendship, Love and Truth. If you have a problem, talk with the person directly and work it out. Gossip is never a help when there is a problem. Communication can be the best medicine for any disagreement. Interpretation and solutions can be different, but in the end, with communication, differences can be solved so those involved are satisfied with the outcome. The *past* is history, the *future* is unknown, but the *present* is what we make of it. Let's make our past memorable, our future bright and our present a gift from God.

Thanks go out to all of the lodges that *reached out to their communities* during the past two months with the flooding, winds and the snow. I commend all of you for stepping up where you could and doing whatever needed to be done to aid others worse off than yourself. That is truly living by our Rebekah Creed.

What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork!

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Marcia Presley, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

We thank our installing teams and volunteers for a wonderful installation. During the month of installations, it is great to see all of our friends again.

Our Temple Corporation's annual meeting and potluck dinner was also Sister Elsie Burgett's 90th birthday, so her cake was the dessert. Best wishes to our other members on their birthdays, too. Sister Ina Mathews, now of Buckley, is a Valentine lady.

Saturday, March 8 is the "best available date" for us to host the meetings for Rebekah District Association #21 and Odd Fellow District #15. Registration is at 11 a.m., lunch is at noon and the meeting is from 1-3 p.m.

We will be voting on by-law updating at our fall meeting. Due to continuing conflicts, the "best available date" was picked as a solution to Grand Body functions, Easter, and the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting.

Our lodge hall can be reached from Highway 3 and the Loxie Eagan/Auto Center exit. Go east to the light, left on National, and at the far side of the Post Office turn right on Columbia and left in front of the VFW on Dora to the gates in the chain link fence.

We wish you good health and sunny days. Happy Easter.

*Fraternally,
Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

SPRING'S GLORY IS ALMOST HERE

With March here, can spring be far behind? You should start seeing flowers for sale in the stores. Their bright colors remind us of a new beginning. They were started in the winter months from seed or bulbs, with no life in sight and, with tender care, here they are in all their glory for all the world to see. Should we not think about this in our lodges?

This brings me to a subject I know you are sick of hearing, but I would like to make some comments on membership. If you receive the SGL IOOF News and have the November-December, 2007 copy, I urge you to turn to page 9 and read a letter to the editor from Judge J.R. Powell who is a member of this Order. He has many positive things to say about the Order and some very constructive ones. I have also talked to members of other fraternal organizations and they agree that changes need to be made. We are no longer living in the past. We must look to the future and change. This will be very difficult for some members of our Order who are comfortable with the old ways, but we cannot attract more members until we come into this century. As the judge says, "Odd Fellows cannot rest upon the past. . . we are no longer in the 1700s in England, we are in the 21st Century." He has many other suggestions for changes in the SGL Code.

Your Sovereign Grand Master and IARA President are stressing "Working Together." What does this mean? In my opinion, if we are going to "Work Together," there are many things we can do such as:

- Cooperate and communicate when things seem to be going astray.
- Help each other by visiting lodges and responding to invitations for special occasions
- Ingrain into our brains the very wise words of our founder, "These rules should be liberally construed."
- Last, but not least, enforce the real meaning of the words, "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Grand Master John Crispin is very dedicated to increasing our membership and I know the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are behind him 100 per cent, but we really need an outline of ways and means. Perhaps a committee could be made of regular lodge members, not elected officers, to come up with some plans. It would be amazing what people can come up with. An example of this is how we expanded \$1,000 to \$10,000 to benefit the various community projects. The lodges did this on their own and beat out all the Jurisdictions in the nation. Just think about it.

You have received your SGL Dues notice by now. I have given you a little extra time this year, but please remit ASAP so I can meet my deadline. Thanks.

An e-mail thought: To be happy, work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, dance like no one is watching, and demonstrate your friendship to someone everyday.

Now, I'm going to get off my feet, sit down, have a cup of tea, think good thoughts and count my blessings.

*With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
New e-mail address: bweldon4@msn.com
Toll Free: 1-866-725-3508*

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Grace Spencer**, PNG, 53-1/2 year member, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Edith Watters**, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.
- **Gertrude Jackson**, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **Elsa Pribilsky**, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **Patty Nelson**, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **Alice Glad**, Lone Star

Rebekah Lodge #141, Fall City.

- **Lorraine Brundage**, 50+ year member, Luana Theta Rho #30 and Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.

- **Marion Kunkle**, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.

- **Lori Self**, five year member, Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Onalaska.

- **Edna Lewis**, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, Longview.

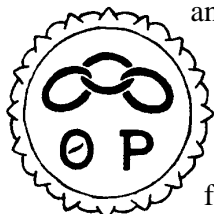
From your 2007-2008 Theta Rho President



LEA DANIELS

MARCH MADNESS

Sessions are almost here, but we have plenty of time to get ready. This month I've gotten the club assignments in the mail. I hope that everyone has a skit prepared to practice for Fun Night this year. The theme that your Vice President has chosen is Hawaiian. Aloha!! Pull out your hula skirts and leis and get ready for a wonderful time.



For the Spunky Bluebirds, we had our installation last month. We appreciate everyone who was in attendance. It's so nice to have all of the support that we get from the Order. Along with the installation, we celebrated our fifth anniversary. Ha ha, we are just kids!

I hope that you are all doing great. As the winter winds slow and the spring sun pops out, don't forget to be grateful for everyone and everything that is in your life.

Lots of love and barrels of hugs.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Lea Daniels, Theta Rho Assembly President*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from the Oasis of Washington. There is snow in the mountains — north, east and south of us, along with high winds. Here we sit with bright sunny days and cold nights. Ooops! I shouldn't have said that as we will probably get dumped on now.

We had planned to have a joint installation with the Tempest and Prosperity Lodges of Wenatchee. With the unpredictable weather, we decided to do our own installation on January 21 as all of our active officers were in attendance. Officers were installed by District #26 DDP Fay Bowers-Holland and District #25 DDP Lois Clark. They were assisted by PNG Sharin Brown as Marshal, and PP Irene Kossow as Chaplain.

Because of the inclement weather on February 2, those who had hoped to assist with installation of Tempest and Prosperity Lodges in Wenatchee were unable to attend. PP Fay

Bowers-Holland, who lives in East Wenatchee, was able to assist.

Here it is March and plans for St. Patrick's Day and other events are on the agenda.

Election of Representative at the February 4 meeting ended with Fay Bowers-Holland, PP, Representative, and Irene Kossow, PP, Alternate Representative. See you at Assembly, God willing.

Noble Grand Nadra Rivers has presented her year's program and named her committees. Assembly President Marcia Presley had contacted us about a visitation date. A joint visit with Tempest is pending in the spring.

From a quiet time for us, we are enjoying the bright sunshine.

Until next month and what it may bring (??), we hope everyone stays well and enjoys good health.

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

In Seattle

Ballard/Alki IOOF Lodge #170

Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 has had a busy winter. Early January saw the refinishing of our lower hall floor, as well as the repair of the kitchen light in the lower hall.

Katie Gray took the gavel in an installation ceremony held January 24. In her acceptance comments, she affirmed the social and service character of the lodge and encouraged the lodge to take up the Golden Rule as a good guide to the essence of Odd Fellowship.

The installation was performed by Ronald Hanson, Junior Past Grand Master; John Crispin, Grand Master; Frank Wilson, Deputy Grand Master; Carson Inman, Past Grand Master; our own District Deputy Rich Osborne, Grand Herald; and Grand Musician Toby Hanson at the piano.

Our outgoing Noble Grand, Bob Duniway, had published a book, "Winning the College Game: How to find, get into, pay for and thrive in a great college." The book goes on sale in March. You can learn more at:

www.CollegeWin.com

On the social side, several members gathered for a Super Bowl viewing party at the lodge on February 3. On the following Sunday, February 10, we welcomed two new members, Bob Gale and Clark Silliman.

At our second February meeting, we completed the third reading and voted to approve a revised set of by-laws as part of our ongoing effort to put our lodge in good order.

— In F., L. & T., Nora Carria, Secretary



Newly-installed officers of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club are, front row from left, Ward. Savannah Lumeli, Marshal Emily Brown, Cond. Zoie Overby and Treas. Jennifer Turnek. In the back row, from left, are Pres. Allison Stewart, Sec. Bethany Bond and VP Amanda Fry. In the far back is Installing Officer Mary Stewart, PNG. Not pictured is Chap. Olivia Thrailkill.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter, too. By the time the newspaper comes out, spring will be just around the corner.

We held our garage sale on March 1, but we can't tell you how we did because this letter is due before then. We are hoping to add a good sum to our treasury. We will let you know next month how we did.

We have been receiving nice little thank you notes from the hospitalized veterans who receive the craft kits that we donate for, so we voted to send another donation for Easter Craft kits. It is the least we can do in return for what they have given us. We also made Easter baskets for the Assisted Living Retirement Center.

For fun this month we had a swim party and a movie night at our advisor's home. We like getting together just to enjoy each others company.

Until next month. . .

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Since our first regular meeting in January happened to fall on New Year's Day, we did not meet until January 15. Outgoing Noble Grand Jane Hanson thanked her officers for serving with her and presented gifts of appreciation to all members present.

We were happy to have Karen Schultz, District Deputy President of District #8, among our visitors. She was introduced and given the honors.

A thank you note was read from Mary Dobson who was one of the recipients of our Christmas cash gift booklets.

Our members voted to send a contribution to the Northwest Adaptive Sports event to be held in Renton during the month March.

We are sad to report the deaths of two of our long-time members. Condolences were read and accepted for Lonnie Demaray who passed away on November 21, 2007 and for Mary Thompson whose death occurred on December 8, 2007. Lonnie was a 78-year member and received her 75-year jewel in 2004. Mary had belonged to Narcissa Lodge for 67 years. We appreciate the many years of service that were given by these two Sisters.

Sister Aramae Buckingham presented Narcissa Lodge with rectangular shaped pouches which are designed to hold our regalia. She made them of green crushed velvet, lined in pink. What a thoughtful and useful gift! Thank you, Aramae.

On January 19, Narcissa Lodge, under chairmanship of Elsie Wells, was hostess for installation of officers. Joining us were Enterprise Lodge #2, Bee Hive Lodge #70 and

Schuyler Lodge #18 of Dayton. We were pleased to have Ernest and Mavis House as Installing Officers, as well as Bud Dotson and Jane Hanson who served as Marshals. During the reception that followed, those present enjoyed delicious strawberry cheese cake served from a table that was attractively dressed with a center piece of pale pink tulips beautifully arranged by Narcissa Sister Jacqueline Klicker.

On February 5, we met at the Home and it was the first meeting for our newly-elected Noble Grand, Barbara Lechner.

Our prayers are with Pauline Patterson's daughter-in-law who is suffering from cancer. Also, we miss those of our members who have been ill and hope you will be back with us soon.

A note from PNG Jane Hanson was read thanking us for the gift that she received at installation and, once again, she expressed appreciation to her officers.

Tickets for our quilt raffle have been mailed and, hopefully, everyone has received them. After selling and collecting the money for them, please return them prior to the drawing which will take place at our meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at the IOOF Home.

We look forward to our Valentine's Party for residents of the Home and will give you a full report in the next issue.

We hope you had a special Valentine's Day.

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

Alpha LEA & Alpha Encampment #1



**Cordially Invite You To
A Reception for**



Elizabeth Morgan

Grand Matriarch

Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington

Saturday, March 15, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Olympia IOOF Hall

402 Columbia Street, Olympia, Washington

From your Washington Regimental President

LET'S HOPE IT IS SPRING!

We all hope that spring has finally sprung. As I sit here looking out my front window and seeing the seven or eight inches of snow in the front yard, I hope that we don't get another two to three inches that our cheerful weather man says we are to get. The above statement seems very much like a dream. And I'm sure you on west side hope that you never see another drop of rain or snow or have any wind for a long time, if ever again.



I want to commend the Ladies and Sisters and Brothers for their endless efforts to help those who have had all of the trauma of storms and lack of power, etc. that have befallen our families of the areas on the west side of our state. We over here on the east side have had our wind, snow and extreme cold. Walla Walla had a horrible wind storm. The Spokane area has had more snow than we have had since 1954. So far we have had 63 inches in all. In January 30 inches fell, so we are digging out and keeping our fingers crossed that we don't get any more. Along with the snow, we have had sub-zero temperatures. The Yakima area also had strong winds, low temps and snow. It seems that this been a winter that most of us will remember for quite a while.

I am hoping to be able to make my visitations in late March or early April. I will let you know the dates soon.

I hope you are all working on the things for our meeting in June. Also, please ask a Rebekah Sister to join our Auxiliary and help us with our many projects for the communities in our respective areas. You might be surprised if you just take the time to ask. I would love to be able to muster a group of new Ladies in June to our great Order.

Ladies, I again send you my heartfelt thanks for all that you are doing to help those who are less fortunate than you or me, when we have a need such as we have had over the past two months.

*Chivalrously In Happiness Through Service,
Lady Blanche Berry,
Washington Regimental President*

In Spokane Valley

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

. . .and we thought January was a challenge! Most of the Brothers and Sisters live in the Valley and did not have as much snow as the north and south sides of Spokane, but it was enough to make roads a sheet of ice.

Wilford and Ramona had one "mini" meeting to pay bills, etc. Even the Temple parking lot was cut in half by piles of snow.

As a result there is not much news. Our officers were duly installed with out fuss and few in attendance. As usual, the building was beautifully decorated and food was plentiful.

Our members are staying safe, sound and warm at home. Sister Shirley Gardener had a little heart problem, but she is still living alone in her snowed-in apartment.

Sister Lillian went for her three-times-a-week dialysis as usual. Thank God for her wonderful bus drivers. They make sure she is well taken care of.

The snow is melting now and we all hope we can have meetings as usual and not be "washed" away.

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Colorful paper flowers and moose, yes moose, decorated our dining room and lodge hall for the dinner installation of our Noble Grand Sandy Thissell. Linda Zuern was installed as Vice Grand, along with elected officers from last year, Cathy Kary, Frances O'Neil and Betty Pierce and Sandy's appointed officers. Fritz Mose and Olney Patch prepared a delicious Mexican chicken dish for our dinner. New Attendance Chairpersons are Marla Johnson and Linda Zuern. The race is on.

We have acquired a new Associate Member. His name is Robert Jacobson and he hails from Seaside, Oregon. Bob is into photography and has taken several pictures at lodge meetings and functions.

Although we do not have "Secret Pals" this year, we are having gift giving for some of our holidays, the first of which was Valentine's Day. Those who wanted brought a gift for exchanging, and that will be the case for upcoming holidays. Vivian Currie is our Entertainment Chairperson and she will be in charge of this activity.

We have been enjoying fellowship and friendship at our Bunco parties and the Midway Friendship Club. Good food is always served at these functions and we like that. Inviting

ladies of the community gives us the opportunity to introduce them to perhaps becoming a Rebekah.

Our oldest member, Bessie Braschuk, spent a short time in the nursing home following a hospital visit. She is back home now. Betty Worthington is doing well.

Sister Louise Beasley from Seaside is in the nursing home following a fall and some broken bones. We wish her well. Several Sisters have had terrible colds and the flu, which seems to be hitting many people here on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Seven of our sisters helped install the officers of Fraternity #78 on January 22. Georgia Werner is their new Noble Grand for 2008. Cake was served after the installation and meeting.

Don't forget the District #18 meeting on Saturday, April 5 at PeEll, hosted by Sylvan Glen #184. We hope to see you there.

Our weather was rather blustery and wet in February. Let's hope March is better. We wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and following shortly after that, we wish you an especially blessed Easter.

*With Rebekah Love,
Sue Johnson,
Reporter*

Spring 2008 Northwest

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Please Remember, The Registration Deadline is March 15, 2008

In Goldendale

Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22

As I write this letter, I look out my window at four feet of snow! This is what is left in our yard and driveway. The county snowplow has piled snow seven to eight feet high across from our driveway. Global warming?

Valentine's Day will be gone by the time you read this. Did you celebrate by giving a Valentine to some special person in your life? Leah Rebekah Lodge filled and distributed several boxes of goodies for shut-ins in our area. Some aren't members, but we include them anyway.

On Tuesday, March 4, Leah will hold a re-obligation ceremony for our members. This is something we all need every so often to remember what our Order stands for and why we joined in the first place.

Our Odd Fellow Lodge, Alimus, has two more applications which were read at our first meeting in February. We plan to hold initiation on our second meeting on February 26. In March, we plan to put on the First Degree for five new members! Does anyone care to visit and lend a hand? We would welcome anyone who wants to visit and assist.

Our LEA, Encampment and Odd Fellow Lodges are still sponsoring Pinochle every Saturday night at the lodge hall. We begin playing at 7 p.m. and always have a fun time regardless how many tables we have that night. This is a good group and we have several regulars who brave the winter weather to play. If you are in the neighborhood, join us.

CO-OPERATION

"Everybody" knows there are three other bodies in every organization: "Somebody," "Anybody" and "Nobody."

"Anybody" knew that there was work for "Everybody," but when the chairman asked for volunteers saying, "Anybody" can do it, "Everybody" thought "Somebody" would, but "Nobody" did. Then "Somebody" decided that since "Anybody" could, but "Nobody" did, that "Somebody" should, so she volunteered.

When "Everybody" saw "Somebody" doing what "Anybody" could, but "Nobody" did, "Everybody" gladly lent a hand, and it was done.

I wish all of you a blessed Easter season. See you next month.

In F, L. & T., Mavis House, Reporter

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Hello again from Monterose. Our new year is getting off to a good start. On February 2, Rosalie Davis and Genie Young travelled to Longview for their fellowship and meeting. While there, they also helped with the installation of officers that went very well.

Our meeting and Valentine's party was held on February 7. We had a special visitor. Rebekah Assembly President Marcia Presley was with us. George and Betty Weldon also were in attendance. The welcome mat was out for members from Trinity and Pine Burr Lodges, too. It was good to see them all.

It was a pleasure for Marcia to pin the Merit Award on a most-deserving member who goes way beyond the call of duty. Yes, Rosalie Davis was very surprised because she didn't know until then. She was lost for words. Members kept it quiet so it would be a surprise. We appreciate all that she does for our lodge. She never seems to run out of energy.

Following the meeting, a celebration was held with cake and hot dishes. Valentine gifts also were passed out to "Secret Sisters."

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Our members all survived Walla Walla's wind storm that came along on Friday, January 4. Some came through it better than others. Those of us at the Odd Fellow Home were without electricity from 10 a.m. on Friday until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. The staff at the Home handled the situation very well. We were thankful the temperature outside stayed on the mild side.

Our lodge donated to a local fund to help victims of the storm.

We also donated to the Special Olympic Games for the Disabled Youth.

We lost three Sisters from our lodge by death. Sisters Gertrude Jackson, Elsa Pribilsky and Patty Nelson passed away the last week of January. They lived busy and productive lives. They will be missed. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings from Olympia. At our February 8 meeting, Olympia Lodge conducted an Initiatory and First Degree for Olympia and Bucoda Lodges. Congratulations to Joe Resstoule, Joe Seed and Eliz Hoeing, from Olympia, and Jacob and Jennifer Rhodes from Bucoda. We hope to see you at our next lodge meeting to receive your Second and Third Degrees.

The Cemetery Board was audited by the Washington State Labor and Industries Department. It was a very minor audit. Frank and his staff did a great job presenting all the needed documents. Thank you Frank and Roger.

The Park Board has several electrical jobs to do around the park. A new light at the restrooms will light the path to the restrooms. We also need a new light in the kitchen. Walt and his son in law did a great job.

Brush along roadway was felled and will be chopped up soon. This opens the roadway so trees will not scratch trailers and RV's.

In the Thurston Building, glass renovations in downstairs rental have been completed. All rents have been paid and we have a lease in hand. Thank you, George and Joe.

Joe gave a very excellent report on the finances of the lodge. We are doing very well. Thanks Joe and committee.

We will have a Reception honoring Grand Matriarch Elizabeth Morgan on Saturday, March 15 at the Olympia IOOF Hall, 402 Columbia St. The Reception starts at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.

On October 25, our own loveable Frank Wilson, who is slated to be Grand Master, will have his reception at the Baptist Church on 9th and Washington Street in Olympia. More to follow.

On February 16, eight lodge members and Rebekahs ventured to Silva Lodge in Montesano to a fund-raiser dinner to assist a 9-year-old girl who is a cancer victim. The Olympia Lodge voted to award \$200 for the

fund to assist the girl. In addition, \$50 was donated privately by a Brother. Everyone had a good time.

Noble Grand PJ Fluetsch is still looking for a lead to take over the summer food program. The ground work is already laid and contacts have been made. He just needs some person or husband and wife team to be the lead.

Congratulations to all the participants who took their Second and Third Degrees on February 18. We had three from Olympia and two from Bucoda. We hope to see you at lodge.

At our meeting on February 18, the Cemetery Board, under the new leadership of Rick Garcia, discussed the new tractor capabilities with the new forks attachments. The Cemetery Board is having discussions about a new burial program called "Green Burial." Details will be forthcoming soon.

The Park Board had the fire extinguishers checked and installed new heaters in restrooms. Chairman Glenn said combination locks to park will be changed on March 1. See Financial Secretary Bob to receive the combination. The kitchen combination is still the same.

The Thurston Building is doing well. The furnace in the lodge will be repaired. We are looking at roof repairs for the lodge.

Noble Grand PJ asked for a volunteer to lead on the Easter Egg hunt. PJ brought up the idea about contacting lodge members from the defunct Shelton Lodge. Deputy Grand Master Frank Wilson does not believe there are any living members left, but he will check.

Remember August 23 our annual Sea Food Party at the Park. A clam chowder contest will be held, so dig out those old recipes. The idea is to beat out Tom Day who is a two-time winner.

Tom Day, who had a close call with mother nature vs. his home, said his home is about 90 per cent repaired.

*In F, L. & T.,
Stuart Carlson, Reporter*

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greeting, Sisters. Are all of you out of the snow banks and ready to get down to business? My, hasn't this winter been a good one to talk about? Yes, some of us have been snowed in. Others were glad just to sit and watch the snow fall and hear the wind blow.

We had our dinner installation of officers and we are happy to greet each and everyone for another year of meetings and fun for all.

Our new officers for the 2008 term are: NG Wanda Hurst, her RS Kitty Powell, VG Carla Brown, her RS Lou Chamberlain, Sec. Betty Roller, Fin. Sec. and Treas. Dot Kelly, Ward. Helen Scheibner, Cond. Elsie Byam, and Chap. and Rep. Jeanette Kelley.

We voted to donate \$15 to the National Arbor Day Foundation in memory of Sister Loraine Bahr who passed away recently. She moved to a Spokane rest home last fall. She was a very hard worker and dedicated to whatever she was doing.

We are happy to announce that two of our members who had been working have retired and have now

returned to lodge. We are so happy to have them back with us and hope they can come often.

We are so glad to have Sister Betty Roller out with us after her surgery. She can tell us what to do, even from her bed or chair. She is a very nice Sister.

Sister Carla Brown also is doing much better after her months of being sick. Sister Katherine Eckhart, who lives in Serene Meadows #3 in Davenport, is getting along very well. This summer will find her ready to celebrate her 99th birthday. To anyone who can, drop in to wish her birthday wishes this summer.

It was reported that Sister Kay Smith of Waterville died recently. She had been a Rebekah for 55 years and a very active member in both the Rebekahs and Eastern Star.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4, weather permitting. Isn't that right?

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

On Camano Island

H.P. Downs Unified Encampment #61 sees Hilda Sprague turn 102!!

On February 16 following our Encampment meeting, we hosted a small celebration for Sister Hilda Sprague's 102nd birthday.



HILDA SPRAGUE AT 102

We had a potluck luncheon and then all enjoyed time playing Pekenno together. It was nice to have some visitors from the other Encampments and LEAs.

Distinguished guests present were Don Eddy, Grand Patriarch; Judy Inman, Senior Warden of the Grand LEA; Carson Inman, Treasurer of the Grand Encampment; Doris Wigglesworth, President Northwest Association, LAPM; and Past Grand Matriarchs Karen Hoylman, Nancy Vriezema and Gladys Hughes. Also in attendance were her daughter Frna Mowbry and granddaughter and grandson, along with other members and friends. An enjoyable time was had by all.

— Judy Diekman, PCM and Reporter

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

We had our first meeting under the direction of our new Noble Grand Diana Hammond. Diana has a very exciting year planned for us and we hope her plans will come to fruition.

She has a special fun activity planned for every time there is a fifth Wednesday. The first one, scheduled for April 30, is a craft night. Sounds like fun.

We were saddened by the death of long-time Sister Marion Kunkle as she would have been 100 on March 11. We were planning to have a birth-

day party for her.

Most of our members seem to be hanging in there right now and we are glad for that. Maybe with the spring weather all the bugs will be gone.

We are looking forward to seeing the members from the other lodges at our District Meeting April 12 in Custer.

Keep thinking happy thoughts until the sun is shining.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our installation of officers was held on January 23. It was a dinner installation with DDP Kay Pratt serving as Installing Officer. She was assisted by Rosalie Davis as Marshal and Jeanie Young as Installing Chaplain. Installed were: NG Carolyn Turner, VG Norline Burton, Sec. Leona Treznoski, Treas. Cora Walker, RSNG Minnie Epling, RSVG Carolyn Miller, Ward. Nina McCalden, Cond. Louise Lusk, Chap. Luellyn Ainsworth, and Guardians Marian Moon and Beulah Crocker.

Our new Noble Grand passed out our 2008 rosters. She did a beautiful job making them. This is taken from page 6:

"They say that God is everywhere, and yet we always think of *Him* as somewhat of a recluse." That was written by Emily Dickson.

Our communities are slowly being cleaned and repaired. There were so many wonderful volunteers from churches everywhere it seemed, including Mennonites and Latter Day Saints. Volunteers from Pe Ell, Doty and elsewhere served meals at the

Dryad Fire Hall. They were still serving meals every day when this article was written. There were at least 50 volunteers every day doing clean-up and carpentry.

Highway 6 at the 27 mile marker has been upgraded and it is now open to one-lane traffic from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Department of Transportation is moving thousands of yards of soil from the slide area. It is going to be a long process. Rumors are it won't be finished for two or three months. This reporter kept saying she was Rapunzel in December and graduated to Cinderella in January and February. I am praying we have no more surprises and all goes well from now on.

"You know that you're a grownup when you realize that sometimes it really is better to say nothing at all if you can't say something nice.

A thank you to all for the help and good wishes. With love and good health to all. . .

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

The third time is the charm for our NG Vaneta Malone. She has an interesting program laid out for 2008. Hopefully our books will be ready by the next meeting.

At our February 28 meeting, Delia McNelly read an interesting article about Thomas Wildey, the founder of Odd Fellowship. It is nice to have this reviewed and good for our new members to learn.

It was "Happy Birthday" to Muriel Yahn on Monday, January 28 at her home. Rebekah Sisters dropped in with a surprise birthday cake and a plant. Everyone had a good visit. It is nice to see Muriel doing so much better.

A Valentine Bake Sale, with Vaneta

Malone in charge, was held on February 14 at the Napavine Post Office. A lot of folks stopped by for some goodies. It is a fund-raiser that we do so well and it takes little planning.

"Happy Birthday" to Pat Harader and Evelyn Neumann. February was their special month.

Debbie Lee just returned home on February 3 from a trip to Colorado. She attended a writer's conference. Yes, Debbie writes poems and short stories. She belongs to a book club at Centralia College. Someday she hopes to write a novel. As of now, she plans to help with the news articles.

*In F., L. & T., Debbie Lee,
Jr. PNG and Reporter*

PNG's Association

Wear your green this month!

The F.,L.&T. Past Noble Grands Association will meet on Thursday, March 20 at the Warren Rebekah Hall in Roy. A luncheon will be served at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. meeting.

The meeting will be presided over by President Emmarae Hepp. Her theme for the day is "Wearing of the Green." Be sure to wear your green.

DoRis Klotzner will discuss some facts about our state for the program.

Welcome to all Past Noble Grands. Come and enjoy the day with us.

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

*Here's Wishing All
Our Brothers
And Sisters
A Blessed Easter!*

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

Our January 12 installation had to be cancelled because of storm warnings, so instead we scheduled it for February 2. Despite the start of another storm, we had a good turnout for our dinner installation. The dinner, courtesy of our wonderful cooks, was enjoyed by all.

Under the direction of Sister Lois Clark, DDP of District #25, our Installing Officer, Sister Fay Bowers-Holland, PPRA, installed the officers of Tempest and Prosperity Lodges. Sister Sharin Brown, District Deputy President, assisted as Marshal.

Noble Grand Grace Burton and her corps of officers of Tempest Lodge are: VG Blanche Forst, Sec. Lois Clark, Treas. Sharin Brown, Ward. Martha Ellis, Cond. Margaret Clark, Chap. Hanna B. Roof, RSNG Barbara Pittman, LSNG Charles Goll, RSVG Marge Farrens, LSVG Harriet Hepler, Color Bearer, Patti Ellis, IG LeRoy "Bill" Clark, OG Connie Evans, and Musician Hattie Schofield.

Prosperity Lodge Officers are: NG Lois Clark, VG, LeRoy "Bill" Clark, Sec. Marge Farrens, Treas. Charles Goll, Ward. Margaret Clark, Chap. Francis Whiting, and Cond. Ken Abbott.

We were honored with the presence

of Brother Frank Holland, Past Grand Master; Sister Fay Bowers-Holland, PP and District Deputy President for District #26; Sister Marge Farrens, Past Grand Matriarch; and Sister Sharin Brown, Past Grand Matriarch.

Colors for the year chosen by the Noble Grand Grace are yellow and blue, which were carried out with centerpieces and floral baskets. Her emblem is the bee hive, and several were displayed.

Sister Harriet Hepler made the beautiful cake for the reception and a ceramic bee hive with real honey in it was displayed in the center.

Family members attending included Noble Grand Grace's great-granddaughter and grandson. She was presented a lovely plant by her great granddaughter and a plant and gift from the members of Tempest Lodge.

Our first meeting of the new term was February 14. "Secret Sisters" were revealed that evening. It is always a fun time.

We look forward to an enjoyable year and invite members of lodges in our area to visit on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

*In F., L. & T.,
Barbara Pittman, Reporter*

