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Mt. Baker Lodge receives thanks from school districts

This fall, members of Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9 passed out dictionaries and spoke about our Visual Aid program in the Chimacum, Quilcene and Brinnon School Districts. During our first year we received one letter, last year two and this year four. Below is one of them.

*Dear Mr. Inman and Members of the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs,
On behalf of the Brinnon School District, I wish to express our gratitude for your recent donation of dictionaries to our 3rd-5th grade classroom and offering the Visual Aid Program to our students and families. This tradition by your organization is so much appreciated by the entire school because it benefits so many.*

Thank you for including our school again this year.

— Sincerely, Nancy Thompson, Superintendent

These letters, two from administrators and two from the teachers, have so inspired our lodge that we plan to put on a forum, inviting two members from each of these school districts. We will discuss what else, as a lodge, we can do to provide greater assistance.

Right now we are renovating our lodge building to provide a space for other local groups to hold their meetings. In speaking to city hall officials and other, this seems to be one of the great needs in Port Townsend.

To all of our Brothers and Sisters of the IOOF in Washington, we hope all have a marvelous holiday season.

— In F., L., & T., Carson Inman, Reporter

Deadline nearing for United Nations Youth sponsorship!!

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

It is that time of year to start planning for the 2009 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. In 2008 the Jurisdiction of Washington was proud to sponsor one student. What an honor!! For 2009 we would like to see even more students take part in this program. We need your help to make that happen.

The cost to sponsor a delegate is \$1,300 plus airfare to Philadelphia, PA. Yes, it seems like a lot of money, but it is a bargain when we consider what this experience does for your young people. This is an educational tour of a lifetime. If you could see how it effects these students you would be changed forever.

If you wish to send a student or would just like more information on the program please contact Mary Dunivan. We would be glad to furnish anything that you might need. A \$650 deposit per student must be received in the Grand Lodge office by December 31. If you need any information, please contact Mary Dunivan at: 240 Dunivan Rd., Vader, WA 98593, phone (360) 295-3681, cell phone (360) 304-0872, or via email at:

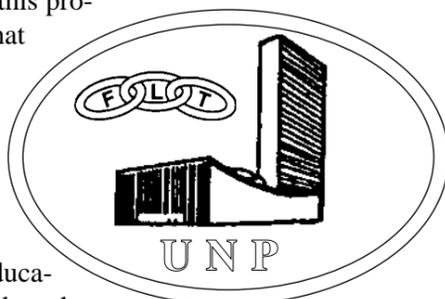
b2yellow@aol.com

Students must be at least 16-years-old by January 1, 2009 and have at least one year of high school remaining.

We hope that you will consider sponsoring one or more students. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a chance to make something educational happen. We have been told that Washington kids are the best kids to participate in this program. We are a proud jurisdiction.

Again, We hope you will consider sponsoring a student for 2009.

*In F., L., & T.,
Mary Dunivan, UNP Chairman
Donna Tonn, Co-Chairperson*



Where are they now?

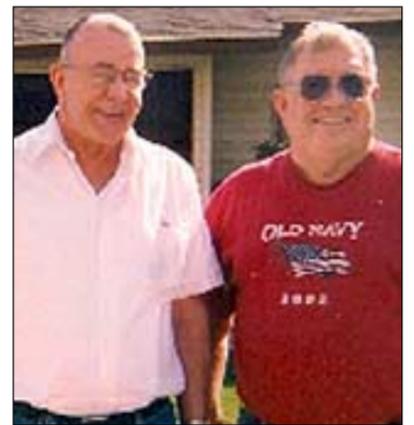
Two men started great lives as Jr. Odd Fellows Gr. Rulers

Ever wonder what good has come from the money and time expended on Junior Lodges and Theta Rho Clubs in the Jurisdiction of Washington?

Well, here are two men — many of you might remember — who are great examples of what a success our program has been and how it has enriched the lives of the youth who participated in it.

We are talking about Past Grand Rulers of the Grand Junior Lodge of Washington, Bruce Kenyon and Keith Vradenberg. Bruce served in 1961 and Keith was Grand Ruler in 1963.

Bruce was a member of Sammamish Junior Lodge #44 in Redmond and today belongs to Bothell IOOF Lodge #124. Bruce raised a family in Redmond with his wife Cheryl, a Past Secretary of the Theta Rho Assembly of California and member of Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141. They own Carnation Auto Parts, Inc. and Cheryl has



Past Grand Rulers of the Grand Junior Lodge of Washington, Bruce Kenyon and Keith Vradenberg, as they appear today.

been an insurance agent for Redmond General Insurance for more than 25 years. Bruce is a Past Grand Conductor and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

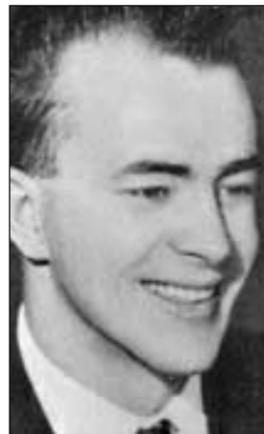
Keith was a member of Entiat Junior Lodge #37 in Entiat. He now holds Odd Fellow membership in the State Lodge since his local lodge disbanded. Keith remained in that area of the state where he and his wife, Leslie, a Rebekah Lodge member, raised their family. Keith dedicated a large part of his life to high school teaching and coaching at the local high school while Leslie was a college professor in Wenatchee. They are both retired and Keith serves as the Mayor of Entiat! (Check out Keith's picture on the city's web site at <http://www.entiat.org/mayorandcouncil.htm>).

Odd Fellowship through the Junior Lodges played a big part in the young lives of these men. They went on to join the Odd Fellows and the lessons they learned from the Order have served them well and have been a factor in the lives they've made for themselves.

If these two men were the only positive results of our youth program, we could count our efforts a great success. But they are only the beginning of the story. In the months to come we will bring you more examples. In fact, if you'd like to contribute some photos and biographical information on other past youth members, please email or mail them to: Janie Kuja, pptra@comcast.net or mail them to: 1106 4th ST SE, Auburn, WA 98002.

*— Your Proud Jurisdictional
Joint Youth Committee
Janie Kuja, Chairman;
Allan Reitan, Vice Chairman;
Elizabeth Morgan, Secretary;
Neita Stearns, Member;*

*Judy Sansom, Member; Holly Houser, Member; Frank Wilson, GM;
Jennie Reed, RA President; Cassidy Feist, PTRA;
and Brooklynn Davies, VPTRA*



Bruce Kenyon in 1961. This photo was taken from his Sessions program.



Keith Vradenberg, right, poses with Theta Rho Assembly President Jane Kuja in 1963.

2008-2009 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May we all be like children this time of the year? Do you believe in Santa? Well I do and I have seen Santa in many forms in my life. However, most importantly, as I celebrate the birth of Christ, I wish all my Brothers and Sisters a wonderful Christmas season and a New Year full of promise.

Thank all of you who participated in making my reception a great success! From the feedback I have been receiving, it was a very good day of Friendship, Love and Truth. Those attending expressed a liking for the outstanding talented entertainment.

A BUSY FALL

Since that time, I made an official visit to Silvia Lodge #38 and then I was off to Walla Walla for the homecoming of Enterprise Lodge #2, as well as the Home Board Meeting. Next I attended Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Wilsonville, Oregon. Some highlights were having an opportunity to meet and greet Brother George Glover, Sovereign Grand Warden; a small group discussion on membership ("Just Ask"); and hearing first-hand from the youth who attended the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. They talked about their trip which was very inspiring.

As the newly-elected and appointed officers are installed for their year in service, I am reminded of the following quote by Douglas Pagels:

*I want you to remember that if you can dream it,
You can probably make it come true.
Build creative bridges to get where you're going.
Appreciate all the special qualities within you.*

*Don't let worries get in the way of
Recognizing how great things can be.
Always keep moving ahead.*

*Live to the fullest and make each day count.
Don't let the important things go unsaid.*

*Don't just have minutes in the day; Have moments in time.
Balance out any bad with good you can provide.
Know that you are capable of amazing results.
Discover new strengths inside.*

Remember what Matthew 5:9 says: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Frank L. Wilson, Grand Master

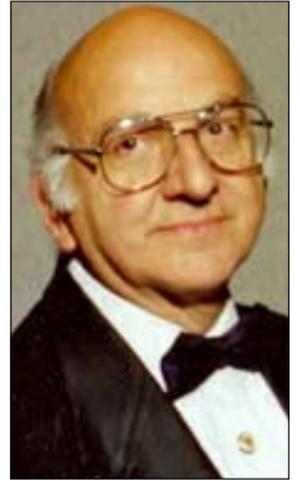


Dollars to Hospice House

From left are Selma Lindor, District #2 President; Katherine Thompson, Past District #2 President; Jon Clifton of Hospice House; and Laura Fiddler. Hospice House was Katherine Thompson's project in 2007-2008 when she served as District #2 President. The ladies went over to the Hospice House to present the check. Also, Ruth Berglund donated an afghan for a raffle with the proceeds going to Hospice House. The drawing will be in January and tickets are \$1 each. Contact any LAPM Spokane member or Katherine Thompson for tickets. Good luck to all. Thank you for supporting the causes in our community.

— Linda Bradley, District #2 Secretary

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS!

Congratulations to all of the officers-elect for accepting the reins of leadership as you prepare for the installation of officers season. In this season of caring and sharing, please consider those less fortunate in the world by supporting the projects and programs of the Order, as we seek "to improve and elevate the character of mankind."

DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES?

Do you have a Past Grand Jewel for your retiring Noble Grand? Do you have any veteran members with 25 years or more of service and jewels for presentation on the night of installation or another special night? Order soon to avoid any delay in receiving needed items in time for your special event.

REMINDERS

L.J. Jones scholarship nominations deadline for lodges is December 31, 2008. Nominations of graduating seniors are made on Form #1 or Form #2 and sent to Jody Morris, 32101 NW Eagle Crest Drive, Ridgefield, WA 98642-9156. Nominations for the adult over 21 years of age scholarship are made on Form #3 and sent to Edmond L. Reitan Jr., P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321.

United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for youth tour deposits (\$650 each) must be in the Grand Lodge Office by December 31, 2008 to reserve a seat. Contact Mary Dunivan, Chairman, at (360) 295-3681 with your lodge's or district's intention to send a student delegate(s). She is the source of all details that will have to be met.

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Passwords for the year 2009 will be mailed to the Grand Lodge line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and Lodge Secretaries for our new officers to pass on to members in good standing. Did you locate your Lodge Annual Report forms? Remember the the Lodge Annual Reports are due in the Grand Lodge office on or before January 31, 2009.

I wish for each and everyone a very happy holiday season.

Fraternally,

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

Student thanks Clover Leaf Rebekahs for scholarship!!!

Hanna Elizabeth O'Donnell is the granddaughter of Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 member Betty O'Donnell. Hanna graduated from Lake Washington High School's class of 2008 in Kirkland. She was extremely happy to receive the \$2,500. L.J. Jones scholarship in 2008.

Hanna was an excellent student involved in extracurricular activities, including Lyrica the top choir group at LWHS. She also appeared in several musical productions while in high school. Upon graduation she received Department Honors for both music and theater.

She spent her time raising and training Service Dogs for the Handicapped. After training a dog for six months, Hanna flew to San Francisco to meet the happy young girl who was now being assisted by the dog Hanna trained.

Hanna is now a student at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Her major is special education. "I hope to work in a special education classroom with high school aged kids (secondary special education)" Hanna said. She added, "I'm playing rugby for Central Washington University and I am loving it."

Hanna went on, "I would like to thank Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 for continued support and assistance through my schooling. I was impressed with how promptly the scholarship was submitted to my college, much sooner than any other financial aid I received. I appreciate this promptness and the support I have received from the Rebekahs. Thanks!"



From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

A WONDERFUL NORTHWEST MEETING

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this article I have just returned from the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Fall Meeting in Wilsonville, Oregon. The Northwest Odd Fellows meet twice a year and it is comprised of the Northwest Jurisdictions of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. Any member of any branch of our Order from any of the four jurisdictions is an eligible voting member. There were 97 members present, 27 from Washington.



There are generally several topics of discussion and at this meeting the topic was membership of all branches including Theta Rho. The Friday evening theme was "Just Ask." Just ask how, just ask when, just ask who, just ask where — but most important "Just Ask!!" We broke into six groups and each group answered each question. The questions were the same, however, the answers differed. Even though the answers varied, the message was loud and clear that we must increase our membership, now!

On Saturday, the topic was "Membership Through Youth." Three delegates from the United Nations Pilgrimage Tour from Oregon spoke about their experiences. They shared their thoughts about visiting the United Nations, Washington DC, and Ottawa — just to name a few. They told how they bonded with the youth of other states and countries. All three were enthusiastic as was their Tour Leader, Sheryl Rohde.

Northwest is not all work and no play. It is time to meet and greet friends, old and new. We had a wonderful dinner and great entertainment.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a Northwest meeting, I encourage you to do so. The next one will be in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho April 3, 4, and 5, 2009.

As the holidays approach, my wish to you is to have your days filled with the warmth of family, friends and happiness.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"Life's garden is filled with the seeds of success. Failures are simply fertilizer for the soil."

*As always in Friendship, Love and Truth,
Jennie Reed, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*



Spokane Temple donates

The Spokane Odd Fellows Temple Association donated \$100 to Tom's Turkey Drive to help feed those in need. A \$15 bag of groceries will feed a family of five. Elmer Lindor, center, is the President and Blanche Berry, right, is the Treasurer of the Temple Association. The lady at left is the fund-raising coordinator for Second Harvest.

— Blanche Berry, Treasurer, Spokane Odd Fellows Temple Association

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

MY LAST YEAR AS ASSEMBLY SECRETARY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here it is Christmastime already, only six months until Assembly. I don't know about you, but time really seems to fly for me. I want to let you know that I will not run for Assembly Secretary next year. It has been fun and your love and friendships will stay with me always, but the time has come when I need to spend more time with my family and, unfortunately, they do not live nearby.

PRESERVING OUR PAST

As many of you know, when the Assembly Office is moved there is always the problem of moving and storing the "files." There are approximately 20 file cabinets full of Annual Reports from every Washington Lodge that has existed since the Annual Reports first began. Also, as you know, over time paper becomes fragile and damage can occur. There was minor damage when I received the files from Mary Wang's storage and this has troubled me for some time. I have made investigations as to how we can preserve these records and have conferred with the Executive Committee. It seems the best way is to put these records on a data base (computer discs) and then store the original records in a place with regulated temperature. If we are to preserve our heritage, this seems the only way to go. I have been told there are grants available, but I am not sure just where one would apply. I am bringing this before you to get some ideas as to how to proceed. You are invited to send any ideas you have to me. If you know of a place that does this professionally with a scanner (much faster), please get the details, including cost, and let me know. If we could locate such a firm, should we set up a special fund for donations? Should we apply for a grant (how)? Any and all suggestions will be gratefully received.



THANKS FOR BEING PROMPT

Thank you to all who sent in their Per Capita on time. It is really appreciated. I would like to remind you to be sure and send me your membership forms which were mailed some time ago. These have to be sent on to Sovereign Grand Lodge and they will be asking me where they are if I don't send them in. Thank you so much to all those who have responded so far.

I have been told that some are not aware of the cost of our dues and was asked to put it in my column. These are the dues: Grand Lodge raised the newspaper dues to \$11 starting next year, and Sovereign Grand Lodge is raising their dues to \$16.50. These dues, in addition to the rest of the Per Capita, brings the total dues to \$40.80 per person.

I will be spending Christmas with my daughter in Kansas and will be gone December 21-27. If you have a question, please call President Jennie Reed (360) 495-3573

I wish you all a very merry and happy Christmas and a glorious New Year. May peace, love and joy fill your heart and home this holiday season. In my heart you all are my blessings, always.

*With Rebekah Love,
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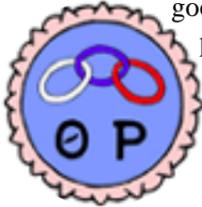
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From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a terrific Thanksgiving. I certainly did.

I haven't heard from any of the clubs, so I will be sending each club a letter. The letter will be about me making my visitation and when it is a good date for me to visit. All clubs should hear from me pretty soon if you haven't already.



If anyone has anything to send me, I would like you to send it to my home address. My address is 415 S. 3rd Street, Montesano, WA 98563. Thank you.

This month is December and you all know what that means. Christmas is almost here. I hope we get some snow in Grays Harbor, and lots of it! I love waking up to a blanket of snow in my backyard and going out there in my pajamas. I wait all year for it. This year, I would love it to snow on Christmas Eve. Maybe we could finally have a white Christmas.

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and get everything you ask for. Merry Christmas.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Cassidy Feist, Theta Rho Assembly President*



Taking care of hunger

Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club of South Tacoma enjoyed chili and corn bread after participating in the recent Pierce County Hunger Walk. From left are Ceara Dempsey, Aliyah Gordon, Shamanice Gordon, Jubilee Mande and Advisor Kendra Frogge'. Assistant Advisor Karen was there, too, but she was behind the camera.

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and got to spend it with those you love.

We have some very exciting news to tell you. Last month we had our open house for prospective members. We had three girls attend and all three have turned in applications. We will be initiating two of them at our first meeting in December. They are energetic, fun girls and will bring a lot of excitement to our club.

We are also happy to report that our member Sierra is doing much better after some difficult times. We are so happy that she is back at our meetings and feeling better.

We had our sale in November to build up our club's funds and would like to thank everyone who donated — especially our two sponsoring lodges. They never say "no" when asked to help us out or donate something. They are so special to us and we love them all very much.

This month we are planning on going caroling at a local nursing home and making Christmas cards again for the residents. We have been doing this since we started out as a club. Its a small way to show them that someone cares. We also will participate in the shoe box greetings again for needy children in our area. This is where you fill a shoe box with small items and toys and then wrap it and donate it to a local ministry to hand out at Christmastime.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

It doesn't matter who you are or how much you have, its what's in your hearts and our hearts are filled with love this holiday season for everyone. And please remember to be good to yourselves and each other. There is no room for hatred in this Order.

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



Theta Rho flight time!

Theta Rho Girls were invited to a tour of the Museum of Flight in Seattle on October 18. Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 of Oak Harbor gathered with guests Grand Master Frank Wilson and Steve McCord.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy holiday season to all of you!

We would like to report that on our scavenger hunt for our food bank we collected 150 items. They were very grateful to receive these items.

Our turkey raffle made \$127 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We recently made a donation to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Oak Harbor as they are having financial problems and may have to close.

Our activities for this month include the Christmas Family Potluck sponsored by our Rebekah Lodge. We always have a good time at this and enjoy the time spent with our adult members of the Order. We will also be doing our "Jingle Bells for Arthritis" again this year at one of the local grocery stores. We plan to make Christmas cards for the local nursing home and then we will deliver them and do some caroling for the residents. Afterwards we plan to go to dinner together.

We initiated a new member and are glad to have Mya Brookshier as a new member. We are hoping to initiate two more members at our first meeting in December.

No matter how you celebrate the holiday season, we hope that you will have a wonderful time with your families.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79



Scavengers for the food bank

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor collected 150 items in a scavenger hunt for the local food bank. Back row, from left, are Allison Stewart, Amanda Fry and Bethany bond. In the second row from the back are Olivia Thrailkill, Mya Brookshire and Savannah Lomelli. In the third row from the back are Zoie Oversby, Jennifer Turnek and Yvonne McKie. In the front row, from left, are Rosalie Loera, Lupe Loera and Emily Brown.

Happy Holidays!

From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

THANK YOU FOR A SPECIAL DAY

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,



On October 12 I attended a Park Board Meeting on Camano Island. The concerns of the members were the replacement of the old, worn-out flag pole, new signs helping campers to find the IOOF camp ground, and the removal of two trees — one on the east end of the hall leaning toward the street and one on the west end that is too close and touching the hall.

My first official visit, along with Grand Matriarch Judy Inman, was at the Goldendale Encampment #99. We had a great time. Thank you Brothers and Sisters for a great dinner.

On October the 22, I spent time with the members of the Snohomish Unified Encampment in Monroe. Lunch was served at noon followed by a meeting.

The Reception of our Grand Master, Frank Wilson, was held on October 25 in the Olympia First Baptist Church. It was the best-attended reception I've been to this year. We all had a great time with all who attended.

During the first week of November, it was time to attend the Grand Encampment of Oregon held in Wilsonville this year. This was my second time to attend any IOOF affair out side of Washington.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Jean F. Coston, Grand Patriarch,
Grand Encampment of Washington
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E-mail: geniejean@msn.com*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Seasons greetings from Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77.

Officers for 2009 have been elected. We will celebrate our 113th anniversary as a lodge in December.

We have been preparing to celebrate the holidays. With Thanksgiving, we probably all ate too much. A few weeks later Christmas will find us around the tree with family. Right quick it will be New Years and the beginning of another year. It is one vicious circle.

We are finally getting some much-needed rain. It is not like some areas which are experiencing flooding, but at least enough to help the farmers.

Snow in the mountains signals skiing soon.

NG Nadra Rivers is doing well with chemotherapy treatments. VG Shirley Daling put her husband in the Cornerstone to help get him back on his feet. Sister Eva Payne isn't doing very well. These Sisters, along with many others, need our prayers and thoughts.

We are sending holiday greetings to all members in our jurisdiction. We hope it can be as joyful as possible.

See you next year. Have a happy New Year!

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

To the Sisters who missed our Halloween party, you really missed a good time. Some members wore costumes. We had a delicious potluck and played games.

Carolyn Miller had a bad cold. Minnie Epling is feeling a little rough. Jerry Bierdeman has been diagnosed with diabetes. Good health to them.

We had our Thanksgiving potluck at the first November meeting. We played for prizes again.

We participated in the Fall Festival and made some money to put towards our projects.

NG Carolyn Turner has been very busy helping her neighbors. One broke her wrist. Imo Dodge, who is 105, has been feeling a little under the weather. So our Noble Grand has been *very busy*.

THOUGHT

"Live so your friends can defend you, but never have to."

— From Homestead

Our Family Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. Our Rebekah Sisters Party will be on Wednesday, December 10. Both are potluck. Don't forget to furnish a gift.

"Teaching your kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."

Better health to Corky Walker's husband Warren. His horse rolled on him and bruised him very badly.

Merry Christmas to all and a happy and prosperous New Year.

With love and good health to all.

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

Faith Rebekahs remember the good times in Pomeroy

Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 of Pomeroy met November 4 to vote on our lodge's future. With heavy hearts and thoughts of so many happy memories, the six members voted to surrender our Charter.

Our Rebekah Lodge began in Pomeroy May 25, 1888. The Odd Fellow Lodge began May 16, 1879.

Our town was named after J.M. Pomeroy who was an Odd Fellow.

Like every member, I have fond memories. My grandfather Kimble, dad, mom, aunts and uncles were all members. Lodge members were always like family to me.

The 24 mixed-member drill team was really something to see. Each one was proud to be an Odd Fellow and Rebekah member.

We had many projects like making apple sauce for the Walla Walla Home, giving dinners, and having the

annual smorgasbord.

Small lodges consolidated with other lodges. Anatone went to Asotin, Asotin went to Clarkston and then Clarkston went to Pomeroy.

Over the years we have made new friends and have lost some dear friends by death.

We would like to thank the Dayton lodge members who were willing to change their night meeting time to the afternoon if it would help us.

I would like to thank the members of Faith #16 for all their support, willingness to help anytime, and giving smiles and hugs when most needed.

Some of our members will still be members elsewhere.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

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



Odd Fellow safety flags and stickers are being offered by members of South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211. The flags are \$5 each and the stickers are \$2.

South Tacoma IOOF #211

We'd like to thank everyone who came and participated in our Novemberfest and silent auction held November 1. We had a great turnout and the auction and dinner made \$1,481 which will be split between the Grand Master's project and the Theta Rho Girls. Thanks also goes to Grand Musician Toby Hanson and Greg Powers for their music that really made our Novemberfest jump.

Officers elect for 2009 are NG Holly Houser, VG Robert Martin, Sec. Laurel Delony, Fin. Sec. John Nelson, and Treas. Dan Marek.

FOR SALE

We have safety flags and stickers for sale. Odd Fellow safety flags are \$5 each and the stickers are \$2 each. We also have the flags with poles for \$10. They would make a great a Christmas gift for the "Sand Railer" in the family. Show the world you are part of the IOOF and buy your flags today! Send checks to Laurel Delony, Secretary, 8703 Dolly Madison St. SW, Lakewood WA 98498. Make checks payable to South Tacoma Odd Fellows. Make sure a name and return address are listed. You can also purchase from one of our members or contact the Secretary at lddelony@comcast.net to order. Happy holidays!

In F, L. & T., Laurel Delony, Reporter

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

November 20 was the date of our Thanksgiving dinner for all the people who helped us with the election ballot pick-ups which is our money-maker. We also had the honor of entertaining our Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed and her husband Dave that night. The lodge did a "This Is Your Life Jennie Reed."

Congratulations to our new officers-elect for 2009. They are: NG Joanne Balmert, VG Holly Houser,

Sec. Carol Robertson, Fin. Sec. Sharon Harris, and Treas. Clarice Roberts. Our installation of officers will take place on January 18th at 2 p.m. It is a joint installation with South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211 at our hall in Tacoma. We hope to see you here!

Merry Christmas!

*In F, L. & T.,
Laurel Delony,
Reporter*



At left, Polly Komarek receives her 50-Year Jewel presented by her husband, Al Komarek. At right, Judy Zohner presents a 50-Year Jewel to her mother, Elsie Wells.



At left, Marthann Hall presents a 25-Year Jewel to Julia Borgers. At right, Pauline Patterson receives her 25-Year Jewel presented by Arline Maxson.



— All photos by Ted Hanson.

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

The year is moving on. Officers have been elected for 2009. Karen Schultz will serve as Noble Grand. Those serving with her are: VG Joy Selby, Sec. Jean Lucke, Fin. Sec. Susan Akers, Treas. Betty Mason. and Three-Year Trustee Jeanne Elder.

I am now a regular member of Bee Hive instead of an Associate Member. I transferred my membership from Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 in Kennewick.

We did very well on our annual spaghetti dinner. It is a good fund raising project for us. Brother Craig Schultz, our cook, still has his homemade spaghetti sauce for sale.

At this writing Mary Dobson still has her foot in a boot due to her broken foot. The bones are healing and she hopes to get the boot off December 1.

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

In Spokane Valley

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

Here it is, holiday time again and I'm sure everyone is getting ready for all sorts of bazaars around the state.

Well, our Noble Grand has had her knee surgery and is still on the coast. We all send our get-well wishes to her.

Our election is over for the next year. Blanche Berry will be Noble Grand, Elmer Lindor Vice Grand, Selma Lindor Secretary, and Maxine Gregory Treasurer. Blanche Berry is our new Trustee for a three-year term.

We have had some members out

with colds, but no one is too bad.

Members of Ramona #238 and Wilford #269 did their great deed and purchased 65 pumpkins. Elmer and Selma Lindor distributed them to the three third grade classes at West Valley School District's Ness Elementary School. The students were all tickled to get them. Each student sent the lodges a thank you note.

Have a great holiday season!

In F, L. & T,
Selma Lindor, Reporter

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

May this holiday season be a happy one for you as you share it with loved ones.

We enjoyed our visit from Rebekah Assembly President, Jennie Reed. We had a nice turkey dinner before our meeting.

Our lodge will be holding its annual Christmas Potluck for Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, Theta Rhos and their families on Wednesday, December 3 and we are hoping for a good turn out. This is always a lot of fun, with lots of good food followed by White Elephant Bingo.

Our Noble Grand is planning a spe-

cial party for seniors and we will invite guests to come to our lodge hall for a little Christmas fun. Who knows, we may even get some new members from this.

We have elected our officers and the new officers are: NG Mary Stewart, VG Diane Hammond, Sec. Judy Diekman, Treas. Myrtle Whitehead, and Trustee Doral Shelton. We have not set a date yet for our installation.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
PPRA & Reporter

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Narcissa's meetings will now be held on regular meeting nights through the month of March at the Odd Fellows Home.

We received a thank you from the IOOF Home regarding the trust account donations for our Adopted Sisters, Clemie Schwarz and Charlotte Hanifen. Walla Walla Community College also sent a note thanking Narcissa for funds which will provide two scholarships.

Elsie Wells reported on the District Meeting noting that there were 26 in attendance. Our lodge received certificates and awards for Arthritis, Living Legacy, Higher Education, and Community Service.

On October 30 we joined with members from Bee Hive and Enterprise Lodges for our annual Homecoming Dinner which was held at the Eagles Lodge in Walla Walla — with Enterprise as Host Lodge. Narcissa Lodge was celebrating its 123rd birthday, while Enterprise had 145 years and Bee Hive had 103 years to celebrate — for a total of 371 years of Odd Fellowship and service to our community.

A delicious meal was prepared and served by members of the Eagles Drill Team. Art Schreiber served as emcee and we all enjoyed the entertainment which was provided by Bob Lewis on the keyboard. Ted Hanson was the photographer and we definitely look forward to seeing the pictures.

Grand Master Frank Wilson and Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed were introduced as were their spouses, Karen Wilson and Dave Reed. They, in turn, introduced their officers. Other visiting dignitaries were also recognized.

Those receiving jewels from each lodge were escorted by Barbara Tvrz, Joy Selby, Craig Schultz and Ted Hanson. Narcissa Lodge presented four jewels. A 25-year jewel was presented to Julia Borgers by Marthann Hall and Pauline Patterson was presented her 25-year jewel by Arline Maxson. Al Komarek presented a 50-year jewel to his wife, Polly, and Elsie Wells received a 50-year jewel from her daughter, Judy Zohner. Two other 50-year jewel recipients, Leone Kelly and Marvyl Kinzer, were unable to attend, but their jewels will be delivered to them.

We were pleased to see Betty Harpe and Ruth Gibson at our meeting on November 4 after previously suffering from falls. Helen Wilson, who had eye surgery, recently, was also present.

Following our business meeting on November 4, all of those present enjoyed participating in a "White Elephant Auction" with the money raised to be used to help finance a turkey dinner that we will be having at our regular meeting on December 16. NG Barbara Lechner served as auctioneer and was great in motivating people to take a chance and bid on nicely wrapped packages without knowing what they contained. It was a fun evening for all who were in attendance.

The following officers were elected to serve in 2009: NG Aramae Buckingham, Rec. Sec. Rose Ringhoffer, Fin. Sec. Barbara Tvrz, Treas. Marthann Hall, and Three-Year Trustee Beth Entze. The position of Vice Grand is still open.

Ibbie Steen's Memorial Service was held on November 15 and Narcissa Lodge conducted the ritualistic service.

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



Jeanett Oswald of Bee Hive receives a hug from Jean Lucke who received the Bee Hive "Rebekah of the Year" Award.





From left, Ocean Beach NG Sandra Thissell, Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed and Assembly Secretary Betty Weldon.

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 WHERE IS ILWACO?

On October 7, the hall of Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 was painstakingly decorated for our visitation from Assembly President Jennie Reed. Food for a dinner in her honor was lovingly prepared. During the early evening, Rebekahs were scurrying to and fro to make our lodge look just right. Then 6 p.m. came and went. . . no Jennie. A call was placed to Jennie's home phone with no results. A decision was made to go ahead and eat. A place at the head of the table was set and left empty for Jennie.

Meeting time came with no Jennie in sight. Our meeting was held and Honors of the Order were given to Assembly Secretary Betty Weldon, a very competent representative of the Rebekah Assembly. All the gifts intended for Jennie were given to Betty for transportation to Jennie. A corsage meant for Jennie was pinned on Betty's dress. She was beaming. The meeting was closed, and the hall cleaned out and our equipment was stored.

As we were cutting Jennie's cake, the front door opened and closed and Jennie appeared. Our hearts were relieved that nothing untoward had happened to our Assembly President. We listened to Jennie's tale of woe. Then all went home.

When you can count ten fingers and ten toes at the end of each day, it is a successful day. May God Bless our order.

Happy holidays to all our Sisters and Brothers from Ocean Beach.

In F. L. & T., Robert Jacobson, Reporter

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

The Sisters from Trinity #179 hope this holiday season finds you full of happiness and good cheer. This is certainly a busy time of the year with parties, shopping, cookie baking and visiting loved ones.

Speaking of visiting, there were several Sisters from Trinity who attended the District Meeting last October in Longview. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed a delicious meal. Sister Cookie Music paid a visit to Harmony Lodge in Vader to celebrate Halloween. A very delightful program was presented.

At the last October meeting for Trinity, we laid plans for our November Bazaar. Afterwards, we all

pitched in to make a vegetable stew. Each Sister brought a different vegetable and we pitched them all into the soup pot! The results were quite delicious. Dinners like that really hit the spot on cold autumn nights.

As Christmas approaches, we are preparing to deck the Rebekah Hall with boughs of holly and plan our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. We will also make baskets for the local shut-ins.

In the next issue, I hope to give a full report on our November Bazaar, and any other activities we participate in. Until then, have a wonderfully blessed holiday

In F. L. & T., Debby Lee

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Hello again from Monterose Lodge. It's football season, our clocks are turned back an hour and we are preparing for cold weather.

Our nominations of officers for 2009 was held on November 4. All officers were re-elected. They are NG Rosalie Davis, VG Dorothy Sloan, Sec. Dorothy Music, Treas. Laura Lee Bowen, and Trustee Edna Armstrong.

We appreciate their dedication to our lodge. Rosalie keeps the ball rolling and Laura Lee keeps our funds straight. Not date has been set for our installation.

Following our meeting, a chili feed was held with pumpkin pie for dessert. Hostesses for the day was Sandy Holderman and Alice

Sandford. The tables were set up with fall and Thanksgiving decorations, putting us in a festive mood.

On November 12, some of us visited Maple Leaf Lodge to visit with President Jennie Reed and our Sisters from Winlock. It was an enjoyable evening.

Hilma Bowen is ill with a back ailment and was unable to come to our meeting. A card was passed round for members to sign. She is in our prayers.

Happy birthday to Alice Sandford. November 19 was her special day.

Have a happy holiday season.

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings from the Capital City!

We certainly hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now we look forward to Christmas. What a super time to be with friends, cherishing old memories and looking forward to new ones. Gather around your friends and family and celebrate this holiday season in a joyous and meaningful way. We wish all our Brothers and Sisters a wonderful holiday season.

At our November 3 meeting, new officers and committee members were elected for next year. Installation of officers will be on January 24. We hope each and every one of you is able to attend.

Newly-elected officers are: NG PJ Fluetsch, VG Stuart Carlson, Rec. Sec. Tom Day, Fin. Sec. Bob Burnett, and Treas. Don Herring. New committee members are: Park Board Bill Snyder, Thurston Building Joe Picanco, Cemetery Don Vest, JR., and Rick Garcia as Lodge Trustee.

Rick Garcia reported the cemetery continues to be profitable and is setting up to have a pretty good year for 2008. The committee is in the process of getting a new tractor for grounds work and a new computer for the office. Bob Burnett was hired part time and is training to become part of the office staff. Hiring Bob provides greater flexibility for the committee with regard to office labor. If you have not visited our cemetery recently, go out and see just how well kept it is.

After your visit to the cemetery, try a swing by the park. You'll find it in pristine condition and looking better than ever. The park continues to bring joy and satisfaction to our members and guests alike. Reservations for the coming year are coming in fast and

furiously. If you are planning an event and would like to use the park, make your reservations with the Park Board post haste. Next year's big expense will likely be a lawn mower to replace the 19-year-old mower now on its last legs.

If you attended the December 1 meeting, then you would have noticed the tile work that was done in the kitchen now extends into both rest rooms and the hallway connecting the two. A new toilet and mirror was also installed in the men's rest room. The Building Committee plans to install new Formica countertops, a three tub kitchen sink and high-neck faucet in the kitchen next year.

A local family is in need of a wheel chair ramp at their home. Kelly Harget, along with Randy Trotter, is looking into costs and labor requirements before reporting to the lodge for dates when we can begin building. This is a worthwhile project for us to undertake.

Beginning in January, the parking lot across from the lodge might be roped off for construction. Parking along the street will still be available, however. Evidently the 126 unit apartment complex will begin going up next year.

The Noble Grand asks for your nominations of those Odd Fellows deserving of the Merit Jewel. Presently we have two nominations submitted and he welcomes any other recommendations from our members.

As we approach the end of the year, here's a reminder to all: dues are payable now. See the Financial Secretary soon.

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

Here Comes 2009!

Are You Ready?

Ballard-Alki Lodge IOOF #170

Presents

Cribbagepalooza 2008

Round Robin Cribbage Tournament

Cash Pot Prize

Suggested donation \$10.

\$5 goes in the pot.

*All other funds donated go toward medical bills
Of a member in need.*

Bring your lucky cribbage board for better odds of winning.

When: Saturday, November 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Ballard Odd Fellows Temple,

1706 NW Market Street, Seattle, WA 98117

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Ibbie Steen**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

• **Grace Bower**, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.



Alimus IOOF Lodge #15 hosted a Degree Day on October 25 with 31 people present from White Salmon, Ellensburg, Kennewick, Yakima and Goldendale.

Goldendale Lodges

Alimus IOOF #15 & Leah #22

Happy holidays to everyone!

Our lodges have been busy, especially our Odd Fellows. On October 25, we held a Degree Day and had 31 people present. We had members from White Salmon, Ellensburg, Kennewick, Yakima and Goldendale who went through the Degrees. Everyone had a good time as the accompanying picture will attest. Our Rebekah Sisters provided a very good luncheon for everyone.

The Rebekahs are selling cookie dough for Christmas baking (or earlier if you decide to)! They are also gearing up for our Annual Flea Market sale which is held every year in the Goldendale Senior Center. There are several other persons who purchase tables and the items to buy are just great — just about anything you could hope to buy for anyone on your list. This will be held on Saturday, December 13. If you happen to be in the area, stop by and say “hi.”

At the last IOOF meeting, we received another application for membership. I guess we will be having more Degree work soon! I wish we could say the same for our Rebekah Lodge, but so far, none.

The weather is finally turning toward fall. Temperatures have reached the freezing mark the past few days. Our stove feels mighty good!

Just a passing thought. You know it’s a bad day when: Your horn gets stuck when you’re following a group of Hell’s Angels on the freeway, or you tell the sales clerk you are looking for a pot holder and she directs you to the girdle department, or you drive into the repair shop and the mechanic starts singing “I’m in the Money!”

Have a wonderful day, everyone.

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

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

We welcome back to lodge Brothers Walt Dodge and Larry Norman. We miss having Brother Wally Martin with us, but we do understand the drive is long from Seabeck at 87.

The Rebekahs are happy to have Sister Ettamay Strang back and steady on her feet again. Sister Iris Hansen is safely in her new electric wheelchair with her driver Helen Honeycutt. Our Sister Louise Johnson is a spry 90 and has a niece interested in joining.

Both lodges will continue with the same elective officers and rotate the appointive.

As we close out the year, we have supported the projects of our Order

with \$1,000, and \$1,575 in our community, two food banks monthly, our Literacy Council, Community Resources, Hospital Foundation, Historical Society, and the Christmas Bellringer. In addition, Sister Helen Walsh has made many afghans for the Alive Shelter we have delivered. Our number of active are small, but we do try.

On December 26 we have a Sister in Arizona celebrating her birthday. We wish a very happy 100th birthday to Estelle Gelardin.

To all near and far, have a merry Christmas.

Fraternally,

Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters

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

This is my last report to *The Washington OddFellow* as I am in the process of transferring to Althea Rebekah Lodge in Kennewick.

The Odd Fellow Hall in Grandview has been sold and the new owner is planning on using the upstairs for a learning center for adult and teenagers to further their education to become US Citizens, get their GED’s, high school diplomas and prepare for college or trade schools. He will use the basement for his apartment.

In the process of cleaning, sorting and discarding, I found a magazine printed by the Produce Publishing Company of Seattle. The front cover and first four pages are missing, so I don’t know the year of publication, but it would be in the late 1920s. There are many interesting articles from all the lodges in the state. At the time of publication, there were 285 Odd Fellow Lodges, 273 Rebekah Lodges, 68 Encampments, and 38 Cantons. No LEA’s or LAPM’s were listed. I did find around five to eight LAPM’s, but they are now LEA’s.

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315 met a week late in November because of the general election. Two of our Sisters work at the polls. Isn’t that nice?

One of our Sisters, Helen Scheibner, flew to Washington, D.C. recently when she received word that her granddaughter Danielle was in the hospital due to complications from her cancer. Danielle was sent to the hospital by her service officials. She is doing fine and hopes to be able to return to her service unit soon.

Sister Marie Chuinard visited us. We were happy to have her. Sister Lou Chamberlain was at this meeting, too. Sister Dot Kelly was here, as well. It was good to have her as she has been sick this fall, which has required some doctoring.

Sisters, we are few, but mighty. Do come out and support us and your lodge.

We had nominations of officers and

I discovered that Red Apple Lodge was originally Tieton Grandview, but had to change as Tieton and Grandview were already used. At the time of publication there were 32,107 Odd Fellows and 32,140 Rebekahs. How we have dwindled, but nearly every small town had an Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge. All figures include lodges and members in Alaska.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

There isn’t any room in our Order for the person who desires to use us for business reasons, who joins everything and supports nothing, who isn’t fair, respectable and honest, who isn’t thoroughly saturated with loyalty to God, his family and his county.

JOKE FOR THE MONTH

He: “I see in the paper that a widower with nine children has married a widow with seven children.”

She: “That was no marriage. That was a merger.”

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

hopefully we will all report and help each other in having a working lodge.

Wasn’t it fun having a sack lunch at the last meeting? We filled our baggies at our last meeting, doing it in the morning. Then we had our sack lunch and then the meeting.

Did you have a fun Halloween day and evening? It is so much fun watching the little ones coming at you all dressed up in their costumes.

Did you all have a beautiful Thanksgiving? Let us pray that we can have many more and let’s keep Rebekahship in our hearts.

Our member Dorothy Maxwell now lives in Alaska. Please remember her with a birthday card. Her birthday is on December 21 when she turns 101. Isn’t that amazing? She truly is a lovely person.

See you all soon.

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

Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

Happy holidays! A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you!

Hillyard will be having its annual Christmas cookie exchange on Thursday, December 18. If you would like to participate, bring two dozen cookies. We start around 7:15 p.m. and do this as our social before our meeting. We start by sampling the cookies, then exchanging the rest. Many good cookies have come from

this. Also, it is very helpful to bring the recipe with you.

It has been to good see Sandy Haugeto back at our meetings. Our members needing our extra prayers are Laura Fiddler, Serina Charest, Sally Naporlee and Sandra Moon.

May God bless your family and allow you to have many happy memories this holiday season.

In F, L. & T.,
Linda Bradley, Secretary

*Brothers & Sisters. . .
A Blessed And Happy
Holiday Season To You*

Lodge Cards will return

Because of the large volume of material this month for *The Washington OddFellow*, the Lodge Cards usually printed on page 8 have been left out. They will return as soon as possible. Your Lodge Card will be extended for the time it was left out.