



Photos by John Bonsey

## Special Installation

Grand Master Frank Wilson and Grand Secretary Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., traveled to Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 in Kelso on January 16 for a special Installation of Officers at the request of PG John Bonsey. They installed Charlie Dunivan as Noble Grand, along with the rest of the officers present.

## Corned beef & cabbage in Des Moines March 17

Brothers and Sisters, wear your green and please come and join us for dinner as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. 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 17 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 ahead of time so we can be sure to cook enough corned beef. Call us at (206) 870-6333, write us at P.O. Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198 or e-mail us at:

[johncrispin@hotmail.com](mailto:johncrispin@hotmail.com)

Come join us for food, fun and fellowship!

— In F., L. & T.,  
 Steve McCord, NG

## 10 Principles for taking us into the 21st Century

Last month we ran a story on page 7 entitled, "Yes, lodges can succeed if we embrace change." The article was authored by Dave Rosenberg, Noble Grand of the Davis, California Odd Fellows Lodge. He attached 10 Principles which he wrote, but we did not have the space to publish them in February. Brother Dave said, "These 10 Principles provide the framework for the next generation of growth and development of Odd Fellows. We must embrace change in this Order and we must embrace it now."

### TEN PRINCIPALS

- 1 — The ancient admonitions of our Order need to be refreshed and revised. There is little cause in the 21st century to "aid the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." The new admonitions should be "enhance our communities, protect the environment, and care for our children."
- 2 — In the 21st century there is no need for separate but equal lodges. The IOOF must develop a five-year plan for unifying all Rebekah Lodges into Odd Fellows Lodges. Rebekah members with two years or greater membership should automatically be conferred the Initiatory Degree.
- 3 — The Rebekah Degree shall become the 4th Degree of our order and shall be renamed the Degree of Equality.
- 4 — The Independent Order of Odd Fellows logo shall be transformed into a four-link logo, with each link connected in a square. The four links shall reflect the Four Degrees of Odd Fellowship: Friendship, Love, Truth and Equality.
- 5 — The ritual of our Order needs to be re-written, revised, streamlined and modernized. This project should be completed within two years. In addition, at the end of the revision period, the Order shall have only one password, only one sign, and only one grip. The password, sign and grip may be changed from time to time.
- 6 — Lodges of less than 20 members shall be given two years in which to increase active membership to at least 20 members. Lodges of less than 30 members shall be given three years in which to increase membership to at least 30 members. If lodges do not achieve the minimum number of members within the time allotted, the lodges shall be dissolved and members invited to join other lodges in the area.
- 7 — IOOF members must actively participate in the work of their lodges. It is not enough to pay dues. Each IOOF member is expected to attend a minimum of four lodge meetings each calendar year. Failure to do so will result in initiation of suspension proceedings.
- 8 — Emphasis in each lodge will be more on good community works and good fellowship — and less on ritual. Lodges shall conduct at least three, but no more than four ritual meetings each year. Remaining lodge meetings shall be business meetings, open to the public.
- 9 — Lodges shall strive to be more visible and active in their communities. Each lodge shall develop a community action plan by December, to be implemented in the following calendar year.
- 10 — There is no call in the 21st century for the Militant Orders or the Encampments. These will be phased out over a five-year period. At the end of five years, Odd Fellows will be recognized only through Odd Fellow Lodges.

— Fraternally, Dave Rosenberg, Noble Grand  
 Davis Odd Fellows, Davis California

## 'Take Me' reports due soon

The Rebekah Assembly Fiscal Year ends Tuesday, March 31. All officers and committee chairmen are requested to file their reports as soon as possible after that date so the "Take Me" can be prepared and mailed.

They can be e-mailed to [bweldon4@msn.com](mailto:bweldon4@msn.com) or mailed to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, P.O. Box 2157, Longview, WA 98632. Thank you for helping on this.

## 2008-2009 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

### DEPUTY GRAND MASTER RESIGNS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On January 28, Brother Mark Querio of Samaritan Lodge #52 tendered me his resignation as Deputy Grand Master which with regret I accepted. Brother Querio is a faithful friend and Odd Fellow. I pray that circumstances may permit him to be present at future Grand Lodge Sessions.

As prescribed in the Washington Digest, Code of General Laws, Independent Order of Odd Fellows Chapter 2, Article VI Section 2.0, I appointed and commissioned brother John Crispin, PGM as Deputy Grand Master pro tem to fill the vacancy that occurred with the resignation of Brother Mark Querio. His commission will be in force until the next regular Grand Lodge Session.

Unfortunately, I must report that Kalama Lodge #101 forfeited its Charter and Seal on December 10, 2008, ceasing all official lodge business. Brother Ernest House, PGM, Special Deputy Grand Master, and I exhausted every avenue to avoid this action. Kalama Lodge #101 had existed since September 15, 1892. The Grand Lodge will temporarily manage the hall property until our Annual Sessions in June of 2009.

March has been proclaimed Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis month by Richard Proulx, Sovereign Grand Master. All monies raised should reach the Grand Secretary Office by mid-March.

Tax time brings up many issues. Brothers and Sisters, if your lodge, cemetery, park or any other entity under the Jurisdiction of Washington is paying a wage, salary or a private contractor for work performed, make certain you are properly reporting to taxing authorities. Our Third Degree, the Degree of Truth, should be a reminder that in all our works we must be transparent and forthright as too not bring embarrassment upon our Order.

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

## Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

Our Charter was draped for Dee Cohoe, PNG, a longtime Rebekah.

Get well wishes are extended to Elsie Brand who is undergoing treatments for cancer.

Our Installation was held with Barbara German, DDP, and Louie Brand, Acting DDGM, as Installing Officers. They were assisted by Mina Betts, Sharleen Davies, Eloise Graves, Virginia Wolfort and Valma DeVall.

Elected officers are: Wiona Sleater and Doyle Graves, Noble Grands; Alice Siegried and Maxine Christensen, Vice Grands; Shirley Gross, Financial Secretary; and June Clinebell and Louis Brand, Treasurers. Appointed officers are: Jeannett Persinger, Eloise Graves, Maxine Christensen, Mina Betts, Barbara German, June Phillips, Vernetta Carver, Valma DeVall and Doyle Graves.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The world, in its concern with left and right, seems to have forgotten there is also an above and below."

### CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

An elderly lady had done her shopping and returning to her car found four men leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags, drew her handgun and started screaming, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car." The men left, running like mad. She proceeded to put her bags in the car and tried to get her key into the ignition. After several shaky tries it dawned on her — wrong car!! She found her car several space away, proceeded to the police station and told her story to the Sargent, who couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the end of the counter where the four pale men stood, reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. Moral of the story — don't mess with grandma and if you're going to have a senior moment, make it a memorable one! Thanks to my son Ed for this true story.

*In F. L. & T.,  
Valma DeVall  
For Elsie Brand,*

## 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, 2009. All text only reports could be completed now and forwarded to the Grand Lodge office.

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

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

The Annual Sessions of the Grand Bodies of the Order will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima. 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*

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

Hello and congratulations to all the working officers. We thank our Installing Teams here and in Port Townsend. We love the opportunity to visit members of other lodges, too.

Our Brothers have been having their quorums, so we miss them in our Rebekah meetings, Don continues as Noble Grand.

Each Rebekah member has received an updated Year Book, even as Noble Grand Beverly is repeating her program from 2008.

First on the list was a lovely visit from our Assembly President Jennie Reed who spread her "plant a seed for growth" message. She received a wooden watering can filled with red carnations, a check for her project, and a plastic woven watering can from the table with the three carnations for her three men. It was made by our PNGs.

We also thank Chaplain Margaret for the cheer she brings to any meet-

ing.

Our Representative and Alternate were re-elected.

Next up was our Junior PNG's night, then the Temple Corporation Annual Meeting following a potluck dinner.

On Saturday, March 21, we will be going to Port Hadlock for the Rebekah District Association Meeting #21 and Odd Fellow #15. Registration, which is 50 cents, starts at 11 a.m. The \$2 lunch is at noon and each meeting runs from 1-3 p.m. Don't forget your Per Capita and District Report. (This secretary wants 100 per cent.)

April will bring Mystic to its 104th Anniversary and the renewal of our Rebekah Obligation.

Our prayers go to those recovering, love to our shut-ins and hopes for more sunny warm days.

*Fraternally,  
Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters*

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **John Gese**, PG, Monroe IOOF Lodge #156, Monroe.
- **Frances Rutherford**, 67 year member, PNG, Eureka State Lodge #S-1.
- **Elsie Bozlee**, 22 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Betty Winn**, 20 year member,

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2.

• **Violet Ekman**, 57 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.

• **Ivy Frank**, 74 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.

• **Dee Cohoe**, PNG, Althea Rebekah Lodge #182, Kennewick.

# From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

## LET'S GET BEHIND THE UN PILGRIMAGE

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this article more snow is expected. Will spring ever arrive? Since I was elected your President, I have learned a great deal about the programs of our Order. One of these programs is the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. This educational program brings together high school students from around the world to study and learn about the United Nations. Students tour the U.N. building and listen to behind-the-scenes briefings conducted by specialized agencies and departments including Ambassadors, Minister Counselors and Country Representatives. The students will participate in discussions with young people from around the world.



These young people will get the chance to tour New York City, as well as historic points of interest. They will make new and lifelong friends. Tours are conducted during the summer and vary from six to 12 days in duration.

Any student is eligible to enter the competition. The student must be 16 or 17 years of age with a minimum of one year of high school remaining. Each student must write an essay and may be required participate in a local speech contest.

The cost of this tour including transportation, meals, lodging and sight-seeing are paid by Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges. Students are responsible for spending money.

Our Order has sponsored more than 42,000 students since the program's inception in 1949 and has been placed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.

Please contact the Grand Lodge office for more information on how to apply for the tour and how to contribute to this project.

I will be visiting the lodges on the Eastside the week of March 16. I look forward to meeting with as many Sisters and Brothers as I possibly can.

### JUST FOR THOUGHT

"An education is like a crumbling building — it needs constant upkeep with repairs and additions.

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

## Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings! Where did our winter go? A month ago today we had an 18-inch cover of snow on the ground and huge piles of snow from plowing. In a matter of a few hours, the ground was almost clear. The snow-packed parking lots, ice and the piles were a lot smaller. The cold, cold weather had turned to warm wind and rain. The temperatures stayed in the 20s, so the piles are gradually going down. Bright sunny days help. The farmers in the Waterville area really need some snow on the fields. It is hard to believe as I write this on February 6 that all this has happened. We have beautiful sunny days here, but we hear snow is in the mountains.

We weren't able to have a January 5 meeting because of the bad weather and lack of quorum. Our January 19 meeting found all active members able to attend except one, so Sister Clark, DDP of District #25, installed the officers. She was assisted by PNG Grace Burton of Tempest #114.

Brother Frank Holland, PGM, and Sister Fay Bowers-Holland, PP, installed the officers of Prosperity

#301 and Tempest #114. They were assisted by Past Grand Matriarch Marge Farrens on January 17. All officers from both lodges were present.

Our February 2 meeting found a quorum present. It is hard to do much and the writing on the wall is getting more prominent. We are looking at a sale of anything saleable (chairs, piano, kitchen appliances, dishes, etc.) in the near future and then the surrender of our Charter. That is hard to admit after 113 years, but the time comes when we have to face reality. Personally as a 56-year member, I am very upset, but I know all will be for the best. I had hoped I would never have to see this time come, but reality makes me know our days are numbered.

Good luck to all the lodges which are prospering.

We are thinking of all of you who have been having health problems. Our prayers are with you.

Until next month. . .

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

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

## ONLY THREE MONTHS UNTIL ASSEMBLY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Can you believe it is March already and only three months until Assembly? I hope this has been a good year for you and your Lodge, so far, and will continue to be so.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge 2008 updates for the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code Book are in and have been mailed to the lodges. Please be sure to update your book. It is very important that it be current so you know what the new rules are. If you have a personal book and want the update, please let me know.

**R**I am writing this in February and, unfortunately, some lodges have not sent in their Annual Report. Sisters, this costs your lodge \$10 per week in late fines. With the other costs, can your lodge afford this? I know it is difficult sometimes, but putting it off will not make it go away. If you need help call me. If I have to go to your home to help, I will. Just ask.

In checking your Reports I am happy to see some new members' names. Please treat these new members as you would want to be treated. Make them feel welcome, let them know that they are among friends and that lodge can be a fun thing if everyone has the right attitude. I had the pleasure of interviewing an applicant for membership today. She said something that I think really hits the nail on the head as to why so many of our lodges are giving up with as many as 25 members on the books. This is what she said: "I belonged to an organization (I'll not name it) and when we moved here I attended a local branch, planning to transfer. The other group I attended always had something going on. This group is doing nothing so I'm not going to join them."

Is this the problem in your lodge? Do you do "nothing?" Possibly you feel that you've belonged so long and done so much that it's someone else's turn. That won't work. Your lodge can do something such as making cards for nursing home patients, writing letters to service men, making lap robes for the veterans' hospitals or nursing homes. The list goes on and on. The main thing is, put your mind to work. Remember doing something is better than nothing and will show that you really believe in the precepts of our Order and your friends. Be the first one to stand up and say, "Sisters, we need to have something going on and this is what I suggest." It would be fun to see what ideas come up. Remember when we raised \$10,000 for charitable projects, starting with just a couple of dollars to each lodge? What a magnificent job you all did, better than any other Jurisdiction in the country. I would like you to try new ideas and then write me and tell me what you are doing so I can report it at Assembly. Perhaps there could be a prize awarded to the lodge with the best program or project.

From my e-mail: "Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."

May you have love and blessings in your life now and always, now and always.

*With Rebekah Love,  
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
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## From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President

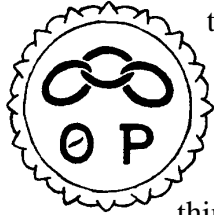


CASSIDY FEIST

### MY PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

Hey everyone, I hope you all had a good Valentines Day! And I hope you have a good St. Patrick's Day, as well.

Last month I was super busy writing the clubs letters and working on my program, plus all my school work. It's pretty chaotic, but I manage. I am finally done with my program. It took longer than I thought, but I hope it will all pay off.



I have an idea about the days I am going to make my visitations to the clubs. I have already made my visitation to the Spunky Bluebirds in South Tacoma, so now all I have to do is the other clubs. My favorite thing about making my visitations is the traveling and getting to spend time with the girls. It's always fun just to sit around with them and chit chat about anything and everything. We get to catch up on stuff that is going on. I can't wait to see the girls.

Well, that is it for this month's letter. You will definitely hear from me in articles the next three months.

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

## Thank you from Kendra

By now everyone has heard that I have resigned as Advisor of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93. This was a hard decision for me, but one that had to be made due to some changes in my life. It was a dream come true for myself and my daughter Florence to have a club in our area and I have treasured every moment of it.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you who made it possible for us to institute a club. Thanks to the members of the JJYC in 2003, the members of Eola Rebekah Lodge in Buckley and South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge for being our sponsors, I could not have done it without you. To the members of South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge #211, thank you very much for the use of your hall for the girls' meetings and activities. To my past and present assistants, thank you for always being there to help and assist with the club. It made my job much easier.

And to all of you in the Order who have been a great support to the girls and me, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hope you will continue to support the girls and help them grow and learn in the Order. They are a great group of girls and deserve to be shown kindness and respect within the Order.

*— In Friendship, Love and Truth, Kendra Frogge'*

## In Long Beach

### Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Greetings from the beach. We are looking forward to a great year under the leadership of our NG Linda Zuern.

Several members of our lodge installed members of Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78. We are always glad to do this for them.

At our January 20 meeting, Sisters Frances O'Neil, Marla Johnson and Betty Pierce were honored for their perfect attendance in 2008. Sisters Cathy Kory and Lucy Aydelott have undergone back surgery. Cathy has been able to attend lodge again and we hope to have Lucy back soon.

Frances O'Neil has had several months of physical problems and we hope she is now on the well list. Although she still has a broken rib, she was able to attend our February 3 meeting. We gave her a hearty welcome back.

In March, the winners of our attendance contest will be treated to a dinner and entertainment by the losers. This is always a fun time. Come visit if you are in our area.

*In F, L. & T,  
Betty Pierce,  
Secretary*

## In South Tacoma

### Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

We have good news and sad news. First the good news. We initiated a new member in January and hopefully will have initiated two more by the time you read this letter. Two of the girls attended our open house so we are happy they decided to join us. We've had open houses in the past and they always brings in new members. We are thankful for that.

Now the sad news. Our Advisor Kendra had to resign because of work related problems and her husband's health concerns. Our Assistant Karen has also resigned. We will miss both of them very much, but they have promised to come to our meetings and activities whenever they are available. We wish both of them the best of luck in the future.

Our club was started back in February of 2003 by Kendra and her daughter, Theta Rho Assembly PP Florence Frogge' and the members of the JJYC at that time. We are so thankful to all of them for putting our club together. Florence is the only member we have left of the original ten girls who joined when we were first instituted. She transferred from Grays Harbor Theta Rho Club and was the only girl who had been a Theta Rho girl before, so it was new to all the other girls. We have lost some members and gained some members along the way so its nice to be able to keep going as a club.

We hope to keep going strong with help from our sponsoring lodges, South Tacoma and Eola in Buckley. Both lodges have been great supporters of our club and have always been there for us.

Thank you again to everyone who has been there for us in the Order. It's great to know you care.

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



The Installing Officer and members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls's Club #79 gathered following the Installation. Front row, from left, are Mya Brookshire, Jennifer Turnek, Zoie Overby, Savannah Lomelli, Yvonne McKie and Olivia Thraikill. In the back row, from left, are Bethany Bond, Holly Houser, Allison Stewart and Jane Kuja.

## In Oak Harbor

### Acorn Theta Rho #79

Spring is just around the corner, at least we hope it is.

We had a nice Installation of Officers with Jane Kuja, PPTRA, as the Installing Officer; and Holly Houser, PPTRA, as Marshal. They were assisted by PNGs of our sponsoring lodge, Oak Leaf #254. Those assisting were Installing Vice President Diane Hammond, Installing Secretary Maxine Hansen, Installing Treasurer Mary Stewart, Installing Chaplain, Cindy McCloskey and Installing Guardian Robin Bond. We appreciate our adult members coming to help us on this special night.

Those installed into office were President Amanda Fry, Vice President Jennifer Turnek, Secretary Olivia Thraikill, Treasurer Savannah Lomelli, Conductor Bethany Bond, Warden Mya Brookshire, Marshal Yvonne McKie, and Right Supporter to the President Allison Stewart.

Allison was presented a second Past President's certificate as she had served as President for the past two years. Yvonne McKie and Myra Brookshire were presented with new member pins and Jennifer Turnek was presented with the special #2 pin for bringing in both of these new members.

The girls in our club have a folder that they are supposed to bring to every meeting and Amanda Fry and Olivia Thraikill were given special recognition as they had brought their folders to every meeting since the program started a year and a half ago.

We had seven girls enjoy the swim party later that week. We have not made any plans for March yet, but we are gearing up for our Easter projects and the Holland Happening Parade in April.

We were excited to hear of all the fun activities planned for Theta Rho that are coming up later in the year starting with the Retreat at Camano Island. Just remember, *think spring!*

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

# From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

## NEW PICNIC TABLES AT THE PARK

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,

Sixteen sets of picnic tables were made by the wood shop students at Stanwood High School for the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island.

The students will receive a plaque from the Park Board and a donation to their tool fund for a job well done.



April is Encampment Installation month. Keep me in mind when you need an installation team.

I will be at the Grand Bodies Planning Board Meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima on Saturday, March 7. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. On April 18, I will be at the Installation of Officers ceremony for H.P. Downs Unified Encampment #61 on Camano Island.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity,  
Jean F. Coston, Grand Patriarch,  
Grand Encampment of Washington  
2312 S. 128th, Seattle, WA 98168  
E-mail: geniejean@msn.com*

## PNG's Association

### Wear your green to Roy March 19

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet on Thursday, March 19 at the Roy Grange Hall, 3404-102 Water Street in Roy. A luncheon will be served at noon with the meeting to follow at 1 p.m.

Hostesses for the luncheon are Marlene Lenz, Carol Moline and Mary Robinson. President Mary's theme for the day is, "Tall Talks" and "Memories of St. Patrick's Day." Be sure to wear something green.

All Rebekahs are welcome.

"May your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow and troubles avoid you wherever you go."

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

## News from the Capital City

### Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 held their annual Installation and Dinner on Saturday, January 24 at our Lodge Hall in Olympia. The festivities began with coffee and a gourmet ravioli dinner prepared by our Chef Bob and all his kitchen elves. I would be remiss in not thanking the Stewarts, Millers, Snyders and John Miller as new members who assisted in cleaning, serving and assisting in the kitchen and dining hall. Thank you.

The Installation Team from Grand Lodge was magnificent. They made the installation smooth, fun and fast-paced.

The other lodges represented, in addition to Olympia, were Silvia, Skookumchuck, Bucoda and Ruth Rebekah Lodge. Olympia Odd Fellows thank our fellow lodges for participating in this gala event.

In addition to the installation festivities, the Olympia Lodge presented our annual Odd Fellow Merit Award to PNG Joe Picanco. This award could not have gone to a more devoted lodge member than Brother Joe. Tom Day, a past Merit Award recipient, presented the award.

The lodge also presented 25-year membership pins to Scot and Mike Turner. The pins were presented by dad Herb Turner who is a 40-year member himself. Grand Master Frank Wilson was presented a 30-year pin. He was pinned by his lovely bride Karen. Last, but not least, Don Vest was presented a 35-year pin and was pinned by his Son Don Vest, Jr. After the ceremonies were concluded, coffee and cake were served.

On Tuesday six of our Lodge members led by NG PJ and Grand Master Frank traveled to South Tacoma Lodge. Attending was NG Ulf Jansson from Uppsala, Sweden. He gave an informative report and talked about lodge differences between Sweden and the U.S. Their Lodge has 200 members and has 65 members present at their meetings. Suits and

ties are mandatory and their dues are \$170 per annum.

The cemetery has new granite sign on Cleveland Avenue. It is awesome, clean and outstanding. Drive by and check it out. The end of 2008 was slow, but 2009 has started out with a bang. There's been lots activity at the cemetery.

On February 5 and 6, Glen discovered a major leak in waterline going to the RV sites. Glen, PJ and I worked on the leak and it is repaired. While digging the hole to find the leak, we discovered a valve we did not know we had. Glen and PJ marked it accordingly.

The Thurston Building had a minor leak repaired on the roof. The problem is fixed (we hope). Don Herring placed new scuppers on our 5th Avenue property. Work to install the new counter tops, sink and faucet for the kitchen should begin by the last week in February and should be completed by the time you read this.

Saturday, April 11 is the Easter Egg Hunt in the park. Cathy and Rick Garcia are the leaders. They provided a sign-up sheets at our lodge. It should be a great time, so come out and help make this a grand event for the kids. Additionally there are information sheets at our lodge on this event.

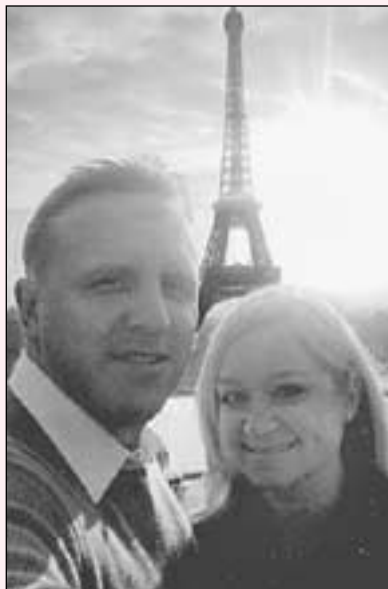
Jennie Cole needed a ramp up to the front door of her home. Randy Trotter and Tom Day installed it much to Jennie's appreciation. Thanks guys for demonstrating the best quality of our order.

The Park Board reported the loss of one buoy, and the raft is beached due to extreme high tides. The gate combination at the park will be changed on March 1. See our Financial Secretary for the combination.

Please call your members you sponsored and have them attend lodge. Bring your new ideas, projects and community events to the lodge.

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

## Where are they now?



Well, as you can see, when this picture was taken, 1992's Theta Rho Assembly President Carrie Diekmann Nichols was in Paris, France on her honeymoon! Carrie and new husband and junior high school sweetheart David were married this summer before proud mom Judy Diekmann, PP of the Rebekah Assembly and a church full of friends and family. They are now living in Italy where Carrie, an L.J.

Jones Scholarship recipient, is teaching elementary school children at Naples Elementary School. She taught in her hometown, Oak Harbor, before continuing her career in Japan for several years. This fall she and David began their new life at her new European assignment in Bella Napoli (beautiful Naples).

## Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

As the month of January drew to a close, we found ourselves not only saying good-bye to 2008, but hopefully farewell to the last of winter weather. We also bid a tearful adieu to Sister Helen Petrie who had moved to Oregon. Rebekah Sisters came to Mary McCrank's Restaurant from Pe El, Toledo, Winlock and, of course, Napavine on January 21 for lunch in honor of Sister Helen.

On the January 10, our Installation went off without a hitch. Sisters Rosalie Davis and Lou Ann Hoffman, along with their installing team did the honors. We welcome Sister Pat Harader as our new Noble Grand and Sister Delia McNelly as our Vice Grand. Everyone enjoyed a potluck after the festivities.

Trinity is getting geared up for our

Friendship Night on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. We wish to extend a genuine welcome to all those who wish to attend. We would love to see you.

Sister Debby Lee is planning a trip to Colorado Springs from February 19 through February 22 for a writer's conference. She will be meeting with famous authors Jerry Jenkins and Karen Kingsbury and attending workshops to study romance writing. Look for a full report in future newsletters.

Well dear Sisters, as I finish writing this letter, I say a fond farewell for now, but I sincerely hope to soon be saying a long anticipated and cheerful hello to daffodils, tulips and spring.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Debbie Lee,  
Reporter*



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day March 17*

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Brother Ulf Jansson of Sweden visited South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211 recently. Newly-installed Noble Grand Holly Houser is at right.

## South Tacoma IOOF #211

**FLAGS AND STICKERS FOR SALE!**

Listen up sandrailers! Now is the time to stock up on those flags that are necessary for your rails. The cost is \$10 for flags with post, \$5 for flags only, and \$2 for stickers. To order, please contact one of our members.

Our lodge would like to thank all those Brothers and Sisters who attended our lodge meeting for Brother Ulf Jansson from Sweden. He is an auditor with Ericsson company and comes to America on business. He is married with two boys. Ulf tries to find lodges to attend when he is in the United States. Ulf utilized the Grand Lodge of Washington web site for this purpose.

Brother Ulf is the Noble Grand from Svea Lodge #14. He spoke about his lodge which has 220 members. Going through the chairs is an eight-year commitment. He will be Noble Grand for two years. Average attendance at a meeting is 65 and there were 90+ at their installation of officers. They have a dress code of dark suits, white shirts, and ties. Meetings last about a half hour then they retire for a meal.

He took away some of our ideas on charity work which he is going to try in his lodge. We hope that he will be able to make more meetings when he is in this area next time.

Congratulations to our new Noble Grand Holly and her officers.

Mark on your calendar for October 31 for our Octoberfest! Like last year this will be in the afternoon to early evening so you will be able to attend any other Halloween parties. There will be brauts and a silent auction again. We hope you can make it!

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

## Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

We have brought in Selma Lindor as an Associate Member this past month.

Our Assembly President Jennie Reed will make her official visit on Thursday, March 19. We will be having a no-host dinner starting at 6 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet, 5504 N. Division Street in Spokane. The restaurant's phone number is (509) 484-5026. Please come and join us

and make her welcome.

Yvonne Haugeto and Katherine Thompson are back from their cruise and are now suffering with the cold weather like the rest of us.

Lee Chariest (son of Betty Rash) is in need of prayer. He is very ill.

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Think spring!

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

## South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Installation of officers was a joint affair again this year with the South Tacoma Odd Fellows. Congrats to Joanne Balmert for going through the chairs again and to all of her officers.

Plans are in the works for a Prom Afternoon "Friendship Night" on a Saturday in May. The specific date has not yet been determined. If you didn't get to go to your prom, now is your chance. The prom will be early enough to let those who don't drive at

night attend. This is a formal/semi-formal event. You will be invited to bring a guest, significant other, brother, sister, mother, father, husband, etc. Music from the 40s, 50s, 60s, etc. will be provided. Invitations will be sent out with the details. and RSVPs are requested. We hope you will be able to attend.

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



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*Don't Forget Your  
District Meetings  
This Spring!*

## In Walla Walla

### Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We continue to enjoy having our meetings at the Odd Fellows Home. There have been about 20 members in attendance at our first two meetings of 2009 with Noble Grand, Aramae Buckingham presiding.

Elsie Wells has been elected as our Representative to Assembly and Jacqueline Klicker will serve as Alternate.

A thank you note was received, from the YWCA for toiletry items donated to the Women's Center. Virginia Braden wrote thanking us for the monetary Christmas gift and we heard from Sgt. Jared Buettner who is serving in Iraq. He was most appreciative of the Christmas package he received from Narcissa Lodge and enjoyed being able to share the snacks, gum, candy and jerky with those who are serving with him.

A condolence was read in memory of Elsie Bozlee whose death occurred in mid-January. She was a 22-year member who joined Narcissa in 1987.

Aramae Buckingham's brother-in-law also passed away in January and a short time later she lost her aunt. We extend our sympathies to both Aramae and her husband Ken.

Phyllis Flanagan's plan to return to her home, after convalescing from a broken shoulder, is good news. Also,

we send our wishes for continued recovery of the editor of *The Washington OddFellow*, Bill Ostlund.

Jane Hanson presented a check to Narcissa Lodge for the items that were sold at the recent auction.

Narcissa Lodge held a winning raffle ticket from the Theta Rho money-making project and was presented with a \$25 gift credit card. The group voted to use it to help with the expenses of our Valentine Party for the IOOF Home residents.

In the next issue, I will report the details of our Valentine Party and, also, be able to give you the name of the winner of the Quilt Raffle drawing which took place the latter part of February.

Our project for the month of February was to donate food and other items to the local Pantry Shelf.

On a once-a-month basis, we are enjoying refreshments and a time of fellowship following our business meetings. We thank Jeanine Griffin and Rose Ringhoffer who provided refreshments in January, as well as Ken and Aramae Buckingham who served as host and hostess in February.

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



### Start your engines!

With new officers installed, Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 is back in the swing of serving our community. We will be supporting our local food bank and the Happy Horse Acres. A ton of hay was delivered to the horse ranch to help defray the expenses for this worthy organization. Our new member, PGM Ronald Hanson, presented the Past Noble Grand's Jewel to Tim VanDusen as the outgoing Noble Grand. This was quite an honor for Tim. Above is Annie Ostlund with the quarter midget race car sponsored by Buckley #75. Annie is the daughter of Tony Ostlund, Past Grand. We will be also sponsoring another quarter midget car to be driven by Masin Schmidt, son of our new Noble Grand, Steve Schmidt. These young people put the name of Odd Fellowship and our Lodge out in the public eye at these races. We thank the Grand Lodge Officers for doing our Installation and those who attended. It was a very nice turn out and a day of sharing Friendship, Love and Truth.

— Fraternally, Loletta McCormick, PG & Reporter for Buckley #75

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

As our lodge looks ahead to spring and St Patrick's Day, we are also anticipating Assembly in Yakima.

This year at each of our first meetings of the month, our Noble Grand has a drawing and one member gets to take home a special gift.

Birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated at the second meeting of each month and a little gift is given to each honoree.

In February we learned some interesting facts about President Abraham Lincoln as we commemorated his 200th birthday, and President George Washington as we celebrated his birthday.

We invite all members of Rebekah lodges in the area to come visit our lodge.

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

### Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

It is February already and time to get those Valentines sent and to remember your loved ones with flowers or candy.

On January 13, Rosalie Davis and Lou Ann Hoffman traveled to Vader to install officers for Harmony Rebekah Lodge #335. Newly installed NG Mary Robinson made us feel most welcome. A delicious lunch and cake followed the ceremony.

January 20 was another cold and wintery day, but installation for Pine Burr #300 was held on schedule. Again, Rosalie and Lou Ann, along with their Installing Team, did a wonderful job of installing the officers for 2009. Pine Burr Sisters gave them a big thank you and lunch was served.

Last, but not least, on January 15, installation was held in Toledo for Monterose #46 and Maple Leaf #326.

A potluck lunch was served first. Rosalie passed out handmade gifts to the 2008 officers. Monterose members presented Rosalie with a check to use as she wishes — and she deserves it!

With Lou Ann in charge, the installation went off like clock work. Taking on the job again as Noble Grands, we give Rosalie Davis and Mary Francis our very best of luck for a good year. They will have our support.

On February 10, Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed was in attendance at Vader for Harmony's Fellowship Night and meeting. We were hoping for a good turn out of Sisters from our area to meet her and wish her well.

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

### In Electric City

### Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings, Sisters. Are all of you ready for spring? I know I am. We have had so much snow, fog and ice. Then the electric lines went down. Poles shattered, leaving many people without electricity — making heat and lights at a premium. With so much snow, it made traveling a no-go. Snow piles up along the buildings and roads, making it impossible to attend meetings or gatherings.

Our Past Secretary Betty Roller spent some time in the hospital. She is better now and is at home. She likes to go, so she would enjoy a ride whenever you have spare room.

We were able to install our officers

at our February 3 meeting. Our new officers are: NG Wanda Hirst, VG Lou Chamberlain, Rec. Sec. Dot Kelly, Ward. Helen Scheibner, Cond Marie Chuinard, RSVP Betty Roller, and Chap. Jeanette Kelly. She was also the Installing Officer.

It was decided to have a potluck dinner at noon at our meeting on February 17, followed by a few rounds of Bingo. Hostesses were Marie Chuinard and Dot Kelly.

We will be getting ready for filling the Baggies soon. Be available when called.

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

### In Pe Ell

### Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Rosalie Davis and Lou Ann Hoffman installed our officers on January 28. It was very nicely done. Installed were: NG Carolyn Turner, VG Marian Moon, Sec. Leona Treznoski, Treas. Corky Walker, Ward. Nina McCalden, IG Minnie Epling, RSNL Louise Lusk, RSVG Carolyn Miller, and Chap. Luellyn Ainsworth. The Installing Officers and Noble Grand were each presented with thank you gifts.

The weather has eased a bit and we aren't having high water and snow right now. In fact, it looks as if spring will soon be on its way.

#### THOUGHT

"Happiness sneaks in through the door you didn't know you left open."

— From Homestead

We miss Jerry Bierdeman because she is busy working at her "Best Dang Bookstore."

"Everybody wants to save the earth, but no one wants to help mom with the dishes."

— P.J. O'Rourke

Our Noble Grand is planning entertainment for our meetings. Let's help her come up with new ideas.

Our Secretary's husband John had surgery and is recuperating. We wish good health and a happy and prosperous year to all members and their families.

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

### Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

We are off to a good start with our new officers. At our first meeting after Installation we initiated a new member. We welcome Sandy Larsen to our lodge.

Our Noble Grand Mary Stewart is choosing something each meeting to explain to the new members. The first meeting it was the correct way to ballot on an application. This last meeting it was how to present and open the Bible. This is not only good for the new members, but good for some of us old ones to review.

We celebrated Valentine's Day at our first meeting and Presidents' Day at our second meeting.

We have decided that since our basket raffles have done so well that we

are going to do one in the spring, possibly with an Easter theme. Diane Hammond was appointed chairman for this project and she has several very able helpers.

At this time I have no report on anyone who is laid up. We always, of course, think of our Sister Nita Sherwood and hope that one night she will surprise us with a visit at least for the social hour. We just hope now that spring is coming all of our members will stay healthier.

That is it from this corner of the state for now. Think spring with warm weather and the beautiful flowers.

In Rebekah Love,  
Judy Diekman,  
PPRA & Reporter

