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## Nine Lodges install officers

Grand Lodge Officers, led by Grand Master Joseph M. Picanco (standing at the head table), installed the officers of nine Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges located in southwest Washington. The installation ceremony took place at Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 in Napavine on Saturday, January 14. Officers installed were from Cowlitz IOOF Lodge

#66, Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Harmony Rebekah Lodge #335, Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184 and Longview Rebekah Lodge #305. As you can see, a large crowd was on hand for the occasion.



At left are a few of the RV parking spaces, complete with water and electrical hook-ups. At right is the outdoor kitchen with barbecue pit. This is just part of the 80-acre Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island.

## On Camano Island

# Enjoy our wonderful park right here in Washington!

I'm sure our long-time members are no doubt aware of the Washington Odd Fellows Park. Many of them no doubt have wonderful memories of camping trips, picnics, afternoon excursions and other fun activities at the park. Our more recent members, however, are more likely to know about Oregon's park at the dunes than they are to know about our own park here in Washington.

We have a beautiful 80-acre park with RV parking spaces (complete with water and electrical hook-ups), an outdoor kitchen with barbecue pit, picnic tables and parking for fifty vehicles. The park is situated on picturesque Camano Island. Best of all, there's no ferry ride necessary to get to Camano Island! Just head west on State Highway 532 from 1-5. Go past Stanwood and cross the bridge to Camano Island.

Our Odd Fellows Park is a precious resource. It was built by the labors of previous generations of members for the benefit and enjoyment not only of themselves, but of future generations of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. You can come visit the park on our own and spend a few days or you can join us for one of the scheduled events we host throughout the year such as the Pork Chop Barbecue in July or the East-West Picnic in September.

As President of the Park Board, I would like to invite each and every one of you to come enjoy our park. It's truly an undiscovered jewel of Odd Fellowship in Washington.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth  
Toby Hanson, PG, PCP

Past Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Washington  
Grand Musician,  
Grand Lodge of Washington

## From your Sovereign Grand Representative

I have been asked by the Grand Secretary to report on a specific piece of legislation that was passed at the Sovereign Grand Sessions held in Winston-Salem North Carolina this past August. That piece of legislation deals with Associate Membership. We felt it was important enough to put this information out to the lodges ahead of my normal report which is given during our Annual Sessions.

The Bill number is #5 which was laid over to the 2011 sessions for action by the Sovereign Grand Representatives. It follows in its entirety

### BILL NO. 5 LAID OVER TO 2011

Reps. Smart, Hannah and Makar of Ohio from Ritualistic Work, Property, Legislation, Beckstien of Michigan from Ritualistic Work, and Toney of Texas from Judiciary presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.



RONALD HANSON

**Title:** A Bill to amend Chapter III, Section 12 C [Page III-9 relating to Associate Membership to read as follows:

*Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.*

A. 08 When a member is elected to associate membership, the member shall lose none of the rights, privileges and benefits to which entitlement is maintained under regular lodge membership, except when voting on lodge consolidations or a lodge's going defunct and the sale of real and chattel property which would benefit his/her regular membership lodge.

This Bill was amended on the floor to remove the words "which would benefit his/her regular lodge membership" It was passed as amended by a vote of 125 yes, 4 no.

What this means is that if you maintain an Associate Membership in a lodge, you may not vote on consolidations or going defunct or the sale of property real or chattel which belongs to the lodge you maintain your Associate membership in.

It is apparent that we in the Jurisdiction of Washington are not the only ones who have faced this situation in the past or may have to address it in the future. This gives us the tools to deal with that type of situation should it arise.

I am concerned every time we have to pass a piece of legislation like this, whether at the local level or at the national level, as it speaks volumes about the type of members we have recruited over the years, as well as some of their behavior as members.

— Fraternally,  
Ronald D. Hanson, PGM, GW, Sovereign Grand Representative



JOE PICANCO

## From your 2011-2012 Grand Master

### MONTH OF INSTALLATIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the newly-elected and appointed officers installed this past January. All the Installations the Grand Lodge Officers had been fortunate to participate in were super. Remember to take your duties responsibly. While your position is of a volunteer basis, your duties are vital to our lodges. We look forward to hearing about the many lodge accomplishments for 2012.

### NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE

Many of our newly elected and appointed officers assumed the jobs in our lodges with little or no training for the position. Noble Grands should demonstrate to the lodge members we are ready to lead by assisting them in learning their jobs. The District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGMs) have been asked to help provide that training and more. Additionally, the officers of the Grand Lodge are willing to do the same, including techniques and procedures for running a lodge. Presently we are considering conducting a "School of Instruction" sometime in April. In the meantime, any lodge needing assistance need only but call their DDGMs or contact the office of the Grand Lodge and assistance is on its way.

### EMBEZZLEMENT OF MORE THAN \$30,000

On January 9, 2012, an Odd Fellow member who served as Treasurer in one of our lodges, pleaded guilty to first-degree theft and was sentenced to 75 days in jail, is required to complete 120 hours of community service, and pay restitution to the lodge, of which \$5,500, has been paid thus far. The balance still owed to the lodge is more than \$27,400.

Brothers and Sisters, the theft was uncovered by city officials when they noticed private utility bills were paid using lodge checks, signed by the Treasurer and Noble Grand (couple), who also pleaded guilty to first-degree theft. The Noble Grand's sentencing is presently scheduled for April 23, 2012.

In last month's newspaper we discussed the importance of developing a lodge budget and more importantly watching over the assets entrusted to us by those who came before us. Below is an excerpt from page V-6, Section 3, Committees; Code of General Laws (Green Book) for dissemination, and is intended to inform our Brothers and Sisters of our accountabilities. If we follow what is already written, we might not find ourselves in the above circumstances in the future.

The noble Grand shall appoint the following committee:

**Finance:** The Committee on Finance shall consist of three (3) members to be appointed on the night of installation. They shall audit and inspect the accounts, books, securities, funds, and other property in the hands of the Treasurer, and the books and reports of the Secretaries, and of other Officers and Committees charged with the receipt and expenditure of money. For this purpose they shall fix a time and place to meet the Secretaries and Treasurer, after the last regular meeting in each semi-annual term. They shall report in writing at the first regular meeting in the next term upon duplicate blanks as approved by the Grand Lodge and furnished by the Grand Lodge. One copy of which shall be mailed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and the other retained by the lodge. They shall also examine all other financial matters referred to them, and report thereon to the lodge as soon as practicable. Neither the Treasurer, Secretary, Financial Secretary, nor any member of the Trustees shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

### LODGES INSTITUTED THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

*Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 — Instituted February 2, 1863*  
*Fall City IOOF Lodge #59 — Instituted February 7, 1889*  
*Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 — Instituted February 7, 1891*  
*South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211, Instituted February 12, 1904*  
*Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276 — Instituted February 16, 1910*  
*Unity IOOF Lodge #18 — Instituted February 24, 1881*  
*Mount Baker IOOF Lodge #9 — Instituted February 26, 1877*  
*— In Friendship, Love and Truth, Joseph M. Picanco, Grand Master*



HARRY W. "BILL" COULTER

## From the desk of the Grand Secretary

### CONGRATULATIONS, NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to the officers who have assumed their duties following their installations. I commend those officers who are returning to the same positions for your dedication and loyalty to the work of our Order. As a reminder to small lodges that may have difficulty filling their elected positions, the combination of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary as one office is authorized. However the combination of either Secretarial officer with the office of Treasurer is not approved.

### STAYING CONNECTED AND ENGAGED

The Grand Lodge of Washington has, and maintains, a terrific website. The Website Committee makes additions and edits to it regularly. It holds a wealth of contact information to facilitate communication between our members. Plus, you can access several years of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper archived on the site. This information is just a click away. The address is [www.ioofwa.org](http://www.ioofwa.org). We recommend that you add this address to your "favorites" on your web browser. We suggest that you make a visit to our website frequently. For those members without internet access, we suggest that you refer to your unit's Annual Journal of Proceedings for officer and committee members contact information.

### GENERAL INTEREST

Thank you to the lodges that have already sent in their Annual Reports. A reminder to the lodges still holding theirs, these reports must be in the Grand Lodge Office by February 15 or you lodge will accrue a \$5 per day penalty thereafter.

All Odd Fellow Lodges should have recently received a letter regarding your Lodge Representative to Grand Lodge. Even numbered lodges elect a two-year Representative during the first meeting in February this year. It is important that you return your completed Representatives Certificate in a timely manner to allow for the selection of committee members and making appointments for the Grand Lodge Session of 2012 by Grand Master Joe Picanco.

— Fraternally,  
 Harry W. "Bill" Coulter,  
 PGM, Grand Secretary

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Ruby Woosley**, PNG, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Shirley McShurley**, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.
- **Jean Cox**, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.
- **Camilla Erickson**, 74 year member, Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59, Issaquah.

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## From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

February has been proclaimed by Sovereign Grand Master Delmar Burns as "Education Foundation Month." Your lodge donations are greatly appreciated by the Jurisdictional L.J. Jones Educational



Foundation that provides scholarships for the our youth who are sons, daughters and grandchildren of members of the Order. We also award scholarships to members of our Order who are over 21 years of age, allowing them to further their education. There is also an Educational Foundation at the Sovereign Grand Lodge level that provides low interest loans and scholarships for our youth.

Both of these meet one of our tenets: "To Educate."

### TIME TO ELECT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

This month is when all odd-numbered Rebekah Lodges elect their Representatives and Alternate Representatives. Look to all of your lodge Past Noble Grands when making your choice as to whom you want to represent your lodge at Assembly. The election of your Representatives and Alternates are outlined in your Constitution: Section 3-8. Be sure and read this information before you hold your elections.

### SUPPORT OUR THETA RHO GIRLS

Our Jurisdiction is very lucky to have active Theta Rho Girls' Clubs. They will be holding their installations this month. If you are able to attend these events and show them that you are supporting their Theta Rho Girls Clubs in our Jurisdiction, it will be beneficial to you and to them. We need to support them any way that we can, both physically and monetarily. They have the Theta Rho Assembly President Allison Stewart's project which is WAIF (Whidbey Island Animal Improvement Foundation); the Theta Rho Travel Fund which covers the expenses of those Theta Rho Girls and their chaperones that attend the Youth Days at SGL/IARA Sessions in August of each year; and the Theta Rho Hotel Fund which covers the cost of the hotel rooms for the girls who attend Theta Rho Assembly in June each year. Any amount, large or small, does make a difference. These girls are always working for the betterment of our Order and may become future members of Rebekahs.

### HOLIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

I would like to wish you all a very happy Valentine's Day and "happy birthdays" to President Lincoln, born February 12, 1809 and served as our 16th President (1861-65); and to President Washington, born on February 22, 1732 was our first President (1789-97). Presidents' Day will be observed on February 20, 2012.

### THANKS FOR ALL YOUR REPORTS

Many, many thanks to all of you for your prompt return of your Lodge Annual Reports, PNG Certificates, installation reports, and the lists of your new Lodge Officers for 2012. You have made my job a little easier.

I will leave you with this:

*In the garden of life, be sure to plant seeds, of tolerance, acceptance and understanding.*

*Careful to weed out prejudice, doubt, negativity, as well as being too demanding.*

*At harvest time reap the crops of love, kindness and hope, faith and family.*

*And share your bounty with a generous heart, constant, certain, openly and freely.*

*With Lots of Rebekah Hugs, in F., L. & T.,  
Marcia Presley, PP, Secretary,  
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

## From your 2011 - 2012 Assembly President



LENA SWETZ

### INSTALLATIONS WERE GREAT FUN

I thoroughly enjoyed participating in our lodge installations during the month of January. I thank all the members who participated and made this a fun and fulfilling experience. I want to congratulate all of these officers for accepting this challenge and wish you the very best during your term of office.

### THE NEW YEAR BRINGS CHANGES

With a new year there may come some changes. Remember that there are a variety of ways to do the same things. Offer support to one another as we express Friendship, Love and Truth in our Order. Doing things in other ways can build up interest in our activities and we may become better known in our communities.



### BEES AND DONATIONS

I want to remind you that I do have "Bee" pins for sale. I am also interested in receiving articles to be raffled off from the President's table at Assembly in June. Sharon Harris is my Scrapbook Chairman. Any articles, pictures and programs you want to share will be gratefully appreciated. Her address is: 1323 5th Ave. SW Puyallup, WA 98371.

### BE ON TIME

A reminder to all lodges: Please remember to watch the deadline dates for reports, donations, etc. so our Assembly Secretary is able to complete her reports. On time.

### I'LL BE HITTING THE ROAD

I am anxiously anticipating starting my road trips again. Some members have voiced their concerns about lodge attendance. Again I mention that lodges can go together for their visitations. Let me know when your District Meetings will be.

I thank the members and lodges for supporting the projects of our Order. Times can be tough, but united we stand.

Remember Odd Fellowship. You get out what you put in! **Please attend meetings regularly.**

*In F., L. & T., Lena Swetz,  
President Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
199 Canyon Rd., Silver Creek, WA 98585-9708  
Home Phone: (360) 983-3105, Cell: (360) 520-2436*

## Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

As I am writing this the snow has finally stopped falling but the ground is still covered in a blanket of white. I hope all of you were able to stay home warm and safe. It has been quite the ordeal. In the midst of all of this our Noble Grand's dachshund delivered her four babies.


Our Installation of Officers had to be postponed. We will hold our

Installation of Officers at our meeting on Wednesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. As the DDP I will be doing the installing. The Installation will be followed by a chili/potluck dinner.

We wish all of our members a happy Valentine's Day.

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

♥ *Won't You Be My Valentine??* ♥

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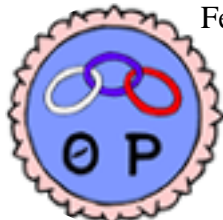
# From your 2011-2012 Theta Rho President



ALLISON STEWART

## HOLIDAYS AND BIRTHDAYS

Hey, I can't believe it is already the second month in 2012! We will celebrate Valentine's day and then Presidents' Day. My birthday is in February. The year I turned 8, I went to an open house meeting at Acorn Theta Rho in Oak Harbor on Valentine's Day and joined right away. You never know when you are going to pull in new members who really have fun in our organization.



## LOTS OF ACTIVITIES

We had our annual Halloween scavenger food hunt and open house. We initiated two new girls in December who had come as guests. They are already involved in a "Relay for Life" function and some of us will be helping them in this fund-raiser

Besides the hard work, I also have had lots of fun. I get to meet girls from the other clubs and have kept in touch by texting back and forth between retreats and meetings.

I was able to go to Winston-Salem, North Carolina last August and took my first airplane trip and had my first experience with baggage check-in and my first limo ride. I met people from all over our country.

I am going to be scheduling my visits in between the winter storms that are still popping up. I am looking forward to seeing all of you.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Ally Stewart, Theta Rho Assembly President*

## In Oak Harbor

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Valentine's Day

We have elected our officers for 2012. They are President, Yvonne McKie, Vice President Cassie Flitcroft, Secretary Ally Stewart, and Treasurer Olivia Thrailkill. We have been invited to do a Joint Installation of Officers with the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club in Tacoma. If the weather cooperates, we will be doing this on Saturday, February 25 at 2 p.m. We thank the Spunky Bluebirds for asking us. We know it will be a fun time with a sleepover afterwards. Installation will be at the South Tacoma IOOF Lodge hall, 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma.

In January after we got rid of the snow we had a swim party.

At our first meeting in February we will be making Valentines for the local nursing home.

Our new members have started a team for the "Relay for Life" in June. Some of our other members will be joining the team.

We hope to see many of you in Tacoma on February 25.

*— Until Next Month In Happiness Through Service,  
The members of Acorn #79*

## Spunky Bluebirds invite you to their installation!

Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 cordially invite you to their Joint Installation of Officers to be held on Saturday, February 25. The installation ceremony will be held in the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall, 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma. Officers from Acorn Theta Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor will be installed at the same time.

Installation of Officers will start promptly at 2 p.m.. It is our hope that you will be able to attend.

*— In Happiness Through Service,  
The Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93*

# Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14

Our club has been very busy with service projects not only for the community, but for our Rebekah Lodges.

In September we had a yard sale with the proceeds going to "Operation Thank You."

In October we made cards and took them to Callaway Gardens. The girls and residents there had a nice visit.

In November we went to Spokane to help with Hope Rebekah Lodge's bazaar. We made grab bags to sell with the proceeds going to "Soap for Hope." This project was sponsored by the AAA to donate bath items to homeless children. We were able to donate 150 items to this cause.

In December we were invited to attend the Spokane Odd Fellows and Rebekah Christmas Party. We helped with clean-up at after the party. While there we were able to sell our jewelry to raise money for the "Diaper Drive." We were able to raise enough money, with the help of our Spokane family, to buy a box of 120 diapers. Thank you Spokane Brothers and Sisters.

In January we are making Valentines and will deliver them to the Alzheimer's Special Care Center. Our President Lilly Gridley has a great grandma residing there, so this will be a special time for everyone.

## Hooray for us!!

We have initiated four new members. Charissa, Chelsea and Katelynd Ratliff are fourth generation Pasco Theta Rho Girls. Jailyn Flick has Odd Fellow, Rebekah and Theta Rho family members. Her grandmother, Sandi Moon, is Past President of Theta Rho Assembly and Past President of Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Her grandpa and dad are also members of the Order. These girls are all from the Spokane area and they are already working on community projects. They will be helping as much as possible to work with the Rebekahs and community projects they can find in Spokane.

Our Advisor and members here will make trips there to hold an occasional meeting, have some fun activities and help them with projects. Even though it will be a long-distance friendship, we are looking forward to being with our new friends. We hope this year will be a great one for all our big Brothers and Sisters, as well as our little Sisters.

*— Yours In Happiness Through Service,  
Members of Pasco Theta Rho Girls Club #14*



Members of "Team Independent Order of Odd Fellows" were all smiles following the Jingle Bell Walk/Run for Arthritis on December 11. From left are Christina Dirks, Rebecca Burk, Faith Grammm, Holly Houser, Grand Master Joe Picanco, Laurel Delony, Kathy Picanco and Joanne Balmert.

# South Tacoma's Spunky Bluebirds a busy bunch!

Congratulations to the elected officers of The Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 of South Tacoma for the upcoming year. They are: President-elect Faith Grammm, Vice President-elect Christina Dirks, Secretary-elect Piper Fyffe, and Treasurer-elect Bryanna McGann. Thank you to the outgoing President Madi Martin for a job well done.

Two of our members, Faith Grammm and Christina Dirks, joined the "Team Independent Order of Odd Fellows" on December 11 for the re-start of the Jingle Bell Walk/Run for Arthritis. They leaped ahead of the pack to cross the finish line before the rest of the old-timers. Good job girls! The club held a "Spunkghetti" feed on November 19 for a money-maker. We did quite well and want to thank all of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for their time, donations, love, and support of us. Without U there is no US.

*In Happiness Through Service  
The Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93*

## From your 2011-2012 Grand Matriarch



JUDY DIEKMAN

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL BROTHERS & SISTERS

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

As I write this, I am looking at the first snow of the year and enjoying my nice fire in my wood stove.

By the time you read this, your officers should be elected. I wish a successful year for all of the new officers of our Auxiliaries and Unified Encampments. I hope each of our members will give them their support as they take on these positions of leadership.



Remember that February is "Educational Foundation" month and that this is part of my project as Grand Matriarch. Try to put a little extra in your "piggy" this month so that we can show our support for the foundation which provides numerous scholarships and low-interest loans to students to help them achieve a higher education.

I will be sending out letters soon with assignments for our Sessions in June. I hope your lodge will accept the assignments that they are asked to assume, as it takes all of us working together to have a successful Session. Time is going fast and June will be here before you know it.

*In Faith Hope & Charity,  
Judy Diekman, PP, Grand Matriarch*



## Cleaning up in Des Moines

Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club of South Tacoma helped with the clean-up following Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289's and Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305's Installation of Officers on Sunday, January 8. From left are Julia Collier, Vice-President-elect Christina Dirks, and President-elect Faith Grahmm

## In Pe Ell

### Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our Noble Grand's husband, Bill Turner, spent time in the hospital. He is doing much better now.

Chaplain Luellyn Ainsworth lost her sister, Wilma Frasier, early Christmas morning. Now Luellyn is undergoing chemotherapy treatments as a preventative measure. It is rough, but things will be better soon.

#### THOUGHTS

*"Life is like an exciting book and every year starts a new chapter"*

*"Today is seldom too early. Tomorrow is often too late."*

We are planning our Installation of Officers at Trinity. I will have more about that next month.

Warren Walker is still improving.

Jerry Purtell was head of the Refreshment Committee in January. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and we will be bringing in more members.

Chaplain Luellyn Ainsworth is so thankful for her lodge Sisters and church members. She can't drive further than Pe Ell and someone is always there to pick her up when she has a doctor's appointment — and that seems to be quite often.

Corky Walker's son, Steve Purcell, has been "holding his own" for the past couple of months

Happy New Year!

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

## From your 2011-2012 Grand Patriarch



GREG POWERS

### A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please accept my apology for my missing article last month. Let's call this my Chinese New Year message.

### EVERYTHING NEW IS OLD AGAIN

Welcome 4709 (2012), a chance to start again. What do we have in store? Only the Gods know and She wont tell. Be it is written in the book or made of our own volition, no man knows what fate lies in the year ahead. Of the many things that will occur, we know that the best news will be how people will jump in to help their siblings in need. The good Lord will give many the gift of acting on his behalf and bestowing his loving care on those in need. The Calcutta fire last year was a great example. A private hospital caught fire and it was the untouchables from the slum next door who risked their lives to save dozens. People who where turned away from the hospital for want of money, risked what little they had, their lives, to save their fellows. There is no greater love. Let's pray that we answer the call when it comes to us, to manifest God's love on earth. Be the ministration heroic or in a whisper, we are blessed in caring for one another.



### OUR HISTORY

In reading about our Order, I am impressed how it is constantly evolving. When the IOOF was founded in this country, our founding fathers used an ancient approach to respond to the current needs of their era, namely the founding a fledgling democracy. It also reflected the same prejudices of race and sex of the time. The history of our Order on the West Coast shows adaptation to the needs of society. With the gold rush, thousands ventured west in search of fortune. The west was virgin and lacked any civil or social structure. Migrant brothers looked to each other for mutual relief and assistance, before any formal lodges were formed. Lodges provided the first libraries, social and meeting halls in towns all over the west.

We know from our Order's history in Washington State that many city governments and churches had their start meeting in our halls. With immigration from Europe, lodges formed based on ethnic groups. By fraternizing with fellow lodges, our Brothers helped make America the melting pot it is today. Swede and Serb found common ground.

In the late 19th Century, our organization concentrated on insurance and social relief. This changed again when the social programs of the New Deal made many of our institutions redundant. In the 20th Century, the boundaries of race and sex where cast aside, now we welcome all. Our history is not one of stagnation, it is one of evolution to meet the needs of a changing world. Let's hope that we can find positive solutions to the opportunities we will face in the next year, while staying true to the Golden Rule.

*Gung Hay Fat Choy!*

*Yours In Faith, Hope & Charity; Greg C. Powers,  
Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington*

## Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

We celebrated the holidays with a Christmas dinner party at the home of our Secretary. A delicious pot luck dinner was consumed, followed by a game and visiting. There were 10 in attendance.

Then at our December 27 meeting, we brought food to donate to our local food bank.

By the time this newspaper comes out, we will have had our Installation of Officers for 2012 which was held on January 29. Kathy Pierce again

agreed to lead us as our Noble Grand. Jeremy Edwards is Vice Grand, and the old stand-bys again for Secretary and Treasurer are Karen Hoylman and Loletta McCormick.

We are hoping to have a gain in membership this year.

Our next project will be to plan for the District Association #26 Meeting which we will host in April.

Happy Valentine's Day to all our brothers and Sisters. Give your sweetie and all your friends a hug!



Bob Jacobson, serving as Santa Claus at Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge's Christmas party on December 20 passed out gifts to Cathy Kary, Olney

Patch, Linda Zuern, Sue Johnson, Betty Pierce, Marla Johnson and Helen O'Neal. Everyone had a great time celebrating the holidays in Long Beach.

## *In Long Beach*

### Ocean Beach Rebekahs celebrate in style!

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 met in regular session for our final meeting of 2011 on December 20. The theme was Christmas and the season of giving. A gift exchange was enhanced by Inside Guard Bob Jacobson appearing as Santa to pass out the gifts.

Retiring Noble Grand Helen O'Neal enjoyed a successful year. She announced that for her last meeting — the first meeting of 2012 — she will serve a dinner starting at 6 p.m.

Bob Jacobson served refreshments after the meeting, which consisted of salmon spread on bread and crackers, plus summer sausage with cheese, and a fresh strawberry short cake. His wife of 50 years actually prepared it. (Isn't that always true, behind a successful man is a loving woman pulling the strings?) Those who were ill or otherwise unable to attend missed a fun evening.

Ocean Beach #313 has a small but lively membership. Members are still active in Rebekah work.

We held a Degree program on January 17.

To those of you who find yourselves in our neighborhood, please drop in. You are always welcome at our lodge. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Noble Grand Helen kept our meetings fast-moving and interesting throughout the year with poetry, plants or started veggies for the garden as gifts. Her touch will be hard to follow, however, we are confident that Noble Grand-elect Cathy Kary will do just fine for us. We are looking forward to helping her make our next year warm, friendly, and inspiring. I'm glad to be a Rebekah! See you all in *The Washington OddFellow* pages.

— In F., L., & T.,  
Bob Jacobson, Reporter



At left, Trinity Noble Grand is doing well at the Riverside Rehabilitation facility in Centralia. At right, PNG Debby Lee, has just published her second book.

### Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

A happy New Year from the ladies of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179. We had our Joint Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 14. New officers installed for Trinity were: Noble Grand Alberta Luurs, Vice Grand Florence Reith, Secretary Kira Verrall, and Treasurer Linda Deem. We have some first-time officers this year, so I am hoping they don't become overwhelmed.

We are sorry to let you know that our Noble Grand Delia McNeely fell while leaving the Safeway store in Chehalis. Right now she is recuperating at the Riverside Rehabilitation facility in Centralia. So far everything looks good. She has already taken a few steps and plans to go home soon — hopefully.

I am proud to say we have an author within our lodge. Debbie Lee, who is also my daughter, has just published a sequel to her book, "Christmas Butterflies." She started out writing poetry. She belongs to the Centralia College Writers' Club. I am surprised she has done so well. Her hard work is beginning to pay off.

Until next time, we hope you all have a successful new year.

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

## Monterose Rebekahs Lodge #46 in Toledo

Our first meeting of the new year was held on Thursday, January 5. We were pleased to have District Deputy President Alberta Luurs with us. She was given the Honors and stayed for lunch.

We were more than ready for our Joint Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 14 at Napavine. Our lodge brought a casserole.

Monterose officers for 2012 are: Noble Grand Rosalie Davis, Vice Grand Bonnie Hadaller, Secretary Cookie Music and Treasurer Laura Lee Bowen.

Noble Grand Rosalie, also our Representative, has a busy year planned for us with lots of things to do. Our yearbooks will be ready by the next meeting.

We got together again on Thursday, January 19 at the Toledo Fire Hall. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings.

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

## *In Walla Walla*

### Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We appreciate the leadership of Barbara Tvz who served as our Noble Grand during 2011. We were pleased to have had 21 Sisters, including Neita Stearns and Cora May Davis from Schuyler Rebekah Lodge, in attendance at the last meeting of Barbara's term on January 3.

It was great to hear an encouraging report from Jane Hanson and to learn that she is one-third of the way through her chemotherapy and radiation treatments, along with the good news that she is overcoming some of the side effects.

Helen Wilson wrote thanking Narcissa Lodge members for the Christmas gift of cash. The YWCA thanked us for the many donations to the Women's Shelter and the "Local Pantry Shelf" sent a thank you note for the 84 pounds of food we gathered and delivered in November. Our participation helped to feed 749 people in

the Walla Walla community.

A Joint Installation of Officers was held Saturday, January 14 at 2 p.m. with Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70 serving as host. Those members, from Narcissa Lodge #2 who were installed were: Rose Ringhoffer, Noble Grand; Barbara Lechner, Vice Grand; Aramae Buckingham, Secretary; Jane Hanson, Financial Secretary; and Marthann Hall, Treasurer.

We held an "Oldies But Goodies Bazaar" at the Odd Fellows Home Auditorium on Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. each day. There were some nice items for sale and word has it that some of those items were classified in the *speciality* category. Also, we served coffee and tea to our customers. This was our first fund-raiser of the year.

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

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

The Grandview Rebekah Lodge welcomes two new members — Susan Lopez and Deana Alaniz. They have brought energy and creativity to our lodge and are a wonderful addition to our roster.

We marched into 2012 with our Installation of Officers. Our 2012 officers are: Noble Grand Sally Edwards, Vice Grand Susan Lopez, Secretary Cindy Talley, and Treasurer

Sam Powell.

Planning is underway for our 100th Anniversary celebration this spring

We continue to work on our "Program of Work" so that we include the community, youth, education, and state projects.

We are looking forward to 2012 and we hope you are, too.

Until Next Time In F., L., & T.,  
Sally Edwards, NG & Reporter

## News from the Capital City

# Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

As of January 21, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 changed officers for the 2012 year. Bob Brunetti is our new Noble Grand. We know he will do an outstanding job. Peggy Ogilvie has led our Lodge for the past year and has done a outstanding job. She will move to Past Noble Grand and will advise the new officers on their jobs. Thanks, Peggy. Congratulations to all the newly-elected and appointed officers.

Our lodge hopes and prays that PJ Fluetsch conquers his illness and comes back to lodge soon. We certainly miss your wisdom and humor. Get well soon.

Thanks to Dave Delony for repairing the tractor shed with new siding. It was a job well done.

The cemetery is very quiet (no pun intended). Maintenance is being brought up to date, the leaves and debris are being picked up and the mausoleum roof has been repaired.

The Thurston Building Committee reports no major problems. They are working on minor leaks and will be accepting bids on the lodge furnace

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Selection Committee has selected two students to represent the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs for the UN delegation this summer. There

were 13 applicants. The two winning delegates were from Olympia and Capital High Schools.

Financial Secretary Kathy Picanco told lodge members she was forced to drop 25 members for non-payment of dues for the past two years. Dues are due *now!*

Our lodge voted to purchase new table cloths for the lodge room. The old ones are beyond repair.

Our By-Law Committee consists of Joanne Balmert, Frank Wilson and Kathy Picanco. You should have received your new by-laws in the mail by now.

Joe Picanco, our Grand Master, has raised more than \$3,000 for his project — the Odd Fellows home in Walla Walla.

The Finance Committee reports that our lodge is doing well financially

The park is being used by campers even in the cold weather.

Our Christmas party was outstanding. There were lots of people and food. "Entertainment Explosion" performed several songs. They were outstanding. A silent auction raised several hundred dollars for the Grand Master's project.

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



## Rose Parade winner!

The 2012 Odd Fellows and Rebekah Rose Parade Float won the Isabella Coleman Trophy, which represents the best decorated presentation for color combinations and color harmony. This is the third year our Rose Parade Float has won a trophy. The TV coverage was great with lots of explanations about our Order. The Jamaica Plain Matching has matched our fund-raising efforts. We are grateful for your donations and assistance. Our float was the 25th entry in the parade and got lots of advertising. We also had a special TV interview before the parade that was televised. Our coverage this year has been very good. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from across the country helped us decorate the float. We appreciate their Assistance. The above photo was taken by Henry Balsiger of Goodwill IOOF Lodge #188 in White Salmon as he attended the parade in Pasadena, CA on January 2.

*— In Friendship, Love and Truth. Roberta J. G. Prosk  
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Rose Float Chairman*

## In Montesano

# Silvia Odd Fellows Lodge #38

A spooky fun-filled day celebrating Halloween was held on October 29 for those in attendance at our senior center. Prizes were awarded for the "Best Costume" and "Best Painted Pumpkin." A cozy "chili dogs with fixings" meal provided by our lodge was served along with treats for "Trick-or-Treat." The guests had to travel down a scary path to get into the main area and be greeted by lodge members dressed in costume. Everyone there enjoyed the "spirit" of the day, and we had a full room of happy revelers.

On December 9, an "all-you-could-eat spaghetti feed" was held in conjunction with the Montesano "Festival of Lights." We had 54 people, from seniors to small children, devouring the homemade dinner. Our excellent volunteer staff in the kitchen turned out "go for seconds" fare. There was

spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed green salad, and coffee.

A cake walk and cookie sale were going on in the lodge at the same time, so everyone had a chance to get something different for themselves.

Our lodge held its "Annual Silvia Lodge Christmas Party and Gift Exchange" on December 13. Our senior center kitchen volunteers again came through in great style and joined us in our holiday celebration and meal. We enjoyed each other's company any had a good time commenting on the surprise gifts exchanged. This party also celebrated the end of 2011. It shows that Silvia Lodge #38 is alive and prospering. We are looking at the New Year in the knowledge that we are a strong lodge — small in numbers, but large in spirit.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Bill Snyder, Reporter*

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

On December 18 our newest member, Wesley Beare was initiated into Tempest Rebekah Lodge. The initiation was special as we had looked forward to it for some time. His wife Lisa is one of our officers and was able to participate in the ceremony.

A reception followed for officers and members.

Our Installation of Officers on January 21 was preceded by a noon potluck. As always, our wonderful cooks prepared special dishes for all of us to enjoy.

Colors chosen by our Noble Grand Grace Burton are pink, blue and silver

with the lilac as her flower and an angel as her mascot. Angels were used in the luncheon decorations.

We are pleased to have as our Prosperity Noble Grand Marge Farrens and her corps of officers.

A reception followed the Installation of Officers for our two lodges.

We invite members in the area to visit Prosperity Lodge on the first and fourth Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and Tempest Rebekah Lodge on the second and fourth Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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

# Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217 - Ballard

The year 2012 was supposed to bring health to Salmon Bay members, but it didn't work out that way. The first meeting of the new year was installation and for the first time in years, there were only seven members present.

Sister Genie Coston's (Chaplain-elect) cancer operation did not go well and she was in the hospital for eight days. Brother Gene (to be past Noble Grand) stayed home to be chief cook, bottle washer and caretaker. Sister Rae Ann Marrelli reported her mother, Olive Cella who was to be installed as Vice Grand, Susan Dare's Right Supporter, had fallen again. To move, even with medication is extremely painful for Sister Olive.

Assembly President Lena Swetz and her capable installing team, came, saw and acted with a smooth well-trained performance. Our incoming Noble Grand, Donna Flatt, had to assume Brother Gene's position to open the meeting with the flag salute and she used up all her brilliance for the rest of the day. Between Sisters

Betty Young and Sister Lena, the whole program went as planned and finished in record time.

Sister Genie had prepared ingredients for gift bags for the team before her hospitalization and Sister Katie Gray finished up the bagging job. Sisters Noreen Lucas and Frances Zimmerman did their usual bang-up job of preparation for the noon pot luck — a pink theme with real coffee cups! Thanks to all the Sisters for providing a delicious, generous pot luck.

While the accolades are being handed out, it must be said that Sister June Robinson's daughter, Angel, though not a Rebekah Sister, faithfully brings her mother to the meetings from southwest Seattle.

Let's hope the rest of the year is a healthy one!

Here's a little reminder to save the date for Salmon Bay's next "Book, Bake and Bling Sale" which will be on Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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



