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Nancy Pelland, left, was named a "Pioneer Princess" for Auburn's Good Ol' Days Celebration last summer. At right, Genevieve Halstead was received a certificate from the IARA congratulating her on her 70 years as a Rebekah.

In Auburn

There is glad news and sad news from Unity #53

There's glad news and sad news from Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 in Auburn.

First the glad news. Our Noble Grand Nancy Pelland has served in that office so many time we can't remember the exact number. She's the kind of Noble Grand who calls members frequently, comes up with all kinds of activities to keep us busy and engaged, and truly exemplifies

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A new look for our fraternal publication

It has taken us a little longer than we expected, but *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper has a new look! We hope you like this new colorful edition of our fraternal newspaper. The Grand Lodge of Washington is leasing a printer, so publishing of *The Washington OddFellow* will all be done in Buckley.

The USPS has informed us that as of January 2, 2013, they will no longer accept publications printed on light-weight newsprint — paper that *The Washington OddFellow* has been printed on for many years.

Grand Secretary Harry "Bill" Coulter explained that the new in-house printing should result in some savings over having the newspaper printed by a commercial printer.

There have been some real growing pains in the last few weeks as the newspaper had to be completely redesigned so it can be printed in Buckley. There may still be a few problems to be worked out, but we should be back on schedule for the first edition in 2013.

In addition to the new format, the newspaper will be available on-line, thus saving postage cost. If you would like to receive *The Washington OddFellow* via email, please send a message to Grand Secretary Harry Coulter and he will add you to the electronic mailing list and eliminate your "snail mail" copy. Harry's email address is:

grandsec@qwestoffice.net



*Happy Holidays
To All Our
Brothers & Sisters!*

From the desk of your Grand Master

LUNCH & LEARN A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone that took time out of their busy schedules and attended the Grand Master's "Lunch & Learn" on November 17. I think everyone enjoyed their day and learned quite a great deal. New members learned a lot about how to run a meeting, protocol, transparency and those of us who are older members got a refresher course. We had a lot of questions regarding the Secretary, Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's responsibilities. The plan is to have another lunch and learn in either March or April and we'll break down into one hour groups for Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers.



LAUREL DELONY

I would like to thank our Jr. Past Grand Master Joe Picanco for all of his time and effort that he put in to develop and run this program. Knowledge is power and what we learned we can take back to our lodges and share with other members. I hope that those that attended will encourage other members to attend. We also had some good eats.

ON THE ROAD

I was fortunate to attend Sovereign Grand Master Chuck Renninger's Testimonial Dinner in Washington, D.C. Your

Deputy Grand Master Ronald Hanson was also in attendance. I drug DGM Ron and my husband Dave around to some of the monuments. As you can see in the picture, Ron and I were at the WW II Memorial and the Washington State column is next to South Dakota. Ron was born in South Dakota, so we had to have a picture taken.

I was also able to attend the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting in Wilsonville, Oregon in November. We were treated to Theta Rho Girls showing us what they like about Theta Rho and what they do for community service. We also were treated to a musical skit. The girls showed us how to be energetic and how to have fun being a member of the Order. A reminder to all, Northwest is open to everyone. So please show your support and make plans to attend Northwest next April.

INSTALLATIONS OF OFFICERS

Your elections should be over and now it's time to get your installations planned. Let me know if you need our help for installations. If the date is clear we'll be there. Installation dates already in place include: Napavine on January 12 at noon; Ballard-Alki on January 13; and Olympia, Silvia and Skookumchuck on January 19.

JINGLEBELL WALK/RUN

Don't forget the Jinglebell Run/Walk is Sunday, December 9. It's too late to register to be on team

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

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 project and programs of the Order, as we seek "to improve and elevate the character of mankind."



HARRY W.
"BILL" COULTER

DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES?

Do you have a Past Grand Jewel for your retiring Noble Grand? Do you have any veterans, 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

The L.J. Jones Scholarship nominations deadline for lodges is December 21, 2012. Send your nomination forms to Jody Morris, 32101 NW Eagle Crest Drive, Ridgefield, WA 98642-9156.

UN PILGRIMAGE DEPOSITS

United Nations Education Pilgrimage for Youth Tour deposits (\$800 each) must be in the Grand Lodge Office by December 10, 2012 to reserve a seat. Contact Frank Wilson, PGM, Chairman, at home: (360) 491-5913 or at work: (360) 352-8601 with your lodge's or district's intention to send a student delegate(s). He is the source of all details that will have to be met.

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Passwords for the year 2011 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 Lodge Annual Reports are due in the Grand Lodge office on or before January 31, 2013.

I want to thank those Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges that completed their Membership Rosters and returned them into the Grand Lodge office. We are continually striving to cut the cost of *The Washington OddFellow*. This action will help greatly.

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

— Fraternally,

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

From the desk of your Grand Master

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but it's not too late to donate and show your support. You can still walk with us and I still hear that the Grand Master is buying pizza after the walk.

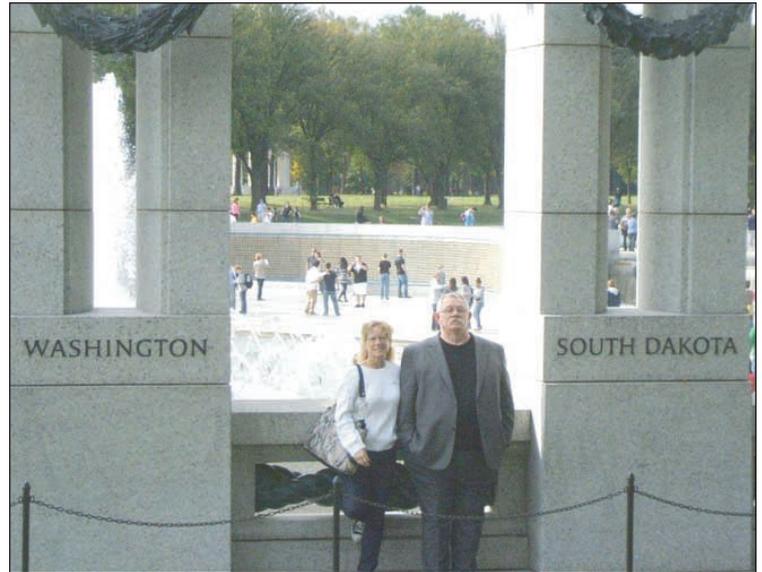
DID YOU KNOW?

Washington Digest, Section 3.9 Meetings, Page 42

“The regular scheduled meetings of the lodge shall be held once each week, on week days only, and the regularly specified days of the week at a place designated in its Charter and the lodge shall be opened within fifteen minutes after the time prescribed by By-Laws provided that a lodge may provide by By-Laws for semi-monthly meetings. Five members, including one qualified to preside shall constitute a quorum.”

I want to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

*Remember to be in the mood for Odd Fellowship & smile!
— In F., L. & T., Laurel Delony, Grand Master*



Grand Master Laurel Delony and Deputy Grand Master Ron Hanson visited the World War II Memorial while in Washington D.C. They were seated between the Washington State and South Dakota columns. Ron was born in South Dakota.

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Marjorie Schaaf**, PNG, 35 year member Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #342 in Pasco, Past Grand Matriarch, Past President Department Association LAPM.
- **Mary Robinson**, PNG, 41 year member Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 in Centralia, Past Grand Matriarch, Past President Department Association LAPM.
- **Dorothy Watson**, 30 year member Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Ilea Bennett**, 70 year member Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Alice Davidson**, 11 year member Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Viva Musgrove**, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22,

Goldendale.

- **Agnew Ritzschke**, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Annabell (Munson) Froemke**, 61 year member, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.
- **Bonnie Seigle**, 72 year member, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.
- **Doris Johnson**, 25 year member, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.
- **Betty Wellons**, 60 year member, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.
- **Irene McDonald**, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Spokane.
- **Reinhold “Ray” Holmer**, longtime IOOF member.

Jinglebell Arthritis Walk set for Dec. 9

It's time to join our team Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the 28th annual Jinglebell Run/Walk for Arthritis. The event is on Sunday, December 9 in Seattle. The starting time is 9 a.m., give or take.

It is too late to join our team, but you can donate by going to:

<http://seattlejinglebellrun.kintera.org>

To those who would like to car pool up to Seattle, we will be leaving the McDonalds at I-5 and SR 512 at 7:45 a.m.

Please donate or cheer us on. It all counts! The Grand Master will buy pizza after the walk for those who have participated.

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From the desk of the Assembly President

ANNUAL REPORT TIME

Greetings and happy holidays. With Christmas just around the corner, our lodges are also getting ready for the new slate of officers and making plans for the New Year.



JOYCE MILLER

So I say, have a merry Christmas and happy New Year's celebration that will be a new start.

Be sure to get your Annual Reports in on time. Our Assembly Secretary has deadlines to meet, so let's make it easy on everyone involved. Let your members help in making out the year-end report. This way more than one person will know how to do it. This will make all members more aware of what is involved in the Lodge Reports and they will see that it is important to get it done. Don't keep these reports secret.

The information is for all to know!

WE HAVE FRIENDSHIP; WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is like magic and it always will be,



*For Love remains life's sweet mystery!
Love works in ways that are wondrous and strange
And there's nothing in life that love cannot change!
Love can transform the common place
Into beauty and splendor and sweetness and grace.
Love is unselfish, understanding and kind,
For it sees with its heart and not with mind.
Love gives and forgives, there is nothing too much
For love to heal with its magic touch.
Love is the language that every heart speaks;
For Love is the one thing that every heart seeks.*

VISITATIONS

My December visits will be weather permitting and I will call to make arrangements with the lodges I have in mind. They will be reported in the next issue if any.

- **Sunday, December 9** — Park Board Meeting, Camano Is.
- **Tuesday, December 25** — Merry Christmas to all
"Be friendly, love one another and forever be truthful."

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Joyce Miller, President.*

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT TIME

Dear Brother and Sisters:

Well, here it is, already December. It seems we just had our Sessions, but the summer and fall seasons have come and gone and Winter will soon be here.



MARCIA PRESLEY

Your Annual Reports should have arrived and I hope all the lodges used the spread sheet I sent them. If it was used throughout the year for your lodge finances, it should make filling out the Annual Reports after January 1 much easier. I am asking all of the Rebekah Lodges that initiated new members, new members by transfer or deposit of a card, etc., to include with your Annual

Report a list of your new members, their mailing addresses, and any title they may have, so that when I make out the SGL membership lists for each lodge I will have all of the information that I need and also have that information for my Rebekah Lodge files.

POSITIVE THOUGHTS CREATE POSITIVE ACTIONS

December is a time to sit down and reflect of what we have done over the last year to help our Rebekah Lodges, our friends and family, our communities or neighborhood, where and whenever we could. I know that some of you have been very busy this last year and will continue to be busy. It seems the more busy one is, the happier one

becomes. I guess that is because our minds are on something positive and more important than thoughts of depressing things.

The Theta Rho Girls' Club official motto is "Happiness Through Service" and the line from our Rebekah Creed is "The More You Give, The More You Receive," which in turn will make us happy.

THE RULES FOR HAPPINESS

*Greet each day with thankful prayer.
Phone a friend to cheer and share.
Just relax and have some fun.
Say cheerful words to everyone.
Be truly glad for your possessions.
Don't let wishes become obsessions.
Waste no time in useless worry.
Planning ahead avoids much hurry.
Be honest and true in everything.
Enjoy the peace that this will bring.
Notice little joys each day.
Flowers, birds, the sunshine ray.
These simple rules soon will start.
To ensure a happy, happy heart.*

I wish all my Brothers and Sisters a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year. If we all work *together*, "we can make a difference."

— Lots of Rebekah Hugs, *In Friendship, Love & Truth,*
Marcia Presley, PP, Secretary

PGM Marjorie Schaaf passes away in October

Marjorie Mae Schaaf, 89, Past Grand Matriarch and Past President of the Department Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant of Washington, passed away on October 15, 2012.



MARJORIE SCHAAF

Marjorie was a 35-year member of Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242 in Pasco, a member of Tri-City LEA #66, Unique Unified Encampment #32 in Spokane and the LAPM of Kennewick. Marge served as Grand Matriarch in 2001-2002 and President of the Department Association in 2003-2004. She also was a 40-year member of the VFW Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tony of 63 years and her son Robert who passed away on May 15, 2012. She is survived by her daughters Sheila and Lynette, and her son Bruce; 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on October 20 at Desert Lawn memorial park in Kennewick followed by memorial services at Country Christian Center in Pasco.



Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

We were all geared up and prepared for our Holiday Bazaar on November 16-17. We served lunch both days and held a raffle. A latch hook rug and a holiday basket were added to the raffle prize list. The bake sale table had some sugar-free items.

We staffed the I-5 northbound rest area on November 12-13. I always enjoy talking to the tourists passing through. We served homemade cookies with coffee.

Here's the results of our election of officers for the year 2013: NG Florence Reith, VG Cookie Music, Sec. Alberta Luurs, and Treas. Linda Deem. Candy Koons is our new Trustee. We wish them the best for a successful term.

I am glad to report that Delia McNelly is doing so much better and is in good spirits. She is at Liberty Country in Centralia.

A holiday dinner is planned for Monday, December 10 at

Services slated for active Rebekah Mary Robinson

Mary I. Robinson, Past Grand Matriarch and Past President of the Department Association of Washington, died on Saturday, November 10. She was 91 and living in Auburn with her son.

Born in 1921 when Warren G. Harding was President of the United States, Mary has lived through many major events, including World War II, and saw the rapid changes in history.

Mary joined the Rebekahs 41 years ago. She was a former member of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 in Centralia where she went through the chairs. She was District #18 President in 1998. She served as Grand Matriarch in 2003-04 and previously was President of the Department Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant of Washington in 1996-97. Adding to all of this, Mary has worked most of her life as a nurse and caregiver.

Mary was a member of Harmony Rebekah Lodge in Vader. She was Right Supporter to the Noble Grand when she celebrated her 90th birthday in 2011.

Mary's services will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Historic Railroad Station, 210 Railroad Ave. in downtown Centralia. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Visual Aid fund for both children and adults.



MARY ROBINSON

our lodge. We are going to put up our outside Christmas lights and decorations. We are doing this as a team because it is so much easier and faster.

On Thursday, December 13, we are putting together 20 shut-in baskets. Every year we lose a few and gain a few. Each Sister brings fruit or homemade goodies to be put in large red stockings. They are delivered the next day.

Our holiday party is scheduled for December 27. We will have a potluck and gift exchange. We are having the party later as everyone is so busy during the Christmas rush.

Here's wishing you all a happy holiday season. We hope you enjoy your holiday feasts with family.

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

Merry Christmas!

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Merry Christmas to all our Brothers and Sisters.

We said we would report on our food drive for the food bank this month since our drive is now completed. We collected more than 500 items of food and \$105 in cash which we presented to "Help House." Then the next weekend we held our annual turkey raffle for The Make-A-Wish Foundation and raised \$142 in sales. Albertson's graciously donated the turkey this year which was greatly appreciated.

This month we will be doing Jingle Bells for Arthritis once again at the local Albertson's store and afterwards we are going to our advisor's house for a make-your-own-pizza and movie night (The Polar Express). Later this month we will make Christmas cards for the nursing home and then deliver them and visit with the residents. We will also have a Christmas party for ourselves after our first meeting in December with karaoke and refreshments.

We hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season and in doing so don't forget the reason for the season. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

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

In Oak Harbor

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254

We are busy trying to raise some funds for our scholarship fund and also our treasury. We have started a monthly Bunco Night on the first Monday of every month starting at 7 p.m. If you like Bunco and are up this way, stop in for the evening. The proceeds from this go to our scholarship fund. We also put out applications and maybe we will get some new members from this project.

Some of the members have been busy making fleece no-sew blankets which we are also selling.

Thank you Diana and Kathy for getting this project started. We are hoping to get some orders and make some more.

We also had a *No Bake* Bake Sale with the proceeds going into our general fund. Thanks to all the members who can't attend regularly for supporting this project.

We are sorry to report that our Sister Maxine Hansen is permanently in Palm Springs, California with her daughter. Sister Maxine celebrated her 98th birthday in September. We really miss her.

To our other sisters — Nita Sherwood, Elizabeth Steinsieck, Betty Haines, Rhonda Meeks, Myrtle Whitehead and Cecelia Holt — who can't make it to the meetings for health reasons, we do think of you and hope that each of you has a very special holiday season.

We are glad that Mary Stewart has a working vehicle again and is able to be back with us as we missed her when she was unable to come.

We want to wish all of the members of the Order a merry Christmas.

— *In F. L. & T., Judy Diekman, PPRA & Reporter*



Martha Lucas and Mikol Soriano received their Third Degrees in Olympia on October 20. At right is PGM Don Hepp of Olympia.

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge members have been busy!!

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 in Ballard has been busy! Two new initiates, Mikol Soriano and Martha Lucas, got their Third Degrees in Olympia on October 20. They



New Third Degree Member Martha Lucas seemed pretty excited about making pizzas for the work crew.

were accompanied by Lodge Secretary, Nora Carria.

Two weeks later, lodge members Darren Lay, Kanjin Cederman, Michael Douglas, Katie Rose Aldridge and Mikol Soriano joined with our building manager Tom Helm to refinished the upper hall floor after Rich Osborne spent time getting it ready for a day of action. The lodge "Team Nom Nom" (Secretary Nora Carria and new Third Degree member Martha Lucas) made home-made pizza for the work crew.

At the time of printing, we will also have hosted a Ballard Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" event on November 17. This is a Chamber fund-raiser which we hosted in order to have the community get to know us better as we work with others to make a better world.

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



JJYC news

Busy committee elects news officers for 2013

The members of your Joint Youth Committee have been busy this fall with many projects and responsibilities we undertake for our Theta Rho Girls. In September we attended the reception for our Theta Rho Assembly President, Shamanice Gordon, and our Grand Master, Laurel Delony, (Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly — 1981) in Olympia. Helping in the background with program folding, participating in the Theta Rho Girls presentation for the honored guests and anything else we could lend a hand to was such fun.

Our thanks to Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93 and the Tacoma and Olympia Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges for letting us be a part of this wonderful reception and organizing the Retreat for our girls at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park afterward.

Before the reception we had our first JJYC meeting of the year. For 2012-2013, we elected the following officers:

- **Chairman:** **Holly Houser**, 514 Lafayette St. S, Tacoma, WA 98444, phone (253) 535-5460, email: holly84tra@netzero.com
- **Vice Chairman:** **Janie Kuja**, 8904 S. Gold St., Centralia, WA 98531, phone (360) 807-4332, email: pptra@comcast.net
- **Secretary:** **Kathi Picanco**, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502, phone (360) 705-1966, email: picancoj@hotmail.com
- **Theta Rho Assembly President:** **Shamanice Gordon**

Our thanks to Elizabeth Morgan and John Crispin for their service to the JJYC and the Theta Rho Girls' Clubs of Washington State as they leave our committee. New members are:

- **Kathi Picanco** (information above)
- **John Otterstrom**, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092, phone (253) 740-8038, email: fr3dude65@comcast.net.

Also serving on the committee:

- Our much-appreciated former Secretary: **Barb Nelson**, 8010 East 'C' St., Tacoma, WA 98404, phone (253) 473-1720, email: barbee1313@yahoo.com
- And our Eastern Washington JJYC member, **Neita Stearns**, 845 NE Karol Loop, College Place, WA 99324, phone (509) 629-2029.

At our September meeting we reviewed the 2012 Theta Rho Assembly Sessions. We had **38 girls** at the meeting! Our attendance remains strong with the help of the Housing Fund started by Judy Diekman, Rebekah Assembly Past President. The fund was her President's project. We sought the support of the Grand Lodge last year to cover the

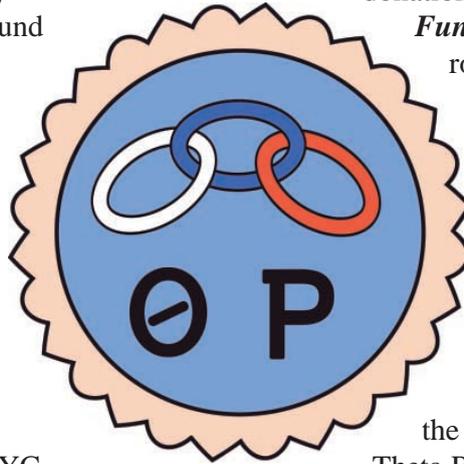
expenses of attendance at the annual SGL/IARA Youth Day by our Theta Rho Assembly President and her chaperone. The Grand Lodge has assured us that they will continue this financial support in the future, so we are **retiring the Theta Rho Travel Fund**. In the future, we welcome your donations to the **Theta Rho Assembly Housing Fund** which will continue to fund the hotel

rooms for Pasco #14, Acorn #79 and Spunky Bluebirds #93 girls and chaperones who attend our annual Theta Rho Assembly. (The housing expenses for our Oregon Theta Rho Club, Eta # 94, are covered by our Oregon Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.) **Please send your donations to Rebekah Assembly Secretary Marcia Presley, P O Box 176, Orting, WA 98360.**

We are sad to report we have completed the surrender of the Charter of Grays Harbor Theta Rho Girls' Club #92 of Montesano. The club's money and paraphernalia have been received by the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and our duty has been discharged. We thank all who supported this club over the years.

In November we had another meeting to follow up on ideas and projects we discussed at the September meeting. At every JJYC meeting we receive a report from our Theta Rho Girls' Club Advisors. In future articles I will tell you more about our Advisors, Club activities and some other projects your JJYC will be working on in 2012-2013. Thank you for your continued support for Theta Rho in Washington State.

— Janie Kuja, Vice Chairman

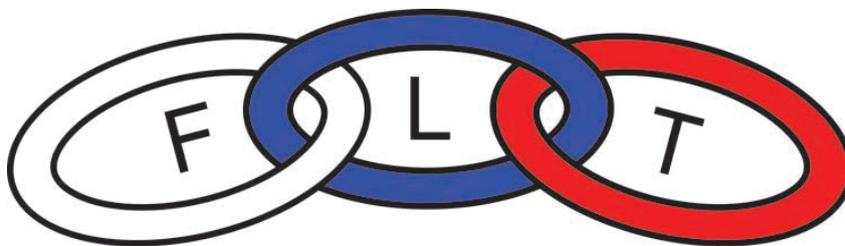


Three Links are back on Redmond's Hall!

The restored Odd Fellows Three Links insignia will again adorn the front facade of Odd Fellows Hall at 7979 Leary Way in Redmond. On Tuesday, December 4, Artech, Inc. of Seattle reinstalled the links. The restoration process was coordinated by Tim Short, proprietor of Redmond's Bar and Grill with support from the City's Heritage Grant Program for the restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation of historic properties.

The Heritage Grant Program provides funding to help support the long-term maintenance and preservation of Redmond's landmark buildings and places including the Orson Wiley Stone House (The Stone House Café), Bill Brown's Building (The Matador), the Anderson Park picnic shelter, and the historic building of the former Addi-Bon Café (El Toreador).

The Odd Fellows Hall is designated a historic landmark and is one of the most prominent wood frame buildings in downtown Redmond. This two-story commercial building is located near the center of the historic business district.



Built in 1903, this distinctive structure served many purposes for the local community: meeting hall; fraternal lodge for the Redmond Eagles and then the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; performance and dance hall featuring the Les LaBrie Orchestra, the city's first movie venue; commercial space for Edwardian Antiques; and now dining and entertainment establishment for Redmond's Bar and Grill.

As Redmond grew during the early 1900's, it developed an array of economic, social, and cultural institutions commonly associated with the establishment of communities in the American West. Redmond's Independent Order of Odd Fellows was established in 1923 and like most fraternal organizations, was a means by which residents could reach out and provide support to one another. Typical activities at the Odd Fellows Hall included holiday celebrations, Thanksgiving dinners, rummage sales, community dances, theatrical events, card parties and more.

Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217 in Ballard

Our meeting at the end of October, honoring the official visit of Assembly President Joyce Miller, went as noted in the last edition of the newspaper, but a post script is needed. Sister Joyce and her husband Charles, sometimes referred to as "Mr. Chuckles," were delightful, entertaining guests. Her speech was clear, precise and informing. You'd think Sister Joyce, who had attended the Des Moines IOOF celebration on Saturday, then Loraine's late night meeting on the following Wednesday, would be dragging a bit by the time of Salmon Bay's meeting on Thursday. But even after the terrible traffic patterns in Seattle, she and Chuck were energetic visitors.

The meeting went smoothly and it was noted that Sister Susan Dare was experiencing extreme pain from recent falls.

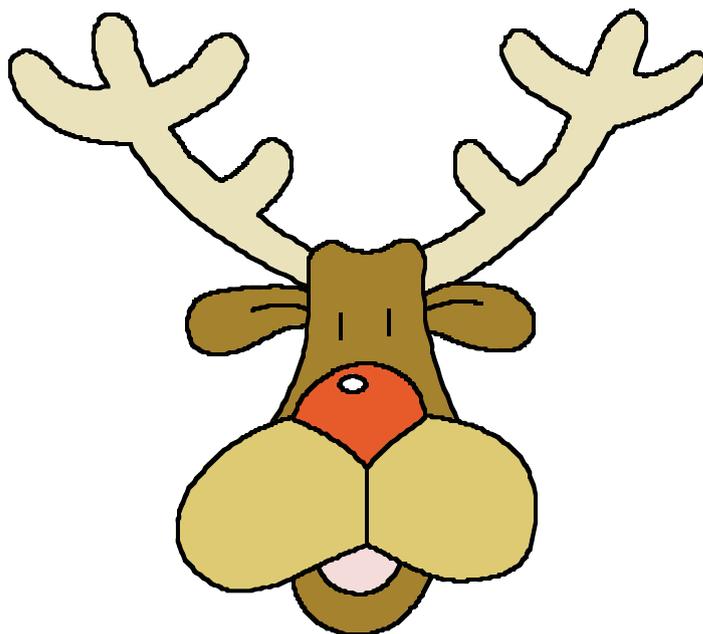
All lodges have faithful decorators and those who prepare the halls. Again, Salmon Bay must thank Sisters Norene Lucas and Francis Zimmerman for doing all that work. President Joyce's tables were in a white and blue theme with vases of mini-roses and stuffed costumed bears.

The first meeting November was a scramble. Brother Greg Powers' father suffered a fourth heart attack, but he is recovering. With Brother Greg unable to attend, Salmon Bay is grateful that Past Treasurer June Robinson stepped in to work with Financial Secretary Rae Ann Marrelli to handle cash, warrants and checks that urgently needed to be written. The consideration of year-end donations was tabled until next meeting.

Members enjoyed hearing the Secretary reading a letter from Luellyn Ainsworth. Prayers were said for her speedy recovery. Vice Grand Susan Dare has had sever dental problems and can hardly move her jaw. It is hoped she will be feeling well enough to come to the next meeting.

Our lodge completed a vote on our slate of officers for 2013 and they are: NG Susan Dare, VG Regina Thomas, Sec. Donna Flatt, Fin. Sec. Rae Ann Marrelli, and Three-Year Trustee Betty Young.

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



Patriarch Militant news

Olympia Muster proved to be a successful day

A Muster of the Washington State Battalion was held in Olympia on October 27 with Mt. Si Canton #36 of Des Moines hosting the meeting. This is one of the twice-yearly scheduled Musters of the Patriarch Militant for Washington State.

The next Muster will be on the second Saturday in April, on April 13, 2013. Registration will be at 10 a.m. The Battalion Muster will be at 1 p.m. The second Muster for 2013 will be on Saturday, October 12. Hours are the same. These Musters will alternate between Canton #20 of Olympia and Mt. Si #36 to facilitate the visitation of the Department Commander.

The October, 2012 Muster was well-attended by both Cantons and the Department Commander Brigadier General Allan Jackson from Oregon, making his visitation for Mt. Si # 36 in Olympia; and Brigadier General Dan Mathews, Department Adjutant of Oregon. They were accompanied by their wives, Colonel Shirley Mathews and Susan Jackson.

The Ladies of LAPM #20 in Olympia assembled an excellent chicken and dumpling luncheon with salad and dessert. Lead by Lady Elizabeth Morgan, Lady Jenny Cole and Lady Donna Tonn assisted in this fine meal.

New officers for the 2012-2013 year were voted into office for the Washington Battalion. Brigadier General Bill Snyder was voted in as Battalion President; Brigadier General (R) C. Allan Reitan was voted in as Vice President; Major General (R) Ed Reitan, Jr, as Quartermaster; and Brigadier General (R) Ernie House as Adjutant.

NEWS OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

I am happy to announce the Jurisdiction of Idaho is now officially included in the Pacific Northwest Department Council. This came about of the desire of the Cantons of Idaho to join the PNW. This will help them logistically and help the PNW in its membership count. As Department Commander, it will be my task to assist them in this assignment to include them in all visitations, and if there are any problems, to assist them in keeping their needs in the forefront of the workings of the Department.

As you see in this article, I have been advanced in rank to Brigadier General by General Commanding, General Jerald Sarnes. As the Department Commander I am proud to do my very best for the Patriarch Militant in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. This going to be a smooth year for me as I have met and know many fine Ladies, Chevaliers and Officers in the combined Cantons and with my new Department officers.

The LAPM will not be disestablished. There may be a combining of Cantons in the future, where the LAPM and PM merge. This will be announced at a later date. And they

will not be required to wear the black Class A uniform coat as the men do now. This will become optional. Ladies, please continue to wear you lovely dresses, hats and capes.

As news comes from the GMC, I will advise everyone as to the changes as I get them. I will not leave this Department in the dark as to it functions. These changes will be addressed to each Washington Canton as they come into my Department Adjutant.

I am available for your questions, so please, keep the rumors as low as possible. I have a contact list at the bottom of this article. I am putting this in the Washington Odd Fellow newspaper to get out as much information as I can when I receive it in my home state. There will be articles sent to the Idaho and Oregon newspapers on these same topics.

— *In F., L. & T. and F., H. & C. and Chivalrously,*
Brigadier General William (Bill) Snyder,
President of the Washington Battalion, and Department
Commander, Pacific North West Council of the Patriarch
Militant of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Our members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving luncheon before our November 8 meeting. As part of our holiday donations, we chose to give to the Arthritis Fund, the Assembly President's Project, and Solomon's Porch — a local youth center.

For our December 13 Christmas meeting and potluck lunch, our members decided to bring both human and pet food to our party instead of having a gift exchange. The collection will then be given to our local food bank and the Humane Society.

Our Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 26 will start with a salad and sandwich luncheon at noon, followed by the Installation ceremony at 1 p.m. The colors chosen by our Noble Grand-elect Grace Burton will be black and white. An angel is her mascot and roses of all colors are her chosen flowers.

We invite all members to attend the upcoming meetings.

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

Blessed Holidays To You!



News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Christmas is only a few short weeks away. Music and decorations of the season surround us wherever we look. Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 is looking like Christmas as well — only it seems we've stepped back in time. "Christmas in the Fabulous Fifties" is the theme of our Christmas dinner this year. Our hostesses, Laurel and Joanne, are working hard at putting together a wonderful meal. They've contacted Santa Claus to coordinate his schedule (he says he can make it), Ruth Rebekah members are filling the hall with decorations and goodies, and "Entertainment Explosion" will perform Christmas music that will take you back to a simpler life. I am told there will also be a prize for the best 1950's holiday outfit. Look in the back of your closet (or someone else's closet) and see what you can find.

The festivities start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. We look forward to enjoying this time of visiting with each other, browsing the silent auction table, and, of course, sharing a wonderful meal together. This is a family event and children are very welcome. We'll have a craft project for them to make and take home.

As we then start the New Year it's time for Installation of new officers. On January 19 Olympia Lodge will host a formal dinner and Installation Ceremony. Dinner will be

served at 5:30 p.m. and the Degree Team will be installing officers at 7 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to join us for this special evening.

We are coming into the modern age and attempting to get our members' e-mail addresses set up so information can be shared more efficiently. If you are a member of Olympia #1, or if you want to receive our updates — and you have not as yet received an e-mail from us — please send your e-mail information to RCGarcia347@live.com and we will get you on our list.

We hope to see you at the Sylvia Lodge spaghetti feed on Friday, December 7th from 4 to 8 p.m. For only \$5 we can enjoy a great meal and share some holiday memories with each other. Also, remember the Jingle Bell Run/Walk on Sunday, December 9. Your donation and/or participation would be wonderful. To car pool, meet at the Park & Ride on I-5 and SR 512 by the McDonald's in Tacoma at 7:45 a.m.

Merry Christmas and happy New Years to all our Brothers and Sisters from Olympia Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.

*In F. L. & T.,
Cathy Garcia, Secretary*

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

After the sad passing of Sister Sharon Harris on August 12, we draped our Charter. She is greatly missed and cannot be replaced. On September 30, we met at her graveside for a memorial service. We will all miss her warm smile and being called "sweetie" or "honey."

We spent a lovely September 15 in Olympia at the dual reception for our own Laurel Delony, Grand Master, and Shamanice Gordon, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Good food and hugs were enjoyed by all.

Hoorah!! We initiated a new member, Lisa Ghramm, on October 4. We welcome her smiling face.

The Fall District #3 Meeting, hosted by Warren Rebekah Lodge #308, was held in our hall on Saturday, October 20. The meeting was led by Barb Nelson. Speakers included Mary and Bob Harper representing the Arthritis Foundation, and Jennie Reed representing the International Education Fund.

There was a lively discussion about whether meetings should be bi-annually or just once a year. Grand Master Laurel reminded us that any changes would necessitate the changing of our bylaws. Chairperson Lena Swetz and one member of each lodge in the District are to meet before the Spring Meeting where they will present their findings.

A celebration of Sharon's life was presented by members of South Tacoma. The presentation included Sharon's three

"P's" — Purple, Pigs and Presley. Laurel had us all laughing to tears with her Elvis impersonation.

Thanks so much to Warren members for the scrumptious dinner!

On November 1, we held our election of officers. Barb Nelson was elected Noble Grand and Rebecca Burk is our new Vice Grand.

Our biggest fund-raiser in a long time was on November 5-6 when we picked up election ballots in Pierce County.

There was no meeting on November 15, but we enjoyed good food and company at our Thanksgiving potluck.

On Thursday, December 6, officers will qualify. On Thursday, December 20, we will have our Christmas Party with a cookie exchange.

Season's greetings to everyone!

*— In F. L. & T.,
Nancy Haugen, Reporter*

Lodge Cards will return

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

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 in Long Beach

Officers elected for 2013 are: NG Aletha Miller, VG Bob Jacobson, Sec. Betty Pierce, Treas. Sandy Thissell, and Three-Year Trustee Cathy Kary. We look forward to our installation of officers in January. We will probably have a sit-down dinner installation.

We meet in our dining room now because we have such a small group and we can save on heating bills. Plus, it is close to the kitchen which is always a good thing. We all like to enjoy our desserts and treats after our meetings. The kitchen is very adequate for all our needs and even has a brand new dishwasher.

Marla Johnson was our hostess for our first meeting in November. She served a delicious apple crisp with hot spiced apple cider. It hit the spot as our weather is changing and the temperatures are getting lower. It is not too cold yet, but winter is not here yet.

Marla had a drawing for gifts while we were enjoying our dessert and there were four lucky winners who each won a dish towel — red and blue — as she decorated in red, white and blue in honor of Veterans' Day. There were gummy bears and sour cherry candies on the table. I couldn't stop eating those sour cherries!!

Linda Zuern served at our November 20 meeting. More on her hostessing in our next newsletter. (This is being typed on November 9.)

It seems that several of our members have been left off the list of the Odd Fellow newspaper recipients. What is going on? We pay a *lot* of money to receive the newspaper and we just don't understand how names could be left off. We have a very capable secretary who keeps everything up to date and does everything on time. Just wondering.

It is with great sadness that I report that our Sister Bette Snyder lost her husband, retired State Senator Sid Snyder on October 14. What a wonderful man he was. We were privileged to know him. His service was held on October 20. Several of our Sisters attended. Our deepest sympathies have gone out to Bette.

Aletha Miller is progressing following her recent "slight" stroke. She says she tires easily. Judy Williams has not been able to attend our meetings, but our NG Cathy Kary reports that she is doing okay. Linda Zuern is still having some ear problems. She can't hear too well. So, of course, you know we talk about her and she just sits at our meetings and smiles. ***Just kidding!***

Sister Frances O'Neil celebrated her birthday on November 9 and several of us had lunch with her to celebrate. She doesn't get out much, so we keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Also in our prayers and thoughts is Fritz Mose, who has been staying with her daughter in Vancouver. Beverly Gilpin is also in our prayers for getting better.

The holiday season is upon us. Don't you think it arrived rather quickly this year? I am never ready for it. I always have good intentions of getting my cards out early and my packages sent to my grandkids in Alaska, but somehow I am always a little late.

Speaking of Alaska, Sister Opal Eaton is up there visiting her grandchildren. There's snow and cold up there.

In closing, we here on the Long Beach Peninsula wish you a very joyful and blessed holiday season. ***Merry Christmas to all!***

In F., L. & T., Sue Johnson, PNG and Reporter

Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46 in Toledo

Greetings from your Monterose Sisters. It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us. Where did the year go? It flew by!

We received our Annual Report in the mail. What a job this is! Thank you so much, Laura Lee, for taking on this responsibility.

A Veterans' Day parade took place in Toledo on November 11. This was followed by a ham dinner at the senior center. A Toledo High School girl was crowned "Miss Liberty" and rode in the parade. This was something new this year.

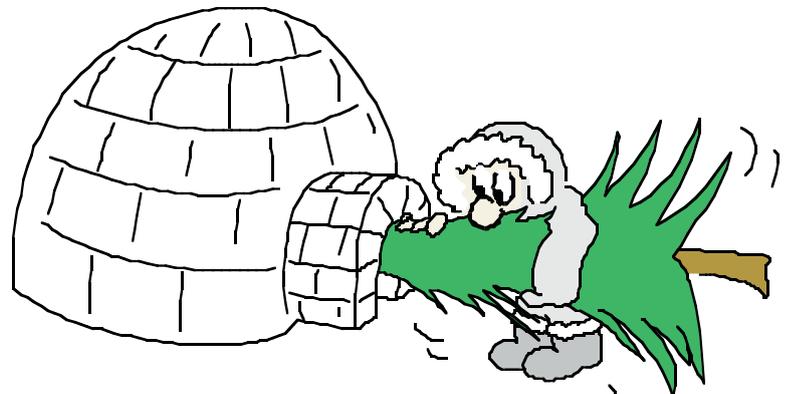
Our election of officers for 2013 was held at our last meeting. Bonnie Hadaler is going in as Noble Grand for the first time. Vice Grand is Rosalie Davis who will assist Bonnie when needed. Secretary is Cookie Music and Treasurer is Laura Lee Bown. We plan to work together for a good year.

It was decided that our Christmas luncheon will take place in the afternoon on Thursday, December 20.

Reservations will be made at the 49's Restaurant. We plan to have a gift exchange and names will be drawn for new "Secret Sisters." I look forward to this. By the way, anyone can attend.

That's all for now. Until next time. . .

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



Merry Christmas!

Congrats to Unity's Nancy and Genevieve

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Friendship, Love and Truth in everything she does in and out of the lodge.

We were so happy this summer when the Auburn Good Ol' Days Festival Committee named Nancy a Pioneer Princess on the Queen's Court. She was nominated, entered into the competition and was interviewed on her community service and gave a speech before she was selected as a member of the Court. She rode on the Queen's Float during the big parade and made appearances at other festival activities. Brava, Nancy! We are so proud of you.

Second piece of good news. Three of our members reached milestones in their lodge membership. Janie Kuja has been a lodge member for 55 years, Nancy Vriezema for 60 years and Genevieve Halstead for 70 years! Gen received a special commendation from the IARA recognizing her many years of membership in and service to the Rebekah Lodge.

Now for the sad news. On October 3, 2012 the members of Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 voted to surrender the Charter of our lodge. Our lodge has a proud heritage that began near the end of the 19th century. Over the years we had consolidated with lodges and/or accepted members from Puyallup, Sumner, Renton and Kent. We had become the lodge in the Valley for all our members. As the years went on we moved the lodge several times and in recent years our membership declined. When our Secretary moved in the spring and other members were not able to do that job we knew the writing was on the wall. That brought us to make this sad decision. We will miss being able to say, "I'm from Unity #53 in Auburn."

— *In F., L., & T., Janie Kuja, Reporter*

Kapowsin Rebekahs #241

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Arlene Bennett following her surgery. We hope Kathy Cannon is feeling better. We received the news that PNG Mary Robinson passed away. Her services will be on Saturday, December 15 in Centralia.

We celebrated Thanksgiving by going to "Mary Mary's" for lunch on November 19.

Alberta Hagen, Dorothy Ray and Lena Swetz attended the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association meeting in Wilsonville, OR. There were 20 Sisters and Brothers from Washington in attendance. The spring meeting will be held in Couer d'Alene, Idaho next April.

New officers have been elected for 2013. We will have a Joint Installation with Yelm #296 and Warren #308 on January 21 at the Elk Plain Grange. Members of the Past Noble Grands will conduct the installation ceremony.

We wish happy holidays to all our Sisters and Brothers.

In F., L. & T., Lena Swetz



Helen Morris, 103, studies her checks for \$2,000 with niece Mary Ann Miller, right) and husband Jeff, left, of Eugene, Oregon. Helen donated \$1,300 to "Meals on Wheels," which will provide her with meals.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Members of a committee visited 103-year old Helen Morris and delivered checks totaling \$2,000. Helen is a remarkable woman living in her own house who walked to the grocery store until recently. Noble Grand Rose Ringhoffer donated \$1,300 to Meals on Wheels in Helen's name. \$700 went to Helen for miscellaneous expenses. Helen repeatedly thanked the Rebekahs for their kindness and generosity. She asked her niece, Mary Ann Miller of Eugene, Oregon, to help her spend the money wisely.

Sister Nancy Klicker delivered a \$750 scholarship to Walla Walla Community College. A committee is compiling a list of candidates eligible to receive the award.

District Deputy President Karen Schultz attended our afternoon meeting. Secretary Pro Tem Shirley Ruble read the proclamation and the Honors were given.

The condolence for the passing of Sister Barbara Jane Hanson was read by Sister Barbara Tvz. Sister Jane was dedicated to the Rebekahs and held the office of Fin. Sec.

Sister Ilea Bennett fell and broke her leg. She is in the Odd Fellows Care Center. Betty Fread fell on a newly-installed carpet at WalMart, bruised herself and had to have stitches on her lip. Sister Alice Davidson is in the hospital with colon cancer. Sister Beth Entze has developed cataracts and will have them treated. Sister Judy Zohner has walking pneumonia and is seeing a doctor.

Noble Grand Rose led us in a lively game of "What's in Your Purse?" Sister Nancy Klicker won the contest by having 11 out of 20 items. She received a gift package of Bright's Chocolates.

*In F., L. & T., Shirley Ruble,
Acting Secretary and Reporter*