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*Happy
Easter!*

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From your Grand Lodge Host Committee

Changes in store at June's Sessions

On behalf of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 and the Grand Lodge Host Committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, we welcome you to the 136th Grand Sessions in Yakima, Washington. We consider it an honor to again host this year's conference and look forward to seeing each and every one who attend.

CHANGE COMES TO YAKIMA. . .

The Clarion Hotel was purchased this past fall and is under new management. Since then the new owner has made a number of changes. First, be rest assured our nightly hotel rate remains at \$77 for double occupancy.

- Name changed to the "Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center." It is no longer known as the Clarion. The outside marquee reflects the new name and logo.
 - For all guests (not just our members) staying at the hotel, the following is included in the price of your room: Complimentary Buffet Breakfast and Buffet Dinner.
 - All guest rooms will have microwaves and refrigerators.
 - The hot tub is completely remodeled.
 - The fitness room is totally renovated with all new exercise equipment.
 - Both pools are up and running, including additional remodel.
 - Exterior doors have been replaced or fixed as needed and fitted with better locks.
 - Outside security provided by vehicle patrols.
 - We may or may not see better lighting in parking lots at our arrival.
- In addition, the hotel has agreed to doing the following for our group:
- The Dining Room will be open for our members with a buffet lunch to be served for \$8 per person inclusive.
 - The "Laugh Lounge" is available on Friday and Saturday only. A bar food menu is available during their hours of operation.

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From the desk of your Grand Master

FISHING FOR NEW MEMBERS

April time flies when you are having fun. You are having fun, aren't you? This is the month we are supposed to get showers to make our flowers grow in May. April is also the start of the fishing season in Washington. I am going. Are you? And while you are out there catching fish, will you be fishing for new members? Or is that just too hard to do. It seems like that is the attitude whenever it is not convenient for us to do something to help our Order grow.



RON HANSON

DEGREE HELP NEEDED

I have visited several lodges in the last few weeks that have members in need of Degrees. These lodges do not have enough members to put on the Degrees by themselves and have asked me to find them some help. They do not want someone to just read it to the member, they want to see the work put on as well as a refresher for them. We have about three lodges on the west side of the state that are fully capable of doing this, but it seems that it is just too inconvenient to go to some other lodge and lend a helping hand. That speaks volumes about the true attitude of many lodges: "Why should I help some other lodge if I have to go out of the way to do it?" Well because that is what Odd Fellows do.

I want to share a poem with you that was given to me by Sister Mavis House when I visited Goldendale a few weeks ago. I have been trying to get it in and now seems appropriate when talking about the survival of our Order.

THE LAST DEGREE

*An old man sat in an Odd Fellows Home,
Old and feeble and gray,
With tottering limbs and low bowed head
Just at the close of the day.
And there by a row of evergreen trees
An Angel from Heaven came down,
And looked the old man straight in the eye —
An Angel with a flowing gown
As the old man gazed on the Heavenly form,
He asked "Are you looking for me?"
"For you my brother," the Angel replied,
"It is time for your last Degree."
"You have passed through the wilderness of life"
"You have traveled its treacherous sands,"
"I have come to conduct you to the Grand Lodge of Love"
"And the Grandest of all Noble Grands."
The old man said:
"My teeth are gone, my eyes growing dim,"
"This old hand, it is feeble now, but still it's opened wide"
"The mark of time is on my brow, my hearing is almost gone.
"My memory it is failing fast, and life's race is almost run —"
"I have seen the rose in it's beauty spread*

It's leaves to the rising sun."

"Yes they withered and fell upon the ground"

"When the light of day was done."

"I've seen the man in the pride of his strength"

"His head held proudly high"

"Yet like the rose, he withered away."

"For all that is born must die."

"I'm filled with a longing to meet again"

"My brothers up there with the blessed."

"This weary old head is bowed with the years"

"And I long to go to my rest."

"Conductor, I'm ready this journey to take,"

"And I hope they won't blackball me."

"You just whisper the word to the great, great Noble Grand"

"And conduct me through my last Degree!"

VISITATIONS

Most of the lodges that I have visited in the past few weeks have been on the Eastside of the state. I have heard a constant them from them that the last time they saw a Grand Master present for a meeting in their lodge was, in some cases, about ten years ago when I went through this chair. I had to cancel one visit on the Westside of the state as I sleep with a CPAP machine and it caused me to be in bed for several days with a sinus infection. How sad it would be to see some of these lodges pass into memory because we could not follow the teachings we received when we went through the Degrees and reach out the hand of Odd Fellowship to help our Brothers and Sisters in the far-flung areas of our state.

It is Bright and sunny outside, so I will get some chores around the ranch done today after I get this off to the newspaper, as I have to be on the Westside on Saturday for the Rebekah Assembly President's reception.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHAPTER III

WASHINGTON DIGEST CODE OF GENERAL LAWS

CONSTITUTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT

OF ODD FELLOW LODGES

SECTION 3.9 MEETINGS

3.9.3 PRESIDING AT REGULAR MEETINGS

The Noble Grand always, when present, must preside, and the Vice Grand shall act as Noble Grand in the absence of that officer, and a Noble Grand or a Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand has not the right or power to waive his/her rank and place a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair, but during a temporary absence of those officers for a portion of a lodge meeting, the chairs must be filled as provided in the Charge Books: provided that a Noble Grand or a Vice Grand acting as a Noble Grand, may invite a Past Grand to occupy the chair during an initiation, conferred degrees or at Grand Visitations.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Ron Hanson,

Your 2013-2014 Grand Master

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

“TAKE ME”

Brothers and Sisters,

The Advance Reports or “Take Me” will be put together this month, so all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen should have their reports and budget request in the Grand Lodge office.



HARRY W.
“BILL” COULTER

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Thank you to all lodges and their Secretaries. Most of the lodges have submitted their Annual Reports on time to meet the February 15 deadline. Good job to those lodges.

Now that you have completed your Annual Reports, we suggest that you check on the date when your lodge is required to submit your Form 990 as appropriate for your lodge to IRS. They seem to have a varying or different due date for each lodge. Upon completion of you filing, forward a copy to the Grand Lodge office to be placed in your lodge file. The same could be said for the Lodge’s Annual Corporation report/renewal filed, if required with the Secretary of State.

GRAND SESSIONS

This year’s Grand Sessions of the Grand Bodies of the Order will be held at the Yakima Valley Hotel (formally known as the Clarion Hotel) in Yakima on June 23, 24, and 25. Registration forms, including forms for meals, appear in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. They can be found on pages 6 and 7. Registrations for Sessions this year will be handled by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, under the Chairmanship of Joe and Kathi Picanco.

WASHINGTON ODDFELLOW

Should you have articles to be printed in *The Washington OddFellow*, they are due to the Grand Lodge officer *no*

later than the 15th of the proceeding month. (For the May issue, material is due by April 15.) Those articles that arrive after that date will be printed if space allows.

— *Fraternally,*

Harry W. “Bill” Coulter, PGM, Grand Secretary

In Ballard

Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217

Things have been pretty quiet in Ballard lately. Thanks to Norene Lucas, Frances Zimmerman and Genie Coston, our luncheon before the first meeting of March was decorated beautifully with a St. Patrick’s Day theme. Thank you, Sisters!

Our beloved Sister June Robinson is currently undergoing cancer treatment and struggling to manage her resultant pain. She is sorely missed and daily in our prayers.

Secretary, Betty Young distributed a draft copy of the lodge address book at the meeting. She is still waiting for some information from the Ballard/Alki Odd Fellows #170 to complete it, but has done admirable work thus far to collect and coordinate all our information for 2014.

Annual donation decisions have been put on hold until a bond comes up for renewal in December. In the meantime, Salmon Bay has been diligently working towards our goals of increased community visibility and benevolent work projects this year.

Noble Grand, Regina Thomas presented some ideas for increasing Rebekah involvement in our community. Salmon Bay has decided to “adopt” the Nyer Urness House this year. Nyer Urness is part of the Compass housing program and provides affordable housing for 80 formerly homeless individuals. As part of this project, we are sponsoring a household goods drive from now until June 5, 2014. Among their needs, Nyer Urness House lists ashtrays, brooms, mops, toilet paper, lemonade, cocoa and paper towels.

We are blessed with a number of bakers, sewers and crafters in the Salmon Bay Lodge, so we plan to sign up for a table at a couple of community-sponsored Christmas Bazaars. Not only will this provide a fund-raising opportunity, but we will make this an outreach and visibility effort by wearing matching scarves and nametags, as well as providing information about the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

If you’d like to participate in any of our projects or have a craft bazaar at your lodge, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Noble Grand Regina Thomas, at:

reginathomas@earthlink.net

for more information.


In F, L. & T,

Donna Flatt, Reporter

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

FOUNDER'S DAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

Sunday, April 27 is the date for all Rebekah Lodges to celebrate the Founder's Day of our Order. Take a few minutes to reflect of the real meaning of Odd Fellowship and thank those members of our Order who founded the Rebekahs and allowed us to become a member of this Order.



MARCIA PRESLEY

"TAKE ME" DEADLINE

All members of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen need to have their written reports to me no later than Tuesday, April 15, 2014 if you want them printed in the "Take Me."

Those reports that are not printed in the "Take Me" will have to be read in their entirety during our Sessions in order to be printed in the Journal. Any qualified members who wish to write any legislation to be presented to the Rebekah Assembly at our Sessions also needs to have that information to me by this deadline.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Thanks for the invitations to your Spring District Meetings that will be held in April. I wish I could attend all of them, but I have other obligations that will not allow me to do so. Congratulations to the District Presidents for their putting together these meetings of instructions and fun. For those Rebekah Lodges that no longer have District Meetings, may I suggest that you maybe hold a potluck lunch and invite the lodges in your area — not necessarily

In Toledo

Monterose Rebekahs #46

Hello there! Spring is supposed to be here, but there is so much rain that I am still wearing my boots.

We are saddened over the loss of another Rebekah Sister. Services for Betty Allen were held in Salkum on March 1. Our sympathies are extended to her family. Betty was Secretary for Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge for many years. In addition, she held the office of Noble Grand more than once. Her husband, Cliff Allen, also was an Odd Fellow, and later joined the Rebekahs. They were very involved with their lodges, attending meetings together.

The District #18 Meeting is not very far away. It will be held on Saturday, April 5. President Rosalie is busy putting her program together. It is supposed to be educational and very worthwhile. Please plan ahead for this special day.

Our new Secretary is Kay Pratt of Toledo. She takes care of our business and it has been very good so far. All of our mail goes to Kay.

Until next time, have a happy Easter.

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

those lodges in your District — to get together and get some ideas from other lodges that have made them productive, while have some fun, too.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

Many thanks go to the Rebekah Lodges that were able to make donations to the projects of the Order. These donations allow these projects to continue and those members involved in these projects appreciate these donations.

BLESSINGS TO REMEMBER AND PARTICIPATE IN

Be happy. Think thoughts of health, not sickness. Speak words of prosperity, peace and politeness. Count your blessings and bless others. Each day say, "I arise. Look out world, here I come!" Overcome negative statements with positive ones. Be a "giver" not a "getter." The givers are the real winners in this world. The getters are the real losers. Givers are happy people. Getters are never satisfied. Set your course on a straight path of appreciation through the realization that many others are worse off than you. Do a good deed every day. Discover the blessings around you and be happy today.

— *With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth*

Marcia Presley, Past President, Secretary

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Hello from Trinity. There seems to be more daylight as we turn our clocks ahead.

Final preparations are being made for our District #18 Meeting on Saturday, April 5. We are the Hostess Lodge, so Trinity is putting things together for a well-organized meeting.

Secretary Alberta has the invitations out and Cookie has just mailed the District reports. As for me, I enjoy the fellowship with Sisters from other lodges.

We are glad to say Sandy Holderman is home again after a fall and another stay in the hospital. Her nurses and physical therapists will be making home visits.

Trinity members worked at the Toutle River Rest Area the week of March 3-7. We served coffee and cookies. This is a fund-raiser that always does quite well. I enjoy talking to the travelers coming and going.

Vice Grand Linda Deem, hostess for our meeting on February 27, put together an interesting program on George Washington, plus she served a tasty tuna casserole. Cookie presented a quiz on famous speeches by former presidents. Example: "December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy." Who made that statement and what happened on that date?? The answer will be in the next issue. Get your history books out!

Our meetings are open to everyone and we always have a good time. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month. Our meal is at 6 p.m. with the meeting following at 7 p.m. Please do come!

See you at the District #18 Meeting.

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

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Greetings from Walla Walla! We have had several inches of snow and cold temperatures this February, but overnight the weather warmed up, the snow disappeared and the blustery winds that tell us that spring is on the way have arrived.

Our Flower Committee is up and running. Every Monday Holly's Flowers, a local florist, donates flowers to us. Sisters Rose Ringhoffer, Sharon Sousa, Patty Newell, Jeanine Griffin, Judith Pippin and Home resident Shirley Ruble make small arrangements and deliver them to residents of the Odd Fellows Home here in Walla Walla. Everyone enjoys the visits and the flowers. This is one of our most gratifying projects. Fresh flowers can brighten a day and light up a room. Thanks again to Holly's Flowers for making this possible.

On February 15, we had a Valentine's Party. We all wore red or pink and enjoyed special gusts from the Home that we don't get a chance to see very often. Joining us were Charlotte Hanifen, Norma Jean Kalal, Dorothy Duff, Betty Harpe, Geri Albers and Wilma Kiehn. Geri and Wilma are twins and Betty is their sister. All three ladies are Home residents.

There was candy galore, Hershey bars for the Home residents, a delicious cheese cake, coffee and Marthann Hall's famous punch. Noble Grand Barbara Lechner honored Sister Beth Entze with a box of chocolates. Beth always says "yes" to anything the Noble Grand asks of her. She is very much appreciated.

We visited, reminisced about past Valentine's Days, and played a game that entailed pushing little candy hearts along the table with our elbows. "Team Ringhoffer" won Hershey bars for coming in first. That's our version of a gold medal! The party ended with a humorous reading on growing old. Thank you to Barbara Lechner, Sharon Sousa, Judith Pippin and all who worked to make the party a great success.

With pleasant memories of February and looking forward to spring, we leave you in F., L. & T.

Barbara Tvrz, Reporter

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

On March 17, dressed in green for St Patrick's Day, Olympia members held their second meeting and conferred the Second and Third Degrees for our newest members. Congratulations to our newest members for completing the last step to becoming a Third Degree Odd Fellow.

Ruth Rebekahs worked very hard to bring together the reception for Rebekah Assembly President Elizabeth Morgan, as well as the celebration of their lodge anniversary. Thank you to everyone who helped put the reception and celebration together. And thank you to all of you who came and helped us celebrate.

Our Cemetery Board has been working very hard on getting the Memorial Park ready for Memorial Day and the celebration we have. Look for more info in the May issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. The committee is also working on putting a new roof on the work shed.

Ruth #17 members are also working hard on their Easter Egg hunt which is at the Puget Beach Odd Fellow Park. This will be held Saturday, April 19. The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance. Please bring your friends and kids. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

The Thurston Building Committee is putting together samples to show us for our new awning that will go over our main door to the hall. Everyone should be able to see where we are located and who we are and how dressed up our building is going to look.

So come on down to Oly and visited us. We'd love to see ya.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
The officers & members of Olympia Odd Fellows #1
And Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Lodge Cards will return soon

With the Grand Sessions information and registration forms being published this month, we ran short of space to print the Lodge Cards. They will be included again when space permits.

ADDRESS CHANGES

The *Washington* OddFellow

Send To: P.O. Box 377 - Buckley, WA 98321-0377

Change Stop Temp Stop Until _____ Deceased _____

Date

Name of Member _____

Old Address _____

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_____ Lodge # _____ Sec'y _____

Address _____

If member is deceased, be sure to give the name of surviving member who is entitled to receive the paper

2014 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Registration Form ~

Yakima Valley Hotel & Conference Center

June 20 through 26, 2014

ONE PERSON per registration, please. Make copies as necessary.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Highest Current or Past Title _____
 Unit of Order Attending _____
 Emergency Contact (Name & Phone (Optional) _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

5:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet (Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)
 Texas Gold Rush (Fried Chicken) Adults \$17.00 _____
Theta Rho Banquet Theme: Western

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

4:00 p.m. Past President's Meeting / Banquet
 Cabernet London Broil
 OR Chicken Cordon Bleu(Circle One) \$22.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 a.m. Grand Master's Breakfast Buffet
 Country Buffet \$12.00 _____
7:30 a.m. President's Breakfast Buffet
 Valley Buffet \$12.00 _____
6:00 p.m. All Branch Banquet Theme: Western
 Baked Salmon
 OR Chicken Cordon Bleu(Circle One) \$22.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 a.m. TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet
 Country Buffet \$12.00 _____
7:30 a.m. IOOF Representatives' Breakfast Buffet
 Yakima Buffet \$12.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast Buffet
 Country Buffet \$12.00 _____
7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social — No Host

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 a.m. Grand Senior Warden's Breakfast Buffet
 Country Buffet \$12.00 _____
Noon. Grand Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Luncheon Buffet
 \$15.00 _____

Pre Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____
 Registration AFTER June 1, 2013 \$30.00 _____
 Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants
 Attending Theta Rho Assembly **ONLY** \$10.00 _____
GRAND TOTAL: _____

Mail Your Make Checks Payable To: Grand Lodge Host Committee
 Mail To:

Joe or Kathi Picanco
3020 Langridge Ave. NW,
Olympia, WA 98502

June 20 through 26

Many changes coming to the 2014 Grand Sessions

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• A bar will be provided for Monday night's Banquet.
 The conference will begin Friday, June 20 with the Theta Rho Assembly and concluding on Thursday, June 26 with the Encampment Sessions. May your visit and stay be a wonderful and memorable occasion filled with Friendship, Love, and Truth. It is our sincere hope that

your experience will be a good one.
 Members are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. Please call the Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center at: (509) 248-7850. Also check their web site at yakimavalleyhotel.com for more information. You must call, however, to make reservations.
See You In Yakima!

*Let's All Meet & Greet
 In Yakima
 In June of 2014!*

2014 Grand Sessions

Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel
Yakima Valley Hotel & Conference Center

1507 N. 1st St., Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-7850 • Fax: (509) 576-4940

*Be sure to mention that you are with the
Odd Fellow & Rebekah Convention*

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type
(King or Queen), Number Staying in Room, Any Special Needs/Requirements

Rates are:

\$77 Single and Double • \$87 Triple • \$97 Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2014

Advertising in the Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, accepts paid advertisements for the Grand Sessions Program Booklet. The ads help offset the costs of publishing and distributing the program.

The advertisement charges for lodges are:

FULL PAGE, 5" BY 8" FOR \$50

HALF PAGE 5" BY 4" FOR \$25

All advertisement bills must be paid to the "Grand Lodge Host Committee" prior to them being placed into the program. Deadline for submission is June 1.

You may send your request by email followed by your check or mail both to:

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Thanks in advance for your support.

— *Fraternally, Joe and Kathi Picanco, Grand Lodge Host Committee*

Buckley's NG Is the 'Thing'

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75's Noble Grand James King, right, performed as "Thing 1" for the Tukwila Community Center recently. At left is Darren Hawkins. Here's what James had to say about his performance: "It was Dr. Seuss' birthday and a co-worker and I have played "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" for four or five years now at the Tukwila Community Center's Dr. Seuss Night. All the kids love us and by the end of the night your blind from all the flashes from pictures. I volunteered to do it. I love to see the smiles on the kids' faces.



Buckley IOOF Lodge #75's Vice Grand Doug Smith helps fill a huge dumpster with debris following a major fire at Brother Ari Rogaway's home. Several Buckley member helped clean up the mess.

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 have been very busy lately. Chaplain Ari Rogaway's home recently burned and Buckley members gathered for two days to clean the home of debris following the fire. Members taking part included Doug Smith, James King and Dan Burns. Christene Smith was also in the middle of it. Our lodge has been helping our Brother Ari as much as possible.

Noble Grand James King recently played the part of "Thing 1" at the Tukwila community Center. James made sure the kids had fun while they were celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Past Grand tim VanDusen's son Mitchell has now become an Eagle Scout. Mitchell completed his project of building a picnic table and flower beds at the Buckley Cemetery. Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 supported him during the project. There will be a plaque with our name on it attached to the picnic table. We will be enjoying picnics there as it is a beautiful spot.

We congratulate Past Grand Bryan Rennakar and his wife following the adoption of a daughter. Bryan is a happy papa. We also congratulate Past Grand Steve VanDusen on his recent marriage.

We are busy helping our local Buckley Food Bank and others in need in our community.

Our member, Grand Master Ron Hanson, visited Buckley Lodge on February 27. It was a very enjoyable evening for everyone.

— In F, L. & T., Loletta McCormick, PG

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Spring is officially here and hopefully warmer weather will follow.

This is the month of the Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor. We are excited that TRA President Shari Russell, along with the girls from Spunky Bluebirds, will be joining us. We are having a sleepover at the hall the night before which is always fun. We had a swim party last month and are planning another one soon.

We have two outdoor community service projects planned. One is cleaning up one of the beaches and the other is exercising dogs at WAIF. We are hoping the weather cooperates. We are also making the Easter favors for the Assisted Living facility. The residents look forward to these each year.

We think we have some prospects for new members and are hoping to get their applications in soon.

We want to wish everyone a happy Easter.

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



Happy Easter To All





From left are: B.J. Reitan, P.S. Neumann, Grand Master R.D. Hanson, C.A. Reitan, E.L. Reitan, C.M. Brannon, J.E. Otterstrom, Silvia Noble Grand Dave Delony, and J.D. Wagner.

Titusville Lodge #34 did it again at Silvia

Seven members of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 ventured to Silvia IOOF Lodge #38 in Montesano on February 25 for a fraternal visit and to claim the “Traveling Gavel.” This is the second time that the lodge has preformed such a fraternal visit to claim this “Traveling Gavel.”

It was quite a venture for us to travel to Montesano as it is 85 miles and an hour and 40 minute drive away — and some of our members are still working for a living. We met up at the Supermall in Auburn to car pool.

We encourage all who can to attend a lodge meeting at Silvia Lodge #38 as they have done a lot of work to bring this lodge hall back into good condition. It is beautiful! Of note is chair backs at the Noble Grand’s station where the symbols of the Order are embossed in wood. Behind the Noble Grand is the Canton above the Odd Fellows, behind the RSNB the Rebekahs, and behind LSNG the Encampment.

Additionally it was fun to visit a lodge your own age as Titusville Lodge #34 was instituted in April and Silvia Lodge #38 in November of 1885.

Titusville members making this venture were P.S. Neumann, J.E. Otterstrom, J.D. Wagner, C.M. Brannon, B.J. Reitan, C.A. Reitan and E.L. Reitan.

— *Fraternally,*
Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.
Secretary/Reporter

In Montesano

Silvia IOOF Lodge #38

We have very exciting news to report. We had visitors at our last meeting from Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 in Des Moines. They brought seven members all the way from Des Moines to Montesano. So, of course, we no longer have the Traveling Gavel. Noble Grand Dave Delony of Silvia handed the gavel to Grand Master Ron Hanson who presented the gavel to Noble Grand Barbara Reitan of Titusville. It was a real treat to have visitors.

We enjoyed some wonderful Odd Fellowship and we got to show off our hall, at last. We still have more to do, but soon we’ll be able to get our upstairs ready for renting.

Our Vice Grand Ray Martinson and Treasurer Karyl Martinson should be back from snow birding by the time you read this letter. We are very excited to have them home. We have missed them and all that they do for our lodge.

— *Until next month in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
The members of Silvia Odd Fellows Lodge #38



Ballard cleans up

Members of the Odd Fellows Motorcycle Club helped the Ballard Encampment with their Spring Street Cleanup recently. Pictured, from left, are Charlie Ghramm and Liam Ghramm from South Tacoma #211; Greg Powers, PCP GLW; Nora Carria, CP, Ballard Encampment #76; Lisa Ghramm, South Tacoma #211; Faith Ghramm of the Spunky Bluebirds; our visitor from the neighborhood; and Craig Markus of South Tacoma #211. We were joined by a young man who helped out after he was caught by Seattle Police “tagging” our building.

— *In F., L. & T., and F., H. & C.,*
Nora Carria, Noble Grand, Ballard-Alki #170
And Chief Patriarch, Ballard Encampment #76

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Olga Cline**, PNG, 76 year member. Joined February 21, 1938 in Granby, Missouri. Transferred to Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 in Yakima on February 6, 1942.

- **Doris Prizel**, PNG, 35 year member Mt. Erie Rebekah Lodge #85 and Concrete Rebekah Lodge #226 before becoming a member of Eureka State Lodge #S-1.

From your 2013-14 Grand Patriarch

NEW MEMBERS IN KENT, OLYMPIA

Congratulations to the Kent and Olympia Encampments for each gaining one new member! I am happy to see the increase. Let's keep up the good work. Also, best wishes to those who have been elected, or re-elected to Encampment offices for the next term. Thank you for being willing to serve. I hope to be at one or two of the installations.



JEREMY EDWARDS

PLANNING FOR SESSIONS

The Grand Matriarch and I will be getting together this month to plan our programs for sessions. We hope to have longer meetings for you this year.

On Wednesday evening, June 25, we will again have our ice cream social. The price to be decided later.

As we are the "Fun Group," let's gather and have fun at that time while enjoying the ice cream treats. Skits and other entertainment are welcome. I would like to see lots of participation.

*In Faith, Hope & Charity
Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch*

From your 2013-14 Grand Matriarch

MY VISITS HAVE BEEN GREAT

The weather finally allowed me to make my visit to Mt Angeles LEA in March. They treated my husband and me to a very nice dinner at a home-style cafe. Thank you Mt.



KENDRA FROGGE'

Angeles for the dinner. My mother Karen was also able to go with us. It's so nice to have traveling partners on the drive. I will be making my last visit to Goldendale this month, which I am looking forward to very much. My visits have all been so nice and all of you have been so hospitable to my traveling partners and me. Thank you all very much.

REMINDERS FOR SESSIONS

All Auxiliaries need to bring a written report of the workings of your lodge over the past year. I will call upon your Representative to read this report in our meeting. This report should include community service projects and activities you have completed. Please make sure your Representative has this with her to read to the Assembly. I will also be sending out a letter to each lodge asking you to do some kind of exemplification or something at Sessions.

I will also have a sale table with Auxiliary jewelry and nice items for your to purchase. All proceeds will go to my project.

REMINDER, MY OFFICERS ARE:

Grand Senior Warden, Peg Ogilvie; Grand Junior Warden, Donna Tonn; Grand High Priestess, Sharleen Davis; Scribe, Betty Young; Treasurer, Karen Hoylman; Marshal, Florence DuPont; Color Bearer, Marcia Presley; Inside Sentinel, Selma Lindor; Musician, Patricia Benjamin; and Parliamentarian, Judy Diekman.

Please plan to attend if you are an officer. If you cannot attend and need to be replaced, let me know before June so I have time to replace you, but I hope you will all attend and support me.

I am looking forward to June and seeing all of your smiling faces. I hope those of you who have not attended in a long time or never attended one of our LEA sessions will join us.

MY MOTTO

In closing I would like to give you my motto for the year:

"People may not always remember what you said or what you wore, but they will always remember how you treated them."

*In Faith, Hope & Charity, Kendra Frogge,
Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington*

It's Easter Egg Hunt Time



April 19
2014
2:30pm



















THE EASTER BUNNY SENT ME A LETTER.
HE WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW
THAT HE WOULD BE JOINING OUR
POT LUCK- PLAY DAY.
I PROMISED HIM SOME OF THE BEST
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BRING YOUR BEST PICNIC DISH, AND
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Seated, from left, are: Kayla Cantonwine; Greg Powers, PGP and Grand High Priest, Grand Encampment of Washington; and Madeline Hoxsey. Standing, from left, are: Michael Douglas; Nora Carria, NG; Bob Gale; John Beull; Rich Osborne; Dr. Bob Duniway; Richard Brzustowicz; Kanjin Cederman; Michael Soriano; Katie Rose Aldridge; Ronald Sykes of South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211; Martha Lucas; and Donna Lawrence.

In Ballard

Degree Lodge #1 to meet on April 17th!!

Degree Lodge #1 will be reconstituting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 at the Ballard IOOF Hall located at 1706 NW Market in Seattle.

Degrees are the method we use to pass on the deeper meanings of Odd Fellowship. They have been crafted and refined over the history of our Order to purvey our teachings to each new generation of members. In performance of the Degrees and playing the various roles, we revisit them in a new light and are called upon to reflect on their meaning.

In response to increased interest to improve Degree work and the many new members who need their Degrees, there is a call to re-activate a Degree Lodge. While this will be an organizational meeting, we will be putting on the Third Degree. The questions of location and meeting time will be addressed. Please RSVP your desire to attend or if you are interested, but cannot attend, please send a note to:

ballardalki170ioof@yahoo.com

— Yours in F., L. & T., Greg Powers
High Priest, Grand Encampment of Washington

Sunday,
April 20



District #3 Meeting

Day of learning planned at South Tacoma Lodge!

Members of Rebekah District Association #3 will be having their semi-annual meeting on Saturday, April 19. We'll be opening the lodge at 9 a.m. and the lodge will turn over the meeting to the District Association right after. The meeting will be held at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall located at 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma.

This meeting is going to be different. I am not asking the lodges to do anything other than show up. We'll be having something similar to the "Lunch and Learns." We'll be going over what should happen prior to opening a lodge, what should happen during the opening ceremony, order of business, closing ceremony, etc.

We'll go as far as we can for the day and where we leave off we'll come back and continue on in the fall.

I want all members to dress comfortable and warm for the day, so casual is appropriate. This isn't a day of sitting idle, though. I'll be asking for volunteers to help with demonstrations. So be prepared. Be sure to bring your rituals, codes, book of instructions, etc.

Lunch is a *potluck*, so bring something to share. Badge and program will be 50 cents at the door.

All Rebekahs are invited. We hope to see you there.

— Laurel Delony, President District Association #3

2014

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Attending Banquet Yes ___ No ___ Saturday, June 21, 2014, 5 p.m.
Dress Theme: Western Casual
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Membership!

Let's increase the numbers in our other IOOF branches

Some of the things we forget about are asking our current Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to become members of the other branches of the order.

There are a lot of new and long-time members out there that who have never been asked to become a member of the Encampment, Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, Patriarchs Militant, or Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant. I am guilty of not asking too, so don't feel like I am singling anyone out. At my next lodge meeting, I will be asking the members if any are interested in joining the other branches. If we don't get new members these other branches will go away. I don't want to see that happen.

We also need new members so who we can teach and they, in due course, will be able to teach when we are gone

and carry on the works of the Order. I want to see our membership increase for all branches, but I really would like to see our members step up their Degrees. But this can't happen unless we ask. And I hear people say, "I'm scared to ask." I say what's to be scared of? That they may say no? Remember that that is the worst they can say. But if they say yes, how awesome is would that be?

So I leave you with that. Remember to ask and have those applications ready to go.

— *Fraternally, Laurel Delony, Grand Warden.*

On the Long Beach Peninsula

Ocean Beach Rebekahs #313

It is still a little bit windy and rainy here for the Ocean Beach Lodge #313 Sisters. We are braving it through with a little bit of sunshine squeezed in here and there.

Not much is going on with us. Bette Snyder and Lucy Aydelott celebrated birthdays in March. They aren't telling their ages. Lunch was enjoyed with them by several sisters.

Sandy Thissell served at our first meeting in March. Yummy green whipped Jello salad and cookies were served, with lovely table decorations in green, of course. Linda Zuern was our hostess for our March 18 meeting and she used a spring theme. Yes, spring is almost here.

Polly Reed reported seeing Judy Williams and said she seemed to be doing okay.

We have been preparing for our District #18 Meeting on April 5. I will report on that later.

We want to wish you all a very *happy Easter* and a very blessed spring.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

The Sisters of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge have been busy bees. We initiated two Sisters who I feel will be great additions to our lodge.

Along with that, we are planning to host the District #3 meeting on Saturday, April 19 with Sister Laurel Delony in charge. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. We will have a potluck lunch, so bring your favorite dish. The dress is casual. Don't forget your Ritual, Code Book and a Digest if you have one. This District Meeting is one that will enlighten you in the workings of our Order.

— *Yours in F. L. & T., Peg Ogilvie, Reporter*

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