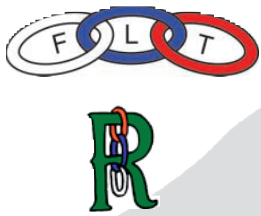
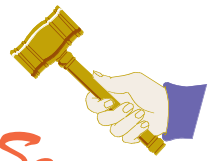


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Nuptials for Tina & C. Allan

Congratulations to our Deputy Grand Master C. Allan Reitan and his lovely bride-to-be Tina Brannon. On March 28, C. Allan took Tina to his alma mater, Washington State University in Pullman, and at noon under the clock tower he knelt down and proposed. He presented her with a beautiful ring and luckily, she said, "Yes!" The pair are pictured above at the annual IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tombs of the Unknowns in Arlington, Virginia in 2012.

From Your 2014 Grand Lodge Host Committee

PLEASE USE MAY'S REGISTRATION FORM

Please use the updated registration form you will find in our May newspaper edition. There were some small errors in April's newspaper that needed to be corrected. If you have already registered using last month's form, not to worry. We have contacted you or will to make any necessary changes.

Also, you will note on the new registration form that we are now conducting a "Past Grand Masters' Banquet" on Sunday, June 21 beginning at 4 p.m. We hope to see all of our Past Grand Masters attending Sessions this year participate in the meeting. It's sure to be an informative get-together.

— Joe and Kathi Picanco
Grand Lodge Host Committee

L.J. Jones Scholarship

Congratulations to the 2014 winners!!

Two 2014 graduating seniors won \$2,500 scholarships from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Washington through the L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund. There were no applicants for the \$5,000 member scholarship.

The \$2,500 scholarship for a girl was earned by Drue Erwin, a senior at Wilbur High School. She has been active in varsity golf, volleyball, cheer leading, Future Business Leaders of America, senior yearbook editor, Miss Wilbur Royal Court and a youth group leader. Volunteering for local organizations has been high on her list of activities. Drue plans to attend Montana State University with pharmacy as her major. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Tvrz of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge in Walla Walla.

Alternate is Mackinsey Meyers, a senior at Mark Morris High School in Longview. Her sport is swimming. She will

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From the desk of your Grand Master

GRAND SESSIONS ARE JUST AHEAD

Well, we are about two months from Grand Lodge Sessions. Are you all ready? I hope I am and have not forgotten to do anything that I should have done.



RON HANSON

In the first part of April I attended Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting in White Rock B.C. It was quite an interesting weekend.

NORTHWEST MEETING

Do you all remember the old saying, “actions speak louder than words.” Well some of our members’ actions when attending functions speak volumes about their true feelings and attitudes towards the other members and our Order. It was a quite informative weekend, all things considered. We heard from a representative from the SOS program in B.C. which was quite informative as they have a home in Vancouver. We also heard from a local doctor that specializes in macular degeneration, which is, as some of you know, what our vision program does research on at Johns Hopkins University. It was really quite informational and a great learning experience.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE?

So, having said all of that, what is your attitude towards our Order and it’s members? Is it one of “I am here for me and all the attention I can get so everybody else will know how great I really am and how much better I can make the Order if I am in charge forever,” or is it one of “I want to make someone’s life in the Order as miserable as I can and stick my nose into everybody’s business and spread gossip and rumors without regard for whom or how it affects the public perception of our Order.”

Hopefully you have an attitude of this is about what I can do to help others and make the world a better place for all of us to live in. I believe that if you look at the history of Odd Fellowship down through time, you will see that the founders of our Order viewed it as a way of life and found great satisfaction in doing things to help those less fortunate than ourselves, as well as taking care of our Brothers and Sister when they are in need.

Some of our members have forgotten what they learned when they received their Degrees, and from time to time attending a Degree Day or even reading through the Degrees and reflecting on what is really said in them, as well as their true message and meaning, would be a good practice for all of us, including the Grand Officers of each branch.

OFF TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

When you read this I will be in the other Washington to present the Jurisdictional wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. I consider this to be the best part of being Grand Master and cannot understand why anyone who serves in this office would not take the opportunity to do this. This time will be extra special for me as some of the soldiers

whom are serving as Tomb Guards are personal friends.

I am not going to put a “For Your Information” paragraph in this issue’s letter, as by this time you all should be studying the Code and your Rituals at lodge and at home from time to time. I also have a selfish motive for that. I hope Bill will post a couple of the photos I have sent in the last two issues.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Ron Hanson, Your 2013-2014 Grand Master



A record setter

Grand Master Ron Hanson poses with an African antelope called an “nyala” during his hunting trip to South Africa last year. This animal is a member of the spiral horned antelope family which includes the Kudu and several others. Ron received word from his Safari operator just recently that this trophy is also going to make it into the record book, along with his gold medal Springbok.

Grand Master, Grand Patriarch reception will be in Des Moines Sept. 6

Titusville Lodge #34, Kent Encampment #15, Kent LEA #15, Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305, Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 and Eola Rebekah #63 cordially invites you to a reception honoring C. Allan Reitan, Grand Master, and John E. Otterstrom, Grand Patriarch, on Saturday, September 6 at the Des Moines Odd Fellows hall, 728 S. 225th Street in Des Moines. The reception is to start at 2 p.m.

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

ADVANCE REPORTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'TAKE ME'

Brothers and Sisters,

The Advance Reports should have or should arrive to assist your Lodge representatives in making preparations for Grand Lodge Sessions in June. Advance reports will be sent to all hold over (two-year) Representatives of odd-numbered lodges and the newly-elected Representatives for the even-numbered lodges that have sent in their Representative's Certificate. To all Lodge Representatives, please take your "Take Me" to your lodge meetings prior to Grand Sessions. Share and review the content with you members and ask for their input. For lodges without an elected Representative or not reporting or electing a Representative, the copy will be sent to the Lodge Secretary.



HARRY W.
"BILL" COULTER

Any Committee Reports or Legislation that did not arrive in time for printing in the "Take Me" will now have to be presented to the Grand Lodge and read by the author and referred to the appropriate Grand Lodge Standing Committee for review and recommendation.

ALTERNATE LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

This year, the lodges were able to elect Alternate Lodge Representatives. The Alternate Representative may only be seated in the Grand Lodge Session and receive the allocated per diem by approval of the Grand Master. Those not seated by approval of the Grand

Master have no voice or vote in the Session.

CYBER HAPPENINGS

The Grand Lodge has a new Website Committee. Members of the committee are working hard to continually improve and develop our website. In the near future we will be hosting our website on the server in the Grand Lodge office. We are hoping to be able to host your lodge website in the future.

Lodge Secretaries, as you know, the Grand Lodge office sent you a questionnaire in regards to your lodge information on the website. I wish to express a thank you to the lodges that have returned the questionnaire to this office. For those lodges that have not yet done so, please get the questionnaire completed and sent in as soon as possible.

GRAND SESSIONS

Grand Body Sessions will be upon us soon, so please look for the registration forms on page 8 in this issue of the newspaper. We are looking forward to warmer days and to seeing you all at sessions.

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

In Montesano

Silvia IOOF Lodge #38

We finally have Karyl and Ray Martinson back from their vacation. So now it's time to put them back to work. We installed Ray as our Vice Grand and Karyl as our Treasurer.

We had been looking for a refrigerator for the upstairs when Dave and Laurel donated their extra fridge. Ray and Karyl came up to Lakewood and picked up the fridge and Dave. They hauled the fridge down to the hall, got it up to the second floor and installed it in the kitchen. And hey, what do you know? It works! All we have left to do is organize the pots and pans, haul away some more stuff and we are ready to rent. Nice job everyone!

As you know the traveling gavel was "stolen" by the Titusville Odd Fellows. Well just because the gavel is gone doesn't mean you can't come for a visit. We would love to have everyone come down and see our hall. We are so proud to be able to use it again. We'll be planning lots of work parties as well as promotions to drum up membership. We look forward to our lodge getting bigger and stronger in the future.

— Until next time
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
The members of Silvia Odd Fellows Lodge #38

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

MAY IS A BUSY MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

May brings the celebration of Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Visual Research Month and hopefully some warmer weather. We as a Jurisdiction are very lucky to have our own Visual Aid Foundation that helps with expenses for eye exams and glasses for the youth and the Vanderlinden-Sheppard Visual Aid for Adults.



MARCIA PRESLEY

The Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery will be on Saturday, May 3

to honor our Military. Memorial Day ceremonies will take place at some of our Lodges, cemeteries and parks around the Jurisdiction. I am asking the Rebekah Lodges to drape their Charters in memory of those members lost

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Walla Walla has absolutely burst into bloom. The wonderful ornamental trees and the spring flowers are all in their glory. What a blessing all this beauty is. The surest sign that spring is here — yard sales have begun!

In March we had a paper drive to benefit the Pantry Shelf, one of the local food banks. Barbara Lechner and Jeanine Griffin delivered three big leaf bags full of household paper products. The Pantry Shelf is very appreciative of any donations and are experiencing an increase in clientele. A lot of the new folks are elderly and need help with their nutritional needs. This is a part of our community outreach and we have food drives at least twice a year.

In March we enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day party. Naturally we wore something green, so nobody got pinched. The highlight of the party was a game that our Noble Grand, Barbara Lechner, dreamed up. It was a game of partners, with one partner walking the length of the room balancing three little rubber balls on a spoon, then passing the balls to the partner who walked back across the room — all this with a balloon between the knees! This is virtually impossible to do. Somebody won, but we were all laughing so hard I don't know who. Our dear Helen Wilson, a Rebekah since 1937 gave it a try. At the end of the party we enjoyed cake and coffee provided by Jeanine Griffin.

I hope that everyone had a blessed Easter and all are enjoying the newness of spring.

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

this last year and in memory of the Past President of the IARA, Ione McCauley. She served as IARA President in 1964-1965. She used "Progress Around the World Through Gifts of Time and Talent" as her program theme. Her Sovereign Grand Master was Kermit R. Cofer of Mississippi.

SEE YOU IN YAKIMA

Our Sessions are just around the corner and the "Take Me" will arrive soon. I am looking forward to our Sessions, meeting and greeting our visitors from the IARA, guests from other Jurisdictions and especially our Brothers and Sisters of our own Jurisdiction. See you soon.

*When good friends walk beside us
On the trails that we must keep.
Our burdens seem less heavy
And the hills are not so steep.
The weary miles pass swiftly,
Taken in joyous stride,
And all the world seems brighter,
When friends walk by our side.*

*— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth
Marcia Presley, Past President, Secretary*

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Happy spring to all!

In January, food brought by our members was delivered to the food bank and they were very appreciative. Our ladies in Tempest Lodge are continuing to collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Spokane.

At our March 11 Prosperity meeting, we welcomed Grand Master Ron Hanson. He presented us with very interesting information on Camp Patriot in Libby, Montana. We were also able to send with him a collection of eye glasses for those in need.

At our March 13 Rebekah meeting, our members voted to support the Bruce Women's Transitional Home facility food pantry as our on-going project. Women and children can get items to cook until arrangements can be made for food stamps, etc. Personal items are also being donated.

We were saddened by the passing of our member, Margaret Clark, on March 30. Her services were held on April 3 in Wenatchee.

At the April meeting, our Noble Grand gave treats to all members. In May, mothers will be honored. All members in the area are invited to attend our meetings.

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekahs #17

Greetings from Olympia #1 and Ruth #17.

Our Annual Easter Egg hunt went really well. There were about a total of 55 people who came to have fun. The weather was a bit damp, but it never keeps us from putting the kids in rubber boots and hunting up those eggs. Thanks to those members who really stepped up to make it a success.

There was a raffle basket for the Spunky Bluebirds, with all proceeds are going to help them purchase passport cards for those girls who are planning on going to Youth Days at Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Cemetery Board is working hard to put together the Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery on Monday, May 26 at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the celebration. Hot dogs will be provided after the ceremony. If you've never been, you should come out. Rain or shine it is always a very special day to honor those who have sacrificed the most. Don't forget your Wellies!

Some of our Ruth #17 members attended District Association meeting at the South Tacoma Hall. The meeting was different from what we have experienced in the past. Ruth #17 was the host lodge and a big thank you to Kathi Picanco for having everything ready for a morning snack and decorations. The President opened the District Meeting and went to work on the business then everyone retired to the kitchen for a "Lunch & Learn" session. We learned new things and some were refreshers. There were great questions and the line officers from the Assembly were present and able to help answer some of the questions. A pot luck was held for lunch. If you didn't come you missed out on some good discussions and great food.

Olympia is also gearing up to help the Little Red School House with their BBQ and distribution day. LRSB donates backpacks with school supplies to children in need. The BBQ, of which the lodge donates to, makes the money to buy the supplies for the backpacks. In August, LRSB will be handing out the backpacks along with new or used warm coats for these children. It sure warms the heart to see the smile on those kids faces when they get their coat and backpack.

Just a reminder to all Olympia members as time is flying by so quickly, our first meetings in June, July, August, and September will be held at Puget Beach Odd Fellow Park.

We have new members to get initiated, which mean we'll be performing the Initiatory and First Degree on Monday, May 5. Then on Monday, May 19 we'll be doing the Second and Third Degrees. If you have new members who you would like to have us initiate, please

send a quick note to our Secretary Laurel Delony at ldelony@orepac.com or call her at (253) 983-7619. Please do not send these new members without a representative from your own lodge to accompany them.

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



Could you ask for a more beautiful setting for an Easter Egg Hunt?



Anxious children were lined up waiting for the start of Olympia's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 in Bothell

WELCOME OMEGA THETA RHO GIRLS' CLUB #95

The Clover Leaf Rebekahs have been very busy the last six months with lodge repairs and improvements, a benefit auction, new member initiation, and a new Theta Rho club! We have a lot of news to share with you!

In April, we welcomed Kim Strange as a new member to our lodge. She is a very outgoing, fun and a creative person, participating in theater, acting, singing, costumes, and directing — she's done it all and has plenty of stories to share! Kim also has quite a bit of experience with youth groups and the timing was perfect — she is thrilled to participate in the Theta Rho Club, and the girls elected her as their Advisor.

We are excited to welcome Omega Theta Rho #95! Several of our daughters were very interested in starting a Theta Rho Club and got their friends excited about it, too! Now they've all been initiated and officers have been installed and they've even participated in their first service project. It seems like they're on the phone with each other constantly and the social activities are too numerous to count! Look for a larger Theta Rho group at Assembly this year — they're all excited!

CONGRATULATIONS JACKIE

We would also like to congratulate our member, Jackie Hallstrom. She has earned the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award — Gold Level. This is the highest level a person can earn and indicates that she has contributed more than 10,000 reportable volunteer hours in service to our community. Jackie volunteers her time to a non-profit organization she created and then spun off to six new organizations in Washington state, homeless and hunger organizations and children's and teen's issues. Congratulations Jackie — you've earned it!

A NEW LOOK AT OUR LODGE

Lodge repairs have been pretty big. Over the last year and a half, we have replaced our roof, had an environmental cleanup of our attic, exterior repairs, a new tiled entry, hardwood flooring in our main hall, new tables and chairs, new bathroom fixtures, painted the entire interior of the lodge (including closets!), repaired plaster walls, replaced exterior siding and some structural pieces, replaced ceilings, added light fixtures, updated rear-building disabled access, cleaned heating ducts, repaired the widow's walk, and repaired windows. All this was completed while continuing our community service efforts and donations. It's wonderful to see our lodge in working order and beautiful again. There is more to do, but we don't want our funds to get too low, so we must replenish our accounts first. We have completed needs assessment, getting bids, negotiating with contractors, being on-site while work was performed,

following up where needed, and ensuring quality work; Thanks to our members who have made all this happen — Christine Nagel, Anca Hale, Jackie Hallstrom, Linda Lindgren, Nancy McCowan, Michelle Gasperek, and many members of their families!

LIFEWIRE AUCTION ON JUNE 7

Our benefit auction for "LifeWire" is coming up on June 7! This auction has been almost a year in planning and procurement. Our goal is to raise t\$10,000 for "LifeWire." It's a wonderful way to culminate all the repairs and improvements we've done in our lodge, and making a contribution to our community is very important to us — especially for such an important issue. We hope to see many of you there! Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have special membership ticket pricing. See our information in this issue for pricing and how to purchase, or call Jackie Hallstrom at (206) 390-1732.

Overall, it has been a very busy last six months. Going forward, we hope to be able to share our news more often. We thoroughly enjoy reading everyone else's news!

—Reports Contributed In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Clover Leaf #54 Members

You're invited

Old Hollywood Glam Benefit at Clover Leaf

Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 is sponsoring "LifeWire," formerly known as Eastside Domestic Violence, with an Auction — and we invite you to join us for great fun — Old Hollywood style!

OLD HOLLYWOOD GLAM

AN AUCTION TO BENEFIT 'LIFEWIRE'

Date: Saturday, June 7

Time: 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Where: The Clover Leaf Rebekahs Lodge
10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011

Special Ticket Prices for Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are \$35 each (Regular price (\$75 each))

Wine and hors d'oeuvres, live music, red carpet and auction excitement! Dress up Old Hollywood style and join us for a night you won't soon forget!

Make checks payable to Clover Leaf Rebekahs and mail to: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011

For questions call Jackie at (206) 390-1732



Alpha #1 installs new officers

On Thursday, April 3, officers-elect of Alpha Encampment and Auxiliary #1 lined up as they were about to be installed. From left are: Grand Junior Wardens Donna Tonn and Frank Wilson,

Joe Picanco, Chuck Miller, Duard Fife, Brian Brewer, Kathi Picanco, Laurel Delony and Joyce Miller. Alpha #1 is located in Olympia.

Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217 in Ballard

Secretary Betty Young has had an exhausting few weeks. The last meeting of March saw her with a last minute flat tire, but with her organizational skills she still made it to the meeting along with Financial Secretary Rae Ann Marrelli in tow. She presented everyone with a new member for Salmon Bay and the Ballard/Alki Odd Fellows.

Our lodge is currently collecting household items to donate to the Nyer Urness House. Everything from toilet paper to lemonade to dish detergent will be much appreciated. Our drive ends on June 5 and is being held in partnership with the Ballard/Alki Odd Fellows #170.

Vice Grand, Genie Coston decorated the lunch table to honor St. Patrick's Day. She also reported on the SeaTac Senior Center's Holiday Bazaar. Our Sisters who live south of Ballard will run our table of handmade items. Proceeds of whatever we sell will benefit the Ballard Food Bank. We are also looking for an opportunity to sell crafts at a North End Holiday Craft Bazaar in December.

The first meeting in April was a disaster. Sister Betty's

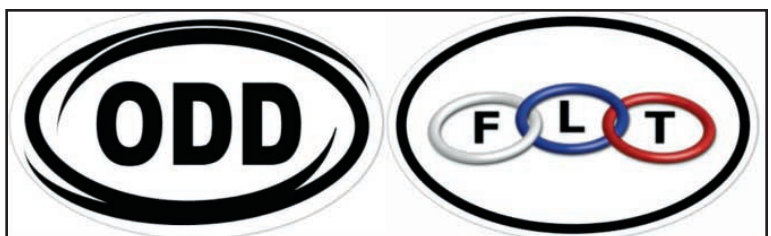
husband has been in the hospital undergoing tests so she and Sister Rae Ann could not attend. Sister Frances Zimmerman who is *always* at the meetings was also absent due to a plumbing catastrophe in her home. Salmon Bay did have a quorum, though (barely!) and were able to conduct business. Sister Norene Lucas filled in as Secretary Pro-tem, as well as Warden. All financial reporting and donations were tabled until the next meeting when we will have financial officers present.

The Costons represented Salmon Bay at the recent reception in Olympia for Rebekah Assembly President Elizabeth Morgan.

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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Rosalie Davis**, PNG, 60 year member, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.
- **Nancy (Jody) Sturdevant**, 40 year member, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Napavine.
- **Margaret Clark**, Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301, Wenatchee.
- **Betty Allen**, PNG, 60 year member, Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326, Winlock.



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Questions or comments? Email IOOFLodge305@hotmail.com

**Proceeds benefit the Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 and their community.*

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 _____
(Highest current or past title) (Unit of the Order attending)
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 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 _____
4:00 p.m. Past Grand Masters' 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
 Rosemary Pork Loin (Circle One) \$22.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 a.m. TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet
 Yakima Buffet \$12.00 _____
7:30 a.m. IOOF Representatives' Breakfast Buffet
 Valley 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
 Deli Luncheon Buffet \$15.00 _____

Pre Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____
Registration AFTER June 1, 2014 \$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

TaNaMaKa looking for 'Bear Meat' at 2014 Yakima Grand Sessions!!!!

John Otterstrom, President of TaNaMaKa, has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night, June 23 following the All Branch Banquet at the Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Yakima (formerly the Clarion Hotel). Members of TaNaMaKa need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meat."

We will have a sales table this year, so bring any

"treasures" you would like to contribute to the sale. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work the table during the Sessions.

If you are willing to help please contact Margaret Truttmann, Secretary for TaNaMaKa, at:

maggie@olynet.com or phone **(360) 482-2923**.

We hope to see many of the members at our annual meeting.

— Margaret Truttmann, Secretary

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

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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

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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.

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Please include the following with your ad:

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Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thanks in advance for your support.

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

From your 2013-14 Theta Rho President

FINISHED WITH HIGH SCHOOL

Greetings Everyone,

Well not a lot has happened since my last visit to Washington — Theta Rho-wise, that is, though in my everyday life I am proud to say that I have finished all of my classes early for school. I only have to present my Senior Project, and pass the Oregon math state test. It feels great to be done. As well as being basically finished with high school, I have also been honored as “Student of the Year” at my school. This is probably (besides becoming Theta Rho President) one of my greatest accomplishments.



SHARI RUSSELL

Lately I have been busy preparing for college next year, and also for my next visit to Washington where I will be visiting Acorn and participating in the Holland Happening Parade. I also will be assisting in the installation of a new Theta Rho Girls’ Club and I am so excited for that! I hope you girls are all ready for our retreat. I am so excited. We are going to have so much fun and I cannot wait to have all of our clubs together for that weekend. I miss you girls so

much! I want to see which girl will find the most sand dollars! I know I will be on the lookout for an octopus again like last year — ha ha!

Girls please remember to bring some of your dresses that you do not want, or would like to give away because we will be having a dress exchange! I hope everyone is doing well and that you all had a very happy Easter!

*In Happiness Through Service and in F., L. & T.,
Shari Russell, Theta Rho Assembly President*



This is the LEA cape and hat given to Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 by Sylvia George Westerlund.

LEA cape finds new home in Ballard-Alki

On Monday, April 7, we had a gift delivered by Sylvia George Westerlund to the Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170. It is an LEA cape and hat that belonged to her grandmother, Anna Wanda Hess, who was a Rebekah member in Port Townsend and later Olympia. She also left us with a copy of the picture of her father, Austin O. George, with her grandmother.

We invited Sylvia to join us for our after meeting potluck this week and get to know us! We also informed her as to when the Salmon Bay Rebekahs meet as she might be interested in joining them.

*— In F., L. & T., Nora Carria
Noble Grand, Ballard Alki IOOF #170*

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In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Welcome to the new Theta Rho club in Bothell.

Happy Mothers' Day to all our Rebekah Sisters. We have made cards for the nursing home and the day before Mothers' Day we are going to the nursing home to deliver the cards and paint the ladies fingernails for them.

We are excited about attending the retreat at the IOOF Park in Olympia with the other clubs this month.. It is always a lot of fun to spend time with the other girls.

We had a good time with Shari and Spunky Bluebirds when they came up last month for the parade and sleep-over. After the parade we all went to Wendy's for lunch.

We are going to do our beach cleanup this month and have a picnic lunch. We try to do at least one project a month to get out in our community so people know who we are.

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



Photo by Sherry Pond, Advisor

Pasco Theta Rho members rocking for charity are, from left: Chelsea Ratliff, Shelah Rowe, Katelynd Ratliff, Lilly Gridley, Destiny Davies, Assistant Advisor Sharleen Davies, Charissa Ratliff and Magin Moore.

Rock on!

Pasco Theta Rho raises \$350 just lounging around

Pasco Theta Rho Girls Club #14 staged a "Rock-A-Thon" Saturday, April 5. Proceeds are going to the Autism Foundation and Camp Patriot.

The girls and advisors rocked for five hours until they got rained and winded out. The day started out nice and sunny, but it got darker and darker and finally the weather did not hold out. We had fun and ate and rocked.

Nita Stearns of the JJYC came from Walla Walla to rock with us. Burbank First Baptist Church allowed us to use their building and steps for this event. We were able to raise \$350 and would like to thank all who donated to our project.

We made place mats, table favors and center pieces for the Walla Walla Rebekah District Meeting. And are now making May favors for the staff at Callaway Gardens. We try to honor the staff at least once a year.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Theta Rho Assembly. —*Yours in Happiness Through Service,
Pasco Theta Rho Girls Club #14*



Encampment leaders

Officers of Kent Encampment and Auxiliary #15 were installed on April 11. From left are: Kendra Frogge', Grand Matriarch; Marcia Presley, new Chief Matriarch; Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch; and John Wagner, new Chief Patriarch.



Rock A Bye Baby

Charissa Ratliff took advantage of the Rock-A-Thon by catching a nap while at the Burbank First Baptist Church.



Photo by Sherry Pond, Advisor

JJYC Member Nita Stearns was really rocking at Pasco's benefit "Rock-A-Thon" on April 5.

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

We are moving on to spring. Easter Sunday is over and my birthday just came and went.

I must say our District #18 Meeting was a big success, but I missed the people who could no be there.

A thank you is extended to the members of Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge who did a nice job of seating the officers. It was well-organized. We had plenty of door prizes, with Alberta in charge. I believe everyone had a winning number, including me.

Until I received my newspaper, I forgot that I left you hanging with a history question. "December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy." Who made that statement and what happened on that date?? No, it was not Harry Truman. How about Franklin D. Roosevelt? As to what happened, it was the bombing of Pearl Harbor! I bet our fellow veterans knew the answers.

We have a garage sale coming up on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. You are all welcome to come. There will be lots of stuff to look through.

I hope you all had a happy Easter.

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

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.

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On the Long Beach Peninsula

Ocean Beach Rebekahs #313

We are cruising into spring and hoping for nice weather for all of us. We are still having hit and miss rain and sunshine. Our meetings have been going well and ending before it gets dark, which is nice. Linda Zuern served at our first meeting in April and had the tables decorated with a spring fling theme and we enjoyed delicious cake with whipped topping. Each of us received a flavored Chapstick and some lucky number winners received other gifts.

HEALTH REPORT

We learned that Lucy Adyelott hasn't been feeling too well and had to make a visit to the emergency room. Polly Reed received a card from Georgia Werner, who is in an assisted living facility and doing okay.

Sandy Thissell had quite a scare when she got a call that her 7-year old grandson had been hit by a car. He was in the hospital for a few days and came home with some mighty sore ribs and I think Sandy said a broken wrist. Thank God he is okay. NG Bob Jacobson informed us that he finally found an electric blanket and got to spend the gift card we had given him for installation. Aletha Miller is getting ready for her grandson's baseball season as is Linda Zuern and her granddaughters' sports activities.

DISTRICT #18 MEETING

Seven of our members attended the District #18 meeting held in Napavine on April 5. We took part in the exemplifications, led by Donna Merrill, Sue Johnson, Sandy Thissell and Linda Zuern. NG Bob was all about the room taking photos. We had a group picture taken after the meeting, which I hope all will get to see. We were served a very delicious lunch and enjoyed some white elephant gifts from the host lodge. We were sorry that Sister Rosalie Davis was unable to attend as our District President. We hope she will be feeling a little better in the days ahead. Vice President Jennifer Rhoads stepped in as President and did an excellent job.

EASTER MEETING

Yours truly served at our second meeting in April and I used Easter for our theme. We had snacks and Easter treats. We also had an Easter gift exchange, which we all enjoyed. One lucky person opened an egg that proclaimed them the lucky winner of an Easter music box, shaped like an egg, decorated with bunnies. It was a good time had by all.

Looks like we only have a few more meetings until our summer break. I can't believe the time has gone by so fast. I hope you are all enjoying spring and all the flowers.

Until next time, live well, laugh often and love much.

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

Membership!

Yes, the Odd Fellows is a 'cool' organization

I would like to ask what you have done to increase your membership. Have you asked those friends who you know would be the perfect members? Have you asked those neighbors, relatives, acquaintances? Have you made your lodge accessible to outsiders? What about networking?

I was reading something on line the other day. It's called the *Top 10: Fraternal Organizations "You'll Want To Be A Part Of These Cool Fraternal Orders."* Guess what? The Independent Order of Odd Fellows ranks number three on the list. Yea! Number three, above the Moose, Rotary, Kiwanis, Jaycees, etc. I won't mention the top two. "Gag!" Sorry that wasn't nice. But here's what the article had to say:

"We're told that "networking" is the key to success, and to be networked you've got to be logged in 24/7. However, people have been networking for centuries, long before it was done with bits and bytes. The Freemasons? The Elks? Odd Fellows? Rotary? To many, these organizations might seem like the '57 Buicks of networking — your grandfather's idea of networking, so to speak. But these traditional fraternal orders are on the hunt for new members. Call it the "new" old networking. Following is a roundup of some of the most prominent fraternal, civic and other organizations that can help you achieve success in your community. They differ from your college frat in that they are civic, rather than collegial. Most are non-denominational (with one notable exception). Some ask you to believe in a higher power (which higher power is up to you), while others are entirely secular. However, all have a charitable aspect. The name of the game with fraternal orders is "give a little, gain a lot." If you're willing to donate a little of your time, dividends may be paid back many times over. Though many of these groups induct members by invitation only, don't be deterred. Ask around your community or contact local branches directly. They'll be flattered by your interest and do their best to get you involved."

WE ARE A COOL ORGANIZATION

What this article tells me is that we are a *cool* fraternal organization and there are prospective members out there in your community looking for your lodge, but can't find you. Help them out and make yourselves known to your fellow man or woman. Get out into your community and open up the doors to your lodge and bring your community in.

Remember to have those applications handy, ready, and *ask!*

— *Fraternally, Laurel Delony, Grand Warden.*



This is the view from the road above the gold mine that Otis Nicholson is buried near. Below is his headstone. These pictures were taken on September 2, 2013 some 75 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska.

Otis Nicholson

Odd Fellow headstone found in wilds of Alaska

The accompanying pictures were recently sent to the Grand Lodge of Washington office by Mark Eskitgis of Grants Pass, Oregon.

While travelling in Alaska in September of 2013, Mark came across an abandoned gold mine located about 200 miles north of Fairbanks, 10 miles from Squaw Lake, and 75 miles north of the Arctic Circle. He found a headstone measuring 3-feet by 4-feet by 2-feet high made of quartz. The stone bears the name of Otis J. Nicholson and the dates 1873 to 1935, which means Otis was 62-years-old when he died. On the bottom left corner are the Three Links which means he was an Odd Fellow. The Masonic logo is at the bottom right.

Alaska IOOF Lodge #A-1 was instituted in 1906 under the Jurisdiction of Washington. Searching the records in the Grand Lodge of Washington office in Buckley, no information could be found concerning Brother Otis Nicholson.

It was told to Mark that Brother Otis was buried upright. Janice Eskitgis, Mark's wife, is a member of Etna Rebekah Lodge #59 in Grants Pass. Thank you, Mark, for sending this historic information.

If any of you have any additional information about Otis J. Nicholson, please let us know. You may email us with any information at: grandsec@qwestoffice.net



From your 2013-14 Grand Patriarch

MAY HOLIDAYS

Welcome to May, which brings us Mothers' Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. I hope you will honor your mothers wherever they may be, thank our servicemen and women, and remember all those who have gone before us in some way.



JEREMY
EDWARDS

INSTALLATIONS

I was happy to have been able to preside at the joint installation of officers at Alpha Encampment and Auxiliary in Olympia, as well as the Kent one with my mother, Grand Matriarch Kendra Frogge', last month. My thanks to those lodges for the delicious dinners and the courtesies extended to us.

A NEW JOB

I have changed jobs, and am now working days. My days off are in the middle of the week. I am going through a period of adjustment with the change of time and labor. It will work out well for Sessions if I stay in this job as I have Thursday off.

I am hoping for a good attendance at our Encampment Session and for the ice cream social on Wednesday evening, too. Please come and have a skit or something to present. If there has been an amusing occurrence in your lodge, share it with us. It is a social time to get together for a delicious treat and to have fun.

Reminder — "We believe that working within our homes, our religion, our society, and our Encampments, to promote the teachings of our Order is our main objective."

In Faith, Hope & Charity
Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch



The *EYES* see you!!

Thank you to the lodges and individuals who have collected glasses this past year. If you have eye glasses and would like to bring them to Grand Sessions in Yakima, we would be happy to take them. Look for the collection box at Sessions. Together we are making an impact for those in need of glasses.

— Margaret Truttmann, Chairman,
Visual Aid Committee

From your 2013-14 Grand Matriarch

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

It has been nice enjoying some sunny days along with the rainy days. I can hardly believe its almost June and my year as Grand Matriarch will be over. It's been a lot of fun visiting all the LEA's. I just wish we had more clubs. Goldendale LEA was unable to have me visit in April, so hopefully this month I will get to visit them before sessions.



KENDRA
FROGGE'

In April I was given the opportunity, along with my son Jeremy Edwards, the Grand Patriarch, to install the officers of Olympia and my home lodge Kent. This is a privilege I really enjoyed doing and I hope the other officers who came to help and install felt the same way as I did. Thank you to both lodges for asking us to do this.

PLEASE HELP AT SESSIONS

By now all the lodges should have received my letters asking your lodge to do something at our LEA Sessions. It's important we keep exemplifications and other workings of our order active in our minds.

Reminder, I will be selling my raffle tickets and having the drawing at the banquet Monday night at Sessions. Sales are going slow right now, so please help by purchasing some raffle tickets. First prize is \$100 and I will have other nice prizes, too. Tickets are only \$1 each or six for \$5. What a deal! Stay safe until we see each other in June.

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



District #18 attendees

Those who attended the District #18 Meeting in Napavine are, front row, from left, are: Linda Deem, Jean Parnell, Denise Rose, LouAnn Hoffman, Corky Walker, Sandy Holderman and Betty Hack. In the second row, from left, are: Alberta Luurs, Betty Pierce, Caroline Turner, Leona Treznoski, Evelyn Newman, Sue Johnson, Dorothy Music and Florence Reith. In the back row, from left, are: Sandy Beane, Sandy Thissell, Sherry Hash, Linda Zuern, Aletha Miller, Donna Merrill, Bob Jacobson, Jennfer Rhoads, Sandy Holderman, Shelly Patrick and Jamie Rhoads. See additional photos and stories on page 15.

District #18 Meeting

A cold day, but a great turn out in Napavine!!

Saturday morning was a bit cold, but we still had a good turnout for our District #18 Meeting on April 5 at Trinity Rebekah Lodge in Napavine.

Jennifer Rhoades did a very fine job as President Pro-tem. The Unwritten Work was done by a group lead by LouAnn Hoffman. Roll call was taken and we are proud to say we had five Past Presidents in attendance. It was good to see Barbara Reitan, who took time off from her busy schedule to attend our meeting.



Jean Parnell and Cookie Music had a nice visit at the District #18 Meeting in Napavine.

Thank you to Candy Koons and Sandy Beane for serving a delicious potato dish with choice of salads. Tables were decorated with a touch of spring and Easter.

A solemn Memorial Service was given by the Condolence Committee with Sue Johnson in charge. Flowers were placed in a vase as each Sister's name was read. Millie Simon, Frances O'Neal, Shirley Jones, Betty Allen and Luellyn Ainsworth were remembered with love and respect. Sue read a loving tribute to them all.

Accepting the Attendance Award was Ocean Beach which brought seven members to the meeting. The Membership Award was given to Bucoda for installing three new members since the last meeting.

Election of 2015 officers was held. Elected were: President Jennifer Rhoades, Vice President Cookie Music, Secretary Leona Treznoski, and Treasurer Betty Pierce. They will have a lot of support from the members.

The oldest member in attendance, but just as important, was Jean Parnell of Centralia. She served as Chaplain for many years at Pine Burr. She does not remember exactly when she joined the Rebekahs, but she was born on June 9, 1922. I thought to myself, "Wow!" Jean replied, "The years just flew by."

An invitation to next year's 2015 meeting was given by members of Sylvan Glen. Please mark you calendars. They will be hostess to a very special meeting.

— Cookie Music, Reporter

Spring Has Sprung!



Newly-installed 2015 District #18 officers are Vice President Cookie Music, left, and President Jennifer Rhoades.

It was a somber day at the District 18 meeting

Rebekah District #18's Annual Meeting was held at Napavine Trinity Lodge #179 on April 5. The meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Jennifer Rhoades of Bucoda #144 because President Rosalie Davis is very ill. When Rosalie's condition was made known, the meeting took on a somber feeling. However with the able leadership of President Jennifer, the meeting went on without a hitch after a slow start.



During our report segment, a common thread was noted: difficult gaining a quorum, lack of sufficient funds, and "we're just trying to survive." We missed having a Representative from Assembly with us.

Sisters Corky Walker and Leona Treznoski of Sylvan Glen Lodge #184 in Pe Ell invited everyone to next year's District #18 Meeting to be held in their lodge hall. Lunch was delicious — thank you Trinity #179.

Sisters Corky Walker and Leona Treznoski invited everyone to next year's District #18 Meeting to be held in Pe Ell.

— In F., L. & T., Robert Jacobson, Noble Grand, Ocean Beach #313

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L.J. Jones Scholarships awarded for 2014

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attend Lower Columbia College and Western States Chiropractic College with her goal of being a chiropractor in sports medicine. She is the daughter of members Dennis and Sandra Meyers of Yakima Odd Fellows and Isabella Rebekahs.

Jacob Evans, a senior at Camas High School, won the \$2,500 scholarship for a boy. He is a member of DECA, FBLA and Natural Helpers. His top volunteer efforts are Camas Farmers' Market and the community Dozer Days. Jacob will attend Washington State University with a chosen career of business/finances. He is the grandson of Donna Tonn from Silvia Odd Fellows and Fern Rebekahs.

Walla Walla High School senior Eric Klicker is the alternate. He will attend Whitworth University to study math education. Over the years he has worked in the family strawberry field, up to the position of field supervisor. Activities at school have included: varsity tennis, basketball, baseball and Linkcrew — seniors helping freshmen. He also is involved with his church youth group and is a Young Life leader. Eric is the son of Nancy A. and Kirk Klicker and grandson of Nancy L. and Bob Klicker, members of Narcissa Rebekahs and Enterprise Odd Fellows.

L.J. Jones Scholarship committee noted that 14 lodges submitted 22 names with 13 of those completing applications. Judges reviewed entries and selected the winners with Deputy Grand Master C. Allan Reitan concurring.

The scholarship committee thanks all lodge secretaries, student applicants and judges for their time and energy put forth in the scholarship process. As of April 15, 2014, donations totaled \$1,826 with \$15,300 being paid out. Special recognition goes to the following lodges for their donations to the fund: **Odd Fellow Lodges** — Titusville #34, Bremerton/Friendship #145, Pasco #257 and Red Apple #276. **Rebekah Lodges** — Chewelah #62 and Mystic #68. Your further contributions are needed to continue this

very worthwhile project. One of many ways to help make sure we can continue is to designate donations through your estate or as a gift. Contact the Grand Secretary for further information.



Fun at Northwest

The entertainment at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Banquet was an impromptu fun fashion hat parade. At the conclusion, President Lena Swetz rode her "stead" (otherwise known as Dave Delony) while the other "models" cheered her on. The Northwest meeting was held at the Pacific Inn in White Rock, British Columbia, Canada on April 4, 5 and 6.

*Make Your Plans Now For
Grand Sessions!*