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Happy
New Year!

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Those attending Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313's last meeting on Tuesday, November 18 are, back row from left, Donna Merrill, Linda Zuern, Sandy Thissell, Sue Johnson, Polly

Reed, Marla Johnson, Aletha Miller and Robert Jacobson. In the front row, from left, are Olney Patch, Opel Eaton, Betty Pierce, Judy Williams.

On the Long Beach Peninsula

Ocean Beach Rebekahs #313 wave final goodbye

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 was instituted 28th day of May 1927 . . . held last meeting 18th day of November 2014.

As I sit before my keyboard in an attempt to write an obituary for the last Rebekah Lodge in this corner of Washington and the sixth IOOF Lodge as a member to give up their Charter, I am overwhelmed with mixed emotions. After my brother, who was almost 11 years younger than I am, passed away, I'm reminded just how short and fragile life on earth is and how our abilities to just get the job done are fleeting at best.

Several lyricists of old country-western songs pass through my mind — "Many a tear has to fall, but it's all in the game;" "Turn out the lights, the party's over;" "And

just like rain the tears keep falling;" "Don't shed a tear for me, my life won't end without you," etc.

I have attended too many funerals and watched too many lodge members move to live nearer their children. Too many age to a point where they just can't function by themselves, let alone hold an office, so that we have trouble filling officer's chairs at lodge. Every active member has held the office of Noble Grand in our lodge and several more than once. For all practical purposes the money is almost gone with no realistic way of raising more. Dues are too high as it is. We can still raise a quorum. . . but we ask ourselves "why?"

We didn't see a representative from the Rebekah

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From the desk of your Grand Master

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As 2015 kicks off, it's high time to have fun with the season of Installation of Officers. I will be out and about travelling as my work schedule appears to allow and so I look forward to visiting a few lodges that I have not had the opportunity to see in a while. January becomes a time of transition as we put the previous year to rest and look forward to a future with hope and renewed interests.



C. ALLAN
REITAN

THANKS TO MARSHALL MILLER

Many of you may have heard that our Grand Treasurer, Marshall Miller, had previously announced his intention to retire at Grand Sessions this coming June. As part of these transition steps, the duties that he had undertaken as our Investment Manager for the Grand Lodge Endowment have now been placed with the Capital Management firm of Ferguson Wellman. On behalf of all the Brothers and Sisters in the Jurisdiction of Washington, I would like to thank Brother Miller for his many years of leadership, commitment, and steward-

ship to the Grand Lodge of Washington. His efforts are a significant contribution to our Order being able to sustain itself for future generations.

GRAND BODIES PROJECT

I would also like to thank the various lodges around the Seattle area for their volunteer work and support of our Grand Bodies partner project, Seattle Adaptive Sports. Last month SAS hosted their local tournament, the D3 Jam at West Seattle High School. We had some varsity teams from the University of Arizona participate this year, and two players on the women's team got their start playing wheelchair basketball here in Seattle and Spokane. Now they both have scholarships to pursue their dreams and ambitions in life.

There is still time to donate or get signed up to be a volunteer for the IOOF-sponsored tournament to be held at the end of February. We will be needing a few more personnel for the score table operations and can always use help with food service and other event hosting matters.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
C. Allan Reitan,
Your 2014-2015 Grand Master

From the desk of your Grand Chaplain

ODD FELLOW FUNERAL RITUALS

Thank you everyone for the wonderful words of support concerning my last article. I am happy it was received with trust and open arms, a true characteristic of our Odd Fellow family. Thank you for your continued love and support as your Grand Chaplain.



KANJIN
CEDERMAN
SHONIN

As the old saying goes, there is nothing guaranteed in life except death and taxes. As our lodges grow in this century, we bring to this culture many timeless morals and traditions of the past, sharing them with the modern era. One of the most important life cycle rituals in every human's life is that of death. Death is the great equalizer, for it comes to all without exception — the aged and young, the wise and ignorant. In many of the fraternities,

that I have the honor of being a member, the funeral is something that each group offers its members as a testimony to the good works and beliefs held in their lives. It is my feeling that this is one of the greatest honors we can give to our departed Brothers and Sisters. The lodge and Noble Grand should be well-versed in this ritual and

prepared to fulfill this honor at the hour it is requested. In future articles, I wish to investigate and research deeper into our funeral and memorial rituals and customs.

THE RITUAL

We are very lucky in our fraternity to have our Odd Fellow Funeral Ritual, which is a wonderfully elegant and respectful honoring of our dear departed members and perhaps one of the only times a member's family and friends may know of their affiliation. I have been very sad to see that this ritual is one of the most underperformed and that many Noble Grands and members may not even know that we offer this honor to all who have joined our ranks. It is my goal that each leader of our Odd Fellow bodies learns, practices, and offers the funeral ceremony for their members.

The Odd Fellow Funeral Ritual is truly relevant and important to our modern culture. To many it is seen as our greatest obligation to each member to prepare and to be ready if requested by a widow or a Brother/Sister to hold this ceremony of last rights. Reading through the many manuals that I have been able to acquire for research, the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of each lodge must be able to fulfill the request of providing a member

See Odd Fellow Funeral Ritual on Page 8

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

A NEW YEAR, A FRESH START

Brothers and Sisters,

During the current economic hard times we may look for opportunities in our local communities to “Relieve the Distressed.” This year we may also wish to search



**HARRY W.
“BILL” COULTER**

our jurisdictional programs to support with lodge donations. Please give these programs and funds some consideration in this season as they all need continued funding to do their good work.

These programs and funds are: Arthritis Fund, L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund, Children’s Visual Aid Fund, and the Grand Master’s Project. Other funds that you may consider are the Fisher House, SOS and the VanderLinden-Sheppard Adult Visual Aid Fund. Checks for the Arthritis

Fund, L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund, Children’s Visual Aid Fund and the Grand Master’s Project should be made payable to the “Grand Lodge of Washington” with a notation at the bottom left corner showing what fund you are donating to.

VanderLinden-Sheppard Adult Visual Aid Fund checks should be made payable to the “Grand Encampment of Washington” with a notation showing “Adult Visual Aid” at the bottom left corner.

Please remember our Theta Rho Sisters with donations to their Travel and Lodging Funds, which should be sent to the Rebekah Assembly Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

Please ask you Secretary for the lodge’s copy of the November-December, 2014 issue of the IOOF News

(Also, can be found at www.ioof.org) and turn to page 21. Read the article by Jon R. Petersen, Membership Chairman. This article has, and makes many good points for us to use when we are talking about prospective members.

While you have this issue in your hands, turn to pages 22 and 23 and check the line for Jurisdiction of Washington. We did not do as well as we did last year at this time as we reported a total of 42 new or reinstated members. Last year we reported a total of 50 new members. Odd Fellow lodges reported 37 new members, followed with two for Rebekah Lodges. The PM had one and the LEA had two. The Encampment and Theta Rho did not report any new members. Our standing on the New Member Report dropped to fifth place.

Lodges and Encampments, please remember, when a new member is initiated, fill out a New Member card and forward it to the Grand Lodge office. Rebekah Lodges and Theta Rho Clubs, report your new members to the Rebekah Assembly Secretary. LEA, report your new members to your GLEA Scribe.

A NEW BEGINNING

We hope all of you experienced a joyous holiday season. As we enter the month of January and the Installation of Officers season, we have an opportunity for a fresh start. Let’s get behind our new officers and make them successful, as well as our lodges.

Here’s wishing everyone much success as we work together to make our Order grow and prosper.

NEWSPAPER

The returns on our *Washington OddFellow* newspaper has slowed down to two to three per month. This partly due to members not reporting changes of addresses to their Secretary. Members that returned newspapers shows “Unable to Forward,” “No Such Address” and “Temporarily Away” are deleted from the mailing list. If you find that you are not getting the newspaper, contact the Grand Lodge office with your correct mailing address to be placed back on the mailing list.

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— *Fraternally,*
Harry W. “Bill” Coulter,
PGM, Grand Secretary

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January. . .

Installation Of Officers Month

From the desk of the Assembly President

A FRESH BEGINNING

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

As I am writing this I am thinking about the first snowfall of the year. One of my favorite things to do is sit and watch the falling snowflakes, which brings stillness to the outdoors and covers the ground with a clean white slate upon which to see the tracks of birds and animals. This reminds me of the New Year which brings with it the opportunity to begin fresh with ideas, relationships, and friends. It is a time for our lodges to begin anew.



MARGARET TRUTTMANN

INSTALLATION MONTH

As we begin this New Year, I would like to thank everyone who has been elected to a Lodge Office. I know you are preparing for Installation of Officers.

Listed below are the installations that I have scheduled. If you would like me to participate in your installation, please feel free to call me at (360) 482-2923. I would like to remind you to include new members when appointing officers and committees, as well as including longstanding members. All of us working together will help to make our Order stronger.

INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, January 4** — Des Moines — Joint Installation

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 and Des Moines Odd Fellow Lodge #305.

- **Friday, January 9** — Bucoda — Open Formal Joint Installation of Officer for Skookumchuck Odd Fellows Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144.

- **Saturday, January 10** — Napavine — Open Joint Dinner Installation of Officers for Golden Rule Odd Fellows Lodge #207 and Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, possibly along with Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 and Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46.

- **Thursday, January 15** — Ballard — Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217 at 12 noon.

- **Saturday, January 17** — Olympia — Joint Installation of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.

- **Saturday, January 24** — Tacoma — Joint Installation South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 and South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge #211.

- **Sunday, January 25** — Buckley — Joint Installation of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 and Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75.

May the joy of Friendship, Love and Truth light everyday of the New Year for you and your lodge.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Margaret Truttman,
President,*

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope this coming year will go well for all Rebekah Lodges.



MARCIA PRESLEY

By increasing our membership and getting out in our communities and making our Order prosperous and letting people know what we do and what we stand for will help us all. I know many of our Lodges have been struggling to keep their Rebekah Lodges going, because of not being able to cover their expenses and lack of participation from some of our members in meeting our quorum.

CAR POOLING

Some of our members need a ride to the meetings and I know that the same members do the picking up and returning of these members for their meetings. Transportation to and from the meetings is getting harder and harder. Those members who are still driving might think of putting a car pool program together. Sharing the need for transportation by taking turns driving will help out in getting your members to your meetings and the same people aren't doing all the driving. Sharing and caring will maybe help.

THANKS FOR BEING ON TOP OF THINGS

Thank you for your Annual Reports and your per capita and assessment bill being paid before the deadline dates which helped me get my reports completed prior to my deadline dates. The Sovereign Grand Lodge dues bill will be sent out soon and I am happy to report, there were no increases to our SGL dues for the year 2015 over last year.

CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER

Sovereign Grand Master Jimmy C. Humphrey has proclaimed that January 15, 2015 — the anniversary date of the birth of our founder — be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship. He also has proclaimed January as Thomas Wildey Museum Month in which members are encouraged to contribute to the museum, either monetarily or with items for display. He has asked our Rebekah Lodges to hold a special ceremony on or as near the 15th, celebrating our Founder. Donations are also needed for our own museum in Buckley.

GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home and a stranger into a friend.

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



At Olympia's Christmas party, Stu Carlson and Glenn Kitsch tell Santa they need a new tractor for the IOOF Park.

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Our lodges were dark during July and August, but at our September meeting, we started to again collect food and personal items for residents at the Bruce Transitional Housing. Tempest members will deliver these items at the close of our year in January.

Our Sister Lois Clark has been busy crocheting Christmas stockings which we will give to the approximately 30 children residing at the Bruce this Christmas. Our Sister Patti Ellis makes coloring book pages, so some will be put in each stockings with Crayons, candy and a toy for each child. We appreciate the kindness of these ladies for our project.

We had a delicious lunch before our November meeting. We signed Thanksgiving cards for our Sisters who were unable to be with us. Veterans also were honored at that meeting. Noble Grand Barbara gave each member a turkey made from a pine cone with tail feathers and all.

In September, Tempest Lodge also donated to our local Humane Society which has built a larger facility to care for animals in need.

Our December meeting was preceded by a tasty potluck followed by a white elephant exchange. Some of the most interesting gifts are given with lots of fun and laughter.

Our Noble Grand presented each member with a Christmas card and little airplanes made with candles.

We are anticipating our installation of officers in January. As of this writing, we don't have a definite date, but we look forward to installing our new Tempest Noble Grand and our corps of officers in both lodges.

All members in the area are invited to our January 6th and 8th meetings or our February 10th and 12th meetings.

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 finished up 2014 with a great time of games, dancing and food on New Year's Eve, December 31, out at our Puget Beach Park. Several members brought their travel trailers and spent the night in "style." Others roughed in on the floor of the kitchen. Dave Deloney and Joe Picanco cooked everyone a great breakfast to start the New Year out right. Later that same day, Doug Eklund led the brave-of-heart in a Polar Bear Plunge into the frigid waters of the Puget Sound.

Prior to the excitement of New Year's Eve was our annual Christmas Party at the lodge. About 40 of us had a great meal, visited with Santa, bid on auction items, swung at piñatas, and overall had a wonderful time. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful family in the Odd Fellows.

Coming up is our Installation of Officers on Wednesday, January 17. This is a joint installation for both Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, with several lodges from surrounding areas joining with us. Installation teams from the Grand Lodge and the Rebekah Assembly will provide a formal installation ceremony following a lunch to be served by members of Ruth #17. This is always a special event open to family and friends of members. If you are not being installed as an officer, please join us in supporting your Brothers and Sisters who have volunteered to spend their time and energy serving you in strengthening our lodge.

Lunch will be served at noon and installation will start around 1 p.m. when everyone has finished their lunch.

After the installation of officers, Olympia #1 will be presenting the coveted Merit Award Jewel to a member nominated by fellow lodge members. This is a person who has contributed outstanding service to our local lodge. It is always exciting to see who will receive this honor. Past winners include Tom Day, George Johnson, Joe Picanco, PJ Fleutsch, Glenn Kitsch, Stu Carlson, Rick Garcia and Doug Eklund. Veteran's Jewels also will be awarded to those members who qualify. I really hope to see many of you at this important event.

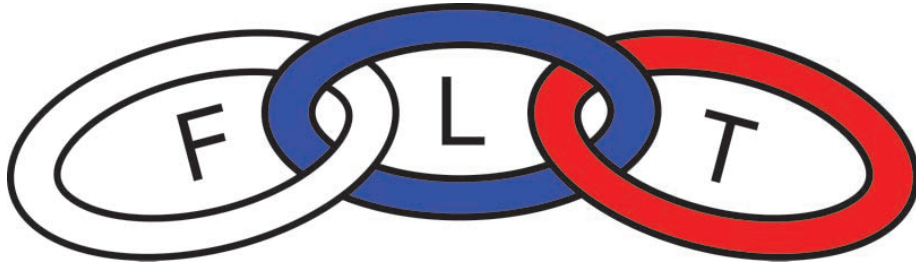
As we begin this New Year, I hope all of us will make a commitment to attend meetings with an attitude of "What can I add to my lodge?" If we each of us brings in one new idea for reaching out to our community and sponsor one new member, imagine what would happen in the world of Odd Fellowship! — *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*

Cathy Garcia, Reporter

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Ronald Easterling**, PG, Pasco IOOF Lodge #257.
- **Jessie Steele**, Musician, Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326 in Winlock.

~ Lodge Cards ~



ALIMUS I.O.O.F. LODGE #15

Meets At: 301 NW 2nd St., Goldendale, WA 98620. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mike House, 786 Cedar Valley Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620-2307. **Ph:** (509) 773-4004. **Sec'y:** Mavis. House, 786 Cedar Valley Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620-2307. **Ph:** (509) 773-4604

BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Nora Carria, 7711 8th Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98117. **Ph:** (206) 250-2165. **Sec'y:** Donna Lawrence, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 293-0299

BOTHELL I.O.O.F. LODGE #124

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th, Bothell. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Bruce Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 885-2741. **Sec'y:** Cheryl Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 885-2741.

BUCKLEY I.O.O.F. LODGE #75

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** James King, 12819 - 4th Ave. S., Burien, WA 98168. **Ph:** (206) 491-6769. **Sec'y:** Stacy King, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 880-4788

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: 101 E. 7th, second floor, Bucoda. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530-0248. **Ph:** (360) 402-1600

CHEWELAH REBEKAH LODGE #162

Meets At: N. 108 Second St. E., Chewelah, PO Box 1122, Chewelah, WA 99109 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Barbara Miller, 1051 E. Lincoln, Chewelah, WA 99109. **Ph:** (509) 935-6751. **Sec'y:** D.e. Joey Locke, 2197 Heine Rd., Chewelah, WA 99109. **Ph:** (509) 935-0440

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Jackie Hallstrom, 18714 103rd NE, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (206) 390-1732. **Sec'y:** Christine Nagel Russell, 18831 - 24th Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036. **Ph:** (206) 719-5627

DES MOINES I.O.O.F. LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Julie A. Long, 20622 - 13th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 755-1348. **Sec'y:** John F. Crispin, PO Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 799-9233

EOLA REBEKAH LODGE #63

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar Street, Buckley. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Marie Wilkins, PO Box 591, Orting, WA 98360. **Ph:** (360) 893-2430. **Sec'y:** Karen Hoylman, 2252 Ventura Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022-9257. **Ph:** (360) 825-3554. **E-Mail:** KarensKastle@aol.com

FALL CITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** P. Mary Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Florence A. Harper, 2818 - 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alisa Henrickson, 26251 240th Ave. SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038. **Ph:** (206) 683-8280. **Sec'y:** P. Mary Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871

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FERN REBEKAH LODGE #26

Meets At: 116 Marcy Ave. W., Montesano. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Mon, 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Donna Tonn, 388 Giesler Rd., Montesano, WA 98563. **Ph:** (360) 249-6290. **Sec'y:** Frances Jonason, PO Box 205, Cosmopolis, WA 98537. **Ph:** (360) 533-6232

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Sandra Moon, PP, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Carol Hare, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029

HUNTERS I.O.O.F. LODGE #216

Meets At: Hunters IOOF Lodge, 4945 Hwy. 25, Hunters, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dan Cox, PO Box 156, Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 722-3270. **Sec'y:** Mick Schwartz, PO Box 133, Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 722-3382

ILWACO I.O.O.F. LODGE #118

Meets At: 106th & 1st St., Ilwaco. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm. **NG:** Brenda Molsby, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. **Ph:** (360) 642-4510. **Sec'y:** Fred Molsby, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. **Ph:** (360) 642-4510

KAPOWSIN REBEKAH LODGE #241

Meets At: Elk Plain Grange, 21817 Mountain. Hwy. E., (Hwy. 7) Spanaway. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Lorraine Kramer, 8915 - 107th St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Sec'y:** Lena Swetz, 199 Canyon Rd., Silvercreek, WA 98585. **Ph:** (360) 983-3105

LORRAINE REBEKAH LODGE #289

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Genie Coston, 2312 S. 128th St, Burien, WA 98168. **Ph:** (206) 550-7818. **Sec'y:** Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. **Ph:** (253) 631-5503

MONTEROSE REBEKAH LODGE #46

Meets At: 150 E. 2nd St., Toledo. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Bonnie Hadaler, 397 Cinebar Rd., Cinebar, WA 98533. **Ph:** (360) 520-1355. **Sec'y:** Kay Pratt, PO Box 267, Toledo, WA 98591. **Ph:** (360) 864-4299

MONROE I.O.O.F. LODGE #156

Meets At: 610 So. Lewis, Monroe, WA 98272. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Carol Manni, 21730 Old Owen Rd, Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-1197. **Sec'y:** Aloha Zurluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-8338

MYSTIC REBEKAH LODGE #168

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ettamay Strang, 5798 Eells NW, Bremerton, WA 98311. **Ph:** (360) 479-1261. **Sec'y:** Florence Cowdery, 1052 SE Deep Lake Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98367-7531. **Ph:** (360) 876-1819

NARCISSA REBEKAH LODGE #2

Meets At: Washington Odd Fellows Home, 534 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 2 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Rose Ringhoffer, 1853 Rustic Pl, Walla Walla, WA 99362. **Ph:** (509) 525-1768. **Sec'y:** Shirley Ruble, 30 S. Clinton St., #7202, Walla Walla, WA 98362. **Ph:** (509) 525-4015

OLYMPIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #1

Meets At: 405 Columbia St. NW, Olympia. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. **Ph:** (360) 705-1966. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, 8703 Dolly Madison St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Ph:** (253) 983-7619

OAK I.O.O.F. LODGE #291

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Mon., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alyce A. Lane, PO Box 985, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 279-1412. **Sec'y:** Sandy Larsen, PO Box 245, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 720-6931

OAK LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #254

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathy Reed, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Sec'y:** Mary Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 632-9231

PILGRIM I.O.O.F. LODGE #187

Meets At: 234 Olympic Blvd., Everett, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug & the 4th Thursdays in Nov. & Dec. **NG:** Anna Miller, 1115 Rainier Ave., #212, Everett, WA 98201-5416. **Ph:** (425) 252-7458. **Sec'y:** Bill Wade, 63631 NE 194th Pl. RR 1, Gold Bar, WA 98251-9493. **Ph:** (360) 677-2221

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: Silver Creek Ethel Grange, 1624 U.S. Hwy. 12, Onalaska. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 273-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531 **Ph:** (360) 736-6717

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. **Ph:** (360) 561-2237. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014

SALMON BAY REBEKAH LODGE #217

Meets At: 1706 NW Market St., Seattle (Ballard). **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs, 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Regina Thomas, 206 NW 40th St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 370-1531. **Sec'y:** Betty Young, 26501 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. **Ph:** (253) 631-5503

SKOOKUMCHUCK IOOF LODGE #129

Meets At: 202 S. Main, Bucoda. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fri., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Kelly Hughes. PO Box 182, Bucoda, WA 98530-0182. **Ph:** (360) 402-1684. **Sec'y:** Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 402-1600

SO. TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Rebecca Burk, 6104 Knoble Rd. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (253) 847-7105. **Sec'y:** Carol Robertson, PNG, 1803 - 139th St. Ct. E, Sp. 172, Tacoma, WA 98445-6096. **Ph:** (253) 472-0081

SO. TACOMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #211

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98406. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Brandon Marek, 28215 - 13th Ave. E., Roy, WA 98580. **Ph:** (253) 222-6029. **Sec'y:** Duard Fyffe, 4501 S. 'J' St., Tacoma, WA 98418. **Ph:** (253) 476-3537

SUNRISE REBEKAH LODGE #189

Meets At: Above Hunters Store, Hunters, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Nadine Johnston, PO Box 63, Hunters, WA 99109. **Ph:** (509) 722-4745. **Sec'y:** Jean Hartill, 2114 Hwy. 395 S., Chewelah, WA 99109. **Ph:** (509) 935-0564

SILVIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #38

Meets At: 118 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues, 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Dave Delony, 8703 Dolly Madison St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Ph:** (253) 983-7619. **Sec'y:** Brian Brewer, 905 E. Beacon Ave., Montesano, WA 98563. **Ph:** (360) 249-5711

SYLVAN GLEN REBEKAH LODGE #184

Meets At: 416 1st St., Pe Ell, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Carolyn E. Turner, PO Box 35, Pe Ell, WA 98572. **Ph:** (360) 291-2502. **Sec'y:** Leona Treznoski, PO Box 124, Pe Ell, WA 98572. **Ph:** (360) 291-3709

TITUSVILLE I.O.O.F. LODGE #34

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Barbara J. Reitan, PO Box 337, Kent, WA 98035-0337. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254. **Sec'y:** Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PO Box 337, Kent, WA 98035-0337. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360-262-3186. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 S. R 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629

VANCOUVER I.O.O.F. LODGE #3

Meets At: Barberton Grange #571, 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Hill, 6609 NE 52nd St., Vancouver, WA 98661-9603 **Ph:** (360) 694-3095. **Sec'y:** Jessica Moore, 2833 SE 2nd Ave., Camas, WA 98607. **Ph:** (360) 624-5291.

WARREN REBEKAH LODGE #308

Meets At: 220 1st E., Roy. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Mon., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Deb Gulley, PO Box 1071, Roy, WA 98580. **Ph:** (253) 843-1502. **Sec'y:** Marlene Lentz, 5928 S. 280th St., Roy, WA 98580. **Ph:** (253) 843-2319

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Meets At: 888 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Cecil Tackett, 3777 Addy St., #7, Washougal, WA 98671. **Ph:** (360) 210-7682. **Sec'y:** Joyce Gilson, 1849 NW 27th Ave., Camas, WA 98607. **Ph:** (360) 844-5495

YAKIMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #22

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut, Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Jim Boyd, Jr., 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093

YELM REBEKAH LODGE #296

Meets At: 206 - 3rd St. SE, Yelm, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 1:00 pm. **Recess:** June, July. **NG:** Jennie Cole, 1841 Trospen Rd. SW, #7, Tumwater, WA 98512. **Ph:** (360) 352-5199. **Sec'y:** Nancy Huddleston, 14129 - 93rd Ave. SE, Yelm, WA 98597. **Ph:** (360) 458-2361

From the desk of your Grand Chaplain

Odd Fellow Funeral Ritual. . .

from their lodge this rite. The case would be different, if in the situation the member was a current Grand Lodge officer, then the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain would lead the ceremony in their place. Also, in the circumstance that their home Odd Fellow Lodge was unable to fulfill the request, the responsibility would then be passed onto our other bodies such as the Encampment or Rebekahs, if the person was a member in good standing within those concordant bodies.



EXAMPLE 1



EXAMPLE 2

Preparation as a lodge to fulfill this vow is essential. Special regalia must be prepared and worn at the ceremony of lying to rest the earthly remains of our beloved member. In addition to the officers, all members are able to participate and say their final goodbyes to our Brother or Sister.

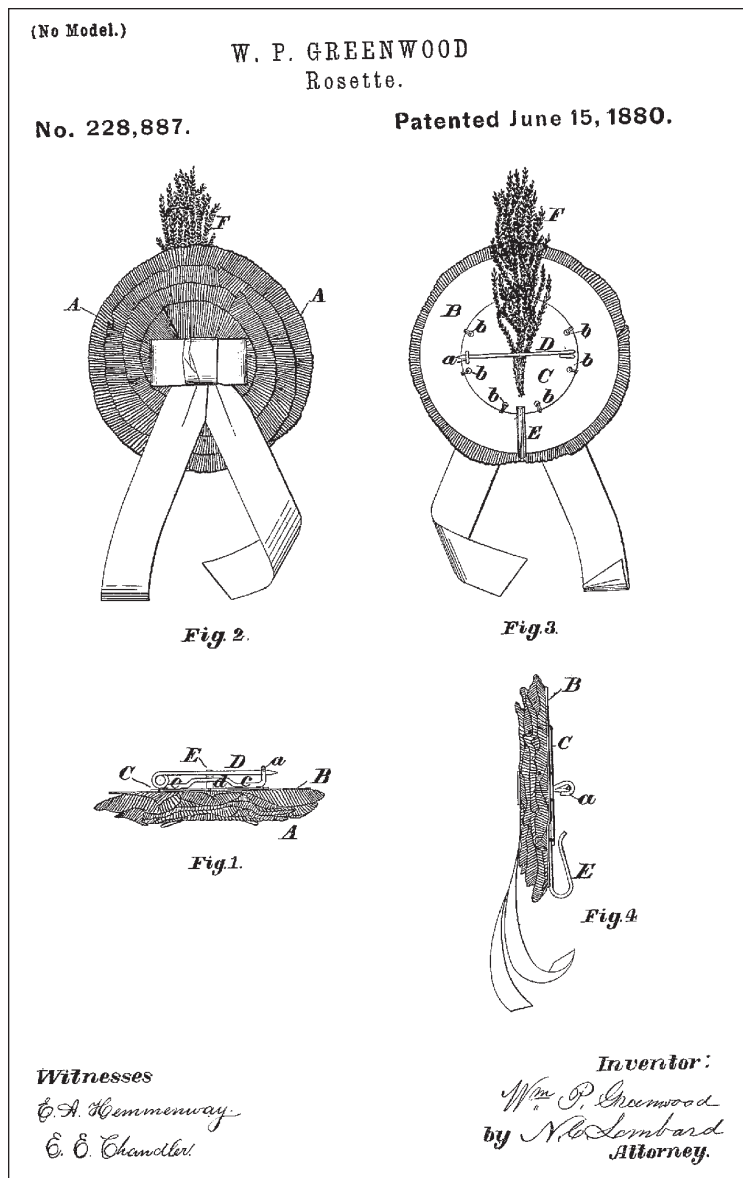
The sign of mourning for an Odd Fellow can be shown in two ways. The first is that of a black crepe rosette, having in the center the color of the wearer's highest degree attained. This is worn on the left breast over the heart, in the center should be placed a sprig of evergreen. (See examples 1 and 2.)

WHY THE EVERGREEN?

Many people have researched this symbol and some speculate that it comes from certain references in the Bible. The evergreen also has been a timeless symbol in many of the world's religious traditions.

Symbolically, that even with the onset of winter, it is a tree that does not lose or shed its foliage. Also seen in the evanescent nature of the flower which "cometh forth and is cut down" reminds us of the transitory nature of human life, so the perpetual renovation of the evergreen plant, which uninterruptedly presents the appearance of youth and vigor, is aptly compared to that spiritual life in which the soul, freed from the corruptible companionship of the body, shall enjoy an eternal spring and an immortal youth.

The second funeral regalia are what were considered the standard Victorian style mourning badge, which consists of a single strip of black crepe on a ribbon or a thin ribbon passed through the left button hole of the mem-



ber's suite jacket, tied again with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree that the wearer has advanced. This degree ranking is important for the funeral lineup used in public processions before and after the funeral.

Additionally, officers' staffs and implements of office are bound with a black crepe and the Marshal and Chaplain wear special colored scarfs of black and white.

WHERE CAN THIS CEREMONY BE CONDUCTED?

It is important to open our halls for all ceremonies of life for our members. In the past, Odd Fellow Halls were one of the first buildings built in each town and also served multiple purposes such as for funerals, weddings, etc. Our funeral ceremony can be conducted in our hall as a wake, funeral, or a simple celebration of life ceremony. It may also be done at any funeral home, graveside, or even, as in the past, at the home of the member

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GERALDINE TAYLOR
60 Year Member



MILDRED HARVEY
25 Year Member



KAREN LECHNER KELLY AND HER BROTHER DON LECHNER
30 Year Member

Odd Fellow Funeral Ritual

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depending on their personal faith practice. Our funeral ceremonies can even be held in a house of worship (church), but it should always take place after the main religious ceremony and be approved and coordinated with the religious officiate. Odd Fellowship is not a substitute for religious practice or belief, but a supporter of it.

FUTURE

Going into the future, reviving our age-old traditions of Friendship, Love and Truth, let us reinstate these traditions as well, exemplifying our principles, repaying but a small fraction of the love and brotherhood that we have received from our Brothers and Sisters. I encourage all members that if this is important for you, please add it to your last will and testament. Let your family members and children know your wishes, and pass Odd Fellowship on to future generations. I am happy to help anyone interested in learning or studying this ritual as your Grand Chaplain. Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 has formed a committee to handle and study ritual, including the funeral ceremony. I hope you will make it an order of business to form a team and educate each of your current and upcoming Noble Grands and Vice Grands. It is my deep hope that after reading this article your lodges' next order of business will be to organize and compile a team, including the collecting and organizing of all funeral regalia, prepared if we are but honored to be called to perform this important rite.

I will be discussing in upcoming articles other memorial ceremonies and events that we have in our wonderful tradition to honor our members. If you are interested in joining the Ballard-Alki #170 committee, please contact me and I will give you details as to our meeting times and place.

Fraternally,
Kanjin Cederman Shonin, Grand Chaplain
nichi761@hotmail.com

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Here in Walla Walla we recently had a taste of winter. It was cold with a "wintry mix" that certainly made driving adventuresome. We are enjoying warmer weather now.

Majorie Saranto received her 80-year jewel at our recent Homecoming Dinner. Also receiving jewels were Geraldine Taylor, 60 years; Mildred Harvey, 25 years; and Karen Lechner Kelly, 30 years. Karen was presented with her jewel by Brother Don Lechner. Congratulations to the recipients.

Throughout the years it has been our pleasure and privilege to present two scholarships totaling \$750 to nursing students at Walla Walla Community College. This year the response from the students was so heartwarming and their need so great that we decided to give them each an additional gift to make their Christmas a little merrier. We could not have done this without the generosity of our members and the great response from our recent "no bake sale." Thanks again to everyone!

This is the time of year when we are getting ready to install new officers and plan their reception. Our officers for the coming year are: Noble Grand Patty Newell, Vice Grand Jeanne Elder, Recording Secretary Barbara Tvrz, Financial Secretary Sharon Sousa, and Treasurer Marthann Hall. We wish them all the best.

As we look back on the holidays and forward to the New Year, it is our wish that our order have a happy and productive year. Let's make 2015 a good year.

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

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

The girls from Omega were not able to make it up last month, but our own club still had the swim party, followed by dinner and Christmas movies at our Advisor's house. At our meeting after we finished the cards and we each made a decorated a tree magnet. We had gingerbread men and candy canes filled with M&Ms. Every year our advisor gives us an ornament for our tree and this year we each got a snowflake.

We will be electing our new officers at our first meeting in January and are planning our Installation of Officers for Saturday, January 31. We will serve lunch at noon, followed by the Installation Ceremony. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to queenche2000@frontier.com by Saturday, January 24 so we know how much food to prepare.

We are hoping some of the girls from the other clubs will be able to attend.

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

On Orcas Island

Mt. Constitution IOOF #88

We have a thriving lodge on Orcas Island, 100 miles north of Seattle. We have fantastic weekly meetings that concentrate on community service, camaraderie, inner works, and making sure that each meeting runs smoothly and that our members speak respectfully for the good of the order and listen while softening the need to be right and have things go a certain way.

The communication is excellent and the brotherhood is close. We help each other in so many ways: with projects, helping grow food or with building projects, and burying each other with dignity when the time comes. We participate in our local parade with a lot of zest and enthusiasm. We deliver firewood to people in need. We help people move who can't afford to hire help. The community knows us well and loves the spirit that we offer.

We have a thriving building where people have weddings, dances, community classes and gatherings of all kinds. We are here to do what we can to elevate the character of human kind.

We are happy to reach out to any lodge to share what is working, why we're not just surviving, but thriving. Reach out to us and send out our communication to lodges that are also thriving and those that are struggling with meaning and fun.

*In F, L. & T., Didier Gincig, Orcas Island,
Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88*



Members of Acorn Theta Rho #179 share some of the cards they made for the nursing home. Pictured are Allison Stewart, Angelique Robin, Cassie Flitcroft, Lucy Crouch and Cassie Pierce.

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

The ladies of Trinity are busy wrapping thing up for the year of 2014. I am thinking, "Where did the time go?"

Our Fall Bazaar was just okay. It could have been better.

We are now make preparations for the holidays. At our December 11 meeting, we put together 20 baskets for the shut-ins. I enjoy passing these out as much as they like having us.

We draped our Charter for our dear Sister and Past President of the Rebekah Assembly Linda Dodge. I did not know she was in the Army and served in Korea. She did all this and still had time for the Rebekahs. We will miss her.

Hubby Jim and I attended the Santa Parade in Napavine on Saturday, October 6. It was most fun and interesting. Not only did we see Santa, but big celebrities such as the Napavine High School football team in uniform. It was thrilling.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our Installation of Officers in January. We hope you had a merry Christmas.

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

From your 2014-15 Grand Matriarch

From your 2014-15 Grand Patriarch



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LET'S BE POSITIVE

Greeting!

I hope the holidays were enjoyed by all of you. Even the smallest gesture can mean so much to a person.

Like many people who start the New Year with great ideas of making changes in their lives, why not think about gratitude? Put the positive in your life and in your meetings.

In Faith, Hope & Charity
Peg Ogilvie, Grand Matriarch

In Toledo

Monterose Rebekahs #46

The Sisters of Monterose are hanging in there. The cold and flu bug has taken a toll on some of our members. Laura Lee and Sandy Holderman have been ill and could not come to the meetings. They are home recuperating.

We were hoping they would be well enough to attend our Christmas dinner on December 18. This year we held it in Vader at the Little Crane Restaurant. There was a gift exchange and a friendly holiday party. All Rebekah Sisters were invited.

We are mourning the loss of Jessie Steele who was a member of Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge. She was the Musician and played for our District #18 meetings. I will miss her melody of songs.

Our election of officers for 2015 was held and the following were elected: Noble Grand Cookie Music, Vice Grand Evelyn Woody, Secretary Kay Pratt, and Treasurer Laura Lee Bowen. We plan to have a good year.

Our outgoing Noble Grand, Bonnie Hadaler, is ready to step down. She has done so much for the Rebekahs and now it is time to give her a rest. She still plans to be involved and help us out.

We are looking forward to our Installation of Officers in January. See you all then. We hope it doesn't snow.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great time with their family and friends over Christmas.



JOHN
OTTERSTROM

2015 *will* be a good year for all Encampments and Auxiliaries, as well as the other units of our great Order. If each member brings in one new member to any branch of our Order, that would be awesome

On December 6-, we had a great turnout for the Seattle Jams Basketball Tournament. Several members of the Order turned out to help our Grand Master and the Grand finance did an amazing job!

Congratulations to all Odd Fellow who are being installed in to the offices at your lodges for the current year

Have a great January, everyone

In Faith, Hope & Charity
John Otterstrom, Grand Patriarch

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 & Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144

We would like to invite all members to come to Bucoda on Friday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. for our Installation of Officers. We sold our building to the Town of Bucoda and they have done a beautiful job of refurbishing it to a usable state. So for the first time in more than 30 years we are able to hold the Installation of Officers in our former lodge room.

Like many lodges, we are in the "rebuilding" phase, and we want to invite the public as well as all members past and present. Our lodge fell on hard times and our building was in such disrepair that only one small corner of the building was usable — and our membership was at a dangerously low level. Well, we have a few great members who have joined as Associates and we are showing signs of life again.

Please come celebrate with us, we look forward to seeing you there.

— *In F., L. & T.,*
Kelly Hughes, NG

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The Best In 2015*

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Signed:

C. Allan Reitan,
Grand Master

Margaret Truttmann,
President

Attest:

Harry W. Coulter,
Grand Secretary

Attest:

Marcia Presley,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

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Ocean Beach Rebekahs

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Assembly this year at either our lodge or our recent District #8 meeting. One might ask, “Does anyone else care?” Our recruiting efforts have been fruitless for sometime now.

As I look through both Washington’s and Oregon’s newspapers and I see the overwhelming number of photos of elderly members on the pages, it has become so apparent that we are becoming a lodge for the elderly. It seems that only young members who do join the Order do so for recreation facilities that are available to them. Unfortunately young folks in our area need to hold down more than one job to survive, so they don’t have time to recreate or attend lodge — and the other elderly here are just not interested in fraternal organizations.

My health, as well as the health of others in our lodge, is failing. I am struggling with glaucoma and I have to drive more than four hours round trip to see my eye doctor. Washington Grand Lodge Sessions the past few years would require me to drive one way for about five to seven hours. That doesn’t work for me any longer. It was nice when the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly met in Kelso. That was just about an hour each way.

I’m sad.

*To every thing there is a season,
 And a time to every purpose under the Heaven:
 A time to be born, and a time to die. . .
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 A time to mourn, and a time to dance.*

— *Ecclesiastes3:1-2*

We of Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 have had all of those times and now, as I said before, “Turn out the lights, the party’s over.”

— *In F, L. & T., Robert Jacobson, Noble Grand*