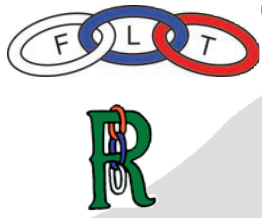


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*Happy
Valentine's
Day!*

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A grand Installation in Olympia

On hand for the Installation of Officers on January 17 in Olympia are, front row from left, Diane Devoe, Cathy Garcia, Peg Ogilvie, Tammy Donahue, Bob Vick, Joe Picanco, Kathi Picanco and Don Hepp. In the middle row are, from left,

Earlene Carlson, Frank Wilson, Barb Haskell, Patty Smith and Nancy Tower. In the back row, from left, are Joanne Balmert, Laurel Delony, Dave Delony, Lee Moncrief, Don Coulter and Scott Cowan. See story on back page.

You're all invited to Spunky's Installation

The Theta Rho Girls of Spunky Bluebirds #93 cordially invite you to attend their Installation of Officers on Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. The Installation will be held at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge at 5424 South Tacoma

Way in Tacoma.

We do hope you will join us. We promise it will be "spunky" day filled with fun and fellowship. Having you there would make extra special for us. We hope to see you.

From the desk of your Grand Master

TIME TO GET TO WORK

Last month was fun and I enjoyed visiting various lodges for their public installation ceremonies. It is one of the fun things that I looked forward to during my term as Grand Master. It gave me a time to travel with my working partner, Maggie, and the other officers on the teams. But it also gave me a chance to observe the fun projects that the local lodges have completed, and what they expect to do in the coming year.



C. ALLAN
REITAN

On that note a reminder that we will soon be having the Basketball Tournament that the Grand Bodies of Washington have chosen to sponsor this year. Please see the website SeattleAdaptiveSport.org for volunteer opportunities and schedule of events. The dates for the event will be Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8. I wish to thank the heads of the other Grand Bodies for their aide and support throughout the year.

THE STORY BEHIND

THE GRAND BODIES PROJECT

During visitations I have been asked, “How did you come up with this for a project?” I was even asked by one Brother, “How did you get affiliated with an organization for paralyzed people... you are an able-bodied person?” Well the first response to any of these questions is, “D.B.!” — which was the exact reason that I gave Seattle Adaptive Sports (SAS) back eight years ago when I assumed a seat on their Board of Directors.

“D.B.” was an old classmate of mine in junior high school and high school. Curtis “Daniel” Briley, known to many of us as “D.B.,” was a young vibrant boy just like anyone else who liked playing sports with us. However, “D.B.” was a little different because at the age of 12, “D.B.” was on a hunting trip with his father when his shotgun breech exploded and deformed two of his finger on his right hand, and maimed his right leg. Doctors amputated his leg, and were able to reconstruct parts of it just below his knee. “D.B.” spends the remainder of his life with a leg brace. Keep in mind this is back in the 1980s, so it is a large leather brace with metal rods with a prosthetic shoe attached to it. Today he would probably be wearing one of these new composite, high-tech, form fitting prosthetics we see more frequently.

Most people would think that “D.B.” had an unfortunate occurrence and his life would be finished, but for “D.B.” the story doesn’t end there. He was a baseball pitcher in junior high, and a very good one. He even played basketball and was good enough to make the

sophomore team when I watched a few of my friends get cut.

“D.B.’s” story does not end there. What everyone actually knew “D.B.” for throughout school was being a trombone player in the jazz band. He was an award-winning trombone player who played for the Bellevue Junior Symphony. “D.B.” didn’t let life slow him down, he just had to experience it in a different way by having a leg amputated. His experiences have had a great impact on my expectations of people.

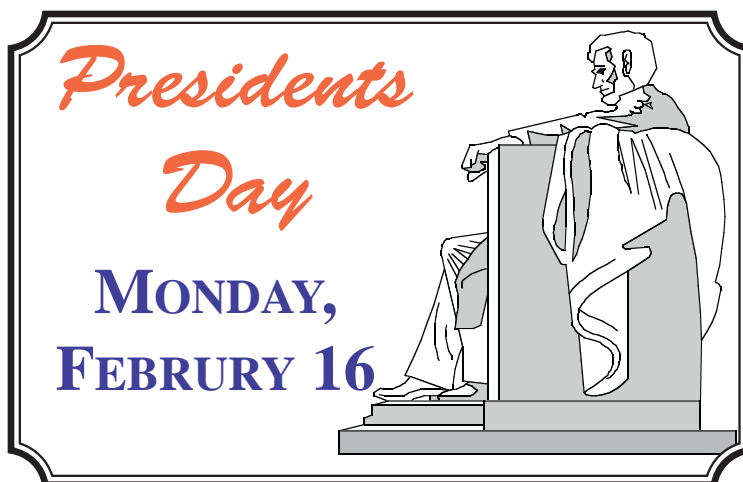
Fast forward to present day. I have had co-workers who have volunteered to work at a SAS event see firsthand the joy and happiness that these athletes experience. The social and educational opportunities that are afforded to these para-athletes have been medically shown to reduce stress hormones, improve cognitive functions, and reduce the over cost of their medical treatments by 40 per cent. The following Monday when we are back in the office, a co-worker or peer will ask me why choose to work with para-athletes.

The answer is simple, para-athletes take nothing for granted and they work together as a team. In fact, I have observed many of these athletes display their:

- — *Best Work* — Some even are recognized honors students in their respective classroom.
- — *Modest Pride* — All of these athletes came from humble beginnings, and some are now competing for spots on the US Olympic National Team.
- — *Earnest Faith* — Some of these athletes have turned to spirituality to carry them through a week, a day, or even the next hour.
- — *Deepest Loyalty* — The athletes who are injured veterans show a heart character that I have seen unmatched in others.

Let me ask you something that I ask my other peers who volunteer that these events, “Who wants it more?”

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



From the desk of your Grand Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the officers who have assumed their duties following their installations. I commend those officers who are returning to the same position for



HARRY W. "BILL" COULTER

your dedication and loyalty to the work of our Order. As reminder to small lodges that may have difficulty filling their elected positions, the combination of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary as one office is authorized. However the combination either the Secretarial officer with the office of Treasurer is not approved.

STAYING CONNECTED AND ENGAGED

The Grand Lodge of Washington has, and maintains, a terrific website. The Website Committee makes additions and edits it regularly as they receive the information. The Website Committee needs your help in keeping the information complete and up to date. Should you be a Noble Grand, Secretary or on a committee, please check out your information. If you find anything is incorrect or was omitted, send to the Webmaster at: **webmaster@ioofwa.org** to provide the information needed to correct the website.

The Website Committee can only continue to maintain a terrific website with your help by you providing the committee with the correct information.

This office mailed out the Information Release Form for the Website. Should you be a lodge officer and on a committee, you need to fill out and sign a copy as a

lodge officer and another one as a committee member. The website committee can include only that information you allow them to, so please review the form and include only that you wish to appear on the website.

MEMBERSHIP

In August of 2014 this office sent out to each lodge the Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership list. I would like to commend those lodges for making corrections to that list and returning to this office in a timely manner. To those lodges that have not completed the list, please do so and get it sent into this office.

Sovereign Grand Lodge will continue sending these rosters out each year, trying to get a complete and accurate report of membership.

The Jurisdiction of Washington is continuing to gain new and reinstated members. We need to report these members to Sovereign Grand Lodge as soon as the new member has received the Initiatory Degree or is reinstated. Please send this office the information. Please remember to include the members birth date and date of initiation.

GENERAL INTEREST

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

To those odd numbered lodges, you should have elected your two-year Representative and Alternate Representative. Please send in your Representative Certificates to this office. Our Grand Master uses this list for his selection of committee members and making appointment for the 2015 Grand Lodge Sessions.

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

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GROUND HOG DAY

Monday, February 2



From the desk of the Assembly President

A GREAT YEAR AHEAD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

January was a busy month with installation of new officers. I would like to congratulate the new officers and wish them and their lodges a great new lodge year.



MARGARET TRUTTMANN

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

As we continue in the New Year, February arrives filled with lots of love, flowers, hearts and candy. I wish each of you a happy Valentine's Day and a thank you for all you do for the Order. This might be a good time to surprise a special friend or member of your lodge with a card, note or special treat. Consider making homemade

cards and recognizing members for their contributions to the lodge or the community. How about remembering your family members who support your work in our Order?

ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

The months are moving quickly to the time of Assembly. Order forms and information on the Assembly dress will be sent out shortly. Any member is welcome to

purchase the Assembly dress. If you would like the ordering information and do not receive one, please let me know.

As a reminder, your Assembly officers are willing to attend regular lodge meetings, special events of your lodge or District Meetings, but it is important that they receive information regarding the date, time and place of the event. I will be scheduling my next visitations and hope to be able to visit all the lodges.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

- **Wednesday, January 28** — Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184, Pe Ell
- **Monday, February 2** — Yelm Rebekah Lodge #296
- **Tuesday, February 10** — Eola Rebekah Lodge #63, Buckley
- **Thursday, February 26** — Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144
- **Thursday, March 5** — Longview Rebekah Lodge #305

In closing, I would like to share a quote by Willa Cather: *"Where there is great love, there are always miracles."* May each one of you enjoy a year of love and miracles.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Margaret Truttmann, President.
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

Mother Nature has been playing with us the last few weeks. Here in Walla Walla we've had bone-chilling cold one day and unseasonable warming the next. We just expect the unexpected!

We had a fun Christmas party in December. Everyone brought finger foods and we had a great afternoon eating treats and playing Cootie. The big winner was Helen

Wilson who won eight games. Our lodge took Christmas cards and gifts to our members living in the Home. They enjoyed the cards and visits.

Sadly we had to say farewell to three of our Sisters in 2014. We lost Sisters Judy Zoner, Zoma Givens and Esther Duff. They will be missed by all of us.

Our installation of officers was on January 17. Our officers for 2915 are: Noble Grand Patty Newell, Vice Grand Jeanne Elder, Recording Secretary Barbara Tvrz, Financial Secretary Sharon Sousa, and Treasurer Marthanne Hall. Installing Officer was Barbara Lechner. She was assisted by Rose Ringhoffer. A reception followed to welcome the new officers. Our best wishes go to these officers in the new year!

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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

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*Best Of Luck To
All New Officers!*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The first month of 2015 has come and gone. Your Lodge Officers have been installed and you are ready to start on a new year. I hope that the winter weather ends soon and the sun will warm us up a little.



MARCIA
PRESLEY

ANNUAL REPORTS

I thank all of the Lodges for getting their Annual Reports to me before the deadline date and that they were filled out correctly. I have received a few calls with questions about the Annual Reports and I thank you for calling me before you mail your reports, as it is easier to make the corrections on these reports as you fill them out then after they are sent to me with mistakes on them. I am here to answer any questions you may have and if I don't have an answer for you, I will find someone that does know the answer.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION MONTH

February is Education Foundation Month for both the SGL/IARA Education Foundation Program and our own L.J. Jones Scholarship Foundation for our Jurisdiction. Both of these projects are a wonderful way to allow some of our young people to obtain a higher education and have some help financially to do so. There are some requirements to apply for these scholarships and if you have any questions, call me and I will help you get to the right person from these committees to answer your questions.

CONSOLIDATION VS SURRENDER

Over the last few years, I am sorry to say we have had some Rebekah Lodges either consolidate or surrender

their charters. There are full instructions in our Constitution, located in our charge book, pages 68-69-70 for Consolidation and pages 70-71 for Surrender of Charter. Be sure that you follow these instructions and do them in their correct order. I know that the Assembly would rather see your Lodge consolidate rather than surrender your charters. In a consolidation, you are still an member of an active lodge, where as when you surrender your charter, you become a member on the State Lodge, which is not an active lodge.

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

The month of February is full of numerous holidays. February 2 is Ground Hog Day. Let's hope it's a cloudy day so our winter will end six weeks earlier. We celebrate the birthdays of two of our Presidents, Washington and Lincoln, on Presidents' Day. On Valentine's Day, we honor those we love, and Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Take a few minutes in your meeting and do a poem, a reading or something to celebrate these dates.

BUILD A BRIDGE

Build a bridge with kindness and love,

Widen the path to kin.

Keep connected to all you know,

Stroll with old friends again.

Build a bridge of fellowship strong,

Let nothing come between.

To block the path or take it down,

A love built bridge so keen.

Keep the bridge in good repair,

Speak kindness at all times.

You will not have any regrets,

All kin and friends sublime.

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,

In Friendship, Love and Truth

Marcia Presley, Past President, Secretary

Hello from Yelm Rebekah Lodge #296

Yelm's new officers were installed on January 5. New officers for 2015 are: NG Carol Moline, VG Claudia Pena, Sec. Marlene Lenz, and Treas. Deb Gulley.

Thanks so much to Sister Carol Robertson and Clarice Roberts for their assistance. We welcomed Sister Cathy Garcia as a guest. A variety of good food was served for lunch.

We had a very successful bake and basket sale in December at Jim Bob's Chuck Wagon Restaurant in McKenna. They are very generous to support the Rebekahs in any way they can.

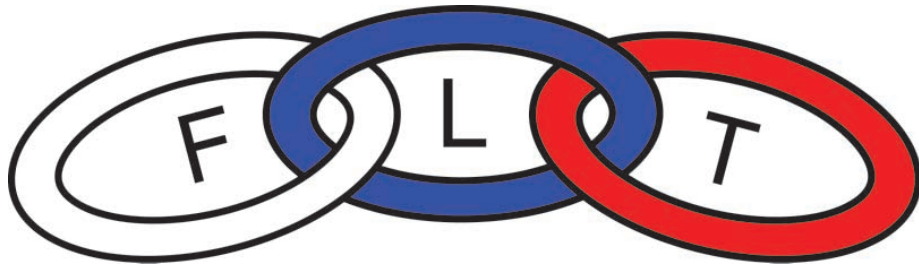
We have a new member, Carmen Snyder. She brings new ideas and her homemade baked goods are very tasty.

Noble Grand Carol has her year planned and we all look forward to fellowship, food and fun.

Sister Marlene Lenz and I enjoy reading the newspaper from front to back and we have not seen anything from Florence Reith's lodge. Sister Ruth was a Rebekah for at least 20 years, starting as a member of Warren #308. Sister Florence was an Associate Member in Kapowsin #241. She was a PNG and a member of the Drill Team and also served as Representative for Warren. Sister Florence shared with us her projects she participated in for her lodge. Her husband, Art, also was very supportive of her Rebekah activities.

See Yelm Rebekah Lodge on Page 8

~ 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 p.m. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Tom Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Florence 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:** Kiane Keener, 440 Main Ave. S., #209, North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347. **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

GOLDEN RULE I.O.O.F. LODGE #207

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Phill McDaniel, PO Box 520, Salkum, WA 98582. **Cell Ph:** (360) 880-1111, **Home Ph:** (360) 985-2828. **Sec'y:** Tom Epling, 120 Devereese Rd. W., Chehalis, WA 98532. **Cell Ph:** (360) 219-5582, **Home Ph:** (360) 748-8365

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 Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-8338

MT. CONSTITUTION I.O.O.F. LODGE #88

Meets At: 112 Haven Rd., East Sound, WA. **Time:** Every Wednesday., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Robin Kucklick, 394 Buckhorn, East Sound, WA 98245. **Ph:** (360) 376-2501. **Sec'y:** John Olson, PO Box 1574, East Sound, WA 98245. **Ph:** (360) 376-8007

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) 219-7929

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:** Stormy Sager, 1053 8th Ct., Washougal, WA 98671. **Ph:** (360) 600-3337. **Sec'y:** Tari Romo, 7001 NE 206 Circle, Battle Ground, WA 98604. **Ph:** (360) 260-2310.

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:** Carol Moline, PO Box 253, Roy, WA 98580. **Ph:** (253) 843-3154. **Sec'y:** Marlene Lenz, 5928 S. 280th, Roy, WA 98580. **Ph:** (253) 843-2319.

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For the past few months, Sister Florence was hospitalized and later was admitted to a critical care center. In the midst of writing this article, Sister Marlene received a phone call informing us of her passing. She was loved by family, friends and her Rebekah Sisters.

We know that she is doing great things and for sure laughing and enjoying everyone around her in her heavenly home. May God bless you, Florence.

*In F., L. & T.,
Sisters Marlene Lenz and Deb Gulley*



Polar Bear Plunge

Doug Eklund braved the cold waters of Puget Sound as members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 rang in the New Year in style. After a hearty breakfast cooked by Dave Delony and Joe Picanco, Doug led the brave-of-heart in a "Polar Bear Plunge." Brrrr!!

Brother Edwin F. Balmert, Jr.

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Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1

Brother Ed's family would like to extend a special thank you to all the Brothers and Sister of Odd Fellowship for their kindness and understanding through Ed's struggles with Alzheimer's and cancer. You will never know how much we appreciate all of you. You truly practiced what Odd Fellowship preaches. Thank you!

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Elnora Winterstein**, PNG, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **JoAnn Darland**, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Kris Watters**, 16 year member, Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75.
- **Florence Reith**, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Napavine.



From your 2014-15 Theta Rho President

SORRY ABOUT LAST MONTH

Dear Girls,



OLIVIA THRAILKILL

Hello everybody! I am deeply sorry about there being no article last month. With the holidays and finals, the date just slipped by, but that is no good excuse.

All the clubs should have gotten their letters with their assignments for Assembly and the Ritualistic Contest by now.

I also want to congratulate all of the new officers of every Branch of our Order! Well done!

I hope everyone as a good Valentine's Day and a good month!

*In Happiness Through Service
And in F., L. & T.,*

Olivia Thrailkill, Theta Rho Assembly President

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We want to thank those who came to the Installation for Acorn and Omega. We were happy to have Theta Rho Assembly President Olivia do the installation. Having it together was fun. After the installation we all went swimming before the girls from Omega went home.

Our new elective officers are: President Cassie Flitcroft, Vice President Lucy Crouch and Secretary Allison Stewart.

We will be making Valentines for the nursing home at our first meeting in February and sending Valentines to our two pen pals.

We have another prospective member and hope we will have initiated her by the time this newspaper comes out. We are working hard on building up our membership.

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

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14 had a Dinner Installation with the Pasco Odd Fellows. Chelsea Ratliff was installed as President, Destiny Davies as Vice President, Lilly Gridley as Secretary, Katelynd Ratliff as Chaplain, Magin Moore as Conductor, Shelah Rowe as Warden, Rebecca Rushing as Inside Guardian, and Charissa Ratliff as Right Supporter to the President. Advisor Sherry Pond was the Installing Officer and Assistant Advisor Sharleen Davies was the Installing Marshal. Wanda Faith was Installing Chaplain. Pasco Odd Fellows provided the dinner. A nice time was had by family and friends.

Pasco girls, along with their Spokane Sisters, went shopping to complete the "Soap for Hope" project and were able to donate 150 items. Also, they went shopping for food for the Union Gospel Mission.

We are sad to say our Christmas card project for "Returning Soldiers" wasn't too successful. We made the cards and sent them and so far we have gotten about half of them back. It was a good thought, but disappointing.

We attended the Spokane IOOF Christmas Party. It was a very happy time. We got to sit on Santa's lap and received a gift. The dinner was excellent.

We also, initiated a new member in December, Rebecca Rushing from Spokane. We had a get together and decorated our Advisor's tree.

We wish to thank all who helped make our Theta Rho Girls' Club a great club. Without the help of Pasco Odd Fellows, the lodges in Spokane, our parents, our friends and Advisors, we would not be here today. To all of our helpers, have a great year and stay safe.

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



Lucy Crouch played Scrabble with Bill when members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 visited the nursing home on Saturday, December 20.



In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds help at Des Moines event!!!

Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club in Tacoma started the New Year off by once again getting dressed up and attending the Des Moines Odd Fellows and Loraine Rebekah Lodges' Installation of Officers on January 4. The girls are always honored to be included in this celebration of another year of Odd Fellowship. They also enjoy getting back in their comfy clothes and lending their friends a hand with the clean up.

Our member and Theta Rho Assembly Vice President Faith Ghramm is headed for the United Nations! The generous members of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge and Ruth Rebekah Lodge have chosen Faith to be a delegate to this year's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. We are as excited as is Faith that she is being given such an amazing opportunity to learn first-hand about the United Nations, our country's history, and Odd Fellows history. Stay tuned for tales of Faith's fabulous adventures coming this summer.

*In Happiness Through Service
Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho*



Spunky Bluebird Faith Ghramm will be on this summer's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth tour. She is pictured with her parents, Charlie and Lisa Ghramm.



Helping out with clean-up duties following the Des Moines Installation of Officers are, from left, Faith Ghramm, Lauren Lozano, Julia Collier and Christina Dirks.



Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club helped with the Installation of Officers January 4 in Des Moines. From left are Lauren Lozano, Christina Dirks, Faith Ghramm and Julia Collier.



From your 2014-15 Grand Matriarch

I'M VERY CONCERNED

Greetings!



PEG
OGILVIE

This month I come to you with great concerns about the future of the Grand LEA. We have one Auxiliary that has given up its Charter, with others looking at how they can remain. I know you have heard that we need to reach out to our Rebekah Lodges for new members, but our Rebekah lodges have gone down in numbers, as well.

This is something which lays very heavy on my heart.

In Faith, Hope & Charity
Peg Ogilvie, Grand Matriarch

From your 2014-15 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great month of January with all the installations of officers for your home lodges. I was able to attend several in the Puget Sound area.



JOHN
OTTERSTROM

I do plan on visiting several Encampments, but with my work schedule I may only be able to give a two-week notice in advance in which I'll call the Chief Patriarch and/or Scribe.

Our joint project for Seattle Adaptive Sports will have a tournament on March 7 and 8. If you are in the area, come out and watch some great wheelchair basketball and help out. It is lots of fun

May everyone have a great February

In Faith, Hope & Charity
John Otterstrom, Grand Patriarch

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Mother Nature has been playing with us the last few weeks. Here in Walla Walla we've had bone-chilling cold one day and unseasonable warming the next. We just expect the unexpected!

We had a fun Christmas party in December. Everyone brought finger foods and we had a great afternoon eating treats and playing Cootie. The big winner was Helen Wilson who won eight games. Our lodge took Christmas cards and gifts to our members living in the Home. They enjoyed the cards and visits.

Sadly we had to say farewell to three of our Sisters in 2014. We lost Sisters Judy Zoner, Zoma Givens and Esther Duff. They will be missed by all of us.

Our installation of officers was on January 17. Our officers for 2915 are: Noble Grand Patty Newell, Vice Grand Jeanne Elder, Recording Secretary Barbara Tvrz, Financial Secretary Sharon Sousa, and Treasurer Marthanne Hall. Installing Officer was Barbara Lechner. She was assisted by Rose Ringhoffer. A reception followed to welcome the new officers. Our best wishes go to these officers in the new year!

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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

We share the sadness with Ocean Beach #313

Reading the last letter from Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 was just as sad as can be and it really touched our hearts. Everything Brother Robert Jacobson wrote about has affected so many of our lodges.

I think most of us try to keep our obligations and fulfill our commitments, hoping that next year will be better. Sadly, there comes a time when there is no more to be done. And yes, the tear drops fall and there is nothing left but silence. The last duty is to turn off the lights. After 87 years, the party is over.

When we had to surrender our Charter from Warren Rebekah Lodge #308, we felt so much the same things you folks at Ocean Beach experienced. But please be assured that we do care!

Bless you Brother Robert and our Rebekah Sisters. Be proud you have earned it and completed your duties.

In F., L. & T.
Sisters Marlene Lenz and Deb Gulley
Yelm Rebekah Lodge #296

*Happy Valentine's
Day To You All*

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Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

A GREAT INSTALLATION

Members of Olympia Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 were privileged to have Installing Teams from the Grand Lodge of Washington and the Rebekah Assembly of Washington conduct the Installation Ceremony of their officers on Saturday, January 17. They did a wonderful job we are very thankful for their participation.

After officers were installed, Walt Cook was presented with the Merit Award for his long-time service to the Odd Fellow Park on Johnson's Point. He is very much appreciated. Also honored were Mike and Scot Turner as they received Veteran Jewels for 30 years of continuous service to Olympia Lodge #1. Their mother, Mickey Turner (who is also a member of Ruth # 17), presented them with their Jewels. Mike received the jewel that had been worn by their father, Herb Turner.

Prior to the Installation Ceremony, Ruth Rebekah Lodge, led by Kathi Picanco, served a wonderful lunch. Thank you Kathi for all your continued hard work at keeping us well fed.

We were honored to have a presentation of this year's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth trip from Andrew Knox and Mehr Nallamalli, the two students we sponsored for this opportunity in 2014. They did a great job and gave some practical advice to next year's students

who were also present. In 2015, Olympia will be sponsoring Surabhi Mundada, Felicia Lozinski and Faith Ghramm on this exciting and educational opportunity. Faith is the Vice President of the Theta Rho Girls' Club Assembly for the Jurisdiction of Washington. Have a great trip girls. We look forward to your presentation when you return.

With Noble Grand Bob Vick of Olympia #1 and Joe Picanco of Ruth #17 and their officers in place, winter is winding down. We continue to be busy with ongoing projects and are looking at new involvements to come. We are still collecting socks for the Little Red School House, and are also collecting pillow cases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. This is in conjunction with the South Tacoma Odd Fellow Motorcycle Club's project to help the Auburn Valley YMCA reach a goal of providing 1,200 pillowcases to Mary Bridge Hospital.

Spring is on its way and information regarding the Easter Egg Hunt, Little Red School House Barbeque, and the Memorial Day Service will be forthcoming.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and be sure to share Friendship, Love and Truth with all you come in contact with.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Cathy Garcia,
Reporter