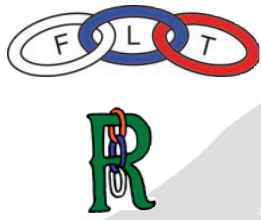


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137th Annual Sessions set to take center stage

Our annual proceedings of the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 19-25 at the Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center located in Yakima. Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington, Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, Grand Encampment of Washington, and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington. Officers of all Branches of the Order, elected/appointed, are to be installed during Sessions.

On Saturday, June 20, the Theta Rho Banquet will be serving “Grandma’s Home Style” Pork Chops with Apples. The “All Branch Banquet” will be held on Monday evening, June 22. The banquet theme this year is “Modern Renaissance.” All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to dress for the occasion.

Again this year we’ll have a room dedicated for a silent auction to benefit all Branch leaders’ projects — Seattle Adaptive Sports. We’re sure to have some nice items on display. If any individual or lodge wishes to contribute for the auction, it would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, Danny M. Wood, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Sister Joyce Link, IARA Warden, Representing the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, will be in attendance.

MAJOR SCHEDULED EVENTS INCLUDE:

- **Friday, June 19** — Theta Rho Picnic and Pool Party.
- **Saturday, June 20** — Theta Rho Sessions begin, Theta Rho Banquet/Awards followed by Fun Night. Banquet Theme: “Super Hero’s.”
- **Sunday, June 21** — Past Grand Master’s Banquet, Past President’s Banquet, Theta Rho Installation, Theta Rho Sessions ends, All Branch Memorial Service.
- **Monday, June 22** — Sessions Begin, Grand Master’s Breakfast (by invitation only), President’s Breakfast, All Branch Banquet and TaNaMaKa Meeting with “Bear Meat.”
- **Tuesday, June 23** — TaNaMaKa Breakfast, IOOF Representatives Breakfast, Joint Installation of 2015-2016 Officers.

• **Wednesday, June 24** — Rebekah Representatives Breakfast, Odd Fellow and Rebekah Sessions end, Ice Cream Social.

• **Thursday, June 25** — Grand Senior Warden Breakfast, Encampment/LEA Sessions begins, Grand Patriarch/Grand Matriarch Luncheon, and the Encampment/LEA Installation of Officers.

Please bring with you your Name Badge Holders from last year if you still have them!!!!

For those of you who may need a mobility scooter during your stay in Yakima at Sessions, you can rent one for \$75 a week from Howard’s Medical Supply and *they deliver!* The number is (509) 654-9899. If you feel you may have a need for one, please call early and reserve one.

— Yours in F., L. & T., Joe & Kathi Picanco,
Grand Lodge Host Committee



Fun in Holland

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls Club #79 recently participated in the “Holland Happening” Parade in Oak Harbor. The girls handed out flyers about Theta Rho in hopes of getting some new members. From left are: Angelique Robin, Cassie Flitcroft, Cassie Pierce, Allison Stewart. Olivia Thrailkill and Lucy Crouch. Story and additional picture on page 9.

From the desk of your Grand Master

A FOND FAREWELL, AND ONWARD

As I sit and ponder the thoughts for this, my final letter to you as your Grand Master, it has been an interesting month to reflect on. I am sure that many of my predecessor have looked with favor upon this month of their term and quietly prepared for the coming Grand Sessions.



C. ALLAN
REITAN

But this month saw many things begin to come to conclusion, first the spring quarter at Oregon State University and with it the online final exam that I will be partaking of two weeks before Grand Lodge.

Next, the observation in the news that my employer has donated a 787 aircraft to a museum in Tuscan, AZ. We all knew that day was coming that “Anna” would be retiring to a museum somewhere for future generations to enjoy her accomplishments. For three years, and many weeks away on adventure, “Anna” kept me company while I wish I could be at home with loved ones.

A MILESTONE

I have watched my home lodge celebrate a milestone accomplishment of 130 years and with that a resurgence and interest by its hometown in the legacy that Fraternal Orders have brought to civilizing the Washington Territorial Frontier and eventually statehood. I have also enjoyed visiting some lodges that I have not had the opportunity to see in many years. And to others which I would have like to have visited, official duties of a necessary nature were distracting me and the Grand Lodge away from properly focusing on helping out lodges who could make better use of our time and resources.

A CHAPTER CLOSES

As I close this chapter on my Odd Fellows career, it has been a very substantial learning experience. In the area of non-profits more non-conventional means and methods have to be developed to build teams of people that can accomplish great things. Whereas the corporate world relies on Legal, Ethics, and Human Resource Departments to bolster management and make sure that employees shape themselves according their values and principles, we have to rely on people with their capabilities or operational limitations. The fundamentals of non-profits have changed dramatically in the past decade with more and more emphasis on governance and transparency. Those organizations which are unable to meet those requirements have been severely hampered, or gone out of business altogether.

That was the fundamental theme for my year as Grand Master, “Getting back to basics” and focusing on the core things that make us all good members of the Order. Things like pride and professionalism in our lodge halls, meetings, and conducting Ritualistic work. Focusing on the core principles of what is required to be an effective and productive member of Jurisdictional Committees and Boards.

Occasionally as a manager, I found myself having to take corrective actions to help adjust the malfunctioning operations and keep everyone in our Jurisdiction safe. It appears now that a Grand Master’s work will never be complete.

‘VIVID’ MEMORIES

I do have some things that I would like to acknowledge that have been a “vivid” memory or experience. These are:

- Travelling with members of my home lodge on three separate occasions to reclaim the Ballard-Alki #170 Travelling Gavel. Last I heard it made it over to Richland #338.
- Various e-mail discussions with interested and active new members of lodges. Some of these discussions including 13-15 round volleys to get my point across, or the “Last Call” time limit of 3 a.m. being achieved.
- The occasional phone call from an officer of Sovereign Grand Lodge that comes in at approximately 5:45 a.m. . . 15 minutes before my alarm clock goes off.
- The numerous lodge working calls that took place courtesy of Microsoft Sync in the dashboard of a 2014 Ford Fusion. . .
- . . .Which accumulated 21,000 miles in its first year of operation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

To each and every one of you who helped out with our Grand Bodies’ project this year, I wish to thank you. It took many folks pulling together and helping out via contributions or volunteer work. For the first time in the seven years that I have been on the Board of Seattle Adaptive Sports, they have not had a sole sponsor for an event and so they were a little concerned about that. However, we all performed well in supporting the event and making it a good experience for the teams who participated.

THANK YOU, MAGGIE

Also I have been thankful to have the help and support of Maggie Truttman as the Rebekah Assembly President. One never knows what to expect when they are elected Grand Warden, and I was fortunate to learn and work with her this year.

As we prepare for Grand Sessions this year, it our wish and hope that as many lodges as able send their Representatives we will have some interesting matters to discuss this year and your input is valuable.

Finally, having been the youngest of five grandsons who grew up having a Past Grand Master living in the house, as well as next door in grandpa, I feel that I do need to share at least one thing that all three of us had in common. . . our fondness for humorist George Carlin and his many witty wisdom moments. So here is how is once said good bye to an audience:

Farewell, till we meet again, peace be with you and may the forces of evil become confused on the way to your house.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,

C. Allan Reitan,

Your 2014-2015 Grand Master

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

GRAND SESSIONS THIS MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,

As we come to the end of another Odd Fellow year, my wish for all is to have a happy and harmonious Session in Yakima. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington as you Grand Secretary this year.



**HARRY W.
"BILL" COULTER**

In addition to fulfilling the routine duties of this office, this year, as in the past, it has been a pleasure to share our history with members and non-members with the information of a relative's past Odd Fellow connection. I was happy to do the research and respond with my findings.

REPRESENTATIVES

Just a reminder, be sure you bring your lodge's copy of the Advance Reports "Take Me" and your Representative's Certificate with you to Grand Lodge Session. Should you be coming as the Alternate Representative in place of the Representative, you should bring the Advance Reports "Take Me" and your Alternate Representative's Certificate. Please remember that only one Representative per lodge may be seated in the Grand Lodge. The Representative not seated may attend the Session, however the will not have any voice or vote.

MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND SESSION

To all, remember that the following the opening of Grand Lodge and after the new Past Grands receive their Grand Lodge Degrees, the Grand Lodge is open in the Third Degree. That means any Third Degree member may enter the Grand Lodge to observe business. Grand Lodge is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required.

The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Brother Danny Wood, Sovereign Deputy Grand Master, who hails from the Jurisdiction of Texas. Let's all meet him, greet him and welcome him to the Jurisdiction of Washington.

I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

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

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

I can't believe it's already May. I hope you all had a Happy Mothers' Day. It's always a special day for me.

Our Community Garage Sale was a success, especially the Bake Sale Table. Our simple lunch plan went over okay. People were coming and going all afternoon.

We are sending Alberta Luurs to the Rebekah Assembly Sessions as our Representative in June. Fund-raisers were held to help her with the cost. She will be reading her report at our meeting on June 25.

Cookie is going to be a new great-grandma. Her grand daughter, Tysha, is due in August. They say it's a boy! The name may have been already picked out, but time will tell.

At our meeting on May 28, we are having a potluck and farewell party for Sandy Holderman. It is her last meeting with us, so we are having something special as she is a dedicated Sister. I will sure miss her.

The Rebekah Flags will be laid out at the Napavine Cemetery in time for Memorial Day. It's sure a pretty sight with all the Veteran and Rebekah Flags, along with the pretty flowers. It makes me feel sentimental. That's all for now. Have a great summer.

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

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Tempest Rebekah Lodge is pleased to welcome our newest member, Mary Montgomery. She is the sister-in-law of our longtime member, Grace Burton.



We are sad to report the passing of our Sister Harriet Hepler on April 5. She was a special lady and will be missed.

Prosperity Lodged was incorporated on April 14, 1915. Our members were proud to celebrate this special date marking our 100th year.

Members are invited to our meetings on June 9 and 11.


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

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From the desk of the Assembly President

AN ARLINGTON ADVENTURE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing my last article for the newspaper while in Alexandria, Virginia. It is my honor to be here with Grand Master C. Allan Reitan, his fiancé Tina Brannon, and Jennie Reed, PP, and Chaplain of the Rebekah Assembly, for the laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. On this beautiful sunny day in May, it is an amazing to see the hundreds of people — individuals, families, school groups and tour groups — walking around the 600 acres at Arlington National Cemetery. It has left my heart with sadness at the loss of so many so that we can live in a land that stands for freedom around the world. It was my honor to be a part of the ceremony of remembering those who gave their lives.



MARGARET TRUTTMANN

It was an amazing five days with tours of Washington, D.C., with all the historic buildings and museums. The monuments were breath-taking in the daylight, but taking a twilight tour was a wonderful way to see the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and others with lights turned on. Sister Jennie and I visited Arlington on Friday to view the Kennedy gravesite and watch the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the

In Toledo

Monterose Rebekahs #46

Here we are, looking forward to the Rebekah Assembly Sessions that are just around the corner. June will be here before ya know it.

We are sending our Representative Bonnie Hadaler to take in the meetings. Cookie is also going as the Alternate Representative and news reporter.

Our last meeting was held on May 7. We plan to make or annual donation to the Toledo Scholarship Fund, making it possible for a high school graduate to further his or her education.

A cinnamon cake and snacks were served by Laura Lee with decorations for a Mothers' Day touch. It was very pretty.

A luncheon is in the planning at Betty's Place in Toledo on Thursday, June 18. It follows our last meeting before summer break. Yes, we treat ourselves to a delicious hamburger and let someone else do the cooking. Friends and husbands are invited to the cookout. Join the fun and the filling food!

We hope you all had a very happy Mothers' Day. I was treated to lunch at Denny's — oh boy!

Have an enjoyable summer — and see ya at Assembly.

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

Unknowns.

It was exciting to learn to ride the Metro, which is the subway travel in D.C. It is nice to realize the extent of all the underground rail system and that sometimes you come from a tunnel and the rail runs above ground. We found that everyone was willing to help us get to the right location and on the right line.

ASSEMBLY TIME IS HERE

Soon it will be time for Assembly and my term will end. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support for the Seattle Adaptive Sports Project. The flying pig pins are flying about thanks to your generosity. Your lodge donations to the projects and to me personally are greatly appreciated. My memory banks are filled with thoughts of wonderful food, laughter and friends. Thanks to all of you for a wonderful three years.

Sunday, June 21 is Fathers' Day and my thought for Fathers' Day is a quote by Jim Valvano: "*My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.*"

VISITATION

- **Wednesday, June 3** — Hope Rebekah Lodge #38. Spokane

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

At our Sessions

TaNaMaKa on the hunt for 'Bear Meat'

Joe Picanco, President of TaNaMaKa, has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night June 22, following the All Branch Banquet at the Yakima Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Yakima. Members of TaNaMaKa need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meat."

We will have a sales table, so bring your many "treasures" you would like to contribute to the sale. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work at 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 look forward to seeing all our members at our annual meeting.

— Margaret Truttmann, Secretary,
TaNaMaKa

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

PLEASE SHARE YOUR SESSIONS EXPERIENCES

Hi Sisters and Brothers,

As the month of June arrives and our Rebekah Assembly Session nears, I am reminded that there are many of our



MARCIA
PRESLEY

Rebekah Sisters and Brothers, that for various reasons, are no longer able to join us for our Rebekah Assembly Sessions. I would like to ask that each and everyone of you that are still able to travel and attend our Sessions, think about those who no longer can attend. When you return home from our Assembly Sessions, give these members a call and tell them what went on at our meetings, banquet, the Theta Rho Assembly, Installation, Memorial Service and other events that took place.

I think this may make them feel that you were interested in them enough to call them, and I think will also make them know that we missed them.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

There will be no Odd Fellow Newspaper printed in July and August and I know that many of our Rebekah Lodges have a picnic, pot luck or some kind of get-together during



Ballard Alki visits Bothell

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 Noble Grand Michael Douglas, Vice Grand John Beull, and Jr. Past Grand Nora Carria visited with members of Bothell IOOF Lodge #124 on May 5 and had a lovely time! Front row, from left, are: Mary Harper, NG; Lillian Lathrum, Treas; Betty Huntley, Chap; and Cheryl Kenyonn VG. In the back row, from left, are: Nora Carria; Michael Douglas; Tom Harper, RSNG; Bruce Kenyon, Sec; and John Beull.

the summer to catch up on the news. Your lodge event in the summer is an ideal time to include your family members and friends, and just maybe, a chance to get someone interest in joining your Rebekah Lodge.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer and come September, your Rebekah Lodge members will be ready, willing and able to get back to work for this wonderful Order, so that your Lodge will be successful and prosper.

ATTITUDE IS A CHOICE

Choose to be *happy!* Today is the greatest day ever. It's the only day you have. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may not come. But this moment is yours. Won't you strive to feel great today. Think positively — beginning with the moment you wake up. Accept changes in life gracefully. Remember that today is the first day of the rest of your life. Don't put off until tomorrow what you should do today. Make decisions today and don't continue to look back at what could have been. Wrinkles will only go where the smiles have been and I think that anybody that smiles automatically looks better.

I hope to see you all at our Sessions.

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



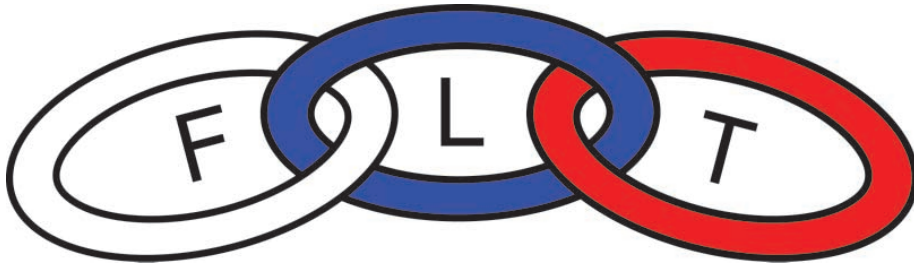
Art Walk in Ballard

Members of Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 participated in the Second Saturday Art Walk in Ballard. New member Mylinda Sneed, above, organized participatory paper flower making. NG Michael Douglas and member Mamiko Kobayashi were some of the participants, as well as a dozen community members!

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Harriet Hepler**, Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114, Wenatchee.
- **Myrtle Milliman**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

~ 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:** Michael Douglas, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 250-2165. **Sec'y:** Crystal Rain Forest, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107.

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

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th, Bothell. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mary Harper, **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Bruce Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 765-0630. **Email:** brucekenyon70@yahoo.com

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Greg Hulet, 1035 NW Huckle Dr., Bremerton, WA 98311. **Main Ph:** (360) 692-8919, **Cell:** (360) 421-1428, **Email:** cocktobec@hotmail.com. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, C/O 1052 SE Deep Lake Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98367-7531. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975 (Home & Work)

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:** Doug Smith, 25327 155th St. E., Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (206) 335-6783. **Email:** dug1027@gmail.com. **Sec'y:** Stephanie Sykes, PO Box 777, Wilkeson, WA 98396. **Ph:** (253) 906-0211. **Email:** oddfellowsassy@gmail.com

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: 108 N. 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:** Tracy Hatch, 33213 VanDissel Rd. N., Valley, WA 99181. **Ph:** (509) 680-3195

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Anca Hale, 10408 NE 190th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (425) 482-6376. **Sec'y:** Linda Lindgren, 21827 2nd Ave. SE, Bothell, WA 98021. **Ph:** (425) 877-1534

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:** John Crispin, 20622 - 18th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 799-9233. **Email:** johncrispin@hotmail.com. **Sec'y:** Morgan Hicks, PO Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Email:** allpointnyarn@aol.com

EOLA REBEKAH LODGE #63

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar Street, Buckley. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092 **Ph:** (253) 249-7442. **E-Mail:** Fr8dude65@comcast.net **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, PO Box 507, Fall City, WA 98024-0507. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013

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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

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) 985-2821. Sec'y: Tom Epling, PO Box 1223, Napavine, WA 98532-1223. 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: Russ Stringfellow. Sec'y: Mick Schwartz, PO Box 133, Hunters, WA 99137-0133. Ph: (509) 722-3382

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

Meets At: 106th & 1st St., Ilwaco. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. NG: Joyce Benson, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. 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

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 2602 Ocean Beach Hwy., Longview, WA 98632 Ph: (360) 703-3917. Sec'y: Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626 Ph: (360) 425-9793

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: Barbara Reitan, 858 Reiten Rd., Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 854-3254. 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: Darrell Ridlow. Sec'y: Aloha Zurlfluh, 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 1286, 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: Beverly Pry, 1205 Fox Run NW, Bremerton, WA 98311. Ph: (360) 876-2161. 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: Patricia Newell, 205 S. Clinton, #6108, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Ph: (541) 971-0433. Sec'y: Barbara Trvrz, 805 Wauna Vista Dr., Walla Walla, WA 98362. Ph: (509) 525-2735

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

Meets At: 405 Columbia St. NW, Olympia. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Robert Vick, 1313 Gemini St. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Ph: (360) 402-0978. Email: lindaandbob4ever@msn.com Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-0400. Ph: (253) 606-7620. Email: laureljdelyon@gmail.com

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: Jeff Hunziker, PO Box 245, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 610-6876

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 98251-9125. Ph: (360) 793-0665

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: Joe Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. Ph: (360) 705-1966. 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: 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

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: Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131.

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, 5715 Orchard St. W. #33, Tacoma, WA 98467-5801. 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: Ray Nartinson. Sec'y: Karyl Martinson, PO Box 527, Montesano, WA 98563-0527 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: John E. Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092-8776. Ph: Cell: (253) 740-8038 Home: (253) 249-7442. 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: Stormy Sager, 1053 8th Ct., Washougal, WA 98671. Ph: (360) 600-3337. Sec'y: Tari Romo, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. 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: Charles Miller. Sec'y: Joyce Gilson, 1849 NW 27th Ave., Camas, WA 98607-9386. Ph: (360) 844-5495

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut, Yakima. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. Recess: June, July, Aug. NG: Jim Boyd, Jr., 7702 W. Lincoln Ave., Yakima, WA 98908. Ph: (509) 823-4123. Sec'y: Tomas J. Cox, 206 W. Walnut, Yakima, WA 98901-3445. Ph: (509) 452-0910

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.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

A VERY BUSY MAY

Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 have had a busy month of May and are now heading toward a full summer.

Memorial Day saw another wonderful service honoring our veterans. The weekend began at 9 a.m. Saturday morning with the traditional placing of flags on the graves of our veterans. This is always a fun time of working together with lodge members and their families to identify the many veterans buried in our cemetery.

There was a great turnout for the ceremony on Monday. This event began with a cannon salute provided by the American Legion. Music and speeches proved to be emotional and a wreath was presented by Deputy Grand Master Laurel Delony and Rebekah Assembly President Margaret Truttmann. The afternoon was rounded out by serving hot-dogs and drinks to all who attended. Thank you everyone who worked so hard to make this special event happen.

Later that same week, several members helped with the Little Red School House annual BBQ. This event continues in the memory of PJ Fluetsch who brought this organization to our attention several years ago. Our lodge helps pay for the food for this BBQ, as well as assists in setting up, serving food, and cleaning up afterwards. All proceeds go to assure that local school children start the school year out with the needed supplies and a warm winter coat. Many, many thanks to the Brothers and Sisters who work on this project.

GRAND SESSIONS

With Grand Sessions only a couple weeks away, many of us are getting ready to head to Yakima. Representatives for both Olympia #1 and Ruth #17 have completed necessary paperwork, reviewed the "Take Me" with our respective lodges, and on the Rebekah side — reviewed the Unwritten Work that will need to be given. We are ready!!

A BUSY SUMMER AHEAD

Ruth #17 will be dark for the months of July and August, but we will still be busy working with Olympia #1 on two very important events in August.

On August 1, Olympia Odd Fellows will be celebrating 160 years of Odd Fellowship. This is an exciting time and we are busy getting history information together. It is truly fascinating to realize the part our lodge has played in the community for so many years. This will be an Open House, starting at 1 p.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. We will serve finger foods, coffee, and punch. Please join us at our lodge hall, 405 Columbia St., for this special celebration.

Four weeks later, on August 29, we will host the annual Seafood Extravaganza. Our fishermen are getting boats

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From your 2014-15 Grand Matriarch

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

My Brother and Sisters,



PEG OGILVIE

To all of you who have been of great support to me, I thank you with all my heart.

This is the last letter that I will be sending to you as your Grand Matriarch. This has been a year we have experienced the loss of two Auxiliaries and we cannot afford to lose any more. I wish all the officers who will be taking elective or appointed offices know your duties, before you agree so that you can do your office well. Be true to your obligation.

I will be looking forward to seeing all of at Session.

In Faith, Hope & Charity
Peg Ogilvie, Grand Matriarch

From your 2014-15 Grand Patriarch



JOHN
OTTERSTROM

Greetings all

Thank you all for the great year I have had. The Encampment I have visited made me feel welcomed and appreciated.

I want to thank my Grand Encampment Officers for their support through the year.

Sessions are just around the corner and Grand Encampment will be meeting on Thursday, June 25 at the hotel in Yakima. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great summer!

John Otterstrom, Grand Patriarch

ready and planning their strategy, the cooks have been notified and raffle baskets are beginning to take shape. The day will start with the Clam Chowder Cook off at 1 p.m. If you wish to participate, please bring two gallons of your best chowder to the kitchen at our Puget Beach Park before 1 p.m. Each entrant will receive a free dinner ticket. For the rest of us, tickets are \$10 each. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m., followed by games and the announcement of the Chowder winner.

Remember that Olympia #1 will be holding its first meeting of June, July and August at the Park and the second meeting of the month at the lodge hall. We hope to see you all this summer.

In F., L. & T., Cathy Garcia, Reporter

From your 2014-15 Theta Rho President

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Hello everybody!

I am both pleased and sad to say this will be my last letter to you. I have had such a wonderful year as President.



OLIVIA THRAILKILL

This year I have learned so much more about leadership and what it is to be a true Theta Rho Girl. Thank you everyone for being there and being supportive, especially with the last couple years being tough for me. I appreciate all of your kindness.

This year as gone by so fast and I am sad that it is already over. But, our Assembly will be a lovely end to such a wonderful year. Faith is going to be an amazing President and I cannot wait until her Fun Night.

Again, thank you all for making this year both easier and happier for me. I can't wait to see everyone at Assembly,

*In Happiness Through Service
And in F, L. & T., Olivia Thrailkill,
Theta Rho Assembly President*



Angelique Robin, Ally Stewart and Lucy Crouch manning the Theta Rho booth at the "Family Fun Fest" held in Oak Harbor.

In Ballard

Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217

As a result of spring cleaning, many wonderful artifacts and decorative items were uncovered. We were treated to some beautiful lace placemats for our lunch on May 7.

At our first meeting of May, the Salmon Bay Rebekahs engaged in a number of discussions. Noble Grand Genie Coston plans a candy sale to raise funds for the lodge. Salmon Bay members are also committed to increasing our "coin drill" donations in order to support our favorite charities.

We will be continuing our spring cleaning efforts in the coming weeks, as well by sorting through the kitchen drawers. We are sure to discover more treasures in hiding!

For our annual June lunch out before our meeting, we plan to go to the local Chinese restaurant.

Under discussion also are plans to provide and serve another meal at our neighborhood Compass housing project, the Nyer Urness House. We hope to put together a committee for this project soon and the meal will likely be served during the week after the Fourth of July with a tentative menu of hot dogs, potato salad and watermelon! Yum!

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

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY
TO ALL OUR BROTHERS**

In May we initiated Amaya Rittierodt into our club. We are so happy to have her and welcome her to our club.

Last month we also were invited to have a booth at the Family Fun Fest where you can let people know about your group or activity for youth and kids. We set up a display with our flyers, a couple scrapbooks and our awards from last year's International Youth Days. In addition, you had to provide some kind of fun activity. We are hoping this will get us some new members.

The next weekend we met at our advisor's house to work on our things for Assembly, then we had dinner and watched a movie.

Sessions will be here soon and we look forward to seeing many of you in Yakima. Have a great summer.

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

Have A Great Summer! See You In Lodge This Fall!



Going out in style

Marcia Presley, left, happily accepted her Past Chief Matriarch's certificate and jewel from Representative Betty Young at the May meeting of the Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15. Marcia had just finished her first term as a Chief Matriarch.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Greetings from Walla Walla. We hope that you are all enjoying the same beautiful spring weather that we are.

We are mourning the loss of our sister Myrtle Milliman. Myrtle passed away April 8 and her death leaves a big void in our Order.

We participated in the Spring District #5 Association Meeting held April 18 at the IOOF Home here in Walla Walla. It is always good to get together with the other lodges for a visit. Schuyler #18 was the host lodge with Joy Selby of Bee Hive #70 presiding. After a coffee hour we convened with Narcissa #2 seating the officers. During the morning we conducted business, then broke for a tasty luncheon. In the afternoon we had an exemplification of a Rebekah Funeral Ceremony, honored the Past Presidents and had a memorial to honor those who had passed since the last spring meeting. Bee Hive #70 will host the Fall Meeting.

On May 19 there will be a dedication of the bronze plaque honoring Narcissa's 130th Anniversary. More about the ceremony next time.

We're also looking forward to our annual picnic. This will be our last meeting in June before we go dark for the summer. One final fling before vacation time.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

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

On Camano Island

Pork Chop/Chicken BBQ set for July 12!

The annual Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue will be held Sunday, July 12, at the IOOF Park on Camano Island.

This year the barbecue will be sponsored by the Recreational Park Board with the proceeds going into the park's general fund. Dinner will be served around noon. We hope you will come and bring a friend or two to show your support.

The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The meal will include either a pork chop or chicken breast, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, assorted salads and desserts, plus your drink. You may purchase additional meat for a nominal fee if there is extra.

The meal will be followed by the meeting of the Odd Fellow Recreational Park Board. Any member of the Order may attend the meeting.

Please RSVP to Judy Diekman 360-675 4455 or queenche2000@frontier.com by July 1 so we can plan accordingly.

We hope to see you in July on beautiful Camano Island.

— Judy Diekman, Secretary

Donations needed

Past Presidents will be busy at the June Sessions

The Rebekah Assembly Past Presidents will have a sales table at Sessions in June. Please bring your gently-used treasures. We will once again be having our formals sales. Any and all donations are welcome. You do not need to be a Past President to donate.

I will need volunteers to staff the sales. Please let me know if you can help.

Our Past Presidents' meeting will be Sunday, June 21 at 4 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. Dinner choices are listed on the registration form in the April and May editions of *The Washington OddFellow*.

Don't forget your dues are due. You may either mail them to Sister Karen Hoylman, Treasurer, or pay them at the meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you at our meeting.

— Judy Diekman, President of Past Presidents

Speaking of Friendship

It's the summit of human relationship

We often speak of friendship, so it's worthwhile to stop and ask: what is friendship? In Odd Fellows tradition it is often said that friendship is the summit of human relationship. One thought behind this statement is that friendship is chosen. It is a relationship that we enter into very much of our own free will. It's not something that can be forced; it's not something we are born into. This makes it different from other relationships in our lives. We are related to our relatives by blood or social contract. The people we work on projects in the world with are often chosen for their capabilities or their resources. Even romantic relationships have something almost chemical about them: they whack us upside the head and carry us off. The sense we have with our friends is that we choose them, independently of passion or worldly gain.

FRIENDSHIP AS A CONTRACT

There's a sense of covenant that goes along with this. It sounds funny these days to talk about friendship as a contract. It calls up an image of unfeeling and legalistic business operations, unlike the warm bond of friendship. But in the ancient world, or in places without a professional lawyer class, this distinction does not hold. A contract was simply a promise. It was a vow. It was giving your word of honor. It was backed up not by legal repercussions, but by your reputation and your sense of yourself. It was in many places the custom to formally swear friendship in a way that is not so common in our culture. It marked the establishment of a voluntary relationship.

PROTECTOR OF CONTRACTS

In the Vedic scriptures of the ancient Hindus and also in the Avesta of the Zoroastrians, there was a god named Mitra who protected contracts. In Sanskrit mitra means "friend," but the original meaning was "contract, or covenant." It later came to mean "friend" because friendship was recognized as a covenantal relationship. We often call our acquaintances or people we know well enough to talk to "friends," but this is something very different. This is a commitment we make to ourselves and to the other person. This is why it was so powerful in the Jewish tradition that there was a covenant between God and the people. The original model for this was the relationship between God and Abraham. In the Hebrew Bible, God and Abraham had a contract of friendship. There were obligations on both sides that were explicitly spelled out, and they sealed it the way contracts were traditionally sealed, by splitting an animal (or, in this case, several animals) in half and walking through the middle of the carcasses. This symbolized the covenant as that which bridges and unifies separate pieces of the same body.

UNITING TO REALIZE A GOAL

The bow and arrow likewise symbolize two pieces of one whole. While very different in form and function, as we are all different in appearance and capacity, they must unite to realize their goal. They complete each other, enabling them to move forward toward their true purpose, which is "war against vice in all its forms." It's also worth noting that in the Jewish story of David and Jonathan, the bow and arrows are

used not as a weapon, but as a means of communication.

MAKING A VOW

So what is it that we do when we make a vow? We are engaging the will in a particular way, and we are creating an explicit energetic connection. We are opening up a channel for something to happen. We are making a vessel for something to pour into. It is said that will is the aspect of mind that turns thought into energy. When we make a vow, we are aligning our will, heart, and breath. We are speaking our intention into the universe with the full force of our being. It's like we're banging a gong, hitting this vibration that echoes out and creates the world. This is our power as human beings. The more all of our pieces, all of our levels, are integrated, the more forcefully what we do or say manifests in the world. It is part of our function to create the world in this way through our intention, through making promises.

COMMITMENT

This power is increased exponentially when, having committed to each other, we dedicate our combined wills to a larger intention. In the Odd Fellows, the first step toward committing ourselves to benevolence and charity is to commit ourselves in friendship to the Order as a whole. This puts us in the interesting position of swearing friendship to a bunch of folks we haven't met. We can do this, in part, because the ethical principles we swear to are so basic: Keep your friend's secrets. Don't cheat each other. Watch each other's backs. Support and advise each other in ways that are broad minded and compassionate.

Odd Fellowship, at its best, can support us in realizing these principles in their depth, so that we can practice them far and wide.

— *In F., L. & T., Michael Douglas,
PNG, Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170*

Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 in Bothell

The Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #54 in Bothell hosted their first Spring Craft Bazaar in late March. Twenty vendors attended selling arts and crafts ranging from knitted toys to paintings and jewelry. Our Theta Rho Girls held a bake sale to benefit their club during the Bazaar. We hope to make this an annual event!

In early April, five of our Theta Rho Girls spent the day making blankets for Care.net which will donate them to hospitalized children. They ended their busy day with a slumber party!

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at the June, 2015 Assembly Sessions in Yakima!

—*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Michelle Gasparek,
Reporter*

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Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 15 for the September, 2015 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

Below is a change of address form. Please use it if you move this summer.

Thanks and have a great summer. We wish you a happy and prosperous summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

— Your Editor

More newspaper info

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