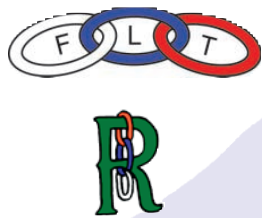


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## Skookumchuck will initiate after 50 years

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

With the holidays upon us, we at Skookumchuck #129 in Bucoda wish you joy, peace and health this year.

We have been very busy. The group that traditionally hosted the Town Bazaar decided to not do one this year so we took it on. What great fun. Santa came in for some pictures and he said that we had been very good this year.

In October we had one new member attend Olympia's Degree Day. A big thank you to them for hosting the event. However, we have 5, yes *five*, more candidates

*See Skookumchuck Degree Day on Back Page*



## A gift of love

Past Grand Master Ron Hanson presented his gift of a hand-crafted gazebo to the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla at a small dedication ceremony in November. His gift of love was presented in memory of all the Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly who have passed before us. Back row, from left, are Kelly Hughes, Grand Warden; C. Allan Reitan, PGM and Chairman; Duard Fyffe, DGM; Joe Picanco, PGM; John Brigham, Home Administrator; and Marcia Presley, PPRA and RA Secretary. In the center row, from left, are Edmond L. Reitan, Jr, PGM, PGSE, Chair PEF; Laurel Delony, PGM, GM; Ron Hanson, PGM; and Jennie Reed, PPRA. In the front row, from left, are Kathi Picanco, RA Vice President; and Karen Holyman, PPRA.



We got to tell Santa what we wanted for Christmas. . . **members!** Back row, from left, are Tristan Hughes (candidate), Noble Grand Kelly Hughes, Laura Purcell (candidate), and Treasurer Debra Hughes. Front row, from left, are Secretary Louann Hoffman, Santa Claus (candidate), and OG Joann Balmert.



*Happy  
Holidays  
To All Our  
Brothers &  
Sisters!*

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is the first part of December and your elections for your 2016 officers should be completed. I congratulate all elective and appointive officers for stepping up and leading your lodges to continue the good works of our Order.



LAUREL DELONY

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## INSTALLATIONS ON THE BOOKS FOR JANUARY, 2016

- **Saturday, January 2**, Ballard-Alki #170
- **Sunday, January 3**, Des Moines #305
- **Saturday, January 9**, Golden Rule #207
- **Thursday January 14**, Titusville #34
- **Saturday, January 16**, Olympia #1, Silvia #38 & Skookumchuck #129

- **Sunday, January 17**, South Tacoma #211
- **Sunday, January 31**, Buckley #75

If you need the Grand Lodge Officers to install your lodge, please let me know

## PARADES

Your challenge is to get into as many parades as possible and/or organize one. If you organize a parade, make sure that the parade ends at your hall and invite everyone in for refreshments. Have information ready, brochures and applications.



## All smiles in Texas

Playing a game of “who’s with who?” during their visit to Texas was the Washington delegation to the Sovereign Grand Master’s Testimonial Dinner. Seated, from left, are Laurel Delony, Kathi Picanco and Jennie Reed. Standing, from left, are Dave Reed, Dave Delony and Joe Picanco. See additional photo on page 12.

## CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS

Secretaries, a word to you — and me included — contact your members before your meetings either by e-mail if available or by phone. We all have busy lives and tend to forget meeting nights, especially new members. Lodge meetings are set for a specific day, not dates, and it can be difficult to remember. So a friendly phone call or e-mail to your members may keep away the issue of not having a quorum. Sending out simple flyers or letters is also a good way to remind your members of meeting nights and of upcoming events. Communication is a good thing.

## YEAR END REPORTS

Also, here’s a reminder to get your year-end reports into the Grand Lodge Secretary’s office as soon as possible. As you know the year-end reports are a lot of work, so if you have questions please call the Grand Lodge office. Don’t wait!

I am enclosing some pictures of our time at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Yakima, and the Sovereign Grand Master’s Testimonial weekend in Texas. Please enjoy.

Merry Christmas to all and may your stockings be filled with Friendship, Love and Truth.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth  
And Fraternal Hugs,  
Laurel Delony  
Your 2015-2016 Grand Master



Gathered at the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting in Yakima in front, from left, are Kathi Picanco, Joe Picanco, Cathy Garcia and Barbara Nelson. Directly behind Barbara is Laurel Delony.



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to all of the officers-elect for accepting the reins of leadership as you prepare for the Installation of Officers season.



**HARRY W.  
"BILL" COULTER**

In this season of caring and sharing, please consider those less fortunate in the world by supporting the projects and programs of our Order, as we seek "To improve and elevate the character of mankind."

## SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

The L. J. Jones Scholarship nominations deadline for lodges is December 31, 2015. Send you nominations to Jody Morris, 32101 NW Eagle Crest Drive, Ridgefield, WA 98642-9156.

## UN PILGRIMAGE DEPOSITS

United Nations Education Pilgrimage for Youth Tour deposits (\$800 each) must be sent to the Grand Lodge Office no later than Friday, December 18, 2015 to reserve a seat. Contact UNP Chairman Frank Wilson, PGM, at home, (360) 491-5913, or at work, (360) 352-8601, with your lodge's or district's intention to send a student delegate(s). He is the source of all details that will have to be met. The name and address of the youth selected by your lodge must also be mailed to UNP Chairman Frank Wilson, PGM, 4701 23rd Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503-3209. This is vital in order for Frank to send the candidates the information packets that are necessary for them to follow.

## ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Passwords for the year 2016 have been mailed to the Grand Lodge line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters

and Lodge Secretaries for our new officers to pass on to members in good standing.

Did you locate your lodge Annual Report forms? Remember to make sure all forms are properly signed and the lodge seal is applied. They are due in the Grand Lodge office on or before January 31, 2016.

I want to thank those Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges that have completed their Membership Rosters and returned them to the Grand Lodge office.

## DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES

Do you have a Past Grand Jewel for your retiring Nobel Grand? Do you have any veterans, members with 25 years or more of service, and jewels for presentation on the night of installation or another special night? Order soon to avoid any delay in receiving needed items in time for your special event. Combination Past Grand/Past Chief Jewels and Veterans Jewels are available through the Grand Lodge Office.

You can find the SGL Store Catalog on the opening page of the Washington Odd Fellows Website at:

**[www.ioofwa.org](http://www.ioofwa.org)**

You will also find the Grand Lodge Order PDF on the same page.

I wish you each and everyone a very happy holiday season.

— *Fraternally,*

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



## New friends at IARA


Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Karen Hoylman, left, and Judy Diekman, right, enjoyed time with their new friend, Gundron, from Sweden at the IARA Sessions in Fort Worth, Texas in August.

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## WOW, WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE???

Can you believe it is December already? I can't. As we all rush around getting ready for the holidays, take a minute to enjoy time with one another. Our best gift is time shared with others. After all, most people don't remember what they got for Christmas last year or the year before, but they remember baking cookies on that cold afternoon. The smell of fresh bread baking with mom or dad — those are special memories. Share a special moment at your lodge meeting doing something for someone else. Find a way to bring special joy of the holidays to someone else and it will bring a smile to you.



BARBARA NELSON

## GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Now for the business side of things. . . With the end of the year just around the corner, that means that reports are due to the Assembly Secretary soon. This year let's make Marcia's job a little easier by completing all

reports on time and returning them to her quickly. The Assembly reports are an important part of the state of our order. We need the reports to be accurate in our reporting process to the IARA.

Looking ahead I am seeking volunteers for some committees and things needing to be done at Sessions next year. My hope is to get new members involved, as well as keeping established members engaged in the activities at Sessions. So if you would like to bravely volunteer or just can't say no, please contact me. So as I start to plan out my agenda, I will know who will be in attendance.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH

To wrap things up for 2015, I want offer a huge *thank you* to the lodges which I visited this fall. Your generosity and hospitality was overwhelming. I have learned a lot about our Order, our members and myself on this adventure. I look forward to visiting the last few lodges after January installations. Those lodges that I still need to visit should be getting a letter from me soon.

## Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*In Friendship, Love and Truth, With Fraternal Hugs,  
Barbara Nelson, President,  
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

# Hats galore at Yelm Rebekah Lodge #296

Our new officers for 2016 are: NG Bebe Jackson, VG Dee Guizzetti, Sec. Carol Moline, and Treas. Carmen Snyder. We wish them a great year and fun fellowships.

Our "Mad Hatter Friendship" event was a great success. It is always wonderful to visit with our Sisters from other lodges. Many wore hats. Sister Elizabeth Morgan of Olympia won the prize for the best hat! The prize was a basket full of goodies.



All decked out in their finest headgear, guests from various lodges gathered at Yelm's "Mad Hatter Friendship" event.

We served comfort food such as homemade stew, corn muffins, rolls, ham and many salads, along with desserts.

I think most would agree that Sisters Marlene Lenz and Deb Gulley did an outstanding job as members of the Entertainment Committee.

A husband and wife duo by the name of "Community Blend" was just fantastic. They sang and played gospel, country, contemporary and patriotic music. They also took requests. Some of our Sisters even danced!

Also, longtime Roy resident and community leader Loris Ketter entertained us with her world-wide collection of hats. A skit was presented about ways to wear hats and making hats out of household items. This made for lots of fun and laughs.

Thank you all for attending. You all made the day special.

*In F, L. & T, Deb Gulley*



# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## YES, THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of December has arrived and I hope that when winter official starts on December 22, that the weather gives us another mild winter like we had last year. We have Pearl Harbor Day on December 7 and the Christmas Holidays to celebrate. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and hope that each and every one of you are able to celebrate Christmas the way you want to.



MARCIA PRESLEY

## ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Reports should have arrived by now and I would like to remind those filling out these reports

that anything in *red* cannot be changed. The balance from the last report and the membership from the last report are in *red* and any changes need to be in errors from the last report. At our Assembly Sessions in June, 2015, there was a change made in the Financial Statements on your Annual Report by a vote of all those eligible to vote. Under Receipts for the Year, from all other sources, any amount more than \$400 must be itemized on a separate sheet of paper. Under Disbursements, current expenses Salaries and Miscellaneous more than \$400 must also be itemized on a separate sheet of paper. These reports should be signed by

at least two members of your Finance Committee or your Treasurer and Secretary, and returned to me with your Annual Report prior to the due date of January 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please call me. It is easier to make the corrections before you send the report to me, than me trying to figure out what you did.

## SEND IN THOSE NAMES, ETC.

I am asking that any lodge that initiated any new members in the last two years, send me their names, mailing addresses, birth date and any other information you may have, so that I can have an updated membership register on each of our members. I have a number of members' registers that have just the member's name and initiation date, and that is all. This means that the Sovereign Grand Lodge membership information only has this information, also.

I leave you with this little poem:

## LITTLE SNOWFLAKES

*Come down little snowflakes, as pretty as you are.  
Cover up the rooftops, and cover up the car.  
Cover up the ground, with a blanket of white.  
Cover up the trees, and everything in sight.  
But please little snowflakes, do not go berserk,  
Stay off the highways, so we can get to work.*

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

# Your Wardens ask: 'What is your focus?'

Wow!! Christmas is only a few weeks away. What is your lodge doing to let shut-in members and absentee members know that you are still aware where they are and that you care about them? What about putting together visiting teams of two or more members and have each team visit two or three of these members before Christmas gets here. Maybe take them a small plant or Christmas remembrance of some type.

We were fortunate to attend the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in November. A young couple from Idaho gave a great presentation regarding membership. Their activities have more than doubled their membership. Their topic was — "Focus on the goal of increasing membership — investing time and money will reap a return of members."

Some of their suggestions were: Participate in local parades, be active at your building (yard sales, dinners, etc.), be aware of the needs of community youth, place articles in the local newspaper about your activities, be active with social media (that sounds familiar), and have an active service project to involve members.

Think about discussing some of these ideas at your

lodge meeting and see what you can do to encourage new members, as well as re-activate "quiet" members. Make a goal with you lodge to start the New Year off with a strong focus on increased active membership.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

— In F., L. & T.,  
Kelly Hughes & Cathy Garcia

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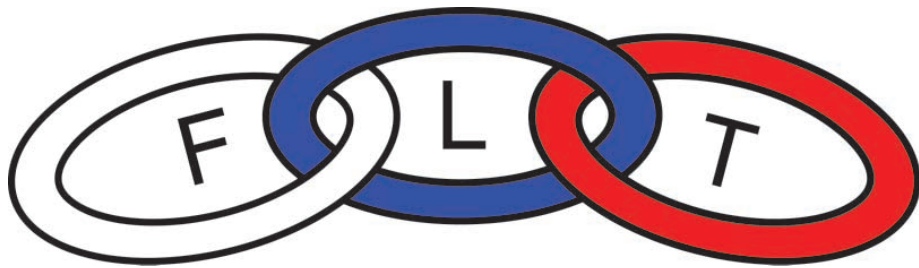
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### ALIMUS I.O.O.F. LODGE #15

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### 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) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Greg Powers, 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

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### 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:** all-pointsyarn@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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**GOLDEN RULE I.O.O.F. LODGE #207**

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**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**

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**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 Zurluh, 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: linadnbob4ever@msn.com Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-0400. Ph: (253) 606-7620. Email: laureljdelony@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 Knobler 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

**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.



# From your 2015-16 Grand Patriarch

## CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I celebrate the birth of Christ, my wish for you is a Christmas that's merry and brightly filled with Love and Joy. Let us give thanks for the Christ Child who's birth the Lord has provided and for his guidance. My song for the Christmas season is "Mary Did You Know?" May we all have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of promise keeping our military men and women in your prayers as well as our Order's shut-ins. The best gift of all is peace which comes from the heart. "Blessed are the peace makers for they will be called the children of God."



FRANK WILSON

— Matthew 5:9

## UNP DEADLINES NEAR

If your lodge plans to sponsor a stu-

dent for the 2016 United Nations Pilgrimage Tour, I will need a copy of their application **no later than Friday, December 18, 2015. Additionally**, one half of a delegate's non-refundable fee of \$800 is due in the Grand Lodge office at that time. As soon as I receive your selected students' applications and essays, I will mail them the required registration forms and instructions. The Sovereign Grand Lodge's UNP program requires our Grand Lodge Office to forward delegate fees and to confirm the number of students from our jurisdiction **no later than January 14, 2016.**

*In Faith, Hope & Charity,*  
Frank Wilson

*Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of*  
*Washington*

*And UNP Director, 4701 23rd Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503*

## In Wenatchee

## Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

The month of October was special for Tempest Lodge as we welcomed visitors. At our October 8 meeting, Sister Genie Coston, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary; Brother Jean Coston, Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington; and Sister Carlene Coston of Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, attended. We enjoyed meeting and greeting them. Sister Genie presented gifts to each of our members.

Sister Marge Farrens, a 63-year member, celebrated a special birthday on September 24. Members and visitors sang "Happy Birthday" to our honoree.

On October 22, Assembly President Barbara Nelson visited our lodge. A delicious luncheon preceded the meeting, with a reception following. It was great getting to know Sister Barbara.

Our Sister Hattie Schofield, who is 103 years young, and several other centenarians who reside in Colonial Vista Care Center in Wenatchee, were recently featured in an article in the *Wenatchee World*. We are proud of her as she is a special lady.

Our lodges have been anticipating a combined Thanksgiving dinner on November 12.

Christmas arrangements will be given to the Bruce Transitional Housing facility again this year, so plans are in the making.

All members are invited to our December 8 and 10 meetings.

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

# From your 2015-16 Grand Matriarch

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you had a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Now it is on to a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** to all of you.

Summer is over and fall and winter are upon us. Be careful out there driving on the roads.



DONNA TONN

I attend the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting Yakima. Thanks to Brian Brewer who drove me over and to David and Jennie Reed for bringing me back home with the help of Margaret Truttmann. Friendship is the first link of our Order.

I made my first visitation as Grand Matriarch to Mt. Angeles LEA #88 in November. We had a nice dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a short meeting. I also attended the Park Board Meeting on Camano Island.

*In Faith, Hope & Charity*  
*And lots of Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
*Donna Tonn, Grand Matriarch*



# From your 2015-16 Theta Rho President

## A VERY, VERY BUSY NOVEMBER

This past November had been a packed month for me. I visited Omega Theta Rho Club in Oregon on Tuesday, November 10. I helped to install their new member, Lily.



**FAITH  
GHRAMM**

It was a great way to connect with the girls and see how far they have become as their own club.

Then, that Saturday, November 14, Sylvia Summers and I drove down to Lorane, Oregon to visit the Eta Theta Rho Club. We drove up Friday night and I was able to spend the night with my good friend Lily Tipton from my United Nations Pilgrimage this summer. Saturday morning, I got to sit in on one of Eta's meetings. I'd like to thank them for not only meeting on a Saturday so I could visit them, but also for the cutest dandelion wall art. After the meeting they provided us with sandwiches, cookies, chips and soda for lunch. Being able to see how far of a drive they take every time to come see all of us here in Washington made me appreciate them so much more for being able to do that drive.

### MORE DRIVING LESSONS

On the way home, Sylvia gave me a few more lessons on how to drive a car with manual transmission. I drove the whole way home! It was quite a blast. Not only over the weekend was I able to visit old friends, and new friends, but I was also able to gain some life experiences as well.

That Monday was my first wrestling practice of the season.

Don't forget to be thankful even after Thanksgiving has passed. All in all, November was a great month.

*Happy Holidays to everyone!*

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

## In Oak Harbor

# Happy holidays from Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy holidays to all members. However you celebrate, we hope you get to do it with family and friends.

Our turkey raffle for the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation was a success. We were able to raise \$117 to help provide wishes for terminally ill children. Our local Safeway donated the turkey.

This month we are making cards for the nursing home



## *Faith visits Omega*

Theta Rho Assembly President Faith Ghramm visited with members of Omega Theta Rho Girls' Club in Oregon in November. From left are: Anne Hale, Ellie Holz, Holli Hallstrom, Faith, Vada Holz and Lilly Bukowski.



## *Eta Girls welcome Faith*

Theta Rho Assembly President Faith Ghramm also made a stop to visit members of Eta Theta Rho members in Oregon during November. From left are Samantha Lind, Bethany Struthers, Stephanie Wiggle, Faith Ghramm, Moria Struthers, Nina F, and Desiree Woody. Nina is an exchange student.

and will deliver them and visit with the residents. Afterwards we are going to our advisor's home for dinner and Christmas movies.

We want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and remind you not to forget the reason for the season.

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

## Eight remembered at District #18 Memorial

Greetings,

The Rebekah District #18 Meeting was held Saturday, October 10 in Longview. Those introduced were Alberta Luurs who is Marshall of the Rebekah Assembly; and Lou Ann Hoffman, Color Bearer of Rebekah Assembly. Honors were given to Laurel Delony, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

A simple but touching memorial service was held for the eight Sisters that have passed during the last year. While the Hymn "He Leadeth Me" played, their names were called and a rose was placed in a vase as we remembered Barbara West, Jessie Steel, Rosalie Davis of Monterose, Francis Jonason of Sunbeam, Jody Studevent, Florence Reith of Trinity, Jerry Pertel, and Corky Walker from Sylvan Glen Lodges. Chaplain Alberta Luurs then read an appropriate poem.

Following the morning session a delicious lunch was served by ladies from Longview #305. The salad and potato bar was enjoyed by everyone.

For the afternoon, the meeting was turned over to our guest speaker, Laurel Delony, for the learning of the Rebekah Degree. Then followed the election of new officers for 2016. The officers are as follows: Cookie Music, President; Shelly Patrick, Vice-President; Lou Ann Hoffman, Secretary; and Kay Pratt, Treasurer.

— *In Faith, Love and Truth, Elayne Novotny*



From left are Isla Barton, 25 year jewel recipient; John Brigham CEO of the Odd Fellows Home and 25 year jewel recipient; Patty Newell, Narcissa Noble Grand; Shirley Ruble; and Barbara Tvrz.

### *In Walla Walla*

## Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Narcissa members took part in the District #5 Fall Meeting on October 17. It is always nice to visit with friends from Bee Hive and Schuyler Lodges. Visiting were Margaret Truttmann, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, and Barbara Nelson, the present Assembly President. Both ladies are delightful and we had a grand time visiting with them.

President Barbara told us about her project for the year, Junior Achievement. There is a JA group in Walla Walla that we will look into.

Barbara Lechner and Marthann Hall did a wonderful job arranging our Homecoming Dinner on October 24 at Smith's restaurant. Seventeen member attended, including three husbands. Shirley Ruble presented an interesting history of James McCallum, one of the original signers of our Charter. Isla Barton and John Brigham, CEO of the Odd Fellows Home here in Walla Walla, were eligible to receive their 25 year Veteran's Jewels. Neither were able to attend the dinner, so Noble Grand Patty Newell, Barbara Tvrz and Shirley Ruble presented the Jewels to them in Isla's room at the Home. Both recipients also received a beautiful red rose bud to mark the occasion. Congratulations Isla and John.

Our recently-elected officers may look familiar. That is because they are exactly the same as last year. They are: Noble Grand Patty Newell, Vice Grand Jeanne Elder, Recording Secretary Barbara Tvrz, Financial Secretary Sharon Sousa, Treasurer Marthann Hall and Trustee Rose Ringhoffer. Welcome back ladies!

We are saddened by the passing of our Sister Geraldine Taylor. Geraldine was house-bound and could not attend meetings, but she was a loyal Rebekah just the same.

We are hoping that everyone had a grand Thanksgiving and we send lots of best wishes from Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2.

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

## Blanket Dispensation

### CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR INSTALLATIONS

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows does hereby grant permission to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges to jointly and publicly install their officers for the 2016 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

**Laurel Delony,**  
Grand Master

**Barbara Hanson,**  
President

Attest:

**Harry W. Coulter,**  
Grand Secretary

Attest:

**Marcia Presley,**  
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

## News from the Capital City

### Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings from Olympia. Our lodges wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Olympia #1 hosted a Degree Day on October 24. We had a great day with two candidates from Vancouver, and two candidates from Bucoda receiving Degrees. Lunch was served by the Rebekahs.

Don Hepp, a Past Grand Master, has moved to an assisted care facility in Tumwater — Olympics West. Don will be 90-years-old December 5. Please join us as we celebrate his birthday. An open house gathering is planned for Saturday, December 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. No gifts please, but come with stories to share.

Congratulations to our newly-elected lodge officers for 2016: Noble Grand Don Coulter, Vice Grand Marc La Vack, Secretary Laurel Delony, Financial Secretary Kathi Picanco, and Treasurer Patty Smith.

The Rebekahs report that Cindy Duke and Jennie Cole are both improving.

The Olympia Lodge has a merit award program. This program is designed to award the outstanding lodge member of the year. A committee of Past Grands has developed a list of criteria for awarding this honor. Please contact our Secretary for a copy of the criteria if you are interested in nominating someone you think deserves special recognition. Merit award nominations for this year should be given to the committee by December 15, 2015.

**FYI** — dues are due Thursday, December 31.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY SET

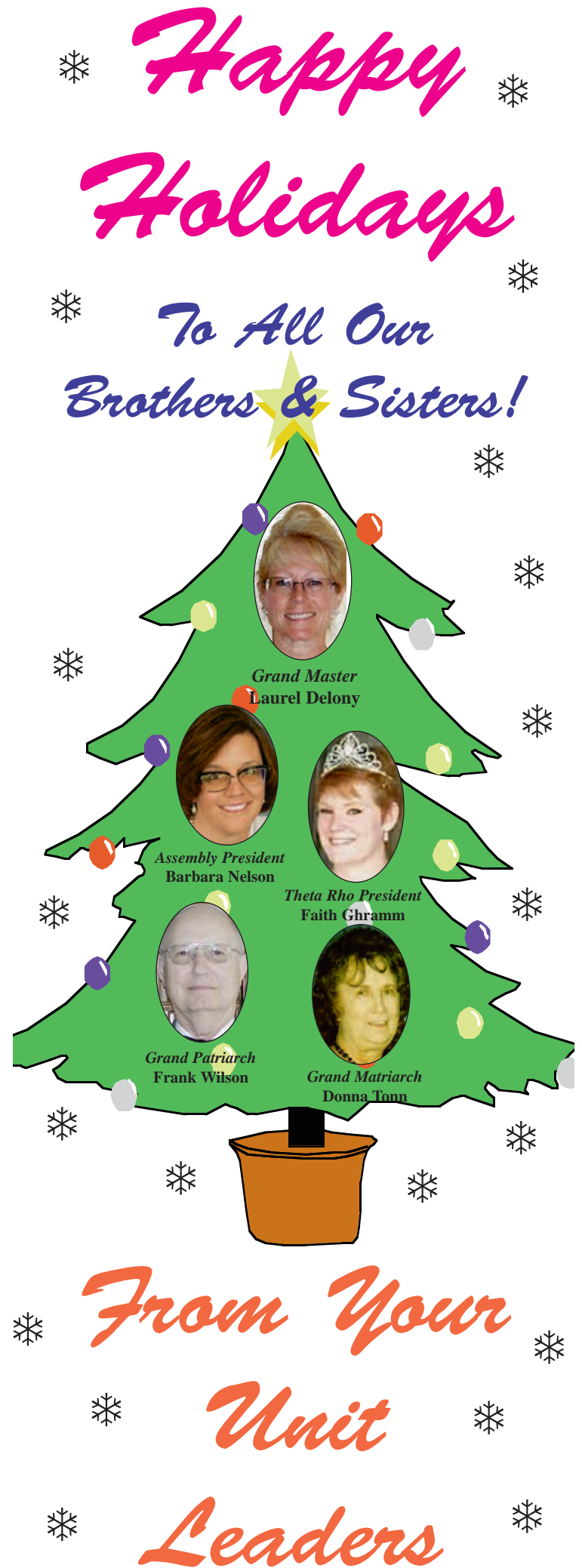
Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 19 at the lodge. There will be a silent auction conducted by the Rebekahs and donations are being accepted.

The Park Board has asked members if they have any ideas or suggestions for the operation of our park. Suggestions may be made to any Park Board member, preferably in writing so it can be shared with the other members.

Ruth # 17 recently invited a representative from the Union Gospel Mission to share information regarding some of their current projects. We are excited to join with the UGM in providing Christmas stockings for needy children in our communities, and will be collecting clothes to donate to their clothing bank.

Election of officers was held and we look forward to a productive year with Noble Grand Frank Wilson and Vice Grand Diane Devoe. Cathy Garcia and Earlene Carlson will each serve another term as Secretary and Treasurer.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
Stu Carlson, Reporter



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## Skookumchuck Degree Day set for December 12

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awaiting the mysteries. One member I am proud to say is my 17-year-old son.

So on Saturday December 12 at 1 p.m., Skookumchuck Lodge is going to hold the Initiatory Degree for the first time in close to 50 years! We will have a light luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. We invite all lodges to bring their candidates for this event. Help putting on the Degree work would also be welcome and appreciated. Remember, candidates must have a letter signed by the Nobel Grand and *sealed* with the Lodge Seal in order to participate. Please contact us for more information or if you are going to bring a candidate. [Skookumchuck129@gmail.com](mailto:Skookumchuck129@gmail.com)

— *In F, L & T,*  
Kelly Hughes, NG



## *Texas girls*

Kathi Picanco and Laurel Delony enjoyed the sights of Fort Worth, Texas in November when they attended the Sovereign Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner. An additional photo appears on page 2.