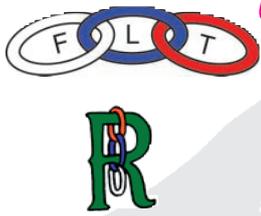


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John Barnes, John "Joe" Goodrich and John Roselli, all deceased members of Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 on Orcas Island, were honored with a commemorative bench and plaque at the entrance to Village Green in Eastsound, Washington.

On Orcas Island

Mt. Constitution Lodge honors three Johns

Mt. Constitution Lodge # 88 from Orcas Island recently placed a commemorative bench and plaque at the entrance to The Village Green in Eastsound, Washington. It honors three of our Brothers who have passed in the last three years: John Barnes, John "Joe" Goodrich, and John Roselli.

On September 7 a group of our Brothers led a candlelit procession in the evening from our lodge to the Village Green to honor and remember the "Johns."

The following poem, written by our current Vice Grand, John Clancy, describes the ceremony.

THREE CANDLES STAY AFLAME

By John Clancy

*16 candles before the plaque
Of John and John and John.
16 men before the bench
Their memories carry on.*

*John did this and Joe did that
And Barnes, he sang this song.
They lived their lives; they danced their dance
And we miss them now they've gone.*

*The North Wind stirs and steals the flame
Of candles one by one.
All save three no longer glow;
Three candles stay aflame.*

*13 candles out as out
3 candles stay aflame.
Between you and me
I like to think*

— Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88
P.O. Box 1286, Eastsound, WA 98245

From the desk of your Grand Master

HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Hello again! Well the year is fast approaching its end once again and our thoughts turn toward the holiday season and the Installation of Officers in January. Make sure you are getting those nominations and elections done! We have been having some great events lately and I am quite excited about how well my term has gone so far.



DUARD FYFFE

RECENT HAPPENINGS

We had a pancake breakfast in Olympia to raise funds for the United Nations Pilgrimage. It was a wonderful time and we raised more than \$250 for the project. In South Tacoma we have had a spaghetti feed and auction to help out our Sister Rebekahs on October 29. I would like to encourage everyone to remember that the fellowship we share with each other strengthens our fraternal bonds and gives us a chance to connect with our neighboring lodges, as well. If you have a function coming up, don't forget to notify other lodges at least in your district and submit an article in this newspaper. It is a great way to let everyone know about your event. You just never know who might be passing through!

UPCOMING EVENTS

I have some more official visits scheduled in the coming days as well as other events so here is my itinerary for the next couple of months. Please note that there may be some occasional changes, so double check those dates!

NOVEMBER:

- 3-6 — Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association Meeting, Pacific Northwest Department Council PM Session, and General Commanding's Testimonial Dinner In Portland, Oregon.
- 8 — Official Visit to Silvia Lodge #38 in Montesano.
- 12 — Home Board Meeting
- 15 — Official Visit to Bothell #124
- 17 — Official Visit to Monroe #156
- 19 — JJYC Meeting and Three Degree Day in Olympia
- 22 — Official Visit to Yakima #22

DECEMBER:

- 6 — Official Visit to Friendship #145 in Bremerton
- 7 — Official Visit to Golden Rule #207 in Napavine
- 13 — Official Visit to Prosperity #301 in Wenatchee (Rescheduled)

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Once again I would like to encourage everyone to look to the people in your communities with an eye toward who you would like to see in your lodge as a member and give them an invitation and an application! Our world today is in desperate need of the kind of example and guidance we have to provide. Let's make a difference!

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Duard Fyffe,*
Your 2016-2017 Grand Master

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Have A Blessed Thanksgiving

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla



The District #5 Meeting was hosted by Schuyler Lodge #8 on October 15. A coffee hour at 9 a.m. was held at Washington Odd Fellows Home. The meeting followed at 10 a.m. Kathi Picano, Washington Rebekah Assembly President, was the honored guest. Noble Grand Patty Newell presented Kathi with \$50 for her President's Project.

District President Barbara Tvrz requested that the Narcissa Rebekahs seat the District officers, respond to the Welcome, and pay tribute to the flag. Cora May Davis arranged for Schuyler Lodge to bring potato soup, a main dish and rolls. Narcissa Rebekahs brought salads,

and Bee Hive #70 provided the dessert.

Congratulations to Emma Carolyn Brittain who was unanimously elected into membership in the Narcissa Rebekah Lodge by re-instatement on October 18. Soon Emma will be a resident at the Odd Fellows Home. We welcome Emma and look forward to renewing our friendship with her.

Homecoming took place on October 22 in the Fireside Room at the Merriam Apartments. Guests were invited. Pat Yenny and Robertta Hunt received 25-year jewels. Barbara Lechner provided two soups and corn bread. Nancy Klicker brought honey and butter. Members voted for ice cream cake as the dessert, and Marthann Hall supplied the delicious treat.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

— *In F., L. & T., Shirley Ruble, Reporter*

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

GIVING THANKS

Brothers and Sisters,

The harvest is in and now it is time for giving thanks. When we sit down for a Thanksgiving dinner this year with family and friends, let us remember to be thankful



HARRY W. "BILL" COULTER

for our many blessings. Give a thankful prayer to and for those who are still risking their lives to protect us and our freedoms, and, as well, a prayer for those less fortunate and disadvantage that they may also be blessed and relieved.

IN THE LODGE ROOM

November is the month when lodges elect officers for the 2017 year. Congratulations to all those officers-elect as you plan for the work in the

new year ahead of you. To those lodges that may need a Dispensation to install a non-qualified member, only the Grand Master can grant one for the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand prior to installation. Refer to the Washington

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

The ladies of Trinity are recuperating from our District Meeting. It was good to see so many smiling faces and out-of-towners.

We were very happy to receive a "Making a Difference" award, along with Longview, for bringing in a new member at the District 18 Meeting. Thank you to Kathi Picanco who presented the awards.

Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge put on an interesting program at the District 18 Meeting. Their presentation dealt with how to ballot on a new member and the difference between voting by acclamation and the ballot.

Janell Mulling read the directions as Jennie Reed and Margaret Truttmann acted out the parts. It was a learning as we go. Very educational!

Our Holiday Bazaar is just around the corner — and you are all invited. Come and enjoy lunch on Friday and Saturday, November 11-12. We will have a quilt raffle and a bake sale table with sugar-free items. You also can grab some bargains at the craft tables. We hope to see you here.

A birthday party was held on October 13 for Sandy Beane following our meeting. Cake and ice cream was served. How old is Sandy? We will just say she was born in 1946, the same year as me!

In F., L. & T., Cookie Music, News Reporter and Noble Grand

Digest Chapter 3, Section 3.10.5 Qualifications for Noble Grand or Vice Grand by service, found on page 50.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Report form packages were mailed to all Odd Fellow Lodges in late October. If you are an officer with a part to complete, please start now gathering and compiling the necessary information needed for completing this report. When the report forms are received and you start your work, please use black ink and make your entries legible. Do not alter the "Cash on Hand Last Report" amount appearing on Line 1.

You will find an additional pack of forms that will be sent out for the 2017 Annual Report. The forms packet will be available by mail, email and CD. Please review. For you Secretaries who want the 2017 Annual Reports emailed to you send the Grand Lodge an email to grandsec@qwestoffice.net. For those that want the packet by mail or CD, send a letter to the Grand Lodge office at PO Box 377 Buckley WA 98321-0377.

WEB SITE

Some of you may try accessing the Web Site and find a problem opening some parts of it. The Grand Lodge Web Site is presently undergoing a complete make over to make it easier to navigate and update.

— Fraternally,

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

Lodge Cards will return

Because of a lack of space this month, we were not able to published Lodge Cards. Your Lodge Card will be extended one month.

We are sorry for this inconvenience.

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From the desk of the Assembly President

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I wish a happy Thanksgiving for you all and your families. We should all be thinking what we are thankful for. I, for one, am thankful for my family, friends, and the opportunity to serve my community. We need to let others know what we do for Odd Fellowship and why, our tenants remind us to take care of others.



KATHI PICANCO

NOMINATION MONTH

Nominations have started. Choose well for these offices. We need leaders and workers who will continue our quest and to keep our Order going. We need to continue to fill our lodges with members who are committed and willing to promote our Order and look forward for our future.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I would like to thank all the members who attended Districts #2 and #18 Meetings. The District Meetings were fun and had lessons for us all to learn from or to remind us of the proper procedures. The District Meetings give us all the opportunity to share our thoughts and ideas.

I continue to work my visitation schedule and will be contacting all the Rebekah lodges for my visits.

"Not what we say about our blessings but how we use them is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

— *W.T. Purkiser*

— *With Friendship, Love & Truth,*
Kathi Picanco,
President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

NOVEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I sit here, writing this article I am prepared for the storm of the century that is to arrive in the next few hours. I hope everyone came through this storm with no damage and no injuries.



MARCIA PRESLEY

November is a busy month for the lodges, with the second nomination of your slate of officers for 2017 and their elections, the celebration of Thanksgiving and Veterans' Day to honor those that protect us.

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting and the Testimonial for General Daniel E. Mathews, General Commanding of the General Military Council Patriarchs Militant, IOOF will be held in Portland, Oregon this month.

We will also celebrate the 115th Anniversary of the LAPM Unit of our Order on November 4.

THANK YOU, LODGES

I would like to thank all of the Rebekah Lodges for their prompt payment of the IARA Assessment bills, which allowed me to pay the full amount due for the Rebekah Assembly of Washington prior to the deadline date.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Reports will be due at the end of the year, but you can start getting the figures ready to go and just add November's and December's totals. If you have any

questions, be sure to call me. It is easier to make corrections before you send in your Annual Report, then to wait until after I receive them.

As always, if you have any questions, call one of the members of the Executive Committee or a Past President. They are here for you. There is no such thing as a stupid question.

I leave you with this poem from Joyce Link, President of the IARA.

LIFE IS GOOD

*The more we give, the more we'll get.
The more we laugh, the less we'll fret.
The more we do unselfishly,
The more we'll live abundantly.
The more of everything we share,
The more we'll always have to spare.
The more we love, the more we'll find.
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.*

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



*Be Sure
To Vote
This Month!
November 8*

From your Wardens

Use the power of the newspaper!

Hello Brothers and Sisters! Fall is definitely here and, with it, a new idea for the month of November to try in your own lodge to gain some new members. This month's idea is to use the power of your local newspaper.

My local newspaper, *The Eatonville Dispatch*, covers most of the news that happens in South Pierce County, including my home town of Graham. It's the place I turn to when I want to know what's going on in my community. They cover the news of new businesses opening, car crashes, fires, local high school sports, and community events. Specifically, they have a "Community Events" section which lists meetings and special events of various service organizations in the community. For an Odd Fellow or Rebekah

Use Your Newspaper

Lodge looking for new members, this kind of listing is essential!

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Most likely there's a newspaper in your area that has a similar community calendar listing. If your lodge isn't giving your meeting times for inclusion in the community calendar, it's missing out. Newspapers, especially as the Internet becomes an increasingly vital means of communication, are looking for content. Most newspapers would be incredibly happy to have another calendar listing for their community section. Best of all, it's free publicity for your lodge.

When you're ready to start getting your meetings listed in your local newspaper, the first step is to contact someone at the newspaper office to find out the submission process. Just as there are guidelines for sending information to *The Washington OddFellow*, each individual paper will have their own guidelines. Sometimes that information will be available from a simple web search; sometimes it requires getting out the phone book and making a call. Once you know their submission guidelines you can get your lodge meetings and events listed.

REPETITION

It's important to keep in mind that any kind of advertising is only effective through repetition. Putting in a listing once or twice and giving up because you don't see an increase in membership is the wrong attitude. It takes quite a bit of repetition before a message starts to sink in with its intended audience. Make sure that you're committed to regularly updating your local newspaper

with information about your meetings and events. Also, when you have something really special planned, like an Installation of Officers or other public event, be sure and send a more extensive press release to the newspaper. They're always appreciative of getting new story ideas and that very well may lead to them sending a reporter to write a story about your lodge.

WRITING PRESS RELEASES

If you're unfamiliar with the process of writing a press release, there's an excellent tutorial available at <http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Press-Release>.

If you have any further questions about how to start listing your events in your local newspaper, contact me. You can email me at iooftoby@gmail.com or give me a call on my cell phone at (206) 245-8207. I'll be happy to guide you through the process and get you started. Until then, keep an eye out for our next membership suggestion in December.

— In F., L. & T.,
Toby Hanson and Jennie Reed



Fun at District 18

Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Kathi Picanco, left, chats with Trinity Noble Grand Cookie Music at the District #18 Meeting on October 18. Note that Kathi is wearing her "Chicken Hat!" A full report and additional photos of the District #18 Meeting will appear next month.



A sad beginning, but a happy ending

At the last Grand LEA Session, the Past Grand Matriarchs in attendance were saddened by a tale of woe told to them in an addendum presented by Grand Junior Warden Marcia Presley. From left are: Kendra Frogge',

Elizabeth Morgan, Mavis House (standing), Betty Young, Sharleen Davies, Peg Ogilvie, Karen Hoylman and Judy Diekman. The story did have a happy ending, though.

— Submitted by Karen Hoylman



Catherine Hopkinson, Angelique Robin, Lucy Crouch and Rhiannon Chapman of the Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79, share their Irene Meigs Community Service Award from International and the Arthritis Award from Grand Sessions in June.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Fall is here and we hope you are enjoying the pretty fall colors.

There are two special days this month to celebrate. On Veterans' Day take time to thank those who have served or are currently serving in our military. Our club sent our annual donations to the Vietnam War Memorial Foundation and Craft Kits for Hospitalized Veterans. We also have three veterans as pen pals who were recipients of one of the kits, one in Florida, one in Virginia and our newest in Massachusetts.

Thanksgiving is the second holiday. We hope you can spend time with family and friends but don't forget to give thanks for your many blessings.

While we are enjoying Thanksgiving dinner there will be others going hungry, so we also made our annual donation to "Feed The Children."

Our community service activity for this month will be our turkey raffle and once again the proceeds will go to "The Make A Wish Foundation."

We wish for all of you a happy Thanksgiving.

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

From your 2016-17 Grand Patriarch

THE HOUSE WHERE NOBODY LIVES

Greetings!

I hope you are all enjoying the lovely autumnal weather and survived the Great Wind of 2016.

My Grand Patriarch song is by Tom Waits and is Titled “The House Where Nobody Lives.” Here are some of the lyrics:



*There's a house on my block
That's abandoned and cold
Folks moved out of it a
Long time ago
And they took all their things
And they never came back
Looks like it's haunted
With the windows all cracked
And everyone call it
The house, the house*

*Where nobody lives
Once it held laughter
Once it held dreams
Did they throw it away
Did they know what it means
Did someone's heart break
Or did someone do somebody wrong?*

BE EXTRA CONSIDERATE

In my interactions with people in my communities, they think that the Odd Fellows is a house where nobody lives. I would like each of us to reflect on how our actions toward our fellow members might contribute to heartbreak, or the sense of having been wronged. No one is perfect, but, in a family like ours, we need to be extra considerate of how our actions might alienate our fellow members.

In a biological family, there is a blood bond. I see families that treat each other in ways they never treat non-family members. It's like that blood bond makes it okay to mistreat each other. We need to reflect and make sure that we are not treating each other within the Odd Fellows with casual neglect, disrespect and bullying. We are all here because we choose to be, not out of obligation.

Heading into the Holiday Season, please keep this in mind and find extra kindness and gentleness toward one another.

Here are the ending lyrics that I hope we can live up to:

*So if you find someone
Someone to have, someone to hold
Don't trade it for silver
Don't trade it for gold
I have all of life's treasures*

And they are fine and they are good

They remind me that houses

Are just made of wood

What makes a house grand

Ain't the roof or the doors

If there's love in a house

It's a palace for sure

Without love. . .

It ain't nothin

But a house, a House Where Nobody Lives.

— Nora Carria,

Grand Patriarch of the

Grand Encampment of Washington



Special Spunky visitor

Grand Master Duard Fyffe was on hand at the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club meeting in South Tacoma on October 19. On the left is Christina Dirks, Theta Rho Assembly President and at right is Michela Jensen, Spunky's Vice President.

*Give
Thanks
This
Month!*



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News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

The Holiday Season is officially here. Halloween is past and Thanksgiving is just around the corner, followed closely by Christmas, New Years and then installations. We are excited in both Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 with the officers we will be voting on this month. It is always interesting to watch new officers learn their responsibilities and experienced members come alongside them with encouragement and advice.

We can't have new officers without *new members*. This is a great time of year to look around and encourage neighbors and friends to join us.

DEGREE DAY

Olympia #1 will be hosting a Degree Day on Saturday, November 19 at the Olympia Lodge. Coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 9 a.m. and the degree work will begin promptly at 10 a.m. All four Degrees will be given.

If you have initiates or members desiring any or all of the degrees, this is a great opportunity. The degree work is much more effective when performed by a strong team accompanied by Brothers and Sisters from several lodges. Please contact Olympia Lodge Secretary, Laurel Delony, at P.O. Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501, stating your applicant's name, that they have been voted favorably on, and

asking for them to be given the desired degrees. You may also send this letter with the initiate on Degree Day. It is always more comfortable if some of your lodge members accompany the new member, as well. Ruth #17 will be serving lunch between the First and Second Degrees.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We will be hosting our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10. More information will appear in the December newsletter, but I'm pretty sure Santa will be paying us a visit.

REBEKAH DEGREE

Ruth #17 will also be giving the Rebekah Degree on Wednesday, November 9 during their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Please contact Cathy Garcia at rcgarcia347@live.com, or call her at (360) 413-7014 if you have Rebekah initiates that you would like to have participate.

We will again be filling Christmas Stockings for the Union Gospel Mission. Please start collecting candy and small toys to help us complete this task. The stockings are distributed to low-income children in Thurston County.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

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