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At our IOOF Home in Walla Walla

New addition opening soon!



Landscaping is completed around the new building. A sidewalk gently slopes upward through the garden. Lamp posts light the walk way at night.

By Shirley Ruble

There is great excitement and anticipation at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla this Christmas! CEO John Brigham announced the opening of the new addition to West Care Center. Construction ended in November and the final electrical wiring and plumbing are being completed.

Ten private rooms have built-in closets with cabinets and a full bathroom. All of the rooms are larger than the current ones. There are 10-foot walls, and the ceiling slopes upwards from 10 to 13 feet. A 40-inch flat screen TV with free cable is available in every room. Windows offer a spacious 8-foot by 4-foot view. They overlook tree-lined Boyer Avenue to the north, and holly bushes and privet hedges to the south. Come spring, azaleas, astilbes, rhododendrons and roses will be added.

“The building is located in a peaceful, well-established historic neighborhood,” said Rob Grandstaff, Director of Environmental Services and General Contractor. Red brick masonry, earth-tone gables with round vents, and a green, shingled roof blend in with

the surroundings. Gabled roofs are best in areas where rain and snow need to slide to the ground.

Other rooms in the building are an office and two utility rooms. Full nursing care, activities and social services will be provided. Healthy meals and snacks are prepared for rehabilitation and dementia residents in the main dining room of West Care Center. Recreation and rehab also are in the main building.

A breezeway runs from the new addition to West Care Center. It has glass walls and doors that open from the breezeway into a garden. Residents will view plants and flowers from places to sit along a sidewalk that leads to the gazebo.

“The new facility will meet the need for more accommodations at the Home,” said Brigham. To schedule a personal visit or tour, please call Admissions at (509) 525-6463. The address is 534 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA. A website is available at www.oddfellows.com. See more photos at [facebook.com/oddfellowsww](https://www.facebook.com/oddfellowsww).



Plants border the addition along Boyer Avenue where new sod has been installed. The landscape integrates the 20-foot high, 4,400-square-foot facility into the community.

From the desk of your Grand Master

ENJOY THE SEASON

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

I hope that this season finds you all well and enjoying the revelry that always accompanies us this time of year.



DUARD FYFFE

January is right around the corner and I would like to remind you to finish up those pesky Annual Reports! Don't forget to ask for help if you need it, that's what we are here for.

A FRATERNAL OBLIGATION

During this festive time of year I know that many of you have taken steps to help out those less fortunate in our communities. I congratulate you for the good works you do, but please don't forget that you have a fraternal obligation, as well. Look around your halls and see if there isn't one among your Brothers and Sisters who might not need a hand as well. Maybe there is someone who doesn't get around quite as well as they used to and could use a snow shovel on their sidewalk, or someone left alone you could invite over for a holiday dinner.

I have been making a lot of progress in my official

visits and I am having a wonderful time meeting new people and telling them about some of the projects and opportunities we have going on. My next round of activities are as follows:

DECEMBER

- 6 — Friendship IOOF Lodge #145 in Bremerton
- 7 — Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 in Napavine
- 13 — Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 in Wenatchee

JANUARY

- 7 — Fall City Installation of Officers
- 8 — Des Moines Installation of Officers
- 12 — Titusville Installation of Officers
- 14 — Napavine Installation of Officers
- 15 — South Tacoma Installation of Officers
- 21 — Olympia Installation of Officers
- 29 — Buckley Installation of Officers

I will wish all of you a wonderful holiday and don't forget to watch the Rose Parade on January 2, 2017 to see the Odd Fellows float!

Good luck and God's speed to all of you.

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

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News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

It's hard to believe it's December and we'll soon be welcoming 2017.

Olympia #1 had a great Degree Day on November 19. We had the privilege of conferring all four Degrees on several new members. Kathi Picanco and members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 served coffee and muffins prior to the Degree work and then a wonderful lunch in between 1st and 2nd Degrees.

Ruth #17 is busy getting Christmas stockings filled for the Union Gospel Mission to hand out to needy children. As with most of our projects, Olympia #1 was helpful in providing toys and other items to fill the stockings. Thank you so very much!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

We would like to invite members and their families to our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10. The fun starts at 1 p.m. and includes a Silent Auction, a Piñata for the kids and a visit from Santa Claus. Dinner is at 2 p.m. followed by an adult gift exchange. Please bring a gender neutral gift costing no more than \$10.

MARCHING INTO 2017

Now that elections are finished we are excited to start

making plans for 2017. Our Installation of Officers will be on January 21. We will serve lunch at noon and the installation will follow. If you would like to join us, please contact Laurel Delony or Joe Picanco.

Have a very Merry Christmas and be a secret blessing to someone this month.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Cathy Garcia, 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 2017 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

Duard Fyffe,
Grand Master

Kathi Picanco,
President

Attest:

Harry W. Coulter,
Grand Secretary

Attest:

Marcia Presley,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

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. Send your nominations to: Jody Morris, 5500 NE 82nd Ave, Apt. 264, Vancouver, WA 98662.

UN PILGRIMAGE DEPOSITS

United Nations Education Pilgrimage for Youth Tour deposits (\$800 each) must be set to the Grand Lodge Office no later than Friday, December 18, 2016 to reserve a seat. Contact UNP Chairman Kristi Nebel at PO Box 5764, Tacoma, WA

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

PLUCKED FROM FROZEN HILLS

AN EVERGREEN SETTLES IN OUR HOME

CANDLES WARMTH JOY LOVE

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 donated \$1,000 to the Walla Walla Community College Foundation for scholarships to be awarded to deserving students in all programs, "The Rebekahs provide that amount annually to help students reach their career goals," said Nancy L. Klicker, Trustee of the lodge. Recipients are selected based on academic performance, commitment and financial need.

As one student said, "The money will ensure that I get through school. I support myself and can't express how much this scholarship will help me financially. Thank you so much for making a huge difference in my life." Douglas L. Bayne, Director of Resource Development, is head of the WWCC Foundation.

Narcissa Rebekahs also donated funds to Kathi Picano for the Rebekah Assembly President's Project: the Fisher House Foundation. The fund provides a home away from home for families of patients receiving care at major military medical centers.

Since 1990, the program has offered lodging for 277,000 families in 71 houses across the country. There are three Fisher Houses in Washington state: Madigan Army

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98415-0764, kristinebel@msn.com or call her at (253) 573-1504 with your lodge's or district's intention to send a student delegate(s). She 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 Kristi Nebel. This is vital in order of Kristi to send the candidate the information packets that are necessary for them to follow.

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Passwords for the year 2017 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. The new Annual Report forms enclosed are available upon request to use in lieu of the old style. Please email your request to grandsec@qwestoffice.net. The new form will be used for the 2017 year.

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

GRAND LODGE WEBSITE

Our website is undergoing renovation to enable easy use by you the members, and those who desire to obtain lodge information. A special section is for lodge Secretaries to update their Membership Rosters and find crucial information.

I wish you each and every one a very happy holiday season.

— *Fraternally,*

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

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From the desk of the Assembly President

SEASON GREETINGS

I wish for all of you a *grand holiday season* full of friends, family and festivities.

November was filled with meetings, a testimonial, the Fall Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting, and a small surgery for me and Jennie Reed, too.



KATHI PICANCO

FUND RAISERS

I have really enjoyed seeing how other lodges have done their different fund-raisers; it has helped me to get my creative juices flowing to help earn money for my project, Fisher House, and for my Rebekah Lodge Ruth #17.

We really enjoyed the Bucoda Lodge “Cowgirl Dreams Fund-raiser; there was food and Dancing,” or just plain listening to the music. Thank you Skookumchuck #129 and Bucoda #144 for a fun afternoon. South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 had a delicious spaghetti feed and silent auction to earn money for their coffers.

SPREAD THE HOLIDAY CHEER

During the holiday season we should do some visits to those members or friends who are shut-ins, sick or alone. In your community it would be nice if your lodge could do some kind of project; there are so many volunteer opportunities that may not cost much, but would help with spreading the holiday cheer. Some of the projects that I have heard of are working food banks, filling Christmas stockings for families in need, donating and filling food baskets and adopting families to provide Christmas food and gifts. There is something out there that each of us can do!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Now is the time to get those scholarship applications out with our members. This is such a great benefit for our families. The opportunity to receive help for college, trade school, or continuing education too is waiting for our families as well as for the members. The Washington Odd Fellows and Rebekah members and their families haven’t been applying for these scholarships; let’s help get the word out.

HELP WITH YOUR DONATIONS

The United Nations Education Program applications have a deadline of December 31. We don’t have to support a student, but can help support the program itself with a smaller donation. You can buy a meal, rent a bus, buy a t-shirt, pay for a hotel room or entrance fee to help, as well. Don’t forget our Vision Program and the Arthritis Foundation. For those of us who are more fortunate, let’s help others as well.

MAY YOU ALWAYS

— *By Catherine Pulsifer*

*Faith, hope and charity
May we always have these
Not just at Christmas time
But all the year throughout.*

*We tend to have more faith
More hope and charity
During the season
But can we keep it always.*

*May you always have
Something to hope for
Faith in something bigger than you
And, dreams that come true.*

*And may you always
Share with others
Your blessings as a result
Of your hopes, faith, and dreams.*

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

Why the American flag is folded 13 times?

Have you ever noticed on TV or at military funerals that the Honor Guard pay meticulous attention to correctly folding the American Flag 13 times?

I’ve known how the 21 gun salute was determined (adding the individual digits of 1776), but only recently learned why the flag was folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran.

Here it is:

- **The first fold** of our flag is a symbol of life.
- **The second fold** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- **The third fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- **The fourth fold** represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.
- **The fifth fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our Country, in dealing with

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

A GREAT NORTHWEST MEETING

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I just returned from the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting that was held in Oregon. What a wonderful event, with tours, delicious food and lots of visiting among the four Jurisdictions that belong to the Northwest.



MARCIA PRESLEY

We were honored to have IARA President Joyce Link from California; the Honorable W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master from West Virginia; and General Daniel E. Mathews, General Commanding of the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant from Oregon. It was Brother Daniel's Testimonial.

We had a number in attendance from all over the United States and Canada.

I hope that more of the members from Washington will attend our next Northwest Meeting that will be next spring hosted by Idaho.

DEADLINES NEARING

I have mailed the Annual Reports and the second half of the Per Capita and Assessment bills to each lodge for 2016. Please make note of the deadline dates. The Annual Reports are due by January 15, 2017, with a fine of \$10 a week for any late report after January 31, 2017. The due date on the Per Capita and Assessment bill is

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

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Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Puget Sound VA Medical Center in Seattle, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Merry Christmas!

**MAY YOU HAVE LAUGHTER TO CHEER YOU
AND THOSE YOU LOVE NEAR YOU.**

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



December 15, 2016. As always, if you are having any problems, be sure and give me a call.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish you all a very *merry and happy holiday* and hope that you are able to celebrate the holidays the way you want to.

Winter will begin December 21 and I am hopeful that we will have a mild winter and that none of you will have to cancel any of the events that you have planned for December and the rest of our winter.

I close with this poem:

THE OLD AND THE NEW

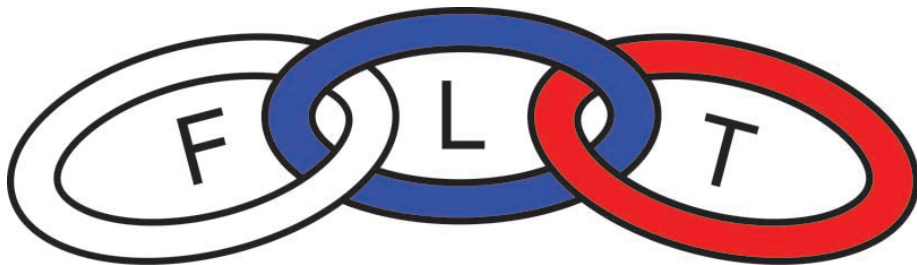
*Another year has almost gone by,
Yes, it's true. Time really does fly.
In hours past, some sad, some good,
Did I do the things I should?
Reach out to folks that came my way?
Do something nice to help their day?
Did I take the time to see,
What their problems might truly be?
Or did I just give a quick hello,
Then hurry on my way to go?
I firmly resolve for the upcoming year,
To help others, give comfort and good cheer.*

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



A 25-Year Jewel was awarded to Robertta Hunt at Narcissa's Homecoming by Rose Ringhoffer. Hunt presently is Chaplain of the lodge. Pat Yenny received her 25-Year-Jewel at her home.

~ 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:** Michael Goodwin, PO Box 1346, Goldendale, WA 98620. **Ph:** (509) 261-0881. **Sec'y:** Tammie Cook, PO Box 853, Goldendale, WA 98620. **Ph:** (509) 261-1647

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 N. 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Buell, 11318 8th Ave. NE, #D, Seattle, WA 98125. **Ph:** (206) 601-5701. **Sec'y:** Lillian Lathrum, 9300 W. Mall Dr., #304, Everett, WA 98208. **Ph:** (425) 885-1828

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. **Ph:** (360) 692-8919. **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:** Holly Houser, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 720-4489. **Email:** hollyh@comcast.net

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: 101 E. 7th, second floor, Bucoda. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717

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 Otterstrom, 6405 Isaac Ave. SE, #E. Auburn, WA 98092. **Ph:** (253) 740-8038. **Sec'y:** Morgan Hicks, 21921 Marine View Drive South, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 824-9276

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:** P.T. Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, PO Box 507, Fall City, WA 98024-0507. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Diane Keener, 440 Main Ave. S., #209, North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347. **Sec'y:** Mary E. Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871

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(360) 983-3105

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

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

Meets At: Hunters IOOF Lodge, 4945 Hwy. 25, PO Box 44, Hunters, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** June, July, Aug. **NG:** William (Bill) Floyd, PO Box 44 Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 690-2350. **Sec'y:** Russell Stringfellow, 5693 Mudget Lk. Rd., Fruitland, WA 99129. **Ph:** (509) 722-3009

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:** Nancy Haugen, 16308 'B' St., #25, Tacoma, WA 98445. **Ph:** (253) 223-3637. **Sec'y:** Lena Swetz, PP, 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:** Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. **Ph:** (253) 631-5501. **Sec'y:** Genie Coston, 2312 S. 128th St., Burien, WA 98168-3055. **Ph:** (206) 550-7818

MONTEROSE REBEKAH LODGE #46

Meets At: Toledo Fire Station, 150 N. Second St., Toledo, WA 98591. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 219-8939. **Sec'y:** Kay Pratt, PO Box 267, Toledo, WA 98591. **Ph:** (360) 520-3228

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:** Don Coulter. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 39435, Lakewood, WA 98496. **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:** Allison Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 720-8773. **Sec'y:** Mary Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 632-9231

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

Meeting Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Rockne Johnson, **Ph:** (425) 359-8799. **Sec'y:** William Wade, 63631 NE 194th Pl., Gold Bar, WA 98251-9125. **Ph:** (360) 677-2221

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: Highway 12 & Brim Rd, Onalaska. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 273-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **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:** Frank Wilson, 4701 23rd, Lacey, WA 98503. **Ph:** (360) 402-1550. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 701-5896 (Cell), (360) 413-7014 (Home)

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: 101 E. 7th St., Bucoda. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fri., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Louann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717. **Sec'y:** Kelly Hughes, PO Box 182, Bucoda, WA 98530-0182. **Ph:** (360) 402-1684.

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:** Bob Martin. **Ph:** (253) 961-4062. **Sec'y:** Brenna Wadsworth **Ph:** (253) 224-8947

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: 116 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Ray Martinson, 921 Brook Dr., Montesano, WA 98563. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 39435, Lakewood, WA 98496. **Ph:** (253) 983-7619

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., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 262-3186. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 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:** Dianna Cossette, 21716 NE WH Garner Rd., Yacolt, WA 98675. **Ph:** (360) 606-8367. **Sec'y:** Tari Romo, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Ph:** (360) 260-2310.

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** June, July, Aug. **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910

YELM REBEKAH LODGE #296

Meets At: 203 - 3rd St. SE, Yelm, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 1:00 pm. **Recess:** June, July. **NG:** Bebe Jackson, PO Box 1261, Rainier, WA 98576 **Ph:** (360) 894-4360. **Sec'y:** Carol Moline, PO Box 253, Roy, WA 98580. **Ph:** (253) 843-3154.

Is your Lodge Card okay???

Many of the Lodge Cards appearing in this month's edition received updates, such as new Noble Grands, addresses, phone numbers, etc. If you find any errors, please let the Grand Lodge Office know as soon as possible so we can make the necessary corrections in the next edition.

District #18 welcomes President Kathi Picanco

The doors opened for the District #18 Meeting on Saturday morning, October 8 at Trinity Rebekah Lodge in Napavine. A good turnout of Sisters from Trinity, Monterose, Bucoda, Sunbeam, Longview and Pine Burr were all happy to see Rebekah Assembly President Kathi Picanco as she made her official visit. She was very pleased that so many found their way to Napavine for her visit.

The Condolence Committee put together a very nice Memorial Service for our three Sisters — Olga Fickett of Pine Burr, Whitney White of Sunbeam and Irene Machovich of Trinity. They are gone, but they leave us with good memories.

Our Secretary Lou Ann Hoffman read off the Attendance Award. The Sunbeam Rebekahs brought in the most in members and they were also a big help with the meeting and programs.

Trinity and Longview tied for the Membership Award, each bringing in one new member. Toni Epperson joined Trinity #179 while Molly Hoyhtya joined Longview #305. We are glad to have them join us.

We give Alberta Luurs and Sandy Beane special thanks for serving a delicious lunch of meat loaf and mashed potatoes, along with apple pie for dessert. It was very good.

Following the lunch break, Kathi was very pleased with the donations she received from District #18 and

each lodge, along with her “Chicken Hat.” The hat was placed on her during a cute skit. Her donations were for her Fisher House project.

While talking with Kathi and getting to know her better, we were surprised to learn that she is not only a Rebekah Sister, but she is a Veteran who served in the Army and National Guard Reserves. This makes us very proud of her.

Cookie Music’s gifts to each of her 2016 officers were handmade bracelets created by our very talented Sister Evenlyn Neuman. They were very pretty in colors of pink and green. Thank you so much, Evenlyn.

After the call (The Sky if Falling), it was raffle time. Many door prizes were given away to lucky members.

After a pleasant afternoon, the meeting was closed in Friendship, Love and Truth. Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 members are happy to host the next District #18 Meeting and issued an invitation to all!

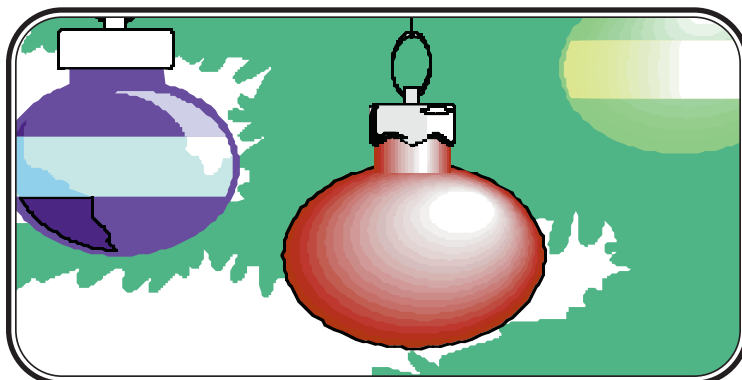
*In F., L. & T., Cookie Music,
News Reporter and Noble Grand*



A thank you goes out to our Secretary Lou Ann Hoffman and Treasurer Margaret Truttmann. They were going over the books and did a fine job.



Janell Mullins, with right hand Jill Vance, takes a break from her duties as Chaplain. By the way, she did a superb job at the District #18 Meeting.



From your Wardens

Remember our military members

Hello Brothers and Sisters! Winter will have arrived within a week or two and that means a new membership idea for the month of December. This month's idea is another group activity for the members

*Operation
Gratitude*



of your lodge.

Since December is holiday time, it's an excellent time to focus on being of service to the community at large and there's a particular part of our community which always appreciates our attention: members of our Armed Services.

For many in the military, the holiday season is a difficult time as they're often separated from loved ones. Christmas time can find them on the opposite side of the world from where they would really like to be. While there's nothing that can really take the place of being at home for the holidays, one thing that can make a service member's day brighter is a reminder of the appreciation we have for their service.

To that end, we're recommending Operation Gratitude as a project for your lodge. It's a group that provides care packages and other supplies to active duty military, children of service members, injured troops recovering in military hospitals, veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, first responders, new recruits, military and veteran families after disasters, and caregivers of wounded service members. They have many different kinds of programs which can use a variety of items which your lodge can provide. You can collect items from their wish list, crochet or knit hats and scarves, write letters and/or cards to service members, make bracelets, assemble care kits, collect money, and collect cell phones. Any of those activities are perfect lodge-building activities which give members something to do besides just sit through another business meeting. Consider having a lodge writing party after one of your meetings where everyone writes a letter to a service member or maybe a care kit assembly party. Activities which engage members and make them feel essential are activities that keep members coming to lodge.

Information about Operation Gratitude is available on their website at www.operationgratitude.com. Check them out and find a project in which your lodge can participate. If you have any further questions about how to organize a lodge event for Operation Gratitude, 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 give you some direction.

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

Why the American flag is folded 13 times

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other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

- **The sixth fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

- **The seventh fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

- **The eighth fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

- **The ninth fold** is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

- **The tenth fold** is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

- **The eleventh fold**, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- **The twelfth fold**, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

- **With the final fold** the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things which have deep meaning.

When you see the American Flag folding ceremony, now you will know why.

— Submitted by Hugh A. Smith, PGM

Happy Holidays!

From your 2016-17 Theta Rho President

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Halloween. I did, and hope all had a terrific Thanksgiving.



CHRISTINA DIRKS

It's been a difficult start to my year (I'm still stuck on a school year mentality even though I am not currently in school). In October I made my first official visit to the Spunky Bluebirds in South Tacoma. It was fun to get back together with my girls and talk about the upcoming year.

Also, I went to a concert with my best friends which I adored at the end of the month featuring my all-time favorite band, "Asking Alexandria." It was an unforgettable night.

In November, I attended the JYC meeting on the 19th. It was a very productive meeting. I can't believe how much money has been donated to my project: the Theta Rho Hotel Fund. I'm so thankful that others are as dedicated to getting all the girls we can to Sessions every year as I am.

MY ADDRESS

If anyone has anything to send to me, I'd like you to send it to my home address. My address is 21919 50th Ave. Ct. E, Spanaway, WA 98387. Thank you in advance :).

LET IT SNOW

It's December and that means it's close to Christmas. I hope it snows this year — that's what makes winter my favorite season.

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

An announcement I'd like to make to all clubs in Washington and Oregon is that I have determined the Ritualistic Contests for this year. For the girls ages 8 to 11, your challenge is on page 96 in the Ritual, titled "Now the Day is Over." For the girls ages 12 and up, your challenge is on page 90, the Chaplain's part. Good luck ladies! This year we have more prizes to give out, so try your best!

Also, soon I will be sending the clubs their parts for Sessions, and getting the information on when I can make my visits. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and I wish you all a Merry Christmas!!

*Lots of love and in Happiness Through Service
And in F., L. & T., Christina Dirks,
Theta Rho Assembly President
Of Washington & Oregon*



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club in Oak Harbor raised \$159 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation with their Turkey Raffle. From left are: Desiree Gardiner, Rhiannon Chapman Angelique Robin, Lucy Crouch and Catherine Hopkinson.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We want to report that we raised \$159 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation on our turkey raffle. We had a fun surprise when members from Omega Theta Rho Club stopped by to see us on their way to camp at Fort Casey.

The next weekend our members helped with a community project where we helped put together bags for the homeless. In addition our club provided 10 Teddy bears for the project. We were able to work with others from outside our club on this joint project.

This month we will be making Christmas cards for the nursing home and delivering them and visiting with the residents.

For our fun activity we are meeting at our Advisor's home and decorating cookie Christmas trains, then watching "The Polar Express," followed by dinner.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Merry Christmas!

From your 2016-17 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE

My verse from scripture is Psalm 133 “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”



Part of our mission is to relieve the distressed. I am seeing a lot of distress in my community.

We have a group that uses our hall to feed all who are hungry. We see the faces of people with no shelter or whose cost of having shelter is so high they cannot afford food. Groups like these are good opportunities to offer assistance this

holiday season.

As Seattle is a diverse city, I am also seeing people worried for their personal safety due to their being part of a group who have been marginalized in the past, and who have recently been treated with increasing equality and respect. In the past couple of weeks, some of these individuals have been experiencing random hostility, both verbally and physically.

Getting to personally know people in need in your community helps build understanding and overcome assumptions. These people are our brethren. Let's find personal ways to dwell in unity with them.

*Wishing all a joyous holiday,
In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Nora Carria, Grand Patriarch
Of the Grand Encampment of Washington*



Four holiday baskets were created and donated to the Washougal Festival of Trees by members of Washougal IOOF Lodge #194. Seated is Chuck Miller. Standing, from left, are: Harry Jester, Dennis Gilson, Joyce Miller, Jeanette Jester and Hope Gilson. Not pictured is Tina Bair, our photographer.

Washougal Lodge #194 makes holiday baskets!

Merry Christmas to all. Yes, our lodge is still alive and doing community service for our local area.

Our lodge members participated in the Washougal Festival of Trees on December 2 and 3 by donating special baskets that were auctioned off at the event. Four baskets were donated with the following themes: Gingerbread, New Year's Eve family fun, Dora the Explorer and a special Kids Activities. The funds raised at the event will be divided among the seven schools in the Washougal School District.

*— In F., L. & T., Joyce Miller, Reporter
Washougal Odd Fellow Lodge #194*

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 & Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

The fall term meeting on September 8 was well attended. It was great seeing all our members after a long, hot summer.

We resumed collecting personal items again for Bruce Transitional Housing and we started bringing food items in during November for the residents.

On October 13, the first nominations of officers to be installed in January were held.

On November 10, we held a potluck for all our members which is always enjoyed before our meetings. Our Rebekah ladies are excellent cooks.

Plans for December were also made as we anticipate the holiday season.

We invite any members in the area to our meetings.

Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. and Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114 meets on the second Thursday.

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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Dennis Joe Young**, PG, Richland IOOF Lodge #338.
- **Maxine Wade Hansen**, PNG, 77 year member, 102 years old, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.

*A Blessed Holiday Season
To One And All*

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Fall City Rebekahs #59

Diane Keener named Rebekah of the Year!

HONOR BESTOWED BY IARA

Surprise! In the October edition of *The Washington OddFellow*, our members learned that the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies had named our Noble Grand Diane Keener as “Rebekah of the Year.” What an exciting honor for Diane and our lodge!

At our next meeting, we celebrated with cards, flowers and gifts. Diane is a dedicated member of our lodge and we are so proud of her. We are a small group. This proves that any of us can make a difference.

We support our Fall City Food Bank. This is a time of need for food banks. Check out your local food bank and help in your own ways.

More than 60 greetings for Halloween were sent to residents of the Odd Fellows Home in October. We made Thanksgiving cards and we are collecting Christmas cards for the Home residents to send to family and friends.

We hope you have a great holiday season. We are looking forward to our Christmas party in December. We have a potluck luncheon, gift exchange, sing carols, and share stories of Christmases past.

— *In F., L. & T., Arlene Workman, Reporter*



Diane Keener, Noble Grand of Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59, was showered with cards, flowers and gifts after she was named “Rebekah of the Year” by the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.