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New Year!*

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Genevieve Halstead, RA PP & Past Grand Matriarch, passes away

Genevieve Halstead, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and Past Grand Matriarch of the Ladies Encampment of Washington, passed away on November 25, 2016. She was 93 years old.

Sister Genevieve was initiated into the Rebekahs on June 25, 1942. She belonged to Adina Rebekah Lodge #27 in Kent, Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 in Auburn, went into the State Lodge and transferred to Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 in 2012 where she was a member until she passed away.

Genevieve belonged to Kent LEA #15 and served as the Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA. She also belonged to Skagit LAPM until it closed.

She was the Rebekah Assembly President 1991-1992. Her Assembly Sessions were held June 22, 23 and 24, 1992 at the Towers Inn Hotel in Richland, WA. Her Flower was the Sweet Pea; her Emblem was the Drum; and her Motto was "Make a Joyful Noise. . . Let's beat the drum for Odd Fellowship." Her Colors were pink and silver; and her Scripture was Galatians 6:9, "And let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap." Her Hymn was "Brighten the Corner Where You Are. Here Songs were "I'm Glad I Touched Shoulders With You" and "Singing in the Rain." Her Project was automatic doors for the front entrance to the IOOF Home in Walla Walla. Her Aim was Cooperation between the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in order to stimulate the activities of the Order, which in turn will promote growth in our membership. Her Prayer was "Today" "Tomorrow may bring sorrow or care for things can happen most anywhere; but don't fret what might be, just savor the day. It's God's gift to you to use as you may. Be happy, be helpful, be prayerful, be strong, God is walking beside you all the day long.

There will be an open house on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 1 to 4 p.m. at her son Robert's home, 6927 S. 285th St. in Auburn. Everyone is invited.



GENEVIEVE HALSTEAD



From the desk of your Grand Master

THE BEST TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters;



Well here we are after the holidays getting ready to start another new year. I want to wish the very best for all the new officers being installed this month. I find myself just about half way through my year and it has been wonderful to get to meet a lot of new people during my official visits. I am certainly looking forward to seeing the rest of you this spring!

WORK WITH EACH OTHER

DUARD FYFFE I would like to encourage you to spend some time this spring working with some of the other lodges in your district. I know that time and distance can get in the way, but the fellowship we can share with members of other lodges is a valuable asset. You may find yourself with a project that you would like to try, but the members of your own lodge are not enough to pull it off. Ask for support! Work with each other! I believe that you will find a lot of good folks not too far away who are deserving of your fellowship, Odd though it may be.

PLEASE ATTEND GRAND SESSIONS

It is not too early to start making plans to attend our Grand Lodge Sessions in June. For those who plan on attending, it should be a lot of fun this year and for those

lodges which may not have sent a Representative in the recent past, let me encourage you to make the investment of your time. **WE NEED YOU!** The Grand Lodge of Washington is every member of each subordinate lodge working together. You have a voice and a vote. Use it wisely. Furthermore, you don't have to be a Representative to attend. Your contribution and input are what guide me in how I conduct our business.

SOME UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY

- 7 — Fall City Installation of Officers, 12 Noon
- 8 — Des Moines Installation of Officers. 2 p.m.
- 12 — Titusville Installation of Officers, 6 p.m.
- 14 — Napavine Installation of Officers, 12 Noon
- 15 — South Tacoma Installation of Officers, 1 p.m.
- 21 — Olympia Installation of Officers, 12 Noon
- 26 — Ballard-Alki Installation of Officers, 7 p.m.
- 29 — Buckley Installation of Officers, 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 18 — Spunky Bluebirds Installation of Officers, 2 p.m.
- 25 — IARA President's Testimonial Dinner
Sacramento, California

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Duard Fyffe,

Your 2016-2017 Grand Master

1821 S. 92nd St.
Tacoma, Wa 98444

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(253) 282-3472 call or text

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

We had a busy month of November. Our Rest Area days on November 14-16 did quite well for being in the middle of the week. Thank you to all who helped and served coffee.

Our bazaar was a success. We were busy with lunch, bake sale table and the raffle, in spite of a Veterans' parade in the local area.

In December before Christmas, we got together on December 8 to fill our shut-in baskets. Twenty were on the list. It is a joy to give as much as it is it receive.

Our Christmas party and gift exchange was on Thursday, December 22 at the Centralia Panda Inn. The food was great, especially when you leave the cooking to the chefs.

Our election of the offices for 2017 is complete. Here are the results: Noble Grand, Elayne Novotny; Vice Grand, Linda Deem; Secretary, Alberta Luurs; and Treasurer, Sandy Beane. Members will give support to

all of them.

Here's wishing you all a happy New Year from Trinity.

In F., L. & T., Cookie Music, News 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

A NEW YEAR, A FRESH START

Brothers and Sisters,

During the current economic hard times, we may look for opportunities in our local communities to “Relieve the Distressed.” This year we may also wish to search



HARRY W.
“BILL” COULTER

our jurisdictional programs to support with lodge donations. Please give these programs and funds some consideration in this season as they all need continued funding to do their good work.

These programs and funds are: Arthritis Fund, L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund, Children’s Visual Aid Fund, and the Grand Master’s Project. Other funds that you may consider are the Fisher House, SOS and the VanderLinden-Sheppard Adult Visual Aid Fund. Checks for the Arthritis Fund, L.J Jones Scholarship Fund,

Children’s Visual Aid Fund and the Grand Master’s Project should be made payable to the “Grand Lodge of Washington” with a notation at the bottom left corner showing what fund you are donating to.

VanderLinden-Sheppard Adult Visual Aid Fund checks should be made payable to the “Grand Encampment of Washington” with a notation showing “Adult Visual Aid” at the bottom left corner.

Please remember our Theta Rho Sisters with donations to their Travel and Lodge Funds. The Travel Funds checks should be sent to the “Grand Lodge of Washington” and the Lodging Funds to the Rebekah Assembly Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

Review pages 22 of the November-December, 2016 issue of the *IOOF News* which your lodge may receive by mail or you can go to www.ioof.org and at top right of the opening page find and click on “NEWS/MEDIA.” Go to page 22 for the article by Jon R. Peterson about Membership. Then go to pages 23 and 24 to review the new members reported for the year. On the bottom of page 24 you will find the Jurisdiction of Washington. We did not do as well as we did last year at this time. Last year we reported 16 new members total



for the Jurisdiction. This year the Grand Lodge reported seven new members while the other units of our Jurisdiction reported none. We are tied for 21st place with four other jurisdictions. Last year we were in 14th place.

To expedite reporting your new members, fill out the New Member Card to include date of initiation, birth date and sponsor’s name and send this to the Grand Lodge office. This will ensure that the new member starts receiving *The Washington OddFellow* and is reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Department. Encampments and Ladies Encampment Auxiliaries can also fill out the New Member Card and send it to the Grand Lodge office.

A NEW BEGINNING

We hope all of you experienced a joyous holiday season. As we enter the month of January and the Installation of Officers season, we have an opportunity for a fresh start. Let’s get behind our new officers and make them successful, as well as our lodges.

Here’s wishing everyone much success as we work together to make our Order grow and prosper.



WEBSITE

The upgrade to our website is coming along nicely. You will be amazed at the new look. It is receiving the final touches and soon will replace the old look. Lodges and Encampment in the Jurisdiction of Washington, be sure your lodge information is correct as I will need changes for the updates on the different aspects of the website. Send your corrections to the Grand Lodge office at PO Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377, by email to grandsec@qwestoffice.net or by fax at 360-829-1768.

— Fraternally,


Harry W. “Bill” Coulter, PGM, Grand Secretary

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From the desk of the Assembly President

RECRUIT, REBUILD & REDEDICATE

As we start our New Year, I hope that you all enjoyed your Holiday Season with fun, food, family and friends.

We now need to plan for our lodge's future and as our Sovereign Grand Master Larry Ferguson asks, we need to Recruit, Rebuild and Rededicate.



KATHI PICANCO

The Jurisdiction of Washington is working on just that with our Chewelah Rebekah Lodge being reinstated, thanks to all the members who have works so hard to make this happen.

NEW OFFICERS

January is the time to celebrate our new Officers with Installations all over the state. Every lodge should not only thank our new Officers, but offer our deepest gratitude to our Officers who

are coming out of office. Please include your District Deputies in your Installations. They can be a big help.

Our lodges have gotten smaller so there is a place for all members to serve their lodge and to assist with bringing in new members and helping to keep our Jurisdiction going. We need to consider what our communities need

and join in to make it a better place to live and work. Trust me, your volunteer work is appreciated by your communities.

START PLANNING NOW

Now is also the time to start planning for new activities, to get ready for Sessions and work hard on membership. Our Annual Reports are now being prepared; considerations on committees confirmed; and budgets discussed and finalized. All lodges should have a working budget. Your budget helps your organization to set up activities that will allow you to save for a particular charity. Any charity that you do is worth the effort that it takes to work forward towards.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Installations, Lodge visits or any other activities that I am able to make. You are welcome to call, e-mail or write with ideas or any help that I may be able to provide. Thank you all for your support and contributions to my project — Fisher House.

I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND INNER FULFILLMENT.

— With Friendship, Love & Truth
And Fraternal Hugs, Kathi Picanco, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

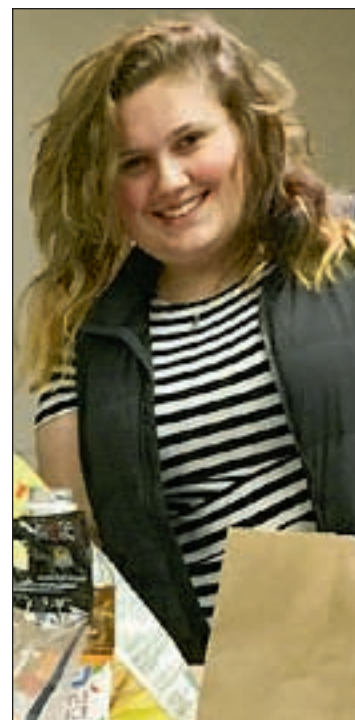
Spunky leader named 2017 UN Tour delegates

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 is delighted to announce that our club President and Vice President have been selected as delegates on next summer's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth tour. South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge #211 chose to send Piper Fyffe and Michaela Jensen on this 10-day excursion that includes visits to Philadelphia; New York City; Ottawa, Canada; Niagara Falls; Gettysburg, and Washington, D.C.

As part of the selection process, Piper and Michaela gave speeches on an area of United Nations involvement they find of particular interest. Piper chose the Israel-Palestine conflict and Michaela selected the United Nations work on drugs. Putting in several hours of research, and several more rehearsing, resulted well thought out, informed, and articulate speeches.

This dynamic duo are thankful for such an amazing opportunity and excited to represent our Odd Fellow Lodge, Theta Rho Club, the Jurisdiction of Washington, and our Order. They are also pleased and relieved knowing they get to experience this grand adventure together.

All of us at Spunky Bluebirds appreciate the fund-raising work the South Tacoma Lodge did to send our girls on this exceptional learning journey.



PIPER FYFFE
Spunky President



MICHAELA JENSEN
Spunky Vice President

Happy 2017 Brothers & Sisters

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

BEGINNING A NEW YEAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, here we are, starting out another year. I hope that your elections went smoothly and that your Installation of your new slate of Officers also goes smoothly. It seems that each year our new Officers are sometimes the same as the previous year because some



MARCIA PRESLEY

of our newer members don't feel they can be the Elective Officers of their Rebekah Lodge. If you have a new Vice Grand or Noble Grand who has not been in that office before, be sure to offer your guidance and help them along the way, so they feel that they can continue in that office and advance to a new level of membership, with your help.

Mentoring is very important, and not only for the newer members. Sometimes our Rebekahs who have been members for a long time and held every office over the years skip over some of the Ritual Work that should be done. Our Ritual is our guide to a successful meeting and should be done in its entirety each meeting. If you don't have a Musician, recite the opening and closing odes instead of singing them. The words are important and should be used at each of your meetings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPTNESS

Thank you all for returning your Annual Reports before the final deadline date of December 31, 2016. I do not enjoy having to charge *late fees* for an Annual

Report that is late. The deadline dates for your Per Capita and Assessment Bills, your Annual Report and the Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues are set to allow the lodges to have time to forward their payments and the completed forms in a timely manner so that the Secretary can meet their deadline dates for all of their reports.

THOMAS WILDEY DAY

Sovereign Grand Master W. Larry Ferguson has proclaimed January 15, 2017 the anniversary date of the birth of our founder be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the World of Odd Fellowship. He has asked that all Units of the Order hold a special ceremony on or as near the 15th of January as is possible and further, that the Month of January be "Thomas Wildey Museum Month" in which members are encouraged to contribute to the Museum, either monetarily or with items for display.

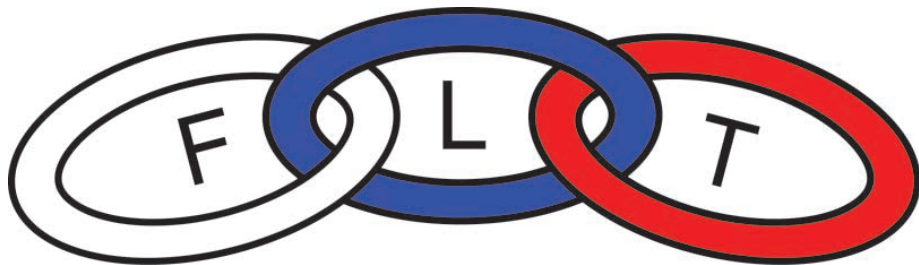
I leave you with this poem:

SMILES

*There are some things you can never replace,
Like a ray of sunshine, a smile on a face.
Smiles are like flowers that are in full bloom,
They scatter happiness all through a room.
A smiling face is a work of art,
Giving your dreams a place to start.
Smile on your friends, smile on your foes,
Smile from the top of your head, down to your toes.*
— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth
Marcia Presley, Past President, Secretary



~ Lodge Cards ~



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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., #A304, Everett, WA 98208. **Ph:** (206) 795-8910

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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F., L. & T. DRILL & DEGREE TEAM

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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) 340-2161. **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.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is ready for an exciting new year.

We finished out 2016 by delivering Christmas cards that we made to the nursing home. The residents always enjoy our visits.

Our cookie trains were so much fun and all were so creative.

At our first meeting this month we will be electing our new officers and they will be installed in February, but we have not set a date. We are looking forward to an exciting new year for our club.

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

Guidelines for Washington OddFellow reporters

We have printed these guidelines for reporters in *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper several times. As a result, many of your stories are now easier to read and put into type for the newspaper. However, several of you may have overlooked these guidelines. If you can, please keep these guidelines by your typewriter, computer or writing desk for future reference.

Again, here are a few suggestions which will make *The Washington OddFellow* a better newspaper for all of us:

- Be sure to include the name and number of your Lodge and the name of your town if the Lodge name is different. As a reporter, please include your name, too, so we can give you credit.
- If your story is handwritten, leave plenty of space between lines and please print any names so I can get them spelled correctly. Please double check all names. We have spent many hours researching membership rosters to make sure questionable names are spelled correctly and we have corrected the spelling on dozens of names. However, I am sure there are many more misspelled names that have slipped through.
- If your story is typed, please double space and **do not** type your entire story in all capital letters and **do not** use both sides of the paper. Please use **plain white typing paper**, not the onion skin type.
- Please include the names and pertinent information about deceased members on a **separate** piece of paper for the Memoriam column. Information should include the persons name, how long they have been a member and what offices they have held.
- Remember, *The Washington OddFellow* is received



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club in Oak Harbor made "cookie trains" in December. In the top photo are Desiree Gardiner, guest Asenia and Angelique Robin. To the left is Lucy Crouch.

in your home and everyone else's on or about the first of the month. Keep this in mind when you are writing about events that will already have taken place by the time the newspaper is in your mailbox. Even if an event has not yet happened when you write your story, please word your story in the "past tense" if your event takes place before the newspaper comes out.

- Try to keep your stories as concise as possible. You have probably noticed that we have many more Lodges reporting now than we had in the past. Concise stories mean we can fit in news from more Lodges.

- Finally, when you are finished, read over your story

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From your Wardens

You can help with Food Bank Parties

Hello Brothers and Sisters! January is here and, for your Grand Wardens, that means visiting lodges for their Installations. Installations are one of the fraternal activities we look forward to the most as it gives us an opportunity to interact with many of you in your home lodges. It also brings us to our membership idea for this month: Food Bank Parties.



Food Bank Parties

January is the first month of the calendar year and it's also the first month after the holiday season. The run up to Christmas is generally a time with a big focus on giving, both in presents to our friends and families, and to our communities through charitable activities.

Once the holiday glow has worn off, a lot of charitable giving goes away. January and February can be very difficult months for charities that provide ongoing assistance such as food banks.

Lodges can be of great assistance to food banks. The obvious idea is to donate food or money. While food is always welcome, money is the most effective since food banks are able to stretch food-buying dollars much further than the average consumer at the grocery store. When food banks purchase food, it's often in large quantities to get the best value. While that's a great way to purchase food, it requires volunteer efforts to repackage it into useful quantities for distribution. That's where a lodge can have the biggest impact.

Consider making a Food Bank Party one of your regular lodge activities. Contact your local food bank and find out what kind of volunteer needs they have. Chances are, they'll need people to take those bulk quantities of food and break them down and repackage them into useful quantities for distribution. Your lodge can provide the manpower needed to accomplish that. Your members will have an engaging activity to do besides attending a business meeting which will provide a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. As an added bonus, your involvement with the local food bank gives you exposure to a pool of people who could become potential new members of your lodge.

Every community has a food bank close by. Check the Internet or a local government agency for referral to your local food bank and make the effort to get involved. If you have any further questions about how to get a Food Bank Party organized, contact me. You can email me at ioofto-by@gmail.com or give me a call on my cell phone at (206) 245-8207. I'll be happy to give you some direction.

For next month, our membership idea will be looking within our own lodges.

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

Reporter's Guidelines

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to make sure everything is spelled correctly. Then, as a final measure, read the story out loud to yourself or to someone else. This is an easy way to tell if you have left out some important word or fact.

- If you submit pictures with the article, provide, the names of those in the pictures. Print names left to right front row, and left to right next row, etc. Pictures sent via email should be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Remember, our deadline is the 15th of each month for the next month's edition. The next deadline is January 15 for the February edition. You may mail your stories or fax them to: (360) 829-5339. You may e-mail your stories to: billo@tx3.com. If we receive your article after the 15th it will only be published if space available.
- We have change of address forms for your convenience. If you do not have these forms, please contact the Grand Lodge of Washington office at 1-800-345-1766 and we will mail you these forms.

Thanks, Your Editor

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Our annual Christmas potluck on December 8 was enjoyed by everyone.

Following the meeting, an ornament gift exchange was great fun. There were so many different kinds of ornaments — some new and some older.

This year we again delivered 40 bouquets of red, white and green flowers made by Sister Patti Ellis. There was an arrangement for each of the rooms in the Bruce Transitional Housing facility. The bouquets helped brighten the lives of people living there. The vases were decorated by Sister Lois Clark and her sister.

A joint Installation of Officers is planned for Thursday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m. We are hoping the weather will cooperate. A reception will follow.

All members in our area are invited as we start our New Year. We also wish our Brothers and Sisters a happy New Year!

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM OLYMPIA #1 & RUTH #17

We closed out 2016 with a great Christmas party that included some shenanigans on Santa's lap. . . as well as a silent auction that will help Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 support a United Nations Pilgrimage student. Of course the food was wonderful and the opportunity to visit with Brothers and Sisters is the perfect way to celebrate the Christmas season.

A few of us said goodbye to 2016 around a campfire at our Puget Beach Park. No matter what the weather or time of year, our park is one of the most beautiful places in Washington. We are truly blessed.

Now we are entering 2017 with big hopes and are excitement about the growth potential in our lodges.

We will be installing this years' officers on Saturday, January 21. Members of Ruth #17 will serve lunch at noon with the installation ceremony directly following. This is a formal event and a wonderful opportunity to support your Brothers and Sisters as they pledge themselves not only to the principles of Odd Fellowship, but to serving you throughout the coming year. If any other lodges would like to take advantage of this opportunity to have your officers installed by the State Installing Team, please contact Laurel Delony at laureljdelony@gmail.com. We would be very happy to have you join us.

Also at this event, we present a member of Olympia #1 with the Merit Award. This award is a prestigious honor given to a Brother or Sister who exemplifies Odd Fellowship above and beyond the average member, not only within the lodge, but among their family and community, as well.

Have a wonderful January and remember – Spring is just around the corner.

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

IOOF Park liquidation sale set for February 12

Because of the pending sale of the IOOF Park on Camano Island, the Park Board will be having a liquidation sale of the furnishings on Sunday, February 12 from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Items include pianos, stations, folding tables and chairs, a pool table, flags and stands, dishes, pots and pans, small appliances and lots more.



Dave and Jenny Reed got into the spirit of the holiday season at the Olympia and Ruth Christmas Party while sitting on Santa's lap. Was there some mistletoe above Santa that we can't see?



Almost everything will be liquidated at the IOOF Park on Camano Island at a sale on Sunday, February 12. If your lodge needs items, please come to the sale and make a reasonable offer.

Everything is priced by making a reasonable offer. If you or your lodge can use any of these items come to the sale or notify one of the members of the Executive Board, Toby Hanson, Tom Harper, Judy Diekman or Jennie Reed.

From your 2016-17 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope your celebrations of the Winter Holidays were joyful!

Now is a time many people focus on Resolutions.

Some may look to eliminate things in their lives that they are unhappy with. I would like to encourage each of us to choose to include something new in their life that will bring improvement to themselves and our communities. Take up a new habit! Treat yourself and others better than you have



in the past — whether this be in the form of more exercise, eating better, or speaking more kindly to and about ourselves and others.

LOOK FOR WAYS. . .

Look for small ways you can offer kindness to people who you might not understand, who might be different from you. Look for ways to communicate with them to have better understanding of their point of view. Eliminate assumptions about people we don't know or don't understand. Ask questions instead of making assertions based on conjecture. Stop yourself when you find yourself having a hypothetical conversation in your head with someone. When looking for a reason behind someone's behavior, ask them, and listen to their answer. Listen to the conversation you have with yourself and find kinder ways to speak to yourself.

Exercise flexibility of opinion — open up to possibilities! Be willing to be pleasantly surprised.

FOLLOW THIS EXPERIMENT

Smile and say "Hello" to three strangers a day while looking them in the eye. Count the smiles you receive in return.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Nora Carria, Grand Patriarch of the
Grand Encampment of Washington*

**TEDD
SWANSON**
*Lorraine Rebekah
Lodge #289
Noble Grand-elect*



Genie's project gets a gift

Mt. Angeles Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #88 Chief Matriarch Peg Ogilvie, right, presented a check to Grand Matriarch Genie Coston for her project. Member of the Mt. Angeles LEA of Port Hadlock gathered on Monday, December 12 for a Christmas celebration and the official visit of Grand Matriarch Genie. There were 15 members in attendance. Following dinner, Genie spoke to the group and then was presented the check for her project. The Scribe reported on our recent fund-raising project of selling RADA cutlery project. It was very successful.

In Des Moines

Lorraine Rebekahs #289

In December, Noble Grand-elect Tedd Swanson qualified in open lodge by giving the Noble Grand's Charge from memory. Tedd has some plans to make the coming year interesting. He is interested in the history of the lodge and we will be exploring it. He also wants us all to be doing more memorization. Tedd is a first time Noble Grand and we are looking forward to new ideas.

At our first December meeting we were saddened to drape the charter for our member, Genevieve Halstead, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly and Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary. She had been a member of the Order since 1942, being initiated in Truth Rebekah Lodge of Spokane.

At this time, we are planning our Christmas meeting with a social time of Bingo and treats afterward. On Sunday, January 8 we will be having Joint Installation of Officers with Des Moines Odd Fellow Lodge #305.

In F, L. & T., Betty Young

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Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

AFTER THE GIVING WE ARE BLESSED WITH MORE THAN GIFTS

The wind blew snow from the trees, ice turned to water, and the sun glistened on patches of green grass. Inside the Washington Odd Fellows Home, a Christmas party was hosted by Barbara Lechner, Nancy Klicker and Barbara Tvrz. The auditorium was decorated with winter villages, poinsettias, a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. Members and guests were eager to start bidding on assorted Christmas presents in brightly wrapped paper and gift bags. Barbara Lechner was the auctioneer.

The highest bidders admired their clever or astonishing gifts, such as a talking frog, silver pendant, candles, ceramics, tablecloth and napkins, a vase, and kitchen decorations.

Members chose to donate proceeds from the auction to a group of veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center. Their team leader is therapist Dave Beebe.

The team of six decided to help a fellow veteran who had no transportation to doctor's appointments, grocery

shopping, or visits to his family. As one of the Army veterans said, "He is one of us. We've got his back and we're going to help him out."

A friend of the group donated a car and it was eagerly accepted. But \$300 in repairs were needed. That's where the Narcissa Rebekahs became involved with their Christmas auction. At the end of the bidding, and after the cash was counted, the members had raised enough funds to contribute to the car repairs. The total donation was \$300.

Barbara Lechner and her committee served everyone banana splits with three kinds of ice cream, chocolate, caramel and strawberry topping, bananas, whipped cream and nuts with a maraschino cherry on top. Everyone claimed the sundaes were too big, but there were no leftovers!

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

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Genevieve Halstead**, 74 year member, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington, and member of Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289