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Host Committee update

239th Grand Sessions on track in Yakima

On behalf of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 and the Grand Lodge Host Committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, we look forward to seeing all of you at our Jurisdiction's 139th Grand Sessions in Yakima, Washington. We consider it an honor to again host this year's Sessions and look forward to seeing each and every one who attends. This year's Sessions run from Friday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 28.

The Yakima Valley Hotel was purchased this past summer and is under new management. Since then the hotel has made a number of changes, some of which are listed below.

We'll experience new hotel staff including a new cook. For those of us who remember Trevor, regrettably he has moved on. He'll be missed by all of us, I'm sure.

The Yakima Hotel and Conference Center will now be known as "FairBridge Inn & Suites — Yakima". The outside hotel marquee will reflect the new name and logo when we arrive. All contact information, address and phone numbers remain the same as in previous years.

When we attend Sessions this summer the hotel will be near to full capacity. It is absolutely critical you get your reservations in ASAP so that you can get on the first floor where the newly-remodeled rooms are!!!! If you are unsure whether you are attending, make reservations anyway. You can always cancel later, up to 24 hours prior.

Some of the changes you'll see include:

- **1 — All First Floor Rooms.** Remodeled rooms will have: New carpet, new drapes, new bedding and new furniture. There are new coffee makers, mini-refrigerators and microwave ovens in every room. All showers and tubs have been refinished, as well.

- **2 — Amenities:**

- A** — Complimentary Buffet Breakfast.

- B** — Garden Cafe will have lunch and dinner menu available for purchase. No need to leave the hotel.

- C** — Misty's Lounge / Pub open Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. Menus are available in the pub during their hours of operation.

- D** — Free Wi-Fi.

The conference will begin on Friday, June 23 with the Theta Rho Assembly and ending on Wednesday, June 28 with the Encampment Sessions and Installation Dinner. May your visit and stay be a wonderful a memorable occasion filled with Friendship, Love, and Truth. It is our sincere hope that your experience be a great one.

See 2017 Grand Sessions on Back Page

**April 15
2017**



3:00 pm

**Join Us For an
Easter Eggs Hunt And Pot Luck
Puget Beach Park
6500 79th Ave NE**

**Lots of Eggs, Prizes, and Raffle
Hamburgers/Hot dogs provided
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From the desk of your Grand Master

ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND MASTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters;



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This month the Grand Master is indisposed at the newspaper deadline and has asked your Grand Warden to fill in and write his column in *The Washington Odd Fellow*.

SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO SESSIONS

I'll take this opportunity to reiterate the Grand Master's request that every lodge send their elected Representative to Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge isn't just three days when we meet in Yakima every June — it's all of us in this Jurisdiction. Those of us in leadership positions in the Grand Lodge really appreciate the participation of our lodges across the state. The Grand Lodge Session is your opportunity for your lodge's voice to be heard and for your lodge to find out what's happening with any administrative or legislative changes. Don't be the lodge that's left out of the loop!

For those of you who are not Representatives, you're welcome to attend the Grand Lodge Session. All work of the Grand Lodge is conducted in the Third Degree so all Third Degree members are eligible to attend. We encourage all of you to come to Yakima and learn how your Grand Lodge works.

BREAKFAST IN OLYMPIA

One of the most enjoyable aspects of Odd Fellowship is fellowship. To that end, we will be having a pancake breakfast at the Olympia IOOF Hall on Saturday, April 22 from 8 to 10 a.m. We'll be serving bacon, scrambled eggs, and pancakes. The cost is \$10 and it benefits one of our United Nations Pilgrimage candidates. Come to Olympia and share some fellowship!

APRIL VISITS

- 4 — Visitation to Goodwill IOOF Lodge #188
In White Salmon, 7 pm
- 7 - 9 — Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association Meeting in Post Falls, Idaho
- 11 — Visitation to Washougal IOOF Lodge #194
In Washougal, 7 pm
- 17 — Visitation to Centennial IOOF Lodge #341
In Moses Lake, 8 pm
- 18 — Visitation to Richland IOOF Lodge #338
In Richland, 8 pm
- 26 — Visitation to Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88
On Orcas Island, 7:30 pm

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Your Humble & Obedient Servant,
Duard Fyffe,*

Your 2016-2017 Grand Master

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From your 2016-17 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY SPRING TO EVERYONE!

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

With the return of Daylight Savings Time, we get to enjoy an extra hour of daylight (in spite of the unnecessary disruption to our sleep patterns twice a year).

In our season of growth, my home Encampment had the honor of initiating a new member this past meeting! Welcome, Mylinda Sneed, to the Patriarchy!

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?
After the initiation, conversation turned to what the purpose of the Encampment is. In addressing Faith, Hope and Charity, we also addressed the concept of Patriarchs being Elders. The requirement of being a Third Degree Odd Fellow to be eligible to join the Encampment puts members at a level of being an Elder. In our Encampment, most members are also Past Grands, which brings it's own unique common experience. The tenants of Faith, Hope and Charity brought something to mind for me. In our deal-

ings with each other, are we striving to be charitable? This isn't only offering physical assistance to the less fortunate. Are we giving others the benefit of the doubt? Are we projecting meaning onto their actions without knowing what their thoughts are that lead to those actions? Are we claiming that someone we may find annoying to always have a negative quality around their way of traveling their road in life? If so, is that charitable?

As Patriarchs, mentors, leaders, are we setting an example? Are we following the Golden Rule in traversing this rough road?

I invite each of us to reflect on our own interactions with our fellow members and identify someone we can be more charitable toward.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS, PLEASE JOIN US

In closing, I invite all Third Degree Odd Fellows, and especially Past Noble Grands, to join the Encampment. I also hope to see many of you at Sessions and the Installation for our next Grand Patriarch.

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



From the desk of your Grand Secretary

“TAKE ME”

Brothers and Sisters,

The Advance Reports or “Take Me” will be put together this month, so all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen should have their reports and budget request in the Grand Lodge office by Friday, April 14.



HARRY W.
“BILL” COULTER

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Thank you to all lodges and their Secretaries. Most of the lodges have submitted their Annual Reports on time to meet the February 15 deadline. Good job to those lodges.

Last year (2015), Sovereign Grand Lodge filled your report with IRS. If you received a letter from IRS, stating you have not filed your taxes for 2015 or 2016, contact me at (360) 829-1514 or grandsec@qwestoffice.net to find out if your lodge is on the list from Sovereign Grand Lodge. I will send you

the information to send to the IRS. For those lodges that did not sign the consent form or did not meet the criteria to have SGL file for them, you will have to file the taxes yourself.

GRAND SESSIONS

This year the Grand Sessions of the Grand Bodies of the Jurisdiction will again be held at the Yakima Valley Hotel (The new name is FairBridge Inn & Suites). You need to get your hotel reservations in as soon as possible. All reservations will be made for the first floor. The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly will start on the 26th of June and finish on the 28th of June. The Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary will start at 1:30 p.m. on June 28. The Theta Rho events will begin on Friday, June 23. Registration forms, including forms for meals, appear in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. The can be found on pages 10 and 11. Registrations for Sessions will be handled again this year by Olympia IOOF Lodge # 1, under the Chairmanship of Joe and Kathi Picanco.

— Fraternally,

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

In Napavine

Trinity, Golden Rule plan Burgers, Bingo

Spring Fling with the white stuff melting and flowers starting to appear, that is if they don’t flood away!

With that note Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 and Golden Rule Odd Fellows #207 will be having a Burger – Bingo Night on Saturday, April 8. Dinner will start at 4 p.m. and Bingo will start at 6 p.m. following dinner. The price is two all-night cards and dinner for \$20. Additional cards are \$5 for each game pack. We are planning for at least 20 games but there could be more.

On February 11, 2016 we held a bake sale it was a very good one. Thanks to the ladies who baked and the ladies who braved the cold day with me (Alberta) to sell all those goodies.

After letting you know what is happening down south, you can see we are off to a great start. A busy one at least! We also helped South Tacoma with the candidate for the UNEP. We hope she has an enjoyable time.



As of February 21, all of the lodges down here, Longview #305, Monterose #46 and Pine Burr #300, have fully been installed. Thanks for all the great hospitality extended to me when I came to help your lodges out. Enjoy spring and your lodges’ new officers. We hope to see those who can come out to our Bingo on

Saturday, April 8.

Best wishes to Bill McDaniels of Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207.

In F., L. & T. and also a Hug,
Alberta Luurs, Reporter

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From the desk of the Assembly President

A BUSY MONTH AHEAD OF US

Greetings Brothers & Sisters!

April is a busy month for the Washington Rebekahs and Odd Fellows. We have the JYC Retreat at the Olympia Odd Fellows Puget Beach Park Friday through Sunday, March 31 to April 2. We hope to see all our four clubs at the park. Fingers are crossed that the weather will be beautiful for the Theta Rho Girls to have a fun week-end.



KATHI PICANCO

On April 7-9 the Spring Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting will be in Post Falls, Idaho. It will be nice to see our Brothers and Sisters from Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, and Oregon. So many of us look forward to attending and sharing to make our Order better

informed.

The weekend of April 15-17 will be District #3's Meeting. District President Joanne Balmert will be sponsoring a "Lunch & Learn" gathering.

Also on Saturday, April 15, the Olympia Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at the Puget Beach Park, starting at 3 p.m. with an egg hunt. A pot luck with hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. We all enjoy filling, hiding the eggs, and watching those little ones hunt. We also will have a visit from the Easter Bunny!

DISTRICT #8 MEETING

On Saturday, April 22 the Southeast Washington Rebekah Lodges will be having their District #8 Meeting starting at 10 a.m. I look forward to going over and seeing how another District Meeting is conducted. We all can use new ideas to keep our meetings interesting. Rebekah Lodges in District #8 include Narcissa #2, Schuyler #18 and Bee Hive #70.

GONE FISHING

The last week of the month I plan to go fishing at Gold Beach, Oregon. Hopefully the springers will be running this year. If I don't catch fish, I hope to catch some rays and relaxation with hubby and friends.

SESSIONS REGISTRATION

The Grand Sessions Host Committee (Joe & I) will be starting the Sessions registration for June 23 – 28 in April. I hope to see more Rebekahs and Odd Fellows than we had last year. Our Representatives should be gearing up to attend. Any Rebekah can attend and would be a welcome addition at our Sessions. Our IARA President Joyce Link will be attending and is looking forward to meeting all Sisters and Brothers. President Joyce will also attend the Theta Rho Sessions. She was

impressed with our Theta Rho Girls when she attended our Sessions.

IT MUST BE SPRING

© May Fenn

*Hush, Can you hear it?
The rustling in the grass,
Bringing you the welcome news
Winter's day is past.
Soft, Can you feel it?
The warm caressing breeze,
Telling you the sticky buds
Are bursting on the trees.
Look, Can you see them?
The primrose in the lane,
Now you must believe it —
Spring is here again!*

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

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Due to erratic winter weather, our plans for a January Installation of Officers did not work out, so we re-scheduled our Joint Installation for February 21 which was a beautiful and sunny day. A reception followed.

We were saddened by the passing of Brother Charles Goll on February 21. He was a 33 year member of our lodges. Our Charter was draped in his memory.

Following the Installation, personal items that we have been collecting were delivered to Bruce Transitional Housing for families living there.

We are also collecting plastic bags which are given to the food bank to be used by people taking items they receive.

Our meetings are the second Thursday and the second Tuesday of each month. Members in the area are invited to attend.

We wish our Brothers and Sisters a happy Easter.

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

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Charles J. Goll**, 93 years old, 42 year member, Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 in Wenatchee.

See You At Sessions!

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

APRIL IS A BUSY MONTH

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of April has arrived and it will be a busy month for the Rebekah Lodges. There are numerous events during the Month of April: The Sovereign Grand Master has proclaimed the Month of April as Founders Day, the 198th Anniversary of the IOOF Order; ***Make A Difference Month***,



MARCIA PRESLEY

hold special festivities in celebration: Community Work Projects, Hands Across Your City, Town, Village, Community followed by an open house in your lodge hall to get the word out, as to what we do and what we are all about.

April is also the Spring Odd Fellow/Rebekah Northwest Association Meeting, hosted by Oregon on April 7, 8 and 9 in Post Falls, Idaho. I hope you can all attend this informal meeting and join in on the fun, learning and meeting and greeting new and old friends.

LET'S WORK ON MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Report has been filed with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and it again shows a loss in our membership. We need to work a little harder on getting new members and

possibly work on getting some of our members reinstated as active members. Contact those who have been dropped for non-payment of dues and see if they would like to become active members again. Also, contact those members who withdrew or resigned. They may be ready to join us in our work to make a better world in which we live.

TWO SIGNATURES ON ALL CHECKS

I again remind all the Lodges that any check that is sent to my office must have two signatures and the check needs to be made out to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. The bank is getting a little sticky about allowing the checks that are made out to the project it goes to or made out to me. Please make a note that all checks are to be made out to the Assembly.

TURNING A LIFE AROUND

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Listening with your *heart* will lead to *joy* with friends in a loyal and happy way. You will find they are real ‘keepers’”

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

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

DISTRICT #8 VISITORS

Visitors at our meeting were Gail Franke, President of District #8 for 2017; Cora May Davis, Deputy President; and Neita Stearns, Musician. They are from Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18 in Dayton. Cora May and Neita installed Robertta Hunt as our Chaplain.

Barbara Lechner was elected Representative to the Rebekah Assembly and Barbara Tvrz as Alternate Representative.

Members of our lodge who are District #8 officers for 2017 are: Rose Ringhoffer, Conductor; Barbara Lechner, Warden; Jean Elder, Inside/Outside Guardian; Marthann Hall, Finance Committee; and Patty Newell, Left Supporter to the Vice President.

Patty Newell, outgoing Noble Grand, thanked the lodge for her gift certificate.

Barbara Lechner received our thanks for preparing the Address and Phone Book.

Nancy Klicker presented the annual Trustee Report.

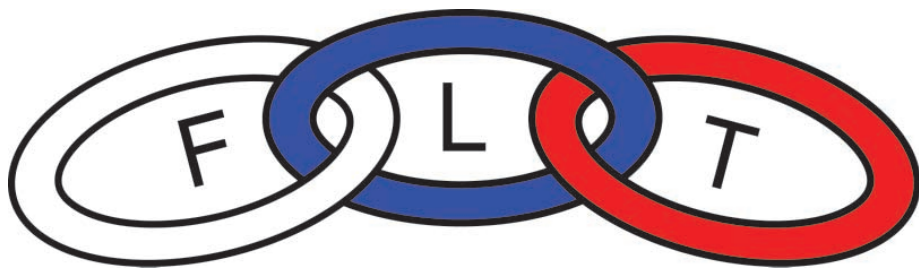
Guest speaker was Walla Walla Vet Center Team Leader Dave Beebe. He has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Missouri. Beebe described how the vets acquired two used SUVs, and repaired them with contributions from our lodge and auto supply shops. The vehicles were donated to deeply grateful vets who needed transportation. These projects have a highly beneficial effect on the vets. Beebe presented us with a Certificate of

Appreciation that will go into our display case of historical souvenirs.
 — *In F., L. & T., Shirley Ruble, Reporter*



Dave Beebe, Walla Walla Vet Center Team Leader, accepts a donation from Shirley Ruble on behalf of Narcissa Rebekahs. The funds helped veterans repair a Jeep SUV for a deserving Army vet.

~ 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:** July, Aug. **NG:** Bob Duniway, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Nora Carria, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610

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:** Kendra Frogge, 11115 73rd Ave. E., Puyallup, WA 98373. **Ph:** (253) 370-2723. **E-Mail:** Ladyfrog35@aol.com **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. **NG:** Arlene Workman, 280 SE Dorst St., Issaquah, WA 98027. **Sec'y:** Mary E. Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871

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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 S., PO Box 44, Hunters, WA 99137. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Bill Floyd, PO Box 44 Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 690-2350. **Sec'y:** Regina Sundeslen, PO Box 129, Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 342-8897

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:** Nichi-Lynn Berry, 41 Beverly Dr., Lakewood, WA 98499. **Ph:** (253) 588-1278. **Sec'y:** Lorraine Krammer, 8915 - 107th St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Ph:** (253) 582-2856

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:** Dolf-Hubert "Tedd" Swanson, 106 - 10th St. NE, #226, Auburn, WA 98002-4066. **Ph:** (253) 833-6528. **Sec'y:** Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030-7980. **Ph:** (253) 631-5503

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:** Virginia Erckenbrack, 316 Tennessee Rd., Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 508-4215. **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: Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Mark LaVack, 3135 Slater-Kinney Rd. NE, Olympia, WA 98506. **Ph:** (360) 430-9929. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949.

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:** Diane Devoe, 1715 - 11th Ave SW Olympia, WA 98502. **Ph:** (360) 943-5987. **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 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Joanne Balmert, 15010 Silcox Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Ph:** (253) 209-0167. **Sec'y:** Holly Houser, 514 Lafayette St. S., Tacoma, WA 98444. **Ph:** (253) 720-4489

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

SILVIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #38

Meets At: 116 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues, 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:** Christina M. Brannon, 25915 - 177th Place SE, Covington, WA 98042-5829. **Cell:** (253) 886-6311. **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:** Elayne Novotny, 2608 Eureka Ave., Centralia, WA 98531. **Ph:** (360) 623-9041. **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:** Jordan Vernon, 22301 NE 83rd St., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 518-9560. **Sec'y:** Thersa Martin, 8315 - 156th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682 **Ph:** (360) 356-4346.

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.



2017

Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

FairBridge Inn & Suits & Conference Center

June 23 thru 25, 2017

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

THIS FORM STRICTLY FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY YOUTH ONLY
Adults Please Use Annual Grand Sessions Registration Form

Club Name & Number _____

Assembly Jurisdiction _____

Advisor's Name/Phone _____

Please fill out one per Theta Rho Girl.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & # _____

Current TRA Title or Past Title _____

Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____ Saturday, June 24, 2017, 5 p.m.

Mail Your Pre-Registration & Meal Forms to:

**Joe or Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502**

Or E-mail to: picancoj@hotmail.com

**ATTENTION ADVISORS: PLEASE COLLECT FORMS FROM
GIRLS AND SEND AS A CLUB GROUP.**

**From your 2016-17
Theta Rho President**

GET READY FOR SESSIONS

Hi everyone! I hope you've had a happy St. Patrick's day! Next is Easter and I hope you all have a wonderful one.



CHRISTINA DIRKS

Just a heads up to the girls participating in the Ritualistic Contests for Sessions, they are: 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!

On another note, I'm out looking for a new job. Insurance just wasn't for me. We (in my personal friend group family) suffered a horrible loss, so the beginning of March was not a good start. Things are looking up though. My best friend and I went to two concerts and it was a blast. Best idea ever. Anyway, I hope you all have a wonderful Easter.

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

**Kent LEA #15 elects
new officers for 2016-17**

We have had our election of officers. Jennie Reed will lead us during the next term as Chief Matriarch, assisted by Senior Warden Margaret Truttmann, Junior Warden Marcia Presley, and High Priestess Rebecca Carter. Betty Young and Holly Houser will continue as Scribe and Treasurer.

Installation of Officers will be on Friday, April 14 with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the ceremony. Guests are welcome.

Margaret has donated a basket to auction at the Installation to help feed our coffers.

Following our February meeting, we held a shower for the "Kent Hope" women's shelter. Members brought a large amount of items which Betty delivered to the facility. This was our community service project this year.

Grand Matriarch Genie Coston will make her official visit to our Auxiliary at our May meeting on Friday the 12th. We will host a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting.



Checking out the items collected for the "Kent Hope" women's shelter are, from left, Margaret Truttmann, Jennie Reed, Genie Coston, Marcia Presley and Betty Young. Kendra Frogge' and Karen Hoylman were behind the camera. Holly Houser and Rebecca Carter were in the kitchen.

Spring Has Sprung!

From your Wardens

Work on improving communications

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

April has come along and, with it, spring is returning to the Pacific Northwest. This is a great time to start getting out and getting active. That same impulse should apply to your lodge. This month we have a few suggestions to improve communications between members in your lodge.

Think back about 50 years or so — In those days going to

Improving Communications

lodge was a regular part of the weekly schedule and a dependable activity that rarely changed. As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs we could count on always seeing our friends each week in lodge. It was as regular as milk delivery, the morning paper, or garbage day. A lot has changed in the past 50 years, how-

ever, and going to lodge is not immune to those changes. Meetings are no longer every week and the amount of randomness in life can interfere with the routines that once helped people reliably attend lodge.

PHONE TREES

A great way to boost attendance at lodge meetings is to give reminders. The first way to do reminders is with a phone tree. Giving members a quick phone call on a lodge night can be the difference between them skipping lodge and attending. Gather a list of members' phone numbers and assign them to the phone tree. Start with one person, ideally the Noble Grand or Secretary. That person calls two people, each of those two people call two people, each of those people call two people, it goes on until everyone has been reminded of the lodge meeting. With a small lodge it will only take four or five levels of calling before everyone has been called. Larger lodges may require more levels of calling. Besides being a reminder for the meeting, a phone tree keeps members in contact with each other, which is an added bonus.

TEXT TREE

For the slightly more tech-savvy, a text tree is a good option. A quick text can be sent out to any number of mobile numbers. It's a great way of notifying members in the event of something like a weather-related closure. It's also a quick way of reminding everyone about a meeting or other special event like an Installation of Officers. Just like with a phone tree, a collection of phone numbers is essential. The difference with a phone tree is that text messages can be quickly sent by just one member to all the rest, so there are fewer people involved and less interaction.

LODGE EMAIL LIST

For a greater level of communication a lodge email list can be very helpful. It can send out automated reminders

for meetings and other events. It can also give members who aren't able to attend a means to staying in the loop with what's going on at the lodge. There are several different kinds of services which can be used, from calendar services with reminders to which lodge members can subscribe, to full-on discussion email lists. Two of the lodges to which I belong use the Yahoo Groups service to host lodge email lists. They're invaluable tools for coordinating activities, gauging interest in events, and reminding members of meetings. One thing to keep in mind is that nothing that should be kept in the confidence of the lodge should go out on a public email list. If it's business transacted in the privacy of a closed lodge, it shouldn't go out on a public email list.

Improving communication between members is an incredibly useful thing for a lodge. Hopefully it will improve attendance and engagement at your lodge. If you have any questions or need some guidance for setting up lodge communications, feel free to 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 as much help as I can.

Next month we're going to look at some potential sources of new membership for your lodge.

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

Ballard planning Degree Day for Saturday, May 20

Please mark your calendars and get your candidates initiated! Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 will be offering the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Saturday, May 20. We are still in the planning stages, so please contact us by email (ioof-ballardalki170@gmail.com) or on Facebook if you are planning on attending or wish to help.

We have our Airbnb apartment set aside for the night before and the night after if traveling to and from Ballard same day is too much. There's a queen bed and a couch. Contact ballardioofhall@gmail.com for information about lodging.

The itinerary for the day will be revealed in the next issue of *The Washington Oddfellow*.

— Secretary Nora Carria reporting

Burgers, Bingo in Napavine!

Trinity Rebekahs and Golden Rule Odd Fellows will host a Burger & Bingo Night on Saturday, April 8. Dinner starts at 4 p.m. Dinner and two Bingo card packs is \$20 per person. The first Bingo game starts at 6 p.m. The event will be at 111 W. Washington in Napavine, WA 98565.

2017 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 23 through 28, 2017

ONE form person, please. Make as many copies as needed.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
(Highest current or past title) (Unit of the Order attending)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

Italian Buffet (Jumbo Lasagna / Parmesan Chicken)

Adults \$23.00 _____

Banquet Theme: Disney

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

4:00 p.m. Past President's Meeting / Banquet

Chicken Florentine **OR**

Stuffed Pork Roast *(Circle One)* \$22.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 a.m. Grand Master's Breakfast

Country Buffet \$16.00 _____

7:30 a.m. President's Breakfast Buffet

Executive Continental \$12.00 _____

6:00 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: "Old West." Entertainment

Texas Gold Rush Buffet;

Chicken and Ribs \$21.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 a.m. TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

7:30 a.m. IOOF Representatives' Breakfast Buffet

Executive Continental \$12.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet

Yakima Buffet \$15.00 _____

5:00 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Baked Salmon **OR** \$25.00 _____

Chicken Marsala *(Circle One)*

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2017

Late Registration after June 1, 2017 \$30.00 _____

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly **ONLY!** \$10.00 _____

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2017 Grand Sessions

Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel
FairBridge Inn and Suites & Conference Center

1507 N. 1st St., Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-7850 • Fax: (509) 576-4940

*Be sure to mention that you are with the
Odd Fellow & Rebekah Convention*

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen),
Number Staying in Room, Any Special Needs/Requirements

Rates are:

\$77 Single and Double • \$87 Triple • \$97 Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2017

Advertising in the Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, is accepts advertisement(s) for the 2017 Grand Sessions Program Booklet to help offset the costs of publishing and distributing.

The advertisement charges are:

FULL PAGE, 5" BY 8" FOR \$50 — HALF PAGE 5" BY 4" FOR \$25

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Please make checks out to: Grand Lodge Host Committee

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Thanks in advance for your support.

— *Fraternally, Joe and Kathi Picanco, Grand Lodge Host Committee*

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Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

HAPPY EASTER FROM OLYMPIA #1 & RUTH #17

We are excited about our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15. This is an annual pot luck event held at our Puget Beach Park. Our event is open to members, friends and family members. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided and we ask each family to bring a side dish to share. There are lots of eggs to find and each one yields goodies inside. Some have a special message that leads to a prize. The fun starts at 3 p.m. and our BBQ chefs will have food ready after the eggs have been found and prizes claimed. Please come and join us.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Plans for the Memorial Day Celebration are underway. It's hard to believe that it's almost that time already. Let's hope the weather clears a bit by then.

2017 Grand Sessions

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In this month's newsletter you will also find conference registration forms for session events, meals, and additional hotel information. Please complete the "2017 Sessions Registration" and/or "2017 Theta Rho Registration" forms as soon as possible. Send them to the host committee to the address provided on the forms no later than Thursday, June 1.

May you enjoy your stay in Yakima!

— *Fraternally,*
Joe and Kathi Picanco,
Grand Lodge Host Committee

We continue to reach out to our friends and community with invitations to join our Order and share in the spreading of Friendship, Love and Truth on our world.

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



*** **You Are Cordially Invited** ***

Please join the Odd Fellows Lodge #305

728 So. 225th St. - Des Moines, WA. 98198

Saturday - May 13th, 2017 @ 4:00 PM

 For Our Annual 

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