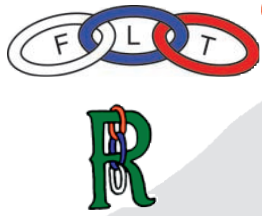


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## *In Yakima*

# 139th Sessions start June 23 in Yakima!

Our 139th Annual Proceedings for the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 23 through 28 at the FairBridge Inn and Suites (formally Yakima Valley Hotel) located in Yakima. Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington, Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, Grand Encampment of Washington, and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington. Officers of all Branches of the Order elected or appointed are to be installed during Sessions.

On Saturday, June 24, the Theta Rho Banquet will be serving an Italian Buffet (Lasagna and Parmesan Chicken). The theme is "Disney," so dress as your favorite Disney character. The All Branch Banquet will be held on Monday evening, June 26. The banquet theme this year is "Wild West." All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to dress for the occasions. For our entertainment and dancing pleasure, "Cowgirl's Dream," a four-piece country band, will be performing at the All Branch Banquet.

As in previous years, we'll have a room dedicated for silent auction items to benefit projects of our Branch Heads. Brothers, Sisters and lodges are encouraged to donate items for the auction in support of their projects.

This year in attendance from International are Doug Pittman, Sovereign Grand Warden of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and Joyce Link, President of International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

### **MAJOR DAILY SCHEDULED EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- **Friday, June 23** — Theta Rho Picnic and Pool Party.
- **Saturday, June 24** — Theta Rho Sessions begins, Theta Rho Banquet and Awards followed by Fun Night.
- **Sunday, June 25** — Past Presidents' Banquet, Past Grand Masters' Banquet, Theta Rho Installation, All Branch Memorial Service.
- **Monday, June 26** — Sessions begin, Grand Master's Breakfast, Assembly President's Breakfast, All Branch

*See 2017 Sessions on Back Page*



## *Tomb presentation*

On the occasion of the 84th Annual IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Kathi Picanco, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, was in the position of representing the Jurisdiction of Washington. She was accompanied by her husband Joe Picanco, PGM, at the presentation and placing of memorial wreaths during the Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. See Kathi's letter on page 4 for more details.

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## A WORTHWHILE ENDEAVOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



DUARD FYFFE

Hello again! This is the last article that I get to write as your Grand Master, so let me take this opportunity to thank each Brother and Sister who has made me feel welcome in your home lodges. It was wonderful to get to meet so many of you this year. I would also like to express my gratitude for all of the support that so many of you have given me. You have made all the work and effort worthwhile.

### SEE YOU AT SESSIONS

We are making some proposals and changes to some of the committees and programs at Grand Lodge this year, so once again let me encourage you to be represented at our Grand Sessions this year in Yakima. You may just find out that some help for your problems may be available or find a new project to get your lodge members more active.

### HOMECOMING AT SOUTH TACOMA

The Grand Master's Homecoming will be at South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211 on June 14 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come out and celebrate with our members. There will be lots of fellowship and fun, along with refreshments.

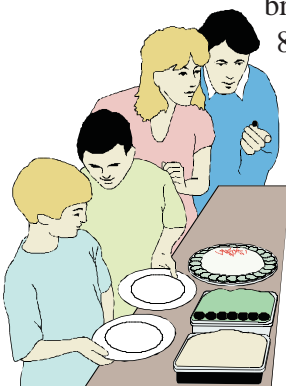
### FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT

Finally let me encourage each one of you to reach out to your fellow Odd Fellows. If you need help in some way, contact your District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Lodge office. If you have an event coming up, share it in

## In Bothell

### *Pancake Breakfast to benefit Friends of Youth*

In line with our call to *Relieve the Distressed*, Bothell Odd Fellows #124, Clover Leaf Rebekahs #54 and Fall City Odd Fellows #59 are proud to co-sponsor a pancake breakfast on Saturday, August 19 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. All the proceeds will benefit *The Friends of Youth*, a Kirkland-based charity that provides homeless youth services.



Tickets will be \$5 per person. Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs and bacon. Members, families and guests are welcome. We would love to see you!

this newspaper and let everyone know so that we can all come out and support you!

Here's wishing all of you the very best in whatever life brings you.

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

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## A note from our Grand Musician

Brothers, it has been my pleasure to be your Grand Musician for the past year. I have gotten to visit with many of you and share the blessing of music. Music is important in our lodges. By singing together, we share a spiritual connection.



Every culture in the world enjoys music and makes it an integral part of their life and worship. I know some lodges recite the words to the Odes. Why not give a shot at singing them? Don't worry if you don't think you lack the skill, you'll never get a glorious ride to Heaven on the back of pretty little notes.

Many lodges lack a Musician and therefore have no accompaniment. Thanks to our current Grand Warden Toby Hanson, there is a CD with accompaniment which he made during his time as Grand Patriarch. Unfortunately, he lost the original recordings when his laptop was stolen. If anyone has a copy of this CD, please bring it to Sessions so Toby can make more copies.

I am also putting lead sheets together of our Odes which I will have available in Yakima this year.

— *Yours in F., L. & T., Greg Powers,*  
*Grand Musician of the Grand Lodge of Washington*

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **James W. Strickland**, current Noble Grand and 48 year member, Richland IOOF Lodge #338, Richland.
- **Alta Carlson**, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Served as President in 1985. Currently a member of Eureka State Lodge #1.

*We Will Miss Our  
Brothers & Sisters*

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## GRAND SESSIONS THIS MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,

As we come to the end of another Odd Fellow year, my wish for all is to have a happy and harmonious Session in Yakima. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington as you Grand Secretary this year.



HARRY W.  
"BILL" COULTER

In addition to fulfilling the routine duties of this office, this year, as in the past, it has been a pleasure to share our history with members and non-members with the information of a relative's past Odd Fellow connection. I was happy to do the research and respond with my findings.

### REPRESENTATIVES

Just a reminder, be sure you bring your lodge's copy of the Advance Reports "Take Me" and your Representative's Certificate with you to Grand Lodge Session. Should you be coming as the Alternate Representative in place of the Representative, you should bring the Advance Reports "Take Me" and your

Alternate Representative's Certificate. Please remember that only one Representative per lodge may be seated in the Grand Lodge. The Representative not seated may attend the Session, however they will not have any voice or vote.

### MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND SESSION

To all, remember that the following the opening of Grand Lodge and after the new Past Grands receive their Grand Lodge Degrees, the Grand Lodge is open in the Third Degree. That means any Third Degree member may enter the Grand Lodge to observe business. Grand Lodge is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required.

The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Brother Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Warden, who hails from the Jurisdiction of Colorado. Let's all meet him, greet him and welcome him to the Jurisdiction or Washington.

I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

See you in Yakima!!

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

## Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

Calling all Rebekahs! Kapowsin Lodge has the only *day-time* meeting in District #3. We have a delicious potluck luncheon at noon. The meetings begin at 1 p.m. For any Rebekah who prefers daytime driving, please come and visit us and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship.

Our lodge was honored to have Rebekah Assembly President Kathi Picanco and her husband, PGM Joe Picanco, visit us in April. We think they make a great team working for our Order. Her project, Fisher House, was discussed and we found it to be a worthy charity.

We had a lunch out in April. It was an Easter potluck at Carr's Restaurant in Lakewood. NG Nicki gave each of us an egg with candy inside. Next time we hope to go to the Country Buffet.

I want to take this opportunity to *thank* our friend and volunteer Arlene Lashback. She helps out in so many ways. It sure makes things easier for us Rebekahs. Arlene is a great cook and she loves hot dogs which makes for a tasty

picnic potluck!



Kapowsin Lodge is always open to all at our meetings. We hope to see you ladies soon.

For more information, please call Sisters Marlene Lenz at (253) 843-2319 or Deb Gulley at (253) 843-1502.

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

*See Your Old Friends  
At Grand Sessions*

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## SEE YOU AT OUR SESSIONS IN YAKIMA

Greetings Brothers & Sisters!

As we get ready to attend our Grand Lodge and Rebekah Sessions, I would like to thank all those members who have supported me this year and made my project — Fisher House — a remarkable success. Without your support this journey would have been so much more difficult. I was not able to attend everything that I wanted to this year due to illness and other family responsibilities, but I gave it my best. I believe that we moved forward and accomplished some clean-up where it was needed. I hope that we all learned a little bit more about our Order to help us keep supporting the Order in the future.



KATHI PICANCO

I would be remiss if I didn't *thank* the Past Presidents, my Executive Board, District Deputies Presidents, Committee Members, and the Grand Master who helped keep me moving in the right direction. No one walks this journey alone, I so needed your help to get through this

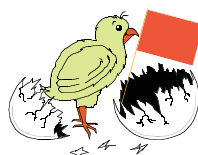
year. I believe that my year has helped me to be a better, more informed Rebekah and Odd Fellow and I promise to support those who come behind me.

I look forward to June and with the help of my officers we will make the Sessions productive and fun for those attending. I would also like to see all lodges, if possible, send a Representative. *We need you!* It is your job to take back to your lodges what was accomplished. See you in Yakima. Let's work hard and have a fun time, too!

## TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

My trip to Washington, D.C. to lay the Washington wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns was such an honor. I am so glad I could do this. The Grand Lodge two-year Representative was also with me (my husband Joe). This trip always makes me reflect on just how much our service members contribute to our safety here and abroad. We do need to show them our deepest gratitude.

## "KEEP PECKING AWAY FOR REBEKAHS"



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



## A Holland Happening

Participating in the Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor on April 29 were Theta Rho members from Acorn #79 and Spunky Bluebirds #93. From left are: Piper Pyffe, Athena Bever, Desiree Gardiner, Haley Jones, Caroline Jamison, Rhiannon Chapman and Angelique Robin. Kneeling is Haley Scheiderer.

## Oak Harbor Parade

Athena Bever and Desiree Gardiner hold the IOOF Banner during the Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor on Saturday, April 29.

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

Tempest Lodge members were pleased to welcome Assembly President Kathi Picanco and Past Grand Master Joe Picanco on April 13. The information she related in her speech was inspirational.

The decorations and refreshments for the reception following the meeting were in the Easter theme. Everyone had

a chance to visit with our guests. We were fortunate the weather was clear, so their trip to and from Wenatchee was good. It was a real pleasure to meet these two special members.

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

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## SESSIONS ARE ALMOST HERE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June is here and our Sessions are getting closer. I hope that each of your lodges have been able to accomplish what you started out to do to make this Order better for you and all our members.



MARCIA PRESLEY

## PER CAPITA AND ASSESSMENT BILLS

Your lodge should have received its Per Capita and Assessment bills. I thank you in advance for sending me your payment, made out to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and containing the two required signatures, prior to the due date. If your payment is not received prior to our Sessions, your Representative will not be seated in the Assembly as a voting delegate.

## REMEMBER YOUR "TAKE ME"

I hope your Lodge Representative shares the "Take Me" information with your lodge members and you discuss anything that you have questions about so your Representative will know how you want them to vote on anything that is considered at our Assembly Sessions.

## YES, WE DO CARE

I have discovered that we have members who are con-

# Lodges!

*Newspaper is on summer vacation, but let us know if you change address!!!*

Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 15 for the September, 2017 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

To the right is a change of address form. Please use it if you move this summer.

Thanks and have a great summer. We wish you a happy summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

cerned about something that has taken place in our Jurisdiction, in their lodge or another lodge, but feel that their concerns are not important enough to bring up in their meetings. Yes, they are important, and if you feel you don't want to bring your concerns up in your lodge meetings, give the Executive Committee, a Past President of the Assembly or someone else you know to voice your concerns or have a question. Sometimes it seems that some of our members think that we don't care. **Yes, we do!** We are here to help, but we can't help if you do not let us know what you are concerned about. All of us are here to help in any way we can. Give us a call, drop us a note or e-mail us. Ask the question and we will find the answer.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and are ready, willing and able to do what needs to be done come September.

## EVERY DAY

*Each day is a gift to enjoy and appreciate.*

*Each day is a blessing with cause to celebrate.*

*Each day is an opportunity to lend a helping hand.*

*Each day another chance to better understand.*

*Each day is a gift to prosper and gain.*

*Each day is an opportunity to end someone's pain.*

*Each day we can make a difference  
and spread lots of smiles.*

*To help when needed and make our Order worthwhile.*

*— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,  
In Friendship, Love and Truth*

*Marcia Presley,  
Past President, Secretary*

*Looking Forward  
To Seeing You!*

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## In Walla Walla

# Narcissa Rebekahs #2

### TABITHA'S CLOSET IS A GODSEND

At a recent meeting, Nancy Klicker introduced our guest speaker, Kim Morasch, originator of Tabitha's Closet in Walla Walla. Seven years ago, in the basement of Christ Lutheran Church, Morasch loaned dresses to six girls for their prom. Today, her ministry has served 2,000 students and saved their parents \$400,000 in long and short dresses and tuxedos.

High school students in College Place, Touchet, and Walla Walla can borrow the clothing for the cost of dry cleaning. Apparel must be returned by Monday following the prom. A special fund is available for those who need financial help. "Students from all financial backgrounds patronize us," Morasch said.

Four rooms at the church are dedicated to storage and fitting rooms. Students make appointments by calling Tabitha's Closet. Then a customer service person inquires about size and helps the person select several styles and accessories. Shoes, socks, jewelry and nail polish are available for the asking.

How is all this made possible? Civic groups and businesses donate funds and gowns. Morasch has purchased gowns and tuxedos from some stores at discount prices. The Walla Walla School District recently recognized Tabitha's Closet as "Partners in Learning."

When asked, Morasch said the name "Tabitha's Closet" comes from Acts 9:36. "Tabitha was full of good works and acts of charity," according to the English Standard Version. One boy's father told Morasch his son's life had been changed. After having a well-dressed prom experience, the boy joined activities like FFA and graduated. He told Morasch he was going to Walla Walla Community College and enter the nursing program.

To see the high quality formal wear, go to **Facebook/Tabitha's Closet**. To contact Tabitha's Closet, call (509) 525-0092, or visit them at 1420 S. Second Avenue in Walla Walla.

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



## A full closet

From left, Jeanne Elder, Kim Morasch of Tabitha's Closet, and Nancy Klicker show the Narcissa Rebekahs the quality of the gowns and tuxedos that are available to local high school students for their proms.



## Happy visitors

From left, Patty Newell, PNG of the Narcissa Rebekahs; Therese Anderson, visiting from Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane; and PNG Jeanne Elder enjoy recalling their mutual friends in Walla Walla at the District #8 Meeting on April 22.

## District #8 fun

Gathered at the District #8 Meeting on April 22 at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, are, from left, District #8 President Karen Schultz of Bee Hive Lodge #70; Rebekah Assembly Warden Jennie Reed; Past President Margaret Truttmann; and Assembly Vice President Cathy Garcia. At right is Schuyler #18 NG Gail Frankie.



## *In Napavine*

# Trinity Rebekahs #179

### FRIENDSHIP DAY A SUCCESS

I'm sure everyone is enjoying the weather or at least the yard work and blooming flowers that the weather has brought on.

Trinity members had their Friendship Day on April 27. We were honored to have our Rebekah Assembly Warden Jenny Reed in our house. She is always a pleasure to visit with. Also there were six of Trinity's members present as well, including Betty Peterson whom we are always glad to see.

Lunch was served (meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy) with the rest of the fill-ins.

It was reported and noted that Mary Francis Peterson passed away. She was 97 years young. She was loved by everyone that knew her from District #28. She attended Rebekah Assembly until she started to get frail. She will be missed by all.

### PINE BURR MEMBERS HONORED

During my official visit to Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 as District Deputy President, it was a wonderful joy to see their members be recognized with a rose corsage of pink with green ribbon and the years of membership on it. Honored was Naomi Dow (68 years), Jean Parnell (65 years), Marie Parnell (65 years), Marlene Whittington (34 years), Helen Thomsen (67 years), Deanne Unden (51 years), and Beverly Lyons (58 years). Not pictured are Deanne Unden and Helen Thomsen in the accompanying photos.

### HELEN TURNS 100!

On May 6, six members from Trinity attended Helen Petrie's 100th birthday party. LouAnn Hoffman from Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 was also in attendance. She helped Alberta Luurs with the presentation of Helen's 65-Year Veteran Jewel. Everyone had a very good time. Lots of good stories were told. Helen was honored to have five generations at her party.

See you all at Assembly!

*In F. L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Reporter*

## Lodge Cards will return

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

We are sorry for this inconvenience.



Presented with Veteran Jewels were Naomi Dow, Jean Parnell, Marie Parnell, Marlene Whittington and Beverly Lyons.



From left are: Alberta Luurs, Helen Petrie and LouAnn Hoffman.



From left are: Helen Petrie, Evelyn Neuman and Cookie Music.



Helen Petrie was honored on her 100th birthday. Pictured are: Cookie Music, Evelyn Neuman, Betty Pertersen, Helen Petrie, Candy Koons, Sandy Bianne and Alberta Luurs.





## *Ballard welcomes new members*

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 welcomed (seated, from left) Rich Ater, Autumn Knight and Ian Stanaway to our Order on May 11. Performing the Degree were, back row from left, Rich Osborne, Mylinda Sneed, Mikol Soriano, Bob Duniway, Jerry Smith, Greg Powers, Nora Carria,

and Michael Douglas; center row, from left, Clinton Attaway, Richard Brzustowicz and Katie Gray. We thank our new members and look forward to their participation in the future!



## *Patriarchal Degree conferred*

The Ballard Encampment conferred the Patriarchal Degree on Alfred Howe and Piper Fyffe who are now members of Buckley Encampment #40. From left are: Toby Hanson, PGP; Michael Douglas, PCP of Ballard Encampment #76; Piper Fyffe, Secretary of the Theta

Rho Assembly of Washington and Oregon; Alfred Howe, PG of South Tacoma Lodge #211; Greg Powers, PGP; and Katie Gray, PCP of Ballard Encampment #76. Seated is Nora Carria, GP of the Grand Encampment of Washington.



# From your 2016-17 Grand Patriarch

## A HARMONIOUS FUTURE

I Thank you for your support this past year. I appreciate the cooperation of the Grand Lodge IOOF, Rebekah Assembly of Washington and the Washington LEA this past year as I look forward to a



harmonious future for our Order. Working together with respect and inclusiveness is the best way for our Order and society as a whole to move forward through changing times. We need to remember to set an example of Friendship, Love and Truth, as well

as Faith, Hope and Charity in order to increase our numbers. The best way to do that is to review our Obligations and find ways to improve our personal relationship with the promises we made when we joined this Order.

We must also look within ourselves to elevate our actions in dealing with others who might see things differently than we do in order to work together to make a better world. This continues at Sessions, where we get to see each other face-to-face, forge new relationships, strengthen old friendships and conduct the business at hand. I hope this year all debate on issues to be resolved will be respectful and we are able to do what is best for the future of our Order.

## SEE YOU IN YAKIMA

I look forward to seeing you at the end of the month in Yakima, and wish to extend my congratulations to the incoming Officers for 2017.

It has been a reward to have been of service this past year and I would highly recommend members expand their perspective on our order by attending and participating.

Have a safe and joyous summer!

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



**GRAND PATRIARCH ORA CARRIA**

*Wednesday, June 28*

*Grand Encampment Sessions*

## News from the Capital City

# Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

### ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Summer is here and while many lodges may be going dark, Olympia #1 is keeping busy and enjoying the sunshine. The first meetings of June, July, August and September (first Monday of each month), we will hold our meetings out at our Puget Beach Park. Many of us arrive early with a picnic dinner and enjoy the wonderful view. Feel free to join us.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Our Annual Memorial Day celebration was a beautiful tribute to our Veterans, including those who are no longer with us, as well as those who were present at the service. As always, the afternoon ended with hot dogs, sodas and cookies. Members and the community came together to celebrate the privileges we enjoy in our country. What a great way to spend the day.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During the month of May, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 initiated two new members. We welcome Gary Merz and Tom Owens. We also welcomed Jaimee Snow, a transfer member from Buckley.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 was honored to initiate two new members, as well. They are Darlene Harrison and Lorrie Bonnell. It is great to have new members excited about Odd Fellowship.

### MEMORIAL BBQ

The Little Red School House held its annual PJ Fluetsch Memorial BBQ on May 24. This event is catered by Marv's Marvelous BBQ and largely sponsored by Olympia Odd Fellows. The warm weather brought out a good crowd. The raffle items and dessert sales provided a great contribution for back packs and school supplies for needy children in our community. Thank you everyone who helped.

### SEAFOOD DINNER

We are starting to work on our Seafood Dinner. While we don't have a lot of information yet, it is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, starting around 1 p.m. or there about. Since this is the last newspaper published until September, we are hoping you will just come on out and enjoy the day with us. Cost will most likely be the usual \$10 which will cover seafood, salads and chowder. If you are interested in participating in the Chowder Contest, contact Laurel Delony for more information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Sessions in a couple weeks.

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

## On July 15

# Let's all take part in the Capital Lake Fair Parade

Calling all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Patriarchs, Matriarchs, Chevaliers and members of the Theta Rho Clubs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to march in the Capital Lake Fair Parade in Olympia, on Saturday, July 15.

This is a special day for all of us to participate and march with as many members as we can possibly muster. Let's come together and show the city of Olympia that all Branches of our Order are alive and well.

We ask that one member from your lodge be designated as a "point of contact" and get in touch with the Olympia Lodge IOOF #1 Parade Committee.

**When:** Saturday, July 15. **Time:** 4 p.m. (Parade step off is 4:30 p.m.) **Dress:** Comfortable, but be encouraged to wear collars, satchels, carry banners depicting your lodge or community. **Meet:** The parade starts on Capitol Way at 20th Avenue and ends on 5th Avenue at Simmons Street. It's a distance of 1.2 miles.

— Joe Picanco, Parade Committee  
picancoj@hotmail.com (360) 561-2220



## Ballard Patriarchs

Patriarchs from Ballard Encampment #76 are, front row from left, Genie Coston, Mylinda Sneed and Karen Lindquist. In the back row, from left, are Nora Carria, Katie Gray, Greg Powers, Jean Coston and Michael Douglas.

## *From your Wardens*

# Social activities strengthen all of us!

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

June is here and, along with it, our final membership article for the year. We sincerely hope that our suggestions have been helpful for you as you work to strengthen your membership. For our final article of the year we will look at the importance of holding social activities in your lodge.

At its height, Odd Fellowship was about members helping each other and the wider

### *Social Activities*

community at large. In those days it was essential for members to show up for all of the business meetings and remain engaged in the business of the lodge as it was the main dispensary of social aid in the days before big government social programs. In those days our members

had a serious vested interest in making sure the lodge was functioning properly and looking after its business interests in a responsible manner. Attendance wasn't much of an issue in those days, except for when meetings were so well-attended that they had to bring extra chairs in from storage.

Contemporary Odd Fellowship is no longer a major financial concern for its members. As the world around us has changed it is even more important that we engage our current members and provide opportunities to bring in new members. A great way of rewarding members for their dedication is by having social events like dinners and other recreational activities.

Sitting down to a meal together is an opportunity to embody the ideals of Odd Fellowship. It puts us all together with a common goal. Some of the most successful lodges are those who provide food for their members, either on a regular basis or for special events. Business meetings don't require many people to be present and they don't make for a very engaging evening. Social events like dinners, however, provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship which are far more engaging than just voting to pay the bills twice a month. An added benefit of social events is that, since lodge business is not transacted there, they can be open to the public. Few things are more effective at getting new members than showing groups of people getting together to have fun.

Social activities can take many forms. They can be special events held annually like a chowder feed or ice cream social; they can be recurring events like card parties; they can coincide with sporting events; they can involve outside groups and interests like quilting, crocheting, classic cars, or music. There are many different ways to organize and hold social activities. Be creative and find out what's of interest to the members of your lodge. Maybe they want to

have a monthly breakfast social at a local restaurant?

Maybe they want to get together to see the spring musical at the local high school? The important thing is to find a social activity that will get the members of the lodge to show up and participate.

Social events are of vital importance to keep our members engaged and get new ones coming in the door. We're fast approaching a decision point in Odd Fellowship. We can make a concerted effort to enrich our lodges and make them beacons to the community or we can continue with an isolated, inward focus that has brought us our dwindling numbers. If we are to continue as a vital force in our communities we need to make our lodges into places that people want to be.

If you have any questions or need some ideas for social events, feel free to contact me. You can email me at [iooftoby@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Even though our service as Grand Wardens is coming to an end and we're preparing for the next step through the chairs, we're always happy to assist you with the work to strengthen our lodges.

— *In F., L. & T.,*

*Toby Hanson and Jennie Reed*



## *Degrees conferred*

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 performed the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees on May 20. We were very fortunate to have the assistance of our Grand Master, Duard Fyffe, our Grand Warden, Toby Hanson, and the Noble Grand of Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, John Buell, helping confer the Degrees on our members Amy Denio, Rich Ater, Clinton Attaway and Ian Stanaway. A fun time was had by all! Seated, from left, are: Ian Stanaway, Clinton Attaway, Rich Ater, and Amy Denio. In the middle row, from left, are: Darren Lay, Michael Douglas, Karen Lindquist, Mylinda Sneed and Bob Duniway. In the back row, from left, are: Grand Master Duard Fyffe, Grand Patriarch Nora Carria, and PGP Greg Powers. Not pictured are: GW Toby Hanson, John Buell, and Jerry R. Smith (photographer).

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## 2017 Grand Sessions

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Banquet and TaNaMaKa Meeting with “Bear Meat.”

• **Tuesday, June 27** — TaNaMaKa Breakfast, IOOF Representatives’ Breakfast, Joint Installation of 2017-2018 Officers. Ice Cream Social at Yakima IOOF Lodge.

• **Wednesday, June 28** — Rebekah Representatives’ Breakfast, Odd Fellow and Rebekah Sessions end. Encampment/LEA Sessions begin, ENC/LEA Dinner Installation of Officers.

*Please bring with you your name badge holder from last year*

— Yours in F., L. & T,  
Joe and Kathi Picanco,  
Grand Lodge Host Committee

## RA Sessions colors are black and white

Hello to my Officers and Appointed Officers and those attending the Rebekah Assembly in Yakima.

I want to let you all know, in case you didn’t get the word, that my colors are black and white for Sessions attire. I ask that you wear long or full-length skirts. You can wear them in any combination such as black skirt and white top or vice versa. It will be okay to wear any combination of the two like a black and white print dress, or even a black or white print top or skirt. I decided on this combo because I didn’t want anyone to have to buy a new dress or top.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Sessions. We need you there!

**“KEEP PECKING AWAY FOR REBEKAHS”**

— With Rebekah Hugs,  
Kathi Picanco, RA President

## *A bowl of chowder*

Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 would like to thank those who showed up for our Clam Chowder Chow on Saturday, May 13. We’d like to thank Sylvia Summers and Haley for assisting us with the prep and clean-up. From left are: NG John Otterstrom, VG Orlee Groh, and Haley, a new member of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls’ Club in South Tacoma.

## **Stop by the PP’s table**

The Rebekah Assembly of Washington Past Presidents will again have a formal and sale table at our Sessions in Yakima. Please come and shop. We will appreciate your support. Our proceeds go to pay for lunches for our visiting guests.

— Joyce Miller, President, PP Group