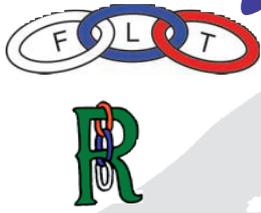


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Yakima donation

Chad Quesnell, Noble Grand of Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, presents a donation to La Casa Hogar, a local civic organization that provides education and support, such as English Language Acquisition (ESL), driver's education, and computer skills to members of the local community.

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 2018 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

Kelly Hughes,
Grand Master

Cathy Garcia,
President

Attest:

Harry W. Coulter,
Grand Secretary

Attest:

Marcia Presley,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

From your Grand Lodge Host Committee

We're looking for a new Sessions home

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We presently do not have a hotel or location for our 2017 Grand Sessions.

On Monday, December 18, I was contacted by the Fair Bridge Inn in Yakima and was told the hotel had been sold and will close on December 28. The new owner does *not* intend to reopen the hotel, but will reopen the facility as something else. We are frantically looking for an alternative location currently. Being that it's only six months until Sessions, booking possibilities are slim.

Wherever we end up, be rest assured we will do everything we can to ensure we have a location and hotel that is reasonable in price and the space accommodates our meetings. Kathi and I have been doing this now for five years. We have a pretty good feel for what our members want and need.

That said, we ask for your understanding wherever we go. It will be different than what we have experienced in the past, but change is not always a bad thing. Its clear prices will be impacted for rooms, meals and conference room setups, etc. How much at this point is unclear? As I said earlier, we will do our best to keep expenses down for everyone concerned.

We regret this has happened and will work hard to rectify the situation.

— *In F., L. & T., Joe and Kathi Picanco*
Your Grand Lodge Host Committee

Wishing You The Best In
2018!

From the desk of your Grand Master

THE CRAZY MONTH OF JANUARY

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

January is here and what a crazy month it is for our lodges. While we are still recovering from the holidays, we install our new officers and hand over the reigns to the newbies. You Brothers and Sisters who are leaving office your job is far from done. For now you need to be a mentor to your successor. This means you provide advice and help, but **not** tell them how to do the job.



KELLY HUGHES

THE GIFT OF TIME

As I sit here writing this letter for the newspaper, I think about the holidays. I received several wonderful gifts from family, but the most precious of all was time. Mother and I had my nephew and his wife and daughter, as well as my son and his girlfriend over. We had a great evening together with food, laughter, and love filling the house. In my opinion, their **time** was worth more than all of the physical gifts.

This made me think about what we can do as Odd Fellows. So often I hear from lodges, “We just don’t have the money.” It doesn’t cost more than the gas it takes to drive to a nursing home, rehabilitation center, or even a shelter. Visiting the sick, relieve the distressed. . . Do these ring any bells? For those lodges that do have money, it seems it is so easy to just throw a check at it. But the money is no good if someone isn’t there to use it to provide relief.

My mother and I sat and created more than 100 goodie bags with snacks and some chocolate to hand out at a soup kitchen. We talked about how it was nice to be able to do something for others, even if it was only a small token. We found out that the free meals were going to

stop on Sundays as no one would volunteer to cook. However, when we got there to drop off the goodies, a man has stepped up and is going to make sure the homeless are fed. This group is all volunteer, from the food donations to serving and even washing dishes. I am sure that there are numerous other similar organizations that could use the gift of **time**.

So what has your lodge done lately? What have **you** done lately?

We can’t expect people to know who we are if we hide behind a check once a year. If people don’t know who we are, how can we expect them to join? Gone are the days where the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs can hide our good deeds behind the curtain or under the rug. We need to **show** people who we are by what we **do**. People are not going to join to come to meetings, pay bills, and go home. The younger generations want to be active and **doing** something.

It is **time** we get off our collective rear ends and get back to work!

IT’S ANNUAL REPORT TIME

Look at your membership. Have you had an increase in members? How many do you need to drop because of non-payment? Contact those members who have been dropped and ask them to come back, or if they won’t, ask them why. What is the reason that they are no longer interested? Is it because meetings are boring and your lodge isn’t active in your community?

INSTALLATION MONTH

Installations are happening all over the state. Go visit a neighboring lodge for their Installation of Officers. Odd Fellows, if the Rebekahs are holding an open Installation and you aren’t a member, go support them. Then ask for an application.

—*Until next month in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Kelly Hughes, Your 2017-2018 Grand Master

JYC’s new forms will be in the mail soon!

GREETINGS THETA RHO GIRLS

Just to keep you in the loop, I will be sending out the new forms during the first part of January.

We’ve been busy revamping the Code of Conduct, Community Service Guidelines, etc. Your Advisors will receive the information to share with your clubs. Be sure you go through them so everyone knows what is expected.

Don’t forget there is a “Girl of the Year” award, so read the rules on that. We have also changed up the Scrapbook Competition. It is now a competition. Not to worry! Each club will still receive a monetary award to

go to the next year’s scrapbook, but there also will be a first place award. We believe that the club that has worked the hardest on a scrapbook should be recognized. This adjustment will not start until the 2018-2019 year.

This gives your a year from the start of Sessions to the day before Sessions start the next year.

If you need any of us, please just give us a ring, email, text, etc. We are here to help. My number is (253) 468-1949 or you can email me at: laureljdelony@gmail.com

— *In Happiness Through Service & Fraternal Hugs,*
Laurel Delony, JYC Chairman of Washington

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 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.



HARRY W. “BILL” COULTER

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

Please ask your Secretary for the lodge’s copy of the November-December issue of the *IOOF News* (also can be found at www.ioof.org) and turn to page 21. Read the article by Jon R. Petersen, Membership Chairman. This article has, and makes many good points for us to use when we are talking about prospective members.

While you have this issue in your hands, turn to pages 23 and 24 and check the line for the Jurisdiction of Washington. We did not do as well as we did last year at this time as reported a total of 12 new or reinstated mem-

bers. Last year we reported a total of 40 new members. Odd Fellow Lodges reported 11 new members, followed with one for the Rebekah Lodges. The PM had one and the LEA had zero. The Encampment and Theta Rho Branches did not reported any new members. On the New Member Report, we are tied for 15th place with Connecticut.

Lodges and Encampments, please remember, when a new member is initiated, fill out a New Member card. Don’t forget their date of initiation and their date of birth, then forward it to the Grand Lodge Office. Rebekah Lodge and Theta Rho Clubs, report your new members to the Rebekah Assembly Secretary. Encampments and Ladies Encampment Auxiliaries, report your new members to your Scribe.

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.

NEWSPAPER

You may receive our copy of *The Washington OddFellow* via email by sending the Grand Secretary your request and email address to:

grandsec@qwestoffice.net

WEBSITE

As you may have noticed, our website is undergoing a renovation. Our Web Master is working hard on it. Her name is Odawni Palmer and she may contact the lodge Secretaries for information, so please help her as much as you can.

— *Fraternally,*

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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Sandra (Sandi) Moon**, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, 55-year member.
- **Elizabeth Morgan**, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, 55-year member.
- **Beatrice McMaster**, age 95, 64-year member, Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Ballard in Seattle.

We Will Miss You

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From the desk of the Assembly President

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all had a joyful Christmas with family and friends. I'm sure your December was every bit as busy and crazy as mine — but I loved every minute of it.

I had a wonderful time visiting Trinity #179 and Bucoda #144. Thank you so much for your hospitality and friendship. You are truly a blessing to our Order.



CATHY GARCIA

GOODBYE LADIES

In the midst of our Christmas planning and celebrations we were saddened to say goodbye to two of our Past Presidents. Elizabeth Morgan and Sandra Moon both served the Rebekah Assembly of Washington for many years and we will miss their dedication and loving involvement with our projects.

INSTALLATION TIME

As 2017 has come to a close and we begin 2018 — it's time to move ahead. Installation of Officers is underway. This is an especially busy time for those of us involved in traveling to and participating in numerous installation ceremonies. I am excited and proud to be a part of installing the officers of these lodges. Those of you who accept the responsibility of being an officer in your local lodge truly deserve our respect and our cooperation. Taking your oath of office exemplifies your dedication to our Order and your willingness to continue

our work. I personally want to thank you and offer my help in any way I can.

BUSY MONTHS AHEAD

We have a lot of work to do during the next several months. Annual Reports need to be completed and mailed in to Assembly Secretary Marcia Presley, Representatives for odd numbered lodges will be elected, spring projects started, and hopefully you are working on activities that will interest new members.

I have a few positions to fill for Sessions, so you can count on hearing from me. I recently mailed out information about my "Session's Top" to lodges. Please return your orders as soon as possible. You don't need to be a Representative or Officer to order these blouses with our Rebekah emblem on them. Feel free to contact me if you didn't get your order form or if you have any questions.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I've never been good at New Year's resolutions, but my goal for 2018 is to serve you with dedication, love and grace. I hope to encourage you to reach out to friends and family with the traditions of Odd Fellowship. With *Grace* as a motto, I hope we will all be Growing Relationships Alive with Courtesy and Enthusiasm — both within our lodges and our communities.

— *With Friendship, Love & Truth*
Cathy Garcia, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington
Email: rcgarcia347@live.com
Phone: (360) 413-7014



Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

We had a wonderful Christmas party at the hall with a brunch and mimosas. Wonderful casseroles, fruit and biscuits with butter and honey were served. Santa and his Elf made a visit for the kids, as well as adults. There was a gift exchange and then to get rid of our frustrations, we beat the heck out of a pinata. There was one for the kids and one for the adults. I still have my softball swing, but man the muscles screamed at me the next day. Everyone had a good time and we are looking forward to next year.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge members filled stockings for the Olympia Union Gospel Mission. The lodge had a social meeting and we stuffed 100 stockings.

We lost our dear sister Elizabeth Morgan, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Many of our members attended her services at the Masonic Cemetery in Tumwater. She will be missed.

Many of our members gathered again to haul wood and stack at the park. On the 15th the lodge had another bon fire. Many members braved the weather and enjoyed the nice warm fire. January's bon fire date has yet to be determined. If you are interested in coming down for some Odd

Fellowship, please contact our Secretary.

We would like to thank both of our outgoing Noble Grands, Marc LaVack for Olympia and Diane Devoe for Ruth, for a wonderful year. Great job Brother Mark and Sister Diane!

Olympia will be updating its budget this next year and the lodge will be doing a little upgrading to some of the upstairs rooms. We have a lounge upstairs above the Noble Grand's station. We will be painting and putting up new curtains. We've done a lot of cleaning and clearing out of junk. It is now usable as a changing room. The area upstairs on the other end will be painted, as well and the pool table fixed. This will be game room — a place to relax or get caught up in a card game or two.

Installation of Officers is set for Saturday, January at noon. Lunch will be served first, followed by the Installation of Officers. We hope to see you all here. *P.S.* — Ruth Rebekahs are serving and they always put on a good meal.

— *With Fraternal Hugs in F., L. & T.,*
Laurel Delony, Secretary of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1

From Your 2017-18 Assembly Secretary

WELCOMING A NEW YEAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A New Year is here and I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I also want to congratulate the newly-elected Officers in your Rebekah Lodges for 2018 and I hope you all have a good year.



MARCIA PRESLEY

REMEMBERING TWO PAST PRESIDENTS

Our Jurisdiction has lost a number of members this past year with Charter Surrenders and deaths. I am sorry to have to report that we have lost two of our Past Presidents in the last month — Sister Elizabeth Morgan of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in Olympia and Sister Sandra Moon of Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145 in Spokane. Past President Elizabeth Morgan served as President in 2014 and Past President Sandra Moon served as President in 2005. I am asking the Rebekah Lodges in our Jurisdiction to drape their Charters for 30 days to pay tribute to these two Past Presidents. Please keep their families and Friends in your thoughts and prayers.

HONORING THOMAS WILDEY

Sovereign Grand Master John A. Miller, Sr. has proclaimed January 15, 2018, the anniversary date of the birth of our founder, be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day. Furthermore, the month of January has been declared Thomas Wildey Museum Month. The Thomas Wildey Museum is located in Winston-Salem, N.C. and I had the opportunity to tour this wonderful museum, where they have collected numerous items from all over the world that are related to our Order and its history. If you have a chance to visit this museum, do so.

THANK YOU LODGES

I wish to thank all of the Rebekah Lodges in advance for returning their Annual Reports and Installation paperwork in a timely manner.

As always, if you have any questions, give me a call 1-877-295-6926.

*“It’s the hand we clasp with an honest grasp,
That gives us a hearty thrill.*

*It’s the good we pore into others’ lives,
That comes back our own to fill.*

*It’s the dregs we drain from another’s cup,
That makes our own seem sweet*

*And the hours we give to another’s need,
That make our life complete.”*

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,
PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

From your 2017-18 Grand Matriarch

STARTING ANEW

Dear members of our wonderful Order,

We start this 2018 anew. We need to look ahead, not behind us. The past has gone and the future is yet to be determined.

Our Unit of the Order, the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, is only one entity and those members who belong do so because they want to. We hope to do the work that needs to be done, so the next generations will be able to join our Unit of the Order and work for those who follow them.

The future is what we make of it and with all the Units of the Order working together, “We Can Make a Difference.”

Bee patient, Bee loving, Bee considerate, Bee kind and Bee optimistic about our future. Whatever you do, do it because you want to do it, not because someone told you you had to do it. Your ideas and actions are what you are made of and each of us does what we need to do and most of all **“Bee You.”**



HAPPY NEW YEAR JANUARY 1, 2018

A lighthearted celebration insured by Hope for the Future, there is the universal feeling that a New Year holds out the promise of something better. It is the time for us to take inventory of the past and start preparing for the future. What we do now, will make a difference later.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity, Marcia Presley,
Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington*

In Wenatchee

Tempest Rebekahs #114 and Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

We were honored with a visit to our lodges on December 2 by Grand Master Kelly Hughes and Rebekah Assembly President Cathy Garcia. It was a pleasure meeting them as we discussed future plans for our two lodges.

Tempest Lodge members started collecting personal items this summer which were given to the residents of the Bruce Transitional Housing facility following our December meeting. Red, white and green bouquets in vases also were given to the Bruce residents to help brighten their rooms during the holidays. An ornament exchange took place following our Christmas potluck. There were many unusual and beautiful gifts.

Elections were conducted at this meeting. We look ahead to our Installation of Officers on March 8.

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

Served in 2004-05

Past President Sandi Moon passes Dec. 9

Sandra (Sandi) Moon, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, passed away on December 9, 2017 at Hospice House in Spokane. She was born on June 20, 1944 in Swedish Hospital in Seattle to James A. and Helen Kellogg. Sister Sandi was 73-years-old.

She served as Rebekah Assembly of Washington in 2004-2005. Sandi was a member of Rebekahs for more than 55 years.

She was initiated into Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91 in Mead, WA on October 3, 1962. She held the office of Noble Grand numerous times and belonged to Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145 and Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane.

Sandi belonged to other Units of the Order. She was a member of Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52; Spokane LAPM #2 until they closed; and Unique Unified Encampment #32 in Spokane. Sandi was a very active member in all of these Units of our Order, along with her Rebekah Lodges.

When Sister Sandi served as Rebekah Assembly President in 2004-2005, her Motto was “Smile and enjoy your Rebekah Lodge so that others will want to belong to your Lodge. Be friendly and welcome them to be with us.” Her colors were White, Fuchsia and Silver; her song was “Angels Among us;” her Hymn was “Amazing Grace;” her Scripture was Psalms 118:8 — “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man;” her Emblem was “Casandra” Angel Bear and her Projects were Visual Aid (50 per cent) and Arthritis (50 per cent).

Sandi held many offices in the Rebekah Assembly and served on many committees. Sandi was the Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington in 2012-2013.

Sandi was the youngest of two children. Her family settled in the Mead area when she was a small child. Sandi attended school at Mead Elementary, Mead Junior High, Mead Senior High and Spokane Community College where she earned her nurse’s aid certificate.

She married her husband of 50 years, Jack Moon, on September 8, 1967. After their marriage, Sandi and Jack moved to Spokane for a few short months before moving back to the family homestead in 1968. Sandi gave birth to their daughter, Tammie, the first of two children in 1968, followed by their son, Tim, in 1970.

Sandi had many exciting occupations throughout her life. She worked as a nurse’s aid at Tri-County Hospital in Deer Park, WA. Her true love, other than being a wife



SANDRA “SANDI” MOON

Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

and mother, was her position as a forestry lookout. Sandi served predominantly in the forestry lookout on Mt. Spokane. She also enjoyed time on Saddle Mountain near Newport and Lookout Point above Nine-Mile. She held this occupation for 22 years before the lookouts were retired from active fire watch service. Sandi was a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) for the Colbert Fire Department and Deer Park Ambulance. She also dispatched part-time for Fire District #4 and Fire District #9, as well as Spokane Ambulance.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 17 at Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Spokane Hospice House North 102 W. Rhoades Spokane, WA 99208.

You Will Be Missed
Sandi & Elizabeth

Served in 2013-14

PP Elizabeth Morgan passes away Dec. 3

Elizabeth M. Morgan, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, passed away on December 3, 2017 in Olympia. She was born June 5, 1929 in Richmond, California. She was 88-years-old. Sister Elizabeth served as Rebekah Assembly President in 2013-2014

Elizabeth M. Graef was initiated April 25, 1962 into Minerva Rebekah Lodge #72 in Roseville, California. She joined Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in Olympia as an Associate Member and then transferred from her home lodge in California into Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in 1970 as a full member.

Sister Elizabeth served as Noble Grand of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in 1973. She joined Olympia LAPM #20 on January 26, 1998; Buckley IOOF Lodge #5 on December 29, 2001; belonged to Buckley Unified Encampment #40 until they closed; and Alpha LEA #1 in Olympia on June 5, 1997 until they closed.

Elizabeth is a Past President of the LAPM Association, serving in 2003; Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington; an appointed officer of the IALAPM; and Hospital Matron of the IALAPM.

Sister Elizabeth held numerous offices in the Rebekah Assembly as Conductor, Assistant to the Conductor, Color Bearer, Assistant Marshal, Inside Guardian, IARA Flag Bearer and Canadian Color Bearer, just to name a few.

She served on the Board of Instructions Committee, the LAPM Nurses Corps, and was the Escort to the Sovereign Grand Master Arthur A. Craig.

Elizabeth served as the Representative and District Deputy President numerous times for Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. She was the Chairman of the Arthritis Committee for a number of years and the Financial Secretary of the Odd Fellows Recreational Park Board for several years.

Sister Elizabeth received her 50-Year Veterans Jewel from Ruth Rebekah Lodge in 2014.

She worked in the Thurston County Assessor's Office and on work deployment lines for the U.S. Army and Air Force at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Sister Elizabeth was a lifelong volunteer, always looking for ways to help others. She was a Boy Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, and volunteered with the American Red Cross for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Olympia Chapter, where she was Past Matron. She was a member of Gloria



ELIZABETH MORGAN

Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Dei Lutheran Church, and the Officers' Wives Club.

Elizabeth is survived by her son, Karl-Heinz Graef and wife, Tina; daughters, Rebecca Graef and Sharon Kortright; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and animal buddies Becky, Bosco, Maddy, Axel, Oliver and Jitterbug.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 8 at South Sound Manor in Tumwater. Interment followed at the Masonic Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Red Cross.

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.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

BUSY HOLIDAYS

Well the Noble Grand had the members working hard again. Sister Joanne Balmert once again donated 80 Christmas stockings and stuffers. The stockings, after being filled, were donated to “My Sister’s Pantry,” a food bank in downtown Tacoma. These stockings were given to adults.

Our lodge made its annual donations to projects of the Order. Our money-maker from October gave us the opportunity to make these donations. We are now working on 2018 projects and more money-makers. Be watching for invitations to the next event.

THANK YOU NOBLE GRAND JOANNE

The lodge would like to thank our out going Noble Grand Joanne for a great year. She kept us busy during Good of the Order. We wrote Valentine Day cards, Mothers’ Day cards and Fathers’ Day cards which were sent to the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. We had a fun “Friends Night” and Christmas Party. We stuffed stockings and helped Ruth Rebekah Lodge. We participated at bazaars. We helped Sister Barb with a money-maker to send a student to the Pilgrimage. We were busy, to say the least. We are looking forward to this New Year with Joan Lundy as our new Noble Grand.

70 YEARS FOR HAZEL

At our meeting on December 7, 99-year-old Hazel Thompson was presented with her 70-Year Jewel. It was an honor and privilege to be able to present Sister Hazel with her jewel. Hazel is and has always been a wonderful, hard-working member of our Order and she continues to do so even at the young age of 99. Congratulations Sister Hazel!

Please come visit us. Our meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month at the South Tacoma IOOF Hall. The gavel raps at 7 p.m.

— *With Fraternal Hugs in F., L. & T.,*
Laurel Delony



The South Tacoma stocking stuffers, from left, are: our newest member Shelli Fyffe, Duard Fyffe, Dave Delony, Joanne Balmert, Peg Ogilvie, Clarice Roberts, and Holly Houser harassing Hazel Thompson



Hazel Thompson, 99, receives her 70-Year Jewel from Laurel Delony on December 29.



Festive cookies

Children enjoyed decorating cookies (and eating them, too) at the Montesano “Festival of Lights” in December.

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Boy have we been busy! Silvia IOOF Lodge #38 In Montesano consolidated with Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129. We will be meeting once in Montesano and the other meeting will be in Bucoda. We will be maintaining a presence in Montesano, as well as Bucoda.

With that being said, we started off by buying candy — lots of candy. This was bagged and handed out during Halloween in Montesano. We gave out 326 bags of candy.

Then for the Montesano “Parade of Lights,” we opened the hall for kids to come in and decorate a cookie or two, have a warm beverage, use the facilities and get warmed up. It was really cold out and we had a lot of people utilizing our hall. We also had Santa and his Elf available in front of the hall so the kids could tell Santa what they wanted. This gave the parents good photo ops. Quite a few dogs had their pictures taken, as well. It was a lot of fun and well received. We are looking forward to next Christmas. Joanne Balmert and Laurel Delony took care of the cookie baking while Kelly and Deb Hughes took care of the frosting. The lodge also will be hosting the Montesano Chamber of Commerce luncheon in February.

Skookumchuck held a bazaar in November at the hall in Bucoda. Vendors purchased tables and sold their items. There were many homemade items including fudge, scarves, hats, mittens, jewelry, Christmas signs, etc. We had a great time getting to know the townspeople. The Lodge Elf even got to get to ride on the fire truck to deliver gifts with Santa.

Skookumchuck members are still selling car wash tickets for \$5 each. Get 'em while we got 'em. We'll also be doing a clothing, shoe and miscellaneous item drive for a money-maker. If you have items and you wish to help the lodge, we will let you know when the drop off date is.

Next up is Installation of Officers. We will once again be participating with Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. We'd like to thank our outgoing Noble Grand Lou Ann Hoffman for once again taking the reigns and leading us through another great year.

I am predicting that 2018 will be even busier than last year. Watch for more exciting news.

— *Fraternally in F, L & T, Laurel Delony*

*Good Luck
To All Our New
Lodge Officers!*



Joanne Balmert and Laurel Delony baked endless numbers of Christmas cookies for the “Festival of Lights” celebration in Montesano on Saturday, December 9. Many members from Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 were in Montesano for the annual event.



Santa and his elf from Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 were present for the “Parade of Lights” in Montesano on December 9. We made our presence known in the community and we even appeared on the front page of the local newspaper, *The Vidette*. It is finally nice to have something positive said about us in that community.



Integrity Rebekah Lodge members served themselves last at the Christmas luncheon. From left are: Nancy Mills, Kathy Silva, Marilyn Tucholke, Theresa Weaver (barely visible) and Betty Herman.



Christmas Cheer!

Linda Pearson, a Walla Walla vocalist, entertained Narcissa members with Christmas songs and skits. Jeanine Griffin accompanied her on the piano.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

It was a special holiday treat when we were invited to join Integrity Lodge #75 for a Christmas luncheon. We gathered in the Odd Fellows Hall at 209 E. Main Street in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. The buffet table was set with Waldorf, potato and tossed green salads with spaghetti and chicken casserole. A mouth-watering dessert bar and beverages followed the entrees.

Narcissa Noble Grand Jeanne Elder thanked our hosts, saying “The setting is lovely and the food delicious. . . .” Integrity officers are: Nancy Mills, Noble Grand; Theresa Weaver, Vice Grand; Kathy Silva, Secretary; and Kelly Cooper, Treasurer.

We received a gracious thank you letter from Haley Stottlemire, a nursing student at Walla Walla Community College, for a \$1,500 scholarship donation to her. Haley wrote: “I would like to start with the utmost grateful thank you. This scholarship will help. . . through purchasing books, school supplies and tuition costs for my family. I feel extremely blessed . . . to have this scholarship as I enter my second year of nursing school.”

Many thanks to Patty Newell who organized our Christmas Party with all the trimmings in the Merriam Apartments Fireside Room. The room was beautifully decorated with bows, boughs and a big tree. Members brought sack lunches and auctioned off white elephant gifts with enthusiasm. The profits went to Tabitha’s Closet. Kim Morasch founded the project seven years ago to provide gowns and tuxedos to more than 2,000 students for their proms.

Linda Pearson, a member of the Pioneer United Methodist Church choir and popular soloist, entertained us with renditions of several lively Christmas songs, including “My Favorite Things,” “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and a “Holiday Hippopotamus(!).”

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

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

Evelyn Neumann and her husband Edward will be representing us and picking a boy’s and girl’s name off the Salvation Giving Tree. We donated \$60 for the gifts for two deserving kids.

In December we did our shut-in baskets. We usually deliver 25 baskets to the local residents in nursing homes.

We had a no-host lunch and Christmas cookie exchange on December 21 at Sweet Inspiration in Chehalis at noon.

We are already starting the planning and preparations for Installation of Officers. We hope to see everyone there. Installation will be held on January 13 at noon. Officers from the following lodges will be installed: Monterose #46, Trinity #179, Pine Burr #300, Longview #305, and Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207.

We hope Santa was good to you all. Until the next article Hugs to you all.

In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Secretary

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Members of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 would like to wish all our Brothers and Sisters a very belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2018

The ladies down here have been very busy. We had another Bingo event for the lodge and we did quite well.

We also hosted Bingo to help two Sisters, who are also granddaughters of Alberta Luurs — Cheleena and Raychel Squibb — to go to Italy and represent the USA on the softball field. They didn’t make the total amount needed, but made a good chunk of the funds. We are getting more excited about the trip becoming a real possibility and a dream come true. We would like to thank all of the people who donated money for the girls’ trip. They are looking to have another Bingo event in February. We hope more people can come and have a great time and help send these hard-working athletes to Italy. We had some really great prizes donated.

Several of Trinity’s gang traveled to Tacoma’s Bingo Night and had a great time and were lucky enough to come home with some of their prizes.

As I write this, we are gearing up for our Holiday Bazaar. We have 20 tables rented as long as they all come through.

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From your 2016-17 Theta Rho President

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello everyone!

Christmas, New Years — I love that time of year! Now it's over and schools going again. . . only about five more months until summer and 11 more months until the next Christmas — but who's counting!



STEPHANIE WIGLE

Last year went by so fast, but all the great memories and adventures will stay with me forever. I'll never forget any of them. Some of the sparks of the year was becoming President of Theta Rho Assembly, getting my driver's license, going to Hawaii and becoming a Rebekah!

In 2018 I'm looking forward to Theta Rho Assembly, becoming a senior in high school, and traveling to Baltimore for Youth Days!

I hope everyone is doing well and beginning the year with a good spirit!

*In Happiness Through Service, Stephanie Wigle,
Theta Rho Assembly President of Washington & Oregon*



Lucy Crouch, Catherine Hopkinson, resident Marie, Caroline Jamieson, Hailey Schriederer and Desiree Gardiner gather at a local nursing home for a Christmas celebration. The residents received cards and candy canes and enjoyed finding our painted rocks.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Christmas celebration was so much fun. The nursing home residents were so appreciative of our cards and we gave them all candy canes. They also enjoyed finding our painted rocks. The party at our Advisor's home afterwards was lots of fun.

We have elected our new officers and they are: President Desiree Gardiner, Vice President Caroline Jamieson and Secretary Lucy Crouch. We are sure we will have a great year under their leadership. Appointive officers will be Rhiannon Chapman, Catherine Hopkinson, Leilah Edwards and Hailey Schriederer.

We hope everyone is ready to do great things in their lodges this year.

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

In Spokane

Hope Rebekahs #38

Our officers for the coming year are: Noble Grand, Joey Locke, Vice Grand Pat Nave, Secretary Carol Hare and Treasurer Tim Moon.

Just after the first of the year we are going to make fleece scarves for the homeless youth.

Pat Nave has had a total shoulder replacement but is doing well.

We were saddened to lose Sandra Moon, our Past Noble Grand and a Rebekah Assembly President.

In F., L. & T., Carol Hare, Reporter

Join the Clover Leaf Rebekahs of Bothell in celebrating over a century of community work at our historic lodge!

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

♦♦♥♦ LET'S PARTY ♦♦♥♦

CASINO NIGHT

♦♦♥♦ LIKE IT'S 1893 ♦♦♥♦

AND COMMUNITY PARTY

When our organization was instituted in Bothell on February 23rd, 1893 they partied through the night with dancing, card games, and great food - we're going to do the same!

Saturday 6-11pm **FEB 24** 2018 Downtown Bothell

ENTRY TO THE CELEBRATION INCLUDES:
Catered Buffet BBQ Dinner | Desserts | Drinks
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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 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 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) 829-1768. 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



Holiday Bazaar

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge held a holiday bazaar in November. The event in Bucoda included the sale of many homemade items ranging from fudge to mittens and hats. More information on page 9.