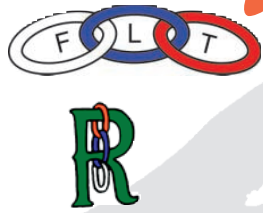
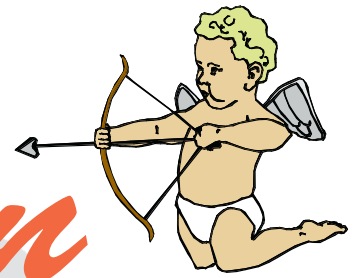


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## The past and present

Four Past Grand Masters and the current Grand Master gathered after the Installation of Officers of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129. From left are: Frank Wilson, PGMx2; Laurel Delony, PGMx2; Don Hepp, PGM; Grand Master Kelly Hughes; and Joe Picanco, PGM.

## Items needed for Sessions auction

Once again the Host Committee for Grand Sessions will be holding a silent auction. All proceeds are split between the Branch leaders for their projects.

What we need are your donations. Please contact Laurel Delony if you have items to donate. Call Laurel at 1-253-468-1949 or just bring your items to Sessions, find her, and she'll get your items displayed and listed.

If you donate early, we'll tease everyone in the newspaper with the items that will be available.

We hope to see you at Sessions. We thank you for your donations in advance.

## From your Grand Lodge Host Committee

# Sessions to stay in Yakima in new digs

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are happy to announce we have secured a hotel for our 2018 Sessions. All dates and event schedules remain the same, beginning with the Theta Rho Pool Party on Friday, June 22, and ending with the LEA/Encampment Sessions and Dinner Installation on Wednesday, June 27.

Location for the Grand Lodge 140th Sessions will remain in Yakima at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center. Please visit their website (see below) for information on the hotel and the amenities they offer. Some will be happy to learn they have a nice size elevator just past the lobby for guest use.

The cost of rooms is the same as last year: \$77 for a single or double, \$87 for triple and lastly \$97 for a quad. Your stay will also include breakfast with the price of your room for each day.

Please make reservations by phone or online (preferred) using the following Group Code: **ODDF0622**. Make sure it is the link below and not the Red Lion Home Page. Additionally, if you wish to talk to a representative at the desk, select the digit **zero** when the prompts begin.

Make sure you select **Group Code** and not Promotion Code.

<https://www.redlion.com/yakima>

The address for the Yakima Red Lion Hotel is: 607 E Yakima Ave, Yakima, WA 98901. The telephone number is: (509) 248-5900.

The heads of our Order and the Host Committee will meet at the hotel in March to go over the details of meeting rooms, hotel layout, scheduling and meals for our Sessions. In April's newspaper we'll have all the normal registration forms, meal choices and any additional hotel information.

The what is now the "Annual Silent Auction" will appear again this year. We are asking each lodge for an item(s) to auction off. Sister Laurel Delony has graciously accepted lead in this effort of raising money for the various

*See New Sessions Home on Page 12*

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## ENJOYABLE INSTALLATIONS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Another January is gone with Installations galore. It was wonderful traveling around last month to install 11 lodges at 10 different Installations. President Cathy was at my side for seven of those for Joint Installations of nine Rebekah lodges. We had a great time reconnecting with each other. The Joint Installations where the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs come together for a common purpose are always fun.



**KELLY HUGHES**

## LET'S GET OUT AND VISIT

January was a sad month for our Order. We lost at least three Brothers that I am aware of. They will be missed dearly. Which brings to mind that we need to cherish the time that we have. For those lodges who have shut-ins or people who just don't get out much anymore, that means all of us, we need to make it a point to go and visit them. Do you realize that in the order of business this is what the Visiting Committee is really about? This means visiting of Brothers and Sisters who haven't been to lodge in some time or those who are too frail to get out any more. This is part of the "Visit the Sick" that we have forgotten. People who are just unable to get out much due to age and health deserve

the time and attention of a Brother or Sister. Just think someday that may be you sitting alone at home wishing someone would stop by.

## PREPPING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

How is your lodge membership doing? Have you gotten any new applications, or even anyone interested and asking questions? I was talking with a friend who is a member of that other Fraternal Order, and he was saying that they actually sit down with prospective members and talk to them. Rather than just handing out an application and saying you need to come join us, they talk about who they are, what they do, and what they are about. Then they look at the candidate and ask what questions do you have for us? Rather than trying to cold sell a membership, they get a prospective person informed first. It is definitely something to think about and try.

## KEEP OTHER LODGES INFORMED

Is your lodge hosting any fund-raisers or events? Is anyone doing Degree work? Let other lodges know what you are doing. Visiting each other is half the fun. When it comes to Degree work it is always better to have more people. Sure you can perform a degree with five people, but is so much better when you have 20.

See you along the way.

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

## Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

### GREAT JOB, MARC AND DIANE

Thank you to Marc LaVack, our Jr. Past Grand and Diane Devoe our Jr. Past Noble Grand. Their meetings ran well and and they both had a good year. You did a great job, Marc and Diane!

We have bad news to report. We lost two Brothers last month. Brother Glen Kitsch, who became a member in 1999, was a big part of our park by keeping track of people, caring for the buildings and property.

We also lost our Brother Gerald Hoffman. He was a longtime member of the Order. He joined in 1969. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to their families. There's no doubt about it, they will be missed!

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Installation of Officers was held on January 20. The Olympia and Ruth Lodges were joined by Skookumchuck Odd Fellows and Bucoda Rebekahs. The Installation was performed by the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers. Lunch was held at noon and then the students who went on the Pilgrimage gave their reports. Then we had the Installation ceremonies. Olympia Odd Fellows would like to once again thank Ruth Rebekah Lodge for the Installation luncheon. If you didn't make it to our Installation, then you missed out on some good grub.

Our new Noble Grand has big plans for us Odd Fellows. So get your tool belts ready for some Odd Fellow construction — or maybe that's destruction? Who knows but we are going to get out of our hall into our community.

Congratulations to our newest member Jeff Freemire. He was initiated on January 15. And we still have one on the books to get initiated.

We are all looking forward to this new year and to some great ideas. See ya down the road.

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



A huge crowd was on hand at a memorial service held for Brother Glen Kitsch at the Olympia Park.

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the officers who have assumed their duties following their Installations. I commend those officers who are returning to the same position for your dedication and loyalty to the work of our Order. As reminder to small lodges that may have difficulty filling their elected positions, the combination of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary as one office is authorized. However, the combination either the Secretarial officer with the office of Treasurer is not approved.



HARRY W.  
"BILL" COULTER

## STAYING CONNECTED AND ENGAGED

The Grand Lodge of Washington's Website is presently undergoing an update. The Web Master may contact your Lodge or Committee Secretary to update your information on the Website. Committee Chairs, Noble Grands and Secretaries, be sure you complete the Website Release of Information forms and return them to the Grand Lodge office. Complete only the portion that you want to show on the Website. Please respond to the inquiry from the Web Master as soon as possible. Incomplete or incorrect information causes confusion.

## NEWSPAPER

There have been reports of members not receiving *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper. We can only mail the newspaper to members who we have the correct name and mailing address for. If you have moved and are no longer receiving the newspaper, send me your correct name and mailing address. The mailing list is run through the Postal Service data base for correct names and addresses. If your

name is not listed correctly, or your address has not been corrected with you Lodge Secretary, you will not receive the newspaper. Please inform your Lodge Secretary of any address changes.

If you are a snow bird (leave the area for the winter), notify this office as to the date you are leaving and the date you will be back so we don't send you a newspaper which will be returned. Should your newspaper be returned as undeliverable or temporarily away, your name is deleted from the mailing list. If you do not want to receive the printed copy of the newspaper, I can email you a copy. Just send me an email requesting that you want to receive an email version.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Jurisdiction of Washington is continuing to gain new and reinstated members. We need to report these members to Sovereign Grand Lodge as soon as the new member has received the Initiatory Degree or is reinstated. Please send this office the information. Please remember to include the

## GENERAL INTEREST

Thank you to the lodges that have already sent in their Annual Reports. A reminder to the lodges still holding their reports, they must be in the Grand Lodge Office by Thursday, February 15 or your lodge will accrue a \$5 per day penalty thereafter. To those even-numbered lodges, you should have elected your two-year Representative and Alternate Representative. Please send in your Representative Certificates to this office. Our Grand Master uses this list for his selection of committee members and making appointment for the 2018 Grand Lodge Sessions.

This year we will be holding our Annual Sessions at a new hotel. Please refer to the Host Committees article on page 1. If I do not see you before Sessions, I hope to see you at Sessions.

— *Fraternally,*

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

## In South Tacoma

# District #3 spring meeting set for Saturday, April 21


To All Rebekahs of District Association #3,

Our Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday April 21 at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall located at 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma.

The lodge will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will open at 10 a.m. by the hostess lodge, then the District Officers will take over. President Kathy has many things planned.

Lunch is potluck. If you can make it bring your favorite food to share. The program and badge will cost 50 cents. We hope you can make it!


— *With Fraternal Hugs, Laurel Delony, Secretary*

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Take time to hug someone (or several someone's) special to you each day this month. The physical contact of a hug has proven to be beneficial in many ways.

## POSITIVE INSTRUCTION



CATHY GARCIA

Installations have been performed and this year's officers have taken their obligation to serve. Some of us are continuing in positions we have held before and others are stepping out on a new journey. I am asking each one of us to encourage and kindly instruct new officers as they become familiar with the responsibilities of their various positions. We all want our lodges to run smoothly and to succeed in the goals we establish. The best way to accomplish this is through positive instruction and by always treating others with Grace.

According to *Webster's Dictionary*, this is unmerited favor. We all have our moments when we aren't at our best, so when others are having their "not so wonderful" moments, let's reach out to them with an understanding smile and kind word.

## VISITATIONS

I am getting back on track with visitations, and have scheduled dates with most all lodges. I certainly am enjoying the time I get to spend with each of you. If you haven't heard from me by the end of this month, *please* call me. I do get a bit forgetful at times and my organizational skills aren't nearly as good as I once thought they were.

## OFF TO PHOENIX

I will be traveling to Phoenix later this month for our IARA President's Testimonial. My husband will be traveling with me on this trip, and of course, he is taking his golf clubs.

## 2018 SESSIONS

Our Host Committee is really scrambling to get us set up with a new venue for our 2018 Sessions. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, something will be in place. If you get an opportunity to thank Joe and Kathy Picanco for their work on organizing this event each year, please do so. They spend countless hours almost year around pulling together everything necessary for us to have a successful Grand Session. I certainly appreciate all they do.

If you haven't sent in your order for your Sessions Blouse yet, please do so by the end of February. If you need another form or have any questions, feel free to call me. As I work on putting information together for June, I am really getting excited about our 2018 Sessions. I hope many of you will attend and enjoy these few days reconnecting with friends you may not have seen in a while and meeting new friends. I hope to have fun facts, door prizes and inspirational thoughts each day.

Best of luck to all the officers for 2018. Please remember that I am always available by cell phone and e-mail.



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

# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## CONGRATS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!

We are off and running with a new set of officers. Our Installation was held January 21 with the South Tacoma Odd Fellows. Joining us was Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 in Bothell. We had a house full and it was great! There was lots of fun, food and fellowship.

Thank you to our Jr. Past Noble Grand Joanne Balmert. She did a lot this last year and we sure appreciate all that she does. At Joanne's last meeting as Noble Grand, she honored her officers with a potato bar and gifts. Nothing better than a potato bar. Yum!

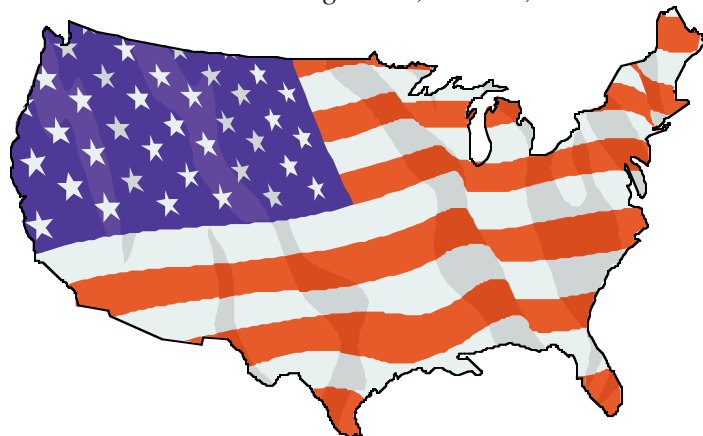
Congratulations to our new officers who will be led by our new Noble Grand Joan Lundy. We are looking forward to another busy fun-filled year.

Please come visit us. Our meetings are on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The gavel comes down at 7

p.m. Usually we have a meal before hand around 6 p.m.

Oh, we will be entertaining the Rebekah Assembly President on Thursday, March 15. We are looking forward to her official visit.

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



# From Your 2017-18 Assembly Secretary

## IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Installations of your new slate of Officers are over and now it is time to gather your thoughts and make plans for the up coming months with your projects and work on getting new members. I find that if the lodges are not out and about in their communities, getting new members is harder to accomplish.



MARCIA PRESLEY

Think ahead to when we will have better weather. Possibly your community or a nearby community will hold a Spring Fair or Summer Festival that your lodge can take part in. These events are a great way to get your lodge involved in and get your lodge noted in your community.

Have an open house, bake sale, bazaar or other event in your meeting place to get non-members to attend. Have some information available for them to pick up and have your 60 second commercial ready to tell them what we do and what we are all about.

## FEBRUARY IS A BUSY MONTH

February brings Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day to celebrate the birthdays of President Lincoln and Washington.

## EDUCATION FOUNDATION MONTH

February is also "Education Foundation Month." This foundation is one of the oldest projects of SGL/IARA and has helped many students to be able to attend a college or vocational school to attain their dream of a vocation for them to attain. Our Jurisdiction also has the L.J. Jones Scholarship Foundation that has scholarships available for student in Washington to allow them to attain a vocation. Think about making a donation to either or both of these great Foundations.

## MY THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY

*Did you waste the day, or lose it?  
Was it well or sorely spent?  
Did you leave a trail of kindness,  
Or a scar of discontent?  
As you close your eyes in slumber,  
Do you think that God will say,  
You have earned one more tomorrow,  
By the work you did today?*

— 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

## RED AND WHITE

Dear Matriarchs,

Our Sessions are right around the corner and plans are in the works for our meeting and what will take place there.

I am asking my Officers and other Matriarchs who will be attend our Sessions to wear red tops and white skirts or white tops, red skirts or any combination of red and white if you have them already. I do not want you to have to buy something new to be able to wear red and white. Anything will be great. (Make sure you do wear something!)

My colors are red, white and blue and I will be furnishing something blue for each one of you to wear.



## THANKS FOR HELPING WITH MY PROJECT

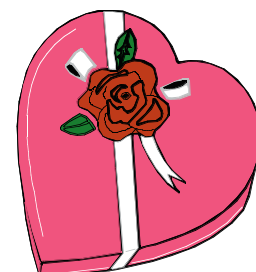
I would like to thank all those who have donated to my project so far. I know that Sunny Sky's Animal Rescue Hospital will appreciate getting some donated funds to help them out with some of their expenses to help the animals that they rescue from various locations for numerous reasons. Some of these animals are rescued from a wind or thunder storm, fire, flood, etc., and they keep them until they are well enough to be adopted out or returned to their owners. I will be collecting items for this clinic. If you would like to participate in providing the needed items, some of those things that they need include: baby receiving blankets; cat and dog food, either canned or bagged; small blankets; flannel baby diapers; kitty litter; and towels, just to name a few. All of these items can be lovingly used.

## A PARTING THOUGHT

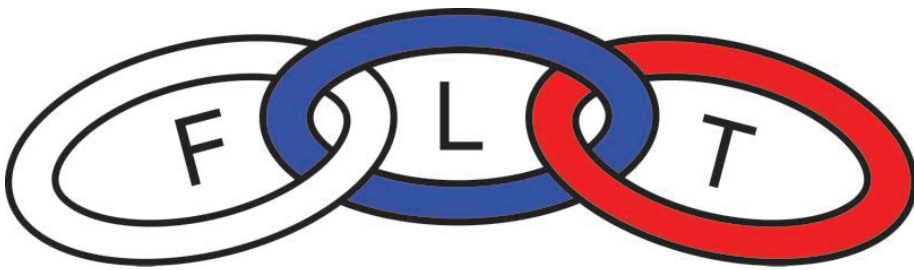
A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend. One human soul whom we can trust utterly, who knows the best and worst of us, and loves us in spite of all our faults.

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

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!*



# ~ Lodge Cards ~



## 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

## BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

**Meets At:** Community Center, 101 E. 7th, 2nd 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.  
**Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131  
 3554. **E-Mail:** KarensKastle@aol.com

## FALL CITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #59

**Meets At:** 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, 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

## 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 Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-8338

## 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.

## 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

## 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

## TITUSVILLE I.O.O.F. LODGE #34

**Meets At:** 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** John E. Otterstrom, 6405 Isaac Ave. SE, #E, Auburn, WA 98092 **Ph:** (253) 740-8038. **Sec'y:** Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PO Box 337, Kent, WA 98035-0337. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254

## 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:** Theresa Martin, 8315 156th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 356-4346



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## Be sure to renew your Lodge Card

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**grandsec@qwestoffice.net**

or complete the "Lodge Card Update" form above and mail it in with your payment. The mailing address is P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377. If you feel your payment is current, please contact the Grand Secretary.

## Northwest Meeting scheduled in March

The dates for Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 23, 24 and 25. The hotel is the Coast Chilliwack in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. The hotel's phone number is (604) 792-5552.

The registration form is on page 7 of this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*.

— Thank you, Jennie Reed



New member Destiny Frahm, right, with her sponsor Jennie Reed at Mt. Angeles LEA #88.

## Mt. Angeles LEA #88 welcomes new member

Mt. Angeles LEA #88 in Port Hadlock has a new member! At the December meeting, Destiny Frahm was initiated and welcomed into our Auxiliary. She was sponsored by Jenny Reed.

Prior to the meeting, we gathered at the Chimicum Cafe and enjoyed dinner and fellowship.

Also at the meeting, it was decided to make a donation to the Adult Visual Aid Fund in memory of Judy Inman who was a member of our lodge and a Past Grand Matriarch.

In lieu of an exchange of Christmas gifts, each member present gave \$10 which will be donated to the project of our present Grand Matriarch, Marcia Presley. We all enjoyed a happy holiday evening.

*In F. L. & T. and F. H. & C.,  
Karen Hoylman*

## Spring 2018 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING AND DEPARTMENT COUNCIL March 23, 24 & 25 2018 Coast Chilliwack Hotel

45920 First Avenue, Chilliwack,  
British Columbia, Canada V2P 7K1  
**Phone: (604) 792-5552**

Make Room Reservations Directly With The Chilliwack Hotel  
On or before *February 5, 2018*. Reservation Code: GFC5522.  
Room Rates Include A Continental Breakfast.

### Room Rates:

**Room With 2 Double Beds - \$99**  
*(Plus Applicable Taxes Per Night)*

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*(Plus Applicable Taxes Per Night)*

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*(Please Use One Form Per Person)*

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Salads, Choice of Entree, Desserts, Coffee or Tea*

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**Pre-Registration Deadline March 1, 2018**

*Late Registrations an extra \$5.00*

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST MILITARY COUNCIL & ASSOCIATION Friday, March 23, 2018

Meeting at the Chilliwack IOOF Lodge Hall  
46008 Reece Avenue - Meeting Times 9 a.m. to ???

*Lunch will be provided by Ruth Rebekah Lodge #4 - Cost TBA*

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

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## *In Napavine*

### Trinity Rebekahs #179

On Saturday, January 13, Installation of officers was held for five Rebekah Lodges including Trinity #179, Monterose #46, Pine Burr #300 and Longview #305, along with Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207. It was a clear day for a change. I'm always happy to get a break from the long, rainy days.

Lunch was delicious, with a choice of pork or beef roast. Thanks to Alberta Luurs and Sandy Beane for putting it all together. Also, thanks to those who brought salads. A raffle was held and the proceeds went to Kelly and Cathy's project. Lucky winners were Virginia Erckenbrack, John Otterstrom and Toby Hanson.

The biggest thank you of all goes to everyone who helped with the cleaning up afterwards. Folding the heavy tables and putting away the chairs is a chore in itself. With the team work we had it went smoothly.

*In F., L. & T., Cookie Music, Reporter*



Taking on the big responsibility of Noble Grand are Linda Deem of Trinity #179, Virginia Erckenbrack of Monterose #46, and Cynthia Washington of Longview #305.



After completing her first year as Noble Grand, Elayne Novotny received, center, her Jewel. Pinning the Past Noble Grand's Jewel on Elayne is our newly-elected NG Linda Deem. Cookie Music stands by on the left.



Grand Master Kelly Hughes and Rebekah Assembly President Cathy Garcia were in charge of Installation of the District #18 Officers. They did a splendid job.

*Spring Is  
Just Around  
The Corner!*







Members of Integrity Rebekah Lodge #175 in Milton-Freewater, Oregon traveled to Walla Walla to participate in the Narcissa Rebekahs' white elephant auction.

Barbara Lechner awarded the gifts to the highest bidder and raised a generous donation of \$175 for Tabitha's Closet, a non-profit organization in Walla Walla.

## Narcissa Rebekahs #2 in Walla Walla

### A VISIT FROM INTEGRITY

It was a special event when members of Integrity Rebekah Lodge #175 in Milton-Freewater, Oregon visited Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla. The occasion was an auction to raise funds at the Washington Odd Fellows Home. Members brought sack lunches and bid on many lovely and useful gifts. The function raised \$175 for Tabitha's Closet. Karen Morasch and her volunteers have loaned more than 2,000 gowns and tuxedos for proms to local high school students.

### SPREADING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Our lodge addressed and wrote messages on 300 Christmas cards to residents of the Odd Fellows Home. Mariah Matthews, Activity Director, thanked the members for their thoughtfulness and said the cards were well received. "It was a warm and caring way to share the holiday spirit with the community," Mariah said in her letter.

### OUR CHARTER IS DRAPED

The Narcissa Rebekah Charter was draped in black by Nancy Klicker and Barbara Lechner in memory of two Sisters who recently passed away. Sandra Moon was the Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington from 2004-2005 and Elizabeth Morgan from 2013-2014. The Charter will remain draped for 30 days in their memories.

### WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

Newly-elected officers were welcomed with a reception and dessert table. Noble Grand for 2018 is Shirley

Ruble; Vice Grand is Patty Newell; Secretary is Barbara Tvrz; and Treasurer is Marthann Hall. Members celebrated the New Year with chocolate cake, mixed nuts, mints, punch, coffee, tea and good conversation.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

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



## How's that for comfort?

Laurel Delony wore these colorful shoes as Grand Marshal for Buckley's Installation of Officers. "Yes, I had a tux on," she said. Could this be new footwear for Grand Lodge? Its something to think about!

*Be My Valentine!*



Tina Reitan receives her Past Grand's Jewel from her husband, PGM C. Allan Reitan. Watching is her proud father-in-law, PGM Edmond L. Reitan, Jr. Tina is seated as she recently injured a leg.

## At Titusville

# Brannon, now Reitan, gets her PG's Jewel!!!

On January 11, Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 held its Installation of Officers for 2018. The ceremony was conducted by a team of Grand Lodge of Washington Officers.

Following the Installation ceremonies, Titusville Lodge #34 presented Sister Christina "Tina" M. (Brannon) Reitan with a new Past Grand's Jewel, along with a Past Grand's Certificate for a successful year leading the lodge.

She and C. Allan Reitan were married on May 27, 2017. She started the year as Tina Brannon and ended the year as Tina Reitan. As some may remember, she served a year as the "Grand Fiancee" of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

—*Fraternally, Edmond L Reitan Jr.,  
PGM, GSE & Titusville Secretary*



#### LOCATION

Located in downtown Yakima, the hotel is just steps away from the Yakima Convention Center. The central location makes it the perfect site for your state and regional conferences. The hotel is located near many local and chain restaurants. Ask any front desk associate for recommendations and locations. Do you like to shop? There are several unique shops within walking distance of the hotel.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Complimentary transportation is available to and from the Yakima Air Terminal.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

All 156 spacious, non-smoking guest rooms and suites feature amenities such as plush, Stay Comfortable® pillowtop beds, eco-friendly amenities, complimentary wi-fi, in room coffee makers, irons, ironing boards and hairdryers.

#### DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Start the morning off right with the Roaring Start Breakfast located in the hotel restaurant. Johnny's Lounge is open Monday through Saturday. Come watch your favorite sporting event and enjoy a variety of food and beverage selections.

#### SERVICES

Enjoy complimentary parking, available guest laundry service and a business center located in hotel lobby.

#### ON-SITE RECREATION

Relax and enjoy one of our two outdoor pools or the Red Lion Energy Zone fitness center. Golf at the Apple Tree Golf Course or visit your choice of over 50 wineries. Visit [wineyakimavalley.org](http://wineyakimavalley.org) for more information on the region's rich wine culture. Don't forget about the breweries either! Ask us about Yakima Craft Brewing Co., Bale Breaker Brewing Co., Treveri Cellars, and more!

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Enjoy the many attractions in Yakima including historic North Front Street, Legends Casino, Toppenish Murals, Yakama Nation Cultural Center, Yakima Valley Museum, Valley Mall, the Farmer's Market and much more. River rafting and fishing are also nearby. For more information about Yakima, visit [visityakima.com](http://visityakima.com).



See You  
In  
Yakima  
For  
Grand  
Sessions  
In June!

# From your 2016-17 Theta Rho President

## I'VE BEEN GREAT

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well. I have been great!

I am starting up a new year of caravan which is a youth organization for my church and meets once every month and then in June. The June trip starts after school and we get to go on a week-long trip. I'm so excited! I have been doing well in school, and we're almost halfway through the year.



STEPHANIE WIGLE

## MY NEW PROJECT

I also want to tell you my new project because I had to change it. It will be the SGL/IARA Vocational Technology scholarship. I chose this because I want to still help youth and this is a scholarship for high schoolers who just graduated high school.

I also added a new fun song called "Oreo."

I want to thank everyone again for your love and support last year and this year!

*In Happiness Through Service  
And in F., L. & T., Stephanie Wigle,  
Theta Rho Assembly President of Washington*

## In Oak Harbor

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE

We had our Installation of Officers last month. Those installed were Desiree Gardiner, President; Caroline Jamieson, Vice President; Lucy Crouch, Secretary; and Appointive Officers, Rhiannon Chapman, Catherine Hopkinson, Leilah Edwards and Hailey Schiederer. Following the ceremony we had pizza and cake.

We will be making Valentines for the nursing home and having another rock painting night. We are looking forward to warmer weather and some outside activities.

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

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Gerald Hoffman**, PG and 49 year member, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129.
- **Glen Kitsch**, PG and 18 year member, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.
- **John Wagner**, PG, 14 year member, Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305.



# Yes, your JYC is about ready for 2018 Sessions

Greetings and happy New year to all Theta Rho Girls!

By now your club Advisors should have received the packet containing the thumb drive and hard copies of the new forms.

Please make sure your Advisors have the letter read during your club meetings. Feel free to reach out to your JYC team if you have any questions.

Things are starting to ramp up as Sessions are coming up here quickly. We will be at a new hotel and I think you will have a great time at the new place. We will be in the heart of Yakima. Yakima has lots of fast food joints, and Target and Walmart are very close for *shopping!* — well that's if your Advisor takes you. Letters should be coming out soon from your Vice President for Fun Night and from your President about Sessions.

The Theta Rho Retreat is coming up. Yep! There will be a retreat on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 13, 14 and 15 to be held at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park. Most of you have been there before. Get ready to have fun. Letters from the JYC will be going out to your clubs soon.

We're all just so excited for your Sessions. We just can't wait!

*— In Happiness Through Service & Fraternal Hugs,  
Your Washington JYC  
Email: laureljdelony@gmail.com*

# Services scheduled for Des Moines PG Wagner

Please join us in a celebration of life of our beloved John Wagner, Past Grand of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church. A reception will follow the Memorial at Unity Place (below the church): St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 15237 - 21st Ave. SW, Burien, WA 98166.



JOHN WAGNER of our Order.

Brother John was born on April 7, 1967 and passed away on January 19. He was 50-years-old. John was a 14 year member

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## Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Our new officers are installed and we are ready to get going. Congratulations to all! Lots of things planned for this year. Noble Grand Deb Hughes has some great ideas and we will be busy — especially with projects in Montesano. A couple of the guys went to hall and did a little redecorating. You should come to the hall and take a look. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the

Montesano hall.

Plus we are having a slumber party weekend at the hall on February 2-4. Yep! We’re gonna goof off Friday night with food, fun and games. On Saturday morning we will be up bright and early for breakfast, then we will be doing clean up and painting of a rental and our main lunch room downstairs, and anything else we can think of to torture ourselves with. Feel free to come join us. Those who can’t paint will be providing food and drink. It will be a good time even if we don’t get anything done.

We are sad to report that we lost our Associate Member Gerald Hoffman. He’s the husband of Lou Ann Hoffman. They were married more than 50 years and Gerald had been a member of the Order for 49 years. He will be missed. Our condolences to the family.

We are still selling car wash tickets for \$5. See Lou Ann or one of the members to purchase tickets. They make great gifts. There’s nothing like a clean car!

We will be initiating two members soon — Hollye and Autumn. We can’t wait for them to get started. They will be great assets to our Order.

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

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

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**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:**  
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Email BothellRebekahs@gmail.com or call 206-390-1732 to buy tickets.  
 Tickets are not available at the door!

## New Sessions Home is still in Yakima!!!!

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projects of our Jurisdictions. See Page 1 for a separate article giving us her contact information. Last year we raised \$941. In 2016 it was \$1,180. Let’s break \$1,200 this year!

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding as we meet this June.

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

**SEE PAGE 10 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**