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## Theta Rho Girls, it's almost Retreat time!

Hey Theta Rho Girls! We're getting really close to your Retreat. This is a reminder that the Retreat is on April 13, 14, and 15 at the Odd Fellow Park in Olympia. If your Advisor needs directions, have them contact me.

Be prepared by bringing some grubbs, garden gloves and maybe a few gardening tools. The Park has asked us to clean the weeds out of the big toy area and we'll also be cleaning the windows of the kitchen.

Then I need you to be prepared with ideas. I have something for us all to work on and we'll need all of your input. Don't worry, there will be plenty of fun and food too! Big plans and lots of fun.

Elective officers, please remember to have an activity that involves all the girls — your choice!  
See ya in April!

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



Karen Hoylman, on the right, sells raffle tickets to Sandi Prymek, the Louisiana Rebekah Assembly Treasurer, at a planning meeting on January 20.

### Karen Hoylman

## RA Louisiana President holds planning meeting

Karen Hoylman, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Louisiana, travelled there for a sessions planning meeting in January. The Sessions will be Held in Bossier City March 8, 9 and 10.

The program and legislation were discussed and Karen promoted her project with is the "Burned Children's Recovery Foundation." The foundation helps children throughout the United States with counseling, and have camps for the children. The money is being raised by a raffle with gifts being given at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Banquet.



Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club's new President is Desiree Gardiner. For more information and photos about the Oak Harbor group, turn to the back page.



# From the desk of your Grand Master

## CAN SPRING BE VERY FAR AWAY?

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I sit here typing on another *cold* late winter day, I'm reminiscing about the warmth of summers past and looking forward to the coming spring. This makes my mind wander to June and our Sessions. Much planning goes on behind the scenes, and I want to publicly thank our Host Committee members Joe and Kathi Picanco.



KELLY HUGHES

## 2018 GRAND SESSIONS

This year marks the 140th Session of the Grand Lodge of Washington. More information will be coming out as we get closer. Lodges that elected Representatives this year need to send their names to the Grand Lodge Secretary. I will be choosing committee appointments and need to have that information soon.

## BRING YOUR RED COLLARS

Remember you don't have to be a Past Grand to sit in Sessions as a visitor. You must be a Third Degree Odd Fellow, and current in your dues. Please refer to the *Washington Digest* (the black book) for more information. This year though I want everyone who plans on attending Grand Lodge to bring a Red Collar — that's right those funny red things that we used to all wear. I will have collars available, but I want a picture like we used to take. Granted it won't have several hundred Brothers smoking cigars and wearing hats, but I will take what I can get.

## VISIT THE SICK

The flu season has been especially harsh this year and winters tend to be difficult on our health. Has your Lodge Brothers visited members who are sick? Even a phone call asking a sick member if they need someone to

pick up medication or food can be such a relief. Remember, visit the sick.

I know that we have had several deaths this winter. It is always a sad time when we lose a Brother or Sister as we won't have their sage council or friendly smile in the lodge room and our communities. Unfortunately, we do have to bury the dead.

## MORE WAYS TO HELP

With so many in our society and even within the membership of our Order being economically challenged, what has your lodge done recently? Get a clothing drive together. We all have clothes that the gremlins have snuck in and shrank. These are things that we don't need or wear. Donate these to a shelter, and help to relieve the distressed.

Sadly, while we don't have orphanages anymore, we do have many children who need to be educated. If you are retired offer to volunteer in a classroom. Contact your local school and find out how you can help. Maybe it is a bit of guidance helping a child learn to read, maybe just having a child read to you. Classroom volunteers are a blessing to teachers. I am going to take liberty here and say let's educate the children.

## JUST ASK

Have you been working on membership? There is no time like the present to *ask* someone to join us. Keep warm, and see you soon.

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

*Let's Get Ready For Our  
2018 Sessions!*

# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## OUR NOBLE GRAND IS KEEPING US BUSY

I've got writer's cramp! Our new Noble Grand had us filling out Valentines for the residents of the Home in Walla Walla for her first meeting. No, seriously, we always enjoy a good project for the Home.

Noble Grand Joan Lundy will be keeping us very busy this year. We are expecting our Rebekah Assembly President for a visit on Thursday, March 15 — and boy do we have something planned for her! We're just giving her fair warning! We're really excited about her visit.

We also had a visit from our District Deputy President. She gave us a lot of information going on

within the Order. We're looking forward to more projects and getting out into the community.

It also looks like we will have some new members by transfer and we are looking forward to filling the chairs and getting to know our new members.

Some of our members went a visiting to the city of Bothell where they enjoyed the hospitality of Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge and helped celebrate their anniversary. We had a great time!

That's it for now. Until next month. . .

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



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## 2018 GRAND SESSIONS IN YAKIMA

Brothers and Sisters,

The 2018 Grand Sessions will be upon us very soon.



HARRY W.  
"BILL" COULTER

We thank those lodges that have sent in their Representative Certificates already. To those lodges that have not done so yet, please send them in now. The Grand Master needs them in order that he may make committee assignments for the Grand Sessions to be held June 25, 26 and 27 at the Red Lion in Yakima.

### REMEMBER OUR CHARITIES

Your continued support of the projects and programs of our Order is needed, and they are valued. These include: Living Legacy, SOS Children's Village, and the Arthritis Foundation. We have Visual Aid for children, the L. J. Jones Scholarships, and the Theta Rho Girls' Club Hotel Fund (make checks payable to the, Rebekah Assembly, note at bottom left corner — TRGCHF) The Theta Rho Girls' Club Travel Fund (make check payable to the Grand Lodge of Washington, note at bottom left corner — TRGCTF). The Grand Encampment has the VanderLinden/Sheppard Adult Visual Aid Fund (make checks payable to the Grand Encampment of Washington, note at bottom left — V/LVAF) Please consider all of them, as they are great programs and need your support.

### REMEMBER YOUR "TAKE ME" REPORTS

To All Grand Lodge Executive Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen, your reports are due

by Monday, April 1, to allow for printing in the "Take Me" Advance Reports for the Grand Lodge Sessions.

### TO ALL UNITS OF THE ORDER

Annual Grand Lodge Sessions registration information will be in the April and May issues of the *Washington OddFellow*. Please note that registrations are again being handled by Brother Joe Picanco, PGM, and Sister Kathi Picanco, PRAP, both from Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. All forms and payments are to be sent to them.

### WEBSITE

Our new website is being updated slowly. The Web Master needs more updates from all the lodges and committees from Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampments, LEAs, Cantons and Theta Rho Girls' Clubs.

Please send in your lodge location, meeting dates and times, Noble Grand's name, and Secretary's name and contact information. Also, we need the Theta Rho President's names (*Note: We do not publish the address of any Theta Rho Girls*) and your Advisor's names and contact information.

Please send you information to the Grand Lodge office, either by email: [grandsec@qwestoffice.net](mailto:grandsec@qwestoffice.net), by fax: (360) 829-1768, or by mail: PO Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377.

— Fraternally,

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

## News from the Capital City

# Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

### DO YOU NEED ANY HELP?

And we're off and running as our our Noble Grand has put together a program to help our own and others — sort of a "honey do" list. This program is for any member or if you know of a member or someone who may need some minor help around the house like maybe cleaning the gutters, fixing a small plumbing issue, putting in batteries for a smoke alarm, etc. — small things like that. She has crews ready to go out and help. We are hoping to have a banner ready to put outside anywhere that we are doing a project. It's exciting to be hands-on for the Order. Look for pictures down the road.



Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 are looking forward to new fund-raisers and community projects under the leadership of our new Noble Grand Kathi Picanco.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

We have voted to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 and are hoping to coordinate with

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Spring is here — sort of. I have daffodils and primroses blooming, columbine sprouting and new growth on my rosebushes. My granddaughter and I have vegetable seeds planted in the green house and we are anxiously checking for sprouts.



CATHY GARCIA

Spring is a time of growth and new birth. As I visit lodges I am excited to hear of plans for growth within our Order. What a wonderful time this is to hold a lodge picnic. Enjoy time with Rebekah Brothers and Sister and learn something new about each one — something outside the realm of “lodge business.”

## PLANNING FOR SESSIONS

I am busy putting plans on paper for our June Sessions. As all odd-numbered lodges have elected new

Representatives and the even-numbered lodges have hold-over Representatives. I hope you are all marking your calendars for June 24-27. As we watch the changes in our world we know we need to adjust with the times if we are going to move forward. The trick is to find ways to cling to our ideals and principles, but do so with updated methods and energy. To do this takes all of us sharing our thoughts and expertise. Our time together in June is the perfect vehicle to exchange these ideas with each other and to express to your executive team the ideas that are important to you. I really hope every lodge will be represented by at least two or three members.

## FINDING SOME FUN IDEAS

I had a wonderful time at the IARA President Linda Thompson’s Testimonial last month. Linda’s team did a

great job putting on her 50’s party, as well as the formal banquet. I brought home some fun ideas to share with Grand Master Kelly for our Sock Hop. The Phoenix sunshine was a nice break from our Washington February, but I still love Washington best.

## THANKS FOR HELPING OUR “FUTURE”

I want to continue to thank all of you for your generous support of my project (our Theta Rho Girls) through your purchase of raffle tickets and pins, as well as checks specifically for this effort. I am bringing the table cloth that my mother crocheted to each lodge when I visit. Raffle tickets will be available up to the drawing at the Sock Hop on Monday night of our Sessions. Our Theta Rho Girls are a very special part of our Order — they are our future. Learning to serve their communities, plan meetings and functions and to speak comfortably in front of groups, are vital skills that will stay with them in their adult lives and hopefully bind them to the Rebekahs.

## I’VE GROWN SO MUCH

With only four months until the end of my term as President, I am already looking back at how much I have grown working with the executive team and the Past Presidents. I hope I am serving you in the way you deserve to be represented, and that you feel comfortable calling me with any questions or concerns you might have. We are very fortunate to have so many loving and considerate people in our lodges. I pray that each one of you steps out into this season with excitement and positive expectation for each day.

— *With Friendship, Love & Truth and Love and Hugs, Cathy Garcia, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*  
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**Phone:** (360) 413-7014



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

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members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 as in the past. It is on the park calendar. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring the kiddies for a fun-filled day. The Easter Bunny will be making his annual trek to the Park. And I know he also has a basket of fresh carrots besides the eggs he has hidden. The Park can tend to be a little mucky at this time of year, so make sure the kids either wear boots or have a change of clothes and, of course, a basket for the eggs.

We’re sending a big hug to one of our Sisters, Jenny Cole. There is surgery on her horizon and we are all praying for her.

Along with helping others, Olympia members will be sprucing up the hall. We have plans to paint the ladies lounge and locker room above the Noble Grand’s Station. The game room also will get a fresh coat of paint and the pool table is to be repaired. Once we’re done it’s time for some fun!!

## HEADS UP TO ALL

Get this marked on your calendars. The Seafood Fest at the Olympia Odd Fellow Park will be held on Saturday, July 21. There will be a corn hole tournament, horseshoe tournament and lots of games for the kids. More details will follow. We’re looking forward to a very busy year.

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

# From Your 2017-18 Assembly Secretary

## MARCH IS ARTHRITIS MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The month of March is here and spring is just around the corner. As I write this article the cold weather has returned and the frost is back, with its frost covering my car, truck and roof every morning.



MARCIA PRESLEY

The month of March is “Arthritis Month.” The donations made by lodges in our Jurisdiction, stay here and are sent to the Arthritis Foundation of Washington. The lodges that donate to this foundation are reported to Sovereign Grand Lodge and they issue a special Arthritis Certificate to these lodges at their Sessions. The certificates are given to the Representatives from each Jurisdiction that donates to this Project of the Order each year.

## HONORING SCHUYLER COLFAX

March is also the anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, the author of the Degree of Rebekahs. Take a few minutes in your meeting in March to honor him with a short program about him and what he did for our Order.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Thank you for returning your Annual Reports in a timely manner. This makes my job of entering all of the information received from each lodge on my report to SGL due the end of March of each year a lot easier. If you sent your Annual Report and had any new members — either by Initiation, Transfer, or Deposit of Card — or obtained any new Associates since your last report, and did not include the name, address, phone number, birth date if provided and the date these members joined your Lodge, please do so as soon as you can. I need this information to make out the membership list for each lodge and send them to SGL to update their records of our members. They don’t like just getting a name and no other information.

## DUES STATEMENTS

I will be sending out the Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues statements and you will have received them before you read this article in the March newspaper. As you will see, the SGL raised our dues by another \$5 per member, which makes our SGL dues \$23.50 per member. Please remit the SGL dues amount to me before the end of March, as that is when I have to have my reports completed and a check written to pay the SGL before March

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# From your 2017-18 Grand Matriarch

## START OUT ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Dear Matriarchs,

With your nominations and elections of your new Officers for the next year being completed in March, now is the time to start thinking what your members want to accomplish over the next year. Make plans for your Installation of Officers and help start the year out on a positive note.

If your Chief Matriarch has a project to raise funds for or make a donation to, help with some new ideas on ways to raise funds — and also think about raising funds for your Auxiliary. It seems that our assessments have been going up every year and I know that some of our Auxiliaries are having trouble coming up with the funds to pay their Assessments. Have an open discussion at one of your meetings about how to raise new funds and have some fun doing it.



## INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

Have you asked your Rebekah Sisters about joining your LEA Auxiliary yet? If you haven’t, they may just be waiting to be asked. Also think about some of your LEA Auxiliary former members who were members once, but are no longer a member. Their reasons for no longer being members may have changed — and they need to be asked if they would be interested in reinstating in LEA.

## BEELIEVE

I have the Honey Bee as my Emblem and I close with this poem:

*Beecause you Beelieve,  
Beecome a Beecon of light,  
Beecause you Beelieve,  
Beelonging to this Order,  
We do what is right.  
Beecause you Beelieve,  
Beefore it’s too late,  
Beecause you Beelieve,  
Beeyond the Beeginning,  
Beehold our fate.  
Beecause you Beelieve,  
Beetween the Beeginning and never the end,  
Beecause you Beelieve,  
Beehold all your friends.*

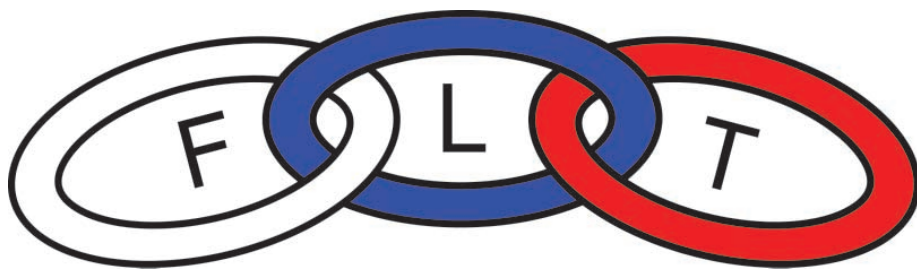
*In Faith, Hope and Charity,*

*Marcia Presley,*

*Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington*



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## Be sure to renew your Lodge Card

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### BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

**Meets At:** Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle.  
**Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Jerry Ray Smith, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Nora Carria, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 782-9646

### 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

### 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

### LORRAINE REBEKAH LODGE #289

**Meets At:** 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Nancy Foster, PO Box 13424, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 375-5256. **Sec'y:** Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030-7980. **Ph:** (253) 631-5503

### 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

### MONTEROSE REBEKAH LODGE #46

**Meets At:** Toledo Fire Station, 150 N. Second St., Toledo, WA 98591. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Virginia Erckenbrack, 316 Tennessee Rd., Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 508-4215. **Sec'y:** Kay Pratt, PO Box 267, Toledo, WA 98591. **Ph:** (360) 864-4299

### NARCISSA REBEKAH LODGE #2

**Meets At:** Washington Odd Fellows Home, 534 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 2 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Shirley Ruble, 30 S. Clinton St., #7107, Walla Walla, WA 99362. **Ph:** (509) 525-4015. **Sec'y:** Barbara Trvrz, 30 S. Clinton St., #7201, Walla Walla, WA 99362. **Ph:** (509) 394-2042

### 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:** Joan Lundy, 17622 - 19th Ave. Ct. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (253) 847-5230. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, 15010 Silcox Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949

**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

# 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

# Services in April for Donald L. Cowdery

Donald L. Cowdery, an active Odd Fellow for many years, succumbed to asbestos and heart disease on February 17. Don was a Past Grand of Bremerton-Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, Secretary for many years and served as District Deputy Grand Master.

Brother Don was born on a farm in Birmingham, Illinois on September 26, 1928. He was 88 at the time of his passing.

Don joined Bremerton-Friendship Lodge on November 9, 1972. His wife of 42 years, Florence, also was very active in our Order.

Don's employment included farm work, working in a warehouse, at the Caterpillar Factory and a government arsenal. At age 16, he enlisted in the Navy where he served on nine ships in the Pacific for 23 years. In 1968, Don began 20 plus years as a USPS mail carrier in Port Orchard. He proudly wore his Navy uniform and World War II medals several times a year.

At his request, a memorial service will be held at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 2315 Burwell in Bremerton which will include military honors. The service will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 1 p.m. A potluck reception will follow the service.



**DONALD COWDERY**

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

**45920 First Avenue, Chilliwack,  
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**Pre-Registration Deadline March 1, 2018**

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# 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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# From Your 2017-18 Assembly Secretary

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31. Thank you again.

### SIMPLE LITTLE THINGS

*It's the little things we do and say,  
That mean so much as we go our way.  
What joy, not sadness often springs,  
From just the simple little things.*

The following is the biggest problem with the world today and this remark goes double from me: Everyone is fixing the blame, but nobody's fixing the trouble.

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

*PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*



## Correction

One of the captions for last month's pictures from Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 was in error. Here is the corrected version: "Taking on the big responsibility of Noble Grand are Bev Lyons of Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Virginia Erckenbrack of Monterose #46, and Cynthia Washington of Longview #305."



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**

## Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70 in Walla Walla

January saw our Installation of Officers. They are: NG Karen Schultz, Sec. Joy Selby, Treas. Craig Schultz, Chap. Beverley Johnson, Ward. Susan Akers, RSNG Naomi Bruce, and RS Chap. Jerlie Anderson. Flowers were presented to the newly-installed officers and everyone enjoyed a great feast following the ceremonies.

Member decided to come early to the first meeting every month and visit with our Sisters who are in the Odd Fellows Home. February 13 saw members taking balloons and three packages of candy and a card with a sucker from the lodge, as well as a box of the little hearts with writing on them, to Jean Lucke (former Kennewick Lodge member) and Bernice Mock. We were able to deliver the items to Jean and Bernice personally, but we were not allowed in Vera (Petie) Crumpacker's room as she had a cold. So we left her gifts with the nurse.

NG Karen mailed "Silent Bake Sale" notices out out members who don't regularly get to attend and gave the officers their notices at the meeting. Several members had already sent the money in for their cakes and next month we expect more. This is a project which makes all members feel a part of the lodge even if they are not able to get to meetings.

NG Karen handed out out Chapter Books. They are so

clever with a pink smiley face and a smiling bee — so appropriate for our name Bee Hive.

Naomi Bruce brought refreshments and her salad and crackers brought rave reviews. The Valentine cupcakes were a great hit, as well. We so enjoy our refreshment time together. We are looking forward to a **great year!**

Happy St. Patrick's Day from your Sisters and Brothers of Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Beverley Johnson, Reporter*





## In Walla Walla

# Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Pink roses and lace tablecloths set the theme for a St. Valentine's Day Party at the Odd Fellows Hall in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Members of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla were greeted at noon by our energetic hosts from Integrity Lodge #175. After greetings and introductions, we were treated to a tour of the hall and racks of beautiful quilts up for sale, or to go to the lucky winner of a raffle.

Integrity members provided a delicious buffet lunch of pumpkin soup, tuna casserole, a variety of salads, and biscuits. Dessert featured apple cake with rum sauce, a selection of chocolate and sugar cookies, and Hershey Kisses. Everyone enjoyed coffee or tea, and the good conversation that followed.

Our lodge was invited to join with Integrity Lodge members for the meeting at 1 p.m. We were received by Noble Grand Nancy Mills, Vice Grand Theresa Weaver, Secretary Pat Aichele, and Treasurer Mary Lou Ethlin. Our gratitude for their hospitality was expressed by Narcissa Rebekah Noble Grand Jeanne Elder. Vice Grand Shirley Ruble thanked our hosts for the generous luncheon and luscious dessert table. Soon it was time to say our goodbyes after having a great time and making new friends with our Oregon neighbors. As we went out the door, we could hear "Let's do this again!" Now we know what fun it is to make a visitation!

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



Blayne Barnhart, Odd Fellows Home "Master Gardener, donates his vegetables to the salad bars, known as "the best in the world."



Robertta Hunt, a member of the Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 for 40 years, was voted "Woman of the Year" in Merriam Apartments for her altruism to the needy.

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Donald Hepp**, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch, 56 year member, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.
- **Donald L. Cowdery**, PG, DDP, age 89, Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, Bremerton.
- **Frances Zimmerman**, PNG, age 89, Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Ballard.

## PGM Don Hepp passes away; services March 17

Brother Donald Hepp, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patriarch, passed away Friday March 2. A graveside service, on Saturday March 17 at 1 p.m., will be held at the Olympia Odd Fellow Memorial Park, 3802 Cleveland Ave. SE in Tumwater, WA 98501. The Odd Fellow Funeral Ceremony will be performed by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

Following the graveside service will be a celebration of life at Funeral Alternatives of Washington next door to the Odd Fellow Cemetery on the Masonic side. The address is 455 North Street SE, Tumwater, WA 98501.

If you need more information please feel free to contact Laurel Delony or our Noble Grand Joanne Balmert at the email below or call (253) 209-0167.

Don joined the Odd Fellows on March 12, 1962.

— *Fraternally, Laurel Delony, Secretary,  
Olympia Odd Fellows #1*

*We Will Miss You, Don*





Members of the Skookumchuck work party enjoyed Friday night fellowship and games. From left are GM Kelly Hughes, Dave Delony, Laurel Delony and Joanne Balmert.



A nice coat of white paint replaced the pink which looks so much brighter.

## Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

### WE PAINTED AND SLUMBERED

A work party to spruce up the Skookumchuck IOOF Hall in Bucoda turned into a fun event as it was combined with a slumber party. We had lots of food, drink and fun.

Participants played the game of “Life” in the middle of the lodge room floor. Then we each took an empty room for the night.

First thing in the morning Laurel Delony and Joanne Balmert made a trek to the local hardware store for paint and supplies. Then we went to work! As you can see we painted — a lot! Our hands are still cramped.



Those who could not paint were put to work cleaning out old files and organizing the robe room. Wow! What difference! Thank you members. We still have a bunch more to do, but we’re getting there.

### MONTESANO CHAMBER LUNCHEON

NG Debra and Kelly Hughes hosted the Montesano Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Kelly gave the members a tour of our hall and they were impressed. We hope this leads to a new chapter in Montesano, along with new members.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

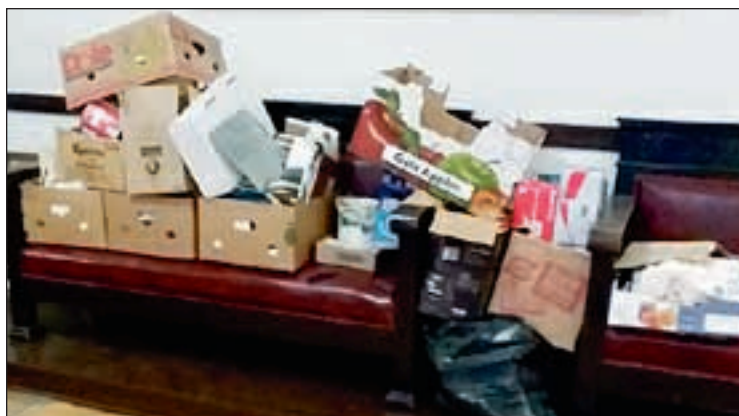
On February 14 we had a Valentine’s Day dinner and then we initiated two new members. A big welcome to Hollye Givens and Autumn Iselin.

That’s it for this report. We will have more next month. Enjoy the pictures.

— *Fraternally*

*Members of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129*

*In Bucoda*



Lots of papers and other trash were collected from various nooks and crannies for the dumpster.



# From your 2016-17 Theta Rho President

## I'VE BEEN GREAT

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is still having a good winter because groundhog saw his shadow. I still want it to snow, but all I get is frozen roads and school — but oh well.

## FIRST VISIT



STEPHANIE WIGLE

I've had a good winter so far, especially being able to go on my first official visitation to visit with members of the Spunky Blue Birds #93 in South Tacoma! My mom Tara, my cousin Clara, and I drove up Saturday afternoon to Sylvia's cabin to spend the night with two of their members, Piper and Dani. We had a lot of fun. I want to thank Sylvia again for offering and letting us stay in her cabin. The next day we went to their lodge and I had the honor of doing the Installation of

Officers for their club. After the Installation we had cake and punch and visited with everyone! I had so much fun with this first visit and I can't wait until the next one!

For my next trip I will be going to Yakima for the Washington board meeting. Then I will make my official visit to Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14. I'm excited to see everyone who will be there!

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

## 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.

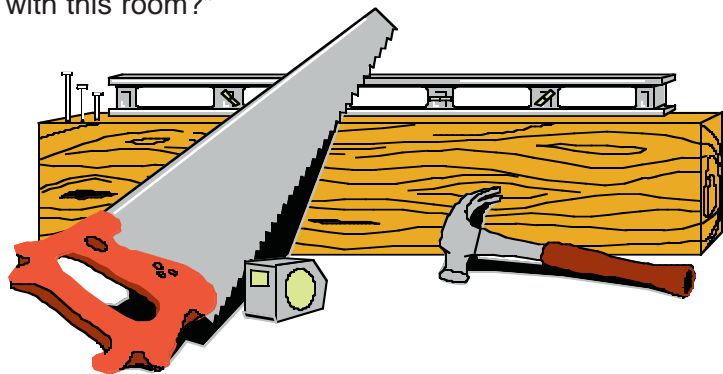
The lodge will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:15. a.m. The meeting will open at 10 a.m. by the hostess lodge, then the District Officers will take over. President Kathy has many things planned.

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*



Joanne Balmert must be thinking, "Will I every get done with this room?"



Joanne Balmert works on painting the "vault room." It looks pretty big, doesn't it?

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## *In Oak Harbor*

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

**HAPPY SPRINGTIME!**

Last month we made Valentines and more painted rocks for the nursing home as our community service project. This month we will be making Easter baskets for residents of the assisted living facility.

We have a prospective new member and hope to initiate her this month. We are always excited to get new members.

We are looking forward to the Retreat at the Olympia Park and a chance to be outdoors. It is always fun to spend time with girls from other clubs.

We hope all of you are getting a chance to enjoy nicer weather.

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

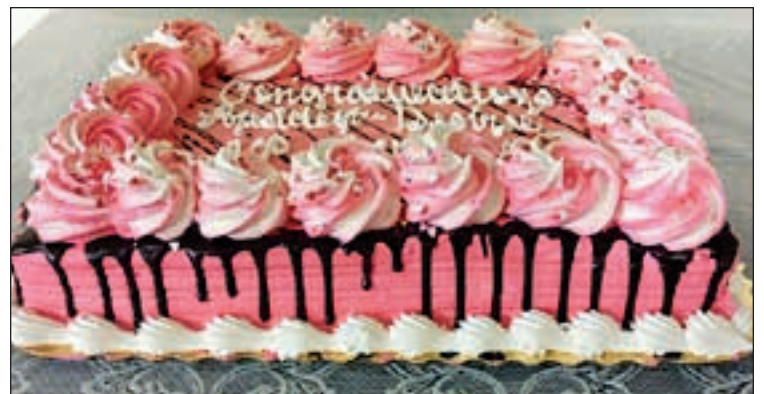


Working on Valentines and painted rocks are Caroline Jamieson, Lucy Crouch and Jazmine Mostafavinassab.

*See related photo on Page 1*



Leilah Edwards and Desiree Gardiner kept busy painting more rocks.



Here's the beautiful cake that was served at Acorn's Installation of Officers.