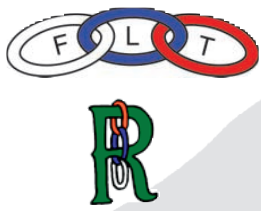


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Degree Day in Moses Lake

On February 24, Centennial IOOF Lodge #341 in Moses Lake had a great day of Degree work with a hot meal provided by the ladies. From left are: Treasurer Dick Wietman, Lodge Patriarch Rich Oestreich, Vice Grand Frank DeTrolio, Fletcher

Harris, Carol Loop, Mickey Eddie and Charlene DeTrolio who completed the Third Degree work. By the way, Brother Rich will be celebrating his 89th birthday on Saturday, April 28. The photo was taken by Noble Grand Jamie Eddie.

Buckley Encampment #40 revives an old tradition!

In the days when they used to meet twice a month, Buckley Encampment #40 held one meeting each month in Buckley and one in Enumclaw. For their March meeting, the Patriarchs and Matriarchs of Buckley #40 decided to revive the tradition of traveling and took their Encampment up the road to Black Diamond for a social meeting at the Black Diamond Bakery. We had a wonderful dinner and shared much fellowship.

One of the most enjoyable things about our Encampment meetings is that they give an opportunity for the younger, newer Odd Fellows to ask questions and learn from some of our longer-serving members. The younger members enjoy the opportunity to learn and the



longer-serving members enjoy sharing their experience.

The meeting at the Black Diamond Bakery gave us an opportunity to socialize and make plans for our Installation of Officers on Monday, April 2. We decided to revive another tradition and have dinner before the Installation. Buckley has been the home of many fine meals over the years and we'll bring that tradition back, too. Past Grand Patriarch Toby Hanson will make dinner for us that night, which will be served at 6 p.m. prior to the Installation at 7 p.m. Since the Installation is a public event, we encourage everyone to come and join us.

— In F., H. & C.,
Toby Hanson, PGP

From the desk of your Grand Master

HAPPY SPRING

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

The flowers are trying to come out and that can only mean spring is upon us and several things in the Odd Fellows. First is the Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Virginia. What an honor it is to be able to represent *our* Jurisdiction with President Cathy Garcia at my side. Second, we have Memorial Day celebrations at cemeteries throughout the state. I personally will be speaking at the event at the Olympia Odd Fellow Cemetery. Third, Sessions are fast approaching.



KELLY HUGHES

BE ON TIME FOR SESSIONS

Each year I have heard people say they didn't know or didn't understand, so I am trying to be as up front as possible. Sessions start *promptly* at 9 a.m. Monday morning. Elections are held at 11 a.m. This is outlined in the Code Book. All Odd Fellow members who are Past Grands may vote at election of officers. All other business votes are by Representatives only.

I have tried to emphasize nostalgia this year, remembering who the Odd Fellows were, what we are, and what we can become. So much of tradition has been lost in recent years. One thing that we have lost is the formality of occasion. At a routine lodge meeting you would see men in suits 60 years ago. When I joined 20 year ago, a man did not enter lodge without a tie. Degree work was a more formal occasion that the suits were brought out. This formality gave a bit more substance to what it is that we do. Look good, feel good, do good.

DRESS CODE

I want to outline what is expected as dress for Sessions.

First off you will be required to wear a red collar. This simple item is the single most identifying item of an Odd Fellow. Opening day is quite formal, and western hemisphere business attire is appropriate. Officers are expected to have a dark suit or at least a blazer. Men, you are expected to be in a button dress shirt with tie and slacks at the minimum. A suit is not required, but if you hold an office or will be appointed to one you should have a dark suit or tuxedo with you. Jeans, denim, or chino style pants are not permitted, and you will be asked to leave and change. Ladies a dress, skirt or pants suit is proper. Sundresses or a sleeveless top are not acceptable unless worn under a blazer or shawl. No shorts, T-shirts, tank tops or flip-flops will be permitted in Sessions. Please save those for the pool. Our Sovereign Grand Master will be in attendance this year and we should show him the respect he deserves.

The final day of Sessions is usually fairly short, and we allow business casual "travel" clothes. However, this doesn't mean shorts and tank tops. You are still expected to be professional.

PLANT A TREE

April is "Living Legacy month" Talk to your town and see if you can donate a tree to a park or plant a new tree on your lodge property. Work with a nursery and get tree saplings and sell trees as a fund-raiser.

BRING ON THE CAP & GOWN

This wonderful month of April brings a milestone event in my personal life. For the last several years I have been a college student working on a Bachelor's Degree, I graduate on April 27, and what a relief to finally be done. So I will sign off for now as I have a test to study for. See you soon!

—Until next month in *Friendship, Love and Truth*,
Kelly Hughes,

Your 2017-2018 Grand Master

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is finally here so it's time to clean out those closets and garages. South Tacoma Rebekahs are having a rummage sale. This is one of our money-makers. Come out and find your treasures on Saturday, May 19 at the South Tacoma Odd Fellow Hall, 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave. in Tacoma, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A VISIT FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

We had a wonderful visit from our President of the Rebekah Assembly, Cathy Garcia and her mom Mickey Turner. It was a fun and informative night. Dinner was served by Brother Dave Delony and dessert was a St. Patty's Day cake.

We enlisted the help of the President and her mom to help fill out Easter cards for residents of our Home in Walla Walla. A Power Point presentation honoring our

Assembly President was also shown.

Many of our members headed to "My Sister's Pantry" in downtown Tacoma to help serve a luncheon and do anything the food bank might need help with. We work at the Pantry at least twice a year.

There may be a Consolidation in the future. We look forward to welcoming more Sisters and Brothers into our lodge.

Welcome to our newest Associate Member, Nichi Berry.

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



Cathy Garcia and her special St. Patty's Day cake.

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

“TAKE ME”

Brothers and Sisters,

The Advance Reports or “Take Me” will be put together this month, so all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen should have their reports and budget requests in the Grand Lodge office by Monday, April 16.



ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

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

Last year (2016), Sovereign Grand Lodge filed your Tax report with IRS under a combined 990. Due to some of the lodges receiving letters from the IRS stating that their taxes had not been filed

for 2016 and some stating that their Non-Profit status was lost, I sent IRS a letter informing them of the combined 990 that Sovereign Grand Lodge filed, to include each lodge's name and EIN number and requested that those lodges that had lost their non-profit status for failure to file, that their status be reinstated. Of course, IRS has not answered my request. If any of the lodges received a letter from IRS, stating their status has been reinstated, please let me know.

GRAND SESSIONS

This year the Grand Sessions of the Grand Bodies of Jurisdiction of Washington will be held at a new hotel, “The Red Lion Yakima Center” located at 607 E. Yakima Avenue in Yakima, Washington.

The Sessions will start off with the Theta Rho Assembly on Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24. Grand Lodge

and Rebekah Assembly Sessions will start on Monday, June 25 and go on until Wednesday, June 27 until 12 noon. The Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment will start at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27.

The Hotel Reservation Information can be found on page 11 and the Sessions Registration Form can be found on page 10 of this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. The Grand Lodge Host Committee is co-chaired by Joe and Kathi Picanco of Olympia Lodge #1. You can contact them by phone at: (360) 561-222 by Email at: picancoj@hotmail.com or mail: Joe or Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave NW, Olympia, WA 98502.

— *Fraternally,*

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



Back to the 50s

Several members of our Order from the Jurisdiction of Washington enjoyed the “50s Night” festivities in Phoenix, Arizona at the IARA President's Testimonial on Friday, February 23. Seated from left are: Karen Hoylman, Bob Valentine, Amber Valentine, Jennie Reed and Margaret Truttmann. Standing is our favorite “Elvis,” Dave Reed.

Donations needed for Sessions' Silent Auction

We are looking for donations! Do you have something just sitting on the shelf collecting dust? Is it something that you might want to donate? If it is, how about donating to the Silent Auction to be held at Grand Sessions? All proceeds will be donated to the projects of our leaders this year.

Please contact me, Laurel Delony, if you have something to donate. My cell number is (253) 468-1949 and my email address is laureljdemony@gmail.com. You can even bring your items to Sessions. Just find me and I'll get it set up in the auction.


— *Thank You and Fraternal Hug, Laurel Delony*

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From the desk of the Assembly President

HAPPY APRIL

Easter, spring break and the home stretch leading up to our 2018 Sessions are all happening in April. Our new venue in Yakima is beautiful and it's exciting to plan and arrange our meetings in new surroundings. If you haven't been to Sessions recently, or ever, this is a great year to join us.



CATHY GARCIA

LOVING MY VISITS

I'm having a terrific time with my visits to individual lodges. We have the most gracious and friendly members I have ever had the privilege of knowing. As you're reading this, Rick and I are enjoying the eastern side of Washington State with our travel trailer. Yes, he's playing golf while I visit lodges.

PRESIDENT'S TABLE

I have started to put together items to sell on a "President's Table" at Sessions. All proceeds from from the sale of these items will go toward my project funds for our Theta Rho Girls. I hope to make visits to each of the Theta Rho Clubs during the next couple months. These girls work together to run productive meetings that encourage each other to believe in themselves and stand strong for what is right.

As our society continues to see a rise in troubled teens and youth violence, it is increasingly vital that we provide opportunity and encouragement for our young people to feel confident and important. If you have any interest in working with young girls, being a positive role model, and

building self-esteem in tomorrow's leaders — consider being a Theta Rho Advisor. We are always in need of dedicated adults who are willing to give of their time and energy to work with current Theta Rho clubs or start a new one. Make a difference not only in the life of a young girl, but also in the future of our order.

SESSION BLOUSES

I have turned in the order for our Session blouses, but I believe I can add to this order if any of you would still like to order a short sleeve blouse with the Rebekah Emblem. Please call me right away with your size, and the color you would like to place an order.

SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM

As we begin to enjoy warmer weather, longer days, and brighter skies, I hope we will all continue to look for opportunities to share our enthusiasm for Rebekahs with our acquaintances. Be excited as you share with others the projects and activities that your lodge is working on. Be sure to include a few social events that are open to non-members in your calendar of events this spring. Invite friends and let them see what a wonderful group of people we are. Ask them to join and be excited when they say "yes."

I trust you will all show yourselves to be friendly Rebekahs who always offer Grace to those around you.

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



In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Well spring is officially here. We hope everyone had a good Easter with lots of chocolate bunnies and jelly beans. We completed our Easter basket project and delivered them to the nursing home.

We are so looking forward to the Spring Retreat at the Olympia IOOF Park. It sounds like a busy and fun weekend is planned.

This is also the month that we participate in the "Holland Happening" Parade in Oak Harbor. We are planning our annual sleepover for the night before and are hoping Spunky Bluebird members will be joining us again. Theta Rho Assembly President Stephanie Weigle is supposed to make her visit to our club that weekend. We know we will enjoy our time with her.

Assembly time is fast approaching and we are hoping to hear about what she has planned for our Sessions

Until next month keep smiling.

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

On April 21

'Lunch & Learn' to highlight District #3 Meeting in Tacoma

The Semi-Annual Sessions of District Association #3 will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall. The hall will be open at 9:15 a.m. for social time. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

President Kathi Picanco has a "Lunch and Learn" event planned which will focus on financials. Dress comfortably and prepare to get busy.

Badges and programs are 50 cents. Lunch is potluck. Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 are hosting the meeting. The gathering will be at the South Tacoma IOOF Hall located at 5424 South Puget Sound, Tacoma WA 98409.

From Your 2017-18 Assembly Secretary

START HAVING SOME FUN!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The older I get, the faster the time flies by. As the saying goes, "Time flies when your having fun." I hope each and everyone of you is having some fun in your lodge meetings and in your personal lives. We need to take care of our business at our meetings, but after the business is done, under Good of the Order, do something to have some fun and not just close your meeting and go home.



MARCIA PRESLEY

We have lost a number of our new members because we are too busy getting our business done in our meetings and not doing anything to make our new and old members alike want to attend the next meeting to see what is planned for some fun. Having fun makes our lives more enjoyable and makes us think we have lived longer than we really have.

ANOTHER BUSY APRIL

The month of April is "Living Legacy Month," so plant a tree for one who comes after me. Saturday, April 14 is "Make a Difference Day" and Thursday, April 26 is the 199th Anniversary of the founding of the Order in North America. Do something special during the month of April to celebrate these special days. As I said before, have some *fun!*

Printed in the SGL/IARA Program is the following:

OUR CREED

Genuine *Friendship*, which heareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, is the first step toward progress and personal enrichment, and the progenitor of Temperance, Prudence, and Justice.

Unfettered *Love* is the basis of all life's ambitions — the controlling passion of service to humanity — more powerful than the atom — more potent than any finite source.

Inflexible *Truth*, the imperial virtue, begets economic stability, equality under the law, freedom of enterprise, the highest of ethical standards, and lasting peace, the ultimate goal of fraternity.

Universal *Brotherhood of Man* under the *Fatherhood of God* is imperative to the survival of the world, and can be accomplished only through the catalysis of fellowship — inculcating the cohesion, which stems from understanding and amity among peoples, states and nations.

— *With lots of Rebekah Hugs,*

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,

PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

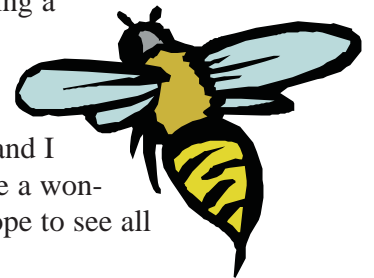
From your 2017-18 Grand Matriarch

LOOK OUT! SESSIONS ARE ALMOST HERE

Dear Matriarchs,

The Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Sessions are just a couple of months away and I hope that all of the LEA Matriarchs plan on attending our Sessions in Yakima. Our Sessions are Wednesday afternoon on June 27 starting at 1:30 p.m., and our Joint Dinner Installation with the Grand Encampment will be that evening.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Grand LEA to *thank* the Host Committee, Joe and Kathi Picanco, for all of their diligent work that they have had to do the last few months in securing a new venue for us to hold our Sessions. The Red Lion Hotel located at 607 E. Yakima Ave. in Yakima is a beautiful venue and I am sure that all of you will have a wonderful time at our Sessions. I hope to see all of you there.



CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

I hope that all of your Installations of your new Officers went as planned and that your new slate of Officers will plan an interesting and fun year for your LEA Meetings. Congratulation to you all and thank you for taking an office in your Auxiliary. If you have any questions, be sure and give me a call or call one of our Past Grand Matriarchs for the information you need.

THIS NEXT YEAR:

If you have a gift — bring it. If you have a song — sing it.

If you have a talent — use it. If you have love — diffuse it.

If you have sadness — bear it.

If you have happiness — share it.

If you have religion — live it. If you have prayer — pray it.

If you have a kind word — say it.

And most of all, ***Bee You!***

In Faith, Hope and Charity, Marcia Presley,

Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington

JYC has a great Retreat planned for April 13-15

Hey Theta Rho Girls! Are you ready? We are! We can't wait to see you at the Theta Rho retreat on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 13, 14 and 15.

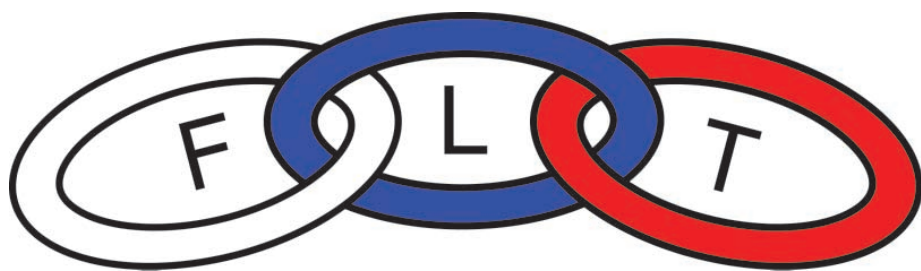
We have lots of stuff planned. Bring your sleeping bags and ideas, along with your campfire songs. Let's have some fun before Sessions.

— *In Happiness Through Service & Hugs to you all,*

From your Washington JYC Team

Email: laureljdemony@gmail.com

~ Lodge Cards ~



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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) 250-2165

DES MOINES I.O.O.F. LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Orlee Groh, 17715 SE 261st St., Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (206) 307-7897. **Sec'y:** H. Morgan Hicks, 20410 9th Ave. S., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 697-4623

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:** Phillip (Tom) Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. **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: 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Hugh Smith, 137 Kirby Dr., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 863-1876. **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:** Joanne Balmert, 15010 Silcox Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. **Ph:** (253) 209-0167. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949

SOUTH TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98409. **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 98198. **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., 858 Reiten Rd., Kent, WA 98030. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254

YAKIMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #22

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** June, July, Aug. **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910

PGM & PGP

Services held for Donald E. Hepp

Service were held March 17 for Brother Donald Earl Hepp, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington and Past Grand Patriarch the Grand Encampment of Washington, who passed away Friday March 2. The Odd Fellow Funeral Ceremony was performed by members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

Brother Don, 92, was born December 7, 1925 to Elwin Pearl Hepp and Hulda Viola Hepp in Olympia where he resided his entire life.

Don joined the Olympia Odd Fellows on March 12, 1962, making him a 56 year member. He served as Grand Patriarch in 1976-77 and then as Grand Master 10 years later in 1886-87.

In addition to being an Odd Fellow, Don was a Rebekah, and belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Grange and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Don's high school education was interrupted by World War II when he enlisted in the US Navy in November of 1943. He served in the Navy until April of 1946 where he achieved the rank of Gunner's Mate Second Class. Upon his return from the service, he continued high school and graduated from William Winlock Miller High School (aka Olympia High School) on June 6, 1947.

After high school, he ventured to Chicago where he worked in a boarding house while achieving certification in automotive and diesel mechanics from the Chicago Motive Trades Institute. Don worked on the maritime fleet staff at the Olympia Reserve Fleet for more than 24 years. Because of health issues, Don found it necessary to change careers and went back to school. He was hired at the Washington State Library as a clerk and during his 14 years at the library, he advanced to the position of Library Technician. He retired from that position on January 30, 1986 at the age of 60.



DON HEPP

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Look at that tie!

Jim Elliot and Dave Delony of Olympia IOOF #1 chatted following Don Hepp's funeral on March 17. Jim has been a member for more than 70 years. Laurel Delony said, "I want his tie!" Jim says it's at least 60 years old.



Farewell to Don

A large crowd gathered for the funeral of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patriarch Don Hepp on Saturday, March 17. Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 performed the Odd Fellow Funeral Ceremony.

PGM & PGP Don Hepp. . .

Continued from previous column

Don married Jeannine June Grawunder on July 24, 1954. They met on a blind date and were married for nearly 51 years before Jeannine passed away on March 31, 2005. They had one daughter, Margaret Ann. He had two grandsons, Scott and Matthew.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

EASTER EGG HUNT A SUCCESS

Time is flying fast! Can it really be April already? Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 had a social meeting on March 28 which included a potluck and plenty of work. The members stuffed hundreds of plastic eggs with candy. It's a tedious job, but well worth the outcome.

Speaking of outcome, our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park on March 31 saw plenty of kids out to scarf up the plastic eggs filled with those goodies. We had a nice fire, plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers, lots of salads and a lot of Odd Fellowship. The Easter Egg Hunt is always fun and we have a good time. Thank you to the members of Olympia and Ruth who set up, purchased food, decorated, organized, cooked and cleaned up. Oh, and that long-eared fellow showed up for a photo op and to help the kids find eggs. He really knows how to hide those eggs.

DEGREES NOW, WORK TO FOLLOW

We finished up getting members to the Third Degree on March 19. The Second and Third Degrees were performed and the members went from pink collars to red. Now we get to put them to work!

We have three new applicants who have been elected to membership. Our lodge will be putting on the Initiatory and First Degree on Monday, May 21. Secretaries, if you have any applicants and would like to have them initiated by Olympia, please send a letter to the lodge under your seal. Bring your members register book on initiation night.

PROJECT HELP!

Our lodge members are getting to work on our "Project Help!" We have members lined up for some "honey dos." A Brother was in need of his shed roof requiring a repair, gutters cleaned out and roof cleaned of pine needles. We were there! Another Sister needed help with some yard work. We were there! Another is in need of some basic plumbing repairs. If you know someone who might need a little help, please contact our Noble Grand Joanne at (253) 209-0167.

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



An Oak Harbor Welcome

Rebekah Assembly President Cathy Garcia was on hand at Oak Leaf's second meeting in March. Seated, from left, are President Cathy and Kathy Gould, our newest member. Standing, from left, are Sec. Mary Stewart, NG Ally Wyum and VG Robin Bond.

In Oak Harbor

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254

Members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 had the honor of entertaining Rebekah Assembly President Cathy Garcia at our last meeting in March. Our members enjoyed a nice dinner and visiting with Sister Cathy prior to the meeting.

At the meeting, we conferred the Rebekah Degree on our new member, Sister Kathy Gould. We are so happy to have her as a new member and know she will be an asset to our lodge.

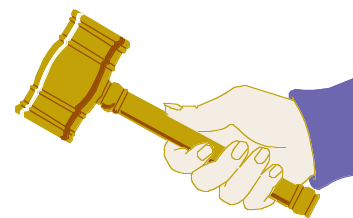
Everyone enjoyed Cathy's presentation.

— Judy Diekman, Representative



2018 Grand Sessions

COME & MEET & GREET YOUR OLD FRIENDS!





Walla Walla winners

Members of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 turned out in a big way to present the honors to the “Woman and Man of the Year” in the five living units of the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla: TLC-Assisted Living, East Care (First Floor), Merriam

Apartments, West Care Center, and Clinton Apartments. Presenters were, from left: Marthann Hall, Rose Ringhoffer, Barbara Lechner, Robertta Hunt, Patty Newell, Jeanne Elder, Jeanine Griffin, Shirley Ruble, Nancy Klicker, and Barbara Tvrz.



A big thank you

John Brigham, CEO of the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, took a break from meetings to stop by and thank the Narcissa Rebekahs Sisters who announced the winners of the awards. From left are: Barbara Tvrz, Shirley Ruble and John Brigham.

*2018 Sessions
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Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

AN UPDATE ON THE MONTESANO HALL

We are still busy working to update our Montesano Hall. Still have a bit of painting to do and Kelly Hughes is working on getting the carpet ordered. Then it's rental time! It really will be a nice rental unit.

We are working on putting together a Degree Day and possibly having it at the Montesano Hall. It really is a nice hall and we have all the equipment. It would be fun to have a Degree Day in an old hall.

Kelly did a little research on the hall in Montesano and found that the building housed dental offices at one time. Now that's interesting history!

IS THETA RHO IN HER FUTURE?

One of our newest members is going to have a baby. We are very excited! This will be a first for the lodge and this will be her first girl — possibly a future Theta Rho Girl? We're keeping our fingers crossed.

WE LOVE VISITORS!

Come out and visit us some time. The first meeting of the month is at the Bucoda Community Center and our second meeting is at the hall in Montesano. Meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. We do not go dark in the summer. Meetings are at 7 p.m. We are a cohesive lodge and we have a lot of fun.

We'll leave the Fraternal light on for ya!

— Fraternally

Members of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129

2018 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 22 through 27, 2018

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

PLEASE PRINT

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

“Bit of Italy” (Chicken Cacciatore)

Adults \$28.00 _____

Banquet Theme: “Harry Potter”

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

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

Grilled Chicken **OR**

Pork Loin *(Circle One)* \$27.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 a.m. Grand Master’s Breakfast

Healthy Start \$15.00 _____

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

Healthy Start \$15.00 _____

6:00 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: “50s Sock Hop”

Sliced Beef Sirloin **OR**

Chicken Cordon Bleu *(Circle One)* \$30.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 a.m. TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives’ Breakfast Buffet

All American \$15.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet

All American \$15.00 _____

4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Sliced Beef Sirloin **OR** \$30.00 _____

Chicken Cordon Bleu *(Circle One)*

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

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607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

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Online: www.redlion.com/yakima

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If you need a Scooter, contact Kelly Darbyson directly at the number above.

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

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Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2018. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

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

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FUN VISITATIONS

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well! I’ve had a fun and busy month so far. On March 3 I made my official visit to the Pasco #14 Theta Rho Club. We had a lot of fun visiting, eating at Taco Bell, and catching up! I also made my official visit my own club, Eta #94, on Thursday, March 1. Members staged a cute skit which included my motto, “mistakes are proof you’ve tried.” We had fun singing and doing other fun things!



STEPHANIE WIGLE

CARAVAN

I also have been doing “Caravan” again, which is a youth group for my Church, Community of Christ, for Washington and Oregon. We meet up each month. Last month we did an auction for our big trip and it was very successful. I want to thank everyone who contributed to it! This year we are going around Oregon, Idaho and Nevada, and I am so excited! But not as excited as I am for our Assembly Sessions!

SPRING RETREAT

Our Theta Rho Spring Retreat is coming up soon! If club members are having trouble getting to the retreat or someone can’t go and that’s taking you away from going, please contact the JYC in your Jurisdiction. They are there to help us out, but cannot support us if they do not know that we need their help. We really want everyone to come and have fun. I have some activities planned that are going to be a blast! We haven’t had a retreat in

two years! I hope to see you all soon!!!

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

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