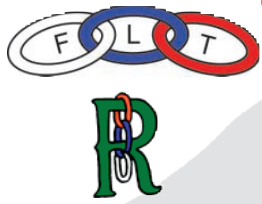


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Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79, Spunky Bluebirds #93 and Eta #94 checked out the nice clean windows at the Park Hall. The girls used a lot of elbow grease to make

the windows shine. The labor was a thank you to the Olympia Odd Fellows for allowing the girls to use the Park.

From your JYC

April retreat was fun, wet & productive!

Wow! We're so glad to be part of the Theta Rho Girls! Girls representing Acorn #79, Spunky Bluebirds #93 and Eta #94 had their Retreat in Olympia on April 13, 14 and 15. Although the weather was not cooperative, they had a good time as did we all did.

Friday night was free night with pizza. Saturday we got busy with designing a new brochure, practicing for Sessions and going through the TRA briefcases.

New tiaras were handed out to the elective officers. Each of elective officers attending provided an activity of their choice to include all the girls. There were songs, fun, games and learning.

As you can see by the pictures, we all had a great time. Thanks to the Olympia Odd Fellows for the use of their park. Thank you to my team JYC who put the retreat

together. Thank you to Kathi Picanco for handling the food. Thank you to the Advisors and Theta Rho Girls for all of their help in making this a great retreat weekend.

See you at Sessions.

*— In Happiness Through Service
And with Theta Rho Hugs,
From your Washington JYC Team
Email: laureljdelyony@gmail.com*



Singing in the Rain?

The girls gathered for a group photo during one of the few times it wasn't raining. See additional photo on Page 9.

From the desk of your Grand Master

YES, LODGES CAN BE SAVED

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I am shocked that this is my ninth letter to you as Grand Master. Time has passed so rapidly that my head is still spinning. I was speaking to a Brother the other day. His lodge was on the brink of closure. They were discussing voluntary surrender of their Charter. However, one person said *no*, we can't let this fail. We will be initiating four new members and reinstating a fifth. This is possible in any lodge.



KELLY HUGHES

I counted that during the last three years I personally have brought in seven members to my lodge. I always have an application with me and am constantly talking about the Odd Fellows. If someone expresses interest, pull out that app and get their name on it. If you have to "get an application" for them, they are lost

SESSIONS ARE ALMOST HERE

Sessions are sneaking up on us, and before I know it I will strike the gavel starting the 140th meeting of the Grand Lodge of Washington. I hope that we have a productive Session and a lot of fun seeing old friends and making new ones.

Here's a reminder to bring that red collar. I want to look out at the members assembled and see everyone in "proper" regalia.

Our host committee has been working diligently to ensure

that our Sessions run smoothly. The sudden change of venue came as a surprise, but the Red Lion is going to be an amazing facility and work much better for us. That being said just remember it is the first year and there will inevitably be some things that come up we aren't expecting.

If you can come on Saturday, the Theta Rho Clubs have their Fun Night banquet. It is a *wonderful* time with costumes, games and awards for the clubs. Please come support our Theta Rho Girls.

DON'T FORGET OUR PROGRAMS

Don't forget some of our program such as Visual Aid, Arthritis, and the SOS Children's Village. All these great programs need our support.

RAISE FOR ROWYN

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about my program this year. "Raise for Rowyn" is an amazing organization that grew from a tragedy. Please show your support, I have glass mugs for sale for \$5 and large tankards for \$10. The proceeds from the sale of these items will go to "Raise for Rowyn" to help defray the financial costs of funerals to families that lose children. Look them up online at Raiseforrowyn.org

This letter is short this month as there is a lot going on. I hope your lodges are busy with projects big or small. If nothing else, have a social and do a spring cleaning, dust the doorknobs, sweep the ceiling (cobwebs), and have a big potluck.

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

Your 2017-2018 Grand Master

Buckley Encampment #40

Warmth surrounds Buckley Installation

April might have started off cold and stormy, but there was warmth and fellowship in the Buckley Odd Fellows Hall on Monday, April 2 for the Installation of Officers of Buckley Encampment #40. Grand Patriarch C. Allan Reitan assembled a team of experienced Patriarchs for his Installing Team: Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.; Frank Wilson, PGP; and John Otterstrom, PGP.

The evening began with a sumptuous roast beef dinner prepared by Buckley Encampment member Toby Hanson, PGP. After dinner, the group proceeded into the lodge hall for the Ceremony of Installation. The Installing Team did a superb job discharging their duties for the evening and a fine time was had by all.

— In F., H. & C., Toby Hanson, PGP



Gathered at the Buckley Encampment Installation are, from left: Frank Wilson, PGP; Duard Fyffe, PGM; C. Allan Reitan, Grand Patriarch; Piper Fyffe, Chief Patriarch; Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PGM, and Grand Secretary Emeritus; Al How, Senior Warden; and John Otterstrom, PGP.

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 turned in their reports and budgets for the “Take Me.”



HARRY W.
“BILL” COULTER

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.

A number of lodges have received notice from the IRS that they have failed to file their 990's. I sent the IRS a complete list of those lodges that were filed in the “Group 990” that Sovereign Grand Lodge had filed. I have not received an answer back. I will let everyone know when I do.

For those lodge that did not sign the consent form or did not meet the criteria to have SGL file for them, you will have to file the taxes yourself.

GRAND SESSIONS

This year the Grand Sessions of the Grand Bodies of Jurisdiction of Washington will be held at “The Red Lion Yakima Center” located a 607 E. Yakima Avenue in Yakima, Washington. You need to get your hotel reservations in as soon as possible. All room reservations will be made for the first floor.

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions will start on Monday, June 25 and finish on Wednesday,

June 27. The Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment will start at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27. The Theta Rho events will begin on Friday, June 22. Registration forms, including forms for meals, appear in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. They can be found on pages 10, 11 and 12.

Registrations for Sessions will be handled again this year by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, under the chairmanship of Joe and Kathi Picanco.

— Fraternally,

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

Memorial Day event in Olympia May 28!

Olympia Odd Fellows will hold their annual Memorial Day Celebration on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. The ceremony starts at 12:30 p.m. There will be hot dogs, chips and sodas after the program

If you can't make the ceremony, but would still like to be involved, please come out to the cemetery on Saturday, May 26 at 9 a.m. We'll be placing flags on the graves of the Veterans and we can use your help. There might even be a doughnut or two before we get started. If it's wet, bring your galoshes, hoodie and / or umbrella.

The cemetery is located at 3802 Cleveland Ave, SE, Tumwater, WA 98501.

For more information you can contact the Cemetery Board Chairman Dave Delony at (253) 590-6802 or the Cemetery Manager Bob Brunetti at (360) 352-8601.

Bring your chowder

Olympia Seafood Fest on Saturday, July 21!!



The Olympia Annual Seafood Fest will be held on Saturday, July 21 at 1 p.m. at the Puget Beach Odd Fellow Park, 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia, WA 98516.

The Seafood Dinner is \$10. Please bring a dish to share. In addition to seafood, there will be raffles, games for the kids, as well as horseshoe and corn hole competition.

If you plan to enter the chowder competition please bring two gallons of chowder and the \$10 fee will be waived. The winner's name will go on a perpetual plaque.

For more information, please contact Laurel Delony at laureljdellony@gmail.com or call her at (253) 468-1949.


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From the desk of the Assembly President

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

I don't know about you, but I am ready for the flowers — and *sooo* done with the rain.

I've almost completed my visits and have certainly been treated with wonderful hospitality and gracious friendship. I can't thank all of you enough for your generous gifts — both personally and for our Theta Rho Girls through my project.



CATHY GARCIA

BLOUSES HAVE ARRIVED

Our Sessions blouses have arrived and hopefully you have all received what you ordered. I think they turned out wonderful. I hope you like them as well. Feel free to pair them with a comfortable skirt of your choice. Wear them buttoned up or open with a coordinating tee under them.

TOGETHER WE CAN BE STRONGER

We lost two lodges this year and one more that consolidated with South Tacoma #160. It is always so sad to see a lodge surrender its Charter, and there are always tears from dedicated members. I only hope that by transferring their membership to more active lodges, these Sisters will find the encouragement to continue to grow in their own personal Rebekah ideals and stay active with our Order. I hope each of us will welcome these Brothers and Sisters with open arms and love. Together we can build stronger lodges that will have more impact on our communities and bring in new members to share our work.

BRINGING US FORWARD

While in The Tri-Cities last month I had Lunch with

some of the Pasco Theta Rho Girls. We talked about encouraging the young girls to get involved with our Theta Rho Girls' Club and what we might look at working to change in order to interest them. The general consensus was to find a way to bring our program into the technology world. These young ladies are growing up on phones and tablets and we are going to have to join them in their world before they are going to join us in our lodges. I'm asking my Rebekah Brothers and Sisters to come to Sessions this year with some ideas about this task. It will be difficult for some of us, but others have a great sense of computers and I'm sure you could bring together some strong ideas. There will be a discussion on this topic in June.

GETTING CLOSER TO SESSIONS

We are only a few weeks from this year's Annual Sessions and I feel that there is so much I would like to share with you — but I don't think they will let me take on several pages of this newspaper. Instead I will just reiterate a big thank you for all you have done these last several months and all I know you will continue to do beyond the end of this term. I am excited to see many of you in Yakima and am hoping for time to visit, share ideas, concerns, and possibilities for our future.

I have one more newsletter to write as your President. I will start now at trying to come up with something that will be worthwhile to read, and inspirational to remember.

Have a wonderful May full of Daisies and Grace.

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



Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

On Friday, May 11 during the evening after work, members of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 will be cleaning the Memorial Garden in Bucoda. This will be our fourth year. Once we're done weeding and planting flowers, the park will be a lovely place to visit. This Memorial Park has been around since World War II.

We're having another slumber/work party at the Montesano hall. The members will be meeting up on Saturday, May 12 to finish up some small painting items and more house cleaning. The robe room will be finished — organized and usable.

We're planning on doing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees in the hall. This will be a first in a long time

Good news! We have another application for membership! Welcome Sharon Jones.

We are still selling car wash tickets. \$5 each. These make good gifts for the person who has everything. Find

LuAnne Hoffman for your tickets.

There were a few members that made it out to the Olympia Park for the Easter Egg Hunt. What a great day! If you ever get the chance, you need to go. It was a lot of fun!

We are planning on being in the Oregon Trail Days Parade on Saturday, July 28. The parade is held in Tenino. Be in place by 9:30 a.m. for judging. The parade starts at 11: a.m. We'd love to have your support and have you walk with us in the parade. Contact our Secretary for more information.

Lodge members also will be trekking up to Olympia to help place flags on the Veterans' graves on Saturday, May 26. Our own Kelly Hughes, Grand Master, will be participating in the program on Memorial Day.

— *Fraternally,
Laurel Delony, Reporter*

From Your 2017-18 Assembly Secretary

AFTER THE RAIN, LET'S SEE MAY FLOWERS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The month on May brings May flowers and I hope a little less rain. We have had a long season of rain and lots of snow, but it will make for a abundance of water for our summer to come.



MARCIA PRESLEY

The Month of May is Visual Research Month. "Open eyes that many may see." Remember, many have sight. . . only a few have vision.

PER CAPITA DUES DUE

You will be receiving your first half of the Per Capita and Assessment Dues bill. I want to remind you that if your Per Capita and Assessment Dues are not paid by the deadline date, your

Representative or Alternate Representative will not be seated in the Rebekah Assembly as a voting delegate.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

I have sent a copy of the Non-Discrimination Policy that all Rebekah Lodges need to add to your Lodge By-Laws. This is a directive from Sovereign Grand Lodge and notification needs to be complied with so I can notify the Sovereign Grand Lodge that this directive has been complied with. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me.

Just a reminder, that all reference to the old incorporation name United Nations reference and logo, need to be removed from all websites, constitutions, by-laws and other printed material that is shared with the general public. The new name of the Corporation is "Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Pilgrimage for Youth Program." They are incorporated in the State of North Carolina, USA.

The tours will be reinstated in 2019. I have sent verification forms. Be sure they are signed by the officers indicated and your Lodge Seal is attached and returned to my office as soon as possible. This does not have to be read in your lodge meeting before it can be signed and returned to me so your lodge name and number are checked off my list before the deadline. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A FINAL THOUGHT

To be happy, be genuinely interested in other people's lives. Be supportive. Show hospitality and kindness. Encourage someone in his or her endeavors. Be the person that can always be depended on when needed. Share in the success of those who have made contributions to society. Your ordinary efforts will become extraordinary because they reached out to someone else with encouragement.

That makes you an extraordinary person!

*— 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

I'VE BEEN LOVING YOUR INSTALLATIONS

Dear Matriarchs,

I was so honored to be able to do the Installation of the LEA Auxiliaries this year and I hope that your Auxiliaries will be happy and prosperous this next year and always. I also traveled to Spokane with my two sidekicks, Jennie Reed, Past Chief Matriarch, and Karen Hoylman, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington, to do the Installation for the Unique Unified Encampment. It was a wonderful experience and I enjoyed having C. Allan Reitan, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, as the Installing Officer for the Unified Encampment in Spokane and the LEA and Encampment Installation in Des Moines.



Thank you to all the members of LEA's and Encampments of the Jurisdiction of Washington for their warm welcome and all the good food.

KEEP SUPPORTING OUR PROJECT

C. Allan's and my project to raise funds for Sunny Sky's Animal Rescue Clinic in Puyallup is doing well, but we would like to raise more before our year is up. Any amount is welcome.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

I hope that all the LEA Auxiliaries have plans to get some new members. We need to add to our membership numbers. We can't wait any longer. Our numbers are dwindling and our attendance is down. Now is the time to get some new members and keep our Auxiliaries going. ***Don't wait until it is too late!***

HAPPINESS

*Happiness can be found almost anywhere,
Tucked inside a kind word or a simple prayer.
Happiness is contagious or so I have found,
It feels so much nicer, when it's spread around.*

*A nod, a handshake, a great big smile,
It's the little things that make life worthwhile.*

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

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Leona Savage**, PNG and 30+ year Secretary of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton. 71-year member. Joined Inez Rebekah Lodge #79 in Sunnyside on May 21, 1946. Transferred to Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 on May 11, 1955.

From your 2017-2018 Grand Patriarch

GREETINGS FELLOW PATRIARCHS!

I would like to thank the Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Patriarch. While looking back on the many years of service to this Branch of Odd Fellowship, it has been a



C. ALLAN
REITAN

challenged time as we have seen numerous changes to our Order in recent years as a reactionary measure to external forces that have been courted to operate not with our best interests in intent.

I wish to thank those of you who have welcomed me within your respective Encampments as I made my visits and travelled around the Jurisdiction. I also wish to thank the kindness that has been shown to my working partner, Grand Matriarch, Marcia Presley, as we have been raising donations for the

Sunny Sky's Animal Shelter.

This past year at Sovereign Grand Lodge a resolution has been presented to allow Scarlet Degree Odd Fellows to be eligible to join the Patriarch's Militant branch of our Order without previously belonging to an Encampment. The general direction and operational intent of our Order now appears to be to consolidate the Branches down into just one. What that future state may look like still remains to be determined. However as of this writing the Encampment is challenged in that our largest Jurisdiction is located in Pennsylvania.

Originally, when the Encampment Branch was created it served a useful function when lodges were vastly located all around a Jurisdiction. These lodges in each of the significant collective population centers were probably located about 15 to 20 miles apart or roughly a one day trip by the Wells Fargo Coach lines. Without modern means of communications, you had to rely on letters in the Post Office, or actually travelling to meet in person at lodge halls. When our membership nationally was in excess of one million, there existed limited opportunities for a member to achieve leadership and thus, "raise and elevate their character."

There was room and capacity for the Encampments to serve this unfulfilled need for leadership to travel around locally to area lodges and support degree work, and further study. Local Odd Fellow lodges with their degree work was written to speak directly to the individual member's internal qualities as a singular contributor to a new community of like minded people. The Encampment Degrees then focused on the purpose of a person as an outward mission of purpose within the world and further striving for diligence in their

endeavors.

Today with internet and social media, have been unravelling the fabric of the Order Jurisdictions have become a nebulous matter, as anyone can go shop around and find support for their ideas. Information without context becomes the new currency of the day and while much faster than past methods, leads to many more challenges with having to gauge effectiveness of messages in a vacuum. The things that have been reliable in the past to instill a fundamental expectation are no longer reliable in the modern world of little guidance and free-spirited manners.

In the end, it is my hope that eventually our Order will come to rest in a state of being where by we can allow younger members to enjoy some of camaraderie and mission of purpose greater than themselves. Our world today needs the value that non-profits and fraternal orders bring to bear to help support those in our society who have been, or ever felt, marginalized.

In Faith, Hope & Charity

C. Allan Reitan, Grand Patriarch



Decked out for gamblin'

Reverend Joanne Balmert, Sheriff Dave Delony, and Saloon gal Laurel Delony were ready to gamble at Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge's Casino Night on February 24. Laurel and Dave were runners-up in the costume contest. Joanne won best costume in the men's division. Yes that's a mustache and sideburns she's sporting.



Officers of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 are, back row from left: Helen Grabner, Barbara Gall, Janet Mains, Cathy Garcia, Christie Mortensen and Marie Miller. Front row,

from left, are: Noble Grand Ruth Hanauer, Jessica Cannon, Margaret Carlsen, Janie Ramos and Chrystal Merfeld.

Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton

The bi-monthly meeting of the Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton honored our Rebekah Assembly President Cathy Garcia and her husband Rick on April 10 with a dinner before the regular meeting. During the dinner, a drawing was held for several of the table decorations of potted plants, plus a door prize.

During the meeting, Cathy shared her experiences as this year's Assembly President and the joy she has had in meeting the members of the lodges that she and her husband have visited. She also shared information about her special project this year of encouraging the expansion of Theta Rho in the Jurisdiction of Washington. Alder Lodge then presented her with a Bluebird house, a glass Bluebird and a donation for her project. Bickleton is famous for its Bluebirds which nest here each spring.

We had a wonderful turnout of more than 20 members. We want to say thank you to all the members who helped with the food and the setup/cleanup for the dinner.

Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 says farewell to long-time member Leona Savage. We offer a sad farewell to one of our longest standing members of Alder Rebekah Lodge. Sister Leona was a Rebekah Secretary for more than 30 years, and served as Alder's Noble Grand in 1961. She originally joined Inez Rebekah Lodge #79 in Sunnyside on May 21, 1946 as Leona Roehl. She was married a year later and became Leona Savage. She transferred

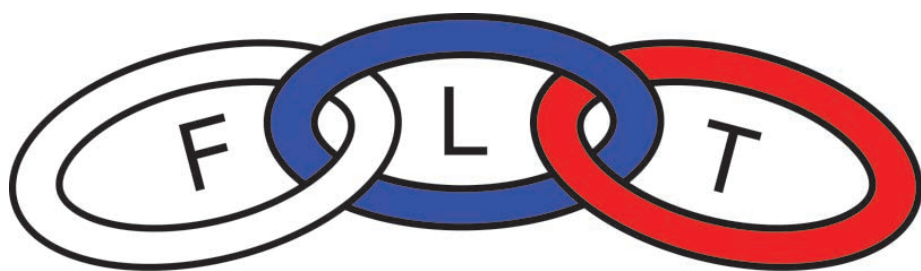
from Inez Lodge to Alder Lodge on May 11, 1955. She passed away on February 15, 2018. Leona will be greatly missed.

— *In F., L. & T., Pam Wolfe, Reporter*



Rebekah Assembly of Washington Cathy Garcia chats with Alder Rebekah Lodge's oldest member, Helen Lusby.

~ 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

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP I.O.O.F. LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Gaiski, 3460 4th Dr. NE, Bremerton, WA 98310. **Ph:** (360) 479-0193. **Sec'y:** Larry Seward, Jr., 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 620-7741.

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

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Arlene Workman, 280 SE Darst St., Issaquah, WA 98027. **Ph:** (425) 241-3212. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 - 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013

HUNTERS I.O.O.F. LODGE #216

Meets At: Hunters IOOF Lodge, 4945 Hwy. 25 B., PO Box 44, Hunters, WA 99137. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Michael Schwartz, PO Box 133, Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 722-3382. **Sec'y:** Gina Sundeston, PO Box 44, Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 342-8897

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

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PILGRIM I.O.O.F. LODGE #187

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 **Meeting Time:** 2nd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** June, July, Aug. **NG:** Rockne Johnson, 21827 54th Pl. NE, Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (360) 691-6991. **Sec'y Pro-Tem:** Terry Grove, 1427 100th St. SW, #47, Everett, WA 98204. **Ph:** (425) 610-4561

RICHLAND I.O.O.F. LODGE #338

Meets At: 500 Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA 99352. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elaine DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342. **Sec'y:** Glen DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342

SKOOKUMCHUCK I.O.O.F. LODGE #129

Meets 2nd Wednesday At: 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Bucoda, WA. **Meets 4th Wednesday At:** 118 Marcy, Montesano, WA. **Time:** 7:00 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530-0248. **Ph:** (360) 402-1600. **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717

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

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Meets At: 888 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Chuck Miller, 9406 NE 151st Ct., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 892-3409. **Sec'y:** Joyce Gilson, 527 NE 6th Ave., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 823-8187

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, 381 Pheasant Crest Dr., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 965-1892. **Sec'y:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910



Who's your mummy?

One of the fun events at the Theta Rho Retreat was "mummifying" the girls as part of a team building game. See story and related photos on Page 1.

Treasures awaiting at South Tacoma's sale!

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 will host a rummage sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The hall is located at 5424 South Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA 98409. Come find your Treasures!



Our own Toby Hanson is now a member of the "Northwest Western Swing Hall of Fame."

Toby Hanson makes the NW Hall of Fame

Local accordionist Toby Hanson has been elected to membership in the "Northwest Western Swing Hall Of Fame" in a vote of the Northwest Western Swing Music Society on April 8, 2018. Brother Toby will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame in a ceremony held the weekend of August 9-12 at the Enumclaw Field House in Enumclaw, WA. He joins a field of other esteemed Western Swing musicians and promoters from around the country in the induction class of 2018.

Toby has been an active participant in the Western Swing community in the Pacific Northwest as a performer for more than 20 years in several local bands including "Mended Heart," "The Dreyer Brothers," "Cowgirl's Dream," and "The Jangles." He also has several studio credits to his name as both a session musician on piano and accordion, and also as a producer. He was the producer of "Mended Heart's" award-nominated album "Cowboy Snapshots."

In addition to his work in the Western Swing field, he is an in-demand musician with other groups including the "Valse Café Orchestra," "Rouge French" cabaret ensemble, and his own polka band, the "Smilin' Scandinavians," whose album "Twenty Years" was nominated for Album Of The Year by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame in 2017.

More information about the Northwest Western Swing Hall of Fame and the awards ceremony can be found on the Northwest Western Swing Music Society's website at:

<http://www.nwwsms.com>



Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 in Olympia spent many hours stuffing hundreds of Easter eggs, but the kids

managed to round them all up in a matter of minutes. Note the eggs on the grass as the Easter Egg Hunt starts.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekahs #17

The Noble Grands of both lodges have been keeping us busy.

I know I mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt last month, but here are the pictures to prove it. See all those eggs? There were many hours spent stuffing eggs at a social meeting for Ruth #17, and it took only minutes for the kids to hunt them up. The Easter Bunny did make an appearance and the kids ate all of his carrots. What happened to eating candy? Well it's a good offset. We had fabulous weather and we barbecued outside. There were lots of salads, hot dishes and desserts to choose from. The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows had a raffle and made \$225 which is going to the Theta Rho Housing Fund. Thank you all!

The Park Board hosted the Theta Rho Retreat. The girls cleaned the inside and outside of the hall windows and then got dirty clearing the weeds out of the big toy area. Looking good, ladies!

Our lodges will be participating in the Lakefair Parade in July and we need your help. We need walkers. The

parade route is approximately a mile. If you would like to walk with us, please contact Joe Picanco at (360) 561-2220. More details follow in June.

For those members who have not paid your dues, it's still due! Dues are \$50 for this year. Please send your payments to PO Box 4400, Tumwater WA 98501. If you haven't paid your dues, you will **not** be given the park lock combination for this year.

The first monthly meetings in June, July, August and September are at the park. The second meetings those months will be at the hall.

Olympia Odd Fellows will be performing the Initiatory and 1st Degree on Monday, May 21. If your members need these Degrees, please send a letter to our Secretary.

The paint is purchased! Now we have to find a weekend when we can get everyone together for a paint party. The upstairs, or top floor, is going to look spectacular!

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 was the hostess lodge for

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Olympia #1 & Ruth #17

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the District Association #3 Meeting on April 21. Our own Kathi Picanco is the District President and she had a wonderful short program on finance.

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



Photo ops were plentiful at Olympia's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Here the long-eared debonair rabbit, also known as the Easter Bunny, poses with one of the many kids so mom can get a picture.



With their sacks full of eggs stuffed with candy, four of the many children who participated in Olympia's Easter Egg Hunt were all smiles.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

CONSOLIDATION

The Consolidation is in the works. In the next month or so, Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 of Des Moines will be consolidating with South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160. We are looking forward to these Brothers and Sister joining our crew.

We will be hosting a *rummage sale* at the South Tacoma IOOF Hall on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hot dogs and sodas will be available. The hall is located at 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma.

Noble Grand Joan had us up to our elbows in frosting. For Good of the Order, we retired to the lunch room and decorated Easter cookies. Of course our only rooster in the hen house had to start throwing stuff. We had some creative cookies and a lot of fun. And they were good, too!

The District Association #3 Meeting was held at the South Tacoma Hall and we had many members present. The meeting was short, but informative. Brother Joe Picanco gave training on financial matters. We partook of a potluck for lunch during Joe's presentation.

The meeting closed early so that members could head to Bremerton to attend Brother Don Cowdery's services. He was a member of Mystic Rebekah Lodge and attended District Association #3 when he could.

Our lodge, not only is getting members by consolida-



Noble Grand Joan led a group of South Tacoma Rebekahs who decorated dozens of Easter cookies.

tion, but we will be interviewing an applicant and probably doing the Rebekah Degree at our first meeting in May.

Oh, if anyone would like to donate to our rummage sale, please contact Laurel Delony at (253) 468-1949. She and her husband can pick up bigger items.

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



Mizpah's May Pole in the 1950s

Found in the archives at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley, this photo depicts the Mizpah Rebekah Lodge float during the Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival Parade sometime in the early 1950's. According to information accompanying the photo, the folks riding on the front are Edna Aldred and Jan Garten. The boy is Steve

Hopeman, who was later killed in the Vietnam War. One of the women at the rear is Josephine Swanson. Others on the float were not identified. The Rhododendron Festival, which started in 1935, is still up and running and will be on May 14-20 this year. If you have any more information about this photo, please let us know.

Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor

YES, SPRING IS HERE!

First we would like to thank the JJYC and Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for the wet, but fun weekend of at our Theta Rho Retreat. It was fun spending time with the girls from the other clubs.

We also had a lot of fun representing Odd Fellowship in the Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor.

Thanks Sister Laurel for the wonderful new Theta Rho banner. We enjoyed our sleepover the night before with President Stephanie and the other girls from Eta Theta Rho Club and also the members who came from the Spunky Bluebirds Club in South Tacoma. We will have

pictures to share in the next issue of *The Washington OddFellow*.

This month we will be going to the nursing home to paint the ladies' nails for Mothers' Day and delivering the cards we made.

GETTING READY FOR SESSIONS

We are working on our assignments for Sessions and also on our scrapbook. June will be here before you know it. We're hoping to see many of you in Yakima.

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



Several members of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla traveled across the state line to Integrity Lodge #175 in Milton-Freewater, Oregon to welcome

Brenda F. Spence, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon. (She's from left.) Sister Brenda is a member of Leone Rebekah Lodge #84 in Scio, Oregon.

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

Our guest speaker was Terry Nix, Chief Financial Officer, Washington Odd Fellows Endowment Fund. The fund was started in 2000 and is a perpetual trust to enrich the lives of Odd Fellows Home residents. It has thrived for 18 years and supported a number of projects. Foremost are two transportation buses with wheelchair lifts, a gift shop, salon, East Care Center dining room, numerous updates to care centers, and landscape design.

Our lodge welcomed Roxi Boolean as a new member in April. Roxi said the book, *Washington Odd Fellows Home, From 1897 to the Present*, inspired her to join the Rebekahs. "I learned the Odd Fellows is a caring organization that shelters families all over the world," she said.

Roxi and her three older sisters were raised by her grandparents when their young mother died in a car acci-

dent. She graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1970 and moved to Everett in 1988. While working at Child Protective Services, Roxi earned three college degrees in social work.

In 2017, Roxi retired from Adult Protective Services in Walla Walla after working 32 years for the state. She loves being with her children, grandchildren, extended family and friends. "I love to cook, bake and make up my own recipes, besides the recipes from Food Network," Roxi said. Her guests say they never ate better cooking.

Roxi respects our organization because it gives people a chance to live better lives. She said, "I asked myself, what can I do to help? Family is very important. Now I consider my friends, neighbors, and the lodge part of my family."

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

Items still needed for Sessions' Silent Auction

We are still looking for donations for the Grand Sessions Silent Auction. All proceeds will go the projects of each of the five Branch heads.

We can use gently used or new items including jewelry, handbags, Odd Fellow/Rebekah labeled items, sports memorabilia, gift baskets, needle work, quilting, etc. You name it, I'm sure will have a bidder for it. So please help the Unit heads with their projects by donating items to the Silent Auction.

Contact Laurel Delony at (253) 468-1949 for pick up or bring your items to the Sessions in Yakima and I'll get it labeled and set up.

— *Thank You and Fraternal Hug, Laurel Delony*



Narcissa Rebekah officers who installed Roxi Boolean are, from left: Patty Newell, Vice Grand; Roxi Boolean, new member; Barbara Lechner, Right Supporter to Noble Grand; and Nancy Klicker, Warden.

2018 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 22 through 27, 2018

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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 _____

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

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From your 2016-17 Theta Rho President

THETA RHO RACE

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well. I am very good and I'm excited about our Theta Rho Retreat! I'm writing this article before the Retreat and I am so excited! I have been planning and organizing an activity called the "Theta Rho Race" which is like the "Amazing Race" if you've ever heard of it.



STEPHANIE WIGLE

SLEEPING WITH THE SHARKS

Also this month with my College Now Environmental Science and Honor Society we got to sleep with the sharks at the Oregon Coast Aquarium! It was field trip that we had to raise money for, that included sleeping in the underwater tunnels with the sharks, a behind-the-scenes tours, an ROV class which is a remote operated vehicle that goes underwater and becoming very popular, tide pooling, hiking, different classes, and more! I had so much fun on this field trip. Also, I think I found another career I might look into doing being: a mammalogist, which is a person who trains and works with mammals, such as sea otters, seals and more.

I sent letters out to all the Theta Rho Clubs talking about Assembly. If you did not receive a letter from me talking about this, please contact me.

I had a good month and I hope you did too!

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

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