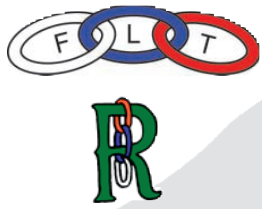


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Best Overall

Washington OddFellow reaps 6 awards at SGL

The *Washington OddFellow* newspaper was the recipient of six awards bestowed by the International Press Association at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions held in Baltimore, Maryland in August. All six awards were first place certificates. Competing in the monthly in-house printing classification, Washington's newspaper won the following:

- **Best Overall Publication**
- **Layout & Design** — First Place
- **Best Use of Photography** — First Place
- **Best News Content** — First Place
- **Best Jurisdictional Leadership** — First Place
- **Best Column** — First Place

"The *Washington OddFellow* has won many awards over the 22 years I have been editor" said Bill Ostlund. "But we have never been recognized with this many first place awards in the past," he added. "It is because of the great letters from our officers and submissions from the many Lodge Reporters that made these awards possible," Bill continued.

Some of the judge's comments included:

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Here are ways to promote your lodge

The Odd Fellows is a special and wonderful organization. It's not merely a club that we all belong to; it's an organization dedicated to helping each other and our communities in times of need. That special commitment we make to one another makes our work and our Order very meaningful. Because of that, we want to share our message with as many members of our community as possible that Odd Fellowship is the place for them to find meaning and purpose. But how, exactly, do we share that message?

The easiest way to share the story of Odd Fellowship is person-to-person. When the grocery checker asks if you have any plans tonight, you can answer her by saying that you're going to your lodge meeting. That's a great opener for talking Odd Fellowship because it always leads to a question about the lodge. Wearing an identifying piece of clothing like a hat or shirt is another great way to prompt questions about Odd Fellowship. Make sure that you're able to give a concise, accurate answer when the question comes up, something like, "Odd Fellowship is a worldwide fraternal order dedicated to helping out our members and our communities and we have a lodge right here in town. We're always doing great activities and having fun and we'd love to have a new member. Here's an application for you with my phone number. Feel free to call with any questions." You should have an application with you as well.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEWS MEDIA

The news media is another great way to share the message of Odd Fellowship. You have to be able to communicate with them in the format they deal with regularly, though. Knowing how to write a press release is crucial to getting your message out to the media. Newspapers especially are always looking for free content they can print with little or no preparation. The more you can adhere to the format they're used to, the higher the likelihood they will include your information. To share information about your lodge to a newspaper, website, radio station, or other

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From the desk of your Grand Master

THANKS FOR A GREAT RECEPTION

Hello everyone! Thank you to all of you who attended the Reception for Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed, Theta Rho Assembly President Bethany Struthers, and myself on September 8. The skies were gray, but we had plenty of fun with good food and fellowship. Special thanks to Grand Musician Greg Powers for organizing a Dixieland band for the occasion. It's a good reminder that we should celebrate everything we do as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. It's a chance to show our communities the value of becoming a member.



TOBY HANSON

As I write this column I'm preparing for the beginning of my Oktoberfest season which kicks off with a special performance for our troops at Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) on September 15. It's a great honor to perform for members of America's Armed Forces, one that I never pass up.

I mention Oktoberfest because it's a tradition that goes back about 200 years. What was once a small, local celebration has grown to become a worldwide phenomenon, celebrated far beyond its original Bavarian homeland. The parallel with Odd Fellowship is not lost on me. Just as Oktoberfest has spread across the world, with events from Abu Dhabi to Japan, so has Odd Fellowship spread across the world. The main reason Oktoberfest has become a worldwide event is because of promotion. In this edition of *The Washington OddFellow* you'll find a handy guide to promoting your lodge and events.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS THIS MONTH

October also means nominations of officers in your lodge. Remember that part of sustaining Odd Fellowship into the future means training the next generation of lodge officers. We all love the dear Brother or Sister who has served as Secretary or Treasurer for many years. We admire the dedication and commitment it takes to fulfill an office for that long. However, maybe this is the year for that Brother or Sister to move into the role of mentor and start teaching a younger member how to run the business of the lodge.

One of the most traumatic things a lodge can endure is the loss of a long-time member without passing along the accumulated knowledge to a new generation. I wouldn't be Grand Master without the support and encouragement of my predecessors. Take this election season as the time when you set your lodge up for the future and encourage some new officers to learn the ropes.

PROJECT FUND-RAISER

I also want to mention a special fund-raiser for my project organized by the members of Kremlin Khuzar of the

Noble Order of Muscovites hosted by the Rhein Haus in Seattle. They have a Monday night meat raffle and the proceeds on October 22 will be going toward my project, Music In Schools Pierce County. See the notice here in *The Washington OddFellow* for more details.

I'M HERE TO HELP

Lastly, remember that I'm available to help you out with whatever comes up. If you have questions, comments, ideas, or requests, feel free to contact me. You can call or text me at (206) 245-8207 or email me at iooftoby@gmail.com.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Toby Hanson,
Your 2018-2019 Grand Master*

From your 2018-19 Grand Chaplain

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

When Grand Master Toby Hanson asked me if I would serve this year as Grand Chaplain, I enthusiastically accepted. In this role I will occasionally contribute some thoughts on the spiritual teachings of Odd Fellowship in our newspaper. Over the course of the year I would be delighted to hear your thoughts on what these teachings mean to each of you and how you've lived them. Who knows, perhaps you may see your thoughts reflected in what I share in a future edition.



BOB DUNIWAY

To start this conversation, I would like to share with you my favorite line from an Odd Fellows prayer — "Bless whatever good we have accomplished in this time, and forgive what we have done amiss." The reason I am so fond of this line is that it reinforces the modest pride we appropriately take in the work we do.

Just as we trust our Creator to appreciate our best efforts, and to patiently allow us to learn from our errors and move on without condemnation, we as Odd Fellows can extend the same generous love to our fellow members, and also to ourselves. When we recognize and appreciate one another for the many contributions we all make, we are being God's agents. When we let go of resentments for the mistakes or misunderstandings of others, we are practicing the forgiveness we turn to God to demonstrate. And when we focus on our own good work, and forgive ourselves and move on from whatever we have done amiss, we take to heart a valuable spiritual lesson from our ritual. May you all be blessed in this way!

*Bob Duniway,
Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Washington*

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

FALL IS A BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR

Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is October already and you should be having or getting ready to have your first nomination of officers.



LAUREL DELONY

Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs is coming up in November. I hope you can make it. Northwest should prove to be a fun time.

NEW MEMBER FORMS

I want to remind all of the Secretaries out there that when you get new members there is paperwork to be filled out. You should be filling out the yellow New Member Notification Form for the Grand Lodge and the Sovereign Grand Lodge. These forms

are for new members and their sponsors. By having these filled out and sent in, the name of your new members will be put on your Grand Lodge roster and Sovereign Grand Lodge roster. This will save you time on your year-end report. If you do not have either of these forms, please let me know and I will be glad to get some sent out to you. You can also e-mail me the information for new members, but you will need to have all the information in the e-mail that is required on the Grand Lodge form. You can also fill out, scan and send me your SGL form and I will forward it.

UPDATED CODE

By now your lodge should have received your updated Washington Code. If you haven't, please contact this office. Be sure to read the updated Code to make sure you are up to speed on the changes.

SOME ROSTERS ARE STILL DUE

I am still waiting on some SGL rosters and you know who you are. . . please get those updated rosters to me ASAP.

Remember, I'm here to help so feel free to contact me any time.

— *Fraternally,*

Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Happy Halloween from Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.

We are excited to welcome several new members to the Olympia Odd Fellows. We hosted a Degree Day on September 15, and were privileged to initiate new members not only into our lodge, but also a few other lodges as well. Following the Initiatory Degree, we took them through the other three Degrees, with a break between the First and Second Degrees for lunch.

Thank you to Kathi Picanco for organizing Ruth #17 members in preparing and serving lunch. These new members are now officially ready to share with us in spreading Friendship, Love and Truth with our communities.

Summer may have wound down and the weather is changing, but our Puget Beach Park is still active. Members and friends continue to enjoy time in the kitchen with a warm fire to keep things cozy while gazing out at the water. Our winter bon fire parties are starting up again this month. We are currently looking at one or two Friday evenings per month, beginning on October 5. Be listening at lodge meetings and watching your email for more information.

Ruth #17 is again working with the Olympia Union Gospel Mission. We are currently collecting warm clothing such as socks, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, and long sleeve shirts for men, women and children. We have also begun collecting small toys to fill Christmas stockings for them. We have been informed that they have many more children this year and thankfully other organizations are also helping with this project.

Our new endeavor to participating in the "Other Bank" that is hosted by the YWCA. This bank provided household items that are not available at the food bank, but still necessary in caring for a home and family. We are collecting items such as dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, towels, etc. When you are shopping for your own items, please pick up a couple extra and drop them in the container at the top of the stairs of our lodge.

Have a fun and safe Halloween.

— *In F., L. & T., Cathy Garcia, Reporter*

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From the desk of the Assembly President

ODD FELLOWSHIP TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome back to lodge and fall. Welcome also to the rain. I hope you are all re-energized and ready for a new lodge year.



JENNIE REED

This is a historical year and a great time to be a Rebekah as we celebrate 200 years of Odd Fellowship. On April 26, 1819, Thomas Wildey of Baltimore, Maryland formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America. In 1851 the Degree of Rebekah was accepted as written by Schuyler Colfax.

At the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions, to commemorate this year of celebrating our anniversary, we each got a Charge Book Publication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1821 edition. Also, in our registration packet was

a special regalia connecting 1819 to 2019.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wildey (Charles Worrell, PSGM and Gail Weatherhead, PPIARA) came to visit. They seemed to be pleased that his Odd Fellowship is still in existence however, they were somewhat bewildered with the mode of dress and the vocabulary of today.

The Representatives were obligated by IARA President, Linda Thompson and welcomed by IARA Warden Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit. Now was the time to go to work.

I was so honored to be the Washington Representative to the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. I was on the Teller Committee, as well as giving the tribute to the

IARA Flag.

There were two candidates running for Warden. Kathleen Richen of Massachusetts was elected. Connie Miller from Connecticut is the new IARA Secretary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE IARA SESSIONS

Rod Metoyer, Chairman of the Pilgrimage for Youth, came and spoke to us. In 2019 there will be two tours, a one-week tour and a two-week tour. JaNell Clark, chairman of the Legislation Committee reported there was no Legislation presented this year. Guests from overseas were introduced and several spoke. It was fascinating to hear how their Jurisdictions are run. I proudly accepted the 2018 "Gold Award" from the Arthritis Foundation that was presented to our Rebekah Assembly.

It gives me great pleasure to announce, with her permission, Kathi Picanco, PP, was appointed by Patty Heighton, IARA President, to be her Chaplain. Congratulations Kathi. We are so proud of you.

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL RECEPTION

I would like to say thank you to all those who attended our Joint Reception. Many thanks for those who bought the raffle tickets and pins. Thank you Joanne Balmert for the Seahawk basket. Thank you all who brought salads. Thank you all who made my day special.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*
Jennie Reed, PP, President,
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Tips on ways to promote your lodge

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media outlet, you need to write the information in the form of a press release. I won't cover the details of that here since press release format can be found on the Internet at

<https://ireach.prnewswire.com/tips.aspx>

The smaller the town your lodge is in, the more likely you are to get press coverage for your activities. Any time you hold a public function like a dinner, social activity, Installation of Officers, or ceremony, you should send out press releases. The key is to send out press releases regularly. One press release by itself probably won't get you noticed, but once the staff at the local newspaper or radio station gets used to seeing your lodge's name repeatedly they will start to think you're doing something important and eventually want to publish what you send them or maybe even write a story about you. As budgets for writing staffs have been reduced recently, newspapers are more interested in ready-made stories delivered to them in the

form of press releases.

TELL THE STORY OF YOUR LODGE

Even if you don't have an event to publicize, it's still worthwhile to send press releases to local media with stories about your lodge. Is your building historic? Have important people from your town or area been members of your lodge? Has your lodge been a significant part of the history of your town? Write a story about it and send it to your local media outlets. Write the history of your lodge; what you did during significant events; how you've interacted with your community. Was the first school in your town held in your lodge hall? Write that. Was the first courtroom in town in your lodge hall? Write that. The first church? The first community concert? Did your lodge do something special for World War I? World War II? The Great Depression? Write that! Tell the story of your lodge. I've seen some great stories about lodges and Odd

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

IT'S NOMINATIONS MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

October brings the signs of fall and our beautiful trees are turning the fall hues. It also brings the nomination of your slate of new officers for your lodges, with the election taking place in November. Following your elections, start planning your Installation of Officers, and notify your District Deputy President as to the date and time you will hold your Installation. The paperwork for the Installations will be forwarded to the Lodge Secretaries so that it will be available for your Installation. Please have them signed by those qualified members who did your Installation and return them to my office for my records.



MARCIA PRESLEY

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

October 13 or 20 will be the Pilgrimage to the Thomas Wildey grave site in Greenmount Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland. Friday, October 26 will be the Testimonial Banquet for Lady Michelle Jones, President of the IALAPM in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Saturday, October 27 will be the Testimonial Banquet for The Honorable Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

WASHINGTON WELL REPRESENTED AT SGL

I would like to report that the Jurisdiction of Washington had a large delegation of officers and members attend the IARA/SGL Sessions in Baltimore and that the entire

Executive Committee of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington was in attendance. We also had representatives from the Grand Lodge of Washington who attended the SGL Sessions.

I am proud to belong to the Jurisdiction of Washington and be able to represent us in the International Association of Rebekah Assembly Secretaries as the newly-elected and installed President of that Association. The Jurisdiction also has our own Kathi Picanco, Past President, who was installed as the Chaplain of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies for President of the IARA Patty Heighton from Atlantic Provinces, who was our Representative from the IARA at our Washington Sessions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IN FIVE MINUTES

Think of the nice things that could be done for someone, if we took the time. In five minutes or less we could:

Call just to ask: "How are you feeling today?"

Write a card to say: "I'm thinking of you."

Pay a genuine compliment: "You look nice in that dress."

Say a prayer: "Dear God, please look after my friend."

Give a hug to someone who needs one.

Tell a joke to someone who needs a smile.

Stop by just to say "Hello."

When you're going to the store, see if you can pick up something for someone who doesn't get out much.

Give someone a pat on the back for a job well done.

Say "Thank You" for the five minutes someone gave you.

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,

*In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,
PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

A lot of work, action takes place at SGL

SGL REPORT

I wish to thank the members for again allowing me to serve as a Representative for our Jurisdiction. Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions is not just a lot of banquets and a time to socialize — granted we do that too — but there are a plethora of committee meetings each day after Sessions let out. I served on the Constitutions and By-Laws Committee, and we were busy. Remember all the by-law updates adding the anti-discrimination clause? We had to review all of them, from the changes to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code down to the individual Theta Rho clubs in every Jurisdiction. It was a job.

There were quite a few house-keeping type reports that were acted upon, approving dispensations of the Sovereign Grand Master, the budget, and various proclamations. Most of the work is done in committees which then make a report recommending approving or not approving an item. The Representatives then vote on the report, and action is taken based on that vote.

One item that came up was the creation of the Grand

Lodge of the Asia Pacific. This combines the Grand Lodge of Australia, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and any future lodges in the Asia Pacific region under direct control of the Grand Lodge of the Asia Pacific. Much like the set-up of European Lodges, this formation will allow the oversight of the Odd Fellows in the region to help and govern themselves, while still maintaining ties with the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The new IOOF.org website was discussed, and the update was much-needed. The digital age is how we are going to survive as an organization, and there are many new things in the works.

Also, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry was awarded posthumously to those who lost their lives on Flight 93, that crash landed in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.

Finally, the new Pilgrimage for Youth was introduced. There are many changes that have been implemented. Information is available at the Grand Lodge Office.

Again, thank you for allowing me to represent the great Jurisdiction of Washington this year.

— Kelly Hughes, PGM and 1-year SGL Representative

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*Watch Out
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Fun, food, music at 2018 Reception

On Saturday, September 8, the skies cleared long enough for a wonderful reception for Grand Master Toby Hanson, Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed, and Theta Rho Assembly President Bethany Struthers. The reception was held at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park.

There was a wonderful buffet of food headlined by the Grand Master's own pulled pork and some wonderful salads from various Rebekah lodges. Guests attended the Reception from far and wide, with several groups coming from Eastern Washington and also from Oregon. It's a

good thing the weather was cooperating because the crowd was easily too large for the pavilion, so there were many guests enjoying the filtered sunshine out on the patio.

Grand Musician Greg Powers organized a Dixieland band that kept the crowds entertained throughout the afternoon. There was much food, fun, and fellowship enjoyed at the reception



Our new leaders

Theta Rho President Bethany Struthers, Assembly President Jennie Reed and Grand Master Toby Hanson enjoy themselves at their Reception in Olympia.



All Smiles

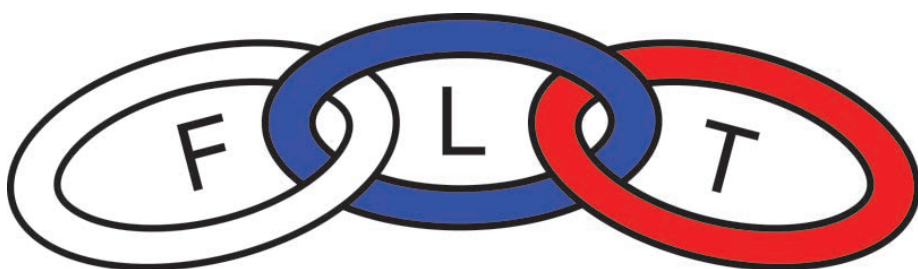
TRA Treasurer Desiree Gardiner, TRA President Bethany Struthers, and Hailey Scheiderer were all smiles at the Reception.



Enjoying the day

A nice crowd enjoyed their lunch at the September 18 Reception at Puget Beach Park in Olympia.

~ 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

BUCKLEY I.O.O.F. LODGE #75

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Toby Hanson, 11119 216th St. E., Graham, WA 98338. **Ph:** (253) 875-8580. **Email:** iooftoby@gmail.com. **Sec'y:** Danna Hanson, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (206) 240-5241. **Email:** dannahanson@comcast.net

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, (upstairs), Bucoda. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elayne Novotny, 2608 Eureka, Ave., Centralia, WA 98531. **Ph:** (360) 623-9041. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 736-67171

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

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, (Corner of Pacific & Pine) 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86., Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (360) 562-2391. **Sec'y:** Sandra Merchant, 609 Pine Way E., Kelso, WA 98626 **Ph:** (503) 703-6657

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

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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

OAK LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #254

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Allison Wyum, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 9421. **Sec'y:** Mary Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 499-9860

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

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

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: Silver Creek/Ethel Grange Hall, 1532 US Highway 12, Ethel, WA 98542. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Beverly Lyons, 183 Dluhosh, Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 978-4466. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717

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

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathi Picanco, 13020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. **Ph:** (360) 561-2220. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014

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:** Lou Ann 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

SOUTH TACOMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #211

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98406. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Al Howe, 5424 So. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98409. **Sec'y:** Duard Fyffe, PO Box 261, Roy, WA 98580 **Ph:** (253) 282-3472

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

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

Brothers and Sisters

It is with heartfelt sadness that we say farewell to Brother Kelly Hughes, PGM, and Sister Deb Hughes as they start off on a new adventure in life. They are heading to the state of Florida and I hear they will have a guest room. So you better start making your reservations now. You will be missed, friends. But I am told that Kelly will try to make it back for special occasions.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Next up is our Holiday Bazaar. It will be held at the Bucoda Community Center on Saturday, November 10. See Autumn or Hollye to get your reservation in for a table. Santa Claus and a choir will be making a visit.

We are looking forward to nominations of new officers. We thank Deb for all of her hard work this year as Noble Grand.

Come see us. We're not that far away. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

— *Fraternally, The Officers and Members
Of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129*

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Brothers and Sisters,

For those that haven't seen our advertising, we are having a Bingo night after our District Meeting on Saturday, October 20 at 4 p.m. Dinner starts at 4 p.m. and Bingo starts at 5 p.m.

A \$20 buy-in gets you 20 games of Bingo, baked potato bar, drink and dessert. We have lots of good prizes. The entire event will be held at the Odd Fellow Hall located at 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma. Come for some Odd Fellowship and fun.

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Linda Deem, PO Box 585, Napavine, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 262-9616. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629

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

From your Junior Past Grand Master

MY LAST LETTER

This is my last “official letter” to you. Becoming the Grand Master was both exciting and terrifying at the same time. When elected I thought to myself, “surely I didn’t know enough to be the top officer of Washington.”



KELLY HUGHES

Well we all made it through. I can’t say I made it with all my hair, but then again I didn’t have it when I started, so I can’t blame the office.

MANY THANKS FOR THE “RIDE”

On a serious note, I want to thank all of you for the last three years — what a ride! Would I do it again? Ask me in a couple years.

Which brings up this point. Some of you may have heard that I am leaving the Jurisdiction. I write this as I take a break from packing up the house my parents purchased 28 years ago. Mom and I are heading south, really far south, Orlando, Florida to be exact. This is something that has been in the works for nearly a year — it is a major undertaking. I finished my degree in April, but found out that while I love the job, the wages are lack luster. I will be training for a new career in Florida. hopefully in a couple years I will be a commercial airline pilot. This will allow me to still be active in the Order, let me attend Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions, and travel.

I MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS

In the past three years I have made many new friends. Some of you I will see around the US at the various events, testimonials and, of course, Sovereign Grand Lodge. Others, while I may not see you again, know that the members and lodges of the Jurisdiction of Washington will always remain dear to me. This is where I became an Odd Fellow and where *you* bestowed upon me the honor of becoming a Past Grand Master. No matter where life takes me I will always be a PGM of Washington.

Please do not feel that I am abandoning you all. I will

still be available by phone and email, and I have every intention of coming back in June for our Sessions. As Jr. Past Grand Master, it is my privilege and duty to sit in the back of the room and heckle Toby. I jest. Toby will do a fine job as our Grand Master. He has a great group of people supporting him.

As I am finishing up all the loose ends of my personal business, I am also working on the fine details of “Lodge” stuff. I was made the head of the Building Committee as I had the most ideas of what to do. Unfortunately, I didn’t have the time to get them all done. I am lucky as I have people who will step up and continue with the workings of the lodge.

ONE OR TWO MOVERS & SHAKERS

I have noticed in my travels and in talking with members in other Jurisdictions that usually a lodge has one or two people who are the movers and shakers. Those are the people lodges count on to head the fund-raisers, take care of the building maintenance, and do the work in general. I was that person in my lodge for many years, which was partially why I took a break for a few years. I was tired of being the one to do it all. But now I have others who are active and can take on what I didn’t finish.

Look around. If your lodge only has one or two people who are doing it all — they are first to volunteer, the first to show up and the last to leave — you are in trouble. What happens if they move, get sick, or have to switch shifts at work? Who is going to step up and take over what *they* always did. Last year I wanted everyone to get their heir and a spare in place. Well this year I challenge you to get your replacement in place.

I am sad to say that I will be leaving by the end of October to start on a grand adventure. It won’t all be smooth, we know the perils of the rough road, if you don’t ask an Encampment member.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

This is not goodbye, it is until we meet again. See you down the road.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Kelly Hughes, PGM



*See You
Down
The Road!*

A busy summer at Ballard Alki #170



Grand Master returns home

On July 26, Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 had the privilege to have our own Toby Hanson, Grand Master, visit his original home lodge. Seated, from left, are: Jerry Smith, NG; Toby Hanson, GM; and Mikol Soriano, VG. In

the back row standing, from left, are: Michael Douglas, PG; Katie Gray, PG; Greg Powers, PGP; Rich Ater; Richard Brzustowicz, PG; Nora Carria, PGP; and Clinton Attaway.



10 years for Toby

On July 26, Grand Master Toby Hanson received his 10 Year Jewel from NG Jerry Smith



25 years and counting

On June 14, Brothers Rich Osborne, Darren Lay and Richard Brzustowicz, all Past Grands, received their 25 Year Jewels! Congratulations Rich, Darren and Richard!