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Buckley Encampment #40

Members celebrate at a wonderful dinner party

The Encampment is the “fun” branch of Odd Fellowship, and that’s a mission that Buckley Encampment #40 takes to heart. For our November meeting, Chief Patriarch Piper Fyffe suggested a dinner party at one of the members’ homes. PGP Toby Hanson was more than happy to offer his home and culinary skills. The members had a wonderful dinner party as Toby prepared a pasta buffet featuring ravioli, tortellini, alfredo sauce, chicken breast, bacon, broccoli, peas, diced ham, and green salad. Chief Patriarch Piper and her dad brought garlic bread and PGP John Otterstrom brought dessert.

The dinner party was a huge success. All the members enjoyed the relaxed fellowship of sharing a meal together. It also offered a great opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion of Odd Fellowship.

Remember: Our Encampments are more than just a monthly obligation for a meeting. They’re an opportunity to have fun and fellowship and share knowledge and experience between members. All visiting Patriarchs are welcome to attend our meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. They’re usually at the Buckley IOOF Hall, but sometimes, like in November, we like to pitch our tent elsewhere.

—Toby Hanson, PGP



Blanket Dispensation

CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR INSTALLATIONS

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows does hereby grant permission to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges to jointly and publicly install their officers for the 2019 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

Toby Hanson,
Grand Master

Jennie Reed,
President

Attest:

Laurel Delony,
Grand Secretary

Attest:

Marcia Presley,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

For a Christmas Child

With Christmas coming, members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls’ Club—including Lucy Crouch—participated this year in “Operation Christmas Child” and put together 10 boxes for children in other countries. See page 10 for story and more photos.

From the desk of your Grand Master

ENJOYABLE VISITATIONS

Hello Brothers and Sisters! Welcome to December and the holiday season.



I have been thoroughly enjoying my Official Visitations. I love seeing the different lodges we have in this jurisdiction with all of their energy, creativity, and ideas. Experiencing the energy and enthusiasm of our lodges is very inspiring as your Grand Master.

I also greatly enjoyed participating in the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting in Hood River, Oregon. It's nice to only have the responsibility of playing music for that group.

MANY HOLIDAYS

TOBY HANSON December is a time of many holidays: Christmas, Hanukkah, Boxing Day, St. Stephen's Day, Winter Solstice, Festivus, Kwanzaa, Omisoka, and others. Depending on your background, you may celebrate these holidays in a completely different way than your neighbors. Coming from a Scandinavian background, our time for opening presents was always Christmas Eve, in keeping with Scandinavian tradition. We did not, however, enjoy lutefisk, as my great grandfather Hanson was the last of us who ate it.

SHARING TRADITIONS

As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, we are bound together by mutual belief in a supreme creator and preserver and we don't argue over the details of what that means to each member. That allows us to share our various traditions with each other and appreciate the beauty of the different people who come together as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs with all their varied systems of beliefs and traditions. Membership in this Order is truly a special gift which someone gave to you. I received the gift of Odd Fellowship from our dear departed brother Verne Eke. Ask yourself now: To whom would you give the gift of Odd Fellowship? Why not use this holiday season as a reason to give that gift?

INSTALLATIONS

Before we know it, the rush of the holidays will be over and that means Installations of Officers in January. For this coming Installation season I would love to see one of our older traditions revived: Sending out notices to the local newspapers about our public events like Installations. Go through any small town newspaper prior to the 1980s and you're likely to see a section devoted to news from fraternal orders and other community groups. In January, those sections were full of notices about Public Installation ceremonies inviting the

general public to attend and learn about Odd Fellowship. Let's revive that tradition in 2019 and make it a habit to tell our communities every time we do something we want to share with them.

I'M HERE TO HELP

As always, I'm here to help you out and answer your questions. Drop me a line at iooftoby@gmail.com or call me at (206) 245-8207.

I wish each of you peace and blessings during this holiday season.

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

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Rhein Haus fund-raiser nets \$232 for GM Project

The sound of fraternal cheer was definitely in the air on Monday, October 22 as the Rhein Haus in Seattle was filled with Muscovites from Kremlin Khuzar.

The Noble Order of Muscovites is the modern incarnation of an old side order for Odd Fellows that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Eventually, the original Muscovite order went into receivership in the 1930s. A local group of Muscovites, the Noble Order of Muscovites, survived in Oregon into the 1960s. In the past ten years, Odd Fellows in the Portland area have revived the Noble Order of Muscovites and helped start local chapters, called Kremfins, in many cities, including Seattle.

Grand Master Toby Hanson is a member of Kremlin Khuzar of Seattle. As a show of pride for having the Grand Master as a member, Kremlin Khuzar organized a group outing to the Rhein Haus restaurant in Seattle for their weekly charity meat raffle. Restaurant patrons buy tickets to win special gourmet meat prizes, many of which are prepared on site by the chefs and wurstmeisters of the Rhein Haus.

The night turned out to be a big success. Not only did the group outing publicize Odd Fellowship in Seattle, the raffle raised \$232 for the Grand Master's project, "Music in Schools Pierce County." The evening was such a huge success that plans are already under way for another fund-raiser in the spring.

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

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the new officers-elect. I'm looking forward to helping out with Installation of Officers in January.



LAUREL DELONY

REMINDER

Here's a reminder that if you haven't received your year-end packet for 2018 by Saturday, December 15, please contact this office at 1-800-345-1766. If you need help with any of the paperwork or have questions on anything, feel free to call me. I am always willing to help where I can.

Secretaries, do you need to order a Past Grand's Jewel? Be sure to get your orders in early.

HEADS UP!

We're coming into an odd year (no pun intended), so be watching for paperwork on electing your Two-Year Representative for Grand Lodge, as well as an Alternate.

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Ruby Sharp**, member of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla and a 34-year member. She joined on June 5, 1984.
- **Helen Lusby**, PNG, 61-year member, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, Bickleton.
- **Phillip Lee McDaniel**, 66, a 16-year member, passed away October 29, 2018. He was our current Noble Grand, as well as a Past Grand of Golden Rule #207 in Napavine.

*Merry Christmas And
Happy New Year!*

— With Fraternal Hugs
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary



Here's one of the two new heaters installed in the Buckley #75 Lodge Hall meeting room recently.

Modern heaters come to Buckley

The future is now in the hall of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75! After more than 60 years of faithful service from their two ceiling-mounted gas furnaces, the Buckley Odd Fellows finally had to consider getting some modern heating installed in the building.

Last winter, during a cold snap in December, 2017, members of the lodge discovered that the two gas furnaces would not turn on. After a few service visits, the furnace in the lodge hall was finally functional again, but the one in the dining hall was red-tagged for producing too much carbon monoxide due to a failed heat exchanger.

The Odd Fellows decided to take a leap into the future and replace the creaky old gas units with modern ductless heat pumps. The new units are quiet and efficient. Best of all, they offer heating in the winter and cooling in the summer, which means no more roasting during summer meetings and events. Although we love our traditions, when it comes to keeping the lodge hall warm during the winter, modern and efficient is definitely the way to go!

—Toby Hanson

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From the desk of the Assembly President

THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As many may know our news articles are due by the 15th of each month. With that said some of the items I submitted for the November edition of *The Washington OddFellow* didn't happen.



JENNIE REED

Dave and I were unable to attend the Testimonial weekend in Colorado Spring, and we didn't make it the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Northwest Meeting in Hood River, Oregon. Instead I spent seven days in the hospital. I thank you for the visits, gifts, cards, flowers, best wishes and prayers. I am on the mend, and I look forward to getting back on my schedule of lodge visitations.

At this time of year many lodges are having their money-making events, such

as bazaars, wreath sales, and bake sales. If possible, I ask you to support these events.

If you want the Assembly Officers to help with your Installations, please contact me so I may get your lodge on the calendar.

My wish to you is Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"Friendship is to people what sunshine is to flowers."

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*

Jennie Reed, PP, President,

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*Happy Holidays To All
My Sisters & Brothers*

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS!

The 2019 Narcissa Rebekah Lodge officers were voted in by acclamation as follows: Patty Newell, President; Barbara Lechner, Vice President; Barbara Trvz, Secretary; Marthann Hall, Treasurer; and Barbara Trvz, Financial Secretary.

Appointed officers are: Jeanine Griffin, Inside Guardian; Shirley Ruble, Conductor; Nancy Klicker, Warden; Jeanine Griffin, Musician; Robertta Hunt, Chaplain; Sharon Sousa, Right Supporter to Chaplain; Belle Washington, Left Supporter to Chaplain; Rose Ringhoffer, Right Supporter to Noble Grand; and Jean Elder, Right Supporter to Vice President. Installation will be held on January 22.

Plans were made for our Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 18 in the Fireside Room at 2 p.m. This year, like last year, we will auction off gift bags with unknown (but delightful) contents. Barbara Lechner will be auctioneer. Milton-Freewater, Oregon Integrity Lodge #175 members will be invited.

Last year we donated more than \$100 to Tabitha's Closet. This year's recipient will be announced later.

Nancy Klicker moved that we donate \$500 to the Walla Walla Community College Scholarship Fund. The motion passed.

We were saddened to learn one of our inactive members Ruby Sharp of Walla Walla passed away. She joined on June 5, 1984 and was a faithful Sister for 34 years.

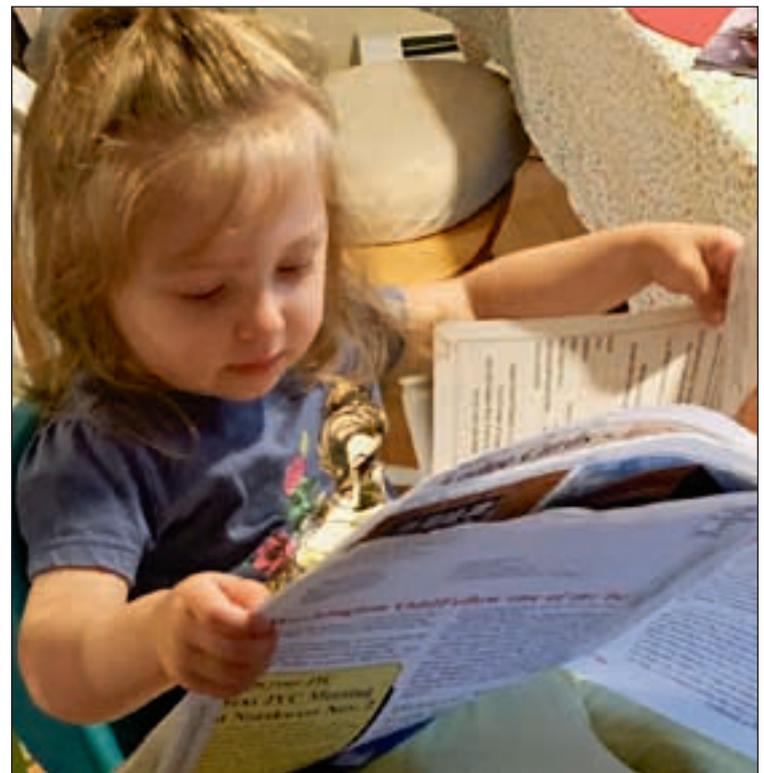
Our Charter was undraped after honoring Elizabeth Petit, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly, for one month.

One of our lodge projects is to send cards to members on the anniversary of their becoming a Narcissa Rebekah. Our oldest member is Marjorie Saranto who joined on March

17, 1934. The youngest member is Roxy Boolen who was initiated April 3, 2018.

Sisters and Brothers, take the time in the rush of the holidays to savor the quiet moments with wonder and delight.

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



A future Rebekah?

Betty Gaiski's granddaughter, River Smalley, reading a recent issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. She loves it! Betty and her mother are members of Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168. Her mother is Camille Smalley.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

December has arrived and I hope your Rebekah Lodges can celebrate the past year and were able to accomplish all that you planned to do in 2018 before the end of this year.



MARCIA PRESLEY

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

At our IARA/SGL Sessions in August, I was able to take part in the 200 year Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the United States of America. I hope that the future of our Order will thrive and when it comes time to celebrate another 100 years, our great Order will still exist.

Reports Are On The Way

I will be mailing numerous reports and your Annual Report and SGL Reports to all of the Rebekah Lodges, so that you have them available to fill out prior to the deadline date of January 15, 2019. If you have any problems with your Annual Reports, please call me. It is easier to correct mistakes before they are mailed to me then wait until I receive them. Remember that any amount

under miscellaneous receipts or disbursements more than \$400 need to be itemized. My toll free phone number is 1-877-295-6926.

I wish to extend my best wishes for a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy New Year to all of you.

BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

Merry Christmas, one and all!

That time is here again,

When thoughts turn round to Jingle Bells

And peace on earth to men.

The old beloved carols play,

No matter where you turn,

And small ones help with kitchen chores,

Making memories as they learn.

The hunt is on for perfect gifts,

The budget strains a might,

The tree is perfect, all agree

It is a glorious sight.

Enjoy this blessed season now,

Which marks our Savior's birth,

When angel choirs trumpeted

That Heaven had come to earth.

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,

PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Merry Christmas from Olympia #1 and Ruth #17. It doesn't seem possible that we will be entering a New Year in less than a month.

Olympia #1 is excitedly planning our annual Christmas Party. You are all invited to join us on Saturday, December 15 at 10 a.m. for a Holiday Brunch/Party. This is a family event with Pinatas, great food and a visit from Santa. Everything is provided, so all you need do is bring your best Christmas smile and have a wonderful time celebrating with us.

It's not too late to donate items for the 100 Christmas Stockings Ruth #17 will be filling on Wednesday, December 12 for distribution by the Union Gospel Mission. We still need small toys, stocking caps, and little stuffed animals. Thank you all for your help with this project.

Our Puget Beach Park is looking great as winter sets in. The picnic tables have all been refinished and look fresh and clean. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this project.

Sadly, we have lost several members in the last couple months. Don Vest Sr., Jennie Jebe Cole, and Jim Elliot have all recently gone to their eternal home. Ruth #17

was honored to provide a Memorial Service for Jennie at the Olympia Odd Fellow Cemetery. Olympia #1 hosted a Celebration of Life Gathering for Jim on December 1, at our Puget Beach Park. We offer our love and prayers to the families of each of these honored members.

With January quickly approaching, it's time to start thinking about Installation of Officers. Olympia #1 will be hosting a lunch on January 19, followed by a formal Installation Ceremony. Lunch will be served at noon by Ruth #17 members. Installation will begin as soon as all is cleaned up. Members of Skookumchuck #129 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 will be joining us for Installation of their officers, as well. This is a public ceremony and a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family for an afternoon of getting to know your fellow lodge members. It means a great deal to those members who are being installed to have other lodge members as well as community members attend and support their willingness to serve in the tenants of Odd Fellowship.

We wish you a all a very Blessed Christmas Season, a Safe New Year, and an Exciting 2019.

— With F., L. & T.,
Cathy Garcia, Reporter

Halloween Fun In Buckley!



“Moo, Moo Melissa Hildner, Grand Lodge Assistant hands out candy on Buckley’s Main Street on Halloween afternoon. In the background is “Rooster” Lisa Sweeney, a staff member at the Grand Lodge Office.



Joanne Balmert passing out candy to hundreds of little cuties in front of the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley.



Grand Lodge of Washington Secretary Laurel Delony went by the moniker of “Slim” on Halloween.



Have you seen me?

Remember the “Traveling Gavel” from several years ago? Members of Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 in Seattle seem to have lost track of the gavel and would like to get it back on the road again. If you know of its whereabouts, please contact Nora Carria at: bogeylicious@yahoo.com.

Lodge Cards will return

Because of a lack of space this month, we were not able to published Lodge Cards. Your Lodge Card will be extended one month. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

Plenty of history At Starbuck Cafe

BY SHIRLEY RUBLE

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla

My family and I drove to Starbuck (an hour north of Walla Walla) to have lunch at Carol and Floyd Wildman's restaurant, but, alas, it was closed on Sunday. We looked inside and saw the Rebekah wall hanging Carol promised to create for the enjoyment of her customers.

The Wildmans have more than just food on their mind. They restored the history of IOOF Odd Fellows Lodge #158 that gave the building to the Columbia Daughters of Rebekah Lodge N#310 for their use. Carol's mother, Ada Actor, was a long-time member of the Rebekahs.

I took a picture of the historical items through the window. Then I called Carol and asked for her permission to publish them. She generously identified each item in the wall hanging, as follows:

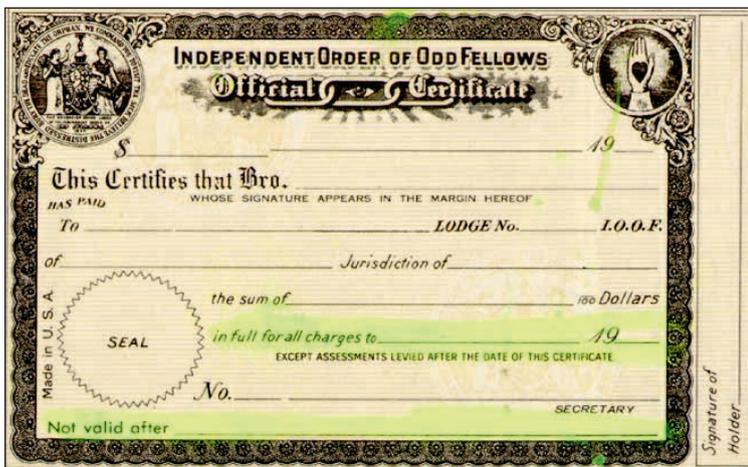
- **Upper left:** Photo of Starbuck Drug Company (1905-1933) — The original building with Bernard (Bernie) Whiting on the left and his father Vernon Whiting on the right, owners and operators of the drug store.
 - **Picture of Whiting Family** — (Left) Vernon, Verna and Velma, daughters of Jennie and Bernard, and Florence, wife of Vernon.
 - **Bible** — Stamped Starbuck Lodge No. 158 IOOF, Starbuck, Washington.
 - **Center** — Starbuck Drug Company — Same as picture #1, but lettering at the top was added: "Drugs, Toilet Articles, Soft Drinks & Cigars."
 - **Certificate** — Odd Fellows Hall of Starbuck Lodge No. 158, dated February 1909. Signed by J. W. McIntosh, Trustee, and C. W. List, Financial Secretary.
 - **Rebekah Lodge No. 310 Charter** — Issued April 23, 1926 with names of members listed.
 - **Sign** — Affixed to the front of the lodge hall. It stated: "IOOF, 2-4 Wednesday, Columbia 310."
 - **Upper Right:**
 - **Sheet Music** — "Dixie Land" sold at Starbuck Drug Company. It was found in an old home in Starbuck.
 - **Two Gavels** — Unknown if they were used by the Odd Fellows, but they were used by the Rebekahs.
 - **Voting Box** — Possibly used by both lodges.
 - **Green Ribbon** — Stamped "Columbia Rebekah No. 310, Starbuck, Washington." Attached to the pink ribbon with a Bee Hive clasping pin is a medal encircled with stars. In its center is a peace dove and crescent moon.
 - **Two Books:**
 - **(Left)** — Rebekah Minute Book
 - **(Right)** — Secretary's Cash Record
- Carol Wildman recently made two additions to the collection:
- **Abstract** — Summary of the Years 1874 -1933.



• **Collar** — Crimson with silver stars and No. 158 at its tip.

Carol said her mother, Ada Actor, was proud to be a member of Rebekah Lodge No. 310 in Starbuck. Her 50-year pin soon will be added.

For more information about Rebecca's Lodge in Starbuck, call Carol Wildman at 509-399-2071.



Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

Brothers and Sisters

Here it is almost Christmas. Where has the time gone? Our lodge will be participating with the Festival of Lights in Montesano on December 8. We'll have the hall open for beverages and cookie decorating for the kids. Santa and one of his elves will be attending so this will be a great photo opportunity. If you want to come down for a fun night, we'd love to see you.

On November 14 we had the pleasure of a visit from our Grand Master Toby Hanson. We started off with Chef Deb making a wonderful casserole for dinner and pie for dessert.

The Grand Master lead us in our opening and closing odes. It's wonderful to sing in a capella.

We're holding our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 18 at 6 p.m. in the Bucoda Community Center. There won't be a meeting on the night of December 19. The Grand Master was kind enough to give us a dispensation to change our meeting night.

Congratulations to our newly-elected officers. Skookumchuck will be joining Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 19. Lunch is at noon and the Installation follows directly after. Grand Lodge officers will be installing us.

Reminder to all lodge members, your dues are due by the first of the year. Help you Secretary by getting your dues in early.

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

Please check your dues card for the date due!!

Just a reminder that it is the member's responsibility to look at your dues card and check the *"in full for all charges to. . ."* and on the very bottom *"Not valid after. . ."*

Your dues are due in full the day after those dates. We're asking you to help out the Secretaries of your lodges and get your dues in early or at least on time. We do not mail out reminders, only past due notices. The cost of having to mail past due notices is expensive. See copy of dues card above if you are not sure where to look.

The card shows yellow highlighted areas for dates. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.



'Gone Fishing'

"Gone Fishing" was the theme for the Fall Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Hood River, Oregon November 2, 3 and 4. Above is Rod Metoyer from California, the Youth Pilgrimage Chairman. At right is our very own Laurel and Dave Delony celebrating the "Gone Fishing" theme as Gilligan and the Skipper.

~ From your 2018-2019 Grand Chaplain ~

THE MEANING OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

The first example of brotherhood in the Bible didn't end well. Cain was jealous because God looked more favorably on the offerings of his shepherd brother Abel's offerings of meat than the offerings from farmer Cain's fields. Cain killed his brother, and when God asked Cain what he had done, Cain replied famously, "Am I my brother's keeper?" God did not directly answer this question, and some commentators suggest that the answer to that question plays out as a major theme in the rest of the Bible. Not only do scriptures speak to whether we are or are not our brothers' and sisters' keepers; it expands our obligation beyond close kin out to all God's children.



BOB DUNIWAY

Odd Fellowship offers the same lesson. It teaches us that, being children of the same Creator, we are all brothers and sisters, members of a universal fraternity. We are reminded that commitments of brotherly love are as

binding and sacred as the commitments of son to father. We see that those we are taught to hate, but who never-the-less show us mercy and compassion, are treating us more as true brothers and sisters than the members of our own community who, however esteemed their office, fail to extend a hand to aid us in time of need.

When we take an obligation to help and support our afflicted or persecuted brothers, we can choose to read that narrowly as an obligation to mutual aid for the members of Odd Fellowship. Some may even read it more narrowly as only an obligation to help those in our own lodge (or only those in our own lodge who we feel are deserving of our aid). However, the deeper truth of Odd Fellowship shows us that we are to extend this brotherly love universally. When we help all those we meet to face the adversities and dangers of life, and when we do so grounded in the principles of universal friendship, unselfish love, and the profound truth of universal fraternity, then we are being Odd Fellows in spirit and in truth.

When we live up to this obligation, Odd Fellowship shows others that the true answer to Cain's question is that yes, indeed, we are all our brothers' and sisters' keepers. It is through this example that we can help to lead others to the true, fraternal relations that can serve to elevate the character of all people. This lesson of Odd Fellowship is sorely needed balm in a world too often divided by competition, misunderstanding, and fear. As an individual Odd Fellow, and as an Odd Fellows Lodge, what actions do you take to be your brothers' and sisters' keeper? Are there ways you can extend your acts of care for others out to be

even more universally inclusive? How can we as Odd Fellows clearly stand as examples of universal fraternity, as witnesses to the truth that we are all indeed children of the same Parent.

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



Museum corner

Learn about our past at our Buckley location

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Historical Museum is open! We're located at 116 Cedar Street in Buckley just behind the Grand Lodge Office. The museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. After regular hours tours are available upon request through the Grand Lodge Office. The museum is a self-guided tour where you will learn wonderful Odd Fellow and Rebekah history.

Here is a little item to peak your interest: Friendship Lodge #13, pictures of officers. (can anyone date the picture?) Notice the Warden is holding an ax? The actual wood ax is on the wall of the museum.

Come check out your history today!





Evie Nichols and Hailey Schiederer work on Acorn's Christmas project.



Lucy Crouch, Desiree Gardiner, Stacy Gardiner, Rebecca Johnson, Piper Lanning, Evie Nichols and Hailey Schiederer hold some of the boxes destined for "Operation Christmas Child."



Stacy Gardiner, Rebecca Johnson, Piper Lanning and Desiree Gardiner put together the boxes we packed for "Operation Christmas Child."

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our turkey raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation was very successful. We raised \$174 for this organization. Our levy for reopening the pool passed, so afterwards we went to the pool for some fun.

With Christmas coming, we participated again this year in "Operation Christmas Child" and put together 10 boxes. This is a fun project knowing that a child in another country will have a special box of toys, school supplies and hygiene items at Christmastime provided by us.

We also made Christmas cards and will be delivering them to the nursing home this month. Afterwards we are going to our Advisor's home to make cookie Christmas trains, have dinner and watch our annual Christmas movie.

We hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas and get to spend some special times with your families over the holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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



Catherine Hopkinson, Tessa Thornton, Piper Lanning and Rebecca Johnson kept busy selling tickets for the Make-A-Wish Turkey Raffle.



Welcome to Ballard!

Members of Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 were happy to welcome our newest Third Degree members on October 25! Seated, from left, are: Steve Hayes, Mariya McNeese, Ezekiel Blessing and Christy Chalmers. Standing in the center row, from left, are: Bob Duniway, Amy Denio, Greg Powers, Rich Ater, Jerry Smith, Mikol Soriano, Michael Douglas and Jake Vasquez. Way in the back up high are Katie Gray and Mylinda Sneed. Nora Carria is in the foreground on the upper left.

From your 2018-19 Theta Rho President

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Hello everybody., I hope you have all been well. This past month I have had the pleasure to go to the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association gathering at the Best Western in Hood River, Oregon. I would like to thank the host committee, as well as everybody who was able to attend. It was very informative and fun.



**BETHANY
STRUTHERS**

I spent Thanksgiving with my family, and I am very excited for the holidays. I hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and holiday season this year!

I have not had any visitations this year, but I will be doing visits in the new year. I am enthusiastic to see everybody, and get to know any new members.

*In Happiness Through Service, Bethany Struthers,
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington*

Did you know?

After a Lodge closes, what happens to all the assets??

ARTICLE VIII - ODD FELLOW LODGES SECTION 11.0

When an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge shall become dissolved by surrender or forfeiture of its Charter, all property, funds and effects belonging to said Lodge shall immediately become the property of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Any balance remaining after the payment of all valid obligations and the property shall be accounted for separately for a period of five (5) years. During this period the defunct Lodge has the privilege under the laws of the Order of qualifying to reclaim its Charter and the funds in its account. During this period the Grand Lodge shall manage the property and funds to the best interest of the Order. The property may be sold or rented and the funds invested.

At the end of the five-(5) year period, all accumulated assets become the irrevocable property of the Grand Lodge of Washington. None of the funds and property is to be invested in capital accounts such as land or buildings. Funds not needed for such use may be transferred to the Home Endowment Fund.

Initial report of a proposal utilizing this authority shall be at the 1980 Grand Lodge Session. Suggested projects include a new Grand Lodge Office, a convention center and the Odd Fellows Museum.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

ANOTHER BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas is just around the corner and our lodge is busy as ever.

We'd like to thank those who came and participated at our second annual Halloween Bingo night. There were lots of prizes, raffles, food and fun. The funds raised will be donated to projects of the Order.

Our lodge, in October, served at my Sister Pantry and helped cook and serve at the food bank in downtown Tacoma.

South Tacoma Rebekahs have elected their new officers and there's a rooster in the hen house next year. Dave Delony was elected Noble Grand. We are looking forward to another fun year.

Installation of officers will be held on Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m.

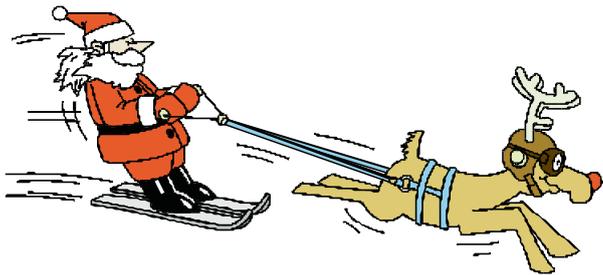
— *With Rebekah Hugs in F., L. & T.,
Laurel Delony, Reporter*

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Happy Holidays To All!

Longview Rebekahs welcome special guests

On Thursday, October 18, Sisters from Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 opened their doors to welcome Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Jennie Reed and Sister Maggie Truttman.

Jennie felt most welcome as she went over her program for 2019. NG Cynthia Washington thanked the ladies for attending while Cookie Music snapped a picture.

A delicious luncheon was served following the meeting. The potato bar and salads were very tasty.

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



Welcome to Longview

Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 welcomed some special visitors on October 18. From left are Maggie Truttman, Assembly President Jennie Reed and Longview Noble Grand Cynthia Washington.

Washougal plans Degree Day soon

Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 is going to have a Degree Day on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at 888 Washougal River Rd.

Please RSVP by December 4 to Hope Gilson at (360) 823-8187 or Harry Jester at (360) 773-2419.