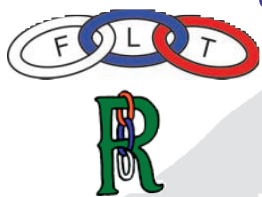


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## PGM Curtis Eliason passes in Richland

Curtis L. Eliason, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1990-1991, passed away December 24 at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland. Brother Curtis was 79. He was born in Hagerman, Idaho and lived in Richland since 1963.

Brother Curtis was a Past Grand of Richland IOOF Lodge #338 and was current Treasurer. He was initiated into the Order on March 27, 1979 and received the First, Second and Third Degrees within the following month.

He retired from the Richland Fire Department and the Washington State Patrol. He was a firefighter at Hanford for a bit and was a State Patrol inspector for bus hatches.

No information was available regarding services for Brother Curtis. The Neptune Society of Spokane is in charge of arrangements.

## 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



## Montesano Christmas

Skookumchuck Odd Fellows ventured to Montesano on December 8 for that city's "Festival of Lights" holiday celebration. A pair of local children visited with Santa and Elf "Laurelbelle" prior to heading inside for a cookie decorating party. See page 12 for more details.

*Here's Wishing All Our  
Brothers And Sisters  
A Great 2019*

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January is an excellent time to gain some perspective and look both forward and back, as it's the beginning of a new year. January takes its name from the Roman god Janus, the god of beginnings, transitions, doorways, and passages. With that in mind, I want to look both back and forward in this column.



**TOBY HANSON**

I love history; especially the sense of context it gives to the contemporary world. I think this is especially helpful for Odd Fellowship. During my years as a Theta Rho dad, I used to hang out at the South Tacoma Lodge hall while the Spunky Bluebirds held their meetings and read old proceedings of the Grand Lodge. I remember reading the Grand Master's address from 1927 where he cautioned the members that if we didn't

improve the membership situation soon, our Jurisdiction would drop below 300 lodges!

Looking at writings from a more recent Grand Master, in 1993, Fred Enge wrote, "We cannot change our past. . . we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude." PGM Enge was definitely right about the role attitude plays in our perceptions. It's easy to be sad about the decline of our Jurisdiction from its peak at more than 300 lodges. However, it's also very heartening to see the ways in which Odd Fellowship is growing and rejuvenating.

## 15 YEARS OF HISTORY AT OUR FINGERTIPS

For more recent history, *The Washington OddFellow* now has a 15-year archive of newspapers on our website that we can review. In June, 2018, PGM Kelly Hughes had some wise words for the future: "We need to work together with other lodges. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs need to work together. Start doing joint projects in the community."

Further evidence of the importance of that comes from PGM Laurel Delony in January 2013: "I would like to thank all of those Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Theta Rho Girls who participated in the Jingle Bell Run/Walk to find a cure for Arthritis. We had our banner and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was announced over the microphone. Never was I more proud!"

In 2007, PGM John Crispin noted: "Our communities are filled with unclaimed members, individuals whose ideals and values match our own, who are Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in spirit, but not yet name. They need to know that they can join us as we strive 'to improve and elevate the character of mankind.'" The recurring theme in all their comments is that, to ensure our future, we have to make the connections with the community to bring new members into our lodges.

## LOOKING AHEAD

I have a suggestion for everyone: let's bring back the finest parts of our past. The new members I've met and talked with recently are interested in Odd Fellowship not because of modernity or expedience — there's enough in life that has become streamlined and easy — but because of what Odd Fellowship was in the past. That includes our traditional and historic regalia and customs. Things that seem antiquated in a fast-paced modern society, like officers' collars or the Sign of Recognition, are some of the things that are cool and unique and set us apart from joining a luncheon club or community center.

We have a rich, ornate, splendid history. I'd love to see more of it come back in common usage and I know many of our newest members would like that as well. I loved PGM Kelly's idea to wear historical collars at last year's Grand Lodge Session. I would love to do more of that and bring back the glory of Odd Fellowship. What strengthened us in our past very well could be part of the salvation of our future.

## I'M HERE TO HELP

Don't hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions. I'm here to help! Call or text me at (206) 245-8207 or email me at [iooftoby@gmail.com](mailto:iooftoby@gmail.com).

Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters!

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

# From your 2018-19 Theta Rho President

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello everybody. I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year so far! I had so much fun at my grandparents house for Christmas and went to a New Year's dance with my church.



**BETHANY  
STRUTHERS**

I am getting ready for my first visit with the Spunky Bluebirds #93 in South Tacoma next month. I am so excited!

I hope the new year is good for all, and that the transition from winter break to school is easy.

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

*Welcome To 2019*

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## YEAR-END REPORTS

Brothers and Sisters,

Your lodges should have received it's year-end report forms by the 15th of last month. If your lodge did send in the Sovereign Grand Lodge Roster and updated the Grand Lodge members spreadsheet, then your spreadsheet that I included in those packets should reflect your update. If you did not get the requested information in by the 9th, then your spreadsheet of members will not have the update.



Please make sure that your Secretaries are working on these reports and that they are sent back and into this office before February 15, 2019. If you need any help please call me at the Grand Lodge office, 800-345-1766. I will be happy to help you get your forms filled out. Make sure

that the ending balance in your treasury is clearly marked as this is the starting number for the following year-end report. Be sure to seal and sign the report. These year-end reports are a lot of work, so I thank you Secretaries for all your hard work.

I am mailing out early the Representative and Alternate Representative Certificates. Per the code, if your lodge is odd numbered you are to elect a two-year Representative and an Alternate.

I am also sending this to even-numbered lodges, as well, as you might have had a resignation or some other unforeseen issue and may need to elect a replacement.

Please be sure to read the letter and elect your Representative and Alternate at the first meeting in February. Please be sure to get the certificates mailed into the office as soon as possible.

Make sure your lodge has voice and vote by making sure your Representative can attend Grand Lodge Sessions. Check out the "Did You Know" section below for more information.

— With Fraternal Hugs

Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

## Did you know?

### Here's how you elect your Grand Lodge Representative

#### ARTICLE IV - REPRESENTATIVES

##### SECTION 1.0

The representation to this Grand Lodge shall be one Representative for each Lodge, and each Representative shall be entitled to one vote.

##### SECTION 2.0

Each Odd Fellow Lodge shall, at its first meeting in February (1999), as herein provided, elect by ballot from among its qualified Past Grands, a Representative to serve

two years from the first day of the succeeding session; the odd numbered Lodges to so elect in the odd numbered years, and the even numbered Lodges to so elect in the even numbered years. Provided, that the even numbered Lodges shall elect for one year at the election in 1907. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

##### SECTION 3.0

Each Representative of an Odd Fellow Lodge shall, at the time of their election, be furnished with a certificate in the form provided by the Grand Secretary. A duplicate of such certificate must be forwarded immediately to the Grand Secretary.

##### SECTION 4.0

When a vacancy occurs in the Representation of a Lodge from any cause, the Lodge may, in its discretion, fill the same. The election for filling a vacancy shall be conducted in the same manner as for the regular election of Representatives.



#### CHAPTER 3

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ODD FELLOW LODGES Independent Order of Odd Fellows Of Washington**

##### 3.11.7 - Election of Representative

On the first regular meeting in February, the Lodge shall elect by ballot from among the qualified Past Grands, a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Grand Lodge as provided in Article IV, Sec. 2.0, found on page 8 of the Grand Lodge Constitution.


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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## BACK TO WORK IN 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you had a very happy holiday season. We said goodbye to 2018 and welcome to 2019. Now it is time to get back to work.



JENNIE REED

With the New Year comes Installation of the new lodge officers. I congratulate all the new and returning officers. If your lodge would like the Assembly Officers to install your officers, please contact me. The lodges that we will be installing are:

- **Saturday, January 12** — Pine Burr #300, Trinity #179, Monterose #46, Longview #305.
- **Wednesday, January 16** — Hope #38
- **Saturday, January 19** — Ruth #17, Bucoda #144.
- **Sunday, January 20** — South Tacoma #160, Clover

Leaf #54.

- **Sunday, January 27** — Eola #63.

There are dates still available.

## HELP SAVE STRUGGLING LODGES

We have already lost several lodges. They have surrendered their Charters. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get to work to help save other lodges that may be struggling.

You will be receiving my visitation request by Tuesday, January 15. Please respond by the end of the month so I may rearrange my calendar if needed.

## JUST FOR THOUGHT

*“Friends are the flowers in the garden of life”*

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*

Jennie Reed, PP, President,

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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# ~ From your Jr. Past Grand Master ~

## A LETTER FROM FLORIDA

Hello Brothers and Sisters, friends all. I thought I would let you know that I miss attending meetings and visiting with you. A lot has happened in the last couple months, including my running off across this beautiful country of ours.



KELLY HUGHES

Florida is a beautiful state, but it is not all sunshine and roses here. In fact, I haven't seen any rose bushes, come to think of it, though the number and various types of different flowers even in December is something to behold. Christmas lights on palm trees take getting used to. I have yet to make contact with a lodge locally as of yet, but I really miss attending.

It had looked like I wasn't going to make it home for some time, but I surprised my mother by sneaking home for a week in December. I didn't get to see as many people as I wanted but kept busy the whole time. I did make it to the Skookumchuck Lodge cookie decorating event we host at Friendship Hall for the kids in Montesano. It was great seeing everyone! The event was bigger than last year, and we are getting our name out there. If your town has a festival, set up a table with free cocoa and hot cider. The expense is minimal, and it brings our Order to the attention of our neighbors.

Flight school is going well, and hopefully by the time

you are reading this I should have my solo flight completed. My school gives us our school “wings” after our solo, I will make sure to send a picture. When the President comes down to his Mar a Lago Resort in Florida, there is a Temporary Flight Restriction put into effect. This means as student pilots we are unable to fly. We were off the week of Thanksgiving and I am sure that around Christmas we will be grounded again.

My hope is to drive up to Alabama and visit one of our Past Grand Masters, Brother Mike Murray. He and his wife Mary Lee have a place up there. Mike signed the dispensation that allowed Skookumchuck Lodge to vote me in, a Brother had passed on and they no longer had a quorum. It has taken many years, but I think that Skookumchuck Lodge has recovered and is if not thriving, at least it isn't just existing. I hope that I can get up there and see them!

Enough rambling from me. I will try and send some warmer weather to you all. I nearly froze when I came home. Yesterday was grey and rainy here with a bit of wind, though nothing like you all had there because it was also 73 degrees.

Granted it's a bit late, but I hope all had a merry Christmas, and may we all have a healthy and successful New Year as we celebrate the 200th year of Odd Fellowship in North America.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*

Kelly Hughes, PGM

*Happy New Year!!*

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## WELCOME TO 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We welcome another year and I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. I also want to congratulate the newly-elected slate of officers for 2019, that will be installed this month.



MARCIA PRESLEY

## THOMAS WILDEY DAY

Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master, has declared that January 15, 2019, the anniversary date of the birth of our founder, be celebrated as “Thomas Wildey Day” throughout the world of Odd Fellowship. It is also “Thomas Wildey Museum Month.” The Thomas Wildey Museum is located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina next to the

Sovereign Grand Lodge Office. If you get the chance to visit this museum, it is truly a beautiful place, with all of the historical things from throughout the world that are on

display. It is truly a history of our Order.

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Your Annual Reports are due in my office on or before January 15, 2019, with a late fee being charged for any Annual Reports sent in after January 31, 2019. I hope we can say that we had 100 per cent return this year. As always, if you are having problems with your report, give me a call. 1-877-295-6926.

## PUT ON YOUR SMILE:

*Put on your smile and use it every day,  
It heals a broken spirit and drives the blues away.  
Put on your smile, for you may never know,  
Just what it means to one who's feeling low.  
Put on your smile, what a happy sight to see,  
It cheers a wounded heart, how powerful that can be.*  
— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,  
*In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,  
PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

# Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194

Members of Washougal Odd Fellows #194 were busy following Thanksgiving, preparing for the “Washougal Festival of the Trees.” For the fifth year members filled themed baskets. These baskets are raffled off to benefit the Washougal School District.

This year five baskets were assembled. They included a family fun night; games like Cheery O hi ho Cherry O and “Lets go fishing under the sea;” a video entitled “The Incredibles 2;” 51 songs kids love to sing; card games; both adult and kids coloring book with colors and twistable color pencils; an infant “I spy game; a bottle of sparkling cider; “Serving up Christmas” with placemats; a Noel wood sign; glass Santa tray; a cracker tray; pot holders and towels.

Other items included Gingerbread themed items: Three gingerbread kits for the family to make (train, village and people) towels, cookie cutters, and ornaments, all ginger bread themed.

There were both a boy’s and girl’s first birthday gifts that included a first Christmas ornament, first sock and hat, bibs, outfits, bunnies, blankets, and 25 favorite Christmas songs.

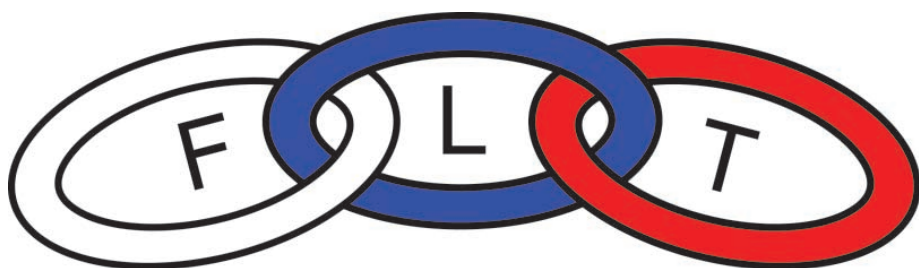
The five baskets netted \$282, almost a 33 per cent profit over what was spent. At the Christmas pizza party, plans were made for 2019 baskets themes so after-Christmas sales could be taken advantage of.



Victoria Gilson, Joyce (Hope) Gilson and Jeanette Jester with some of Washougal’s holiday baskets.



# ~ 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:** Holly Houser, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Sec'y:** Madi Martin, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Email:** madimartin216@hotmail.com

**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

**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

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## 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) 720-0421. **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 & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** 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

## 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



At Buckley's Initiation in December are, from left: Madeleine Martin, Shelly Burns, Holly Houser, Matt McCollum, Toby Hanson and Tim Van Dusen. Not pictured is Dannielle Hanson who was taking the picture.

## Initiation in Buckley highlights the holidays

Thursday night, December 13, the members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 came together to initiate their newest member, Brother Matthew McCollum. Brother Matt is a longtime Buckley resident who recently retired and was looking around town for an organization to join that would put his free time to use.

Fortunately for the lodge, he came across the Odd Fellow Museum in Buckley and ultimately talked with the Grand Secretary who directed him to put in an application. We responded by putting on a very fine example of the Initiatory Degree. Everyone in the lodge was well-prepared with their parts and knew exactly what to do.

Big thanks to our Degree Captain, Toby Hanson, who showed up early to get the lodge room prepared, and also to Sister Shelly Burns who brought cake to celebrate afterward.

## 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, **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910



Jeanna Jensen, Tabitha Reilly and Laurie Walker were welcomed in Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 recently.

## In Bickleton

# Alder Rebekahs #80

On Tuesday, November 27, three new candidates — Jeanna Jensen, Tabitha Reilly and Laurie Walker, all of Bickleton — received the Rebekah Degree and were welcomed into the fellowship of Alder Lodge #80. After the beautiful and solemn ceremony, the newly-installed members sat with the other members as business was conducted.

During the meeting, the Good of the Order was shared by Past Noble Grand, Delma Wilson, who read the American Creed written by William T. Page in 1917.

*“I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.”*

— Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

This was well-received by the members who reflected on the troubles in the political arena. Mrs. Wilson reminded us that each member of Congress must recite and affirm this Creed upon taking office.

Tuesday, December 11 was our annual Christmas party and gift exchange.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were provided by Jessica Cannon.

— Missy Carlsen and Pam Wolfe,  
Reporters

# Alder Rebekahs lose oldest member

Helen M. Lusby, (August 13, 1925 — October 20, 2018) Alder Rebekah Lodge #80's longest lived, and arguably, its most faithful member, passed to her reward.

Helen faithfully attended lodge until she suffered a stroke a few weeks before her death. She always personified the three values of the Rebekahs: Friendship, Love, and Truth. She greeted people with her signature phrase, “Jesus loves you and so do I.”



She was a member of the Cowboy Church of Bickleton, Eastern Klickitat Historical Society, and Alder Creek Pioneer Picnic Association where she served as

President in 2006.

Helen joined the Alder Lodge 61 years ago on May 17, 1957. She went through the chairs four times serving as Noble Grand in 1968, 1974, 1988 and 1989. She was also elected as an Assembly Representative during her time in the lodge.

Helen is survived by her children including David Lusby of Bickleton; Marie Miller, of Bickleton, who serves as Treasurer of our lodge; Nancy Lentz, of Dixie; Connie Morris, of Eugene, OR; Heidi Lusby, of Olathe, KS; and Harriet Mercer, of Richland. She is also survived by one brother, 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was laid to rest at the Pioneer Cemetery in Cleveland, WA, on October 26, 2018, with members of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 holding a farewell ceremony at the graveside. A Celebration of Life was held afterwards at the IOOF Lodge Hall in Bickleton, with luncheon served by Rebekah members to the community who came to honor her. Helen will be missed and she is remembered with much love.

— Missy Carlsen and Pam Wolfe

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Curtis L. Eliason**, 79, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 39 year member of Richland IOOF Lodge #338. Past Grand and current Treasurer.

- **Geraldine L. Albers**, member of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla for 15 years. Joined on April 15, 2003.



## News from the Capital City

# Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Another year has come to an end and we get to start all over again. We hope you all had a loving Christmas with family and the special people in your life. This is a wonderful time to stop and reflect on the past year and all the blessings that have filled our life. Many of us have had heartbreak and disappointment during the last 12 months, but let's look beyond that to the high points and happiness we have had as well.

Members of Ruth #17 filled 100 Christmas Stockings and delivered them to the Union Gospel Mission. From there they were handed out to children in our local area. What a blessing this project is! Members of Olympia #1 and Ruth #17 are so generous in donating items to put in the stockings, and we have such a good time eating Christmas goodies while we fill them. Thank you everyone who helped with this project.

Olympia #1 sponsored our annual Christmas Party on December 15. Laurel and Joann did a great job, as always, coordinating and cooking for this event. We had a good turn out and a great time. Santa made his appearance and was looking as handsome as ever — for a man of his advanced years.

We collected food for the Union Gospel Mission throughout the month of December and were able to make a couple of generous donations to their kitchen.

We will have our Installation of Officers for 2019 on Saturday, January 19. Ruth #17 will be serving lunch at noon and the Installation will start directly after. Members, along with their friends and family, are invited to join us for this special day. It really is a wonderful time to encourage those who have committed to serving their local lodges by accepting an office of responsibility. We hope to see you there.

As the New Year begins, remember:

*Enthusiasm is contagious and so is the lack of it.*

Here's to a very productive 2019.

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

**Above left:** Olympia's Christmas Elf Laurel Delony, along with Santa and a pair of excited children enjoy the annual Christmas Party on December 15.

**Center left:** Kathi Picanco, Mickey Turner, Lorrie Bonnel, Joe Picanco and Frank Wilson filling Christmas Stockings for the Olympia Union Gospel Mission.

**Below left:** Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 enjoy a Christmas dinner during their holiday party.





The annual Christmas Party and Auction is a fun time for members of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla. Besides supporting a charity, the Sisters enjoy sharing beautiful and useful gifts. Narcissa Rebekahs are, from

left: Barbara Lechner, Jeanine Griffin, Barbara Tvrz, Patty Newell, Robertta Hunt, Sharon Sousa, Rose Ringhoffer, Marthann Hall and Nancy Klicker.

## Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

Narcissa Rebekah Sisters held their annual Christmas Party and Auction in the Fireside Room at the Washington Odd Fellows Home. Every year, lodge members choose a charity that has the greatest need. This year Christy Krutulis, Coordinator of Family Support and Homeless Assistance at Walla Walla Public Schools, spoke to the group about homeless students.

Krutulis said 215 students are considered homeless, not counting those who “couch-surf.” Each school has Intervention Specialists and Counselors who contact the students and learn about their needs. For example, if a homeless student’s family lacks cooking utensils, the Specialist can purchase them using federal funds.

This year the Narcissa auction raised \$200 for the community’s homeless students. They will allocate the money to the family or schools where it will do the most good. The recipient will be announced later.

Jeanne Elder, a member who knits winter accessories, donated 14 hats with tassels to Christy Krutulis who distributed them to needy schools. A week later Jeanne received a thank you card and photograph in the mail. It showed the backs of two little girls, standing arm in arm,

and wearing Jeanne’s hats on a cold day —a gift that will last forever.

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



What a surprise for Nancy Klicker to learn she had bid on and won reindeer antlers! Jeanine Griffin, Patty Newell and Marthann Hall thought they were a perfect complement to her Christmas sweater.

# The Grinch came to ‘Whoville’ for a holiday party!!

Residents of the Washington Odd Fellows Home were welcomed to “Whoville” by the Administrative Staff for a Christmas Party. The Grinch (John Brigham) was likely to appear and take their presents. “But the party must go on,” said Stephanie Cole (aka Cindy Lou Who), one of the enthusiastic citizens.

A holiday feast was spread out in the lobby of the Home. There were Christmas cookies and cupcakes with green frosting, green punch with ice cream, popcorn, M&M’s and a variety of beverages. Guests were greeted at the buffet by Joani Wicklund and Janelle Siller, while other residents were served by Ana Molina, Katie Sterner, Linda Montgomery and Stephanie Cole.

Jeanine Griffin, a resident in the Clinton Apartments, said, “Christmas is so much fun. The cookies are yummy — and it’s all about everyone getting together.”

The Grinch, who lived on top of Mt. Crumpit, came down the mountainside with his assistant (Terry Nix) and took all of the presents from Whoville. But then he heard the bells ringing and the Whos singing “Welcome Christmas,” and his shrivelled heart grew three times. And he shouted, “Whoville is great! Whoville is fun! I want everyone to have a Merry Christmas.”



Patty Newell, left, incoming Narcissa Noble Grand, and Shirley Ruble, outgoing Noble Grand, wish the Grinch (John Brigham) a happy time as a member of the “Whoville family.”

## *In Oak Harbor*

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

## IT WAS A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our activities were so much fun. We delivered our cards and visited with the residents of the nursing home and they were so friendly and appreciative of us for coming.

We then went to our Advisor’s house to make our cookie trains, spaghetti dinner and watch Christmas movies. At the VFW party they needed help with the activities, so not only did we have some fun, but were able to do some community service.

We received a thank you from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Our donation to them helped to provide a service animal for an 11-year-old girl with epilepsy.

This month we will be electing and installing our new officers for 2019. We will also be making our Valentines for the nursing home because our first meeting in February is just the day before Valentine’s Day.

We wish a great year for all the lodges and their new officers.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

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



Delivering Christmas cards to the nursing home are, standing from left: Piper Lanning, Lucy Crouch, and Desiree Gardiner. Sitting are: Hailey Scheiderer, Rebecca Johnson, a nursing home resident, and Stacy Gardiner.

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## Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 again hosted a cookie decorating station at Friendship Hall during the Montesano Festival of Lights on December 8. Several tables were set up with cookies and decorating supplies and, once again, proved be a popular attraction in the afternoon leading up

to Montesano’s annual parade of lights. Coffee, tea, hot cider and hot chocolate were also available to the many visitors to the event.

Visitors of all ages, and a few four-legged furrries, came and shared seasonal refreshments, conversation and a sense of community. Some of the talent and attention to detail was amazing and a good many cookies quickly disappeared through the door, although a few didn’t make it quite that far.

Outside Santa and his Chief Elf, “Laurelbelle,” greeted all who stopped by and many a Christmas wish list was conveyed to the Jolly Old Elf.

Past Grand Master Kelly Hughes made a “surprise” (at least to some) visit to the event and it was generally judged by all to have been a fun time and a great representation of Oddfellowship and contribution to the community’s holiday event.

Plans are already in the works to continue Skookumchuck #129’s participation to this wonderful celebration.

We are looking forward to our Joint Installation with Olympia #1 on Saturday, January 19. We hope you can make it.

*In F., L. & T., Steven Purcell, Vice Grand  
Skookumchuck #129*

**South Tacoma  
Rebekahs #160**

Brothers and Sisters,

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Noble Grand Joan Lundy for a wonderful year. Joan has kept us busy with cards for the Home on special holidays, garage sales, Halloween Bingo and working at My Sister’s Pantry food bank. Joan, you have done an outstanding job and we thank you.

Our lodge will be having a Joint Installation with the South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211. Installation is on Sunday January 20 at 2 p.m. with a meal to follow. We hope you can make it.

— *Fraternally, Laurel Delony, Reporter*