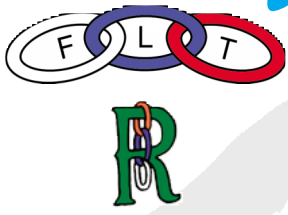


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Happy Halloween Ghosts & Goblins!



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Here's to a great year ahead

Our new Jurisdictional Officers gathered at the Olympia Odd Fellows' Puget Beach Park on September 9 for a day of meeting and greeting, along with some great barbecue and cake. Cutting the cake are, from left, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe, Theta Rho President of Washington Victoria Schlim, Grand Master Michael Scheurich, Grand Patriarch John Crispin and Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco. Additional photos of the gala in Olympia are on page 10.

We Hope You Enjoy Your Year!

From the desk of your Grand Master



MICHAEL SCHEURICH
Grand Master

OCTOBER IS NOMINATION MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,
By the time you are reading this, fall will have arrived. The days are getting shorter, and all the lodges will be back to meeting after most taking the summer off. During your meetings in October don't forget to do your nominations for your lodges elected positions.

RECEPTION

I would like to thank everyone who came to the reception for the Heads of the Order. We enjoyed a great day and a wonderful

potluck.

I am very appreciative of the support that I received for my project and the nice cards, treats and gifts. Thank you.

I had the pleasure of surprising Laurel Delony, our Grand Secretary, with a certificate to display in the Grand Lodge Office. It was from Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was a 2022 Membership Honor Roll Award for attaining a gain in membership (statewide) for the year ending December 31, 2022.

KEEP LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

I spoke about our need for more membership. My lodge and many others are desperate for more membership just to relax our uncertainty of being able to have a quorum for our meetings. We all need to be on the lookout for prospective new members.

VISITATIONS

I have four visitations completed and another three in September. In October and November I have a lot scheduled. I have a bunch of letters that I am preparing for December and into next year. I am enjoying meeting lodge members whom I have not had the opportunity to meet. It is good to see lodges planning events in their communities.

On Friday, September 8, I did my visit to Skookumchuck Lodge in Bucoda. It was very cool that Assembly President Dusti Trebe was in town for

the Reception on Saturday and was able to do her visit to the Bucoda Rebekah Lodge that same night.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

On August 18 through 25, I went to Des Moines, Iowa for Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions as your one-year Representative. Even though I had attended Sovereign Grand Lodge last year as an observer, it was way different as a Representative. A huge thanks goes to Joe Picanco, our two-year Representative. His guidance was invaluable in keeping me up to speed on the issues. It was great to have John "Johneo" Otterstrom as the other Representative after he was called as the alternate to fill in for Ron Hanson who became ill on his way to Iowa.

Most of the discussions on the different issues takes place in the committees. (I was able to view a lot of these, especially some of the more controversial issues in the committee meetings.) By the time a bill gets to the floor for a vote most things move very quickly, and there is very little or no discussion on the floor.

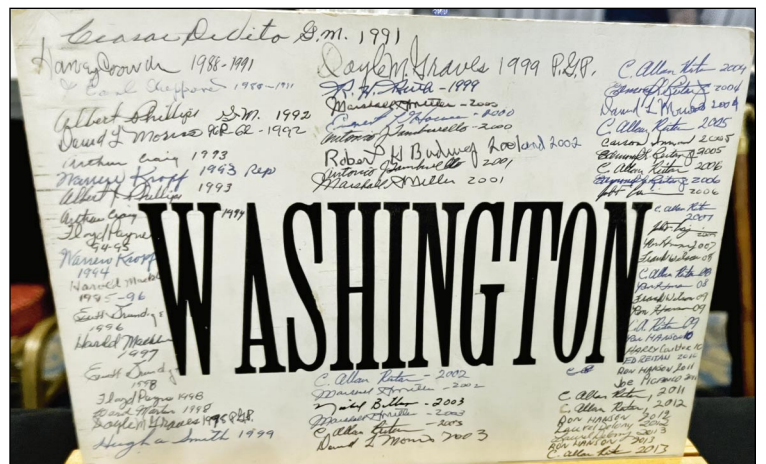
A MOVING EXPERIENCE

The Representatives from Washington have signed their names on our Washington State name tag. This determines our assigned seats. The current name tag has signatures dating back to 1991. It was moving to add my name to that list.

I didn't get COVID-19 at the meetings but quite a few of our group from Washington did, along with many others attending the Sessions. As near as I know everyone has healed up at this time.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Michael Scheurich,

Your 2023-2024 Grand Master
(360) 731-0975, 1oddfellowmike@gmail.com



From the desk of the Assembly President



CYNTHIA "DUSTI" TREBE
Assembly President

SURPRISE VISIT

I can't believe this month has slipped by so quickly. With IARA out of the way I made a surprise visit to Bucoda since the following day was the reception. But of course Rebekah's are never surprised. The Grand Master and I shared the visit to Bucoda and Skookumchuck Friday night and enjoyed a wonderful dinner and visit.

I would like to offer my deepest thanks to everyone who helped make the reception such a success on Saturday, September 9.

SUPPORT ALL OUR PROJECTS

My project is off to a fabulous start. Don't forget to support *ALL* of the projects this year. I feel we have all chosen noble projects to work for.

I know I have many visits to make and want to see everyone. I must ask for your patience and help in hopefully combining Lodge gathering. This will help me on my quest. It would be fabulous if you could help by joining together possibly at District Meetings and letting me know when they will be held in advance so that I may see everyone. I would be so grateful. Snoqualmie Pass has a habit of attempting to defeat our crossing during winter months.

NO PINS, BUT PENS INSTEAD

Instead of selling pins this year I'm selling writing pens. I also have a beautiful "Bee Hive" twin size quilt for a raffle. I will be bringing it on my visits to display and have tickets with me.

KEEP IN CONTACT

I would like to ask you remember your members who cannot attend regularly by dropping them a card to remind them they are thought of and missed. That small token goes so far, as I have personally experienced from many of you these last three years during my recovery.

IN MEMORY OF DONATIONS

I have been approached by a couple of people on my project about making donations in memory of or in honor of lost loved ones, survivors and warriors. I think this is an awesome idea. Just send me a short note with the names you wish to dedicate to. Remember always make checks out to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

This is going to be a wonderful year because it's your year to shine. My heart is with you all.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe, President
Rebekah Assembly of Washington
Warriors For Hope



Dusti will have this beautiful twin-size "Bee Hive" quilt with her on all of her visits. Be prepared to purchase raffle tickets for this handmade quilt.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY OCTOBER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Fall is in full swing, but as I write this it is 80 degrees outside. I love this weather and I'm not anxious for the sunshine to go away.



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

As October unfolds, we have several things to accomplish:

First of all — don't forget that this is the month we nominate officers for the upcoming year. Nominations are held during both the first and second meetings of the month. Page twenty three (23) of your *Rebekah Lodges Constitution* gives information on making nominations, and who is eligible to be nominated. If you are in the habit of having one business and one social meeting a month, please

take a few minutes prior to your social meeting to open lodge and take care of this matter. To be in compliance with the Constitution you must hold nominations at two separate meetings.

You should have received your Fall Per Capita state-

In Spokane

Hope Rebekahs #38

Greetings Sisters and Brothers. Members of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 held our first meeting of the fall on Wednesday, September 6. A delicious pot luck lunch was enjoyed by nine members and one guest before we started our meeting.

The Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 business meeting was conducted by Noble Grand Joey Locke. Hope Rebekah Lodge voted to receive into membership Jane Larrabee. The Rebekah Degree was conferred to Sister Jane Larrabee. Welcome Sister Jane!!

A special thanks to our own Sister Dusti Trebe, President of Rebekah Assembly of Washington, and our own Past Grand Master Tim Moon, for officiating and conducting Sister Jane through the Rebekah Degree. A delicious no-host dessert was enjoyed by everyone.

We welcome visitors. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 12:30 p.m.

— *With Rebekah Hugs*
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Tedd Swanson PNG and Reporter
PG Samaritan Lodge #52 IOOF

ments recently. Please be sure to get these assessments mailed in right away.

The *Book on Instruction* which is in the new *Digest* has a lot of great information to keep your lodge meetings running smooth and productive.

TYPOS ARE ALWAYS CREEPING IN

Even though the *Digest* was proof read several times, by several people, I'm sure we missed several things. One that has been pointed out — on page 4 under *Lodge Guidelines* — the second paragraph refers to page 92 of the *Ritual*. This should be "page 98." Please mark out the 92 and write in 98 for future information.



Should you find any other mistakes, please don't hesitate to let me know. I hope we will have a solid document that is free of errors. And then it will be time to update it again.

I'M JOINING THE MARINES FOR GRADUATION

I hope you all have a wonderful month and enjoy some great Halloween candy. I'm going to brag a bit here — I won't be home for Halloween as I will be in San Diego, CA on Friday, October 29 for the Marine Corps Training Graduation. My Grandson will be graduating as a Private 1st Class. He is one of 15 in his Platoon of 100. We are very proud of him.


— *Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth*
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary
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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

HERE'S THE NITTY GRITTY ON ELECTIONS

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are into October already. You know what that means right? It's time for the nominations of officers for 2024.

Remember that to be an Elective or Appointive Officer, you must be a 3rd Degree member.

If you are running for the office of Vice Grand or Noble Grand, not only do you have to be a 3rd Degree member, but you must have held a previous office for two years or two different offices for one year. If not, your lodge will need to get a dispensation from the Grand Master if they have not had two years worth of other offices. And only the Grand Master can write that dispensation.



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED US

Installation of Officers should take place in January of 2024. If you would like the Grand Lodge to install your officers please let Grand Master Michael or myself know. We'll get you on the

spreadsheet.

I sent out instructions on how to report new members last month as I am not getting the information in a timely fashion. It seems we're having some issues making that happen. I hope your Secretary read the letter in the lodge. If you have any questions please let me know. I'll be glad to help you fill out or to answer any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting** — Saturday, October 7, Buckley Hall Fellows Hall, 10 a.m. — *With Fraternal Hugs and Love,* Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com 800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 is back to work!!

Wow! I missed the last new newspaper. I guess time really does flies.

Trinity had many things going on in July and August. We had Bingo and also funtime festivals going back to back.

In August, I was packing to go to Sovereign Grand Lodge in Iowa. In Iowa there were very interesting learning sessions. It was also, *very hot!* It was miserable if you went outside the hotel. It was won-

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‘The Chronicles of my first Grand Lodge Sessions’ witnessed by your Grand Conductor

Hello everyone! I have had many adventures at this year’s Grand Sessions in Yakima, and have decided to submit a series of articles, titled, “The Chronicles of my first Grand Lodge Sessions.”

There will be several parts to this series, and if all goes well, there will be a new set of “Chronicles” for every year that I attend Grand Lodge Sessions. By doing these “Chronicles,” it is my hope to not only share my adventures with everyone whom attended, as well as those who were unable to attend, but share the joy of being present at an historic Sessions, where many “firsts” were beheld.



JAMIE VEST BEY
Grand Conductor

The goal? To share the joy of our Sessions, as well as inspire others to share their experiences within our *Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper

because, it is my hope that the joy, friendship, love and truth that we share amongst one another can be the driving force to get more of our members to attend Sessions.

It is not only a time for business, but a time to connect and reconnect with our Brothers and Sisters who stay on the other side of the mountains. We are not just a fraternity, we are **FAMILY!** To be present at these Sessions, you will **FEEL** that familial love. There’s nothing like it in the whole world. I love you **ALL!!**

My first chapter of the “Chronicles” was inadvertently left out of last month’s *Washington OddFellow* which dealt with my trip from Tacoma to Yakima. Here is the second chapter of “The Chronicles.”

PART 2: THETA RHO PRACTICE

As I walked into the room for the Theta Rho practice, I was pleasantly surprised to see the girls so

elegantly dressed, as well as the beautiful dresses worn by the Rebekahs and the dapper suits of the men.

What was even more of a joy, was actually witnessing the superb floor work that the girls had clearly been practicing and perfecting long before getting here. It was inspiring because I believe after witnessing these young ladies go about the business of their practice with joy, that if we, (the old farts, ha ha!) could take just a fraction of the enthusiasm that these young ladies (and all our youth) have, and infuse a bit of that into what we do in our Lodges and communities as a whole. It will make the work that we do much more fun for us and attract the youth to our great Order, which we most desperately need, so that we not only survive, but **THRIVE** into the next century and beyond. Just this practice alone instilled within me a great certainty that we shall do just that: **THRIVE!** What I witnessed was the future. And. . . I am happy with what I know is to come. More next episode. . .

— Jamie Vest Bey, Grand Conductor,
Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington,

2024 Pilgrimage for Youth info available

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We now have the information packets for the 2024 Pilgrimage for Youth program. If your lodge is interested, please send the Grand Secretary an email or call and she will send you out a packet.

All information is in the packet along with costs and deadlines and how to go about selecting students.

All monies are to come through the Grand Lodge office. Do not send directly to the Pilgrimage. Costs listed do not include the airfare so keep that in mind.

You can also access the packet on-line at:

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Fraternally,
— Your Pilgrimage for Youth Committee

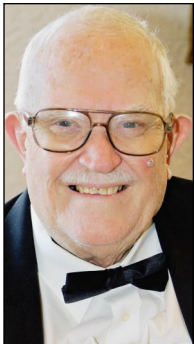


Reception Relaxing

Taking a break during the All Branch Reception in Olympia on September 9 are ??? and Grand Conductor Jamie Vest Bey. See page 8 for additional photos.

Ed Beckstein sings his to victory with ‘Sammy’

Who says *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper isn't read nationally and sometimes internationally? September's winner in the "Find Sammy" contest hails



ED BECKSTEIN

from far-off Michigan.

The winner, Ed Beckstein, is singing the praises of reading *The Washington OddFellow* and finding Sammy on page 11 in the flying saucer. For his efforts, Ed, the Grand Lodge of Michigan's Grand Soloist, will be sent a wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington.



HELP FIND SAMMY AGAIN

We are continuing with our "Guess Sammy" contest again. Get your eagle eyes busy and you can win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just send your email to grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than October 15 for our November, 2023 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct entries.

Fall 2023 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

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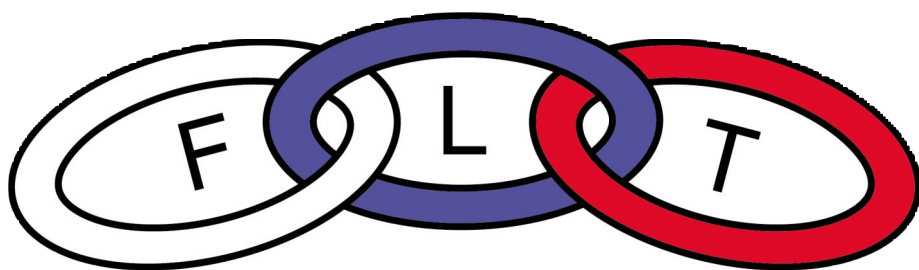
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BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle.
Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Jerry 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 (2/28/24)

BOTHELL I.O.O.F. LODGE #124

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Mailing Address:** 18528 28th Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm First meeting remote, second meeting in person. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Greg Powers, 9435 39th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118. **Ph:** (206) 499-4802. **Sec'y:** Penny Curtis, 18528 28th Ave. E, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **Ph:** (206) 235-3419 (2/28/24)

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ken Roth, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 900-3054. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321 **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Phone:** (971) 533-0670. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. (2/28/24)

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, (upstairs), Bucoda. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 259-7241 (Cell). **Sec'y:** Laura Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 259-6144 (2/28/24)

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Marilyn Loftus, 10619 E. Lake Joy Dr. NE, Carnation, WA 98014. **Ph:** (425) 844-0715. **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasperek, 10138 NE 187th, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/25)

ELLENSBURG I.O.O.F. LODGE #20

Meets At: 307 N. Pine St., Ellensburg, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Recess:** None. **NG:** David Soltz, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (570) 204-7893. **Sec'y:** Maegan Watson, PO Box 154 Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (253) 709-1263 (2/28/24)

FALL CITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 507, Fall City, WA 98024. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 p.m. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Phillip (Tom) Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719 **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013. (2/28/24)

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. WA. **Mailing Address:** 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Diane Keener, 440 Main Ave., North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/24)

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Nave, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Joey Locke, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. (2/28/25)

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If you have any questions please contact the Grand Secretary at grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or (360) 829-1514.

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LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, (Corner of Pacific & Pine) 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 686-9930. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86, Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (360) 998-9270 (2/28/24)

OLYMPIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #1

Meets At: Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Laura Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386. **Ph:** (360) 278-3070. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/24)

PROSPERITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #301

Meets At: 601 No. Chelan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Lodge Mailing Address:** Same. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **NG:** Dustin Deane, 1043 Cherry St., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Ph:** (509) 679-0373. **Sec'y:** Samuel McIntosh, 601 N. Chelan Wenatchee, WA 98801 **Ph:** (907) 575-6936 (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. (or via Zoom), **Recess:** June, July & Aug. **NG:** John Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077-7102. **Ph:** Home: (425) 788-3772, Cell: 425-478-9138. **Sec'y:** Mary Mathers, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077-7102. **Cell Ph:** 425-478-9129. (2/28/25)

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

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101A E. 7th St. Bucoda, WA. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 790-0383. **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717. (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: 12909 Pacific Ave. So., Tacoma, WA 98444. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 5343, Spanaway, WA 98387. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 6:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alicia Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (206) 535-0472. **Sec'y:** Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (971) 533-0670 (2/28/24)

SOUTH TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 306 134th St. S., Tacoma. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (971) 533-0670. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/24)

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:** Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., 858 Reiten Road, Kent, WA 98032. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254. **Sec'y:** Tina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/24)

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 612, Napavine, WA 98565. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Virginia Erckenbrack, 316 Tennessee Road, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 508-4215. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629 (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: 1723 NE Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 448, Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Harry Jester, 3904 NE 122nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98692. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/24)

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut St., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** **NG:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910. (2/28/24)

Did you know?

Make sure your lodge is using the correct Ritual

This pertains to the Odd Fellows Ritual. On page iv, "Laws" is the following.

"The Sovereign Grand Lodge is the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship and possesses final and supervisory power over the entire Brotherhood of Wildey Odd Fellowship.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has exclusive power to establish, regulate, and control Rituals, ceremonies, lectures, and the Unwritten Work of the Order.

Grand Lodges shall enforce strict adherence to the work of the Order. Neither a Grand Lodge nor an Odd Fellows Lodge may adopt or use any charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, or regalia other than those prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Ritualistic work or ceremonies shall not be presented in public meetings.

Custody. The Rituals are the property of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and are placed in the custody of the component bodies through the Grand Body having legislative authority.

Number. The component body may possess the number of Rituals needed.

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This Ritual was adopted at the 2003 Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and becomes effective when printed. It supersedes and replaces all previous Rituals. **No other shall be used.**"

If you or your lodge are using a Ritual or Charge Book that does not have the date 2003, and you'll find this on the top portion of each page, with 2005 updates for pages 119 through 128, you and your lodge are not in compliance. Please contact the Grand Secretary for copies of the current ritual and its updates.

— Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary

Happy Halloween





Enjoying the sun at our All Branch Reception are, from bottom, Harry Jester, Steve Purcell and Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe. In the background is Alicia Vest Bey.



Joe Picanco was the chief cook and bottle washer.

A Beautiful Day For The All- Branch Reception At Olympia's Puget Park



Above: Enjoying some of Joe's fine hamburgers and hot dogs are Moria Struthers, Tara Wigle, and Tom Frogge'. In the background are Teanna Gardner, and Leilah McNichols. **Right:** Adults were enjoying their dinner as well. Around the table are Karman Lundell, PPRA and Secretary Emeritus Marcia Presley, VPRA Alberta Luurs, PPRA Jennie Reed, and her husband Dave Reed. In the far back is Laura Purcell. See related photo on Page 1.



Bonding time for our Theta Rho's

We started off our fall activities by attending the All Branch Reception at the IOOF Puget Park in Olympia. We decided to invite members of Spunky Bluebirds #93 to join us for our second annual “Bonding Campout” and had it following the reception. Thank you Olympia Odd Fellows for letting us stay at the park.

The weekend was filled with activities organized by Desiree Gardiner to improve teamwork and better communication. Everyone had a fun time.

At our first meeting back we planned our activities for the rest of 2023. We have two community service projects for this month: Doing yard work for

seniors who need help and are low income and volunteering every weekend at the Haunted House.

For our fun activities we will be having a pizza/movie night to celebrate the end of our fundraiser and a Halloween party. Thank you to all of you who supported our project.

At our last meeting in September we initiated Jesse Daily and welcome her to our club.

We hope all of you have a Happy Halloween and don't let the ghosts and goblins get you.

— *Until next month with Spooky Halloween Hugs,
In Happiness Through Service,
The Members of Acorn #79*



Theta Rho Girls work on untangling the group by working together at their “Bonding Campout.” From left are: Teanna Gardner of Spunky, Leilah McNichols, Sarah Thomas, Layla Williams (partially hidden), and Desiree Gardiner, all from Acorn.



Girls participating in the Spoon Relay are, from left, Layla Williams, Leilah McNichols, Desiree Gardiner and Sarah Thomas.



Tanya Gardiner, Assistant Advisor for Acorn #79, Sylvia Summers, Advisor for Spunky Bluebirds #93, gather with their girls at the All Branch Reception in Olympia. The

girls include Allister Jennings, Desiree Gardiner, Leilah McNichols, Layla Williams, Sarah Thomas, Teanna Gardner, and Shauna Schultz.



Here's the Jurisdiction of Washington's Theta Rho delegation in Des Moines, Iowa. From left are: Shauna Schultz, Teanna Gardner, Assistant Advisor Madi Martin, Alana Weatherlow, Allister Jennings, Desiree Gardiner,

Riley Moore, Leilah McNichols, Sarah Thomas, Stacy Gardiner and Hailey Hanna. Attending but not in the picture are Advisor Judy Diekman, Advisor Sylvia Summers and Assistant Advisor Tanya Gardiner.

TR Girls have great time in Iowa

Eight Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79 and two from Spunky Bluebirds #93 attended International Youth Days in August held in Des Moines, Iowa. This was all possible thanks to the funding from the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington. The girls were honored to represent the Jurisdiction of Washington and would not have been able to have this experience without your support.

The girls were able to meet and share ideas with members from other jurisdictions and to meet and talk with the adult leaders of our organization.

They participated in many activities starting with the meet and greet pizza party on Thursday night. On Friday they attended orientation and each made an animal to be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. Friday night was the Youth Banquet and

entertainment. Saturday they attended Sessions in the morning and that afternoon delivered their animals to Ronald McDonald House followed by their Fun Night at Adventure Land Theme Park.

Thanks to the generosity of our adult members, you provided these young ladies with an experience they will never forget. Without your financial support this trip would not be possible for many of these girls.

A special thank you to our travel agent Grand Secretary Laurel Delony who made all the arrangements for the trip. She makes sure we are well cared for. Words can't express the gratitude we have for having your support for our youth.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*
Judy Diekman, Advisor Acorn #79



Above: A hearty welcome and pizza party was first on the agenda. From left are: Stacy Gardiner, Shauna Schultz, Hailey Hanna, Teanna Gardner, and Sarah Thomas. **Right:** Delivering animals to Ronald McDonald House In Des Moines, Iowa.





First chance for a 2nd Degree in Ballard

Two members of Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 in Seattle received their 2nd Degrees on September 14. The two members, Malcolm Kennedy and Kirk Mason, are seated. From left behind them are Nora Carria,

Rich Ater, Christopher P. Moore, Michael Douglas, Jerry Smith, Bob Duniway, Ezekiel Blessing, Greg Powers, Michael Manning, Roxanne Duniway, and Jeffrey Nelson.

Oom-pah-pah! Learn the polka!

Ballard host 'Augtoberfest' complete with Polka lessons

Ballard Encampment #76 in Seattle hosts a public event each fifth Thursday of the month. In August the theme was Octoberfest Preview or "Augtoberfest!" Members provided brats, potato salads and sauerkraut, as well as Polka lessons.

In the photo, from left are lodge member Ian Stanaway and his daughter Sophia, guest Euphoria Gibbous, and Penny Curtis instructing the Heel Toe Polka!

PGP Greg Powers provided the music on his tuba.





Herding their critters to Ronald McDonald House

Most of the Theta Rho Girls, including our Washington delegation, who attended Youth Days in Des Moines, Iowa crafted stuffed animals to donate to the local Ronald

McDonald House. If you look almost in the middle of the photo, you can see then Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart.

From your 2023-24 Theta Rho President

A Wonderful Time In Iowa

Hey everyone!!!

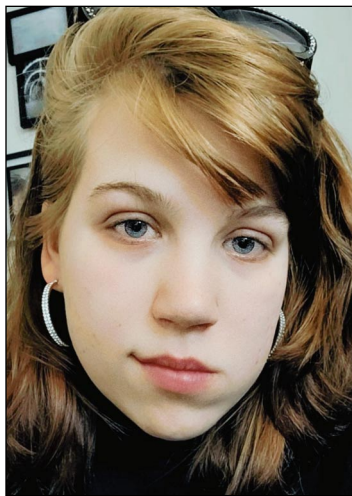
I'd just like to say I had an absolutely fantastic time at Youth Days this year in Des Moines, Iowa. I'm so sad I missed IARA and SGL Sessions. I hope everyone had an absolutely wonderful time.

I drove up to Washington in September to help support Washington's Heads of the Order Reception in Olympia. It was truly wonderful.

If you need anything from me please don't hesitate to ask.

Try everything in Friendship, Love and Truth.

— *In Happiness Through Service, Victoria Schlim,
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington*



VICTORIA SCHLIM
TRA President

Trinity Rebekah Lodge

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derful seeing all the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows. Some you knew and a lot you didn't. But, I was glad to meet them.

I've learned a lot about Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions and what to expect and what not. Also, you learn what to bring and what you didn't need.

Trinity is having a trial meeting time change. Starting on September 14, we're trying to meet at 6:30 p.m. for the first meeting of the month and the second meeting will be at 1 p.m. We're hoping to give members who work a chance to take part and maybe have some new adventures for our lodge to think about.

We have two Bingo sessions coming up on our calendar: The Lewis County Breast Cancer fund-raiser will be on Saturday, October 7 with a potato bar. A softball Bingo with a Halloween theme is scheduled for Saturday, October 21.

A pair of bake sales are scheduled this month. The first will be on Friday, October 13 and a second bake sale will take place on Friday, October 27 for VPRA Travel Fund.

We will be working on our Christmas Bazaar which will be on November 17 and 18.

We have a teenage sock and underwear drive going on. We are also accepting gift cards because its hard to predict the sizes of underwear for boys and girls. Our hope is that some of our goals we have set become reality.

Trinity Rebekah Lodge will be conferring the Rebekah Degree on the second Thursday in October at 6:30 p.m. for two new members.

Until next issue, enjoy our fall and Halloween and all that comes with it.

Congrats to all the new officers elected at our Assembly. PS I hope all have recovered from the SGL Covid.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Alberta Luurs, Secretary*





Grand Master Mike Scheurich and Rebekah Assembly President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe made their official visits to Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 on September 8. Others in the photo are, front row from left, Laurel Delony, Michael

Scheurich, Cathy Garcia, Laura Purcell, Steve Purcell, Kyle Reynoldson, and Brad Morrill. Seated in front are LouAnn Hoffman, Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe and Joanne Balmert. Dave Delony was the photographer for this prestigious event.

Bucoda Bulletin Board #36

Yes, we're getting back to business

It's been busy here of late. First there were Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Des Moines (the S's are silent in Iowa). There are some things that everyone should experience at least once in life and Sovereign Grand Lodge is one of them. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs came from all over the country, and this year international visitors from Iceland, Norway and Denmark all combined to make a unique experience. True, some of us came back with an unwanted souvenir but that has passed and once again all is right with the world. We're already looking forward to next year's SGL Sessions in Pittsburgh.

WE WELCOME MIKE AND DUSTI

Grand Master Michael Scheurich and Assembly President Dusti Trebe both made their official visits to Bucoda on September 8. We served ham for dinner at 5 p.m., followed by two great meetings afterward. It made for a pleasant and memorable evening for all of us. Thank you Michael and Dusti for visiting and we hope to host you again soon.

ALL BRANCH RECEPTION

Saturday, September 9 saw the All Branch Reception at the IOOF Park in Olympia. I lost count, but I believe all the branch heads were there, including visitors from Oregon.

LOUANN IS BACK!

Sister LouAnn Hoffman has decided to leave behind the hustle and bustle of the great metropolis of Centralia

and return to Bucoda. On Sunday, September 10, members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129, and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 rallied around and helped her with the moving. Here is wishing her the best and hope she gets settled in quickly.

BUCODA DARK IN OCTOBER

FYI to any potential visitors to either Skookumchuck #129 or Rebekahs #144, we have requested and received dispensations to be dark the month of October. This is due to several of our members being involved in many of the "Boo-Coda Spook-Tacular" events, including the Haunted House. Don't forget, though, there is a standing invitation to all Brothers and Sisters to visit us during our regular meeting times: the second and fourth Fridays. Dinner is at 5 p.m., Rebekahs meet at 6 p.m. and Odd Fellows meet at 7 p.m.

SOME NEW MEMBERS

Finally, the Bucoda Rebekahs has one potential new member and Skookumchuck is looking at two. The wheels turn slowly, sometimes, but at least they are turning.

Until next time. . .

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth.*

Steven Purcell,

Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent

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~ From your 2023-24 Grand Matriarch ~

AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

As I prepare the October newsletter, it is beginning to look a lot like Fall. The leaves are falling, and colors are already turning. But don't give up. It looks like we will still get some warm days for outside fun!



KATHI PICANCO
Grand Matriarch

If our Ladies Encampment Association is to survive, we need members to join us or be reinstated to our units. We are in danger of closing without more members. We only have three LEA lodges left and if they close, we are done.

Back From IARA Sessions

In August I attended the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in Des Moines, Iowa and it was such a pleasure to see friends from all over and

a few from Europe, as well. This year we did have more members attend than in the last few years. We

thanked the Iowa delegation for the excellent Sessions that they arranged for us!

OLYMPIA RECEPTION

On Saturday, September 9, a Reception for the Heads of our Order was held at Olympia IOOF Park, I wish to thank all who were able to attend and brought food, cards and presents. My donations continue to rise.

I called St. Jude Children Hospital to have them send me some information on what happens there. The staff treats the families, not just the patient. They too need to know that help is available when needed!

THETA RHO GIRLS CAMPED OUT

Our Theta Rho Girls attended, and our Theta Rho President Victoria Schlim gave a presentation about Wounded Warriors. Theta Rho girls came and spent the night camping at the Odd Fellow Park.

Thanks to Grand Master Michael, President Dusti, Grand Patriarch John, and Theta Rho President Victoria for sharing this day with me. I look forward to working with you all.

To my Kent #15 LEA Lodge, thank you all for the support and training you give me! Have a great year all!

I will be contacting the three LEA Lodges and asking for dates to visit them. See you soon!

— *In Faith, Hope and Charity,*
Kathi Picanco,
Grand Matriarch