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Happy Holidays!

To All Our Brothers  
And Sisters From  
Your Unit Leaders!



Clockwise from upper left:  
Grand Master Michael Scheurich,  
Assembly President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe,  
Grand Patriarch John Crispin, and Grand  
Matriarch Kathi Picanco. At the bottom is  
Theta Rho President Victoria Schlim.

### 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 2024 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:	<i>Michael Scheurich,</i> Grand Master	<i>Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe,</i> President
Attest:	<i>Laurel Delony,</i> Grand Secretary	Attest: <i>Cathy Garcia,</i> Rebekah Assembly Secretary

# From the desk of your Grand Master



**MICHAEL SCHEURICH**  
*Grand Master*

## NORTHWEST MEETING

As I'm sitting here writing this, I've had my most Odd Fellowish couple of weeks of my life. It started back on November 3, 4 and 5 when I attended the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meetings in Portland, Oregon with Odd Fellows from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Idaho.

This group meets to discuss issues that we share. We had a couple of very good discussions, and it will be interesting to see where some of these discussions might lead.

## HOW TO RETAIN NEW MEMBERS

One conversation that really struck a chord with me was essentially about

welcoming new members and getting them involved when you have been fortunate enough to get a new member. Unless you make a connection with these members, they will not remain members long.

## NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

Following the weekend in Portland, I took three new candidates to Olympia on Monday, November 6 to receive the Initiatory and 1st Degrees.

## MY VISIT TO EXCELSIOR IN BICKLETON

The next day, Tuesday, I made my official visit to Excelsior IOOF Lodge #111 in Bickleton. If you don't know where Bickleton is, look it up on your map program because I don't think that I can properly describe where it is. It is a quaint little town 3,000 feet above sea level but not exactly in the mountains — and it's not close to anywhere. This small town is managing to keep an Odd Fellows Lodge going despite having a very limited population. This is in addition to Alder Rebekah Lodge #80. They are certainly doing something right!

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

On Thursday I went to Olympia for my normal Encampment and Canton meetings. Friday after a short day of work I was off to Walla Walla for the Home Board meeting on Saturday Morning. This was something I have been looking forward to since I learned about our Home.

After the meeting and a small tour I, along with our Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and Grand Warden Dave Delony, went to Moses Lake where we bestowed the Initiatory and 1st Degrees to the newest members of Centennial Lodge # 341.

With the Degree work finished and a wonderful meal provided by the Centennial Lodge, we traveled to Ellensburg for the evening. Sunday morning, we met with some Ellensburg Lodge members and a developer about a project they are considering to put low-income housing on some property.

## YES, THIS IS THE LIFE OF YOUR GRAND MASTER

That was the conclusion to a very busy week and a half in the life of your Grand Master. I am enjoying myself as your Grand Master, but I must admit that there is a lot more to it than I realized. It is both rewarding and demanding all at the same time.

At this point I have 11 visits completed and five more lined up before the end of the year. The remainder of my visits will be in the late winter and spring.

## WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

I know a lot of the lodges have Christmas projects to help in your communities. Please remember to take pictures and write a short article for our newspaper, *The Washington OddFellow*.

By the time you read this article Thanksgiving will be over. I hope you were able to share some time with friends and family. Now we are on the downhill run towards Christmas and New Years and then Installation Season. If your lodge needs to schedule an installation, please let the Grand Lodge Office know as soon as possible,

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

*Your 2023-2024 Grand Master*

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# From the desk of the Assembly President



CYNTHIA "DUSTI" TREBE  
Assembly President

## SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Dear Sisters  
And Brothers,  
As the year gets short, let's remember our neighbors who cannot get out or have no family to be with them.

As we gather for the holidays keep in mind not everyone is as lucky as we are to have friends and family close by. Say hello, leave a card or treat, and let them know how precious they are to us.

## NORTHWEST

Near the first of November I had the honor of attending the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting with many of

our other Washington Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, along with members from Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia.

## District Meetings

Don't forget to let me know when you are having your District Meetings.

I would love to make as many of my visits at District Meetings as possible. It helps bringing more lodges together on my trips.

## HOPE'S CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

I helped with Hope Rebekah Lodge #38's yearly Craft Fair and Bake Sale during the second weekend of November. Our Rebekahs are definitely "Crafty." We all had fun!!

At Hope Rebekah Lodge's meeting we opted for a holiday dinner. It's a good thing everyone else remembered food since I forgot. But we all left stuffed with turkey and all the trimmings.



Having dinner at Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 are, starting at lower left and going around the table, are Leon Tobler, PGM Tim Moon (hidden behind Leon), PGM and Rebekah Assembly Warden John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Tedd Swanson, George Chinn, Pat Nave, and Deb Tobler. Assembly President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe is hiding behind the camera. Below are some of the lovely pieces of handiwork created by Hope members. These creations were offered at Hope's Craft Fair.

As the holiday season approaches travel with care so we may all come back safely together.

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



# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you all have fun plans and are looking forward to a wonderful month full of activities with family and friends. My calendar is full of bazaar shopping, wrapping, dinners, and Christmas gatherings. This is definitely my favorite season.



**CATHY GARCIA**  
Assembly Secretary

## YEAR END REPORTS

Most of our lodges have a lot going on as well. In amongst parties and shopping, we still have Year End Reports to finish up and plans for Installation of Officers for 2024 to finalize.

I trust you have a good start on your Annual Reports. I haven't heard from anyone regarding questions or difficulties so I'm going to assume all is well. (Assume is a bad word.)

## SOME PER CAPITA PAYMENTS DUE

With installations just around the corner, there are a couple lodges that haven't sent in your Fall Per Capita. Please get this in right away. You cannot install your officers or receive the new password if your lodge has not paid all dues and assessments.

Also, each incoming officer must be up-to-date with their personal dues payment. Your District Deputies should be checking on this.

## SEND US YOUR HOLIDAY PICTURES

I hope you will all take pictures of your lodge's holiday activities and submit them along with a short article to *The Washington OddFellow*. I'm sure I speak for most all of us when I say that we really enjoy seeing what other lodges are doing. It's always fun to see pictures of our friends.

## WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

Have a wonderful December. I look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year.

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth  
With Much Rebekah Love & Hugs,  
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary  
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
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# Yes, it's Annual Report time for Encampments

## HEY ALL YOU FEZ HEADS!

Patriarchs and Matriarchs,



The Annual Reports were mailed out on December 1, 2023. Your Encampment has until February 15, 2024 to have the Annual Reports into my office. That means that you should get them in the mail at least one week before they are due. If you need help please let me know.



In the packet are instructions, so make sure they are read before beginning the reports. Enclosed is new officer information. Do not send this information back to me until after your Installation of Officers in April. Enclosed is a certificate of PCP and your Encampment's Per Capita invoice. Please make sure to get your payment in as soon as possible.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

— In Faith Hope & Charity  
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe,  
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# From the desk of your Grand Secretary



*Happy Holidays!*  
*Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary*  
 ALONG WITH TUCKER & POPPY

## PAST GRAND JEWELS

Brothers and Sisters,

Yowza! I can't believe it's December already! Since this is the last month of the year, now is the time to get those Past Grand Jewels ordered up from my office. Every Past Grand is entitled to one the first time through the chairs. If you're a repeat, then you get a piece of paper called a Past Grand Certificate. This must be filled in and half given to the Jr. Past Grand and the rest of the certificate is to come to my office. And yes, if you are recycled, your Secretary must fill out and send it in. It's all in the instructions for your Annual Report.

Speaking of Annual Reports, your Secretary should be getting those anytime now. If it hits the 10th of December and your Secretary hasn't seen it, it's either still sitting in the mail box of record or misplaced by the USPS. Please contact me for a replacement.

## PER CAPITA

For those lodges that have not paid Per Capita, it is due by the 15th of December. For those lodges

that have paid half, the other half is due as well. Please make sure to get those payments in. Regarding Annual Reports, please make sure your secretary reads the letter that is enclosed in the packet to your lodge and that whomever is preparing the reports that they follow the instructions enclosed. ***Please, please, please*** do not hesitate to call and get clarification or if you need me to walk you through it. I am here to help. Remember, if your lodge does not have the reports into this office by February 15, I will be sending a penalty invoice for each day the report is late. I would really like to see all of the reports in before the deadline.

## WE CAN HELP WITH INSTALLATIONS

By this time your officers should have been elected. If you would like the Grand Lodge to install your officers, please contact the Grand Master or my office. Or maybe you might want to buddy up with another lodge? This can save time and be a lot of fun.

## CHECK YOUR DUES CARDS

Hey All Members! It's time to take a look at your dues cards. What is the date the card is good through? It should be listed right before your Secretary's signature and after, as well. If it says good through December 31, 2023, it's time to get your 2024 dues paid. Please make it easy on your Secretary and get those dues paid early or at least on time. It's expensive to send out reminder envelopes and reminder letters until your membership is dropped. And we certainly do not want to drop you, so get those dues paid on time. Help your lodge and your Secretary.

## 2024 PASSWORDS COMING IN JANUARY

The new term passwords will be sent out January 2. The password is to be given to the members at the first meeting after Installation of Officers. If your Secretary needs a cipher card, please have them contact me. It includes the traveling password and the interfraternal password.

Merry Christmas to everyone and have a wonderful and safe new year.

— *With Fraternal Hugs and Love,*  
*Laurel Delony,*  
 PGM, Grand Secretary  
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## 'The Chronicles' - Part 5

# Grand Lodge was somewhat intimidating to me

Hello everyone! I had many adventures at the 2023 Grand Sessions in Yakima, and have decided to submit a series of articles, titled, "The Chronicles of my first Grand Lodge Sessions." Following is *The Chronicles, Part 5: IOOF Grand Sessions Day 1.*



**JAMIE VEST BEY**  
Grand Conductor

Day 1 of our Odd Fellows Sessions started out like a whirlwind to me. I woke up extremely early, around 6 a.m., showered and put my suit on. Duard and I went downstairs to have breakfast, only to find that all of the seasoned Sessions veterans were not dressed up as of yet. They looked at me with kind humor, knowing that this is my first time and that I had absolutely no clue about what I was doing, or what I was in store for. So, as Duard and I got our plates of food (I must say that the hotel provided a great assortment of breakfast food), we copped a squat at

a table, where we were joined by Brother Ron Hanson, and Sister Maggie Truttman. The conversation was a great ice breaker for me, and seeing that I had been here for a couple of days, they were asking me what I thought thus far. I had no idea that they were taking my mind off what was to come, so that I could enjoy it when it did come.

As the time arrived, I went into the conference room and took my seat in the very front with my "Take Me." I was ready to begin. As I had not attained the Grand Lodge Degree as of yet, I anxiously awaited it. After I received it, the business was at hand. And whew, it blew me away. What was the worst, as well as the most honored for me? It was being appointed to the State of the Order Committee. I was shocked, and a bit nervous. This is an important committee!

But, I had a great Sister on the committee with me, Sister Nora Carria, as well as a great Brother as the Advisor, Brother John Crispin. So, I didn't have anything to lose. Or did I???? As we were breaking, I caught the look from our Grand Parliamentarian, Brother C. Allen Reitan, and said to myself, "Oh boy, he's watching me, I may be in for it when I give my report."

Watch for another episode of *The Chronicles* next month. — Jamie Vest Bey, Grand Conductor, Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Washington,

### Clip And Save

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Receiving their 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Monday, November 20 are, from left Glenn Case of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Chris Welker of Olympia #1, Wendy

Nelson of Bremerton-Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, Michelle Plyer of Bremerton Friendship #145, and Bill Seal of Olympia #1

## Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

### WOW! WE'VE BEEN BUSY

It's been a while since we last reported and we've been busy with applications, interviews, initiations, etc.

We conferred the Initiatory and 1st Degrees on October 12 and November 6, and then the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on November 20. Thanks to our Degree Captain Joe Picanco and all the members who helped confer the Degrees.

### STOCKING STUFFING

Ruth Rebekah Lodge is planning on stuffing stockings for kids — 100 of them. Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 has donated money, along with Alpha Encampment #1 and Canton Olympia #20, to help purchase supplies for the stockings.

### WE'RE OFF TO THE PICTURE SHOW

Olympia #1 has started something new. We are having movie nights. We had two shows down at the park and since we donated the park on November 17-19, the movie night was held at the hall — which is great since we have a very large screen and AV system. The movie for November was "Miracle on 34th Street." This is the original from 1947 with Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn (Kris Kringle) and little Natalie Wood. Everyone had a

good time and and left us with the holiday spirit. The lodge provided a baked potato bar at the request of our Brother Stu Carlson.

Our next movie night is also our Christmas Party. Everyone is invited. It will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m. Dinner is first and then it's movie time. The movie will be *A Christmas Story* from 1983 starring Peter Billingsly and Darren McGavin — Leg Lamp and all! Feel free to wear your bunny suit. There will be dinner, which you will have to check with me to see what it will be. No decision has been made at the time of writing this article. It's BYOB and BYOC (bring your own beverage and bring your own chair) For the gift exchange, bring a gift, and get a gift, not to exceed \$10.

### INSTALLATION ON JANUARY 20

Installation of Officers is slated for Saturday, January 20, 2024. Luncheon is at noon with the Installation directly following.

*Happy Holidays!*

— Fraternally,  
The members of Olympia #1 and Ruth #7

# Acorn Theta Rho Girls are busy as the holidays invade Oak Harbor!!!

Happy holiday season to all of you. No matter how you choose to celebrate we hope you make many happy memories.

We completed our Operation Christmas Child project. We packed 12 boxes with hygiene items, school supplies and toys. We know these boxes make Christmas a little brighter for kids in third world countries.

We also held our turkey raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, but will have to let you know how that went next month because at the time this is due we haven't completed it.

At our first meeting in December, we will be making Santa treat bags for "Welcome Home Assisted Living."

Later we will be having our own Christmas party. This year we decided instead of creating our gingerbread houses, we will make coat hanger Christmas trees. We will also be doing a Secret Santa gift exchange and watch a Christmas movie.

We want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas

and hope you get to spend time with family and friends.

Until next year. . .

— *In Happiness Through Service,  
With Theta Rho Hugs,  
The members of Acorn*



From left, Willow Wyum, Bella Gleghorn and Sarah Thomas assembling some of Acorn's Christmas boxes.



Packing some of the boxes destined for children in Third World countries are, from left, Stacy Gardiner, Alana Weatherlow, Shauna Schultz, Desiree Gardiner, Bella Gleghorn, Ava Williams, Leilah McNichols, and Jess Dailey.



With all their Christmas boxes ready to go, members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club show off their finished products. From left are Desiree Gardiner, Shauna Schultz, Layla Williams, Alana Weatherlow, Willow Wyum, Sarah Thomas, Bella Gleghorn, Stacy Gardiner, Leilah McNichols, Ava Williams, and Jess Dailey.

*Happy Holidays From Acorn*





## The Ghouls and Goblins invaded Buckley!

Members of Buckley Odd Fellows #75, South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, and a Grand Lodge office assistant, passed out candy during the Trick or Treat on Main in Buckley on Saturday, October 28. The street was literally packed with kids in great costumes. It was a sea of humanity, but sometimes you couldn't figure out who was human or who wasn't.

### OUR CAST OF CHARACTERS

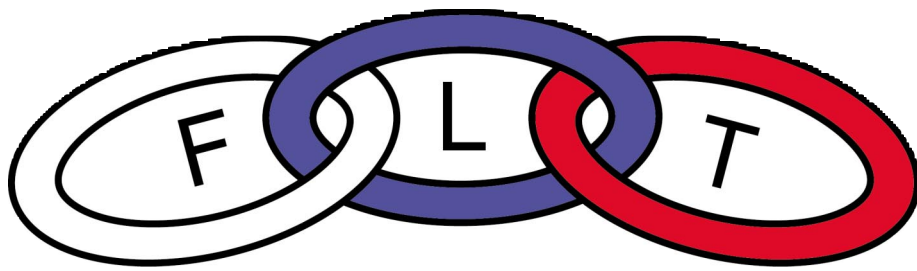
Jamie and Alicia Vest Bey as Raggedy And and

Andy. Laurel Delony as the deranged nun (on roller skates). Melissa Hildner (office assistant) as a beautiful butterfly. Joanne Balmert as a nanny. Peg Ogilvie as the Wizard. Jamie and Alicia's grandkids also participated receiving and passing out candy.

Not pictured, but participating, were Alister Jennings from Spunky Bluebirds #93, and Sylvia Summers, Advisor for Spunky Bluebirds. We thanked everyone for giving of their time and dressing up. We all had fun!



# ~ Lodge Cards ~



## 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

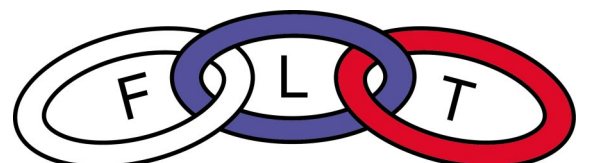
**Meets At:** 307 N. Pine St., Ellensburg, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Recess:** None. **NG:** David Soltz, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (570) 204-7893. **Sec'y:** Maegan Watson, PO Box 154 Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:**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

## FALL CITY 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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His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( City ) \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions please contact the Grand Secretary at [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto: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)

### VANCOUVER I.O.O.F. LODGE #3

**Meets At:** 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mikki Keller, 733 NE 22nd Ave., Camas, WA 98607. **Ph:** (360) 607-0776. **Sec'y:** Richard Blade, 12908 NE 71s Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686. **Ph:** (360) 771-1101 (2/28/25)

### 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)

# From your 2023-24 Grand Matriarch

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

I sincerely hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and, of

course, all that great food.

Now we start the Christmas Season. It is the "Season to Share" with others less fortunate and to give what you can to make the season better.

## READY TO VISIT

As I get ready to visit the two Auxiliaries and a Unified Lodge, I look forward to visiting the members and helping where I can.

## GET OUT AND SPREAD THE WORD

As you go about your daily life remember Faith, Hope and Charity for all those who you



KATHI PICANCO  
Grand Matriarch

come across, remind people of the friendships that are formed in this great organization. We should spread the word about our Order, and help our lodges to stay viable and continue to serve in our communities.

## MY PROJECT IS ST. JUDE'S

I wish to thank those who have contribute to my project — St. Jude's Children Hospital. I see the St. Jude's commercials on TV and am reminded of all the children who are able to get this free care. Four out of five children are saved from cancer and may be followed by St. Jude's for the rest of their lives. What a great organization that I am happy to contribute to with your help!

Merry Christmas and Have a great New Year!

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



A Video Degree Day was held at Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 on Saturday, October 28. From left are

Colyn Ziegler, Sean Eastham, Degree Captain Joe Picanco, Martin Holloway, Danial Zeller and Mindy Aitti.

## Washougal hosts ‘Video Degree Day’

Washougal Lodge #194 was pleased to host a Video Degree Day on Saturday, October 28 at the “Outpost” in Washougal. Joe Picanco from Olympia Lodge #1 served as Degree Captain for the event. Three lodges were able to send candidates including Vancouver #3, Golden Rule #207, and Washougal #194.

New members for Washougal #194 are Mindy Aitti and Danial Zeller. Vancouver #3 welcomes Sean Eastham, and Golden Rule #207’s brings on

board Martin Holloway and Colyn Zigler.

Members and candidates were welcomed with a coffee time before the Degrees were conferred at 9 a.m. This gave them time to get acquainted. A break for lunch was held with Washougal serving a quick bite to eat. All was finished by 2 p.m. Thank you to Joe and all representatives of the candidates.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
Jeanette Jester,  
Secretary

*Happy Holidays To All Our Brothers & Sisters*



Sisters from Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla help Marthann Hall celebrate her 101st Birthday.

From left are Sharon Sousa, Patty Newell, Marthann Hall, Pauline Winters and Barbara Tvrz.

## *Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2*

# A 101st birthday for Marthann Hall

### HELLO FROM NARCISSA REBEKAH LODGE #2 IN WALLA WALLA

Our Constitution and By Laws were instituted on October 31, 1885. The first folks to sign our membership book were W.J., Martha A. and Della J. Alban, of Walla Walla. Our Membership Book is a great example of the history of our lodge.

### HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Here at Narcissa we celebrate our Homecoming near the end of October. This year we had an afternoon get-together at the home of Barbara Lechner, our Vice Grand. We played several games of Thanksgiving Bingo with Barbara winning the most Bingo games. We enjoyed a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Barbara and Pauline Winters.

### MARTHANN IS STILL COUNTING AFTER 101 YEARS

Our Treasurer, Marthann Hall, celebrated her 101st birthday in September, so Barbara made a beautiful birthday cake. After singing *Happy*

*Birthday* we all shared a chocolate layer cake filled with raspberry mousse, chocolate ganache and served with ice cream. It was a delicious ending to our afternoon.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are looking forward to a Christmas Bazaar at the Odd Fellows Home. It will feature not only crafts made by the residents, but will also have tables from others outside the Home and will be open to the public. Our Noble Grand, Patty Newell has been working for weeks making articles. She will have aprons, hats, table runners and place mats, some Christmas wreaths and some very cute little Christmas trees made of pine cones. Patty is a very talented Sister.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

We hope that your Thanksgiving was blessed, that Christmas and New Years will be joyous, and that 2024 will be a good year for our Order.

— *In Friendship Love and Truth,*  
Barbara Tvrz,  
Reporter

# Trinity Rebekah Lodge gearing up the holidays

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Communication is a word we all need to impress upon our members here at Trinity Lodge. We send out letters to our members informing them about upcoming events, but we are not sure if they have received them because we don't hear any responses about the letters or a call to say they are fine.

## NORTHWEST MEETING IS ALWAYS ENJOYABLE

The Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting was held November 3-5 in Portland, Oregon. Washington had a great turn out. LouAnn Hoffman and myself had a great chauffeur in Joe Picanco with his lovely wife Kathi. It is always a fun ride with them. (Joe has a very nice musical voice singing the tunes on the radio. So this is to say Joe is "entertaining.")

I really had a great time visiting with other Brothers and Sisters, and seeing all the Marines present for their Birthday Celebration.

The next Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting will be on April 5, 6, and 7, 2024 in Nampa, Idaho.

## BASKETS FOR SHUT-INS

Trinity's next meeting is on December 14, 2023. We will be working on our shut-in baskets. We put together 35 baskets and deliver them. It will be an evening meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

## Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 & Eola Rebekah Lodge #63

Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75 will be hosting our Grand Master for dinner before his visitation to the our lodge on Wednesday, December 13. Dinner will be prime rib with all the trimmings served family style. I definitely need a head count for this night.

Then we have a late Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, December 27. More details to follow. but if you can make it put it on your calendar.

Buckley's Installation of Officers will be held the last Sunday of January. That's January 28 at 2 p.m. This will be a joint installation with Eola Rebekah Lodge #63. If you are willing to be an officer please let me know as Tom Harper, our incoming Noble Grand, will be putting his team together for the year.

Our new officers are as follows: Noble Grand Melody Butterson, Vice Grand Mariena Whittington, Secretary Alberta Luurs, Financial Secretary Sherri Guenther, Treasurer LouAnn Hoffman, and Trustee Rachelle Denham.

Congrats to all newly-elected officers for 2024.

## ONE MORE BINGO NIGHT

Our next Bingo Night will be on Saturday, December 9, 2023 for the L.C. Renal Alliance.

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

## A blast from the past. . .

# There's a difference between members and Odd Fellows!

There is a distinction between Odd Fellows and members. All Odd Fellows are members, but not all members are Odd Fellows. The members are those who pay their dues, but take no further personal interest in the Order. These are not always to be found at funerals, seldom visit the Lodge, except on dues night, and never wait upon the sick or relieve the distressed.

They have taken the obligations and degrees of Odd Fellowship, but have not permitted its lessons to sink deep into their hearts. It is pleasant to call them members-brothers; they are all welcome at all meetings they can be induced to attend. Yet their knowledge of Odd Fellowship is superficial, and the blessings that come from work well done is an experience they have seldom, if ever, enjoyed.

The Odd Fellow is to be found seeking the good of their Lodge and its members. They visits the sick, buries the dead, comforts the widow and educates the orphan because they love the work. It is a cheer to their hearts. They attend the Lodge meetings, and whenever it is possible to add to its numbers and influence their best efforts will be put forth.

The pledge to them is more than a mere jumble of words. It is the Odd Fellow, one who has absorbed and practices in his daily life its imperishable truths, that makes Odd Fellowship, and will continue it, the largest and most effective Order on the face of the globe.

*This was first published in the (Oregon) Pacific Odd Fellow in April of 1897 and in June of 2023.*

# Ellensburg IOOF #20 celebrates its Grand Re-opening

Ellensburg Odd Fellow Lodge #20 held its Grand Re-Opening Ceremony on Thursday, November 2. The event was attended by well over 200 people. Three State Representatives and Ellensburg's mayor were present. Grand Lodge was represented, as well. Dave Soltz, Noble Grand, spoke about the lodge's history and gave credit to everyone who worked on the elevator project and thanked everyone who made the Grand Reopening possible.

The elevator was officially opened with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The elevator project gives the lodge the potential for more members to attend meetings and the public better access for other functions.

The "Ellensburg Blusers" band played for everyone's enjoyment. Tours were given by members of the lodge. The lodge members and volunteers did a great job putting together the party that everyone enjoyed



**Above:** A nice stream of Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, local political figures, and members of the public joined in on the festivities on November 2. **Below:** one of the most unique items on display was this Three Links depiction made with electric votive candles.



## Centennial Initiation in Moses Lake

Our Grand Master was on hand for an initiation Ceremony at Centennial IOOF Lodge #34. Front row, from left, are: Krista Johnston, Denise Frueh, Javon

Ixchiu, Kim Odell, and Mickey Eddie. In the back row, from left, are: James Eddie, Andrew Etherton, GM Mike Scheurich, Dave Frueh, Fred Odell, and Carol Loop.

# The results of our Pilgrimage benefits both our youth and our Order; help us

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's likely most of you are familiar with the IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth. It is one of our Order's most impressive, impactful, and important programs. Since 1949 the program has provided thousands of students from around the world with an adventure of a lifetime.

Our Jurisdiction currently has five Theta Rho Girls who are now of the age to take part in the Pilgrimage for Youth this coming summer. These girls have been active members since they were just little Rhos. You may have met them in person or seen them often featured in numerous articles here in this newspaper sharing their enthusiasm while engaged in various community work in the name of Odd Fellowship.

With permission from the Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President, we are reaching out to all lodges for donations to help send at least some of these girls on the Pilgrimage. The cost per delegate is approximately \$2,600 (including airfare).

If your lodge or anyone you know can help, even a little bit, please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge and mail to Grand Lodge of Washington, PO Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321. Our deadline for raising funds is January 31, 2024.

## WHY DONATE?

Theta Rho Girls are members of our Odd Fellow family. They often demonstrate for us how important it is to be part of a caring and supportive community.

## DELEGATES BENEFITS:

- Broadens understanding of Odd Fellowship.
- Builds self-confidence, broadens perspective, develops responsibility.
- Provides a life-change opportunity.

## OUR JURISDICTION BENEFITS

- Strengthening of a strong bond in our Odd Fellow family.
- A Jurisdictional investment in the future.
- Providing representation of our Jurisdiction on the trip.
- Making a life changing difference in young people's lives.

Help us make a dream come true for these girls

that have done so much for their communities in the name of Odd Fellowship.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
*Sylvia Summers, Advisor*  
*Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho*

## From your 2023-24 Theta Rho President

### The Holidays Are Here!!

Hello Everyone!!!

I'm hoping everyone is having a fantastic season of holidays and festivities.

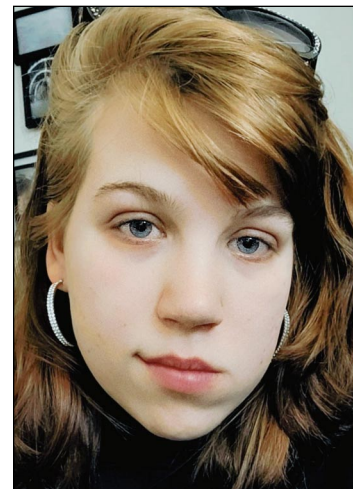
I would just love to say that I had a truly amazing time at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association in Portland Oregon, along with a thank you to everyone who came and I got to visit with.

I do have to say I am quite excited for the Christmas season. I am very happy that I got to participate with my Theta Rho Club in their holiday bazaar and sleep over.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Try everything in Friendship Love and Truth.

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



VICTORIA SCHLIM  
 TRA President

Merry  
 Christmas



# Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

## GREETINGS FROM SPOKANE

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 gathered for a social meeting on Wednesday afternoon, October 18. Our Rebekah Sisters worked on craft projects for our Bazaar which was scheduled to be held November 4 at the Odd Fellows Temple in Spokane. There also was a bake sale.

We had two visitors join us. Sister Neita Stearns, Assembly Musician and District Deputy President from Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18 in Dayton, along with her daughter, Sister Sarah Kane, Past Noble Grand, also of Schuyler.

## OUR SIGN BRINGS THEM IN

Sister Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe was hostess for the afternoon. Dusti served chocolate covered mini custard eclairs. We had a gentleman stop in our meeting thinking it was an Odd Fellows meeting. This gentleman saw the Odd Fellows sign and Three Links on our Temple. He told us he had read about Odd Fellows on the internet. We explained the history and beliefs of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. He appeared to be genuinely interested in becoming an Odd Fellow. We gave him the history of the Rebekahs and our precepts and beliefs. He was enthused to want to become an Odd Fellow and Rebekah.

Noble Grand Joey Locke showed photos of her newest great-grandchild.

Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Sister May Matherly who is seriously ill. She also is the caretaker for her disabled husband.

I was reminiscing to myself and thinking back 52 years ago to October 11, 1971 when I was initiated into Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge #52 in Spokane. I also was thinking back and remembering when I was initiated into the Rebekahs 52 years ago this coming January 27, 2024. I was initiated into the former Truth Rebekah Lodge #302 in Spokane.

## GREETINGS FROM “THE LILAC CITY”

Members of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 assembled Wednesday afternoon, November 1 to conduct our business meeting. Sister and Vice Grand Elisabeth Winship Moon presided as Noble Grand Pro-Tem.

Final details were discussed for our Bazaar and Bake Sale which was held on November 3 and 4.

Our prayers, love, sympathies, and heartfelt thoughts go with Sister Elisabeth Winship Moon and Brother Tim Moon on the recent loss of Sister Elisabeth’s Uncle. This is the sixth death in Sister Elisabeth’s immediate family this year.

First nominations of officers for 2024 were held. Vice Grand Sister Elisabeth Winship Moon was nominated for Noble Grand, Sister Beverly Johnson was nominated for Vice Grand, Brother Tim Moon was nominated for Secretary, and Brother John Otterstrom was nominated as Treasurer, along with Sister Patricia Nave who also was nominated for Treasurer.

Nominations for Representative to the Temple Board were held. Our own Sister Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe, Rebekah Assembly President, was nominated to continue on the Temple Board.

Hope Rebekah Lodge gathered together on November 15 to give thanks at our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Sister Patricia Nave roasted the turkey. Other members brought side dishes.

We will celebrate Christmas with our annual Christmas Party the second Wednesday afternoon in December.

Holiday Greetings to All Brothers and Sisters of all units of the Order.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 MEETING

Members of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 met for a business meeting on Wednesday afternoon, November 1. Sister Elisabeth Winship Moon was hostess for the afternoon. She served a variety of cakes, including red velvet cake, carrot cake, and chocolate cake.

Our bazaar and bake sale was held at the Odd Fellows Temple on November 3 and 4 along with a bake sale.

Sister Beverly Johnson is preparing to embark on a cruise to the Panama Canal with her son. Their plan is to kayak in the Panama Canal. Sister Beverly said this is one of the items on her bucket list. Sister Beverly is our senior citizen “working gal.”

Our own Sister Dusti Trebe, Rebekah Assembly President, and also our own John “Johneo” Otterstrom, our Treasurer and Rebekah Assembly Warden, attended the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 is proud to have two Assembly line officers from our lodge, Rebekah Assembly President Dusti Trebe and Rebekah Assembly Warden John “Johneo” Otterstrom. He is the first male Assembly Warden.

— *With Rebekah Hugs  
In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Tedd Swanson PNG, and Reporter  
District Deputy President for District 2  
PG Samaritan Lodge #52 IOOF  
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## *Bucoda Bulletin Board #38*

# Bucoda has the Christmas spirit!

### NOVEMBER MEANS NORTHWEST

Ah, November. As is typical of Washington this time of year the weather went from August to winter seemingly overnight. But with that change came other things, such as Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting. This meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

The meeting was good and it was a great time to make and renew acquaintances. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball was held in the ballroom next to our meeting room. What a wonderful group of people! The Marines were in their dress uniforms with their ladies wearing formal attire. I had never been called SIR so many times in five minutes. My only concern was that most of them hardly looked old enough to be out of high school, let alone in the Marines.

Our excitement for the evening consisted of some intoxicated interlopers attempting to crash the party only to be escorted out by the Marines. Understanding that this was a function for Marines, the tipplers decided the best course of action was to depart. . . and pulling the fire alarm as they left. Ah, November.

### CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

Now closer to home. . . Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 helps support the Bucoda Firefighters' Association Christmas program. A \$500 donation to the association will be used toward making the Christmas season a bit brighter for some of the less fortunate. Additionally, the Bucoda Fire Department escorts Santa around town, usually on the last Saturday before Christmas. Additionally we have set aside \$250 for the purchase of stockings and stuffers for the kids in town. I know that this visit is one of the main highlights for Santa every year. We will have photos to share afterward.

### FUND RAISER

Early planning is in progress for a fund-raising dinner for one of Bucoda's residents who just received some serious health news. More details shall be forthcoming as the event is fleshed out.

Speaking of fund-raisers, Bucoda Rebekahs #144 raised \$276 from our pancake and sausage breakfast

on October 14.

### CONGRATS TO ALL NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to all the newly-elected officers for 2024. If it is your first time in office, have fun, learn and don't be afraid of making a mistake. The older officers are there to teach and share.

Happy Holidays to all, and until next time Health, Happiness and Peace.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth.*  
Steven Purcell,

*Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent*  
Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129  
Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144



## *Bickleton's best!*

When our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Michael Scheurich, visited Excelsior Odd Fellows Lodge #111 in Bickleton, he was enamored with both the town and the Odd Fellows building. He made his official visitation on Tuesday, November 7. You can read the Grand Master's remarks on page 2.

*Happy Holidays, Brothers & Sisters*



## Bothell's Penny Curtis finds 'Sammy' in Nov.

November's winner in our "Find Sammy" contest is Penny Curtis, our Grand Musician from Bothell IOOF Lodge #124. Penny found Sammy on page 10 in the top picture to the right. For her efforts, Penny will be sent a wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington.



PENNY CURTIS



And yes, we still have readers from across the United States. Here's what Barbara McLaren, Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction of Rhode Island said: "Received *The Washington OddFellow* and both Donald and I enjoy reading it. Glad you are continuing to have 'Find Sammy.' It is such fun to find him." Barbara located Sammy, but alas, her name was not drawn as the eventual winner. Keep looking, Barbara.

### 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](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com) or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than December 15 for our January, 2024 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

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

## Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147 hosts Trick or Treaters at Ocean Shores

Happy Halloween from Sunbeam Lodge! We again participated in two community events this year. The first was the donation of 35 blankets, 65 coats, two sleeping bags and one comforter to the "Trick or Trunk" event in Elma.

The second event, pictured above, was the community Trick or Treat at the Ocean Shores Convention Center where we gave out non-food treats to about 300 characters. Here is a picture of our booth with our cowgirl Cynthia McCluer.

*Best Wishes  
To All Our New  
Lodge Officers  
As They  
Prepare  
For 2024*



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## Three Links Odd Cast marks 25,000 downloads

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Odd Fellowship continues its advance into the future of communications as the “Three Links Odd Cast” celebrates more than 25,000 downloads since its launch in July 2020. Hosted by Past Sovereign Grand Musician Toby Hanson, SGL Webmaster Ainslie Heilich, and Grand Secretary of West Virginia Mike Duminiak, the Three Links Odd Cast has become a fixture on the landscape of Odd Fellows communication.

In the first three-plus years, the podcast has featured discussions of various topics of interest to Odd Fellows including history, origins, traditions, current events, and more. Some of the highlights have included an interview with the historian of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library, stories from new and re-invigorated lodges, a discussion about the demographic shift in Odd Fellowship with an eminent Canadian academic, a Christmas message from then-Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart, and an assortment of episodes talking to new members about their experiences.

### **WE’RE HEARD AROUND THE WORLD**

As the Three Links Odd Cast surpasses 25,000 downloads, it has several accomplishments. Those downloads have come from all across the world, with 20 percent of those coming from outside North America, from every continent except Antarctica.

Listeners in all Canadian provinces and U.S. states have downloaded and listened to the podcast.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment is that many listeners report having joined lodges as a result of finding and listening to the podcast. For the general public, the Three Links Odd Cast has become an important way of discovering Odd Fellowship. For current members it has become a vital communications link, sharing news in Odd Fellowship including the formation of new lodges and the revitalization of older ones.

### **OUR ODD CAST IS FREE**

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— *The Three Links Odd Cast*  
Toby, Ainslie, and Mike