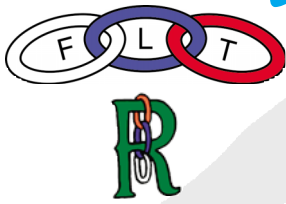
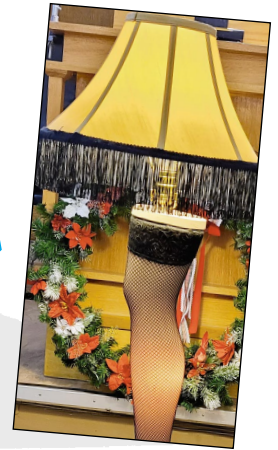


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*Olympia Celebrates The Holidays With  
'A Christmas Story'  
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## Grand Re-opening

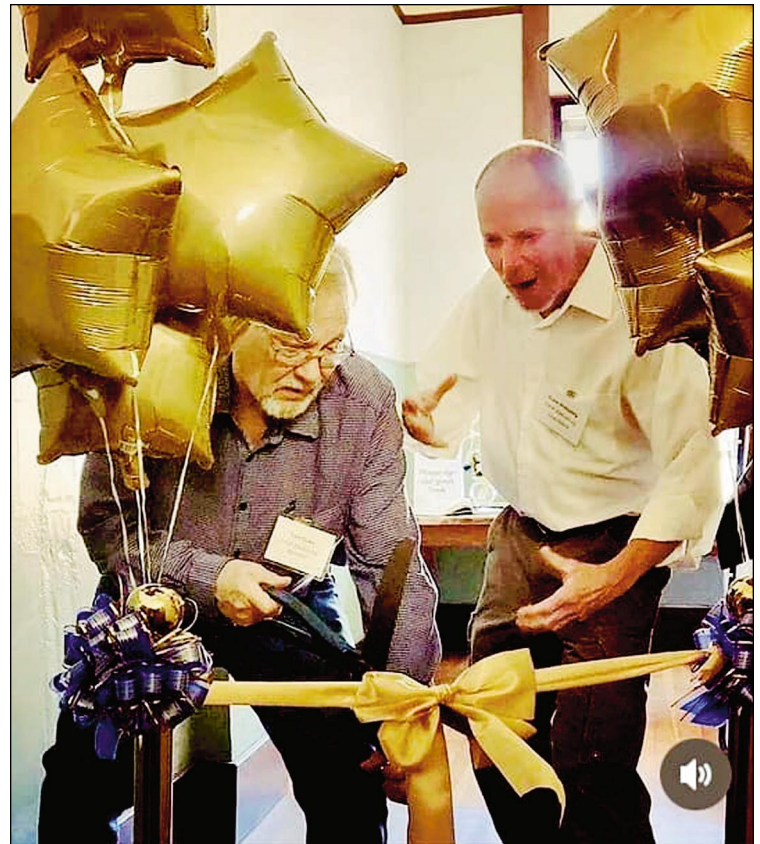
## Ellensburg IOOF Lodge is the toast of the town!!

More than 200 friends, family and community members turned out on November 2 to help Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 toast its newly renovated downtown space, which features a new 21-person elevator, an ADA-compliant bathroom, revamped stairs and fresh paint.

Brother Tom Duke, who wrote a \$262,000 state-funded grant for the renovation, and Building Committee Chair Russ Humphrey, who oversaw the installation, used giant scissors to cut a ribbon to the elevator, then guests gathered in the ballroom to watch video testimonials from lodge members and to hear a short welcome and thank you speech by Noble Grand Dave Soltz.

Soltz gave a nod to the many Lodge members who were involved in and donated to the multi-year project, primarily former Noble Grand Jim Schwing, who died at the end of 2022. Soltz gave special

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At left, Brother Tom Duke, who wrote the state grant that provided the bulk of the funding for Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20's ADA renovations, is joined by Building Committee Chair Russ Humphrey as he cuts the ribbon to the Lodge's new elevator.

## Do you know the right questions to ask for a candidate for membership?

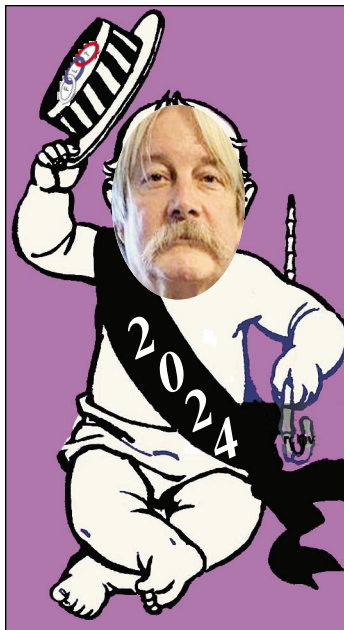
The consensus from interviewing committees is that we don't know what to ask a candidate coming for an interview. I thought about this a while and I have come up with the following. Use it or not, adjust it or not (Odd Fellows or Rebekah), but I think this will give you a good idea. Remember you are interviewing the candidate.

You need to find out pertinent information. And if

the sponsor has done their work that the candidate should know about your lodge. I would really emphasize what day your lodge meetings are, time, and place. Can they make the meetings? If not, why are they joining? It makes no sense for someone to put in an application to a lodge that they cannot attend the meetings.

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# From the desk of your Grand Master



**MICHAEL SCHEURICH**  
*Grand Master*

## RELAXED AND RECHARGED

I hope everyone had wonderful holidays and were able to visit with your friends and families, as well as your Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters. Perhaps this was a little break from work, time to recharge, reflect and energize. As we move through the winter driving season be safe out there.

## WEATHER PLANS

I don't know if your lodge has plans for bad weather on meeting nights,

but my lodge automatically cancels if the school district cancels school or sends students home early due to the weather. At other times we send out a group text message and check in with one another, before members wander out on questionable evenings.

## WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Your lodge should be getting the finishing touches done on your year-end reports. Aside from every lodge needing to complete this, the report can be a useful tool for your lodge to look back on your lodge's accomplishments and can also be helpful in planning for the upcoming year. When you review the expenses your lodge faced, you might be reminded of upcoming lodge repairs or what continuing expenses that need to be planned for. In looking over donations, polling members about what you did, and if you want to put this on the New Year's list of possible future donations.

## YOU HAVE THE TOOLS

My lodge visits are on hold for this month, while we concentrate on installations. I have completed 16 visits and have nine to go. It is a fantastic time of year with members taking on new positions and lodges planning new projects. Each lodge has the tools that can help guide members if there are questions about their new positions. *The Washington Digest* and your *Ritual* are these tools. Contained within these books are descriptions of each of the duties of the elected and appointed positions. Our senior members are also invaluable — don't be afraid to ask them for help and guidance. If anything comes up that you still need help, contact



Dave Townsend holds the Dinosaur Quilt that will be raffled at the end of January, 2024.

your lodge's District Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, as I'm sure you've heard many times this is what we are here for — to help.

## QUILTS ARE QUITE THE HIT

As promised on Wednesday December 13 while visiting Buckley Lodge #75, we drew a raffle ticket for the first of the quilts that I am selling to raise funds for my project, Foster Parent Alliance of Washington State. The winner was from Ellensburg. This quilt was the one that I received from an anonymous donor at Grand Lodge Sessions last June. It had my colors, burgundy and silver, my symbol the Peace Sign, and is tie-dyed on the back side.



Duard Fyffe and Joe Shaible hold Mike's December Quilt.

The next drawing will be at the end of January when installations are completed. This quilt will be the antique Dinosaur Quilt. To date I have sold about 500 raffle tickets and raised close to \$4,000 with raffle tickets, selling peace signs and receiving donations for my charity. Thanks to all the great Odd Fellows Lodges and members that have been able to donate to my project. Donations can be sent to the Grand Lodge Office and marked Grand Master's project.

Happy New Year everyone! I hope this is a wonderful year for all of us.

— *In F., L. & T., Michael Scheurich,*  
*Your 2023-2024 Grand Master*  
*(360) 731-0975,*  
*Email: [1oddfellowmike@gmail.com](mailto:1oddfellowmike@gmail.com)*

# From the desk of the Assembly President



**CYNTHIA "DUSTY" TREBE**  
*Assembly President*  
**AND ROWDIE**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AND MAY AND PROSPEROUS

As we begin the year, and installations of new officers take place, I will attempt to visit some of your lodges as weather permits. I cannot really plan for sure as the mountain passes like to make things difficult at this time of year. I'll do

my best to give a little warning if it's possible. I wish you all the best either way in getting started on a new year in new positions.

## HAVE YOU ANSWERED YET?

Please, don't forget to work together as a lodge to answer the questions I sent back with your Representative. The main purpose is to help everyone learn to use your Rituals, Constitution, Book of Instruction, and SGLC. Working together is our goal to a better understanding of each other. Learn each

other's jobs so you can fill in or take over in another person's absence. It is vital to have more than one person know how to hold the position of each office. It also helps to build confidence in each other.

Please let me know if there are any events coming up in your Lodges as soon as possible. If I can, I will try to be there. I would like to know everything that you are doing. Rowdie and I will be traveling to visit as much as possible.

## A 'SHOEBOX' CHRISTMAS

Once again this year Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge #52, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, along with our Boy Scout Troop we sponsor, have put together a "Shoe Box" Christmas for a local nursing home. We decorate shoe boxes with Christmas wrap and fill them with personal items. These are distributed for so many in-care patients that have no one to celebrate Christmas with. Each year seems to bring success and a spark of happiness to someone's heart, especially mine in having the ability to give to someone else.

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



## Membership award goes to Jamie

Members of Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75 had the honor of a visit from our Grand Master Michael Scheurich on Wednesday evening, December 13. Dinner was prepared by members with prime rib topping the menu. During the meeting, the Grand Master presented our

Noble Grand, Jamie Vest Bey, with a membership award from Sovereign Grand Lodge. From left are Toby Hanson, Matt McCollum, Tom Harper, GM Mike Scheurich presenting Jamie Vest Bey with the award, Duard Fyffe, and Laurel Delony.

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Oh my, is it really 2024? I think I'm still somewhere in 2020, but we are moving forward.



**CATHY GARCIA**  
Assembly  
Secretary

This is the month we install our new officers. The installation ceremonies are such a special event. They aren't near as formal as they use to be — some people like it better this way, some miss the days of getting all dressed up in formals and suits. Some of us still do so.

Whatever the attire for your installation ceremony, it is still a solemn event that should be taken seriously, and respectfully. Those of us

being installed need to realize that the position we have agreed to hold is a responsibility that greatly impacts our lodge, and the manner in which we carry out this responsibility will either make our lodge stronger or cause it to break down. Please be mindful of the privilege it is to serve in our Order.

## ATTENTION LODGE SECRETARIES

Secretaries, your District Deputy Presidents DDPs have the installation forms as well as the password for this coming year. Please work with each other to complete these forms and return them to my office as quickly as possible.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are in your hands. Please be diligent in completing them right away. If you have kept accurate records, up to date throughout the year, this should not be a hard job. Don't forget to put your Lodge seal on them when they are completed. This information is not only important for your lodge members to be aware of, but our jurisdictional records need to be accurate for tax purposes and historical queries.

I also need to fill out a report for the Sovereign Grand Lodge which is based on the information you supply. We all work together to maintain and record information that helps keeps our Order healthy and growing.

I hope to see many of you at Installations this month.



Have a wonderful New Year with your families and friends. We are truly a blessed people.

— 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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**Happy 2024**  
To All My Rebekah  
And Odd Fellow  
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## 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:

**Michael Scheurich,**  
Grand Master

**Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe,**  
President

Attest:

**Laurel Delony,**  
Grand Secretary

Attest:

**Cathy Garcia,**  
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Brothers and Sisters,

Okay, we're done with the parties and ready for installations. But that means work for your Lodge Secretaries. You have an Annual Report that you need to start working on if you haven't already. I'm here if you need any help. Just give me a ring.

I've also created a computer spreadsheet that I will be glad to send to you. You can keep track of your income, expenses, etc. during each meeting, and at the end of the year you just pop in the numbers at the bottom. I've done this



LAUREL DELONY  
Grand Secretary

for two lodges and it's worked slick. It also keeps the books in balance. So let me know.

## SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE UPDATES

The updates for the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws were sent out last month. Be sure your lodge updates that (green) book. The letter that goes with the updates has the amount your lodge will owe. Use the letter as the invoice.

## JANUARY IS INSTALLATION MONTH

Installations are on the docket this month. Here are the installations the Grand Lodge will be handling. Get your calendars handy.

- Thursday, January 11, Titusville #34 lodge meeting installation. Food at 6ish with meeting at 7 p.m. in the Des Moines hall.
- Saturday, January 13, Golden Rule #207, joint dinner installation at noon in Napavine.
- Tuesday, January 16, Des Moines #305 lodge meeting installation dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Des Moines hall.
- Thursday, January 18, Ellensburg #20. Date is tentative. They are looking to move the event to a Sunday morning to possibly include Prosperity #301 and Yakima #20. (Stay tuned for updates.)
- Saturday, January 20, Olympia #1,

Skookumchuck #129, Bremerton Friendship #145, and South Tacoma #211. (Joint installation with the Rebekahs. Luncheon at noon, installation directly following at the Olympia hall.

- Thursday, January, 25 Ballard-Alki #70, lodge installation at 7 p.m. at the Ballard hall.
- Sunday, January 28, Buckley #75 joint installation at 2 p.m. at the Buckley hall.

## WATCH YOUR MAIL BOX

Passwords for the new year are being mailed out on January 2.

I will also be sending out on January 25 the certificates for Representatives. Your lodge is to elect a two-year representative if your lodge is an "even" numbered lodge. Odd numbered lodges will also be receiving the information just in case they need to replace a Representative. Your lodge is to elect a Representative during the first meeting of February. Do not send in the certificate until after your first meeting, otherwise you'll be getting the certificate back

## APPRECIATE YOUR SECRETARIES

Once again Secretaries, I appreciate each and everyone of you. Lodge members, give your Secretaries a big round of applause. The job of Secretary is not easy. There is a lot of work that has to be done and it's done on a volunteer basis. So, treat 'em right! And remember, I'm here to help when and where ever I can. Let's make 2024 a great year for Odd Fellowship!

— With Fraternal Hugs and Love,

Laurel Delony,

PGM, Grand Secretary

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

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*The Best To  
You In 2024*

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Beverly Lions**, PNG, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 (originally from Pine Burr which consolidated with Trinity #179).
- **Vaneta Malone**, PNG, 32-year member, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179.

## It runs in the family!

### *Isabella Lodge #23 produced a family of 70-Year members*

During a recess of Sessions in June, 2022, Sister Katherine Carmichael of Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 in Yakima received her 70-Year Membership Jewel from Kathy Richen, President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

This year her sister, Jean LaFortune (who is standing behind Katherine in the picture), also received her 70-Year Jewel at the regular business meeting on December 15, 2023. The two sisters originally joined the former Ruth Theta Rho Lodge #3 of Yakima in February, 1952 and December, 1953 respectively. Both served as Presidents of Ruth Theta Rho long ago.

Their grandfather, John H. Makinson, also was a 70-Year member. His 70-Year Veteran Jewel was presented to him on February 9, 1982 at a special reception in the Yakima IOOF Lodge Hall. He had been the Secretary of Yakima Odd Fellows #22 for many years. As children, the sisters and their brother used to enjoy running up the steps of the old lodge building and into his office to see “Grandpa.”

The sisters believe there were other family members who very well may have achieved a 70-Year membership including their grandmothers, Lillian Morton and Augusta Makinson, their mother, Lillian LaFortune who was the first Ruth Theta Rho President in the 1930s, and also their mother’s sister, Rosa Bowden.



Wow! Three 70-Year members in one photo, but there have been more in this Yakima family. Standing is Jean LaFortune. Seated are Katherine Carmichael, and Kathy Richen, IARA President in 2022.

As you can appreciate, old records are hard to find to verify past memberships.

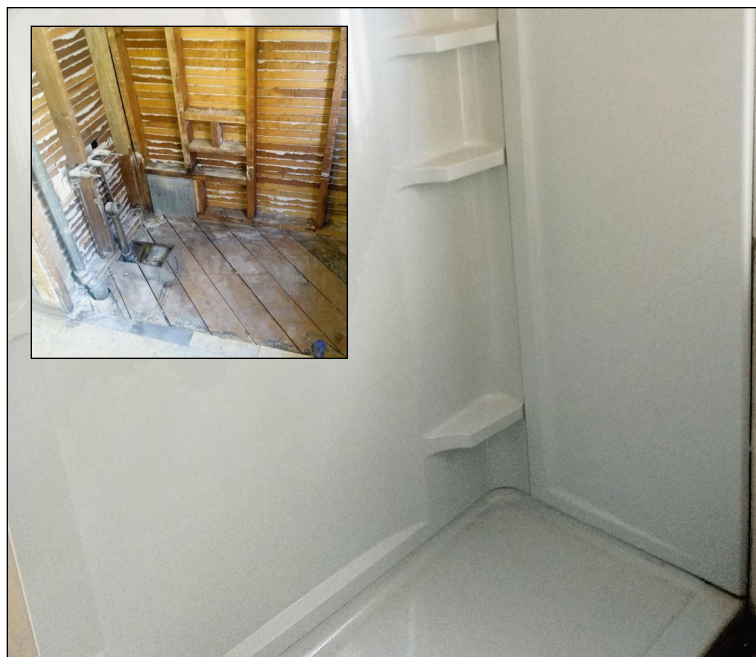
## Yakima Brothers bring some comfort to a Rebekah Sister!

On November 20 four Brothers from Yakima IOOF Lodge in Yakima, Tom Cox, Chad Quesnell, Bob Quesnell, and Jim Boyd, gathered at the home of a worthy Rebekah Sister to demolish her bathroom in preparation for the installation of a walk in shower. The cast iron bathtub provided a challenge but we accomplished the task so a plumbing contractor could install the new shower surround. After the plumber left we returned to finish the walls adjoining the shower.

It was a satisfying project that should make life a little easier for our Sister. Painting of the room will be done by her family.

Yakima Lodge #22 would like to thank the lodges that made contributions to this project.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Jim Boyd*





Oak Leaf Rebekahs presented our Theta Rho girls with Christmas stockings and a cup of “Snowman Soup.” We are so proud of our girls. In front is Ava Williams. In the next row, from left, are Bella Gleghorn, Layla

Williams, Desiree Gardiner, and Jess Dailey (kneeling). And finally in the back row, from left, are Stacy Gardiner, Sarah Thomas, Shauna Schultz, and Alana Weatherlow.

## *In Oak Harbor*

# Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 making Angels

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Best wishes for all the new officers.

We have had several members this past month with health issues, but we’ve managed to keep ourselves together. Our Noble Grand had throat surgery, our Chaplain fell and fractured her neck, and our Secretary’s whole family did the flu routine. We are glad to say they are all on the mend.

### FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

We have continued to do our food drive for Help House that we started when Past Grand Master Tim Moon had his contest. We keep a box at our meeting place and whenever it gets full we deliver it and

start a new one.

In December we like to recognize our Theta Rho Girls and we put together stockings and a cup of “Snowman Soup” for each of them to let them know they are appreciated by their Rebekah Sisters.

For our Christmas celebration, we had a nice dinner at one of the local restaurants and then piled into Advisor Judy Diekman’s vehicle and went out light looking together.

We hope to continue to grow this next year and make a difference in our community.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
*The Members of Oak Leaf*



In Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20's Grand Ballroom, guests at the Grand Re-Opening Party enjoyed the classic rock

tunes by the "Ellensburg Blusers," whose drummer is Brother Jared Nicolai.

## Ellensburg Lodge's Grand Re-opening brings old building into the 21st Century

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notice to State Legislative Representative Alex Ybarra, who ushered the Local & Community Projects Grant proposal through the 2019 legislative session. Soltz also thanked the primary contractors – Belsaas & Smith Construction Inc., Catlin Electric Inc., Otis Elevator Co. and Moon Security Services Inc. – as well as the Grand Lodge of Washington, which issued an \$85,000 loan that enabled the \$475,000 project to be finished.

For the rest of the event, party-goers enjoyed classic rock tunes by the Ellensburg Blusers in the Grand Ballroom, featuring Brother Jared Nicolai on drums, and snacked on charcuterie cups, caprese salads-on

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Sister Maegan Watson, who plans to open the Odd Ink Tattoo Studio on the second floor of Ellensburg Lodge #20, draws an IOOF-themed henna tattoo on a guest at the Lodge #20 Grand Re-Opening.



# Ellensburg Lodge #20

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-a-stick and cupcakes donated by Safeway. In the dining room, guests checked out an extensive timeline showcasing the Lodge’s 142-year history and its various ongoing projects. Sister Maegan Watson, who plans to open the Odd Ink Tattoo Studio on the Lodge’s second floor, painted the arms and hands of guests with IOOF-themed henna tattoos.

“We were delighted that so many community members and friends attended the Grand Re-opening and ribbon cutting,” Soltz said. “With all of the ADA improvements the lodge is much more accessible to all. It was a great party that showed off the many ways that community groups can use the various rooms and amenities of the Lodge.”

The National Association of Students with a Purpose (SWAP), CWU Chapter right here in Ellensburg, has adopted the lodge as a service project this year and provided several volunteers for the party, who refilled snack trays, checked-in guests and poured drinks. Seasoned event organizers Jamie and Meghan Rothwell, representing Support with a Purpose, steered the event planning and provided support for everything from revamping the Lodge #20 website to videotaping lodge-member testimonials. (Jamie and her daughter, Meghan, and son, Dylan, have since decided to join the lodge.) The Grand Lodge of Washington provided the bulk of the funding for the event, with additional funding being provided by the lodge and member donations.



At right, Dylan Rothwell, a student volunteer with CWU Students with a Purpose, checks in a guest to the Grand Re-Opening Party at the front door.

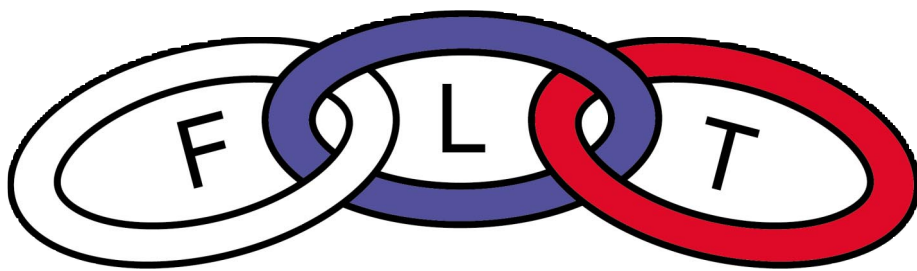


Tom Duke (blue shirt), chats with a guest and Noble Grand Dave Soltz at the Grand Re-Opening Party on November 2.



Washington State Representative Tom Dent, left, Senator Judy Warnick and Representative Alex Ybarra, who ushered Ellensburg Lodge #20’s \$262,000 state-grant proposal through the 2019 Washington State Legislature, pose with Noble Grand Dave Soltz.

# ~ 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

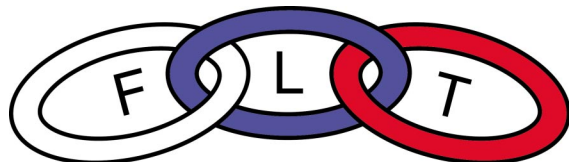
**Meets At:** 307 N. Pine St., Ellensburg, WA. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Recess:** None. **NG:** David Soltz, PO Box 154, Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (570) 204-7893. **Sec'y:** Maegan Watson, PO Box 154 Ellensburg, WA 98926. **Ph:** (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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Secretary's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

# ~ Lodge Cards ~

# From your 2023-24 Grand Matriarch

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

I hope everyone had a safe and a wonderful holiday season.

I'd like to begin by congratulating all of our new officers for 2024! I wish you all the very best in your year of leadership!



**KATHI PICANCO**  
*Grand Matriarch*

We must continue to work to keep our Branch of our Order intact. The member number requirements for a workable lodge must be met and kept for us to survive. Since we only have two Ladies Encampment Auxiliaries remaining and one Unified Encampment, it's critical we continue to grow. Finding members is as simple as asking a Brother or Sister.

**VISITATIONS  
STARTING SOON**

I will soon be arranging visits, saving the Unified Encampment for sometime in March or April. I hope to see you all at those visits. Keep the faith, and stay a member. We need you all!

Need help? Don't hesitate to call or send me an email.

*If we put a little loving in all the work we do,  
And a little bit of you,  
And a little bit of of laughter, and a bit of song.  
Not a day will seem too toilsome,  
Not a day will seem to long.*

Thanks to you all for putting in the necessary work that keeps us going!

*Kathi Picanco,  
Grand Matriarch*

## 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., 6:00 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Joe Schaible, 8811 400th St. E., Eatonville, WA 98328. **Ph:** (253) 219-5461. **Sec'y:** Jamie Vest-Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. **Ph:** (253) 606-5131 (2/28/25)

## 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)

## *Mt. Constitution #88*

# Orcas Island Lodge had quite a year

Season's greetings from Orcas Island's Odd Fellows Mt. Constitution Lodge #88. We would like to share our good news with you.

### **HALLOWEEN DANCE AND WOOD RAFFLE TICKETS**

We had a highly successful Halloween Dance that brought in capital for our Scholarship Fund which goes to graduating high school students (criteria based on community involvement and kindness towards others). Because of the success, we are happy to announce that we have increased our capacity to give to deserving students. The winner of the wood raffle was able to give a cord of wood to a financially challenged young family.

### **WOOD DELIVERIES**

Lodge members continue to step up in delivering wood to folks who are financially challenged. This program has existed for more than two decades and we have provided heat for many in need over the years.

### **THANKSGIVING**

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, our Odd Fellows Community Thanksgiving returned with great success. We filled the hall with wonderful community spirit and great food through an amazing team effort. Many lodge members contributed to the successful event. There is so much to be thankful for this season!

### **DEGREE WORK**

With many new members present, we have done degree work for Friendship, Love, and Truth. This has been an opportunity to deepen our awareness of traditions within Odd fellowship.

### **RENOVATIONS**

We are meeting regularly to discuss renovations to our building, including creating more storage upstairs, better lighting and sound, and updating our kitchen space.

### **COMMUNITY SPACE**

We continue to rent the building to the community at an affordable price. Our well-loved hall includes activities for people of all ages, including classes and events such as dance, exercise, birthday parties, quinceaneras, dances, memorials, weddings, community meetings, Farmers Market, and more.



### **PARADES**

We participated in several parades on our island, including the Solstice Parade, Fourth of July, and Olga Daze. These events include drumming and bringing fun to the community.

### **SERVICE WORK**

Our lodge continues to offer service work to the community as needed. Our neighbors know they can rely on us to be there. We also support each other as lodge members.

### **MEETINGS**

Our weekly meetings are well attended, meaningful and rich in many ways with meaningful topics.

### **VISIT FROM OUR GRAND MASTER**

We enjoyed a visit from Michael Scheurich, Washington's Grand Master. We had an opportunity to show him around the island and share in a delightful dinner before attending an Odd Fellows meeting. Michael offered great ideas and support for the continued growth of our lodge. We were pleased to make significant donations from the lodge and individual members toward many excellent causes.

Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 continues to thrive, building a strong connection among members and the community.

—In F.L. & T., Didier Gincig,  
Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88

*Happy New Year*  
*From Mt. Constitution*  
*9007 Lodge 88*



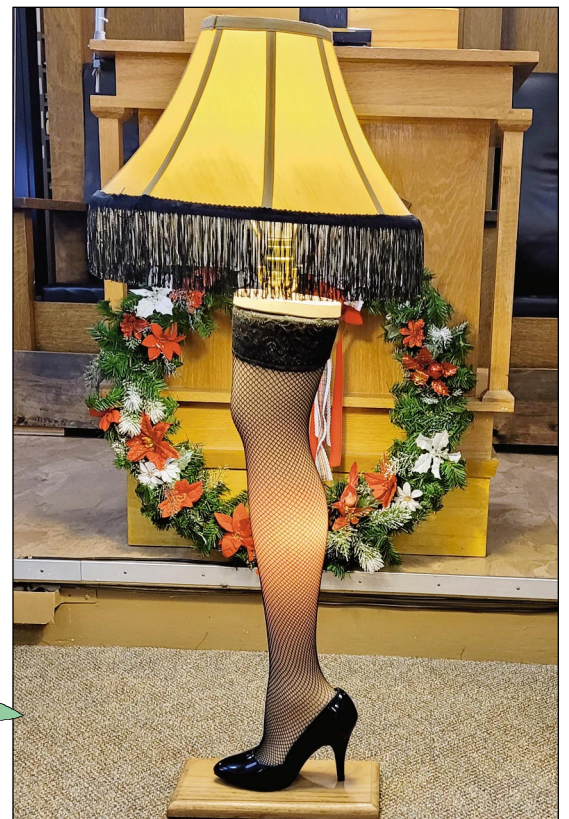
## Grand Master impressed with Orcas Is.





## *A Christmas Story in Olympia*

Members of Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 gathered for their annual Christmas party on December . The gathering featured a potluck dinner, a gift exchange and, of course, Santa and his Elf. The movie, *A Christmas Story*, includes the famous leg lamp both on screen and in person. **Bottom Left.** Elf Laurel exclaims, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus!" (The kisser is really Laura Purcell,) **Bottom Right:** It looks like Olympia's Elf is stirring up more trouble as Karen and Frank Wilson try to have a talk with Santa, played by Steve Purcell.





Prosperity's "Reindeer Games" features Brother Joel Myrene's wife Katja, daughter Joanna and son Evan

## Wenatchee's Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 celebrates Christmas at the Lodge

Members of Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301 in Wenatchee celebrated the Holidays with a family Christmas party on Saturday, December 16.

Present at the party were Noble Grand Dustin Deane and daughter Neelah, as well as his mother Cheyanne Wolf; Vice Grand Hazel Mahan (wife of Dustin), Right Supporter to the Vice Grand Joel

Myrene and his family, (wife Katja, son Evan, and daughter Joanna); Warden Matthew Hargan; Secretary Samuel McIntosh and his girlfriend Mickey; and prospective members Darcie Frisch and husband Randy Frisch.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
Dustin Deane, NG of Prosperity Lodge #301



Prospective member Darcie Frisch talks with Neelah (Dustin Deane's NG daughter), Matthew Hargan (Warden), and Vice Grand Hazel Mahan, as well as Katja.



Warden Matthew Hargan at the table with VG Hazel Mahan, and our Noble Grand's daughter, Neelah Deane.

## Candidate for membership

# What should you ask in an interview

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There must be another reason, right? I think you get where I'm going with this. Anyway, this is just my opinion. So, here you go!

### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO ASK A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP DURING THE INTERVIEW:

- 1 — How did you find out about Odd Fellows?
- 2 — What do you know about Odd Fellows?
- 3 — Why do you want to join Odd Fellows?
- 4 — What has your sponsor told you about Odd Fellows or about this lodge?
- 5 — What do you think Odd Fellowship can bring to you?
- 6 — What do you think you can bring to Odd Fellowship?
- 7 — Our lodge meets the \_\_\_& \_\_\_(day of the week) of every month at \_\_\_ p.m. Can you make the meetings? If not, why are you joining? (**You** can leave the last part of the question out.)
- 8 — Do you know there are four Degrees of Odd Fellowship? Initiatory, First, Second, and Third Degree. Will you be able to be present to have them conferred on you?
- 9 — Will you take part in meetings if asked or if appointed to an office?
- 10 — We are a non-political and non-sectarian fraternity. Our good works are based on lessons from the Bible. We say the Lord's prayer during the opening ceremony and a prayer during the closing ceremony. **The Bible is present during meetings.** Do you feel you would have a problem with this?
- 11 — Is there any other reason you may be joining the Order?

Other information to give about your lodge

Dues are \$\_\_\_per year. Dues are due by January 1 of every year or \_\_\_\_\_. If you become a member and attain 3rd Degree status, you will be given a Charge Book (**or not depending on your lodge**, a copy of the lodge by-laws, and any other regulations. You will be added to the newspaper list at the Grand Lodge level and receive it every month via email unless you would prefer it to be mailed to you.

Do you have any questions for us?

— *Fraternally,*  
*Laurel Delony, PGM*

# From your 2023-24 Theta Rho President

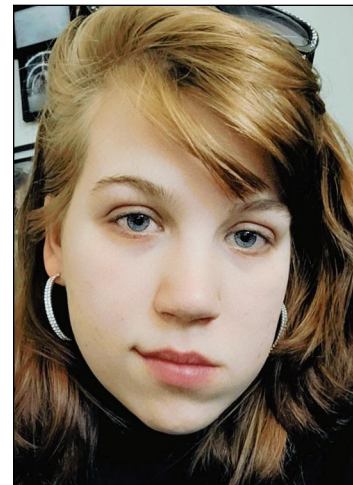
Happy New Year Everyone

Hello Everyone!!!

I hope you all are having an amazing New year. Now that the holidays are over its time to breathe, relax and get back to business. I truly want to be able assist all of you guys in all of your questions so please feel free to ask.

Again have a happy New Year.

Try everything in Friendship Love and Truth.



VICTORIA SCHLIM  
TRA President

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

## Start the New Year right and find Sammy

There were many of you who called or emailed us regarding December's "Find Sammy," contest who came to the same conclusion: There was no Sammy to be found anywhere. Yes, your editor left out poor Sammy. So we decided to draw a name from our pool of you who contacted us. And the winner is Terry Eliason of our State Lodge. Terry wins a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge.



### HELP FIND SAMMY AGAIN

We are continuing with our "Guess Sammy" contest again this year. 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 January 15 for our February, 2024 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

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



# Acorn Theta Rho Girls finish the year with lots of holiday activities

**HAPPY 2024**

We hope all of your holiday activities went well.

First we promised to report on our turkey raffle for the “Make-A-Wish” Foundation. We raised \$310 which is pretty good \$ per pound on an 18+lb. turkey.

While we were doing our raffle, we were asked by the gentleman in charge of Toys For Tots on Whidbey Island if we would like to help the next weekend with that project because he was looking for help. So the next weekend four of our members and our advisor helped with Toys For Tots.

Our final community service for the year was making Santa Treat bags for Welcome Home Assisted Living.

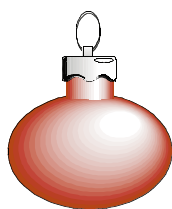
Our very last activity for 2023 was our own Christmas party at our advisor’s home. We made coat hanger Christmas trees and did a Secret Santa gift exchange with an option for those who wanted to stay for a Christmas movie.

We are looking forward to great things in 2024. We will be electing new officers and doing an initiation in January. We will have more to share on that next month.

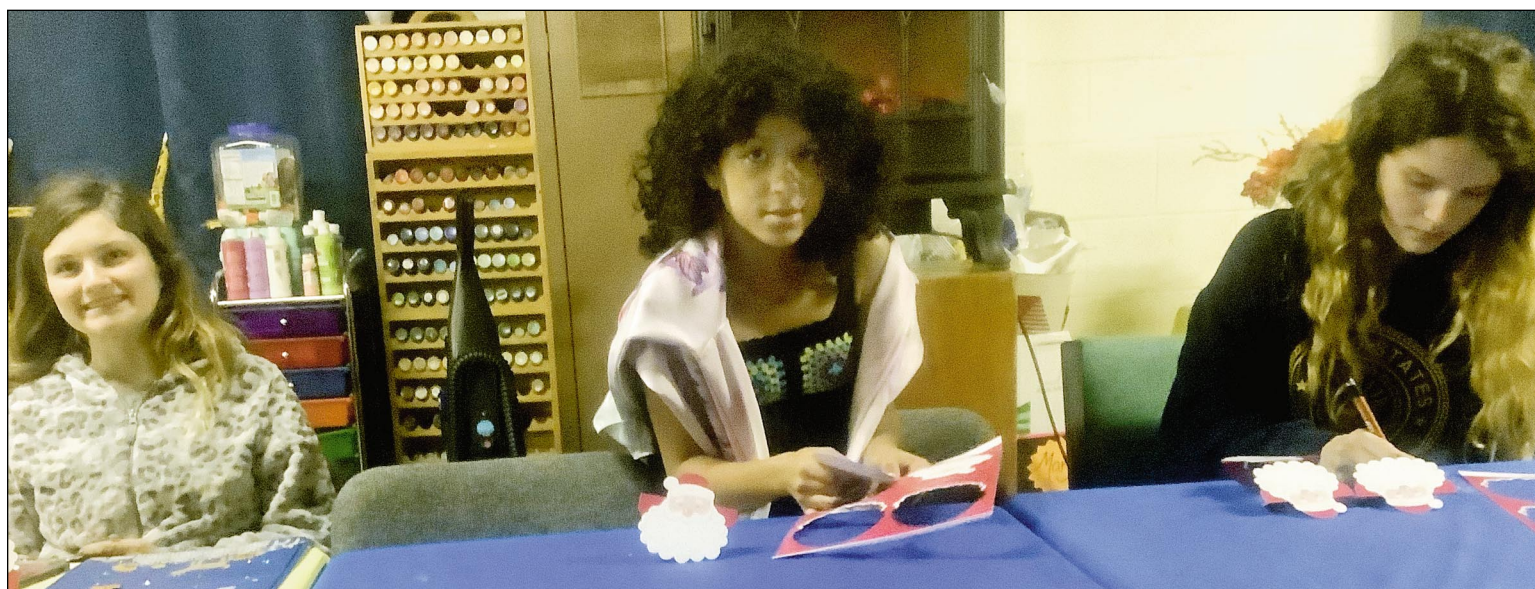
— *In Happiness Through Service,  
And Goodbye to 2023  
With Theta Rho Hugs,  
The members of Acorn*



From left, Bella Gleghorn and Sarah Thomas were busy creating Christmas cheer.



From left, Shauna Schultz, Layla Williams, Hailey Hanna, Bella Gleghorn, Stacy Gardiner and Desiree Gardiner display the coat hanger Christmas Trees.



From left, Desiree Gardiner, Layla Williams and Stacy Gardiner work on Christmas crafts.

# Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

## GREETINGS FROM SPOKANE

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 members gathered for the first social meeting of the month on December 6. Sister Elisabeth Winship Moon was hostess for the afternoon.

Elections for officers-elect for 2024 term of office were held. All nominations for offices were elected by acclamation, with one exception. Brother John “Johneo” Otterstrom, PGM, our current Treasurer, and Rebekah Assembly Warden, withdrew his nomination as Treasurer for 2024. Sister Pat Nave, PNG, also nominated for Treasurer, was elected Treasurer. Sister Elisabeth Winship Moon, Vice Grand, was elected and elevated to Noble Grand-elect. Sister Beverly Johnson was elected Vice Grand-elect. Brother Tim Moon, PGM and PNG, and our Secretary was re-elected as Secretary. Sister Elisabeth and Sister Beverly are “First Timers” going through the chairs. They both have new outlooks and ideas projected for Hope Rebekah Lodge #38.

## SISTER BEVERLY IS A 58 YEAR VETERAN

Sister Beverly Johnson, Vice Grand-elect, has been a Rebekah for 58 years. Sister Beverly was initiated into the former Medical Lake Rebekah Lodge in 1965.

Sister Beverly and her son recently returned from a trip to Panama and Panama Canal. Beverly told us they had planned to kayak in the Panama Canal, but they had to stay on the ship as there was uprisings, protests, and a revolution in Panama.

## MEMBERS UNDER THE WEATHER

Brother Tedd Swanson, PNG, Chaplain, and District Deputy President District #1, has been hospitalized for major surgery at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Tedd is now home recuperating and healing. Brother Tedd is very appreciative and grateful for all the thoughts and prayers in his behalf.

Brother Tedd is especially grateful and appreciative for the care, assistance, and help from Brother George Chinn, Tedd’s apartment-mate who helps Tedd with his daily activities. Brother George is chief cook and bottle washer. George also holds steady and balances Brother Tedd with Tedd’s walker. Brother George Chinn is a member of Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 and also a member of Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52. Brother George holds offices in both lodges.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 members planned to gather for our Christmas dinner and party on December 29. Sister Beverly Johnson baked the ham. Members brought side dishes. We drew names for the “Secret Santa” gift exchange.

Our holiday wish was that all members of the Order, Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, Encampment, and Ladies Encampment Auxiliary enjoy a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

May everyone experience a happy and healthy New Year with peace on earth and good will to all.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 MEETING

The first meeting of each month is our social meeting with some business to conduct.

It was reported our craft fair bazaar and bake sale held November 3 and 4 made more than \$700. That’s the best we’ve ever made in our bazaar craft fair and bake sales.

The success of our bazaar-craft fair and bake sale is because of advertising by our Rebekahs. Special thanks to Sister Marlana Francis, PNG, who placed a color ad in the *Spokesman-Review* newspaper that drew a number of customers. Sister Marlana Francis is our own Sister Cynthia “Dusti” Trebe’s Rebekah Assembly President’s sister. A special thank you Sister Marlana.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

We voted to give \$100 towards the Odd Fellows-Rebekah float in the 2024 Rose Bowl Parade. We also voted to give \$130 to help a Theta Rho Girl to go on the Pilgrimage for Youth trip to New York City and other cities in the eastern United States.

We voted to give \$100 to the Building Manager for Christmas.

## ELISABETH’S 2024 PROJECT

Sister Elisabeth Winship-Moon, Noble Grand-elect, outlined her project for 2024 as Noble Grand. Sister Elisabeth asked members to donate to a small native American tribe in North Dakota. They are poverty stricken. The tribe is in need of all essentials and most everything.

Sister Elisabeth’s friend takes a trailer full of donations to the tribe twice a year. Sister Joey Locke, Noble Grand, asked all present to dress Christmassy for our December 20 Christmas dinner and our Rebekah Assembly President’s official visit.

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## Some more S'mores

Grand Secretary Laurel Delony handed out S'mores to all the kids and adults during Buckley's Tree Lighting Ceremony on November. At Laurel's right are a couple of happy eaters.

# Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

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## DUSTI'S OFFICIAL VISIT

It was announced our Rebekah Sister Dusti Trebe will make her official visit as Rebekah Assembly President on December 20. For Sister Dusti's visit we will have a basket with our lodge's donation to her and also our personal gifts to her.

Noble Grand Joey Locke said she is going to dress as the "Grinch."

## BROTHER TEDD IS ON THE MEND

Brother Tedd Swanson is convalescing at home after major surgery at Sacred Heart Medical Center. The surgeon told Brother Tedd it possibly could take two months or so to heal. He is still in much pain. Please keep Brother Tedd in your prayers.

Sister Elisabeth Winship-Moon suggested that our Rebekah Lodge work on crafts once a month. She showed pictures of flannel shirts that have been bleached and printed. Elisabeth asked us to bring

# Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 Installation nearing

Trinity members would like to send condolences out to Vaneta Maeone's family. Vanita passed away November 27, 2023. She was a 30-year member.

Our Installation of Officers will be a Joint Dinner Installation with Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, and Golden Rule Odd Fellow Lodge #207 on January 13, 2024. Dinner will be at or close to 12 noon.

Our shut-in baskets were put together and delivered at and after our meeting on December 14. Thanks to all the members who contributed to this yearly project. It is so rewarding to see the faces on the receiving end.

We just finished wrapping up the gifts that were purchased for our person that was picked at one of the local giving trees from Winlock.

I would like to thank Mary Smith, Laura Purcell, Jennie Reed, Dave Reed, and LouAnn Hoffman for their help at the L.C. BINGO Saturday. Also, thanks to Marlene Whittington, Mary Smith, and Virginia Erckenbrack for peeling the potatoes and helping set out the shoes for Bingo on Friday.

Until next month. . .

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

flannel shirts.

The silver drill was taken and proceeds will go towards Dusti's Assembly President's project.

Your reporter, Brother Tedd Swanson, will observe 52 years as a Rebekah on January 27, 2024. I was initiated into the Rebekah Lodge January 27, 1972 at the former Truth Rebekah Lodge #302 in Spokane at the old IOOF Temple. Rumors or witnesses attest to the fact that the old former IOOF Temple is haunted. The old IOOF Temple is now a night club. I was initiated into Odd Fellowship 52 years ago October 11, 1971 in Spokane at Samaritan Lodge #52 at the old former IOOF Temple.

— *With Rebekah Hugs*  
*In Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
Tedd Swanson PNG, and Reporter  
District Deputy President for District 1  
PG Samaritan Lodge #52 IOOF  
PCP, Unique Unified Encampment #32

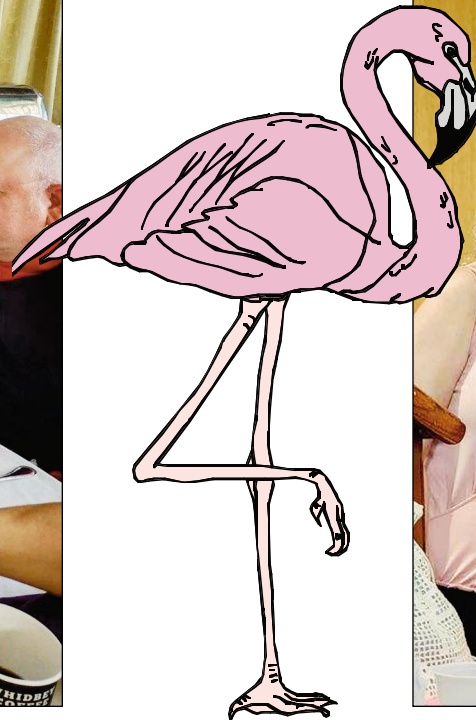
# RA President Kendra bows out with a lot of smiles and bunches of pink!!



At our 2023 Grand Sessions in Yakima last June, attendees were having a bunch of fun at the Banquet Costume Party. **At left** are Yellow Bird Lorrie Bonnell along with President Kendra Frogge'. **Center left:** Dawn Edwards and Amber Valentine sell tickets for President Kendra's projects while Past Grand Master John "Johneo" Otterstrom and Harry Jester are busy filling out their raffle ticket stubs. **Below right:** The Frogge' family got together one last time as Mom Kendra is finishing her term as RA President. From left are: Tom Frogge', daughter and Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington Florence Dupont, and then President Kendra Frogge'. **Below right:** Kendra Frogge' and IARA Representative, then Vice President EllenJean Whited now IARA President.



*Here's a page we did not have room for in 2023. Enjoy!*



## *Bucoda Bulletin Board #39*

# Bucoda Lodge helping its community

**Community Is Some  
Of The Folks Participating  
Silent Auction Is Just Some  
Of The People And Items**

**Diners Just A Few Of  
The Folks Having Spaghetti**

**Hall Is Some Of The Banners In The Hall  
Before Official Start Of The Event**

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth.*

Steven Purcell,

Domestic Reporter & Foreign Correspondent

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129

Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144





Here's a page we did not have room for in 2023. Enjoy!

## *They're cotton pickin' corn pickers!*

A portion of the Jurisdiction of Washington's delegation at Sovereign Grand Lodge in Iowa waited for the corn picker's truck to load them up for a long day's work in the fields. At left is straw boss Chris Emmons of the SGL office. The crew of corn pickers are, from left, PGM Kelly Hughes, Deb Hughes, SGL Representative Joe Picanco, Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco, Grand

Warden Dave Delony, Deputy Grand Master Steve Purcell, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, Grand Master Michael Scheurich, and Rebekah Assembly President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe. You should have seen them when they returned from their day's work, almost too tired to attend California's cocktail party (not really).



There was plenty of Pomp and Circumstance at the SGL Opening Ceremonies in Des Moines, Iowa. Bringing in the Alaska and Washington State Flags are PGM John "Johneo" Otterstrom, PGM Margaret "Maggie" Truttman, Grand Master Michael Scheurich, and Rebekah Assembly President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe.



Enjoying an evening of convivial friendship are part of Washington's delegation to SGL last August. From left around the tilted table are: Steve Purcell, Laurel Delony, Dave Delony, Mike Scheurich, Deb Hughes, Kelly Hughes, and John "Johneo" Otterstrom.

# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## We're all prepared for a great 2024

Greetings from South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160.

Members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 had their election of officers and the following will be installed in January 2024:

- **Alicia Vest Bey**, Noble Grand
- **Joanne Balmert**, Vice Grand
- **Laurel Delony**, Secretary
- **Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie**, Financial Secretary
- **Jamie Vest Bey**, Treasurer.

Our booklets are ready to go and our incoming Noble Grand-elect Alicia has a great year planned. We are looking forward to the new year.

In December we, along with help from the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club, filled 100 stockings for adults to be distributed by My Sister's Pantry food bank. Everyone provided a potluck item

that was shared by all of us before we stuffed stockings. It's always fun to work with our Theta Rho Girls. Present from the club were Advisor Sylvia Summers, Melana and Menye' Barbas, TRA Warden Teanna Gardner, and Alister Jennings. Present for South Tacoma were Noble Grand Jamie Vest Bey, Vice Grand Alicia Vest Bey, Peg Ogilvie, Joanne Balmert, Dave Delony, Laurel Delony, and guest, Sylvia's husband, Robert Summers. Nichi-Lynn Berry was unfortunately under the weather but we did get an application for membership and will be working on initiation this month. Yea!

That's it for now. We hope everyone had a great holiday and wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

— With Rebekah Love,  
The Members of South Tacoma Rebekahs #160



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Noble Grand Harry Jester, Jr. Past Grand Kathy Jester, Secretary Jeanette Jester, and Vice Grand Hope Gilson with one of the baskets.

## Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194

Washougal Odd Fellows kicked off the month of December and the Holidays with seven baskets donated to Washougal Festival of the Trees. This raises money for the Washougal School District Schools. The event held December 1 and 2, 2023 raised \$26,872. Our themed baskets of Oregon Ducks, SeaHawks, Gnomes for Christmas, Christmas Morning, Elf on the Shelf, and Looking Forward to Christmas raised \$613. Plans are in the works to buy items at the after-Christmas sales for next year.

We also made a \$300 donation to the Camas Area Relief Organization Limited (CAROL). This is provided by the Camas and Washougal Fire Departments. They provide baskets of food and toys to our area needy.

Our final holiday event was our annual Christmas Party. Six members accompanied by spouses had a no-host dinner at the Black Bear Diner in Vancouver on Saturday, December 9, 2023

We wish all Brothers and Sisters a very Happy New Year!