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Olympia's Easter Egg Hunt Photos Page 14

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Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 sending four on Pilgrimage

Ellensburg High School juniors Sam Altman-Coe, Lauren Worley, Bugsy Bauman and Aislin Payton introduce themselves as the four delegates selected by the Ellensburg Odd Fellows to study world affairs on the East Coast for two weeks in July. See page 12 for details.



— Photo by Anna Rose / Ellensburg Daily Record

L.J. Jones Scholarships

Congrats to Carissa, Katie and Chase

CARISSA QUESNELL

Carissa Quesnell, a senior at Eisenhower High School in Yakima and member of Yakima Odd Fellow Lodge #22, is the winner of the \$5,000 Washington Odd Fellows and Rebekahs 2024 scholarship.

Sponsoring her was dad Chad with Grandfather Robert, also a member of the Yakima Lodge. She was the first female member of her lodge.

She says, "Throughout my life I have been guided by the members of Odd Fellows. I have been taught early on to feed the homeless, help the distressed and to be kind to all."

Carissa is captain of the golf team, a member of Environmental Club, Drama Club and Colorguard. She is an honors student and has been taking college courses in high school. Her plans are to study environmental management at the University of Idaho.

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From the desk of your Grand Master

AH, SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this message finds everyone enjoying the warmer weather and the added evening daylight.



MICHAEL SCHEURICH
Grand Master

Just the other day on my way back home from my Rebekah meeting, I had the pleasure of viewing a colorful sunset, and it wasn't completely dark even when I arrived home. I had to purchase new sunglasses on a recent drive (it has been so long I've misplaced the last pair).

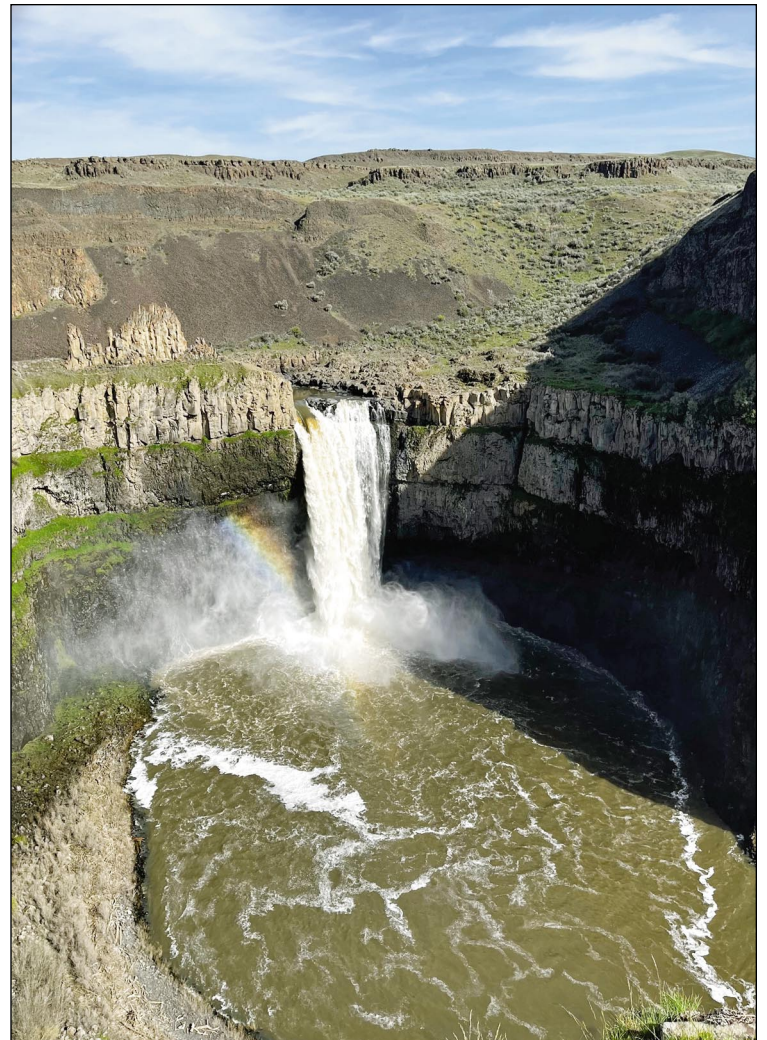
REPS - BE READY TO GO TO WORK

I hope each Lodge Representative for Grand Lodge has made their reservations and registered for Grand Sessions. I want each lodge to have a voice. The "Take Me" will be mailed to the

Representatives on May 1 and contains at least one bill that may be controversial to members that seldom attend meetings, but want to use the Jesse T. Jones Park in Oregon, at the dunes. Please have a whole lodge discussion on all upcoming legislation so your Representative understands your lodge's views and can voice your lodge's concerns to committees and vote responsibly. I also want to remind everyone that any Third Degree member can attend Sessions.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR MY CHARITY STILL AVAILABLE, WIN A QUILT

As a reminder, my fund-raiser for my charity, "Family Succuss Northwest" continues. I have one remaining quilt to give to the holder of the winning ticket that will be drawn at Grand Sessions during the Monday, June 24 banquet. All tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. No matter when you purchased your ticket you are still in the drawing except for Shawn Corrigan, ticket #074224, and Alex DeGoede, ticket #074189, as they were the winners of the first two quilts.



Palouse Falls State Park holds some beautiful scenery. Note the rainbow Mike captured with his camera.

PEACE PINS

I also have about 40 Peace pins, my symbol, left to sell at \$5 each. If you or your lodge would like to donate, a check can be sent to Grand Lodge of Washington with the note *Grand Master's project*.

WHAT A VIEW OF PALOUSE FALLS

I had a lovely day for a drive to Colfax for the Rosalia meeting and got to stop at Palouse Falls State Park. I have several other trips to Eastern Washington coming up soon and I am grateful that the weather shouldn't be a factor. I am also a big fan of morel mushrooms and hope to find a few on these trips. This was part of my scheduling strategy and partly luck, I will let you know if it works.

WE MUST RECRUIT A YOUNGER CROWD

My visits to the various lodges throughout the state have been inspiring and troubling at the same time. Everywhere I have been I met hardworking good people who have their lodge and our Order in

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From the desk of the Assembly President

TIME FLIES BY

Another month has passed me by. But I was able to make it to Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island and visit with Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254. On this trip, I took along Joey Locke from Hope Rebekah Lodge #38. It's nice to share our experiences with our other Rebekahs.



CYNTHIA "DUSTI" TREBE
Assembly President

I received a wonderful welcome and was teased about how hard it is to find "peach" colored carnations. We enjoyed a wonderful Philippine dinner crafted by one of their prospective new members.

The lodge held a social meeting to introduce their prospective members to some of the charitable ideas they produce. Small treat bags were put

together to give to local school nurses as a thank you thought for being there. **HINT:** This is another thing you could try in your lodge. It puts the Rebekah name out there.

The drive to Oak Harbor from Spokane was beautiful, sunny and 70 degrees. Driving home to Spokane the next day was cloudy, snowy, rainy, and 34 degrees.

MY TRIP TO MONTANA

On April 11 I drove to Montana to visit my Mother, Wynona Eastman, PP of the Montana State Rebekah Assembly, and drive her to their planning board meeting. There were more miles of beautiful driving and visiting Rebekah and Odd Fellow friends. Fortunately, the only snow was on the side of the road.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

June is just around the corner so remember to have something ready for the silent auction table at our Sessions. I'm excited to see it coming, yet sad that it's almost over.

As Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly approach



Yes, there was still snow along side the road on Thompson Pass near the Idaho-Montana border.

please help your Representatives and as many members as possible attend sessions. I have no "special" color requirements for the officers. Pastels are a favorite that works well with anything though.

'CANCER WARRIORS'

I am still looking for names of "Cancer Warriors" still fighting the battle or gone on before us, to add to a special presentation at Sessions. Friends, family members, Brothers or Sisters you have donated in honor of. Please send me the names.

GET READY FOR 70'S PEACE

I do hope you all get into the 70's Peace movement for the banquet fun. I've already found my costume. I couldn't fit into my old clothes from high school so I hit the thrift store.

If you or your lodge have difficulties with anything, don't forget that your Grand Master and Assembly President are there to help resolve issues. Don't hesitate to ask for help. We may not always be able to completely resolve issues but you don't know if you don't ask.

I intend to finish making visits in May after I return from Arlington, Virginia, so be prepared with questions. I have appreciated your help and patience.

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



From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

HAPPY MAY DAY!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



CATHY GARCIA
Assembly
Secretary

With sunshine, flowers, bonfires and playing in the dirt, I'm happy!!! It so hard to believe we only have about seven weeks until our Annual Sessions and then most of us go dark for July and August.

I'm so excited to see everyone in Yakima this year. After missing the past two years because of family health issues, I am working diligently to be organized and prepared to get a lot of work done. I am asking all Lodges to **PLEASE** encourage not only your Representative, but also your Secretary, to attend Sessions this year. We have a lot of

important items to discuss relating to their responsibilities. We are a team, and unless everyone does their part, we aren't effective in the work of Odd Fellowship.

All Spring Per Capita dues should be in my office at this time. If for some reason your lodge has not gotten this check mailed out, please do so ASAP. If this is not paid your Representative will not receive their Per Diem check and they will not have a vote in any decisions that need to be made.

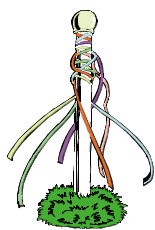
'TAKE ME' NOW IN YOUR HANDS

Lodges should be receiving the 2024 "Take Me" in the next couple days. Your Representative needs

to read through this document and brief your lodge on the officers' reports, as well as the budget proposal for the upcoming year. This budget represents expenses for our working year, which is April 1, to March 31. This can be confusing, but somehow we make it work.

Enjoy the good weather, get together with lodge Sisters and Brothers outside of lodge meetings, be sure you are registered for Sessions in Yakima, and have a great month.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.



— 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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rebsecwa@gmail.com

So. Tacoma Rebekahs #160

We were stuffing Easter Eggs and will be getting stuffed at German Dinner

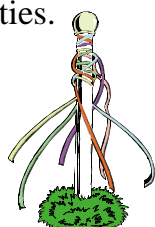
Our Brothers and Sisters met at the first meeting in March to stuff eggs for the Olympia #1 and Ruth #17 Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. I understand "LoLo the Bunny" was present to help the kids hunt for eggs.

Next up our lodge members will be working to put together desserts for the German Dinner to be held on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Buckley Lodge Hall. Please come out and support these lodges. The funds collected for the dessert will go to local charities.



LoLo

— Fraternally with Rebekah hugs,
Laurel Delony, Reporter



*May Day
Is On Its Way!!*


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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

YOU'D BETTER GET READY SESSIONS

Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is May and our Grand Sessions in Yakima



LAUREL DELONY
Grand Secretary

are coming up quickly. Have you registered for Sessions yet? Representatives, have you registered yet? We need you to come to Sessions to help make decisions that might affect your lodges. If lodge Reps don't show up then your lodge doesn't have a voice or vote. Lodges, please make sure your Rep can attend Grand Lodge Sessions, and if not then your alternate. You'll find the registration form and Session

information listed in this newspaper on pages 16-19. It will be published again in June. Registration costs more if you send it in June, so get it in as soon as possible.

"TAKE ME" IS IN THE MAIL

The "Take Me" is being sent out May 1. Be sure your Representatives read through it and your lodge makes an informed decision on how your Rep should vote on reports and any legislation coming up at Sessions. And there will be at least one item of legislation.

ATTENTION THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS

For new Past Grands attending Sessions for the first time, be sure to bring your Past Grand Certificate when you check in at the credentials table. Third Degree members are also invited to attend Sessions. The Grand Lodge will open in the Grand Lodge Degree, then Sessions will be brought down to the Third Degree for business.

To all members attending, be ready to give the sign and password of the Grand Lodge Degree when we open and be ready with the password of the Third Degree. Visitors, be ready with the traveling password. If you don't have it, check with your Grand Secretary.

Memorial Day is coming up. Be sure to honor those that gave their all for our country.

Editor's Note: The photo of Grand Secretary Laurel this month was taken by Sylvia Summers at the Theta Rho Retreat in Olympia. Laurel is teaching a class in Swedish cuisine. Unfortunately we didn't get a review from our critics.)

— With Fraternal Hugs and Love,
Laurel Delony,
PGM, Grand Secretary
grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com
800-345-1766 or 360-829-1514

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179's Spring Bazaar set

April started with a trip to Idaho for the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association. It was a trip with unpredictable weather. It changed as often as you change a baby's diaper. Our chauffeur Steve Purcell did great! Thanks Steve and Laura Purcell!!

Now back to the reality of business. Meetings, Bingo, bake sales and, oh yeah, our Spring Bazaar.

I'm preparing for Assembly as well. It's creeping up really fast. I can't believe how fast.

Congrats to all the scholarship winners. It was a real honor to work on the scholarships. I wish them all well as they continue their education.

The next Bingo will be on Saturday, May 11, and it will support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. St. Jude's is Grand Matriarch Kathi Picano's LEA Project. Everyone, come on out and support the cause.

We have a kids' Bingo on the books for Saturday, May 25 with a hot dog lunch and two hard Bingo cards for \$15.00. We will start at 12 noon and hopefully be done by 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Everyone, have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Alberta Luurs, Vice President
Rebekah Assembly of Washington



Dinner And Bingo Fund Raiser



SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024



\$25⁰⁰



All Proceeds Go To St. Jude Research Hospital
Includes:

Potato Bar, Salad

Raffles
50/50

And Dessert

Raffles
50/50

Drawings

Dinner Begins 4:00 PM

Games Begin 6:00 PM

Location:

Napavine Trinity
Rebekah Lodge
111 West Washington
Napavine, WA 98565



Bothell #124 hosts a glorious Open House

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM

Tuesday, March 19 was a glorious day for Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, and not just for the generous sunshine on the first day of Spring. The lodge held



its first Open House of a planned series to welcome members of the Bothell Community in to find out what the lodge is all about. Grand Musician Penny Curtis organized the event,

PGP Nora Carria prepared food, Grand Marshal Bob Duniway prepared a presentation about the history of the Bothell Lodge and its connection to the City of Bothell, PGP Greg Powers delivered that presentation, and various other members were available and helped with setting up the event and cleaning up afterward.

Many thanks to Grand Secretary Laurel Delony for preparing multiple display items which were very beneficial for illustrating the story of Odd Fellowship.

GUESTS HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS

The historical presentation was well-received and there were many follow-up questions from the guests, many of whom opted to tour the upstairs part of the building. Applications were handed out to prospective members in hopes that they will take the next step and join the lodge.

BIG THANKS TO PENNY CURTIS

The greatest part of success came from the advertising for the event. Penny Curtis did a fantastic job of writing press releases and sending them out to other community groups and media outlets in the Bothell area to let everyone in the community know about the Open House. Plans are already underway for subsequent events in coming months which will build on the success of this initial Open House.

—Toby Hanson, PGM, PGP

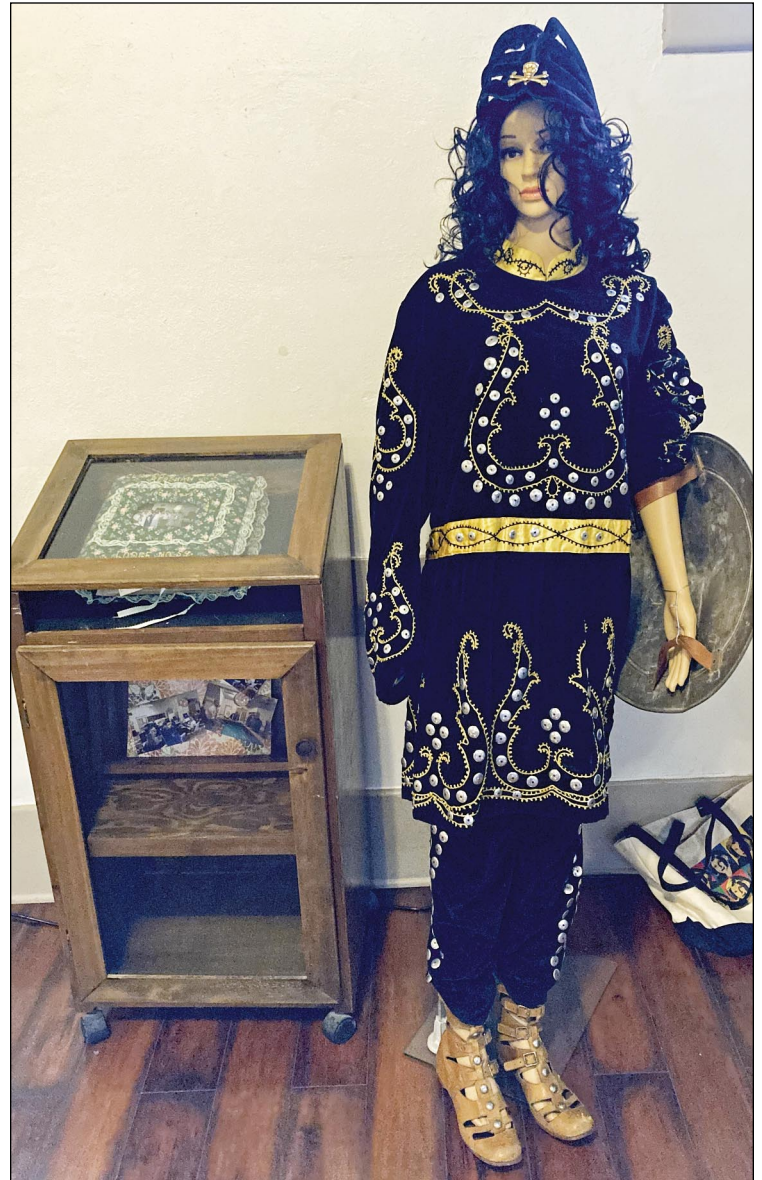
Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

Past Grand Patriarch

Grand Encampment of Washington, IOOF

Past Sovereign Grand Musician



Above are a couple of the displays Grand Secretary Laurel Delony created for Bothell's Open House. Penny Curtis helped organize the event.



CARISSA QUESNELL



KATIE WRIGHT



CHASE BAKER

Here's our L.J. Jones Scholarship winners

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KATIE WRIGHT

Katie Wright is the recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship for a girl. She attends Cabrillo High School in Lampoc, California.

The 17-year old enjoys graphic design, AP graphic design, and National Arts Honor Society. She says, "I will continue exploring my passions and growing my skills as an artist to be the best I can be, while also giving support to others. I want to help people feel comfortable with who they are, what their passions are and who they want to become."

She plans to attend Allan Hancock Community College for an associate degree in arts.

Katie was sponsored by her Mom Susan Wright, a member of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton.

There was not a runner-up for the \$2,500 scholarship for a girl.

CHASE BAKER

Chase Baker has received the \$2,500 scholarship for a boy. He attends Kentwood High School in Covington. He is taking college prep courses now and will attend Friends University in Kansas.

He says, "I am interested in majoring in physical education to be a teacher and coach, with a minor in special education to work with students who need adaptive PE and life skills."

Chase is on the student athletic leadership team. He played football and track. He was on a varsity wrestling team four years, with two years as captain. His major values are discipline, determination and

dedication. The graduating senior was sponsored by his Grandmother Alberta Luurs of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179.

COOPER MAINS - RUNNER UP

The runner-up for the \$2,500 scholarship for a boy is Cooper Mains. He is attending Bickleton High School. He also is taking college prep courses, as well as cross country and track activities. For two years he was an officer for the Associated Student Body team.

Cooper helped with his Grandfather's farm, combining and also worked at Farmer's Warehouse, unloading wheat trucks.

He appreciates his small but remarkable community of around 100 individuals who have been incredibly supportive. He plans to give back to his community of Bickleton.

He notes that his strength lies in connecting with people and taking pride in uplifting spirits and assisting others whenever possible.

Cooper's deceased Great-Grandmother and Great-Grandfather were members of our Order many years ago. His Grandmother, Cindy Mains, a member of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, sponsored Cooper.

A BIG THANKS TO...

L.J. Jones Scholarship Committee Chairman Jody Morris thanks all Lodge Secretaries and applicants for participating in this process. In addition, thanks goes to Rebekah Assembly Vice President Alberta Luurs whose team judged the applications.

We continue to need donations from lodges and individuals so we can maintain future scholarships.

Ballard-Bothell Tug-of-War!

Six members from Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 attended Bothell IOOF Lodge #124's first meeting in April, retrieving the "Traveling Gavel" in the process! Playing tug-of-War with the giant hammer are Greg Powers (left) and Bob Duniway.

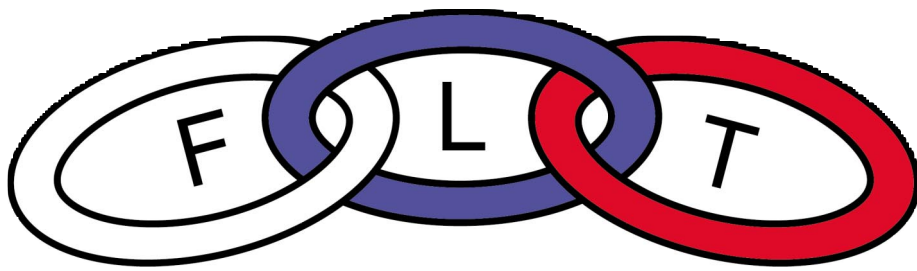


Dusti visits Oak Leaf #254

Everyone looked happy when our Rebekah Assembly of Washington President made her official visit to Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 in Oak Harbor last month. Seated

are Kathy Gould and Linda Boatman. In the back row, from left, are Mary Stewart, Judy Diekman, President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe, Maria Ramier and Kim Kaahanui.

~ Lodge Cards ~



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BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton 98312. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jeni Thompson, 5810 Burchfield Dr., Bremerton, WA 98312. **Ph:** (360) 271-4431. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. (2/28/25)

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:** Tom Harper, 917 212th Ave NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Phone:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Phone:** (253) 468-1949. (2/28/25)

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101A E. 7th, (upstairs), Bucoda. **Lodge Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Shelly Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 870-2581 (Cell). **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046 (Cell) (2/28/25)

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)

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:** Cheryl Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 765-0630. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/25)

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)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Lodge Hall, 201 Pine St., Kelso, WA 98626. **Lodge Mailing Address:** c/o Adrienne Galvez 1010 Oak St., Kelso. WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 409-9900. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86, Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (564) 220-6922 (2/28/26)

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:** Dave Reed, PO Box 494, McCleary, WA 98557-0494. **Ph:** (360) 495-3573. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/25)

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)

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Lodge Mailing Address:** 5010 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave., Olympia, WA 98502. **Ph:** (360) 561-2220. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 701-5896. (2/28/25)

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



One more quilt will be raffled at Grand Sessions to benefit Grand Master Mike Scheurich's charity.

~ Lodge Cards ~

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

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101A E. 7th St. (upstairs) Bucoda, WA.
Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fridays., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Dave Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 590-6208. **Sec'y:** LouAnn Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 451-2046 (Cell). (2/28/25)

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: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA 98321. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Time:** 1st & 2nd Tues., 6:00 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alicia Vest Bey, 19426 - 19th Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387-3437. **Ph:** (206) 880-6212. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/25)

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 (2/28/25)

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 612, Napavine, WA 98570. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Melody Butterton, 446 View Ridge Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 985-7283. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629 (2/28/25)

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

Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686 **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Hill, 8207 NE 99th Cir. Vancouver, WA 98662. **Ph:** (360) 713-3348. **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: 573 - 30th St, Washougal. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 448, Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Hope (Joyce) Gilson, 527 NE 6th Ave., Camas, WA 98607 **Ph:** (360) 823-8187. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/26)

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jim Boyd, 7702 W. Lincoln, Yakima, WA 98908. **Ph:** (509) 823-4123. **Sec'y:** **NG:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910. (2/28/25)

From Your Grand Master

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their best interest. But our membership is aging and not replacing even the number of members we are losing. I fear that if we don't strive to bring new and younger members into our Order, will not out live our grandchildren. We need to, of course, try to recruit family and friends, but we also need to strive to find interest in other sectors of the community. At a recent meeting I heard about working with other fraternal organizations in our communities to do projects together and reach out to a broader audience. Please share your lodges success stories.

— *Peace, In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Michael Scheurich, AKA "Hot Foot Scheurich"
Your 2023-2024 Grand Master
(360) 731-0975, Ioddfellowmike@gmail.com

In Spokane

Hope Rebekahs #38

Sisters and Brothers,

Our members met for lunch on Wednesday, March 20 at noon. Members brought their own lunch. Trish Tabar was the hostess for dessert. Trish served lemon squares and jelly rolls.

Noble Grand Elisabeth Winship-Moon opened the business meeting at 1 p.m. The Rebekahs dressed up for our meeting and wore nice dresses and formals. Tedd Swanson was reported not feeling well. Debra Tobler is home from her hospital stay and doing good. She is recovering better each week.

President Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe reported that she went for a thyroid test in March. She also reported that she has been cancer free for two years now.

A letter was read that was received from the Visual Aid Committee requesting old eyeglasses to be collected and sent to Grand Lodge.

Noble Grand Elisabeth reminded everyone that a craft day will be held on Wednesday, March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. to work on flannel shirt stencils for our November Bazaar.

Hope #38 will have our "High Tea" on Wednesday, May 15. Invitations will be sent to Rebekah Lodges in the area.

Your reporter forgot to mention in the last issue that George Chinn was installed as Inside Guardian at our Installation of Officers.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Tedd Swanson PNG, and Reporter

Four Ellensburg students taking part in 2024 Pilgrimage for Youth adventure

BY ANNA ROSE

Staff Writer, Ellensburg Daily Record

Four juniors from Ellensburg High School were competitively selected to participate in this year's Pilgrimage for Youth trip, an annual tour arranged by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Out of the 83 teenagers chosen nationwide for the selective educational program, nine were from Washington.

"These four are the first from our lodge to go," Ellensburg Lodge member Richard Gallagher announced at the lodge's April social. Juniors Aislin Payton, Buggy Bauman, Lauren Worley and Sam Altman-Coe will spend two weeks in July studying world affairs in Boston, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Niagra Falls, Washington, D.C. and New York City, with a special visit to the United Nations.

"It's going to be action-packed," Payton said, but all four agreed they were very excited — especially for the Broadway musical they're going to see while in New York.

Bauman explained that they first heard about this opportunity through their APUSH teacher at the high school (they are all in the same class). To apply for the program, they had to source letters of recommendation, write essays and, when they found out they had passed to the next step, give speeches in front of the lodge's review committee.

Each essay was on a social issue important to them:

Payton chose animal agriculture and climate change, Bauman wrote about the effect climate change has on indigenous tribes, Worley wrote about defunding the government and Altman-Coe explored national debt.

While they hope to learn more about these topics during their trip. Worley said she's hoping to "gain as much knowledge" as possible and the others agreed.

That is, after all, the goal, according to Gallagher.

"You're going to see things that will overwhelm you," he told the delegates. "Bring back things to this community. You are the lights in the land of plenty. Shine. Shine when you come back."

See Photo on Page 1

Stu Carlson finds Sammy

Stuart Carlson of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 found Sammy last month. Do you want to know where Sammy was hidden. She was right on the front page in the garage door behind the group on the right.

We are continuing with our "Guess Sammy" contest again in April. Get your eagle eyes busy and you can win a nice wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. Just send your email to **grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com** or call **800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than May 15 for our May, 2024 edition. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only! The winner will be drawn from the pool of correct entries.

Buckley #75 welcomes three new members!!!

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 is very excited to welcome three new members. All the degrees were conferred March 13. And one of our new members just introduced us to a prospective member. Buckley #75 is getting back to being recognized in our town.

GERMAN DINNER MAY 3

Our German Dinner is back on and it will be held on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the hall. \$10 is suggested as a donation for the meal. Schnitzel, German potato salad, and red cabbage are on the menu. South Tacoma Rebekah lodge will have a dessert auction.

WINDOW AND BRICK WORK

The renovation of one of our brick walls is com-

ing along. Once the wall is done and painted we'll be working on the windows.

One of our newest members has installed a beautiful chandelier at the base of the stairs. It's very cool having the light shine through the transom. Thank you brother Roger. Next up are lights in the dining room. We'll be able to see what we eat.

COME JOIN US

Our meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Come see us and the hall renovation progress. Dinner is at 5 p.m. Just let the secretary know for a dinner head count.

— *Fraternally,*
Officers and Members of Buckley #75

~ From your 2023-24 Grand Matriarch ~

LET'S HAVE A FUN YEAR

Hello Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

Congratulations to the newly-installed officers last month. I hope that your Installation of Officers went well and your new slate of officers has planned an interesting and fun year.



KATHI PICANCO
Grand Matriarch

Thanks to those who provide a constant presence in our lodges. We would not be here without you. Moving forward we hope to continue for years to come. You teach the rest of us how we can keep improving our work.

MEMORIAL DAY

As Memorial Day is right around the corner, I would like to encourage you to come and join us at Olympia's Memorial Park.

Come out in support of our cemetery and those who gave their lives for our country. We need to show our veterans and families that we do appreciate what they did in support of our country by making the ultimate sacrifice. We will have food after the ceremony.

MY VISITATIONS ARE COMPLETED

I have visited all our LEA lodges. The last one was the Unified Encampment in Spokane in April. I want to thank these lodges for hosting my visit and staying viable to serving our communities and members.

ON TO GRAND SESSIONS

Next month is our Grand Sessions. This is a terrific opportunity to share what we can do to improve our lodges. I look forward to seeing all those who can attend. Representatives, do not forget to bring your certificates and more importantly return with a report for your lodge on what took place at the Sessions.

—In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Kathi Picanco, Grand Matriarch,
Grand Ladies Auxiliary of Washington



Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco made her official visit to Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15 in Buckley on March 1. In the front row, from left, are Jenny Reed, Marcia Presley, and Margaret Truttman. Standing are Joanne Balmert, Grand Matriarch Kathi, and Karen Hoylman.

Kent LEA#15 hosts GM Kathi Picanco on March 1

Grand Matriarch Kathi Picanco made her official visit to Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15 on March 1.

The event began with a delicious potluck lunch followed by the meeting. During the meeting, Kathi was introduced and given the Honors. Under "Good of the Order," Chief Matriarch Karen Hoylman read a list of the things Kathi is using the letters of her first name. She then spoke to us about her project and the LEA Lodges and Grand LEA. She is hoping for a good attendance at her upcoming Session.

Kathi was then presented with a bouquet of flowers and a check for her project.



*See You At Our
Grand
Sessions*

Puget Beach Park in Olympia

Annual Easter Egg Hunt draws smiles from miles around!



Jr. Past Assembly President Kendra Frogge' heads for the eggs with her granddaughter Clara Dupont in tow. Behind them are Florence and Richard DuPont (he's holding Bella, but you can't see her), and Tom Frogge' to the left.



From your 2023-24 Theta Rho President

I Hope Your Easter Was Wonderful



VICTORIA SCHLIM
TRA President

Hello everyone. April showers definitely brought May flowers! I was very lucky to be able to go to Washington, D.C. for the Tomb of the Unknowns ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. It was absolutely magnificent.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who is helping contribute to my projects between my quilt raffles and the fund-raisers. I will be drawing for two quilts at my Assembly

Sessions in Yakima in June.

I am also very excited to be the Marshal at the Oregon Rebekah Assembly Sessions in Salem for President Darlene Beaver.

My Assembly is coming up quite fast. The Fun Night theme is "Studio Ghibli." I'm quite excited. It seems Hailey Hanna has a lot of fun planned.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Try everything with friendship love and truth.

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



Desiree Gardiner pulls dandelions from the parking area around the Odd Fellows Lodge in Oak Harbor. Her work was part of the Earth Day activities around the hall.



Challenge Issued

As a member of the Fraternal Newspaper Committee, I am issuing a challenge to each unit to send a photo and note about your group either at a meeting or doing an activity so we may see your faces. I will start with a photo of my Sisters from Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147 at our meeting in March. In the back row are Jill Vance, Cynthia McCluer, Jennie Reed and Margaret Truttman. In the front row are Penny Hunter and Paulette Straughn.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

**HAPPY MAY DAY, MOTHER'S DAY
AND MEMORIAL DAY!**

It's hard to believe it's May already!

We finished out April with the Holland Happening parade and will share pictures with you next month since it's too late for this issue.

For our community service this month, we made Mother's Day cards for the Welcome Home Assisted Living facility.

We are sad that we are losing Desiree and Stacy Gardiner as their mom got orders to Florida. They have been two outstanding members for several years and their mom was an Assistant Advisor. They will be greatly missed. So, it was their wish for the club to do one more trip to Ft. Casey before they leave and we have planned that as our outing for May. We always have fun exploring the tunnels and just enjoy being at the park.

It is hard to believe Sessions are next month, so we also will be working on our assignments and our scrapbook. We are looking forward to seeing many of you next month in Yakima.

— *Until Next Month In Happiness Through Service,
From the members of Acorn #79*

2024 Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

June 21 through 23, 2024

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY • THIS FORM FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY YOUTH ONLY

Adults Please Use Annual Grand Session Registration Form

Club Name & Number _____

Assembly Jurisdiction _____

Advisor's Name / Phone _____

Please Fill Out On Per Theta Rho Girl

Name _____ Phone _____
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State _____ Zip _____
Contact Name & # _____
Current TRA Title or Past Title _____
Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____
Saturday, June 22, 2024 6 p.m.
Please List Any Food Restrictions

Name _____ Phone _____
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Mail Your Pre-Registration and Meal Form To:

Steve or Laura Purcell, PO Box 386. Bucoda, WA 98530-0386

Or Email to: scpurcell@scattercreek.com

ATTENTION ADVISORS: PLEASE COLLECT FORMS FROM GIRLS AND SEND AS A CLUB GROUP

2024 GRAND SESSIONS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 21, 2024

3:30 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
5:00 p.m.	Theta Rho Practice	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level
6:00 p.m.	Theta Rho Picnic	Hotel Poolside (Big Pool)
7:00 p.m.	Theta Rho Pool Party	Hotel Poolside (Big Pool)

Saturday, June 22, 2024

8:30 a.m.	Registration	Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Theta Rho Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
6:00 p.m.	Banquet Social Hour	Garden Terrace
6:30 p.m.	Theta Rho Banquet/Awards	Garden Terrace
7:30 p.m.	Theta Rho Fun Night	Garden Terrace

Fun Night Theme: "Studio Ghibli"

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Theta Rho Installation	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
11:00 a.m.	Rebekah Board of Instruction / Credentials	Veranda Room
1:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
4:00 p.m.	Past Presidents Meeting/Banquet	Lower Terrace
4:00 p.m.	Past Grand Masters' Meeting/Banquet	Place To Be Determined
7:00 p.m.	All Branch Memorial Service	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level

Monday, June 24, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Grand Master's & President's Breakfast	Garden Terrace
8:00 a.m.	Registration	Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
9:00 a.m.	Grand Lodge Sessions	A26
4:30 p.m.	Banquet Social Hour	Garden Terrace
5:30 p.m.	All Branch Banquet	Garden Terrace

Banquet Theme: "The 70s"

9:00 p.m.	TaNaMaKa Meeting/Initiation	Yakima Room
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Tuesday, June 25, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Reb. & IOOF Reps' Breakfast	Garden Terrace
9:00 a.m.	Grand Lodge Sessions	A26
9:00 a.m.	Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
3:30 p.m.	Joint Installation Rehearsal	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level
6:00 p.m.	Joint Installation of Officers	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

8:30 a.m.	Grand Lodge Sessions	A26
8:30 a.m.	Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level

1:00 p.m.	Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Session	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
1:00 p.m.	Encampment Sessions	A26
4:30 p.m.	Grand Encampment/LEA Dinner	
	Installation of Officers	Garden Terrace

Silent Auction Will Be Set Up In The Yakima Room

Donations needed for silent auction at Sessions

It's that time of year again and we're looking for donations for a silent auction during our Grand Sessions in Yakima. All proceeds will go to the five heads of our Order in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

If you have a donation or questions, please contact Laurel Delony at the Grand Lodge office, (360) 829-1514 or

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com.

TaNaMaKa

At our Sessions keep your eyes peeled for 'Bear Meat'

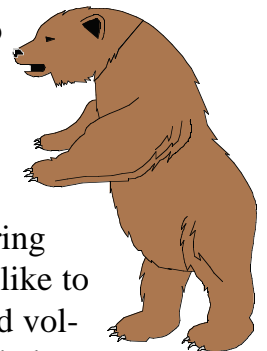
Chief of TaNaMaKa Greg Powers has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night, June 24, following the All Branch Banquet at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center.

Members of TaNaMaKa need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meat." When you are at Sessions, check at the sales table to get a sheet to sign up "Bear Meat."

We will have a sales table, so bring your many "treasures" you would like to contribute to the sale. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work at the table at breaks, before and after Sessions. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret Truttman, Secretary for TaNaMaKa at **maggie@olynet.com** or phone (360) 482-2923.

We are excited to see all our members at our annual meeting.

— Margaret Truttman, Secretary, TaNaMaKa



2024 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions ~ *Registration Form* ~ June 21 through 26, 2024

ONE form person, please. Make as many copies as needed.
PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
(Highest current or past title) (Branch of the Order attending)

Address _____

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Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

Chicken Alfredo and Sundae Bar

Adults \$31.00 _____

Banquet Theme: "Studio Ghibli"

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

4:00 p.m. Past Presidents' Meeting / Banquet

Mustard Crusted Pork Loin \$37.00 _____

Grilled Chicken Breast & Artichoke Penne Pasta

(Circle One of the Above)

MONDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 a.m. Grand Master's

And Assembly President's Breakfast Buffet

Traditional All American \$22.00 _____

4:30 p.m. Social Hour All Branch Banquet Buffet

Banquet Theme: "The 70's"

Chicken Alfredo & Dessert \$31.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives'

And Rebekah Assembly Representatives' Breakfast

Traditional All American \$22.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Salmon Filet **OR** Chicken Cordon Bleu \$39.00 _____

(Please Circle One of the Above)

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____
Must be post marked by June 1, 2024

Late Registration after June 1, 2024 \$30.00 _____
No Refunds After June 15, 2024

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly ONLY! \$10.00 _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

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Phone Laura (360) 259-6144

Phone Steve: (360) 259-2741

Email: scpurcell@scattercreek.com

2024 Grand Sessions Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel
Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

Phone: (509) 248-5900 For Front Desk

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen), Number Staying in Room (*This is critical as it determines how many may enjoy breakfast as part of the room cost*), Any Special Needs/Requirements. If more than 4 per room, extra people must pay for breakfast.

There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

Rates: \$87 Single or Double \$97 Triple or Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2024. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2024 Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, is accepts advertisement(s) for the Grand Sessions Program Booklet to help offset the costs of publishing and distributing.

The advertisement charges are:

FULL PAGE, 5" BY 8" FOR \$50 — HALF PAGE 5" BY 4" FOR \$25

All advertisement bills must be paid to the "Grand Lodge Host Committee" prior to them being placed into the program. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2024

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Thanks in advance for your support.

— *Fraternally, Steve & Laura Purcell, Grand Lodge Host Committee*

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Battalion Meeting

The Pacific Northwest Department Council Battalion meeting was held at the Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge on Saturday, April 13. Seated around the tables above, clockwise from lower left, are: Joanne Balmert, DGM Steve Purcell, Laura Purcell, PGM Frank Wilson, PGM and GSE Edmond L. Reitan, PGM Toby Hanson, Lt. Colonel Adjutant Jamie Vest-Bey of the PNW Dept. Council, PGM Ron Hanson, Tom Harper, Grand Master Michael Scheurich, and Stu Carlson.

Fez Head & Scribes:

Its time to get ready for our 2024 Sessions

Dear Patriarchs,

The “Take Me” for Grand Encampment was mailed out on May 1. Be sure your Encampment Representative reads and reports to the Encampment and notes how the Encampment would like your Representative to report.

Grand Encampment Sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 1 p.m. with a dinner installation at 4:30 p.m.

To those that are new Past Chief Patriarchs, you are entitled to receive the Grand Encampment Degree. Please come and participate. Bring your PCP certificate with you.

I’m looking forward to seeing all you Fez Heads.

*— In Faith, Hope, and Charity’
Laurel Delony, Grand Scribe*

