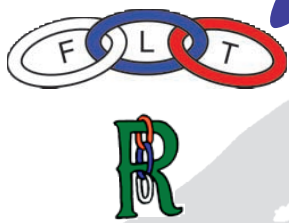


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CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR INSTALLATIONS

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 2014 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

Ron Hansen,
Grand Master

Elizabeth Morgan,
President

Attest:

Harry W. Coulter,
Grand Secretary

Attest:

Marcia Presley,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary



Holiday smiles

Three Past Grand Masters gathered at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 on December 14 for the lodge's annual Christmas party. From left are Frank Wilson, Laurel Delony and Joe Picanco. See back page for details and an additional photo.

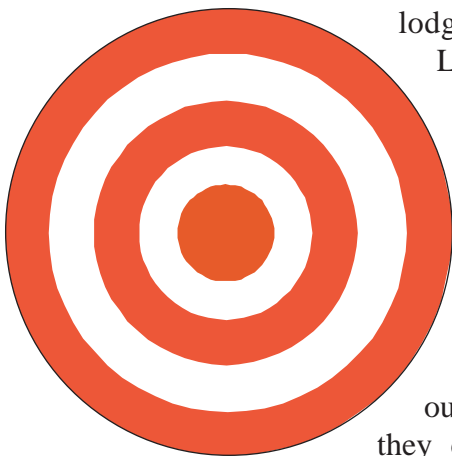


From the desk of your Grand Master

TIME FOR A TUNE UP

Brothers and Sisters, I am not sure I should even be writing a letter in my present state of mind. I really had hopes of not having to write a **TUNE UP AND GET YOUR ATTENTION** letter during this trip through the chairs. What I would really like to do is knock some sense

into a few members and some lodges. We have Grand Lodge officers who are out of control with their own self-importance and some Past Grand Masters who are out of control with their own self-importance, as well as several lodges that are out of control and think they can do whatever they



want whenever they want.

I visited a lodge a few days ago where the Noble Grand thought he would tell me what the SGL Code and the Washington Digest actually said about the things they are pulling, as well as what Washington state laws applied to their situation.

Let me remind you it may say my lodge in the creed but you as a member do not own it and it is not a private club exclusive to several families. It belongs to all the members and when we have the type of members we have taken in for many years now it leads to just what is happening to our Order in the Jurisdiction of Washington; which will be the destruction of a way of life which is what you should have learned in your degrees when you received them.

Some of our members think we joined them. That is not the case. You as a member joined us and it is you who should change your ways. After all, you stated on your honor and on your oath that you believe in the things the order teaches, **SO START PRACTICING THEM NOW**, before it is too late.

If we do not start to straighten out the way we act and stop the infighting and backstabbing, along with the “I want to be in charge forever attitude,” I give it not more than 10 years and you may kiss Odd Fellowship goodbye in the Jurisdiction of Washington. I was told at the start of my term that I would have a lot of trouble during the year caused by the Rebekahs. **SORRY**, that is not the case. But I have had nothing but trouble from some Odd Fellows — at least they think they are Odd Fellows when what they should be is shown the door.

INSTALLATIONS THIS MONTH

We will be doing some installation this month, so I would like to remind you all that there is a time and a

place for every type of dress at installation. The correct dress would be a suit, sport coat and slacks, business casual, or clean neat pressed shirt and jeans. It is not the place for ratty old work clothes that are torn and dirty, club colors, or any type of top with offensive sayings and language on them. I should not have to tell you all this but those have been my observations over the last three years at the installations I have attended.

If you want to act like a child I will treat you like a child. Sorry for writing this, but enough is enough and if I had known what I know now I would never have agreed to run for this again, I would have run straight away from it.

I hope you all had a great Christmas. Mine has certainly been shot to H@@@ with all the garbage.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Ron Hanson, Your 2013-2014 Grand Master

In Montesano

Silvia IOOF Lodge #38

Greetings to one and all and Happy New Year. We are so excited! The lodge had eight members who visited South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211 on December 11. We enjoyed a potluck before the meeting. We then helped South Tacoma initiate two members. While we were at South Tacoma, Noble Grand Dave Delony was able to steal the traveling gavel. The gavel is now proudly displayed in our lodge hall and we are hoping that everyone will come to Montesano to visit our newly remodeled hall and steal the gavel.

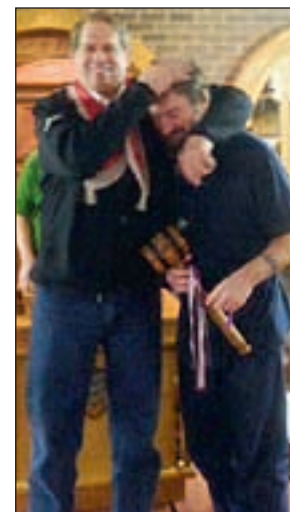
Many members, especially Ray and Karyl Martinson, have been giving up much of their free time to make sure that our hall is back to its original beauty. So come visit us and see their handy work.

The newly-elected and appointed officers will be joining Olympia #1 for their joint Installation. We are looking forward to another exciting year.

We'd also like to welcome Debbie Biggs as our newest member and we look forward to working with her for years to come.

So come on down. See what's new. We'll serve up some Odd Fellowship and let you steal the gavel.

In F., L. & T., The Members of Silvia #38



Silvia #38 NG Dave Delony gave Charlie Ghramm of South Tacoma #211 a hard time as Charlie did not want to give up the travelling gavel.

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

A NEW YEAR, A FRESH START

Brothers and Sisters,

During the current economic hard times we may look for opportunities in our local communities to “Relieve the Distressed.” This year we may also wish to search our jurisdictional programs to support with lodge donations. Please give these programs and funds some consideration in this season as they all need continued funding to do their good work. These programs and funds are: Arthritis Fund, L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund, Children’s Visual Aid Fund, and the Grand Master’s Project. Other funds that you may consider are the Fisher House and SOS. Checks for the above funds should be made payable to the “Grand Lodge of Washington” with a notation at the bottom left corner showing what fund you are donating to. Please remember our Theta Rho Sisters with donations to their Travel and Lodging Funds, which should be sent to the Rebekah Assembly Secretary.



HARRY W. “BILL” COULTER

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MEMBERSHIP

Please ask your Secretary for the lodge’s copy of the November-December, 2013 issue of the *IOOF News* and turn to page 21. Read the article by Charles E. Worrell, Sr., PSGM and Chairman, of the Committee on Membership. This article has, and makes, many good points for members to us in talking on Odd Fellow membership.

While you have this issue in your hands, turn to pages 23 and 24 and check the line for Jurisdiction of Washington. We did as well as we did last year at this time

as we have reported a total of 50 new or reinstated members again this year. The brightest spot is the Odd Fellows Lodges with 33 new members, followed by the Rebekah Lodges with 12, and the Theta Rho Girls’ Clubs with thee. Our Encampments, reported no new members, Patriarch Militant two new members, with the LEA and LAPM have yet to report a single new member to this point.

The good news for the Jurisdiction of Washington is that we moved from ninth position to be tied with West Virginia for fourth position in the Sovereign Grand Lodge community standing. Let’s all pledge to recruit or reinstate and report more members during the year 2014.

A NEW BEGINNING

We hope all of you experienced a joyous holiday season. As we enter the month of January and the Installation of Officers season, we have an opportunity for a fresh start. Let’s get behind our new officers and make them successful, as well as our lodges.

Here’s wishing everyone much success as we all work together to make our Order grow and prosper.

NEWSPAPER RETURNS

We are still getting returns of our *Washington OddFellow* newspaper. This is due mostly by members moving and not filling out a forwarding address card at the Post Office, and notifying the Grand Lodge. We also have “Temporary Undeliverable,” due to members becoming what we lovingly call “Snow Birds” and leaving for the winter, again without notifying the Grand Lodge. To those members who are now receiving the newspaper by mail and want to receive it by **email**, send the Grand Secretary an email stating so.

(grandsec@qwestoffice.net)


— Fraternally,
Harry W. “Bill” Coulter,
PGM, Grand Secretary

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

The year 2014 starts out with the Installation of Officers for the new year and planning for the projects and events for the upcoming year. Congratulations to all the new officers. I hope each and every Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge has a productive and fun year of Odd Fellowship.



MARCIA PRESLEY

I have received word that Sister Dorothy Laycock, President of the IARA, fell and fractured her left shoulder and she will have a lengthy recovery. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. The following is the rest of her program. (The first part was printed in the October issue of *The Washington OddFellow*.)

SISTER DOROTHY INJURED

- **Flowers:** Roses of all colors and Gardenias
- **Colors:** Blue and White
- **Songs:** I Believe, Wind Beneath My Wings, When you're Smiling
- **Hymns:** Old Time Religion, How Great Thou Art, Let There be Peace on Earth.
- **Scripture:** Proverbs 16:3 — Entrust your works to

Kapowsin Rebekahs #241

Happy New Year to all of our members and to all members of our great Order.

Congratulations to the newly-elected officers for 2014: Noble Grand Dorothy Ray, Vice Grand Lorraine Kramer, Secretary Lena Swetz, and Financial Secretary Alberta Hagen. We have asked the members of Yelm #296 and Warren #308 to join us for our Installation of Officers on January 20. There will be a noon luncheon.

We have been planning our special project for 2014 which is helping the food banks in our area. We have been donating to three food bank locations. We are asking our members to bring food or household supplies to each meeting. Every little bit counts.

The next Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting will be held in British Columbia during the first weekend in April. If you plan to attend, remember to have a passport. When we attended the Northwest Meeting in Canada a couple of years ago, a valid driver's licensed worked to cross the border. Not so anymore. It takes time to get the proper identification before April.

To those members who have had health issues, we wish you well and hope to see you back in lodge.

In F., L. & T., Lena Swetz

the Lord, and your plans will succeed

OUR FOUNDER'S BIRTHDAY

January 15 is the Anniversary of the birth date of the Founder of our Order, Thomas Wildey. The Degree of Rebekahs established for the wives and daughters of Odd Fellows was adopted on September 11, 1851 for the purpose of having some way by which the wives and daughters of Odd Fellows might make themselves known to members of the Order, and to prove themselves when among strangers. From our humble beginning, we have grown to be an important Unit of the Order of Odd Fellowship. Over the years there have been many changes in the requirements to become a member of the Rebekahs. As written in the Code of General Laws: A person of good moral character who is at least sixteen (16) years of age, who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, shall be eligible for membership. Odd Fellows who are in good standing shall not be rejected, except for valid reasons, from membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

Let's get out and get new members in the year 2014 so we can show an increase on our end of the year reports to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I leave you with this: If you are not willing to write it down and sign it, don't say it.

— *With lots of Rebekah Hugs, In F., L. & T., Marcia Presley, Past President, Secretary*

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Were you ready for Christmas? I began my shopping late, but I just love the Christmas carols and enjoy the parties and concerts.

Our Installation of Officers for 2014 is a definite, set for Saturday, January 13. Noble Grand-elect Cookie Music has everything under control. Lunch will be served for \$6 a plate. You are all invited to this special event.

Our Christmas party was held on December 12. We had a gift exchange and enjoyed snacks. Plus we put together 20 shut-in plates for our loved ones who don't get out as much as they used to. I enjoy giving as much as receiving.

Hey, did you know that our small town of Napavine is 100 years old? In early 1913, the area was open for fur traders who set up trade with the Cowlitz Indians. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company built routes across Washington, including one through Napavine in 1915 when the railroad was completed from Napavine to Onalaska. A celebration was held and Napavine began to grow in population.

Well this wraps us this year of 2013. Where did it go? Happy New Year.

In F., L. & T., Cookie Music, PNG and Reporter

On the Long Beach Peninsula

Ocean Beach Rebekahs #313

As I write this letter, we here in Long Beach have snow on the ground. It will be melting soon as the temperature is said to be going up above freezing. The snow was pretty, but the temps in the 20's made it hard to keep warm sometimes.

GOOD TIMES IN DECEMBER

The "extreme" weather didn't keep us from having some good times during the month of December. Marla Johnson was our hostess for our first December meeting and she cooked up a new recipe. It was a cake using only two ingredients. She had her collection of small Hallmark ornaments decorating the table and penguins on the mantle. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Betty Pierce and Sue Johnson for their December birthdays.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club met at the home of Bette Snyder on December 9 for our annual Christmas party. Bette's house is always decorated so beautifully. She has a collection of nutcrackers displayed throughout and also Murano Christmas trees. (Murano glass made in Italy.) She gave us all a gift and we had a gift exchange, too. Dinner was a chicken Waldorf salad and cookies for dessert. She always treats us like royalty. She is one special lady.

Our lodge held our Christmas gift exchange and tasting party at our December 17 meeting. We had an assortment of goodies to enjoy and opened packages from each other. The entertainment committee of Linda Zuern and Sue Johnson had an Elf's hat ring toss game for all to try their skills at tossing a ring onto the Elf hat. Christmas prizes were won by all.

ANOTHER NEW YEAR

It is time to look forward to another new year and show our family and friends the true meaning of the Rebekah Creed. Our Long Beach lodge is small, as are most lodges, but we try to do our part to help out in the community and be a friend to those around us. My motto: Live well, laugh often, love much.

Happy New Year to all of our Rebekah Sisters!

In F., L. & T., Sue Johnson, PNG and Reporter

Please update your Lodge Card

Attention Lodges which have Lodge Cards in *The Washington OddFellow*. Please review the information and send us any information regarding new Noble Grands or Secretaries. We need their names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses if available. No payment is needed. We will bill you when your Lodge Card is due. Thanks. This month we ran short of space, so the Lodge Cards will be returning next month.



Pajama Party for Kendra

At her "Pajama Party" visit to her home LEA in Kent, Grand Matriarch Kendra Frogge', left, received a sand pail full of tulip bulbs from Holly Houser, right. After the presentation, Kent LEA #15 members read short poems about tulips. Kendra's visitation was on December 13.

In Toledo

Monterose Rebekahs #46

Our meeting was called to order by Noble Grand Bonnie Hadaller on Thursday, December 6.

We sent a generous donation to our local food bank as we have been thinking about the families who are in need of groceries during the holiday season.

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 16 at the Little Crane Restaurant in Vader. We put out an open invitation.

The Christmas season found me singing with the Senior Songbirds. We sang at local nursing homes in Lewis County. I just love this activity.

Debbie Lee was working at Hickory Farms in Olympia. After the holidays she plans on taking a break from working. Hopefully she will set her sights at our lodge again. She does miss the meetings and the ladies.

Guess who is a great grandma? Baby Axell was born on November 5. He has dark hair, loves to sleep and looks just like his daddy. Cookie is blessed and very happy because he is so adorable.

A trip to Georgia is in the planning for Sandy Holderman. She is leaving right after the holidays. Even though she will miss our Installation of Officers. I hope she has an enjoyable trip.

This is my last bit of news for 2013. It seems like the year just flew by. Have a happy New Year.

— In F., L., & T., Cookie Music, PNG & Reporter

From your 2013-14 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

Welcome to 2014. I hope it is good to you. Have you made any New Year's resolutions? It is not too late to do so. Here are some tips for you to consider if you are doing them:



JEREMY
EDWARDS

- 1. Be specific. Instead of setting a broad resolution, set something specific that you can accomplish and how to do it.
- 2. Be realistic. Consider how much time it will take you to get it done.
- 3. Be diligent. Take small steps each day or week to meet your goal.
- 4. Be forgiving of yourself. Even if you don't meet your goals exactly, it is good to make some progress.

I hope that in making resolutions, you will include one to improve your lodge. Try to increase your membership by asking someone to join, and to increase your attendance by contacting those who could be there and encouraging them to join you. Offer them a ride if you can if one is needed.

STILL WORKING NIGHTS

I am still working nights and sleeping days and spending what small time I have in between with my little daughter. Unfortunately, this makes no time to visit or attend meetings. I apologize to the Encampments and hope this will improve soon.

In Faith, Hope & Charity
Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch

*The Best To All Our
Brothers & Sisters
In 2014!*

From your 2013-14 Grand Matriarch

TIME IS FLYING BY

Happy New Year, everyone. It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. It seems like the older I get, the faster the time goes by. Just like my year as Grand Matriarch, it is almost half over and it seems like I just got started. It has been exciting and fun just the same and I'm treasuring every minute of it.



KENDRA
FROGGE'

MY VISITS

I had planned to visit Mt. Angeles in December, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with that visit, so I will be visiting them in the spring. I am looking forward to that visit and my visit to Goldendale, also in the spring. I was able to visit my home LEA Lodge, Kent #15, in December. They had a potluck dinner for me and a pajama party — we all came in our jammies. They presented me with a cute sand pail full of tulip bulbs, my flower, and also each member read a short poem about tulips. It was a lot of fun and they did treat me like a guest and not one of their own. It made me feel so special.

LET'S GET THOSE NEW MEMBERS

I am hoping each one of your LEA's remembers that my goal for all of you is to get at least one new member before next years Sessions. I also hope you are all successful. Remember, I am here if you need me and to help with initiations and installations.

I really hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and was able to spend it with loved ones. Family get togethers are so important and seem to only happen during the holidays, but they are treasured memories just the same.

In Faith, Hope & Charity, Kendra Frogge,
Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington

Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor

Happy New Year, everyone. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. At our last meeting in December we made cards for the nursing home. That Sunday we went to the home and spent time visiting with the residents and handing out the cards.

We had our own celebration with Christmas cookies, candy canes and hot chocolate provided by our Advisor. We received our annual ornament, too. This year we each received a crocheted angel.

We got froze during our night at Albertsons for "Jingle

Bells for Arthritis," but our Rebekahs let us do a little at their bazaar. We are going to try to do another fund-raiser this spring when it is warmer for this project.

We decided to keep the same officers for now until we get some new members. We hope to have some soon.

That catches you up on what we have been doing. We hope this year brings growth and good times for all the lodges.

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



At left, the Washougal IOOF Lodge #194 tree's theme is "Old Fashion Christmas." At right, the Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220's tree was decorated with the theme "Sweet Elegance."

Columbian Rebekahs #220 & Washougal IOOF #194

During the holiday season we worked on a great project chosen at the beginning of 2013. We decided to participate in the "Festival of Trees" in the Camas/Washougal area. Our themes were chosen and during the year we collected the ornaments for the trees and the items to put under the trees. The Rebekah tree theme was "Sweet Elegance" and the theme for the Odd Fellow tree was "Old Fashion Christmas."

We had a great time. Tina Bair, Charles Miller, Joyce Miller, Audrey Gilson, Dennis Gilson, Joyce Hope Gilson and Victoria Gilson were present to put the six-foot Douglas Fir trees in a beautiful presentation for the public to see. The 21 trees on display for everyone to view were put up for bids with all the proceeds going to the schools in our local area.

We had a potluck on December 28 to celebrate our lodges and enjoy wonderful fellowship. Families were invited, so we had a most enjoyable time with everyone.

May God bless you. Happy New Year!

In F., L. & T., Joyce Miller, Secretary, Reporter

In Ballard

Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217

After the hustle and bustle of Salmon Bay's first November meeting, it was back to business as usual. Noble Grand Susan Dare has been so sick that she ended up in the hospital with pneumonia.

Always movers and shakers, Jean and Genie Coston have been laid low with colds.

Sister Olive Cella is still able to have her own room with caretakers checking on her frequently. Her daughter, Sister Rae Ann Marelli, keeps Salmon Bay up to date on Olive's progress.

Vice Grand, Regina Thomas had a busy performance schedule last month and so was unable to attend either of Salmon Bay's December meetings. We missed her at our holiday luncheon.

How lucky Salmon Bay is to have members ready and able to step in and cover for officers! Sister Norene Lucas filled in as Noble Grand and Sister Donna Flatt was Vice Grand Pro-tem.

COMPASS HOUSING CARE PACKAGES

Kim Sather of the Compass Housing Alliance accepted our care packages in person and talked about the services offered at Nyer Urness House. This relatively new facility is home to 80 recently homeless individuals, some of whom are military veterans and provides counseling, medical care, some meals, clothing and laundry facilities, in addition to a safe place to call home. Eighty-five per cent of the residents are men. Compass Housing Alliance is a non-profit organization supported by private, federal, state, city and county funds.

Our last meeting of the year included lunch out at the Golden Dragon, followed by our regular business meeting.

A joint Installation of Officers with Ballard/Alki IOOF Lodge #170 is scheduled for Saturday, January 4 at 1 p.m. with a potluck dinner following. District Representative Betty Young is organizing the installing team.

While unable to attend the meetings, Sister Regina sent a letter listing her appointed officers for 2014 which was read aloud by Sister Donna.

It was reported that Sister Judy Sansom's beloved husband lost his battle with cancer. Your prayers and sympathy notes will help ease her loss.

In F., L. & T., Donna Flatt, Reporter

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Wilma Bly**, PNG, 52 year member Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18 in Dayton.
- **Dorothy McGuire**, PNG, 59 year member Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18 in Dayton

- **Helen Manowski**, PNG, 66 year member Mt. Rainier Rebekah Lodge \$106 in Black Diamond and Eureka State Lodge S-1.
- **Ellen Nunn**, 65 year member Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 in Spokane.

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News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

December was a busy month for both lodges. Olympia held an open house on December 7 for members and non-members who rode in the “Toys for Tots” motorcycle run. More than 9,000 bikes were involved and Olympia #1 was on the corner with the Odd Fellow banner rooting on the riders. The riders came to the hall after the run and were provided with some hot chocolate, coffee, tea, cookies, hot tomato soup and cheesy bread. The weather was cold, cold, cold and the warm food was welcomed.

On December 14, Santa and his helper came to visit the Olympia #1 Christmas party. Children, as well as adults, told Santa their wishes. “Potpourri” entertained everyone with Christmas songs. Dinner was Italian themed and the children, as well as the adults, got to take swings at piñatas. The silent auction was terrific! Everyone dug down deep and we made \$615. Olympia is donating their half to the Rebekahs. There was a gift exchange at the very end. Everyone who came had a good time.

We are looking forward to the Joint Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 18. Ruth #17 will be doing the cooking. Officers from five lodges will be installed.

Here’s a reminder to all of Olympia’s members. Your dues (\$45) are due the first of every January and if you are an officer you must have your dues paid in full before you are installed.

Hope to see you all at our Installation.

— *Until next month in Friendship, Love and Truth,
The members of Olympia Odd Fellows \$1
And Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17*



Santa's here!

The children were delighted when Santa arrived at Olympia IOOF Lodge's annual Christmas party on December 14. At right is Santa's helper, PGM Laurel Delony. Children and adults enjoyed the day which featured an Italian dinner and entertainment by “Potpourri.” See related photo on page 1.