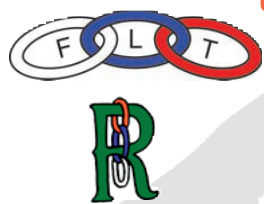


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Washington's group gathered before placing our Jurisdiction's Memorial Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Sunday, May 5. Gathered at Arlington National Cemetery are, from left: Dave Reed, Assembly President Jennie Reed, Grand Warden Dave Delony and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony.

86th Annual Pilgrimage

Local contingent gets wet at Tomb ceremony

On Sunday May 5, Assembly President Jennie Reed and Grand Warden Dave Delony, escorted by Jennie's husband and member Dave Reed, and Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, had the honor of presenting a wreath from the Jurisdiction of Washington at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

The rain held off mostly until the Sovereign Grand Master, IARA President and the Canton heads were to present the large wreath at the Tomb itself. Then the heavens opened up. But if those brave men and women of our military can die for our freedoms, then what's a little rain?

Also in attendance from the Jurisdiction were Joe and Kathi Picanco, and Theta Rho Assembly President Bethany Struthers.

Our 141st Annual Sessions

It's time to meet in Yakima June 21-26

Our Annual Proceedings of the Jurisdiction of Washington are set for June 21 through 26 at the Red Lion Yakima Center. It will be our second stay at this hotel. I hope you are as excited about attending as the Host Committee is.

The heads of our great Order are excited as well and are planning a wonderful and memorable occasion filled with Friendship, Love, and Truth. I also know it is their sincere wish that your experience at Sessions is a good one.

Sessions, as years past, will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington; Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Grand Encampment of Washington; the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington; and the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. Officers of all Branches of the Order elected or appointed are to be installed during these Sessions.

On Saturday, June 22, the Theta Rho Banquet is sure to be an a memorable one The theme for the banquet is "Sci-Fi," so, dress as your favorite character.

The "All Branch Banquet" will be held on Monday evening, June 24. The banquet theme this year is "The Roaring 20s." All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to dress for the occasion.

As in previous years, we'll have a room dedicated for the silent auction items to benefit projects of our Branch Heads. Brothers, Sisters and lodges are encouraged to donate items for the auction in support of their projects. Laurel Delony is our point of contact for the auction items. You will find her articles in this and previous newspapers.

This year in attendance from International are Wes Nelson, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and Elizabeth Harbstreit, Vice President of International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

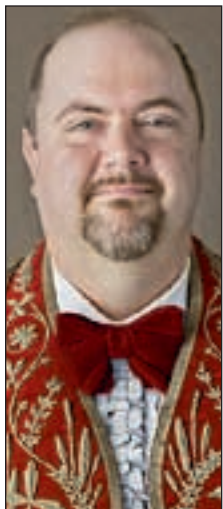
If you are attending, your program will include the major daily scheduled events.

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From the desk of your Grand Master

WHAT AN ADVENTURE!

Every performance is an adventure. As your Grand Master for the term which is rapidly drawing to a close, I have had quite the adventure. There have been thrills, challenges, rewards, and a lot of hard work. I wouldn't trade this year for anything. From the moment Kelly Hughes handed me the Grand Master's Jewel at the end of the 2018 Session it has been a wonderful and rewarding year. Now, however, my time as your leader has drawn to a close.



TOBY HANSON

A WONDERFUL WEBSITE

I want to commend everyone's attention to our newly-rebuilt website. Those of you who remember my brief comments during Installation last year will recall that I placed a high premium on getting a new website for the Jurisdiction. While it's not completely finished yet, it's much improved from what it was previously. Many thanks to our hard working Website Committee which worked all through the summer last year to get the website ready for its redesign. Also, a big thanks to our new Webmaster, Michael Douglas of Ballard-Alki #170. They all did a huge amount to give us a web presence to be proud of. Let's not rest here though. We must continue outreach on the Internet and through social media. I'm a big supporter of Brother Peter Marmentini's Odd Fellows App and I hope it will continue to develop and be a useful tool for networking in the future.

JENNIE WAS A GREAT PARTNER

I want to start by thanking the other Unit Heads who served with me this year, most especially Assembly President Jennie Reed. As Grand Master, it has been a huge asset to have a steady, knowledgeable, and thoughtful leader for the Assembly. They were very wise to choose such a capable and experienced President. Jennie was there with me for most of the important things I've done this past year, including my induction into the Western Swing Hall of Fame. I couldn't have asked for a better partner for the year.

TIME FOR ALL THOSE THANK YOUS

As I was preparing to write this final letter as your Grand Master I read through the final letters from our Grand Masters starting with Rob Budweg in 2003 right through Kelly's final letter from last year. The thing that struck me was the incredible degree of wisdom imparted by our past leaders. We have been so fortunate as a Jurisdiction to have some incredibly wise, capable, and talented leaders. I hope that I have been able to live up to their examples. I was elected Grand Warden in 2016 with much trepidation; few within the Order knew me as anything other than a musician. I have worked tirelessly since then to prove myself and ensure that I was worthy of being

your Grand Master.

A special thanks is reserved for all the Past Grand Masters who have given me so much advice and information during my journey through the chairs. At every turn there was a Past Grand Master giving me sage advice and ensuring I was always doing my best job for Odd Fellowship. I can't express how much your guidance has meant to me. I have gained even greater respect and admiration for the jobs each of you have done during your terms.

MY SERVICE WILL CONTINUE

The end of our upcoming 141st Session of the Grand Lodge of Washington marks my transition out of being your leader and into a more advisory role. Just as during a lodge installation, when the Past Grand is advised that the end of his or her term does not end his or her service to his lodge, the end of my term as Grand Master doesn't end my service to the Grand Lodge. Johnny O has some jobs lined up for me already, including a return to my familiar position in the back of the room as Grand Musician. I'm still willing to travel to any corner of the state to help a lodge in need. I'm willing to provide any help and assistance your lodges may require.

A VERY GRATIFYING YEAR

Most of all, I wish to thank the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Washington. I have been greeted with warmth and fellowship throughout the state wherever I have visited. You have supported my project with donations of instruments and money. There were few prouder moments than when I've seen lodges put on their first Initiatory Degree in several years. I hope that my guidance has had a positive impact on each of your lodges throughout the past year. I'm very excited for all the lodges that have not previously sent a Representative to Grand Lodge which are planning on it for this Session. Even after participating at Grand Lodge, I hope each of your lodges keep sharing the message of what you're doing. I want to read in *The Washington OddFellow* about what your lodges are doing in the future.

I'M STILL HERE TO HELP

I'd like to close by quoting Sir Isaac Newton: "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." I doubt my name will ever be mentioned with the pantheon of great Past Grand Masters like John M. Swan, H. E. Holmes, Arthur B. Doty, Roy Draper, Ike Slaybaugh, or any of our more recent Past Grand Masters. I only hope that I have lived up to the suggestion of Brother Verne Eke who first handed me an application and said, "I think you'd be a good Odd Fellow." If there's anything I can do to help you or your lodge, call or text me at (206) 245-8207 or email me at iooftoby@gmail.com.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Toby Hanson,

Your 2018-2019 Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

A GAGGLE OF REMINDERS

Brothers and Sisters,

There are lots of reminders this month, so here we go.

- **First** — I've sent out the 2019 Sovereign Grand Lodge rosters with a current spread sheet. These must be back to me no later than June 15 or your lodge will incur fines and I will also be hounding your lodge to get them in. Please, please, read and follow the directions from the SGL.



LAUREL DELONY — For any Past Grands going to Grand Lodge Sessions for the first time, be prepared with your Past Grand's Certificate and be sure to sign the sheet to receive the Grand Lodge Degree. For those who have already received their Grand Lodge Degree, please be prepared with the correct sign and password. Once Grand Lodge is opened, Third Degree members will be allowed in. Be prepared for the sign and password of the Third Degree.

- **Third** — Your Representatives should have received

the 2019 "Take Me" by now. Please make sure that they read the "Take Me" and ask your lodge how you want them to vote at Sessions. It's important that your voice is heard. If for some reason they have not been received, please contact this office.

- **Fourth** — Any communications from this office need to be read in open lodge. I'm finding that a lot of members do not know what's going on because the letters not being read. So please read them.

- **Fifth** — This isn't a house keeping item, but we will have a booth at the Loggers Rodeo here in Buckley on Saturday, June 29. If you would like to help, please contact this office.

A REWARDING FIRST YEAR

I want to thank everyone for my first year in office. It has had it's challenges, but mostly its been very rewarding. I've enjoyed working with the Secretaries of this Jurisdiction, along with others, and I look forward to the next year.

I hope you all have a great summer!

— With Fraternal Hugs

Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

Outstanding students win 2019 scholarships

Piper Fyffe, incoming president of Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, has won the L. J. Jones \$5,000 Scholarship for 2019. Piper joined Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls Club in 2010. Since then she has become a member of South Tacoma Odd Fellows, Buckley Encampment and Olympia Canton. The senior at Tacoma School of the Arts maintains a 3.89 GPA and is very active with theater arts. Recently, she was stage manager of the play "Rent."

Piper has been accepted at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus with plans to major in pre-medicine with a specialization in infectious diseases. She is the daughter of PGM Dewey Fyffe and Shelli.

Recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship for a girl is Callie Tabert, a senior at Moses Lake High School. She will go to Big Bend Community College, then transfer to a four-year college to obtain a bachelors degree in nursing. Callie is the granddaughter of Bob Quesnell and niece of Chad Quesnell, members of the Yakima Odd Fellows.

Riley Peters has been awarded the \$2,500 L.J. Jones Scholarship for a boy. He will graduate from Black Hills High School in Olympia with a 3.95 GPA and an associates' degree in art through the running start program at South Puget Sound Community College. He will attend Whitworth University. Riley aspires to be a physician. He is the son of Matthew Peters and grandson of George Godding, both members of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows in Bucoda.

The alternate for the boy's scholarship is Trevor Cooper

who attends Columbia High School in White Salmon. He plans to be an electrician. Trevor is the son of Jeff Cooper, a member of Goodwill Odd Fellows in White Salmon.

The scholarship committee thanks everyone involved with the process. Special thanks goes to Rebekah Assembly Vice President Maggie Truttman who oversaw the judging. Lodges that provide local scholarships are commended for assisting youth further their education.

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From the desk of the Assembly President

AN HONOR TO BE YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am honored to be your Assembly President again this year. It has been a busy year of lodge visits, greeting friends and making new friends along the way.



JENNIE REED

I was able to visit the other Jurisdictions in the Northwest. The first was Idaho in October. Next came British Columbia in April. Last was Oregon in May. They were all different and most enjoyable, but served the same message: "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

TOMB CEREMONY

Dave and I represented the Rebekah Assembly of Washington at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. It was the most moving ceremony that I have had the privilege to participate in as your President. The ceremony was shortened because of the rain. There were people watching who were not members of our Order and it was so quiet and reverent that you could hear a pin drop.

We had time to do some sight-seeing. The monuments

were beautiful, the memorials were awe inspiring and the museums were educational. Our nation's capital is a blend of old and new.

MY LAST LETTER

As I am writing the last news article, I am a little sad that my term of office is almost over. I hope you have found my newsletters informative and my "just for thoughts" humorous and entertaining.

I want to thank all the lodges and Assemblies for the courtesies extended to me and for the gifts to my project "The Sovereign Grand Lodge/International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Scholarship Fund."

MY LAST JUST FOR THOUGHT

In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful. — Abram L. Urban

— As Ever In Friendship, Love & Truth

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Visual Aid report

Bring your old glasses and cases to Sessions!

Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Visual Aid Committee we want to thank you for your generous donations. It is wonderful to see the many children we are helping through our program.



On that note, the Visual Aid Committee will have a box at Grand Sessions where you will be able to deposit all of the old eye glasses and cases you have collected through out the year. The glasses will be sent on to be repaired and given to those less fortunate. So it's time to clean out those cupboards and drawers. You can also drop glasses off at the Grand Lodge office or to either the Chairman, Margaret Truttmann or Grand Secretary Laurel Delony.

Seeing Is Believing

— Margaret Truttmann,

President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Chairman of the Visual Aid Committee



— Photo Courtesy Jean Contreras, Buckley Historical Society

History on display

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Historical Museum set up a booth at "Discover Pierce County History" event on February 23 at Buckley Hall near the Buckley Historical Museum. More than 250 people came by our booth and checked out our history on Odd Fellowship in Washington State. Pictured behind the table are Melissa Hildner, Grand Lodge Assistant, and Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary. Not shown is our Museum Curator Lisa Sweeney.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

JUNE IS HERE!!!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Sessions are just a few weeks away and the officers and committee members are busy getting ready to complete their several assignments. And I'm busy getting things organized and packed to "load 'em up and move 'em out."



MARCIA PRESLEY

A REMINDER

Just a reminder, be sure that your Lodge Per Capita and Assessment dues are paid by the deadline date to assure that your Representative and appointed officers and committee members from your lodge can be seated at our Assembly Sessions.

The "Take Me" has been sent to your Lodge Representative and they should read any recommendations and review the budget to get your views on this information and vote on them accordingly.

JUNE HOLIDAYS

The month of June brings the celebration of Fathers' Day, Flag Day and the first day of summer. I wish to all of my Brothers and Sisters a wonderful happy Fathers' Day. Be sure to display the American Flag for Flag Day and celebrate the arrival of summer. Sunday, June 2 is the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Canadian War

Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario and June 11 has been designated as IOOF Memorial Day to honor our Brothers and Sisters of our wonderful Order.

MAKE SUMMERTIME IDEA TIME

To all my Brothers and Sisters who will not be meeting in July and August, I hope you take a few minutes this summer to come up with some new ideas for your lodges and come back in September ready and willing to pursue some new ideas to get some new members. Be sure to include all of your members in the workings of your lodge. A working member is a happy member.

TO WALK IN THE SUMMER SUNSHINE

*I took a walk in summer sunshine
Along a country lane,
And marveled at the lovely green
Of trees and grass again.
All of nature seemed to wear a smile
With cares and worries few,
The birds were singing happily
Within the skies of blue.
The fragrance of flowers
In bloom did permeate the air,
The miracles of summertime
Are with us everywhere.*

*Such beauty all around for all to hear and see,
The wonders of creation for all of us are free.*

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,
PP & Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194

HOLY HOUSE PROJECT

For 13 years Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194 and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Camas Washougal have partnered together to support projects with Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence. The Odd Fellows financially support the project while GFWC does the leg work. It is a great partnership.

In April, which was Child Abuse Prevention Month, we worked together to support an ongoing project at Holly House, the shelter in Stevenson. Two "move out kits" were assembled. These are two totes each of household items for a domestic violence survivor to set up a basic household as they step away. It contains a set of dishes, silverware, glasses, pot and pans, towels, sheets, kitchen towels, pot holders and other miscellaneous items.

Twelve welcome bags are given to shelter residents when they first arrive. These contain full-size bottle of shampoo, hand cream, body wash, hand sanitizer, a bar of soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, comb, hair brush, pen,

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From left are: Pat Suggs, President of GFWC Camas Washougal; Joyce (Hope) Gilson, Secretary of both Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194 and the GFWC; Lisa Alexander, Director; Amy Lyddon, Shelter Advocate; and Jenny Boucher, Advocate of the Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence. Taking the picture was Jeanette Jester, member of both the IOOF and GFWC.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekahs #17

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER, EVERYONE!

Summer is here and we are busy! While many lodges go dark for the summer — including Ruth #17 — Olympia Odd Fellow Lodge #1 does not.

This past month we were privileged to serve dinner to the volunteers of Columbia Park Fun Fair, then on the following day we sponsored a table at the fair itself. Kim Owens, along with Dave and Laurel Delony, were there most of the day helping kids who stopped by with the bean bag toss game and talking with the adults about Odd Fellowship. They handed out small bags containing information about the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. It was a great time of getting to know and be known in our community.

MEMORIAL DAY

Over Memorial Day weekend we were busy putting flags on the veterans' graves at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Saturday. Then on Monday the Memorial Celebration in honor of our Veterans was wonderful. We enjoyed music, "Taps" and the flag raising. Grand Master Toby Hanson was Master of Ceremonies and he, along with Rebekah President Jeannie Reed, placed a beautiful wreath at the base of the flag pole.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

With June comes a temporary change in our meeting location. The first meeting of June, July, August and September will be held at our Puget Beach Park. The second meeting of the month returns to the lodge in downtown Olympia. Meeting time is still 7 p.m.

Our new program this year is the awarding of four college scholarships to local students. We are really excited about this opportunity to contribute to our community. As this is our first year, we will probably find some bugs that will need to be fine tuned, but at this time scholarship applications have been delivered to each of the high schools in Thurston County. Be watching in September for names of the students who received these awards.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

On April 26, 27 and 28, Olympia Odd Fellows #1 held an open house to celebrate 200 years of Odd Fellowship in America.

They opened their hall to the community and were rewarded with quite a few people checking out the building and the history of Odd Fellowship in America and specifically in Olympia. They filled the windows of their empty rental with banners, flyers and mannequins dressed in ceremonial robes. Many of the members manned the tables and dressed in costume and welcomed the community.



During the Community Fun Fair for Kids at Black Lake, Olympia Odd Fellows, led by Vice Grand Kim Owens, had a booth where kids threw bean bags for goodies. Parents were given scholarship information for Olympia's scholarship program. The Grand Lodge provided the booth and some history from the museum and current projects of the Order.

From their hard work they were rewarded with two new members. Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 also participated and their Noble Grand Steve Purcell was also in Degree robes.

August will hopefully be filled with sunshine, socializing, camping and getting ready for fall.

Game Night This Fall

Members of Ruth #17 are putting together plans for a game night in September or October, so watch for information on that.

We hope everyone has a great summer. Spend some time each week sharing Odd Fellowship with someone and maybe bring back a few new member applications.

— In F, L. & T., Cathy Garcia

Seafood Fest planned in Olympia on July 20

Saturday, July 20 is Olympia Odd Fellows Annual Seafood Festival. The cost is \$10 plus a potluck dish. The meal starts at 12:30 p.m. If you wish to enter the Clam Chowder contest, bring two gallons of your best home-made clam chowder for all to sample and vote on. Participating in this event gets you one free dinner ticket. There will also be raffles and games, so join us for a very fun day on the sound.



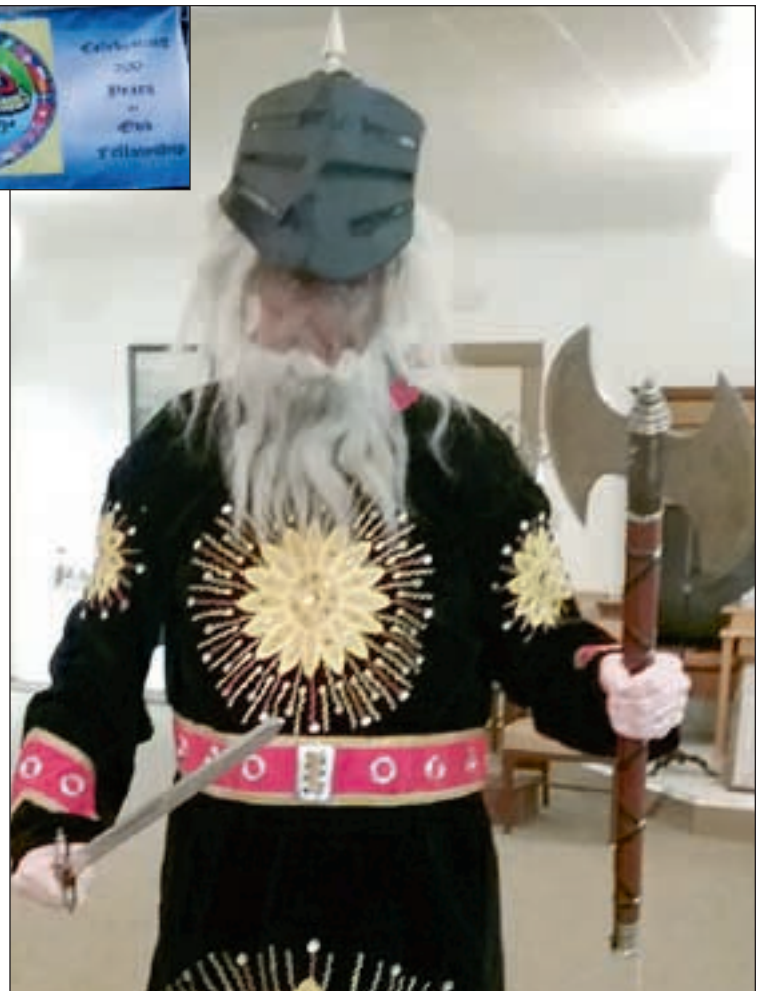
Welcome to Olympia Lodge #1!

Five new Odd Fellows were initiated into Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 on Monday, May 20. From left are Gina Porter,

Erin Kokenge, John Goubeaud, Bret Porter, and Steve Gallaty. Welcome Sisters and Brothers to our Order.



*Olympia No. 1 Celebrates
Our 200th Anniversary
With New Members,
Banners & Lots Of Fun!*



Steve Purcell, Noble Grand of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129, and Joanne Balmert, Past Grand of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, got their 200th Year Anniversary groove on at Olympia's 200th Anniversary Open House.

In Wenatchee

Prosperity #301 celebrates 200 years of Odd Fellowship

Hello from Wenatchee's Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #301.

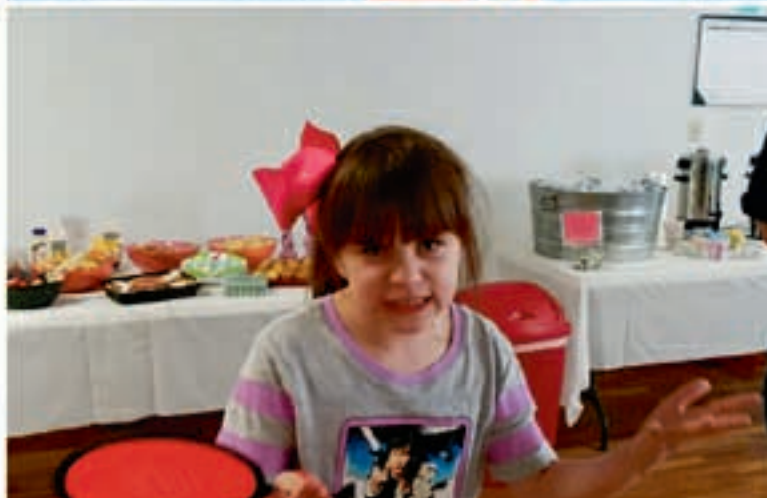
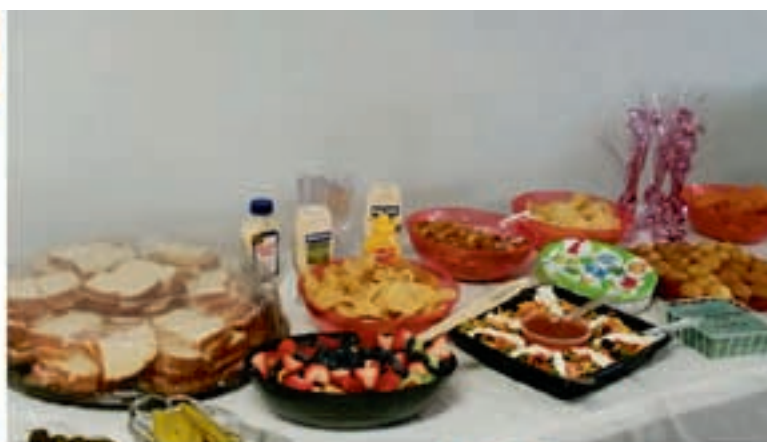
Our 200 Hundred Year Celebration was a fun event. There was a lot of good food, great laughs, and a new applicant to add to our growing Odd Fellows family.

We just keep ever going forward in our little town and lodge. If you're ever over here on the second or fourth Tuesday, our meetings are at 7 p.m. Come in and say hello!! We would love to see you.

SHOUT OUT TO ALL WASHINGTON LODGES:

Prosperity Lodge #301 in Wenatchee is looking for members. We have started from the ground up and though we are gaining members, we all know how hard it is. If you know of a current Odd Fellow who has moved into the Wenatchee area, or someone who is looking for a lodge *or* maybe someone on vacation who just wants to attend lodge, send them our way. Our meetings are every second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. Come check out and see what we are up to.

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From your Grand Warden

Making our Order a vital key in our community

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this I realize that when you get this it will only be a handful of days before we convene our Grand Lodge Sessions in Yakima. It will be a great time to see one and all again and renew those bonds of friendship we may have missed over this past year. It will also be the time to bring together all our ideas and experiences that we had this past year in promoting our Order. However small or great all of those ideas and actions we participated in will have some affect on our Order. So we need to talk about them and learn from them.



DAVE DELONY

We have books and journals that guide all of us in our actions within the lodges. Some of these are our Charge Books, our Washington Digest, and our Sovereign Grand Lodge Code book. We all need to read and study these books as they teach us the right way to run a lodge meeting, a committee meeting and a session. And if we follow these guidelines and rules, our meetings and sessions will run smoothly, effortlessly, and be much more rewarding. For we will not only work better as a team of volunteers, but we will see how easy it is to be efficient and productive.

A GUIDE TO BEING AN ODD FELLOW

But what we don't have is a guide on how to be an Odd Fellow. We learn from others or for ourselves what it means to work together as volunteers. All of us have different ideas or reasons for joining this wonderful Order. Whatever those may be, are you promoting who and what you are? It is about telling and showing those around you how they too can become involved and help in the work you do. It is marching in your local community parades, participating in those flea markets, and bake sales, holding Bingo, Bridge, or Pinochle, fundraisers? Or is it hosting a recognition night for that special Eagle Scout or Girl Scout, honoring the firemen, policemen, hospital staff, or teacher? Is it serving a pancake breakfast, hot dog lunch, spaghetti dinner, or just opening your lodge monthly to serve cookies or donuts and coffee?

Mostly it is about showing up and being out in the public, letting everyone know you are there!

PLAN AND PROMOTE

So plan those events. Be sure to ask your fellow lodges to help in your participation. Ask the Grand Lodge to help out. Bring your family and get them involved. Advertise with flyers, in the newspaper, and

especially in your Odd Fellow newspaper. Use social media to let everyone know what you are doing. And most importantly let everyone know what you did and how much they missed out by not being there. Show the work you are doing afterwards and tell all when your next event will be. Don't just do something one time and then stop, but plan out many things to participate in. Remember to constantly let people know what is coming up so they won't forget. And talk, talk and talk about what you are doing.

BE PROUD

Be sure to have items to show about your lodge and its history. Proudly wear and display our Odd Fellow Order with hats, shirts, banners, regalia — whatever you have that can be seen.

I had two members of my lodge ask me why we never report or talk about the events that we attend. For example, many of us know about our Northwest Meetings held in the spring and fall. Where the Jurisdictions of *British Columbia, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon* get together to discuss our Order. But do we come back and talk to our lodge and members about those meetings? We did this time, but it took a question from a member who has never gone to ask what we were doing.

LET'S TALK ABOUT OURSELVES

So remember talk about the things you do at your lodge meetings and to anyone willing to listen. Promote the idea of attending those other meetings and get-togethers outside of lodge. Help those who need to attend or ask if you need assistance to attend.

IT'S BEEN AN HONOR SERVING AS YOUR WARDEN

Lastly let me say it has been an honor getting to serve you as your Grand Warden. To help out wherever possible at initiations and installations is quite an honor and always fun. It has been a pleasure meeting new Brothers and Sisters and renewing friendships with those we don't see often enough. And hopefully being able to help out in anyway to make your time as an Odd Fellow both informative and rewarding. Again thank you very much.

— *Fraternally in F. L. & T., Dave Delony,*
Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington
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*Thank You For A
Wonderful Year!*

200 years of IOOF history in new book

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy 200th year anniversary to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You can learn about our history that stretches back more than 280 years, our current organizational challenges, and our hope into the future in a new book that aims to educate our members, open the eyes of our leadership and educate the public about Odd Fellowship.

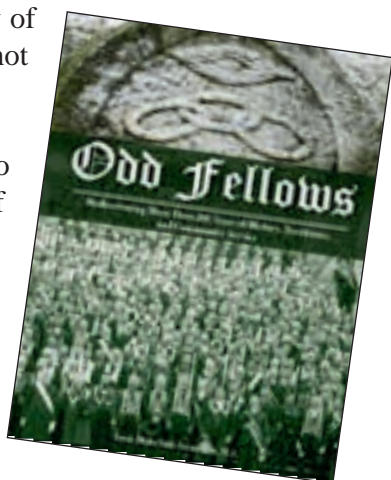
The book, *“Odd Fellows — Rediscovering 200 Years of History, Traditions and Community Service,”* is now available for purchase on amazon.com. I can also provide author discounts for 20 orders or more at \$20 to \$25 each for black and white and \$45 each for the full color version. Just let me know.

Let's admit it, the majority of the world's population does not know or has little idea what Odd Fellowship is and a big number think Odd Fellows no longer exist and a majority of our members are lost as to our history, purpose and traditions.

Ten years ago, I found out about our fraternity because one history of the Philippines book mentioned that Odd Fellowship was one of the first fraternal organizations to spread in the country. But it was just one paragraph. I looked for a good book that will give me a better understanding about its goals and structure, but I could not find one that is brief and up-to-date. When I researched about it on the internet, I can barely read anything about the Odd Fellows and the Sovereign Grand Lodge website wasn't much of a help back then. It was also a struggle when I joined because information about the Odd Fellows just wasn't that easily accessible.

So, I started creating facebook pages, youtube videos, a wikipedia entry and just about anything I can put on the internet about this organization to help inform a new member or attract someone to join. The problem with internet is that they are not highly reliable, and any information provided online can be deleted or edited anytime. Online promotion was mostly volunteer work on my part. Since I started law school, I just did not have much time and patience to answer numerous queries and questions about Odd Fellowship from facebook and other social media websites anymore.

Seven years ago, I realized it is important that we put in writing all the history and knowledge about Odd Fellowship so that we can pass on this worldwide ethical and humanitarian fraternal organization to younger generations. My advocacy is to see a revival of more lodges in many localities and an international growth of Odd



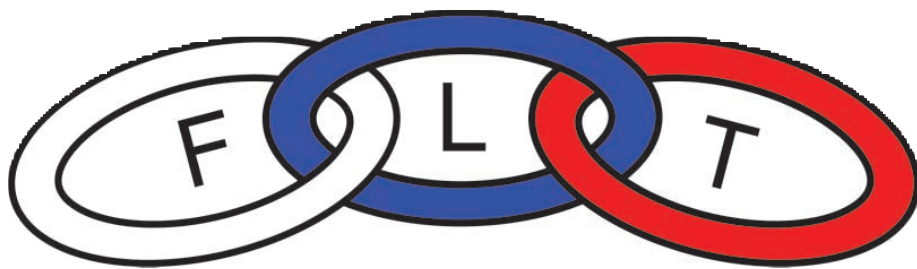
Author of *“Odd Fellows — Rediscovering 200 Years of History, Traditions and Community Service,”* Louie Blake Saile Sarmiento, spent considerable time in the Sovereign Lodge basement archives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina researching his book.

Fellowship – establishing lodges in countries where there is no Odd Fellows or Rebekah Lodges. I can only do so little. This is to make information easily accessible to younger generations in hope that someday they might ask, “How can I be a member?” It is my goal that this book will help encourage more people to further continue “Improving Character, Making Friends, and Helping People” through Odd Fellowship!

On April 26 I released this book as my gift to all Brothers and Sisters. I hope you will purchase the book, enjoy reading and learning from it, and recommend the book to other Brothers and Sisters.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
 Brother Louie Blake Saile Sarmiento.
 Former Public Relations Coordinator,
 Former member of the Communications Committee,
 Former Member of the Revitalization Committee
 The Sovereign Grand Lodge,
 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, (2012-2014)
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If you have any questions please contact the Grand Secretary at grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or (360) 829-1514.

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:** Mikol Soriano, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 629-8885. **Sec'y:** Bob Duniway, 4428 Montana Circle West, Seattle, WA 98199. **Ph:** (206) 372-4164 (2/28/20)

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP

I.O.O.F. LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Greg Hulet, 1035 NW Huckle Dr., Bremerton, WA 98311. **Ph:** (360) 692-8919. **Sec'y:** Larry Seward, Jr., 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Danielle Hanson, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Sec'y:** Madi Martin, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Email:** madimartin216@hotmail.com (2/28/20)

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, (Second Floor), Bucoda. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Michelle Patrick, PO Box 144, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/20)

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) 765-1306. **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasperek, PO Box 1241, Bothell, WA 98011-1241. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/24)

DES MOINES I.O.O.F. LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Orlee Groh, 17715 SE 261st St., Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (206) 307-7897. **Sec'y:** H. Morgan Hicks, 20410 9th Ave. S., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 697-4623 (2/28/21)

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

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 p.m. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Phillip (Tom) Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013. (2/28/20)

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Arlene Workman, 280 SE Darst St., Issaquah, WA 98027. **Ph:** (425) 241-3212. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 - 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/20)

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. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Carol L. Hare, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** (509) 924-1791 (2/28/25)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, (Corner of Pacific & Pine) 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 686-8587. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86., Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (360) 562-2391 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Patricia Smith, 11902 Woodland Ave., Puyallup, WA 98373. **Ph:** (253) 441-1500. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Rockne Johnson, 21827 54th Pl. NE, Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 359-8799. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 711 N. Indiana Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (2/28/20)

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: 204 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Highway 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 601 Chelan Ave, Wenatchee **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 4 pm. **Recess:** Feb., March. **NG:** Steve Guffy, 140 Lloyd Pl. NW, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. **Ph:** (509) 264-6375. **Sec'y:** Lisa Beare, 304 N. Franklin Ave., Wenatchee, WA (2/28/20)

RICHLAND I.O.O.F. LODGE #338

Meets At: 500 Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA 99352. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elaine DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 993542839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342. **Sec'y:** Glen DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342 (2/28/20)

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Joyce Miller, 9406 NE 151 Ct., Vancouver, WA 98682-2275. **Ph:** (360) 829-3409. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/20)

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

Meets 2nd Wednesday At: 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Bucoda, WA. **Meets 4th Wednesday At:** 118 Marcy, Montesano, WA. **Time:** 7:00 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Steve 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 (2/28/20)

SOUTH TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98409. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dave Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 590-6208. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/20)

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 Rd., Kent, WA 98030. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/20)

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dorothy "Cookie" Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 262-3186. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **NG:** Jeff Sager, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668. **Ph:** (360) 931-2998. **Sec'y:** Theresa Martin, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668. (2/28/20)

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 Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910 (2/28/20)

Welcome
To Our Lodges!

Members!

Newspaper is on summer vacation, but let us know if you change address!!!

Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 15 for the September, 2019 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

On page 12 is a change of address form. Please use it if you move this summer.

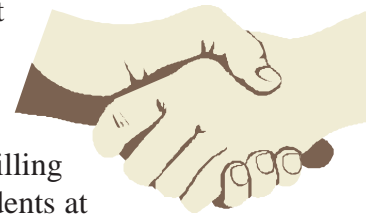
Thanks and have a great summer. We wish you a happy and prosperous summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

— Your Editor

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Brothers and Sisters,

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 is having a "Friends Night" on Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. This will be a 1920s "Tea" Party. Wear your best 20s outfit and practice for the banquet night at Sessions. This will be a social night so everyone is invited.



Our lodge has been busy filling our Easter Cards for the residents at the Odd Fellows Home and Mothers' Day cards as well. Next up will be Fathers' Day cards.

We're gearing up for our party on the 6th and we will be having our third Halloween Bingo Night on Saturday, October 19. So get that marked on your calendars. The evening starts at 4 p.m. with dinner, followed by Bingo at 5 p.m. There is a \$20 buy-in for Bingo cards and dinner. There will be more information in September's newspaper.

Until then, see you at Sessions.

— Members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160



A nice crowd was on hand when the Montesano IOOF hosted a meeting of the Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce on May 14.

Montesano Hall hosts local Chamber event

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 hosted a luncheon for the Gray's Harbor Chamber of Commerce at Friendship Hall in Montesano on Tuesday, May 14.

Many local business representatives and six Students of the Month, with their parent(s), attended. Most of the people who attended had never been in the building in Montesano, but all were very impressed with the building overall, and especially the Lodge Hall.

I believe there is a lot of interest in the lodge is buildings in both Bucoda and Montesano.

I accepted an invitation to speak at the "I Love Rainier"



Montesano's Friendship Hall was all spiffed up for the Chamber of Commerce gathering.

meeting and potluck on May 16.

I didn't get a chance to take many pictures of the luncheon as I got rather busy playing host and tour guide to our guests.

— Steve Purcell, Noble Grand
Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129

Did you know?

What does it take to be a Grand Lodge Officer?

With the upcoming Grand Sessions this month, I've pulled some information about who the members are and what qualifications are necessary for office in a Grand Lodge.

THE SGL CODE OF GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER IV

GRAND LODGES

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

UNDER JURISDICTION OF

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

SECTION 5 — MEMBERS

The Officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be all Past Grands and Past Noble Grands who have attained the Third Degree of an active Lodge who have received the Grand Lodge Degree. The Grand Lodge shall specify in its By-laws who shall have the right to

submit legislation, make motions, debate and vote.

SECTION 7 — OFFICERS

A — ELECTIVE OFFICERS

(1) The elective officers of the Grand Lodge shall be those specified in the Grand Lodge Ritual; selected from the Past Grands of regularly chartered lodges; Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Representative(s) or Alternate Grand Representatives(s).

E. — QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE

(1) A Past Grand in good standing in an Odd Fellows Lodge and a member of a Rebekah Lodge, and in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree, is eligible to hold any office.

You can find out more information in the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws.

— Laurel Delony,
Grand Secretary

Buckley Lodge #75 opens doors to German dinner!

On Friday, May 3, the Buckley Odd Fellows Hall was packed with Odd Fellows and community members enjoying the lodge's first ever German Dinner. The lodge's culinary talents were well represented, with Warden Matt McCollum providing kielbasa and sauerkraut, Treasurer Shelly Burns providing rotkraut and kartoffelsalat, Noble Grand Dannielle Hanson providing apple and cherry strudel and spaetzle, and Grand Master Toby Hanson cooking up fresh pork schnitzel.

The Grand Master also had his accordion handy and played a few German songs to entertain the diners.

The best part of the dinner was the community engagement that happened, as several Buckley residents not familiar with the Odd Fellows attended the dinner and got to hear about who we are and what we do.

Special thanks to Sister Joanne Balmert of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 who had the Odd Fellow Museum open and gave a special tour to the dinner guests after the meal. The Museum is located downstairs from the Buckley Lodge Hall #75.

— Toby Hanson, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194

HOLY HOUSE PROJECT

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pencil, note pad, a deck of cards and others items in a large cosmetic bag.

We also provided 12 children's activity bags. Since it was close to Easter, they had that theme. The bags contained, Crayons, a coloring book, small toy, deck of children game cards, colored block shapes, pens, note pad and a small Easter bunny, plus a few other Easter baskets items.

Also several boxes of miscellaneous items were delivered, such as a large black garbage sack of purses, 12 children's activity books sets, and some small kitchen appliances (toaster, coffee maker, mixer, and popcorn popper). These were not enough to put in each "move out kit," but the women could choose what they wanted.

It took two cars to haul the items the up to Stevenson. The two members who had not previously been to the house were able to take a quick tour. An estimated value of \$1,600 was put on our donation that day. We are always looking out for "good buys" and watching garage sales for the household items. Many times we can get the items donated if we leave our number and explain what we do with the items and that we are willing to pick them up when they close.



Grand Master Toby Hanson cooked up platters of pork schnitzel for Buckley's German Dinner. He later entertained the diners with a few German songs.



Who could resist a plate of German cuisine looking like this?



From left, Gail Frankie, Joy Selby, Neita Stearns, Barbara Tvrz, Sara Kane, Jeanne Elder and Karen Schultz accept

their gifts as Past Presidents of District Association #5. The meeting was hosted by Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2.

Enthusiasm alive at District #5 Meeting

Members of Rebekah District Association #5 met at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla on April 27. The meeting was hosted by Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2. Enthusiasm was high but attendance was down.

President Barbara Lechner led the roll call of officers with their favorite Disney characters or movie. Some favorites were: Bambi, 101 Dalmations, Russell (UP), Peter Pan, Dumbo, the Seven Dwarfs (Snow White), and the most favorite was Cinderella.

Neita Stearns read a beautiful tribute to the American Flag that was researched by Cora May Davis of Schuyler Lodge #18.

Shirley Ruble read the Home Report written by Mariah Matthews, Activity Director. Mariah has something for everyone with her variety of events. In May, there was a wine-tasting and art exhibit at Three Rivers Winery, Family Fiesta Night, Mothers' Day Car Show, a Fishing Trip and Picnic, and Art Night.

Bee Hive #70 tested everyone's memory with advertising slogans from the past. How many can you get right? (See answers at the conclusion.)

- *Everything's better with _____ on it.*
- *Two scoops in every box.*
- *Good to the last drop.*
- *Nobody does it like _____.*
- *You deserve a break today.*

The proceeds from the Silver Drill were donated to the Home's Activity Department. Almost \$50 will be put to good use meeting the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the residents.

The next District Association #5 Meeting will be held in October and hosted by Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18.

(Answers: Blue Bonnet, Raisin Bran, Maxwell House Coffee, Sara Lee, McDonald's.)

Have a glorious summer! See you in the fall!

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Shirley Ruble, Reporter



From left, Yogi Bear (Bailee Lechner) and Boo Boo (Kareena Alajanne) give Naomi Bruce of Bee Hive Lodge #70 her gift and a big hug. Both girls are members of Barbara Lechner's family.

Here's what to look forward to in Yakima

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For your planning purposes we have included the entire schedule.

— Joe and Kathi Picanco, Grand Lodge Host Committee

2019 GRAND SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 21, 2019

3:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
5:00 pm.	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, 2019

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	Garden Terrace
7:30 p.m.	Theta Rho Fun Night/Awards	Garden Terrace

Fun Night Theme: "Sci-Fi"

Sunday, June 23, 2019

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	Cowiche Canyon Kitchen
7:00 p.m.	All Branch Memorial Service	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level

Monday, June 24, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Grand Master's Breakfast	Ivy Room
8:00 a.m.	President's Breakfast	Lower 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	Upper Terrace
4:30 p.m.	Banquet Social Hour	Garden Terrace
5:30 p.m.	All Branch Banquet	Garden Terrace
9:00 p.m.	TaNaMaKa Meeting/Initiation	Ivy Room

Banquet Theme: "Roaring 20s"

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

8:00 a.m.	IOOF Representatives Breakfast	Ivy Room
9:00 a.m.	Grand Lodge Sessions	Upper Terrace
9:00 a.m.	Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
3:30 p.m.	Joint Installation Rehearsal	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level
7:00 p.m.	Joint Installation of Officers	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

7:30 a.m.	Rebekah Representatives Breakfast	Lower Terrace
8:30 a.m.	Grand Lodge Sessions	Upper Terrace
8:30 a.m.	Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
1:30 p.m.	Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
1:30 p.m.	Encampment Sessions	Upper Terrace
4:30 p.m.	Encampment/LEA Dinner	
	Installation of Officers	Garden Terrace

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Onalaska

Graduation is upon us already. We have chosen three high school seniors from Onalaska and three alternates for scholarships. Naomi Dow, Melody Butterson, and Mary Starkel were on the scholarship committee.

The ladies were very happy to hear how well our bake sale went. We have such a small but great group of women who participate with projects we have going on. Thanks, Sisters. You know who you are.

For Mothers' Day we purchased flowers and delivered them to our shut-ins who we also remember during the holidays. It was really fun to reach out another time besides just Christmas.

We're not sure at this time what is next on the table, but I am sure it will be something. Take care and be true to your Sisters.

In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Secretary

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Wow! Has time flown by!!

We just had a bake sale and it was good. Thanks to Aileen Wideman and Cookie Music for running the table. Myself (Alberta) was at a bake sale as well for Pine Burr. We also had a double bake sale May 10. It was another successful event, but it was a lot of baking. I took three days to get most of it done for Sandy Beebe and myself. Thanks again to Aileen and Cookie.

Our next bake sale will be on Friday, June 14 for Fathers' Day. We can't leave our fathers and dads out because without them where would we be?

We are looking for new ideas for fund-raisers and we are still scouting for new members, but it's just not happening real fast. Not too much is happening at the moment. We will be having something for the "Fun Time Festival" in July. We're just not sure what yet. Maybe breakfast or lunch? Probably a garage sale.

Until Sessions, have fun and be safe.

In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Secretary

From your 2018-19 Theta Rho President

YES, OUR SESSIONS ARE HERE

Hello everybody!

Theta Rho Assembly is quickly approaching. It has been a lot of fun to be able to serve the Theta Rho Girls of both



BETHANY
STRUTHERS

Washington and Oregon as your Theta Rho Assembly President. It has been a little bit stressful, but I would not take back a single thing if I could.

CRAZY MONTH

This past month has been a little bit crazy. First I was able to go to Theta Rho Retreat along with two other girls from my club. There were a total of 12 girls there and we had a lot of fun playing games and doing community service. We were also able to practice for Theta Rho Assembly in June. All of the Theta

Rho Girls, myself included, would like to thank the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows in Olympia for allowing us to use Puget Beach Park every year in exchange for community service which we are happy to do.

I was also able to go to the Holland Happenings Parade in Oak Harbor during my official visit to Acorn #79. It was so much fun having a sleepover the night before the parade, and then getting to participate in the parade was something I had never done before. I would like to thank the Rebekah Lodge that sponsors Acorn for allowing us to use your lodge hall for our sleepover.

During May I was also able to go to The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia to participate in and watch the laying of the wreaths. It was something I had waited for all year, and it was a genuine highlight for me. It was also an extraordinary experience for me as I also got to see the Changing of the Guard, something I wrote a paper on for the Honors Program, but had never had the opportunity to see. My Gramms made it possible for me to go and also made sure I got to see all the museums, memorials and monuments we could. I would like to thank all the people who help make this event possible and my Gramms for making it possible for me to go.

I hope that you all have a pleasant end to the school year, and are able to make it to our Theta Rho Sessions in June!

*In Happiness Through Service,
Bethany Struthers,
Theta Rho Assembly
President Of Washington*

Auction donations needed at Sessions

Brothers and Sisters

We are getting ever closer to our Grand Sessions and we need your donations for a silent auction. You can bring your donation to Sessions. Just come find me when you get there and I'll take your donation off your hands and to the auction room.

The silent auction will be held in the same room as last year. We had a lot of mighty fine donations that raised \$956 last year. We would love to beat that number this year. All money collected is split between the projects of the five heads of our Order. Thank you in advance.

— With Fraternal Hugs,
Laurel Delony, (253) 468-1949
laureljdemony@gmail.com or
grandsecretarywaiof@gmail.com

2019

Theta Rho Of Washington

~ Pre-Registration & Banquet Form ~

Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

June 21 thru 23, 2019

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

THIS FORM STRICTLY FOR THETA RHO ASSEMBLY YOUTH ONLY

Adults Please Use Annual Grand Sessions Registration Form

Club Name & Number _____

Assembly Jurisdiction _____

Advisor's Name/Phone _____

Please fill out one per Theta Rho Girl.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & # _____

Current TRA Title or Past Title _____

Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____ Saturday, June 22, 2019, 6 p.m.

Mail Your Pre-Registration & Meal Forms to:

**Joe or Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502**

Or E-mail to: picancoj@hotmail.com

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



Hailey Hanna, Evelyn Nichols, Stacy Gardiner, Lucy Crouch and Desiree Gardiner gather in front of the "Welcome Home Memory Care" facility.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

WE'RE STILL BUSY

Well summer is almost here and finally some nice weather. We had a great time with the residents of "Welcome Home Memory Care" for Mothers' Day. They invited us back to play games one day, so we are planning a game day with them.

We also will be doing our annual beach clean up as our community service for June, followed by our picnic lunch and scrapbooking. We are busy working on our assignments for Yakima and looking forward to Sessions the end of the month. We hoping to see many of you there.

Until next time. . .

— *With Hugs In Happiness Through Service,*
The members of Acorn #79



Evelyn Nichols does the nails for a resident of the "Welcome Home Memory Care" for Mothers' Day.

From your 2018-19 Grand Patriarch

AN ENDING AND A BEGINNING

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As my year as Grand Patriarch comes to an end, my love for Odd Fellowship is just beginning. I've enjoyed traveling to other lodges and encampments and being treated as family, which is what Odd Fellowship is all about. The food and friendship was overflowing, which has led me to dieting. But it is all worth it to belong to such a wonderful organization.



TIM MOON

I'm grateful to the friends who have helped me from the beginning, as well as all the new ones I've made. I look forward to seeing many of you in Yakima for our Sessions.

In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Tim Moon, Grand Patriarch



From your JYC

We hope you are ready for Sessions

GREETINGS THETA RHO GIRLS!

We are excited about your Sessions to be held June 21-23. Please make sure your Advisors have sent in all your club reports, forms for running for office, Advisor recommendations, etc.

Remember, Sessions are formal and so is the Installation of Officers. Practice at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 21, followed by the Picnic at the Pool and Pool Party. Fun Night on Saturday features a Sci-Fi theme, so I hope you have your costumes ready. I've got mine. Boo-yah! Emphasize the Boo!

See you at Sessions.

— *In Happiness Through Service*
With Theta Rho Hugs,
Your Washington Joint Youth Committee 2018-19

*Good Luck To All
Our Girls At Sessions*



A sizable crowd enjoyed Bucoda's Bingo Night on April 22. A raffle was held and half the proceeds went to the

Tenino Food Bank. The event was sponsored by Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144.

Bucoda Rebekah's Bingo night and 'Junque Fest' very successful events

Members of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 held a Bingo Night on Friday April 26. A potato bar with all the fixings was served. A 50/50 raffle was also held with 50 per cent of the proceeds going to the Tenino Food Bank. Bucoda would like to thank Dave and Laurel Delony for helping us. Everyone had a great time and seemed to enjoy themselves very much. They wanted to know when we were doing it again. Right now we are looking at Saturday, September 21 with dinner at 4 p.m. Bingo starts at 5 p.m., giving us an earlier start.



Dave Delony set up the huge Bingo Board on April 26.

JUNQUE FEST

On Saturday, May 11 Bucoda had a "Junque Fest" with about 22 vendors. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were on the main floor of the Community Center open with information available and robes, etc. on display in honor of the Odd Fellows 200th Birthday. Thank goodness for the air conditioning as it was very hot.

DISTRICT MEETING THIS FALL

We want to invite all Rebekahs to the District #18 School of Instruction District Meeting on Saturday, October 12. The Hostess Lodge will be Pine Burr #300 of Onalaska. The meeting will be held at the Trinity Rebekah #179 Hall in Napavine. Registration and coffee hour is at 9 a.m. with the meeting following at 10 a.m. Contact me if you need more information.

We hope everyone is gearing up for Sessions in June. What a great way to see Brothers and Sisters we only get to see once a year.

— In F., L. & T., Lou Ann Hoffman, Secretary
And Mashelle Patrick, Noble Grand



Everyone enjoyed the potato bar during Bingo Night.



Looking back in Bucoda

Beautiful display of Odd Fellow memorabilia, including robes and regalia, were featured items at Bucoda's Open House and "Junque Fest" on May 11. The displays were in honor of the 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in North America.

Lots of fun at Bucoda 'Junque Fest' May 11

Bucoda's first "Junque Fest" on Saturday, May 11 was a combination of community yard sale and crafter's fair. Given that the day was going to be especially warm, Bucoda Rebekahs #144 and Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 decided to open an oasis of comfort and relaxation in the south room of the Bucoda Community Center.

Bake sale and yard sale items were available. Sister Laura Purcell delivered lunch items, which were made available to the vendors, who were braving the tropic heat, just down the street from the Community Center.

Of course, we also took the opportunity to display some items of regalia and spread the word about our bicentennial and Odd Fellowship in general.

Contacts were made, or renewed, in and beyond the immediate Bucoda area and an invitation was received, and accepted, to speak to a civic group in Rainier on May 16 about Odd Fellowship.

I enjoy participating in joint Rebekah and Odd Fellow

functions, and believe them to be vital in spreading the message of our organization(s) and encourage all lodges to look for opportunities to engage in them.

The next week will be busy for our Lodge, hosting a luncheon for the Montesano Chamber of Commerce on the 14th and speaking to the Rainier group on 16th. I see good things on the horizon.

Thank you to all the Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and the Town of Bucoda for assisting in our endeavor.

TENINO OREGON TRAIL DAYS

Members of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 will be participating in the Tenino Oregon Trail Days parade on could use all members help, be in Tenino by 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 27.

— In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Steve Purcell, Noble Grand,

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129

And Members of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144



There was plenty of good baked goods available for the vendors and visitors alike at Bucoda's "Junque Fest"

and Open House at the Community Center on Saturday, May 11.

2019 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 21 through 26, 2019

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

PLEASE PRINT

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

“Bit of Italy” (Jumbo Cheese Ravioli)

Adults \$28.00 _____

Banquet Theme: “Sci-Fi”

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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

Grilled Chicken **OR** Pork Loin **OR** Vegetarian

(Circle One) \$27.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 a.m. Grand Master’s Breakfast

All American \$15.00 _____

7:30 a.m. President’s Breakfast Buffet

All American \$15.00 _____

6:00 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: “Roaring 20s”

Sliced Beef Sirloin **OR**

Chicken Cordon Bleu *(Circle One)* \$30.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives’ Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

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

Pork Loin **OR** Grilled Chicken Breast \$30.00 _____

OR Vegetarian *(Circle One)*

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2019

Late Registration after June 1, 2019 \$30.00 _____

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly **ONLY!** \$10.00 _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

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**Grand Lodge
Host Committee**

Mail To:

**Joe or Kathi
Picanco**

**3020 Langridge Ave. NW,
Olympia, WA 98502-4478**

Phone: (360) 561-2220

Email: picancoj@hotmail.com

2019 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 (Ext. 0) 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. There is a limited amount of ADA Scooters for rent.

If you need a Scooter, contact Suzette Leija directly at the number above ASAP or by email:

Suzette.Leija@redlion.com

Rates: \$77 Single and Double • \$87 Triple • \$97 Quad

Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes

Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2019. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2019 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, 2019

Please make checks out to: Grand Lodge Host Committee

You may send your request by email followed by your check or mail both to:

JOE OR KATHI PICANCO

3020 LANGRIDGE AVE NW, OLYMPIA, WA 98502-4478

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(360) 561-2220

Please include the following with your ad:

Point of Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

Thanks in advance for your support.

— *Fraternally, Joe and Kathi Picanco, Grand Lodge Host Committee*

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Museum Corner

We have just put in two new robes in our Odd Fellow Museum.

One is from the Odd Fellows who we affectionately call “Junior.” The other is a beautiful Rebekah robe with embroidery and jewels. We call her, yep you got it, “Rebekah.”

Come on by and see our new stuff at 116 Cedar Street in Buckley. The museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We also have some pretty cool t-shirts for sale as well. Come check out your history.