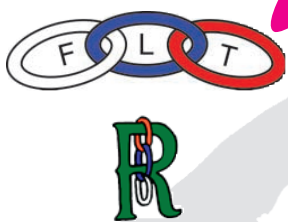


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Our 2020 Sessions are back in Yakima

We are happy to announce our 2020 Grand Lodge Sessions. Beginning with the Theta Rho Pool Party on Friday, June 19 and ending with the Encampment / LEA Sessions and Dinner Installation on Wednesday, June 24. This year will mark our 142nd Grand Lodge Communication and our Order's Bicentennial.

SESSIONS REMAIN IN YAKIMA

We are fortunate the location for the Grand Lodge's 142nd Session will remain in Yakima at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center. The hotel continues to hold our costs down for our members during Grand Lodge Sessions. The cost of rooms are \$77 for a single or double, \$87 for triple and lastly \$97 for a quad. Your stay will also include breakfast with the price of your room for each day. Please give the hotel an accurate count of how many will be in the room at time of reservation. *Only* the number listed per room will be allowed to eat breakfast as part of their stay. All others will have to pay.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please make reservations as soon as possible at:

Red Lion Hotel Yakima, 607 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98901, telephone: (509) 248-5900 (ext. 0).

Beginning Monday, June 22 through Wednesday, June 24, the hotel will have available for purchase a lunch during our stay. This is a convenience our members enjoyed last year and requested again for 2020. Your support of the restaurant and bar helps keep the room cost down. We thank you for that support.

SILENT AUCTION

The "Annual Silent Auction" will appear again this year. We are asking each lodge for an item or items to auction off. Sister Laurel Delony has graciously accepted the lead again in this effort to raise money for the various projects of our Jurisdiction. Last year we raised \$1,312 thanks to your generosity.

We hope to see many of you attend again this year!

— In F., L. & T., Joe & Kathi Picanco
Grand Lodge Host Committee



Sprouts galore

"Eldergrow" brings gardening indoors at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. In the front, an "Eldergrow" instructor guides Helen Biggerstaff, Virginia Leischner and Renn Salkind. In the center are: Carol Mays, Joann Costi, and Lisa Wolf, West Care Activities Director. See page 11 for Shirley Ruble's report and additional photo.



Napavine installations

Grand Master John Otterstrom and Assembly Jr. Past President Jennie Reed were on hand when five lodges installed officers on January 11. See page 12 for details.

From the desk of your Grand Master

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

I hope your installations went well and the snow held off. Congratulations to the new officers! If there is anything the Grand Lodge or I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you to the lodges that asked me and my team to install your new officers. And a **big thank you** for the great food and brotherly and sisterly love you extended.

WE'RE THINKING OF YOU

I am sending out thoughts and prayers to Sister Sandy Beane, who fell and broke her hip before installation. Darn chairs anyway! I hope you feel better soon.



**JOHN
OTTERSTROM**
Grand Master

TIME TO GET BUSY

With the installation season over it's time to get busy. What are your plans for the year? Has your lodge worked on a plan for membership yet? Now is the time!

YEAR-END REPORTS DUE

Secretaries, here's a reminder that your lodge's year-end report is due by February 15, 2020. Please help our Grand Lodge Secretary by getting those reports in on time. If you need help with your report please do not hesitate to give her a call.

February is the month of love, so let's get out and share our brotherly love with our communities and one and other.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"
Your 2019-2020 Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

Ballard's Food Bank fund-raiser



Muscovites of Kremlin Khuzar of Washington hosted a Winter Solstice Feast at Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 on December 21, 2019. The potluck event raised \$1,000 for the Ballard Food Bank and had more

than 120 attendees and volunteers. Seated, from left, are: Clinton Attaway, Bob Duniway, and Ima Jane Sneed. Standing are: Jerry Smith and Grand Czar Mylinda Sneed.

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Happy Valentine's Day Brothers & Sisters

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

Happy February, Brothers and Sisters

Where has the time gone? By now all of your newly-elected officers should have been installed into their offices. If any of the officers need help with anything, please do not hesitate to contact this office.



LAUREL DELONY

REMINDER TO ALL ODD FELLOW SECRETARIES

Your year-end reports are due into this office by Saturday, February 15. Yes! That's 2020. not 2021...;-) Every day the report is late will cost your lodge \$5. No exceptions! If you are struggling to get it completed, once again I am here to help. Just give me a call at (800) 345-1766 or stop by the office at 711 Main Street, Buckley WA 98321. (You can't miss us. We are right on the corner of Cedar and Main Streets.)

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE UPDATES

As I write this article I want you to know that I have

ordered the updates and I'm waiting for them to arrive. I will be mailing these off to your Lodge Secretaries as soon as I receive them. Please make sure your Codes are updated. If you are missing any updates, please let me know as I do have extras in the office going back to at least 2010.

EVEN NUMBERED LODGES

The Representative certificates were mailed out the first of January. Please remember to to elect a two-year Representative and Alternate at your first meeting in February. Give your Representatives their half and send the other half to me. Once I have received, I make a list of the hold-over Representative (those elected last year) and those elected this year. That list is what I use to call roll at Sessions to make sure we have a quorum and for the Grand Master to make his committee appointments. So it's very important to get those into me as soon as possible after your first February meeting.

— With Fraternal Hugs
Laurel Delony,
PGM, Grand Secretary

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to Assembly President Maggie Truttmann, and crew for installing our new officers. We had a lovely time at our *joint, joint* installation. No that's not a typo. Installed were new officers from South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 and South Tacoma Odd Fellow Lodge #211, along with Bremerton-Friendship Odd Fellow Lodge #145 and Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168. It was nice to have a full house for installation.

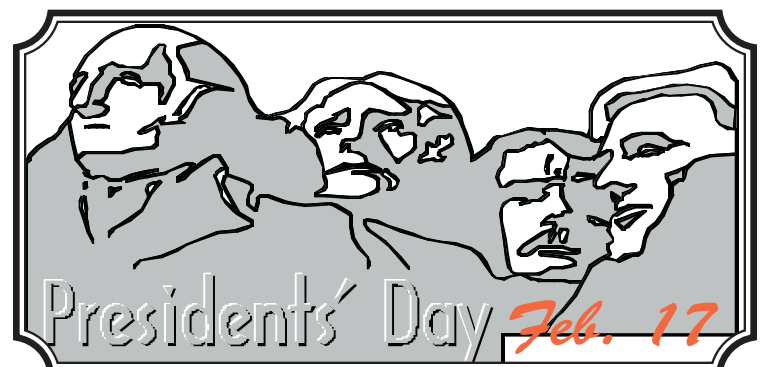
Now we are off and running with the new officers Noble Grand Joanne Balmert has new ideas and programs planned for us.

If you would like to come visit us please do so. We meet the first and third Thursday of each month. We're also working on more field trips for the lodge — maybe a trip to the Meeker Mansion in Puyallup.

— With Rebekah Hugs, Laurel Delony, Reporter



New Noble Grands and Vice Grands from Bremerton-Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211, South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 and Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 start their new year with a bit of cake and Odd Fellowship after being installed. From left are: Michael Scheurich, Jeni Thompson, Orlee Groh, Joanne Balmert, Larry Smith and Danny Cupps.



~ In Memoriam ~

- **Helen Thomsen**, 69-year member, PNG, Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Onalaska.
- **Jean Parnell**, 68-year member, PNG, Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Onalaska.

From the desk of the Assembly President

WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH INSTALLATIONS

January has been a busy month for Installations of new Officers. It has been a pleasure indeed working with the officers of both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to install the officers in the following Lodges:



MAGGIE
TRUTTMANN

- Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59
- Fall City Odd Fellows #59
- Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 — Napavine
- Pine Burr Rebekah #300 — Onalaska
- Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46 — Toledo
- Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 — Kelso
- Golden Rule Odd Fellows #207 — Napavine
- Bothell Odd Fellows #124
- Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54 — Bothell
- South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211
- South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160
- Bremerton-Friendship Odd Fellows #145
- Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 — Bremerton
- Olympia Odd Fellow Lodge #1
- Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 — Bucoda
- Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 — Olympia
- Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #147
- Buckley Odd Fellow Lodge #75
- Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 — Buckley

It has been a joy to see so many of you hosting installations and joining together with other lodges. I would

like to congratulate the new officers and wish them, their members and their lodges a great year.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

As we continue in the New Year, February arrives filled with lots of love, flowers, hearts and candy. I wish each of you a Happy Valentine's Day and a thank you for all you do for our Order. This might be a good time to surprise a special friend or member of your lodge with a card, note or special treat. Consider making homemade cards and recognizing members for their contributions to the lodge or in the community. How about remembering your family members who support your work in the Order.

ASSEMBLY IS NEARING

We are moving quickly to the time of Assembly. Several members have asked me about Assembly dress. We will not be ordering any special outfits. I will be wearing a long black skirt and my pink top from before. I am asking that you wear a black skirt and a pink top. The length of the skirt is your choice and the top may be any pink that you like.

In closing I would like to share a quote by Willa Cather: "Where there is great love, there are always miracles." My wish for your is a year of miracles, love and friendships.

If I may be of service to you or your lodge, you are free to contact me.

— In Friendship, Love & Truth
Margaret Truttmann, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington
Email: maggie@olynet.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 4311, Elma, WA 98541-0311
Home Phone: (360) 482-2923

~ From your 2019-20 Theta Rho President ~

HAPPY FEBRUARY

Spring semester has just started for me, and I am once again sitting in my dorm writing my article. Getting to



PIPER FYFFE

be home for a month was a great refresher, and although I miss Washington again very dearly, I feel ready to take on the next challenge (and judging by my biology syllabus, it's gonna be a challenge).

I would like to express my gratitude to members of Acorn for driving down to Sylvia's cabin for a sleepover/makeshift President's visit. It was so lovely to see everyone again. I

hope everyone had as much fun as I did. Getting to spend time around Theta Rho Girls again is probably the highlight of my trip, maybe only topped by hanging out with my dad (love you pops). It makes me super excited to see everyone at our Theta Rho Retreat later in the spring.

From what I've seen and heard so far, you all are doing great. I always try and stay updated about what's going on with everyone. It makes me so happy to see so many successful projects and even more ideas to keep it going. You all are rocking it, and I know you're gonna keep rocking it. Go forth and be great. And don't forget to ask for help! That's what all our awesome advisors are for!

"Measure Your Live In Love" — RENT
— With Peace I Love In Happiness Through Service,
Piper Fyffe,
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The month of February is "Education Foundation Month" and also will see the "Stars and Wings" Testimonial for IARA President Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit in Kansas City, Missouri. happy Valentine's Day and happy birthday to President Lincoln and Washington on Presidents' Day.



MARCIA PRESLEY

Elections of the Rebekah Lodge Representative and Alternate Representative of the *odd numbered* lodges need to be held at your first meeting in February. That will be for a two-year term. One of these officers will be your Representative at our Assembly Sessions in June, 2020 and 2021. Even if your lodge will not have either of these officers in attendance, you still need to

elect them.

KINDNESS AND LAUGHTER

I found this story and I would like to share it with all of you. In an interview for a TV show the question was asked

of a 7-year-old boy, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" His answer was, "I want to be a clown." Do you want to be rich? "No, I just want to make people laugh." The same question was asked of a young girl with a shy smile. Without hesitation she said, "I want to be Kind." Kindness and laughter. These children's simplicity and sureness had caught the essence of two of the most important things in life. We need to take a good hard look at ourselves and bring a little laughter and kindness into our sometimes stressful lives.

When you cheer someone who needs a touch of laughter and loving kindness, you not only cheer them up, but their response cheers you up. *Be kind and laugh a lot.*

There is a destiny that makes us Brothers and Sisters. No one goes there way alone. What you put in the lives of others comes back to you twofold. It's the little things we do and say, that means so much as we go our way.

*What joy or sadness often springs
From just the simple little things.*

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In F., L. & T., Marcia Presley, PP & Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54

WE ARE REVITALIZED

The past year held many accomplishments for our lodge. We gained three new members, replaced much of our electrical system and painted the exterior of our beloved lodge. We had fun holding many social events including paint nights, game nights, rock painting parties, and celebrating the 200th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the USA. We were pleased to be able to host state and international members in our lodge.

We still have lots to do and fortunately we have a committed group of members to make it happen! We are also happy to report a revitalization of our Bothell Odd Fellows group. We are anxious to build a deeper relationship with them as well as look forward to partnering with them for future projects in 2020.

MANY DONATIONS

The Cloverleaf Rebekahs were able to donate \$5,475 to our community in 2019. Some of the recipients this year included Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Seattle Children's Hospital, the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club, and the Washington State Trails Association, to name a few.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We look forward to 2020 and wish all of the members of our Order a Happy New Year!



At left, Jackie and Kim gift \$2,500 to the Seattle Children's Hospital. At right, members have fun at Cloverleaf's Installation of Officers.

We need your stories, photos

Attention all IOOF Lodges, Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons and Theta Rho Clubs — we need your stories and photos for *The Washington OddFellow*.

We know there are plenty of activities going on within your groups and we would like to hear from you so we can share your news. Please submit your news items and high resolution photos by the 15th of the month for publication the next month. Please submit your submissions to:

billo@tx3.com

~ From your 2019-20 Grand Patriarch ~

GRAND ENCAMPMENT BELONGS TO ALL OF US

It's not mine, I do not have a penny in it, was not here when it was started and will be long gone when it ends; however I do support it by paying dues every year. Now you wonder what I am talking about, it is the Grand Encampment of Washington, and guess what! It is not yours either. It belongs to all of us. We each have a shared interest in it and must work to make it grow and prosper.



RON HANSON

So, let's talk about what it is made up of. It is the members of all the Encampments that come under its jurisdiction and have received the Grand Encampment Degree. Among its members are the Officers of the Grand Encampment. They consist of two types of officers. First are line officers which is the leadership of the Grand Encampment. They include the Grand Patriarch, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden. Then there are

desk officers, which in our case are the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer. We each have clearly defined roles and duties as defined in our code. When we accept that office, we must fulfill the duties of the office to the best of our ability making *adult* decisions when we have a conflict with other obligations to things in our life.

WHO DOES THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT ANSWER TO?

Having mentioned that word code, there seems to be some confusion about where that is and, by confusion, what I mean is some members think that the Grand Encampment answers to the Grand Lodge — not true at all. Don't believe me? Check the Washington Digest. You will *not* find any reference to the Grand Encampment there. Why you ask? Because in their infinite wisdom the Sovereign Grand Lodge chose to have them separated and the Grand Encampment Charter is

issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Our code is found in chapters nine and ten of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code.

SOME INTERACTION

Having said that we do interact with them in reporting numbers and some other things. Why have I said that? I will tell you that some time back a Grand Lodge Officer got out of line with me in some matters concerning the Grand Encampment. If you take the time to read the code you will see that if there is a serious problem with our Grand Encampment. I have to answer to the Sovereign Grand Master, as well as the members of the Grand Encampment. You, the members of the Grand Encampment placed your trust in me to lead the Grand Encampment for this year and I promised to do my best to do that for you and advance the Grand encampment to a better state.

BEING A GUIDE AND MENTOR

It has been my experience that some within all branches of our Order seem to not be able to let those who follow do the job for which they were elected. They just cannot seem to let go for whatever reason — ego, self-importance or whatever. As my late wife said to some one in a discussion about that, you get to be the head cheerleader for the year when you are done with your year set down and shut up! Let the person coming behind you have their year. I am a firm believer that all of our members who have chosen to go through those offices, whether in the Grand Encampment, Grand Lodge or Sovereign Grand Lodge, when their year is done they need to sit down, shut up, keep their ears and minds open and truly be a guide and mentor to those coming behind them with as little interference as possible in that person's leadership ability, serving as a gentle guide to help them along in their development to being the best they can be.



That's my rant for this month. See you down the road.

— *In Faith, Hope & Charity,*
Ron Hanson, Grand Patriarch

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley

Oops! Last month I put an article in for our lodge and listed all (I thought) of the titled people in our group, but I missed the highest one. We were honored to have the Sovereign Grand Lodge Musician in our Rebekah lodge. Sorry about that Toby.

Our installation of 2020 officers was held January 26 jointly with the Buckley IOOF Lodge #75. The installation ceremony was preceded with a ham dinner.

We were so pleased to have a first time Noble Grand and Vice Grand, Kim Presley and Florence Dupont. Marcia Presley and me are still at the desk.

We have two new members coming in by transfer to welcome, which will increase our numbers.

— *In F., L. & T.,*
Karen Hoylman,
Secretary

~ From your Deputy Grand Master ~

CONGRATULATIONS INCOMING OFFICERS

First let me congratulate all the incoming officers and appointees for all the Branches of our Order in



DAVE DELONY

Washington State for 2020. For those of you who are recycling officers through some of the chairs, I thank you most sincerely. And for you who are new and have chosen to take an office or an appointment, I welcome you wholeheartedly.

I wish you all the best for the coming year and look forward to working with each and everyone of you in any way I can. Along with myself, I know the rest of your Grand Lodge is here to work with you in any capacity that may be needed. And do not forget those Brothers and Sisters who have served before you who are able to offer help and guidance along the way.

WE'RE ALL VOLUNTEERS

We are all volunteers in this great Order. So let's be ready and able to help. *Please* do not go uninformed on any matter when you can reach out for help from your Brothers, Sisters, other lodges, Past Grand Masters, and your Grand Lodge.

As volunteers we need to make all the work we do fun, enjoyable and worthwhile. That way it makes it much easier to explain to others the satisfaction we get

from doing this work. You must get satisfaction, otherwise it will become tedious and cumbersome and just another job you will feel tasked with.

MAKE USE OF YOUR NEWSPAPER

The coming of the new Spring brings with it endless opportunities to showcase your lodge. Make a list of the coming events in your community and see how you can participate. Set some definite dates for some functions and ask for help from other lodges and your Grand Lodge. Post your events in *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper so we all can see what is coming and help when we can. Your keeping us all informed in the newspaper could be all that is needed to give another lodge some good ideas to work with.

BE VISIBLE AND VOCAL

Let's keep and for some, start putting our face of this Order, out into the public. There are so many functions going on that we can and should participate in. And there is no reason you can't start your own function or project to work with in your community. So let's get out there and be visible and vocal.

WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN 2020

Again I wish you all a wonderful and successful 2020. May all that you do strengthen the bonds of *Odd Fellowship* for those around you.

— *Fraternally in F. L. & T., Dave Delony,*
Deputy Grand Master
Of the Grand Lodge of Washington

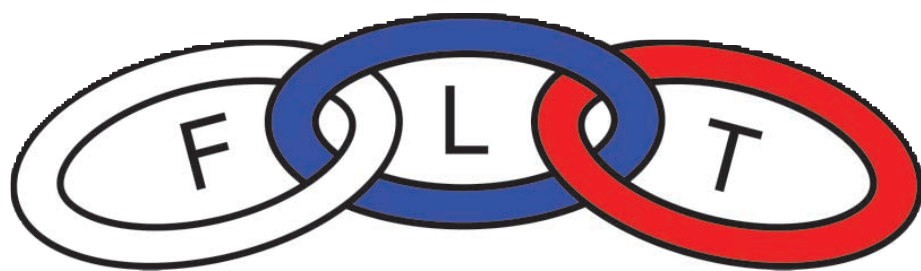


Olympia's Installation of Officers

Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 gathered for a Joint Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 18. Front row, from left, are: Lou Ann Hoffman, Diane Devoe, Assembly President Maggie Truttman, Alberta Luurs, Karen Hoylman, Peg Ogilvie, and Jennie Reed. In the middle row, from left, are: Stu Carlson, Cathy Garcia, Laura Purcell, Duard Fyffe, Holly Finley,

Kristina Samuelson, Lorrie Bonnel, Elayne Navotny, Dave Reed, Mashelle Patrick, John Suessman, and Kim Owens. In the back row, from left, are: Frank Wilson, Grand Master John Otterstrom, Laurel Delony, Steve Purcell, Steve McCord, Klyle Reynoldson, Mike Finley, Joe Picanco, and PGM Toby Hanson. The Installation of Officers took place on Saturday, January 18. See page 9 for details.

~ Lodge Cards ~



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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:** Clinton Attaway, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Michael Douglas, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 769-1980. (2/28/21)

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP I.O.O.F. LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way., Bremerton.
Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm following Rebekah Meeting.
Recess: July, Aug. **NG:** John Gaiski, 3460 4th Dr. NE, Bremerton, WA 98310. **Ph:** (360) 479-0193. **Sec'y:** Larry Seward, Jr., 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 620-7741 (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:** Dannielle 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. (2/28/21)

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Diane Keener, 440 Main Ave S., North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347. **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)

~ Lodge Cards ~

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Lodge cards are only good for one year. If you put in a card during the middle of the year, it will only be good until the end of following February, unless, of course, your lodge has paid for more than one year. Please note that there is now a "good through" date listed at the bottom of your lodge card. No lodge card will be updated without payment received first, unless, here again, your lodge has paid in advance for more than one year.

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

~ Lodge Cards ~

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:** John Matters, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077. **Ph:** (425) 788-3772. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 711 N. Indiana Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (2/28/21)

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 Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** Feb., March. **NG:** Scott Cowan, 2520 Number 1 Canyon Rd., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Ph:** (253) 219-1194. **Sec'y:** Lisa Beare, 304 N. Franklin Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801 **Ph:** (509) 669-8742 (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 99354-2839. **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:** Kristina Samuelson, 6729 Compton Blvd., Lacey, WA 98513-6225. **Ph:** (360) 402-9498. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/21)

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

Meets 2nd Wednesday At: 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Budo, WA. **Meets 4th Wednesday At:** 118 Marcy, Montesano, WA. **Time:** 7:00 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Budo, 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:** Dan Seeley, 421 Novak Ln., Kent, WA 98032. **Ph:** (253) 217-1300. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/21)

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)

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Meets At: 888 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Chuck Miller, 9406 NE 151st Ct., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 892-3409. **Sec'y:** Joyce Gilson, 527 NE 6th Ave., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 823-8187 (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)

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

See Page 7 for photo

A GREAT INSTALLATION

Members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 had a great time hosting a joint Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 18. Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 joined us for a pork loin luncheon at noon followed by the installation ceremony. As always, the installation team did a great job. Thank you to the State Officers who participated

LOOKING FOR A CANOE?

Our Park Board recently found it necessary to remove the canoes that have been stored at the beach property for member use. We still have one canoe that has not been claimed, so the members of the board are offering it for sale to anyone who wants it. This is a 16-foot plastic canoe with a paddle. We are asking \$200 or best offer. For more information, call Rick Garcia at (360) 413-7014.

DON'T TURN OFF THE HEAT

We would also like to remind anyone visiting the beach park that winter requires some special attention to the buildings and grounds. Please do *not* turn off the heaters in the kitchen and bathrooms. They need to remain on low to keep the pipes from freezing. Also, it's pretty mushy out there, so we all need to avoid driving on any grassy areas. Please stay on the gravel or concrete. Thank you for cooperating with us on this.

INITIATION

On Wednesday, February 12, Ruth #17 will be initiating three new members, with the help of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160. If any local lodges have incoming members to be initiated, we would love to have you join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellow Lodge in Olympia. Please contact Cathy Garcia at (360) 701-5896 to make arrangements for your initiates to be included. We will have light refreshments after the meeting.

DEGREE NIGHTS

Olympia #1 will also be providing degree work for newly-elected members. On Monday, February 3, we will be giving the Initiatory and First Degree, then on March 16 we will have the Second and Third Degrees. Again, if you have new members who need any of these degrees, please contact Laurel Delony at (253) 468-1949 to make necessary arrangements. We will be serving a light meal prior to the meeting, so please plan on joining us at 6 p.m. at the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall.

HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day with your special someone, or do something special for yourself.

— In F., L. & T., Cathy Garcia

A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



The first Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla opened on December 1, 1897, and was home for orphans as well as elderly IOOF members and widows. (Inset photo.) In the large photo, it looks like the orphans had a holly, jolly Christmas and a great time decorating the tree! About 200 historic Walla Walla photos

were given to the Odd Fellows Home in by Joe Drazan in 2006. He is a retired Whitman College archives librarian who collects pictures of the Walla Walla Valley in a blog titled, "Bygone Walla Walla." Shirley Ruble of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge helped with the research.

At the IOOF Home in Walla Walla

Activity Director cultivates indoor gardens

Maria Muñoz, Activity Director at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, was on the team that brought “Eldergrow” to the Home in January 2020. The raised garden beds are mobile and can be moved around the care centers. “The idea of a mobile, wheelchair-height, indoor garden is amazing and so beneficial,” said Muñoz.

It seems many seniors miss their gardens. “I’ve heard this issue so many times when they leave their home and move into a residential community,” said founder Orla Concannon who lives in Seattle. “We want to bring the outdoors in for everyone to easily enjoy.”

Research shows the positive effects of horticultural therapy: It connects residents to nature, elevates mood, stimulates the senses and memory, improves sleep, reduces falls and agitation, and keeps hands nimble and strong, according to the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program.

THERAPEUTIC SENSORY GARDEN

Eldergrow has two indoor mobile gardens with a combination of the therapeutic sensory garden and a culinary herb garden. Both have a grow light, non-toxic plants, and organic soil.

“Twice a month local educators go on-site and deliver therapeutic programs specially tailored to memory-care residents,” said Julianne Mobilion in “*A Passion for Serving Elders*,” November 11, 2019.

Concannon has her Eldergrow headquarters in Seattle. She launched the program to bring seniors indoors during inclement weather and build meaningful relationships with others through nature.

“Many thanks to Eldergrow for their interest in helping our memory-care residents,” said Patty Newell, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 Noble Grand.

CULINARY HERB GARDEN

The culinary herb garden is designed as a “Do It Yourself” garden. “Every month we ship fresh herbs and provide activities and recipes for communities to use with that delivery,” Concannon said. The herb program is ideal for other units in the retirement community, such as independent living or assisted living residents.

Currently, there are almost 200 mobile gardens across 21 states. “In addition, 85 per cent of those residents improved or maintained a positive emotional state,” Concannon said. “And 90 percent of residents experienced therapeutic results of memory stimulation, reduced dementia risk factors by 36 per cent, improved self-esteem and sleep, calm demeanors, and reduced cognitive decline in those with dementia.”



From left are: May Miller, Maria Muñoz, Patty Newell, John Velasquez, Renn Salkind and Sue Kinzer.

The Washington Odd Fellows Home is the first retirement facility to use Eldergrow gardens in Walla Walla, Mobilion reported. “We are so excited to bring new life into the care center for residents to enjoy and learn from!” said Renn Salkind, East Care Activities.

MARIA MUÑOZ, ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

When Maria Muñoz came to the Home in July 2019, she had no idea she would be leading residents in an indoor garden project. She was raised in Walla Walla and graduated from Wa-Hi, Walla Walla Community College, and Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Washington.

She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management. Prior to coming to the Washington Odd Fellows Home, Muñoz was a wireless retail manager for several years in customer service and management. “I truly enjoy the Odd Fellows family,” she said. “I like to combine my passion for management with my creativity in planning events and bringing smiles to people’s faces.”

Muñoz has three sons ages nine, eight, and three, which keep her busy outside her job with their various sports. She is athletic herself and has joined the Walla Walla Sweets Rollergirls. In her spare time, Muñoz enjoys life with family and friends, music, gym, traveling, the outdoors, and making memories with her children.

“We are delighted to incorporate Eldergrow’s innovative programming here at the Home,” said Muñoz. “The gardens give our residents the opportunity to take enrichment classes and create something joyful with their hands.” — In F., L. & T., Shirley Ruble, Reporter



Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers get ready to start the Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 11. From left are: Assembly Vice President

Peg Ogilvie, Deputy Grand Master Dave Delony, Assembly President Maggie Truttmann, and Grand Master John Otterstrom.

Five lodges install officers in Napavine

We at Trinity would like to wish you all a great 2020 year!

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 started off rocky when one of our worker bees fell at our Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 11. Sandy Beane was taken by ambulance to the hospital! At first they said nothing was broken, only badly bruised, but she ended up being taken by ambulance again to the hospital and found out she had a broken hip. She came through the surgery to fix her hip and now she is recovering. Prayers go out for a speedy recovery.

We had five lodges installed by Rebekah Assembly President Margaret Truttmann and Grand Master Johnny Otterstrom and their staff of officers. We greatly appreciate the work they do.

Trinity presented three certificates of appreciation for 2019 to our Brother Odd Fellows: Scott Anderson, Scott Gunther and Alex DeGodie, for their help getting needed work done at our lodge. They installed new electrical lighting. They followed through to see the project done. Thank

you

We had a raffle for the President's project and raised \$115 for her project. Kathy Picanco, PP, won the prize.

We are preparing for Bingo on Saturday, February 8 to assist with the travel fund for fast pitch. We also will have a double bake sale on Friday, February 14.

In closing I want to thank Barb Epling, Sherry Gunther, Linda Deem and everyone who stepped in to help out at our installation by serving and helping with the cleanup. It was truly a blessing! I (Alberta) kind of got lost after the events that transpired that day. My granddaughter left that morning to head back to college in Iowa, then Sandy's fall really took a toll on me. My lodge family was there for me. Thank you.

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



Newly-elected Noble Grands are, from left, Cookie Music, Trinity; Jennie E. Rekenbrack, Monterose; and Ann Van Antwerp, Longview. At right is Shelly Patrick, Pine Burr's Vice Grand.



Part of the Installing Team at Napavine. Standing are Toby Hansen and Steve McCord. Seated are Kathi Picanco, Cathy Garcia and Laurel Delony.



At left, a nice crowd was on hand for the Installation of Officers at Napavine. At right, from left, are: Toby Hanson, Grand Musician and SGL Musician (barely seen); Steve McCord, Grand Treasurer; Kathi Picanco, PP and Assembly Chaplain; Cathy Garcia, PP; Laurel Delony,

Grand Secretary (hidden behind Peg); Peg Ogilvie, RA Vice President; Dave Delony, Deputy Grand Master; Margaret Truttmann, RA President; and Jennie Reed, Jr. PP. Others in attendance included Orlee Groh, Grand Herald; Steve Purcell, Grand Chaplain; and Karen Hoylman, PP.

Bucoda Bulletin Board

January's word of the month: Installations

There is one word that corresponds with January, in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and that word is:

INSTALLATIONS

Whirlwind hardly describes the events since my initial involvement in the ceremonies began on January 9 with Ballard-Alki; continued with Napavine on January 11, and Bothell on January 12. By publication time I suspect that Olympia/Bucoda on the 18th, and South Tacoma/Bremerton/Mystic on the 19th, will have taken place.

Let me catch my breath for a moment. . . Titusville on January 23 and Buckley on the 26th round out this year's installations — whew! What a ride, and

what a great experience.

The enthusiasm I have sensed in the new officers is overwhelming and I see a year of growth within the lodges as they continue the legacy of service and commitment to the community.

This article is, necessarily, short as I still have much preparation to do for the remaining installations, but I wish health, peace and prosperity to one and all

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Steve Purcell, Noble Grand (soon to be Past Grand),
Skookumchuck #129,
Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Bucoda Rebekahs #144*

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 in Onalaska

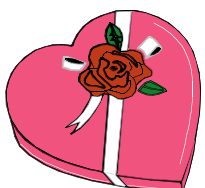
We hope all the lodges have installed new officers and are ready for 2020 to begin.

We have been saddened twice now at Pine Burr. Helen Thompson passed away in November and Jean Parnell on the morning of Christmas Eve. Both of these Sisters were longtime members. We will miss them a lot. Love and prayers are extended to both of their families.

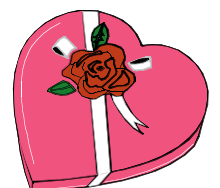
We are very relieved that Lou Ann Hoffman is back with us. It's hard when one who is always there is missing. We worked on our by-laws and we'll have them done soon!

There is not much going on yet! We're looking for the weather to break.

*In F., L. & T.,
Alberta Luurs, Noble Grand*



*Won't You Be My
Valentine!*





Six members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 on the ferry head to Scott Lake on the ferry for a sleepover with Spunky Bluebirds members. Around the table, from left, are: Riley Moore, Stacy Gardiner, Leilah McNichols, Lucy Crouch, Sophia Wyum and Desiree Gardiner.



Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79 and Spunky Bluebirds #93 gather for a group hug during their campout at Scott Lake.



Desiree Gardiner presents Theta Rho Assembly President Piper Fyffe with a check from Acorn Theta Rho #79 for her project.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE

Six of our members traveled to Advisor Sylvia Summers cabin at Scott Lake the first weekend in January for a sleepover with the Spunky Bluebirds. We had so much fun visiting, playing games and, of course, eating great food. It was Theta Rho Assembly President Piper's official visit with our club and we presented her with a check for her project. Thank you Spunky for having us.

This month we are making Valentines for our adopted care center. They are so appreciative of what we do for

them.

Things will be a little slower for a month as our Advisor will be on her annual trip to Germany, but when she gets back we will be ready for warmer weather (snowed in right now) and springtime activities like the retreat and parade.

Until next month. . .

— *With Theta Rho Hugs to all of you,
In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79*



Gathered at a cabin on Scott Lake are, back row, from left: Danny Cupps, Piper Fyffe, Malana Barbars and Lucy Crouch Front row, from left, are: Stacy Gardiner,

Evan Floyd, Sophia Wyum, Riley Moore, Desiree Gardiner, Leilah McNichols and Minyea Barbars. The girls enjoyed a fantastic time.

At Scott Lake

Theta Rho Girls ring in the New Year

What's more fun than a barrel of monkeys?

How about 11 Theta Rho Girls and three Advisors spending a rainy weekend all together in a cozy cabin at Scott Lake near Olympia?

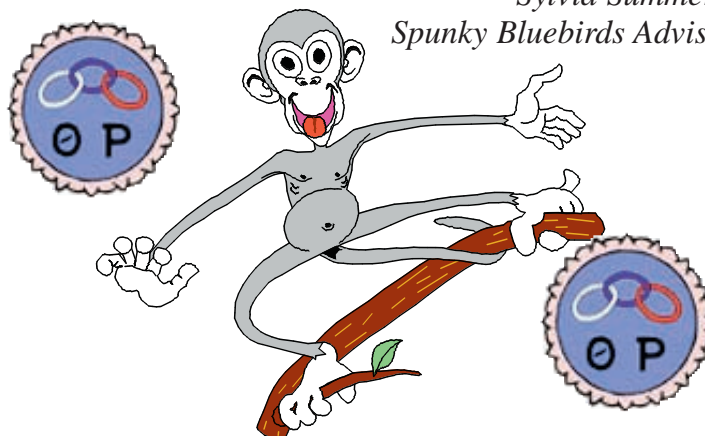
That's what happened when the Acorn Girls of Oak Harbor and Spunky Bluebirds of South Tacoma came together to celebrate the New Year. Even though the gathering included several new members from both clubs, it took no time for the cabin to fill with the buzz of talking and giggles. The girls played games, ate, shared secrets, watched a semi-scary movie, laughed, snacked and laughed some more. Sleep was not a high priority.

The weekend was made even more special by being

able to spend time with our Theta Rho Assembly President, Piper Fyffe, who was home from college.

Once again, many life-time Theta Rho memories were made.

— Sylvia Summers,
Spunky Bluebirds Advisor



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Did you know?

Here's the procedure for transferring of members

So, there seems to be confusion on how a transfer works in our great Order. There are several steps that need to be done. Below you will find the steps for transferring a member.

This is directly from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of General Laws:

CHAPTER XXVII CARDS AND CERTIFICATES

SECTION 1. GENERAL

C. Transfer Certificates.

(1) PROCEDURE. Lodge as used herein means any component unit of the Order. A member may transfer from one (1) lodge to another as follows:

(a) If not under charges and dues are paid ninety (90) days in advance.

(b) Signs petition for membership (application) in lodge to which the member wishes to transfer and attaches official certificate and fee as determined by the Grand Lodge (this jurisdiction \$1).

(c) Lodge receiving petition investigates and ballots (same as you do an application for membership by initiation). Returns fee, petition, and certificate if not elected. If elected, secretary of new lodge notifies secretary of old lodge sending the fee and requesting a transfer certificate. (Certificates can be purchased from the Grand Lodge for \$1)

(d) Secretary of old lodge sends transfer certificate to secretary of new lodge properly signed and sealed, without action of the lodge.

(e) When the secretary of the new lodge receives the certificate, notification will be sent to the member to attend and complete transfer by signing members' register, which terminates membership in old lodge.

(f) Secretary of new lodge shall immediately fill out, detach, and mail the certification from the transfer certificate to secretary of old lodge who shall then refund to the new lodge any dues paid in advance of date shown.

(g) If member fails to sign members' register of new lodge within ninety (90) days the certificate is void and membership continues in old lodge.

(h) Lodges paying sick or funeral benefits may charge an admission fee.

(i) Members may transfer as beneficial or non-beneficial, but the right to benefits in the new lodge is governed by its by-laws.

(j) Transfers between lodges of Independent Jurisdictions and lodges under direct supervision of The Sovereign Grand Lodge or other Grand Bodies shall be governed by the preceding sections.

There you have it! It's long winded but really easy to accomplish.

— *With Fraternal Hugs,*
Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary