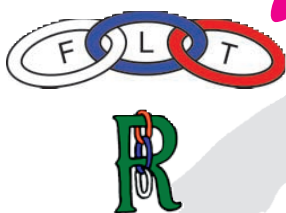
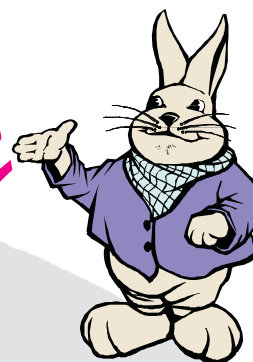


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All Lodges must go dark until May 1

The Heads of our Order have proclaimed that all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Washington must go dark until May 1, 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This includes all Lodges, Encampments, That Rho Clubs and Cantons. Your Executive will be monitoring the situation and will bring you updates as they develop including if we have to go dark longer or when it is okay to start meeting again. We urge you to watch your TV's and social media and follow both state and federal guidelines regarding your personal safety. Everyone's health is of paramount importance, so that is why we have made this decision.

Signed:

John Otterstrom,
Grand Master

Ron Hanson,
Grand Patricarch

Joyce Miller,
Grand Matricarch

Margaret Truttmann,
Rebekah Assembly President

From the Office of the
Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

To all units of Odd Fellowship:

Greetings,

The safety health and welfare of our members, workers, and visitors is of the utmost importance to Odd Fellowship. We want you to know that we are monitoring all recommendations and updates from government officials surrounding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), and we will inform the Grand Lodges of relevant changes. The first priority for everyone is to take appropriate steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure our entire community remains healthy.

Lodges that need to be open should take the necessary extra steps to ensure their spaces are clean and safe for the membership and visitors. We want to encourage everyone to follow guidance from public health officials regarding social distancing and proper health etiquette if and when visiting and public spaces.

As many of our membership are of a mature age and are concerned about both their health and the continuity of their lodge work. Short of a government shut down, I hereby give **dispensation** for those lodges who feel they need to go dark to do so without penalty for a period of two months. Be sure to inform your Grand Body office and the Grand Body send notice to The Sovereign Grand Lodge at: ioofthesgl@ioof.org

As soon as we know the status in both Arlington and Ottawa for the pilgrimages, we will pass that information on.

1. In the meantime, be diligent to call your shut-ins and keep in touch with the active members, be it phone, Facebook, etc.

First and foremost, prioritize and take all health and welfare precautions for yourself and others in your community. Health as a whole depends on working together, and our lodges and communities are the lifeblood of the Order. We want to make sure they continue to stay successful while maintaining appropriate public health safety measures.

Fraternally,

E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Right Worthy
Grand Lodge of Washington
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

March 23, 2020

**To All Odd Fellow Lodges in
The Jurisdiction of Washington:**

Brothers and Sisters,

The concern for the welfare of our members has increased. Covid-19 has become an even greater worry as members of the public are failing to practice distancing themselves.

In an effort to aid in distancing, I am requiring all Odd Fellow Lodges, within the Jurisdiction of Washington, to go dark until your first meeting in May. This may change depending on the situation at that time. I will be in contact with the lodges as we go along.

Your lodge may still pay it's necessary bills. All checks still require two signatures. No exception! If you have to mail the check to another member for a second signature, then that is what you will have to do. Keep track of all checks. Make sure your books balance and at the first meeting back, be sure to bring all bills paid to the floor.

Lodges may **not do virtual meetings** if all of your members do not have access to appropriate equipment.

This letter supersedes my last correspondence of giving your lodge the option of going dark.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please stay safe and well!

Fraternally,

John Otterstrom, Grand Master

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From the desk of your Grand Master

STAYING HEALTHY IS YOUR #1 PRIORITY

Hello All,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy with everything that's been going on everywhere.



**JOHN
OTTERSTROM**
Grand Master

GRAND SESSIONS STILL ON

We just wrapped up the Planning Board meeting in Yakima. As of now, Grand Sessions are still on and I am looking forward to all the activities and everything else that goes with it.

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Many of you on Facebook have seen my post. Those of you who have not please see my picture, please take a look. The left side photo is from February 29 and right side is from January 19. Can you see the difference?

SPUNKY INSTALLATION

I was able to attend Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club installation and dinner. It was great! The club has grown which is fantastic! Good job ladies! I'm so proud of you.

NO NORTHWEST MEETING

I was hoping to make Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah meeting in April, but we found out at the Planning Board meeting that it has been postponed.

SEE THE LETTERS ON PAGE 1

This is a scary and unknown time for most of us. I asked the Grand Secretary to include the letter I sent to all lodges about going dark in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. It is on page 1. Please read the letter, along with a letter from the Sovereign Grand Master. I am now requiring all lodges to go dark until Friday, May 1.

I am also asking you to keep in contact with your shut-ins and all of your members by phone, email, Facebook, etc.

You can use the Grand Lodge office as a point of contact. If you need help, please do not hesitate to call me.

EVERYONE TAKE CARE!

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

Grand Lodge Sessions tentatively still on

First and foremost, we hope you are faring well and keeping yourself safe in these trying times we find ourselves in.

Our 142nd Washington Sessions is scheduled for June 19 through 24, 2020. You can expect to find the registration form for sessions in the *May* edition of *The Washington Odd Fellow*. We, your Host Committee, thought it prudent to delay by one month the registration process in the event social distancing circumstances worsen. I know that our jurisdictional leaders are monitoring the situation carefully.

Meanwhile, please continue to make your hotel reservations — the sooner the better. Review the following schedule and make your preparations to attend. Our two theme nights are sure to be a hit, so prepare your costumes.

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

2020 GRAND SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 19, 2020

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

Saturday, June 20, 2020

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: "Alice In Wonderland"

Sunday, June 21, 2020

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 (Friendship)
4:00 p.m. Past Grand Masters Meeting/Banquet	Yakima Steak Company
7:00 p.m. All Branch Memorial Service	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level

Monday, June 22, 2020

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

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

YEAH! ALL YEAR-END REPORTS ARE IN

Brothers and Sisters,

Well we did it! I have received all the Lodge Year-End Reports. Thank you!



LAUREL DELONY

REPRESENTATIVES' CERTIFICATES

Secretaries, if your lodge is an even-numbered lodge, you should have elected a Representative for two years at your first meeting in February. I have not received all the even-number Lodge Representative Certificates. Get those Representatives elected and send me the certificates. If you don't get them to me, I will be hounding

your lodge. Ugh!

'TAKE ME' REPORTS DUE!

Here's a reminder to all elective officers of the Grand Lodge and Committee Chairmen: Your reports for the "Take Me" (Advance Reports) are due in this office no later than Wednesday, April 15. If they come into the office after that date, regardless of post mark, they will have to come to the floor at Grand Sessions. If you have any questions please give me a call.

ASKING FOR DONATIONS

We are looking for donations for the silent auction at Grand Sessions. All the proceeds are divided up between the five heads of the Order. You can either send the items to the Grand Lodge office in Buckley, hand them to me in person or bring them to Grand Sessions.

SESSIONS DRESS CODE

Sessions are coming up soon and just wanted every-

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 COVID-19 restrictions now happening at WOF

A proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee dated March 10 to all assisted living and nursing homes in the state canceled all group activities and visitors at the Washington Odd Fellows in Walla Walla until further notice on Thursday, April 9. The Washington Odd Fellows Home advised all residents in independent living apartments to apply these guidelines to their personal lives and use social distancing as much as feasible.

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 has canceled its meetings until we receive new instructions. We are mindful of washing our hands, staying home, and keeping ourselves and others healthy.

— In Friendship Love and Truth, Shirley Ruble, Reporter

one to know that the dress code for the Grand Lodge is Western Business Attire.

A letter to all the Representatives and Officers will be going out in May.

KEEP SAFE AND WELL

— With Fraternal Elbow Hugs
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary



Family affair in Buckley

Four generations of one family were at the Installation of Officers in Buckley on Sunday, January 26. Three were installed. Guess which one wasn't? From left are: Karen Hoylman, Secretary; Kendra Frogge', RSVG; Florence Dupont, VG; and Florence's daughter, Clara Dupont.



New Officers in Buckley

Installing Marshal Cathy Garcia, far left, presented Dana Hanson, left, Noble Grand-elect for Buckley IOOF Lodge #15 and Kim Presley, right, Noble Grand-elect for Eola Rebekah Lodge #63. At far right is Grand Lodge Marshal Steve Purcell who attended the Installation of Officers in Buckley on January 26.

From the desk of the Assembly President

STAY HEALTHY IN THESE ROUGH TIMES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"April showers bring May flowers" is an expression that I have heard many times over the years. The daffodils, crocus and tulips are in bloom and it will soon be time to plant our garden. However, I believe that most of our thoughts are on the COVID-19 virus and how much it is impacting our state and communities, as well as the lives of our families and friends. May all of you continue to take the necessary steps to be healthy. Remember, the most important person right now is you.



MAGGIE
TRUTTMANN

GOOD TIME IN KANSAS CITY

Jennie Reed, David Reed, Karen Holyman, Barbara Nelson, Holly Houser, Cathy Garcia, Kathi Picanco, Peg Ogilvie and I were able to attend the Testimonial for International

Rebekah Assemblies President Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreit in Kansas City, Missouri. On Friday morning, 26 of us from around the country traveled to Hamilton, Missouri. Hamilton is home to the "Missouri Star Quilt Company" that sells fabric in-house, as well as on-line. There is a retreat center with around eight shops arranged by types of fabrics such as holiday, children, floral etc. The community by working together to create the different themed shops hopes to save a dying town. They also have included a large space with very comfortable overstuffed leather recliners for the men or anyone to lay back and enjoy watching television.

MORE FUN TIMES

We also viewed the J.C. Penney Museum in town and

learned about the founder of the Penney's Company, who was born in Hamilton.

We had a great time on Friday night with a BBQ dinner and 60s music along with costumes.

The Saturday dinner was a lovely formal social event with presentations honoring President Elizabeth.

MY ACTIVITIES ARE CURTAILED

Several activities that I had scheduled for April and early May have been postponed or are on a wait and see basis because of COVID-19 virus.

PLANT A TREE

Friday, April 24 is Arbor Day and this is an excellent time to support the dream of Sovereign Grand Master Wilson D. Berkley, who in 1989 was concerned about global tree loss. He commissioned "The Living Legacy Program" — "Plant a Tree for One Who Comes after Me" as a project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This is a good time to consider planting a tree to help our environment, add beauty to our communities and provide food and cover for wildlife. Your lodge might work with the local library, school, church or other city organization to provide trees and have them planted.

May you have a wonderful spring. I leave you with this closing thought by Henry David Thoreau: "The most I can do for my friend is simply be a friend."

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

— In Friendship, Love & Truth
Margaret Truttmann,

President,

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

WHEW! WHAT A BUSY MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When I first sat down to write my article for our *Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper, I looked out the window and it was snowing. Now the sun is out and it is getting warmer.



MARCIA PRESLEY

I know that many of our Rebekah Lodges are going dark for the next two months. What is going on at this time is a very solemn and stressful time for everyone in our Order and the world.

I opened my charge book to look up something and the first page that opened

contained the Chaplain's opening prayer. After reading it, I felt much better. I also read our Rebekah Creed and that too has helped. Have **FAITH**, have **HOPE** and where you can safely perform it, **CHARITY** and what they stand for,

The world's most basic needs can be summed up in four words: **Bread, Brains, Beliefs** and **Brotherhood**. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can as long as ever you can.

Take care and **BE SAFE!**

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
And as Sister Laurel signs off,
LOTS OF ELBOW HUGS.

Marcia Presley, PP & Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington



Two new members from Bothell

On Thursday, February 27, Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 initiated two new members for Bothell IOOF Lodge #124. Many members of Bothell are also members of Ballard-Alki so it was a natural collaboration. Front row, from left,

are: Clinton Attaway, Lucia Neare, Dean Paton, Ezekiel Blessing and Ayan Mohamed. In the back row, from left, are: Nora Carria, Greg Powers, Bob Duniway, and Rich Ater. All the members pictures belong to Bothell #124.

Be Safe! Be Informed!



Home's Dining Room gets a facelift!



Above: Chervenelle Construction removed the atrium and sealed off the Main Dining Room to build the new section. The kitchen staff serves meals three times a day to four dining rooms and a café. During the renovation, the Main Dining Room is closed, and 100 residents are served at tables in the second-floor auditorium. **At Left:** The renovation of the Main Dining Room at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla will provide new windows, flooring, heating, and air conditioning. The building was constructed in 1979 — 41 years ago. “The Dining Room is not insulated and is not a comfortable place to dine,” said Rob Grandstaff, Director of Environmental Services and General Contractor. **Below:** The architect’s drawing features the atrium with spacious floor to ceiling windows to optimize natural daylight. The new Dining Room will be fully insulated and energy-efficient.





97 years and counting!

Narcissa Rebekahs celebrated Rose Ringhoffer's 97th birthday party at El Sombrero Restaurant. Front row, from left, are: Jeannine Griffin, Rose Ringhoffer, Nancy Klicker, Robertta Hunt, Patty Newell, Marthann Hall and Barbara

Lechner. In the back row, from left, are: Pauline Winters, Shirley Ruble, Lula Belle Washington, Sharon Sousa, Neita Stearns (Of Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18), Barbara and Ted Trvz.



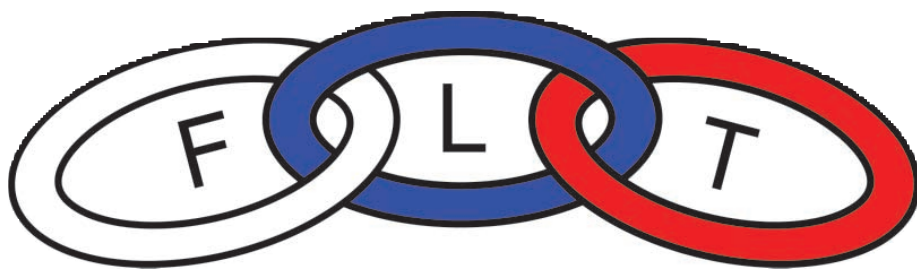
Kansas City fun!

David and Jennie Reed looked like they just stepped out of the 1960s at the Testimonial for IARA President Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreit in Kansas City, Missouri. We wonder if they brought their chartreuse VW Microbus with them. See additional photo at right.



The delegation from Washington looked the part during the "60s Night" at the Testimonial for International Rebekah Assemblies President Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreit in Kansas City, Missouri. Washington had the largest number of attendees from out of the area. The evening included a great BBQ, along with entertainment and music to dance and sing to. In the back row are David Reed and Barbara Nelson, PP. In the middle row are Jennie Reed; Kathi Picanco, PP; Margaret Truttmann, PP; Karen Hoylman, PP; and Peg Ogilvie, PP. Seated are Holly Houser and Cathy Garcia.

~ Lodge Cards ~



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Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. No newspapers are published in July or August.

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.

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:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975. **Sec'y:** Greg Hulet, 1035 NW Huckle Dr., Bremerton, WA 98311. **Ph:** (360) 633-0516 (2/28/21)

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)

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 (2/28/22)

MONROE I.O.O.F. LODGE #156

Meets At: IOOF Cemetery, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Carol Manni, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-1197. **Sec'y:** Aloha Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-8338 (2/28/22)

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:** Kim Owens, 6321 Congressional Dr., Olympia, WA 98513-8808. **Ph:** (760) 684-2234. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/21)

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 11 am, meeting at 12 noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Highway 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearls St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/21)

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Happy Easter to all our members and their families. Here we are about to leap into spring and some of us are having snow. May you soon feel the sun upon you and may it stay in place for a while.

It is early yet but Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 is still planning on a Mothers' Day Brunch on Saturday, May 9. We'll be sending out more information as we continue to get ready for this event. We do hope that you will bring your mothers to join us in this fund-raiser at our Puget Beach Odd Fellows Park.

We are now in an unpredictable time. Please take the time for health and safety to guard your family, friends and members of your lodges from illness that could be spread. Don't let other people's decisions affect what you feel is right for you and yours. (Elbow) hugs to all!

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 are still collecting:

- (1) Food for the Veteran' and Union Gospel Mission Distribution, as well as hotel size toiletries.
- (2) Gently used coats, new socks and underwear for

~ Lodge Cards ~

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 (2/28/21)

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 At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Bucoda, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Kyle Reyoldson. **Email:** kkreynoldson@earthlink.net. **Ph:** (360) 790-0383. **Sec'y:** Holly Finley, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (702) 630-2888 (2/28/21)

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 (2/28/22)

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:** Harry Jester, 3904 NE 122nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 980-7948. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, W 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/22)

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:** Jayden Baker, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910 (2/28/21)



Kathi Picanco and Cathy Garcia found a new friend in Kansas City, Missouri while visiting that mid-western city for the Testimonial honoring IARA President Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreet. They were outside a local restaurant where they agreed there is nothing like Kansas City pork.

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the Little Red School House (children going to school may not have the necessary clothing) and school supplies.

It is so important to continue to support our communities and have them recognize our organization as partners of the community. Olympia #1 is presently working with a local school PTA to support the school in needed funds and items, as well as a contribution of manpower for their projects. Ruth Rebekah Lodge #1 is collecting old bras to be sent for abused women. The bras will be refurbished and distributed to women in need.

The Planning Board for our Annual Sessions in Yakima just met, and we are fortunate to continue to stay at the Red Lion Hotel in Yakima with the same prices through 2021. Thank you all for your support of our Annual Sessions. We look forward to seeing those members who will be coming to Sessions. We continue to have more out-of-state Odd Fellow and Rebekah officers visit us at our Sessions and some of us are lucky to attend other Jurisdictional Sessions as well. Sharing ideas can only lead to helping us all with our lodges and Jurisdictional Sessions.

— In F., L. & T., Kathi Picanco,
Reporter for Olympia #1 and Ruth #17



Four new members initiated in Buckley

Four new Odd Fellows were initiated into Odd Fellowship at Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 on March 11. The new members are in the white collars. In the back row, from left, are: Terry Glass, Stuart Dye, Corey Waldrip, Steven Downs, Marcus Gardner, Matt McCollum. In the front row, from

left, are: Madi Martin, Kenny Dye, Joanne Balmert, Laurel Delony, Britney-Marie Jahner and Tom Smith. Britney-Marie Jahner is President of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 in South Tacoma. At the meeting, but taking the photo, was Toby Hansen, PGM.

Acorn Theta Rho #79 Club in Oak Harbor

Spring is officially here and hopefully warmer weather will follow.

This month we will be attending the Theta Rho Retreat at the IOOF Park in Olympia. We always look forward to this time with the other clubs and all the fun activities that take place that weekend. We know President Piper Fyffe and the JYC will have many activities planned.

Our other big event for this month is our annual participation in the Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor the last weekend of the month. This is a good way to get our name out to the public. We always hand

out flyers along the parade route.

(Editor's note: The above activities have been canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.)

Our community service will be our Easter favors for the "Welcome Home Memory Care" facility. We made our annual donation in March to the Arthritis Fund as March is Arthritis month.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. We will be seeing you soon as Assembly time is fast approaching.

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

Bucoda Bulletin Board

Bucoda Lodges have a lot on the table



It will be a busy time coming up in Bucoda with lots of varied events on the calendar, so let's try to do these in chronological order:

March 28 — Several members will go to Vancouver to assist in an Initiation ceremony. Its always a good time help out other lodges with the rituals.

April 20 — That's right "420." Local first responders in Tenino and Bucoda have set up a Dodge Ball Tournament. They are calling it the "I Dodged Drugs" event. Skookumchuck #129 Odd Fellows and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 are on deck to help out with whatever is needed — well, except for actually *playing* Dodge Ball. I'm still traumatized from my grade school days.

April 24 — It is Bucoda Rebekahs #144's Bingo Night to be held in the South Room

(downstairs this time) at the Bucoda Community Center, 7th and Main Street in Bucoda. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. and snacks will be available for purchase at this iteration of this classic game.

OPEN HOUSE ON THE HORIZON

A joint Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Open House and Membership Event has been proposed for this summer.

Details will follow as the event is fleshed out. Anyone who would like to participate just needs to let us know.

NEW BROTHERS FOR SKOOKUMCHUCK

Welcome new members John Pegg and Gary Givens to Skookumchuck #129. Fasten your seat belts — our lodges are engaging warp speed this year.

COVID-19

On a serious note, Covid-19 is a real concern and it cannot be stated enough to **WASH YOUR HANDS**. Wash them for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and hot water. We want everyone to stay happy and healthy. While on the subject of Covid-19 (I'm about to get in trouble here) Lou Ann Hoffman donated \$30 to the Tenino Food Bank for the purchase of sanitizing supplies. Skookumchuck #129 followed her lead and donated \$100. Thank you Lou Ann for thinking of the Tenino Food Bank which serves many families in the Tenino and Bucoda areas. Sounds like a good project for other lodges, as well. Do you have a local food bank? Donate them some sanitizing supplies or cash to purchase some.

LAURA TAKES A TUMBLE

By the way, Laura Purcell of Skookumchuck #129, was doing some fancy foot work recently and fell over a wheelchair which caused some ligament damage, but she is okay. We got to sign her cast which you can see in the photo at left.

That's all for now so until next time.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Steve Purcell, PG & Treasurer,
Skookumchuck #129,*

*Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Bucoda Rebekahs #144*

Covid-19 - What you can do

- *Stay Home & Be Safe*
- *Keep Updated By Watching The News On Social Media*
- *If You Are Healthy, Consider Giving Blood*
- *Work On A Project Like Sewing Face Masks, Kits Are Available*
- *Support Local Businesses*
- *Keep In Touch With Sisters And Brothers*



Standing, from left, are: Theresa Martin, Kristy Cossette, Mikki Keller, Kennedy Keller and Stormy Sager with granddaughter Amelia. Seated in front is Jody Morris.

Vancouver #3 Odd Fellows support Camas HS students with community senior project

Kennedy Keller and Taija Souki, seniors at Camas High School, decided to ask members of their Odd Fellow Lodge, Vancouver #3, to help support their Camas community senior project. The lodge granted them financial assistance. And away they went to succeed.

The project was planning a family dance with proceeds benefitting the Northwest Down Syndrome Association's Kindergarten Inclusion program. The two

seniors worked hard planning and organizing the "Out of This World Fun Raiser." Nearly 100 attendees — ages from babies to grandparents — danced the night away with plenty of energy, resulting with so many smiles of happiness. The event netted \$1,500 for the inclusion program.

Vancouver #3 congratulates Kennedy and Taija for a job well done!

— Jody Morris, Reporter

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

WE'RE GOING DARK

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

To all members, South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 has gone dark until May 7. This was decided in the best interest of our members.

So there is not much to tell you other than we are here

if anyone needs us to pick something up and do a drive by drop off.

We'll be keeping in contact with all of our members and those that are shut-in. We're sending out Rebekah Hugs to all.

— With Rebekah Elbow Hugs,
The members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Oregon Grand Sessions moved to early September

**To all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges
In the Jurisdiction of Oregon:**

With your health and the safety of your family's health being our number one concern and with the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warnings to all citizens about the Covid-19 Virus, it is my sad duty to inform all of you that on March 19, 2020 the Grand Lodge of Oregon Executive committee, with the approval of Rebekah Assembly President Merrilea Manning, voted to postpone our scheduled Grand Lodge Sessions on May 15 through May 17 and are announcing the new dates for Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly sessions to be held on **September 2 thru September 4, 2020** with Grand opening on the evening of September 1, 2020 at 7 p.m.

If any member has made reservations with the Holiday Inn in Salem for the May dates, please call the hotel at (503) 370-7888 and cancel your reservations. You can then make a new reservation for September 1 through 4. At this time all current Grand Lodge of Oregon officers including all Rebekah Assembly officers will remain in their perspective offices until elections can be held in September.

Also please note: the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting scheduled April 3, 4 and 5 in Canada has been canceled. The border between Canada and the United States has been closed.

First and foremost, protect yourself and your families and try to stay positive during this pandemic.

Please note: Sovereign Grand Master E. Wesley Nelson and Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry Barrett have also received this notice and agree of this change citing: First and foremost our membership needs to stay safe. If we are going to stamp this virus out then we need to pay attention to what our health officials are telling us to do.

From the bottom of my heart I wish you all the best and pray for swift healing to all the afflicted.

— *In Friendship Love and Truth,*
Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Oregon IOOF

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 Onalaska

Greetings from Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300!

Our meetings have been going good with good numbers in attendance.

We were scheduled to have a bake sale at Brenda's Market on April 10, 2020. It will be held at a later date because of the Covid-19 virus. Not a whole lot is happening. Have a happy Easter everyone! Stay healthy.

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

No Tomb Pilgrimage to Arlington this year

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended that all mass gatherings scheduled for the next eight weeks be cancelled. The Pilgrimage to the Tomb falls within that time frame. In addition, John Hopkins has notified Mark that the visit there is cancelled.

ARLINGTON CEMETERY CLOSED

Arlington Cemetery is closed until further notice. Since we have to make the arrangements with Arlington Cemetery a year in advance to hold the Pilgrimage, it is not possible to change the date for the 2020 Pilgrimage to the Tomb. Therefore, I contacted the hotel to get a release from our contract for this year. The hotel has agreed to do so. Anyone with a hotel reservation needs to contact the hotel directly to cancel their reservations. There will not be a Pilgrimage to the Tomb this year. All meetings scheduled for the hotel need to be rescheduled and relocated to a different date and place. Refunds will be issued in the near future for all meals, bus and wreath reservations already received and the checks deposited.

Any reservations received after will be returned. Anyone with questions may contact me at

clr1220@yahoo.com

or by calling (301) 350-4495. Please share this information as widely as possible.

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Trinity here, not really knowing what is going on in our crazy world.

Our Spring Bazaar was a bust! Between the snow and the Covid-19 Virus, it really kicked us down. We were so slow! There were lots of vendors but the public was a no-show. Very sad.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO SISTER EVELYN

We had one of our Sisters lose the love of her life Evelyn Neumann lost Ed. It is a very sad time for Evelyn and her three daughters and grandson. Love and prayers are extended to all.

BINGO CANCELED

With the virus going on in the world right now and our world leaders telling us to not gather, we are having to cancel our Bingo on April 4, 2020. We will reschedule for a later date.

Sandy Beane is doing better than most of her doctors could believe. She tires easily, but she's up and taking (trying) the bull by the horns. She too lost her little sidekick (dog) Amber. Hugs to you, Sandy.

Please, everyone, stay healthy. Happy Easter!

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

Tentative schedule for Grand Lodge Sessions

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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: "Beach Party"

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

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

6:00 p.m. Joint Installation of Officers	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level
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Wednesday, June 24, 2020

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

You can still make your hotel reservations

Dear Brother and Sisters,

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

We are fortunate that the location for the Grand Lodge's 142nd Sessions will remain at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center for the same room price as last year. The hotel cost for rooms is \$77 for a single or double, \$87 for triple and lastly \$97 for a quad. Your room reservation will include a free breakfast. 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.

**Please make reservations as soon as possible at:
Red Lion Hotel Yakima**

Address: 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 a daily lunch *for purchase* 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 your support.

The "Annual Silent Auction" will take place again this year. We are asking each lodge to bring an item(s) to auction off. Sister Laurel Delony has graciously accepted to run the auction again this year. Your donations and bids will help raise money for the various charitable projects of our Jurisdiction. Thanks to your generosity, last year we raised \$1,312.

We look forward to seeing many of you again this year!

— Joe and Kathi Picanco,
Grand Lodge Host Committee

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane

Sisters and Brothers,

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 in Spokane installed new officers on February 5. Sister Cynthia "Dusti" Trebe, DDP and Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Montana, was our Installing Officer.

The following officers were installed: Noble Grand Sister Carol Hare, Vice Grand Sister Polly Gill, Secretary Sister Joey Locke, and Treasurer Brother Tim Moon.

On February 19, we enjoyed a tasty baked potato bar with a large variety of delicious toppings. Sister Pat Nave was the hostess and treated us to cherry pie, ice cream and cake.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 initiated a new member at our first meeting in March. At the second March meeting, we hosted our annual High Tea. Many Sisters and Brothers attended.

We welcome visitors. Please come and visit us. We meet the first and third Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

With Rebekah Hugs and in F., L. & T.,
Tedd Swanson, PNG and Reporter

Be Safe!
Stay Informed!

2020 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, 2020. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate

Advertising in the 2020 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:

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Thanks in advance for your support.

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

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Living Legacy is Alive & well in Kent

A cemetery project was recently completed at Hillcrest Burial Park in Kent, partially funded by a contribution from Titusville Odd Fellows Lodge #34 for the Living Legacy Program. The before photo is above and the finished photo is below. The project was headed by Titusville Noble Grand and Cemetery General Manager Dan Seeley.

— In F.L.&T,

Tina Reitan, Secretary

