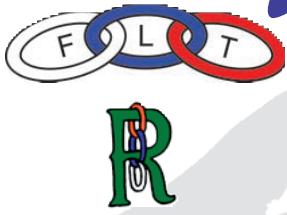


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Sophia Stanaway, daughter of Ballard Alki member Ian Stanaway, enjoying April edition of *The Washington OddFellow*.



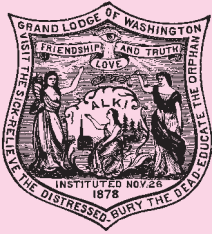
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All Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodges
Officers and Members of the
Jurisdiction of Washington

RE: Cancellation of the Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We regret to inform you that the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly for 2020 have been canceled. Sessions will resume in June of 2021.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, in compliance with the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have implemented the following:

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- Elected members of all boards and committees shall be extended in their respective positions for an additional year.
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As an example, if your term was to expire in 2020, it has now been reset to 2021. If your term was due to expire in 2021, it is now 2022 and so forth.
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This is an unprecedented action. It is most important that we act to protect the well being of our membership and comply with our Governments' edicts.

If you have any questions please contact:

John Otterstrom, Grand Master at johneo.ioof@gmail.com or Margaret Truttmann, Rebekah Assembly President at maggie@olynet.com or either of the Secretaries' offices, Grand Lodge Secretary grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or Rebekah Assembly Secretary marciapresley2644@gmail.com

— In F, L. & T.,

s/John Otterstrom,
Grand Master

s/Margaret Truttmann
Rebekah Assembly President



From the desk of your Grand Master



At left, Grand Master John Otterstrom, aka Johneo, in August. Photo at right was taken in mid-May, 2020.

NO SESSIONS - JUST KEEP SAFE & HEALTHY!

Greetings All,

I hope everyone is staying safe. As many of you know, sadly, Grand Sessions have been postponed until June of 2021. Speaking for myself, I'm really sad about this, but it's the right thing to do to keep everyone safe *AND* healthy. Please keep an eye out for updates on when the stay home and safe orders are lifted, hopefully by the end of June.

A LOT LESS OF ME

I am now three months post OP and feeling great. My doctor is really pleased with my progress. I'm still working on my new lifestyle with a few hiccups, but I am moving around much easier.

The photo on the left was taken in August and the photo at right was taken in mid-May. Notice the small differences. *LOL*. I was hoping to show the new me in June after losing 114 pounds (so far). Oh well!

Stay safe everyone. XO!

I miss seeing my extended family. *Be safe everyone.*

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth*
And Fraternal Love, John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"

Your 2019-2020 Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF



*Even In These
Troubled Times,
Please Honor
All Fathers On
Sunday, June 21*





In an unprecedented move, the Grand Lodge of Washington plans to publish extra "Mini-Editions" of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper in July and August, 2020. These newspapers will contain information and updates on the COVID-19 situation in the Jurisdiction of Washington and how we are handling this crisis. In the "Extra" editions, we hope to keep you in the loop and entertained. There will be fun information about our Order, along with other stuff. We want to keep everyone connected.

Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers may or may not submit letters for publication.

However, we want to hear what is happening in your local Lodges, Encampments, etc. So please submit your stories about how you are handling the Coronavirus. Pictures are welcome, as always.

— *Bill Ostlund, Your Editor*

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

MY LAST LETTER UNTIL FALL

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well and being safe. This is the last letter from this office until September.

I hope that all of the restrictions will be coming off soon and that we'll all be able to enjoy our summer.

SESSIONS ARE CANCELED

By now everyone should be aware that our Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions are cancelled. The officers, elected, appointed, and the committee members will continue on for another year. Hopefully we'll get back to "normal" soon and that we can have our Sessions next year as planned. As far as Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions, which are planned for August, as of the writing of this article, we don't know. We won't hear anything from the SGL until after Memorial Day.

INFORMATION FOR LODGES

We just don't know how soon the Washington State Government is going to allow us to open our lodge doors. It

may not be in June and I know that many of the lodges go dark July and August. Well, you have to play it by ear and hope to start meeting again in September. If we are able to open up, what are your plans to make sure that your members stay safe? Do you have hand sanitizer? Will you be able to social distance? Will you be able to sanitize everything that gets handled? These are just some of the questions to pose to your lodge members before you start meeting again. Have a plan ready.

HAVE YOUR PAPERWORK READY

Lodge Secretaries, I am still getting information that the proper "new member" paperwork is not being submitted. Either we don't have your member listed on your roster, the SGL doesn't have it on theirs, and we do, etc. Please make sure that when you know you are going to have an initiation, get the paperwork started and be ready to send it to the Grand Lodge office and Sovereign Grand Lodge. There are two pieces of documentation that should be filled out. One is the yellow card like form and the other is the SGL full sheet new member paperwork. Be sure to fill out all the blanks. If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Lodge Office. I'll walk you through it.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CARDS

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, asked about my health, etc. I am very well and doing fine. Thank you again.

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



LAUREL DELONY



Dining room remodel progressing at our Home

Here is a picture of the progress done on remodeling the outside of the main dining room at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. At the upper left, three-inch crimp wrap is used to cover the duct airflow in the main

dining room. Aluminum will make the fiberglass waterproof, according to Roger Capristo of DKB, Inc. Construction. He's standing at the lower right. The brown sheet metal siding and windows are waterproof.

From the desk of the Assembly President

YES, OUR SESSIONS ARE CANCELED

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Normally in this article for June, I would be telling you about happenings over the last month and the preparations for Session in June. However, we all know that nothing has been what we call “normal.” In case you have not heard, Sessions for June have been canceled due to the rules regarding social distancing, numbers of people meeting in groups, along with other considerations such as restaurant restrictions and availability in the local area.



MAGGIE
TRUTTMANN

Right now Grand Master John Otterstrom and I are thankful for the current officers who have agreed to remain in office for another year for both the Rebekah Assembly and the Grand Lodge. It is our hope that the appointed officers and representatives

also will be willing to continue, as well as those appointed to committees.

A special thank you to each one of you for your help along the way this past year and for your continued support.

NOTHING IS ‘NORMAL’

We all have hope that things will be back to what we consider normal, however, what is normal varies from

person to person, family to family, community to community, job to job, business to business, organization to organization and day to day. I believe that hope along with faith helps us get through the tough times no matter what they might be — loss of family members, illness, divorce, loss or lack of an income, and even a pandemic.

This is the time for us to call members of our lodges and see if they are well and need anything. Maybe take time to get groceries for your neighbor or a friend who cannot go to the store, pick up a prescription, transport someone to an appointment and wait for them. Remember some times what one does for another is small to do but gives a giant relieve to the person being helped.

JUNE HOLIDAYS

Remember to fly your flag on Flag Day, June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. Summer begins on June 20 with more hope for good weather and time outdoors with friends and family. Sunday, June 21 is Father’s Day

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*
Margaret Truttmann, President,
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We’re looking for Spanish Flu stories

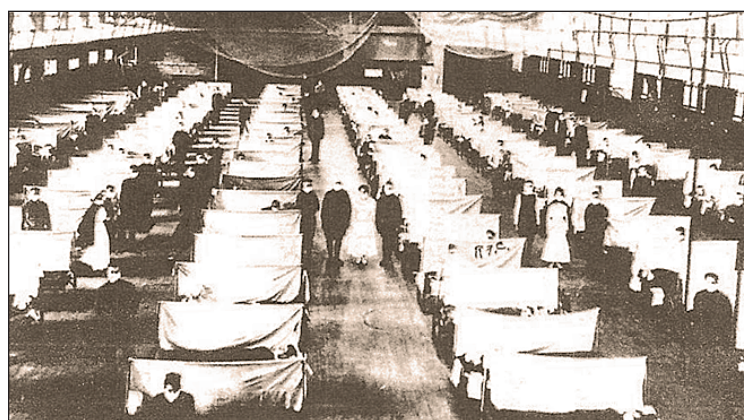
Do you have any stories from your parents, grandparents or other past friends or relatives from the Spanish Flu Pandemic in 1918-19? If so, we would love to hear your recollections.

I remember my grandfather talking about the pandemic when I was a young man. Grandpa and Grandma had two young children including my father who was born in the summer of 1918. Grandpa said the county health officials posted quarantine signs on their home and their travel was restricted. Luckily they lived on a farm, so they had plenty of food for their growing family. Four more siblings joined the family within the next eight years.

None of the family came down with the deadly flu, but Grandpa remembered other families losing sons, daughters and other relatives.

If you have any similar stories, please send us your passed-down stories for our “Extra” editions for July and August. All stories must be received by the 15th of the month.

— Bill Ostlund, Editor



Millions die in 1918

The 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic killed more people — 30 million to 50 million — than the 20 million who died in World War I. This warehouse was converted into an emergency infirmary.

— National Archives photo
Courtesy Shirley Ruble

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

ALL OFFICERS, ETC. REMAIN IN OFFICE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With our Rebekah Assembly Sessions cancelled for 2020, we will face a whole new situation for all the Rebekah Lodges of the Jurisdiction of Washington. As the Rules of our Order state, when a Assembly Session is cancelled, all current Officers, Committee Members, Representatives and District Deputy Presidents remain in their respective positions until the election or appointment of the Rebekah Assembly and the Installation of their successors at their next Assembly Sessions.



MARCIA PRESLEY

We as a Jurisdiction have to be diligent in our endeavor to continue our work of the Order, but we must do this in a whole new way, by doing it with care and safety, to always protect our Members.

PER CAPITA & ASSESSMENT BILLS

I will be sending out the Per Capita and Assessment bills this month and the final due date will be printed on the bills. If you don't have a signed check for the officer who pays the bills for your Lodge, be sure to have one available so this bill can be paid. It does not require a vote of your members prior to paying your Per Capita and Assessment bills or the SGL dues bill.

REPORTS COMING YOUR WAY IN JULY

Your Lodge will be receiving the Report of the Assembly Officers and Committee Chairman Reports in July and an invoice for the printing will be enclosed. This report will need to be available for your Lodge Representatives to bring with them to our Assembly Sessions in 2021.

THE PERFECT GIFT

*No moving parts, no batteries,
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It relieves your tension and your stress,
Invigorates your happiness.
Combats depression, makes you beam,
And elevates your self-esteem.
Your circulation it corrects,
Without complicated side effects.
It is, I think, the perfect drug,
May I prescribe, to all my Friends. . . a **HUG**.*

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,

HUGS FROM MY HEART,

Marcia Presley, PP & Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington
marciapresley2644@gmail.com

~ From your 2019-20 Theta Rho President ~

HAPPY JUNE EVERYONE!

Boy has it been a wild ride so far this year. Congratulations to anyone who has graduated this year



PIPER FYFFE

— I know it feels like this achievement has been overshadowed, but be proud of yourself and your accomplishments, especially in times like these. I just completed in May my second year of college and I've gotta admit that it feels very strange. But I am looking forward to my classes this next semester and the things I'm gonna do.

If nothing else I feel like now more than ever that I should do all the things I said I would do some day. I encourage you all to do it, too. Dance in the rain, buy that interesting flavor of ice cream, call that friend you miss. Life goes by fast and we often take these small

moments for granted, so don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone and do something new.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

I hope everyone has a good summer, and we can all slowly start to get things back to normal as soon as it is safe. I know I've got a bunch of ideas for projects to do and plenty of friends I haven't seen in a while. Because of this ever-changing situation, if anyone has any questions about upcoming events or meetings, please don't be afraid to contact me or the JYC.

THANK YOU ALL

Lastly I once again want to say thank you for electing me and trusting me through these difficult and strange times. I hope all of you are doing well and reading this somewhere safe, whether it be at home or together. Keep being awesome and boldly go where no one has gone before.

— Blessings, Hugs, Smiles,
And Happiness Through Service,
Piper Fyffe,

Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

~ From your 2019-20 Grand Patriarch ~

GRAND ENCAMPMENT SESSIONS CANCELED

By now most everybody should be aware that our Grand Sessions have been canceled for the year.



RON HANSON

After being notified that the Grand Lodge was canceled, I had a phone conversation with Sister Joyce Miller and we thought it best to follow the same format used by the Grand Lodge in canceling the Grand Encampment Sessions. A letter with details has been sent to the Encampments and the Ladies Encampments Auxiliaries, which are also published elsewhere in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper.

KITCHEN FLOORS AND MORE STUFF

Having all this time to get things done at home that have been put off for a very long time in some cases, I am not sure what to tackle next. For the last week I have been redoing kitchen floors and cabinet doors, as well as sorting out all the *STUFF* she had stored in them. Most of you know that Dee was a cook and kitchen manager for Kennewick High School. What some of you probably do not know was that she was also a trained cake decorator and had a degree in culinary arts from Portland College, so there is a lot of *STUFF* in boxes at the moment. Most of you who knew her know that she would give freely of her time and talents for our Order.

THIS IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

Now you wonder where I am going with this. Well when I take a break from working on a project, I look at a little social media. Last night I see on Facebook that Sister Brenda Reed, Past President of the IARA and a friend, had gotten their Rebekah Lodge to pony up and they delivered what looked to be a minivan full of Subway lunches to some local first responders. Way to go ladies. That's what we are about.

When I look more, I see that members are doing various things on Facebook for others, which is a good thing. What bothers me is when they are doing it to help entertain and relive stress during the situation, we find ourselves in, is that when I look further along I see they post something else suggesting you should pay them for it. Well I think that is wrong in several ways. The more you look it seems that we have a lot of members in our Order that are here to be paid for everything they do and make a living from it. That's not what we are about! While we do have some paid positions in our Order and we compensate Officers and Committee members for the costs. It usually costs the member more than they are compensated. One of the first things you learn in getting your Degrees is that you may be asked to use all your worldly possessions to help a member in need. Let's hope it never gets to that.



These days, Grand Patriarch Ron Hanson is hard at work remodeling his kitchen with new flooring.

A great number of our members live on a fixed income and have to count every penny they spend. Some of us on a fixed income have it a little better and can afford to "if you will" waste a little on luxuries from time to time. The point I am trying to make is that if you do something for a living and donate a portion of your time and talents to members of our Order for their enjoyment and to enrich their lives by giving of your time and talents which provide you a living. You should not expect to receive payment for it. I made my living by being an Ironworker, and as most of you know if I have the time, I will make something for the silent auction we hold at Sessions and donate it without expectation of being paid for it, except for the good feeling I get for having done it. From time to time some of you have told me I have a gift and talent for it and I appreciate the compliments. That is thanks enough for me. It was a long hard learning curve to learn how to do the things I do with iron.

Folks, if you joined our Order with the intention of making a living off of the membership, then you picked the wrong group and should probably move on. However, if you joined to help those less fortunate than you're welcome. That is what we are about!

HOPING TO GET BACK TO NORMAL

I look forward to things getting better so we can all get together and have a really great time catching up. The sun is shining for a change. We have been having lousy weather over here for the last few days, so I guess I will do some yard work.

That's my rant for the month. Take care and I will see you down the road.

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



Grand Patriarch, Ronald D. Hanson
Grand Encampment of Washington

Grand Matriarch, Joyce Miller
Grand LEA of Washington



Independent Order of Odd Fellows

May 11, 2020

All Encampments & Ladies Encampment Auxiliaries,
 Jurisdiction of Washington

RE: Cancellation of the Annual Sessions of the Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary

Dear Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

We regret to inform you that the annual sessions of the Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary for 2020 have been canceled. Sessions will resume in June of 2021.

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This is an unprecedented action. It is most important that we act to protect the well being of our membership and comply with our Governments' edicts.

Once the Encampment and LEA are allowed to start meeting again, and if your Encampment or LEA wishes, you may install those officers who were elected to fill the offices for 2020-2021 or you may hold over your officers until April 2021.

If you have any questions please contact:

Ronald D. Hanson, Grand Patriarch at **bigironmike34@gmail.com** or Joyce Miller, Grand Matriarch, at **(360)-521-3068** or either of the Scribes offices. Grand Scribe Piper Fyffe at **piperfyffe@gmail.com** or Grand LEA Scribe Betty Young at **onbyoung@yahoo.com**

— *In Faith Hope & Charity*

s/Ronald D. Hanson,
 Grand Patriarch

s/Joyce Miller
 Grand Matriarch

Has your lodge donated to the Arthritis Foundation?

Brothers and Sisters,

Please have your Secretaries notify me if your lodge has made a donation to the Arthritis Foundation.

I need to report a total and from whom. Since most donations go directly to the Arthritis Foundation I do not have the information in the Grand Lodge office.

Help me get your lodge recognized at Sovereign

Grand Lodge.

A simple email with the amount collected and the name of the lodge or person donating is all I need.

You can send your info by phone, email, snail mail, pony express, shout out, drive by, whatever.

— *Fraternal Hugs*

Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary

Our vocabulary is changing

New virus creates new words

BY SHIRLEY RUBLE

Along with a new disease comes a new vocabulary. Coronavirus created neologisms (a new word, meaning, or phrase). For example, “covidiot” is someone ignoring public health standards. Other terms deal with changes in our everyday lives, such as “WFH” (working from home).

In just three months, coronavirus has changed our way of living. It has closed businesses and urged us to “lock-down,” e.g., avoid non-essential outdoor activities and follow a stay-at-home proclamation.

The new vocabulary helps bring friends and family together on a variety of social media. During a time of world-wide change, people will talk about the new challenges. As the coronavirus rages on, it will be even more important to understand the language. Here is a simple glossary to help you cope.

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• **ANTIBODY TEST** — A blood test used to locate specific antibodies that determine whether or not an individual has been exposed to a virus.

• **ASYMPTOMATIC TRANSMISSION** — It means no symptoms. Even with no symptoms, it’s possible to spread an infection.

• **CHLOROQUINE** — An anti-malarial drug. Early research suggests that a similar medication, hydroxychloroquine, may be helpful in lessening the symptoms of COVID-19 — but experts say more research is needed.

• **COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION** — When there is no clear source of origin of the infection in a new community.

• **CONTACT TRACING** — Interviewing every patient with a virus to determine who else they might have come in contact with — then testing those people to see if they are carrying the virus.

• **CORONAVIRUS** — A new disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2 which may cause a mild to severe respiratory illness including dry cough, fever, shortness of breath, and fatigue. Reports show that some individuals may produce no symptoms.

• **COVID-19** — Corona Virus Disease 2019. An illness that spreads from person person when an infected person coughs, talks, or sneezes within six feet of people. The germs can possibly be inhaled into others’

lungs.

• **DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT** — A bill invoked by the U.S. President, which allows private companies to increase the production of vital supplies and equipment such as masks, ventilators, and gloves.

• **ELBOW HUGS OR RUBS** — An elbow bump instead of a quick hug or handshake becomes a signal of real care during the COVID-19 outbreak.

• **EPIDEMIOLOGIST** — Experts who investigate the spread of infectious disease including causes, risk factors, frequency, patterns, and populations.

• **ESSENTIAL BUSINESS** — Services that people rely on everyday, e.g., grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, big box stores, banks.

• **FACE MASK** — The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommend wearing a cloth face mask when going out. That’s because many people with the virus don’t know they have it and can spread it.

• **FLATTENING THE CURVE** — Community isolation measures that keep the daily number of disease cases manageable for medical providers.

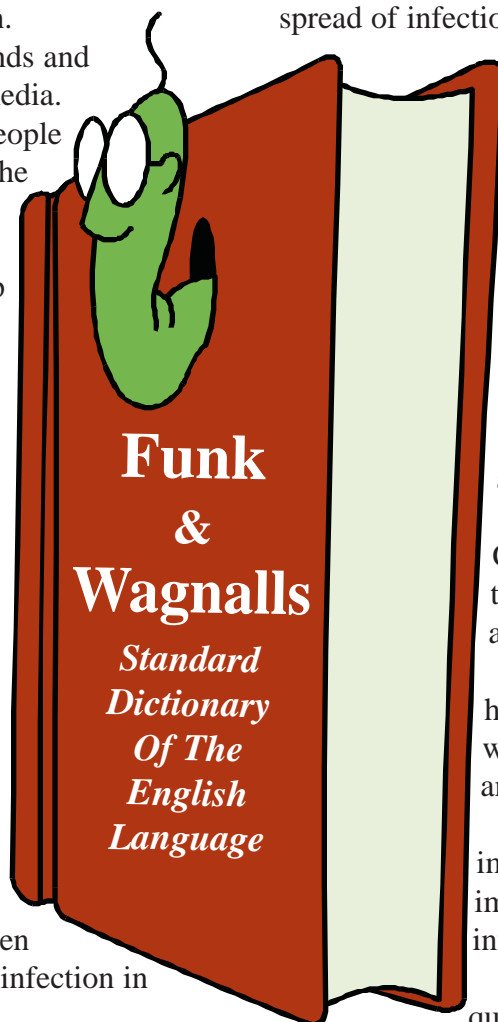
• **HERD IMMUNITY** — Sweden wants healthy people to build an immunity where they have survived an infection and won’t be vulnerable to it again.

• **IMMUNOCOMPROMISED** — An immune system that is weakened or impaired, meaning its ability to fight off infection may be more limited.

• **ISOLATION** — Describes a medical quarantine for patients who have tested positive for a virus.

• **NEW NORMAL** — A previously unfamiliar situation that has become standard, usual, or expected. This slow-spreading pandemic is expected to last one or two years. Large gatherings over 50 people would remain rare. It would prevent many weddings, sporting events, or concerts. Malls, gyms, restaurants, and places of worship might remain partly closed. So would many offices and factories.

• **NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS** — Provides something beyond basic necessities. It might offer retail goods, entertainment, or general recreation.



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New words and phrases are creeping into our vocabulary

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• **OUTBREAK** — A sudden, often unexpected rise in something harmful, e.g., disease, war, anxiety, depression.

• **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)** — Clothing, gloves, masks, and other gear that health care workers and others wear to minimize exposure to pathogens or other hazards.

• **QUARANTINE** — The act of intentionally remaining in one place to prevent infection or the spread of infection.

• **REMDESIVIR** — An anti-viral medication, used in the treatment of Ebola, that is being tested as a possible treatment for COVID-19.

• **RESPIRATOR** — An N95 respirator is a more tight-fitting face mask. It can filter out 95 percent of very small particles, including viruses and bacteria.

• **SHELTER-IN-PLACE** — A rare, often mandatory order that requires individuals to remain at home unless obtaining basic necessities, like food, medicine, or receiving medical care.

• **SOCIAL DISTANCING** — Keeping a distance of six

feet or more from strangers to prevent the spread of disease, and limiting frivolous activities such as social gatherings and unnecessary travel.

• **STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY** — Governor Jay Inslee issued this proclamation to stay at home on March 25, 2020, except for employment in an essential business service and essential business activity.

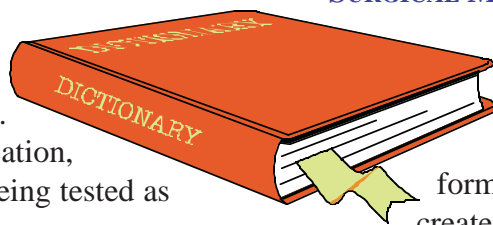
• **SURGICAL MASK** — A loose-fitting, disposable mask used to protect health workers and sick people from spreading disease through large airborne particles.

• **VACCINE** — A dead or weakened form of a virus that allows the body to create immunity against it.

• **VENTILATOR** — A machine that helps pump oxygen into the body. Air flows through a tube that goes into the mouth and down the windpipe. It may breathe out for you, or you may do it on your own.

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(Editor's note: Many of these words and phrases have been in our dictionaries for years, however they are now coming to the forefront in our everyday conversation.)



Here are the forms for new members

Hey, have you seen these forms pictured above? If not then hopefully your Secretaries have.

These are the two forms that need to be filled out **AFTER** each new member has gone through, at the least, the Initiatory Degree and signed your Members' Register.

These forms are important! The yellow form must be filled out and sent into the Grand Secretary's office. The other is to be filled out and sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge office. If you do not have the capability to email or fax, you can send it into the Grand Secretary's office in Buckley or just "snail mail" it directly to the Sovereign Grand office.

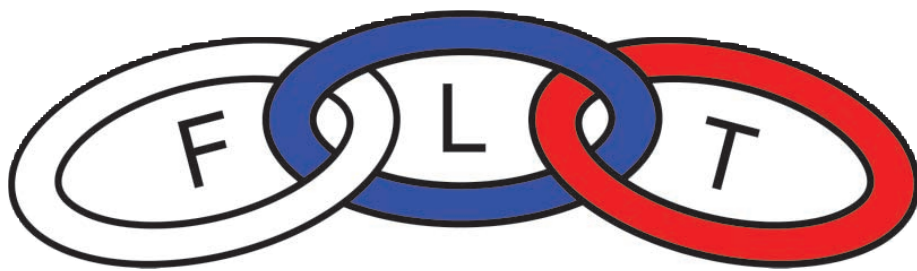
Secretaries, you must make sure that all of the blanks are filled in. The information on the left of the SGL form is for who the sponsor is, who the secretary of your lodge is (because the SGL sends out information packets that go to the new member and a pin to the sponsor). The one I listed here is from Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. You can download this from the SGL website in its electronic form and type in your lodge information. You can also print the forms and then hand write all information.

The information goes onto the rosters of the Grand Lodge, our newspaper mailing list, and the SGL roster.

If you ever have any questions about filling these out please contact the Grand Lodge office. We're here to help.

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

~ Lodge Cards ~



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~ 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)

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., Apt. 209, North Bend, WA 98045. **Ph:** (425) 888-4347 **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **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)

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

What do you do to survive a COVID-19 lockdown?

What do you do to survive a COVID-19 lockdown?

We're confined inside our homes, spending more time together than ever before. We can't see our friends or relatives so we rely on our partner. We have new responsibilities like working at home, child care or housekeeping. First of all, you have to take care of yourself.

Here are some ways the Narcissa Rebekahs stay grateful. Share some of the things you're grateful for every few days. Notice little moments you appreciate and say "thank you" for someone's support during trying times.

Carol Dotson — I've made close to 100 cloth face masks for my granddaughter and her boyfriend to distribute in Arizona. Barbara Lechner helped me distribute more

than 20 masks to the Odd Fellows Home. "It's fun for me," Carol said, "and I have more masks if they are needed."

Barbara Tvrz — In 1918 my mother was a 17-year-old high school student in the little rural, western Idaho town of Midvale. She remembered that a person would wake up in the morning feeling fine and be gone by the next day. Her mother was not a nurse, but spent three days tending to the sick, so busy that she was not able to change clothes or comb her hair. None of their family were sick, but there were some deaths in Midvale.

Jeanne Elder — I don't go out except to go to the doctor's office and grocery shopping with Roger. I feel comfortable wearing a mask. A friend at church sends me beautiful hand-made cards. I call and thank her, check on friends at the Odd Fellows Home and my neighbors.

Marthann Hall — I stay close to home unless I go shopping for groceries. I think I'll make a pie crust this afternoon. And there's laundry to do. When World War I ended on June 28, 1919, my dad came home from France where the Spanish flu was spreading. He and my mother were married in Astoria, Oregon.

Nancy Klicker — For Mother's Day our family came to visit. They wouldn't come inside, they sat on a brick planter and the porch. We put some chairs out several feet apart. The children had a good time playing while we visited. I'm grateful for many things. I think people need to get active again. They will be happy to be getting outdoors. I like to walk in the afternoon and breathe in the fresh air.

Barbara Lechner — I have 400 VCR movies, and I never get tired watching them. It keeps me busy baking cookies for friends and neighbors. I make rhubarb pies, cinnamon rolls, cookies, cupcakes and zucchini loaves. I like to walk and get my exercise every day. Some day when we're able to gather together, I'd like to invite all the lodges to come to a picnic in my yard. Kelly's restaurant is open again, so we're starting to resume community activities.

Rose Ringhoffer — I've been promising the Home's employees cookies as soon as this lockdown is over. I have a recipe no one else has. I'll go to my home and bake several dozen cookies for our heroes who risk their lives to help others in our continuing care retirement community.

Jeanine Griffin — Can you believe I have 300 cookbooks? I'm tearing out the pages with recipes I want to keep and giving the books to thrift stores to sell for 25 cents. City Church got seven boxes of my books. I'm freezing strawberries, blueberries, and rhubarb. Next week I'll start making jams.

— In Friendship Love and Truth,
Shirley Ruble, Reporter

~ Lodge Cards ~

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)

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 Reydson. **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)

COVID-19

What's happening in other Jurisdictions?

The following information has been gleaned from various jurisdictional publications received by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

• **Wisconsin** — Grand Sessions are canceled. Lodges can meet with 10 or fewer people and everyone must keep 6-feet apart. Grand Master Jeff Jones is itching to go fishing — for real fish and new members.

• **Nebraska** — Grand Master Kevin Gubbels writes, “Don’t be afraid to reach out to your fellow Brothers and Sisters. Social distance does not mean social isolation.”

• **Texas** — Dan Reynolds, Grand Master of Texas, writes, “The Grand Lodge has been working from home keeping the day-to-day business going.” Rebekah Assembly Grand Warden Barbara Curtis has made many masks for those in need.

• **Kansas** — With the direction of the Assembly President and the Executive Committee it was decided that we couldn’t hold Schools of Instruction this year because of the stay at home order. In addition, everyone who was a District Deputy President for your District would stay the District Deputy President for next year, as well. If you have any question please feel free to call President Geraldine, the Assembly Office.

Some members in Kansas have been making masks for community use and others are helping in food pantries to feed those who have lost their jobs. We also have individuals who are working in hospitals, clinics, etc. on the front line. We are proud of you and appreciate your dedication.

— W. Geraldine Fouts, Rebekah Assembly President

• **Iowa** — Thomas L. Rice, Grand Master, says, “With cancelation of all events for the last month, my travel and meeting with friends and fellow members has not happened. Iowa Assembly President Amy Ford, wrote, “Since we are unable to meet, I have been keeping busy making masks and I have several craft

projects I have been working on.”

• **Illinois** — Niles Reamer, Grand Master, wrote, “It has been a trying time for our Order and the World. Regional meetings have been postponed or cancelled. But I want to assure you that we will try to put on degrees for new members.” Illinois Rebekah Assembly President Nann Johnson wrote, “I hope everyone is well and sheltering in place. It is important to remain with our social distancing, so we can beat this virus

and return to our normal lives.”

• **Minnesota** — Grand Master Douglas Kloczek, wrote, “I hope everyone is doing well with the COVID-19 virus going around. Please stay safe and pray we can get back to work soon and start up regular meetings again.” Minnesota Rebekah Assembly President wrote, “Due to the ‘shelter at home’ order from the

Governor, your Grand Master and I said there shall be no lodge meetings in April and May. We hope that by June we can resume our normal routine.” Meanwhile, Judy Anderson of Aitkin Rebekah Lodge #151 made lodge members and their families protective masks. Judy is a great seamstress and is working hard to help others. The Executive Board of both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have made the decision to **cancel** the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Sessions which would have been held on June 18-20, reports Alex R. Saloum, Grand Secretary of Minnesota

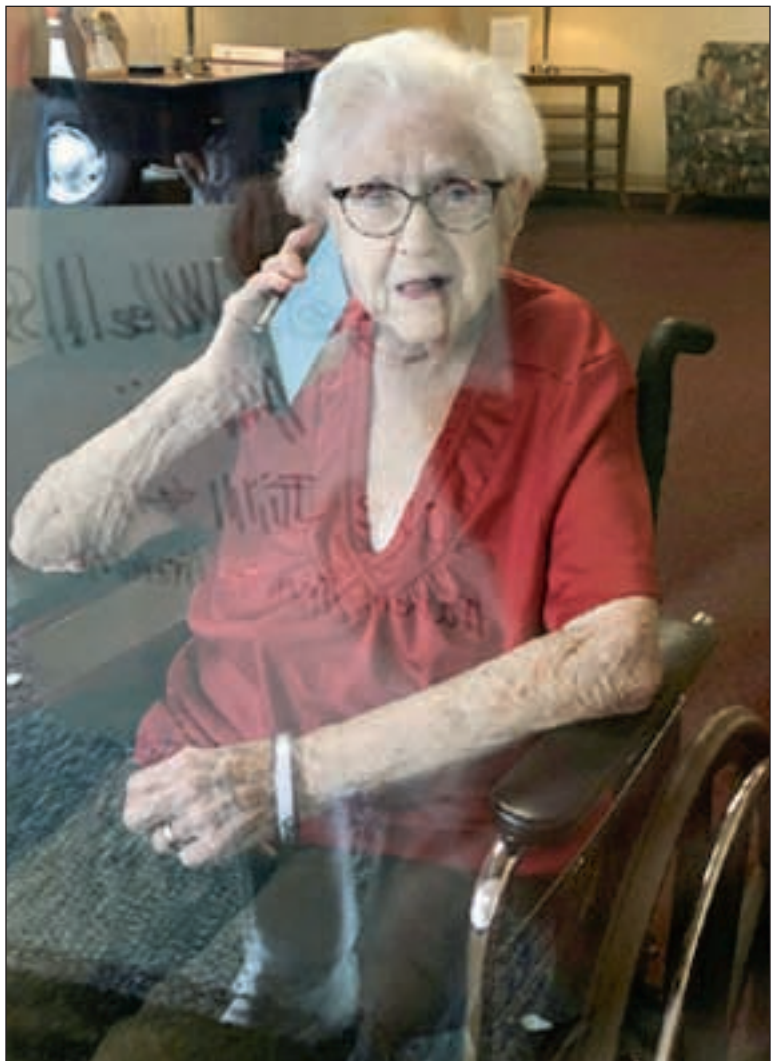
• **Indiana** — The Indiana Sessions will be held in October. Grand Master Eugene Swain wrote, “I do hope the virus will be gone by then so we all can get back to normal. I certainly hope everyone is staying safe and obeying the Governor’s stay at home policy, but at the same time going stir crazy.” Indiana Assembly President Linda Struble wrote, “Our lives have been completely changed because of the coronavirus. Missing family, friends and our Odd Fellow and Rebekah families.”





Hazel has her day, even behind glass

Hazel Thompson, 101 years young, is rehabbing after re-injuring a very old injury. Hazel is all smiles as family, church members and members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 and South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 paraded by at the rehabilitation center. Posters with messages of love and encouragement to Hazel were displayed by the members. In the upper photo, members of our Order include Rebekah Assembly Vice President Peg Oglivie, Joanne Balmert, Micky Turner and Cathy Garcia. Hazel had to remain inside, but communicated with her well-wishers via cell phone. We love you Hazel!



Bucoda Bulletin Board #7

Brother finds 'keys' to keeping very busy!

It's sad that the most exciting thing I can report is getting the keys changed on a building. But I am happy to report Friendship Hall in Montesano is now re-keyed. No longer must we risk serious bodily injury carrying a dozen keys just to get into the Lodge Hall. Now with just **TWO** keys we can get anywhere we need to go in the Lodge Hall. Now, wasn't that exciting?

FOOD BANK CARRIES ON

The work with the Tenino Food Bank Plus continues every Thursday, at the Bucoda Community Center. I know everyone is disappointed with the cancellation of Sessions in Yakima; it would have been my first and I was looking forward to it. But there is an upside to every situation — this one being that I will remain Grand Marshal for another year. With any luck I might

get my part in Installations right this time.

FLAGS IN PLACE

Even though the remembrance ceremony has been cancelled for Memorial Day, the flags at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Tumwater will still be placed on the graves of our Brothers and Sisters who also

served in our Armed Forces. We will still have a lunch BBQ for all those who come and participate in this activity. For details just contact Grand Secretary Laurel at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley.

WE WERE READY FOR THE BEACH PARTY

On a final note, Laura and I were going all out for the Beach Party themed event at Grand Sessions. Since we can't all be together, in June, I have decided to share a photo of us in our costumes — just to show the attention to detail and accuracy of our endeavor.

Health, Happiness and Peace to one and all from Beautiful Downtown Bucoda and we **WILL** see you all soon.

*In F., L. & T., Steve Purcell, PG & Treasurer,
Skookumchuck #129,
Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Bucoda Rebekahs #144*



Museum Corner

The IOOF Historical Committee continues to go through our storage unit and has found more fun and interesting items for the museum. Here is a new item and it reads: **"This lamb skin apron was given to Isaac Hall when he joined the Manchester Unity Lodge of Odd Fellows in England in 1812. Isaac Hall was the father of Charles Hall who has a 60-year Jewel and is a member of Wide West Lodge No. 43."** We found some information on Brother Charles. He became a member of Northern Light (C) Minnesota #12 on March 2, 1910. He withdrew on May 20, 1925. He transferred to Wide West #43, Camas WA, on June 3, 1925. He was put on non-contributing in 1951. He passed on March 9, 1965. The card does list him as having a 60-year Jewel #7475 given to him on May 1, 1959. He may have joined the Order long before he was a member of Northern Light. This is all part of our history. Come check it out at the Odd Fellows Museum in Buckley when we are safe to open again.

*Keep Safe & Well
Brothers & Sisters!*

COVID-19

Home residents, staff pass all tests

BY SHIRLEY RUBLE

The results of the coronavirus tests were received three days after they were held at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. More than 480 residents and staff were tested. The majority of the campus was 100 percent negative, including West Care Center, Assisted Living, Clinton Street and Merriam Street Apartments. According to Joani Wicklund, Director of Admissions, 98 percent of the population was tested. “The negative screenings were a reflection of our residents and staff making good decisions to keep everyone safe,” Wicklund said. “We’ll continue to educate and strongly encourage residents and staff to follow the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order.”

In early May, five residents and three employees tested positive. One of the residents was hospitalized and several were quarantined in the isolation wing where they have remained asymptomatic. The staff members were all quarantined to home for 14 days. “After we became aware of the positive cases, we knew we needed to do broad spectrum testing of all our residents,” Lorna Dotolo, infection control nurse stated.

We obtained nasopharyngeal swabs from the Walla Walla County Health Department. Detolo, Becky Schrock, and Kasey Nettleton each inserted a 6-inch cotton swab into a resident’s nostril where the virus likes to live. They moved it around for about 15 seconds, pack-



At left, Stephanie Cole, Associate Director of Admissions for the Washington Odd Fellows Home, takes apartment residents, one at a time, to the coronavirus testing site. Jeanne Griffin (right) learns she and all those tested have negative results.

aged the swab, and sent it to a lab. Imagine the surprise when a technician in the Shoreline, Washington lab received all those specimens in one day. The results had a fast turnaround when they came back to Odd Fellows in two to three days.

Odd Fellows CEO John Brigham acknowledged that there were some challenges obtaining the number of tests needed for the Odd Fellows Home. Special thanks to Patrick Purcell at Walla Walla County Emergency Management for his patience in dealing with the logistics of government bureaucracy and to County Commissioner Greg Tompkins for “greasing the wheels” in Olympia.

Usually the ordinary flu causes a lockdown in the state’s long-term care facilities. But an advantage came with the results of the coronavirus tests. There were only 91 ordinary flu outbreaks in 2019-2020, according to the Washington State Department of Health.

“For the past seven weeks,” Dotolo said, “there has been very little flu here. People have been staying home, except to get medical care, keeping six feet away from others, wearing a mask, washing their hands often, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces like phones, counters and doorknobs.”

Joani Wicklund reminded everyone to remain vigilant. “Of all the coronavirus deaths in this state, 93 percent of those are over the age of 60. It is of utmost importance to be safe, take care of yourself and each other.”



At left, Ana Molina (Medical Records), Patty Mata (Nurses Aide Certified), Lorna Dotolo (Infection Control Nurse), and Joani Wicklund (Director of Admissions) have prepared the site for the last day of testing. Not pictured) are Becky Schrock and Kasey Nettleton.

A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



Enterprise Odd Fellows Lodge #2 was instituted in Walla Walla in 1891. The Odd Fellows constructed a lodge building on the corner of 5th and Main Street. Members from Dayton, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla gathered in their regalia with banners flying. The structure was owned by Harold Jackson. It was demolished in 1968 and replaced by Jackson Motors Used Cars. Today the space is

a parking lot.

(Editor's note: 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.)

In Wenatchee

We're practicing social distancing, but we're keeping our lodge tidy!!

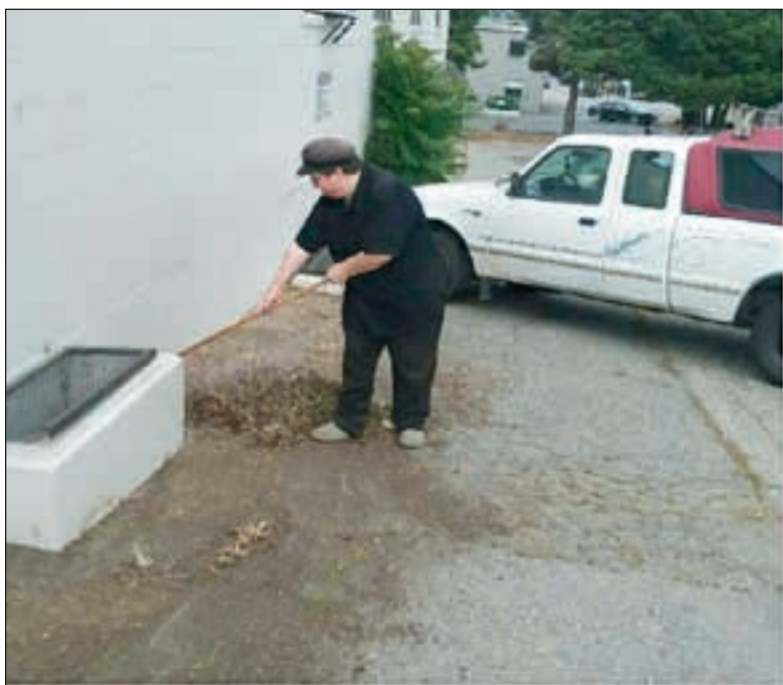
Even though we are dark like everything here in Washington. . . we are still keeping what we can going at the lodge. Hopefully you and yours are well and surviving all this social distancing.

Here at Prosperity Lodge in Wenatchee, we have been practicing our social distancing with the rest of the state.

While doing so we are still working to keep our beloved lodge tidy. Brother Ben Rosenquist and District Deputy, Brother Wesley Beare spent some time cleaning up the weeds around our building.

We wish you all good health and happiness.

— Lisa Beare, Reporter



2020 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

~ *Registration Form* ~

June 19 through 24, 2020

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

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

"Hawaiian Buffet" (Chicken, White Rice, Salad,
Rolls and Ice Cream)

Adults \$18.50 _____

Banquet Theme: "Alice In Wonderland"

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

Grilled Chicken, Mustard Pork Loin, Potatoes, Beans

(Circle One) \$27.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 a.m. Grand Master's Installation Banquet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

8:00 a.m. Friendship Breakfast Buffet

All American \$15.00 _____

5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: "Beach Party"

BBQ Chicken, Vegetable, Potato Salad,
Green Salad, Dessert \$18.50 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

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

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet \$15.00 _____

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

Sliced Sirloin of Beef \$27.00 _____

OR Jumbo Ravioli (Circle One)

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

Must be post marked by June 1, 2020

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Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly ONLY! \$10.00 _____

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Assisting our Cuban Brothers

Thunder storms brought us together

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM

It all started out casually enough — thunderstorms caused flight delays at the airport last year after the Sovereign Grand Lodge. PGP Greg Powers and myself were left sitting at the airport in Greensboro, NC hoping to be able to get our flight to Charlotte and then our connection to Seattle. Brother Danilo Lopez, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, happened to join us at the gate where we were waiting for our flight. Having recognized each other from the recent SGL Session, we struck up a conversation as best we could using Greg's limited Spanish and Danilo's rudimentary English. Google Translate helped fill in the remainders of the conversation.

11,500 MEMBERS IN CUBA

During the time we shared fellowship there in the airport, Brother Danilo told us quite a bit about Odd Fellowship in Cuba. Currently, there are 116 lodges with approximately 11,500 members. Because of our heritage of mutual aid and assistance, Odd Fellowship was looked on favorably by the government after the Cuban Revolution and, as a result, Odd Fellowship has persisted. However, due to the economic situation in Cuba, lodges there don't have access to many of the fraternal supplies our lodges take for granted. They have had to make do with old, worn out robes, props, ballot boxes, gavels, regalia, and other lodge items. Brother Danilo asked if it would be possible to send any surplus unused items to him so he could deliver them to the Grand Lodge of Cuba last November. Once our flights had been announced, we all parted in the spirit of Odd Fellowship.

HELP FROM WASHINGTON

When I returned home I enlisted the help of our Deputy Grand Master Dave Delony, who is in charge of the collection of items recovered from defunct lodges as part of his duties on the Historical Committee. Brother Dave did an excellent job of finding the best lodge supplies he could put together for our Cuban Brothers. His collected items included a complete set of officers' chain regalia, two gavels, a ballot box with balls and cubes, some members' collars, a lyre, a quiver with arrows, degree banners, a Goliath head, and a few other small things. All of the items survived the trip to Cuba except the papier-mâché Goliath head, which got crushed in transit.

OVERWHELMING GRATITUDE

Brother Danilo picked up the items in Miami and then made his trip to visit the Grand Lodge of Cuba. He was greeted with an overwhelming sense of gratitude by his



Visitors and members alike gathered for the Grand Lodge of Cuba Sessions. There were three visitors from Liberty Lodge #20 in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. At their Grand Lodge Banquet, they served a whole roasted pig.

Cuban Brothers and Sisters for our generosity. The box of supplies we prepared and sent to them was unpacked at the Grand Lodge office and distributed to various Cuban lodges that needed supplies. Everyone was incredibly appreciative of the supplies which our jurisdiction donated.

LEARNING FROM OUR CUBAN BROTHERS

I learned quite a bit about Odd Fellowship in Cuba from communicating with Brother Danilo. He sent me several pictures of Odd Fellows in Cuba and what they do. One of their major projects is to provide prescription medications to the poor. Access to prescriptions can be difficult in Cuba so the Odd Fellows run their own program to provide medications to the poor. They also have a project where individual lodges will adopt children in hospitals awaiting transplants or other major surgery and will support their families with food, support, or sometimes just companionship.

THEIR MISSION STAYS IN SIGHT

As Odd Fellows, we have a lot to be proud of, not least of which is the way we reach out to help our Brothers in distant lands. I was incredibly impressed with the example of our Cuban Brothers. Despite the many challenges of conducting business in a Communist state, they never lose sight of their mission and stay true to the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth in everything they do.

— Toby Hanson,

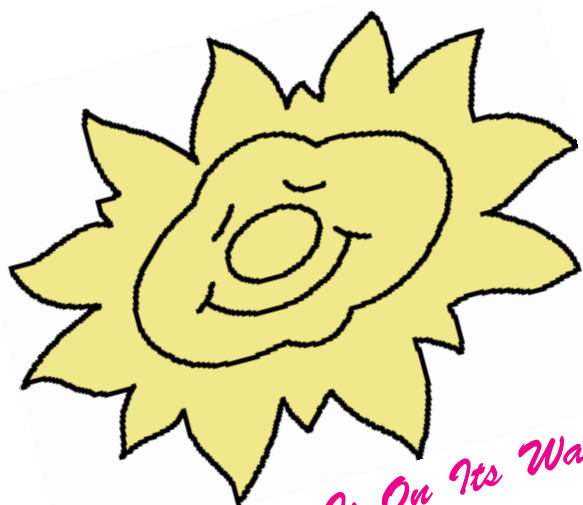
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Brothers and Sisters,

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Secretaries, please check with your lodge members to make sure everyone is getting their newspaper one way or another. If they aren't, please send me their informa-

tion and I'll get them added to the mailing or email list as soon as possible.

One other thing, please be sure to get me any changes of addresses for your members, drop of membership, deceased, etc. You can use the yellow cards or just send me an email. Either works for me.

— *Fraternally,*
Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary