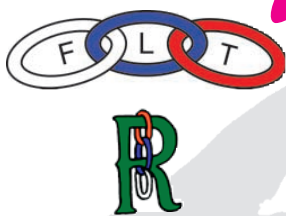


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## *Assembly Secretary retires*

## Thank you Marcia for 11 years of service

As was mentioned in the August *Washington OddFellow* newspaper, The Executive Board of the Rebekah Assembly received a letter from Marcia Presley,



MARCIA PRESLEY

our current Secretary, tending her resignation. Marcia announced two years ago that she would not be running for another term in 2020. The Executive Board met and accepted her resignation with deep regret.

In honor of Marcia, Sister Jennie Reed is sharing her thoughts about Marcia over the years:

I became acquainted with Marcia when I was elected Assembly Warden in 2006 and she was the Assembly Vice President. I knew very little about the Assembly and

she took me under her wing and became my mentor and friend.

Marcia was first elected Rebekah Assembly Secretary in 2009. She worked very closely with Judy Diekman, Assembly Treasurer. Together they implemented computer programs that act as the checks and balances of the accounts they work with for the Assembly.

Over the years Marcia has received numerous inquiries asking for help locating someone's deceased relative who was known to be a Rebekah or might have been one. She accepted all challenges with a caring attitude and love of our Order. She spent many hours on these projects and did not give up until that Rebekah was located or until she had no more places to check.

Marcia is a wealth of information. If I, or anyone, calls looking for an answer to any question, she will research it and either have the answer or return the call with not only the answer, but where to find the answer. She had her office open every day and many hours into the night.

Sister Marcia knows that the words shared by Sister Jennie are also shared by others who have had the opportunity serve with you in your Rebekah Lodge and in Assembly.

Prior to being secretary, Marcia served as President in 2007-2008. She has been a Rebekah for 55 years and is a third generation member. Her daughter Kim was initiated into her lodge in 2018 and is a fourth generation member. Marcia was a member of the Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31 in Orting until it merged with Eola #63 in 2013.

Marcia is known for her hugs, knowledge and caring about others. Marcia will continue to have a part in Assembly work as she will be the Rebekah Assembly Historian and will keep the Journals and Annual Reports that are more than 10 years old.

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# From the desk of your Grand Master



**JOHN  
OTTERSTROM**  
*Grand Master*

## KEEPING HAPPY, HEALTHY & SAFE

Hello to my family. I hope everyone is happy, healthy and safe.

I'm so ready to get back into our pre COVID-19 lives, as I'm sure many of you are as well.

My home Lodge, Des Moines #305, had a rough month losing two members. Genie and Jean Coston were kind and did a lot for Odd Fellowship. They were part of our family and they will be missed.

If your lodge is meeting during this horrible time, I wish you the best of luck and be safe. I'm hoping to

make a few visitations, most likely without much warning. Sorry, but the element of surprise is always fun. Remember to keep up to date with your county and what phase it is in and if your lodge is eligible to have meetings. We continue to monitor the situation at the Grand Lodge level and follow the edicts of the Governor of Washington.

I hope everyone has a great September!

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

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

## New arrangements of our Odes ready!

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

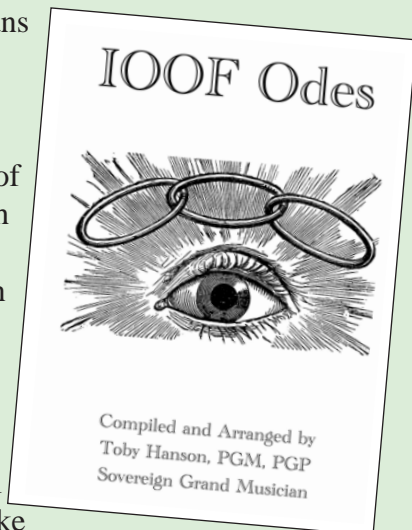
I am pleased to announce the release of a set of new musical arrangements of the IOOF Odes. For many years musicians in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have been challenged to find good versions of the Odes. Now, with these new versions, they are collected in a simple, easy-to-read collection.

They are arranged for voice and piano and include musical introductions to make them easier to sing. They also include chord symbols for guitarists and other chord instruments. Feel free to distribute this collection of Odes to all musicians in our Order

The Odes can be ordered directly from Junior PGM at:

**[iooftoby@gmail.com](mailto:iooftoby@gmail.com)**

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Toby Hanson,*  
*Junior Past Grand Master*  
*Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF*  
*Sovereign Grand Musician*  
*Independent Order of Odd Fellows*



## DDGM meeting in Buckley October 10

District Deputy Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters, get your calendars out and mark down Saturday, October 10 for a DDGM meeting at the Buckley Odd Fellow Hall, 120 Cedar Street in Buckley.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Yes, we will social distance and we should have enough room for everyone in the lodge hall as well as the lunch room. Masks, sanitizer, soap and water will be provided.

Letters will be going out to all the DDGMs, PGMs and Grand Lodge officers the first part of September.

If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Lodge office.

## District #3 Meeting set for October 17!

Rebekah District Association #3's Semi-Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 17, at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall, 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma.

The hall will open at 9:15 a.m. for social hour and some breakfast goodies. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. with the hostess lodge opening.

Masks, sanitizer, soap and water will be provided. Lunch is pot luck. Badge and program are .50 cents.

If we do not have the meeting you will be notified in October's *Washington OddFellow*.

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary



LAUREL DELONY

## **FOLLOW YOUR COUNTY'S GUIDELINES**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe.

With that being said your lodge will have to make sure and follow the guidelines for your particular county for reopening your lodges. We hope you will be able to reconvene starting this month, but if not you will have to play it by ear. I know these are unprecedented times and

we will work through them.

## **PER CAPITA INVOICES**

By now your Secretaries should have received your per capita invoices. Contact the Grand Lodge office if you have any questions.

Remember, the Grand lodge is here to help you. Feel free to give me a call or email at grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com or 800-345-1766.

## **STAY STRONG AND CARRY ON!**

— *Sending Out Fraternal Hugs*

*Laurel Delony,*

*PGM, Grand Secretary*

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## **DO WE MEET NOW OR WAIT?**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



CATHY GARCIA

As I begin to write my first newsletter as Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, I am somewhat at a loss. There's nothing to report regarding our June Sessions, no plans to head to SGL, not even a definite date for starting back to lodge meetings. I am hoping and making plans to return to meetings this month — and at the same time preparing to wait until it is considered safe to do so. We will defer to our Grand Master and Assembly President to make those decisions.

## **I WILL DO MY BEST**

I want to thank members of the Executive Committee for their confidence in my ability to do this job. Marcia Presley has been very generous with her time as we have met for several training sessions. I can promise each of you that I will do my best to meet the expectations of this position and to be available to help individual lodge secretaries in any way needed.

## **HATS OFF TO MARCIA**

Marcia Presley has served our Assembly in this position for many years. If you get the opportunity, please let her know how much you appreciate all she has done. It

is a big job and I am a bit nervous about taking on this responsibility.

## **CORPORATION REPORTS ARE DUE**

One piece of business to address at this time — you should have received a notice from the Washington Secretary of State regarding your annual report. These are due by the end of September and can easily be done online. There is a \$10 fee attached which can also be paid online with a credit card. Each lodge is required to file this corporation report every fall. If you have never done so, please contact me and I will help you get it set up.

## **ASSEMBLY SECRETARY'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

You will notice the email address at the end of this letter is different than the one Maggie listed in her last article. I opened a new email account just for Rebekah business. This will hopefully keep things from getting lost in the vast junk mail of my personal account.

I am looking forward to serving you and working with our Rebekah Lodges. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth*

*With Rebekah Love & Hugs,*

*Cathy Garcia, Secretary*

*Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

*(360) 413-7014 or (360) 701-5896*

*rebsecwa@gmail.com*

# ~ In Memoriam ~

• **Genie Coston**, 23-year member, Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 in Des Moines, Past Grand Matriarch, 2016-2017.

• **Jean Coston**, 21-year member, Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305, Past Grand Patriarch, 2008-2009.

• **Norene Lucas**, PNG, age 98, longtime member of Woodland Rebekah Lodge #128 and Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, later consolidated with Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59.



# From the desk of the Assembly President

## I'M READY TO VISIT YOUR LODGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past year has been challenging and different for all of us. However, I am excited for this year and I am pleased to serve a continued term as your Assembly President. It will be a pleasure to greet old friends and make new ones in the coming year. When it is possible, I look forward to visiting the lodges, so let me know when you would like me to visit your lodge as I am working on a schedule.



MAGGIE  
TRUTTMANN

## OFFICER LINEUP FOR 2020-2021

The following is a list of the members who have stepped forward to serve as elected and appointed officers of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington for a second year:

- **Vice President** — Margaret (Peg) Ogilvie
- **Warden** — Kendra Frogge'
- **Secretary** — Cathy Garcia (Appointed)
- **Treasurer** — Judy Diekman
- **Marshal** — Alberta Luurs
- **Conductor** — Karen Schultz
- **Chaplain** — Kathi Picanco
- **Inside Guardian** — LouAnn Hoffman
- **Outside Guardian** — Mashelle Patrick
- **Color Bearer** — Dusti Trebe
- **Canadian Color Bearer** — Joey Lock

- **Musician** — Neita Stearns
- **Parliamentarian** — Barbara Nelson
- **Past President** — Jennie Reed

Thank you all for being willing to continue to serve our Order.

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS

Remember that we are not the only organization that has cancelled all or most of their planned activities until 2021.

The following quote by Maya Angelou reminds me about the work of our Order: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

With gratitude, I thank those who share Odd Fellowship by continuing to help others by taking them to needed appointments, shopping, delivering medicines, keeping in touch by phone, and fixing up buildings at parks and playgrounds. In whatever way you choose to serve others, may you know you are needed and appreciated.

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

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

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

# Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

## THANK YOU GRAND LODGE

Hello, to all members of our Order,

Trinity members would like to say thank you to our Grand Secretary Laurel Delony and also our Grand Master John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo" for being at the call of guidance when guidance was needed. We had a couple instances where we needed to reach out. Also *thank you* to our Rebekah Assembly.

When COVID-19 hit it took many tolls. I'm hoping none of our members were lost due to this mysterious virus. COVID-19 has also hit hard with the bank accounts that keep our lodge alive.

We did manage a bake sale. We also attempted a breakfast, but it turned out to be a flop, but we did manage to sneak in our Bingo. We did okay due to the circumstances going on. We managed to get it in with-

in two days of our governor cutting back to groups of 10 or more people.

Everyone is looking forward to getting back to meetings. We could probably hold a meeting since our stations are more than six feet apart. We just want to assure our members stay healthy during this unprecedented time.

Our love and prayers go out to Cookie Music following the loss of her brother. Our sympathies also go out to Karen Schultz and Michael Scheurich following the loss of their spouses. God be with you all.

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

*Thank You!*

# PGP Jean Coston passes away at 85

Jean Coston, Past Grand Patriarch, passed away a month after his wife, Genie died. She was a Past Grand Matriarch.

Jean was born on April 30, 1935. He was 85.

He joined Des Moines Odd Fellows Lodge #305 in March of 1999 and Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 at the same time. He was an Associate member Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 and Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217. Jean belonged to Kent Encampment #15, Canton Mt. Si #36

The following was submitted by John Crispin, Noble Grand Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305

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With the passing of Jean and Genie Coston, Des Moines #305 has lost not only a Brother and Sister but a pair of good friends and benefactors. I want to share a story that shows their meaning for our lodge as it was told to me.

Like many lodges in the early 1990s, our membership had dwindled due to member deaths and people moving away to live with family in retirement; ultimately because we had not attracted new members. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary came to visit our lodge and found just two active members Jim Langston and Jean with Genie. (This is before our Sisters were able to join.)



**GENIE COSTON**

Lodge would be required to close it.

Jim and Jean recruited me (I was running a small nursery across the street). Jean visited all the other lodges in our district, Ballard-Alki, Renton, Auburn and Titusville. He offered to join those lodges as an Associate if one of their members became an Associate



**JEAN COSTON**

in Des Moines. Jean became an Associate in Auburn and Renton and all four lodges had members join Des Moines. From my first meeting, we rarely missed quorum and I could count on seeing Jean and Jim and Tony Tamburello (Of Auburn) and Harold Macklin (Of Renton), as well as regular visits of Brothers and soon Sisters from Titusville and Ballard-Alki and additional members from Auburn and Renton.

Des Moines #305 would not be what it is today or even exist without their dedication and support.

Regardless of the challenge, Jean and Genie were always willing to help and drive the extra mile for our lodge and any other in need of assistance. Their generosity and willingness to embrace others is something that I will always remember and cherish.

— In F., L. & T. and F., H. & C.,  
John Crispin, PGM, Noble Grand  
of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305,  
Senior Warden, Kent Encampment #15

## We stumped everyone with our last contest!

Can you believe it? No one was able to guess the name of the little girl pictured on the front page of last month's *Washington OddFellow*. Here's a hint: Her picture appears in this edition, too. She won't be hard to find.

And no one was able to find our Grand Lodge mascot Sammy either. She was on page 6 in the second floor window on the right side of the photo.

Thank you to everyone who emailed, called, and voice messaged their answers.

## FIND SAMMY AND OUR MYSTERY GUY!

You have another two chances to win some prizes this month. See if you can find "Sammy" once again. We think we made it a little easier this time. You can win a wearable if you find Sammy.

Also, we have another mystery photo on page 1 this month. He's a longtime Odd Fellow and you might have seen him around.

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know where Sammy is and who our "mystery guy" pictured is. If correct, Laurel will put your name in a separate drawings for wearables. Again send your email [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com) or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than September 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only!





# A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



## *Grand Encampment's 1913 Tent City*

Pictured is the Odd Fellows Grand Encampment "Tent City" at Walla Walla's Whitman College in June of 1913. You can aid Joe Drazan in his effort to build and share a visual history of Walla Walla. See Drazan's website on the internet at "Bygone Walla Walla." Send your old snapshots, slides or negatives of Walla Walla to Drazan's email address at [skippycat3@charter.net](mailto:skippycat3@charter.net).

*(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.)*



# Membership Application



## Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Date:

I,  Apply to the members of  Lodge, No.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of  for membership by:

and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and teachings of the Order. I understand my rights as a member are protected by the laws of the Order and I agree not to resort to the civil courts for their enforcement. I believe in a Supreme Being and am loyal to my Country.

I was born at  On

My occupation is:  My Employer is:

My mailing address is:

email:  Phone No.:

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor:  Branch Name & No.:

We certify that the applicant meets the qualifications for membership in this Lodge.

Interviewing Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_

is a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Degree

in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

(Secretary / Scribe)

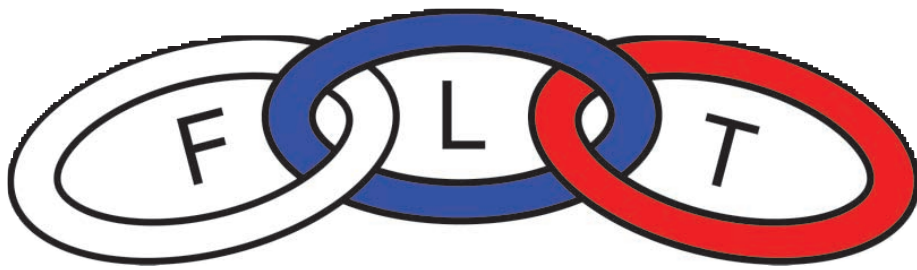
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**From your 2019-20  
Theta Rho President**

**No Letter Was Submitted By Our Theta Rho  
President Piper Fyffe This Month**

# ~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20  
Per  
Year**

## LODGE CARD UPDATE

Include Area Code in Telephone Numbers

Send To:  
Grand  
Lodge

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Place Address \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Days \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Time \_\_\_\_\_ Recess Months Of \_\_\_\_\_

Noble Grand's Name \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Name \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Your Lodge Card Updates To: Grand Lodge  
Of Washington, P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321**

## ~ Lodge Cards ~

**Rate: \$20 per year from March 1 of the current  
year to February 28 of the following year**

Submit information and payment to:

**The Grand Lodge of Washington  
P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377**

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](mailto: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)

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

**Meets At:** 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Dannielle Hanson, 11119 216th St. E., Graham, WA 98338. **Ph:** (206) 245-8207. **Sec'y:** Toby Hanson, 11119 216th St. E., Graham, WA 98338. **Ph:** (253) 875-8580 (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)



# Did you know?

## All checks must have two signatures

There was some question about the requirement of two signatures on checks that are written from a committee of a lodge, an Odd Fellow Cemetery, club, etc.

### ~ Lodge Cards ~

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

**Meets At:** 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Matters, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077. **Ph:** (425) 788-3772. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 711 N. Indiana Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (2/28/21)

#### PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

**Meets At:** 204 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., Lunch at 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 Reysoldson. **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)

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

**Meets At:** 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jody Morris, 5414 NE 81st Ave, Apt. 101, Vancouver, WA 98662. **Ph:** (360) 903-7712. **Sec'y:** Kristy Cossette, 21716 NE W.H. Garner Rd, Yacolt, WA 98675. **Ph:** (360) 606-1909. (2/28/21)

#### 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)

### HERE IS THE ANSWER

Any component of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows **MUST** have a minimum of two authorized signatures on a check.

If you are wondering where it states this, you will find it in the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws Chapter XXIV, Funds, Fees, Dues, Assessments, Benefits, Section 2., D. I have copied the following directly from the Code:

#### D. Disbursements of Funds:

*(1) At least two (2) authorized signatures shall be required on any check, draft, warrant or other instrument issued for the disbursement of any accounts, funds or investments held by or in the name of any unit of the Order, or by any corporation, association, partnership or club created or chartered by or under the authority of any unit of the Order.*

And a reminder to all, it doesn't matter how small the check amount is, you must have a minimum of two signatures on every check written.

### Some NBA humor

Its game 7 of the NBA finals and a man makes his way to his seat at center court. He sits down and notices that the seat next to him is empty. He

leans over and asks his neighbor if someone is sitting there. He responds, "No, the seat is empty."

The first man exclaims, "What?!? Who

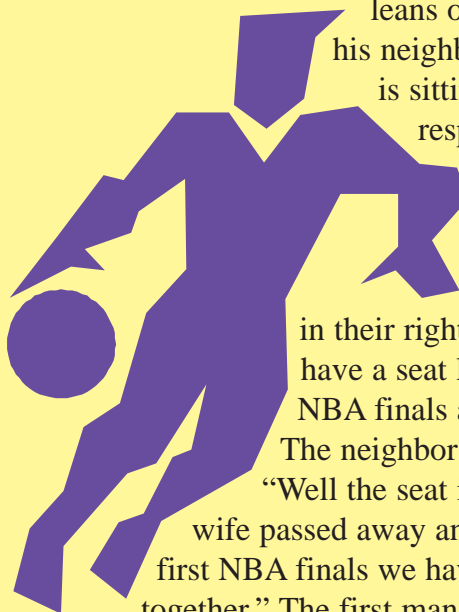
in their right mind would have a seat like this for the NBA finals and not use it?"

The neighbor responds, "Well the seat is mine, but my

wife passed away and this is the first NBA finals we haven't been together." The first man responds, "I'm

sorry to hear that. Wasn't there anyone else, a friend or relative that could've taken that seat?"

The neighbor responds, "No, they're all at the funeral."





# Museum Corner. . .

Here are a several photos of aprons used by Odd Fellows.

One, with blue trim and white kid leather, was pre-



sented from Manchester Unity in 1812. That is before the Order started in 1819.

If you have any more information about the aprons please contact the Grand Lodge office at (253) 345-1766 or [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com)

They are quite pretty, aren't they? Come see them and much more at our Washington Odd Fellows Museum in Buckley right behind the Grand Lodge Office.





## Bucoda Bulletin Board #10

# We're plugging along in Bucoda

Well, let's see if we have some news for this issue of the Bucoda Bulletin Board.

It was reported in Bulletin Board #8 that Rebekah Lodge #144's Noble Grand, Mashelle Patrick, was scheduled for a routine surgical procedure on June 4. Well, that got postponed, but has since been done. Everything went well and recovery is proceeding well. Good thoughts go out to Mashelle for a complete and speedy recovery.

### NEWS FROM MONTESANO

Interest and occupancy in Friendship Hall in Montesano remain high. Business is still getting done in our lodges, but everyone is looking forward to the day when we can all actually get together. We manage to stay in touch via Facebook and by phone, but it's just not the same as sharing Fellowship.

It has been suggested that *Go To Meeting* or *Zoom* could be used for virtual meetings. There are some limitations to this, but it is being researched and Grand

Lodge is also checking into these possibilities.

Actually, *Go To Meeting* and *Zoom* are much better than the Semaphore Flags or Tin Cans and String that I suggested.

While the opportunities for projects and meetings continue to be limited, finding good information for the paper is getting more difficult; but I shall endeavor to find content and report on the doings in Bucoda.

I'll close out this issue of the Bucoda Bulletin Board with a small riddle:

**Q:** How much sausage does an Odd Fellow have for breakfast?

**A:** Three Links.

Ba-dum-tchh. . . thank you, I'll be here all week.

Until next time, Health, Happiness and Peace to all.

*In F., L. & T., Steve Purcell, PG & Treasurer,*

*Skookumchuck #129,*

*Reporter and Foreign Correspondent*

*Bucoda Rebekahs #144*

## ~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

### I'M KEEPING BUSY WITH VOLUNTEER WORK

As I sit on my patio the thermometer reads 107 degrees. I'm so glad that my work for the week is done. During the last few months, I have been quite busy doing work for others. I just completed a little excavation project for waterlines to a house and shop. Staying busy for me takes my mind off all of the things going on in our country and world. I hope that all of my Brother and Sister Patriarchs are doing well and staying safe.



RON HANSON

### NOT A NORMAL YEAR

Normally at this time of the year I would be getting ready to go to Sovereign Grand Lodge, however this is not a normal year as you all know!

We are approaching the time of year when the Encampments that go dark for the summer would be getting ready to hold their first meetings. You need to think about how you will do that and keep your members safe, and hold your meetings within the rules and regulations of our Code. I am aware that some Jurisdictions are doing as they please, regardless of

what the Codes tell them they can do. I understand that these are extraordinary times for all of us, but that does not mean we can just do whatever we want and throw the Codes out the window.

The best advice I can give you is to follow the recommendations of your local and state health department as to what you can do according to the phase your particular county or area is currently in. This may cause you to modify the way you do things such as spacing of stations to maintain the correct social distancing and the wearing of masks.

If we each do our sincere and honest best, we will get through this and hopefully get back to what is normal for our Order.

### BYLAWS CORRECTIONS

I will be sending your bylaws back with the requested corrections shortly. I have sort of not bothered with them as we were not meeting, however each Encampment will need to review them and make the changes to bring them current with the Washington and SGL Codes.

I look forward to better times and being able to visit with you all in the future.

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

# We're going batty in Buckley

BY TOBY HANSON

The month of August has found most of us holed up in our homes, reluctant to go out and do any more interaction with the world than absolutely necessary. The same is true of a certain group of unwanted residents that has taken up living in the ceiling of the Buckley Odd Fellows Hall. A colony of bats has established itself in between the ceiling and the roof of the lodge hall and made themselves at home.

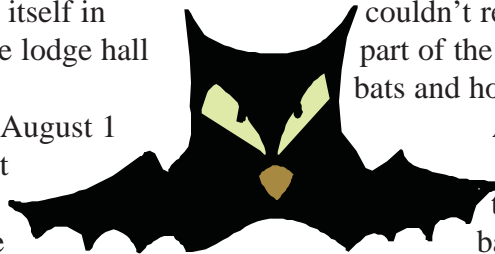
The bat infestation was discovered August 1 when a shower of what looked like rat droppings came down from the Grand Lodge office's awning over the sidewalk along Main Street. A pest control expert was called in to investigate. What he found was not rats, but bats — potentially hundreds of bats all roosting in the space above the ceiling in the second floor lodge hall. Because bats are a federally-protected species, special bat-control experts had to come in and review the situation.

The next couple weeks was a flurry of activity as various bat experts came to assess the situation. Estimates ranged from almost \$14,000 to over \$25,000. Once a

contractor to remove the bats was selected, they got right to work. The plan to get rid of the bats included three phases: **1)** sealing up most (but not all) of the entrances so the bats could leave but not get back in, **2)** setting traps for the remaining bats, and **3)** sealing up the remaining entrances once the bats left to ensure they couldn't return. The timetable for moving from one part of the plan to the next will be determined by the bats and how quickly they all leave.

At this time the lodge is waiting to see how soon all of the bats will leave. Once the bats have left, the contractor will come back in and clean up the bat droppings in the ceiling. The bats have left quite a mess in our lodge hall and it's not the kind of thing that most lodge members are qualified to clean up (or would want to, for that matter). Once this is all done we should have a clean, fresh, bat-free lodge hall.

— Toby Hanson,  
Junior Past Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF  
Sovereign Grand Musician  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows



New  
Items  
From The Grand  
Lodge Office



## New Odd Fellow Wearables

The Grand Lodge of Washington now has new wearables in the Buckley office. Gray Hoodies, left, are \$42 each and black T-Shirts are \$22 each. Quantities are limited

and you should call the Grand Lodge Office (360-829-1514) for size availability.





Photo by Janelle Siller

## *Dining room all finished at our Home*

Residents eagerly entered the newly-remodeled dining room in the main building of the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. It is light, bright and comfortable with a new seasonal heating and cooling system and newly-insulated windows. Tables for four have been replaced with

tables for two that follow the mandate of staying six feet apart. A new serving table for hot food and a salad bar are seen in the background. They are staffed by the kitchen crew. A hardwood floor makes the renovation complete. Happy munching!

## Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor

### **WE'RE CELEBRATING 60 YEARS**

Happy 60th anniversary to us. Our club was instituted on August 12, 1960.

We had a social distancing/mask picnic dinner at City Beach. For a fun activity, we did rock collecting on the beach and then painted a memory from Theta Rho or COVID-19.

We invited friends and are hoping to get some new members when we restart our meetings in September. (of course following safety guidelines).

We are doing our Papa Murphy Pizza card fund-raiser and hope you will support this project. We would be happy to mail your cards to you. You can't beat this deal. (See story at right) They make great thank you gifts for friends and neighbors. Sister Laurel Delony has already ordered hers. Thanks Laurel.

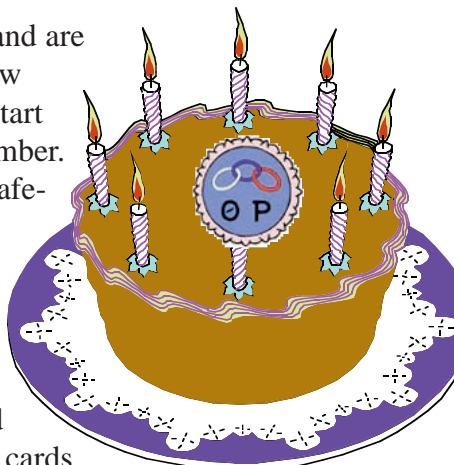
The family of our veteran pen pal from Ware,

Massachusetts notified us of his passing and told us how much he had enjoyed our cards and notes. We were so glad that we were able to brighten his days.

We are hoping you all have stayed safe and healthy and enjoyed the summer.

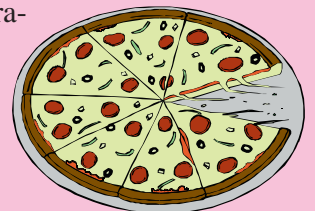
Until next time. . .

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



### **Acorn Theta Rho Club #79 Pizza fund-raiser!!!**

Purchase Papa Murphy Pizza Cards for \$5 and receive \$32 in savings at all Papa Murphy locations in Washington State. No expiration date. The cards give you \$4 off eight pizzas. Acorn will be selling these cards until Wednesday, September 30, 2020.



You may order your cards from Advisor Judy Diekman by sending her an email at:  
**[queenche2000@frontier.com](mailto:queenche2000@frontier.com)**



At right, Tammy Sharon, East Care Center social worker at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, wears a mask, uses social distancing and is ready with a wheel-

chair if needed. The orange barriers on the Magnolia Patio keep residents six feet apart. There is no attempt to create privacy in an outdoor visit.

## *Home is COVID-10 free*

# Odd Fellow Home residents finding ways to visit families via technology

### PHASE 1 OUTDOOR VISITS

*At the present, the Washington Odd Fellows Home Has no residents or staff members with COVID-19.*

Phase I for re-opening long-term care facilities includes a provision for outdoor family visits. The Magnolia Patio area will be open by appointment only. Outdoor visits will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Guests will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the visit. There is a limit of 30 minutes per visit subject to weather conditions. The number of visitors is limited to two. Residents are limited to two visits a day.

No more than five people including staff are allowed in a visitation area. Residents on the grounds require masking, social distancing and monitoring by staff.

Assisted Living residents that are in a 14-day quarantine are not eligible for outside visits. Alcohol-based

hand sanitizer will be available upon entering and exiting the visitation areas. Guests must stay in designated visitation locations, such as outdoors on the Magnolia Patio for Assisted Living residents, the Fireside Room for Merriam residents and outdoor courtyard for Clinton residents.

### PHASE 1 VIRTUAL OUTDOOR VISITS

Isolation can have a serious effect on the health and well-being of residents in long-term care facilities. At this time visitors are not permitted to enter the Odd Fellows Home buildings or apartments. The risk of catching COVID-19 from a family member, partner or close friend can be controlled by a virtual visit through a microphone attached to a window.

Families are encouraged to communicate with their loved ones via Face Time or Google Duo. Face Time is a

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# Virtual visits a reality at our Home

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free video program from Apple iPhone or iPad users. GoogleDuo is a free video program for anyone with a Gmail account. Download at the App Store or Play Store. The Activities Staff can help residents with this technology. Contact Maria Muñoz to access a virtual visit.

Food and drinks should be avoided so masks can stay in place. Surfaces are disinfected to prepare for the next conversation. In addition, residents are not allowed to leave the facility with family and then return. To protect tenants from this virus, families can visit via Face Time, GoogleDuo, Walkie Talkie, sign language, cell phone or speaker phone.

Signs reading “Heroes Work Here” are posted on Boyer Avenue and the entrance to the main building. Staff members who protect residents from contact with people who might carry COVID-19 are much appreciated. Remember, take good care of yourself and each other.

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



At right Jeanine Griffin, Musician for Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, uses masking, stays six feet apart and talks into the speaker phone with her friend who is inside the main building lobby. Outdoor visits are limited to 30 minutes subject to weather conditions.



## Home's Heroes at work

At right, Joani Wicklund, Director of Admissions at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, makes arrangements with John Kibler and Kriss Meyers to make their mother comfortable as she moves in. Joani says all of the staff members are heroes who work here.

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# Marcia is packing up after 11 years

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It was a very difficult decision for me to submit my resignation as Assembly Secretary, but I felt it would be for the betterment of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Our new Assembly Secretary is Cathy Garcia, PP. I know she will do a fantastic job.

I have been very busy packing up my office and doing some training and sharing information with Cathy. My

## Assembly President Marcia Presley heads to retirement

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The following motto that Marcia had when she was Assembly President fits everything she does: “I cannot do everything, but I can do something and I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Thank you Marcia for doing so much.

With the COVID-19 guidelines that need to be followed, how do we honor an individual who has given so much time and energy as well as countless hours to an organization? Marcia, please know that when we can we will help you celebrate another milestone in your Rebekah life. We are so honored and pleased you have served as the Assembly Secretary for 11 years.

— In F., L. & T.,  
 Jennie Reed, Junior Past President  
 Margaret Truttmann,  
 Rebekah Assembly of Washington President



**MARCIA  
 PRESLEY**

house will soon contain only my own junk (as my kids refer to my stuff). I will miss not writing my article for the newspaper, but I plan on having items printed on the History of our Jurisdiction and the Order and a poem or story once in a while.

I want to thank you all for what you do for our Order and Jurisdiction and for all of the help I received over the past 11 years as your Assembly Secretary. I assure you that I will still be around working for our Assembly

and our Order.

I will close with the following:

### **FRIENDS**

*A friend is someone we turn to  
 When our spirits need a lift.  
 A friend is someone we treasure,  
 For our friendship is a gift.  
 A friend is someone who fills our lives  
 With beauty, joy, and grace.  
 And makes the world we live in  
 A better and happier place.’*

Optimism is the Faith that leads to achievement.  
 Nothing can be done without hope and confidence in yourself.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth  
 And Lots of Rebekah Hugs from my heart.  
 Marcia Presley,  
 Past President and Past Assembly Secretary