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Who's Our Holiday Mystery Girl? See Page 16 For Details.



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Happy Holidays!

To All Our Brothers
And Sisters From
Your Unit Leaders!

Clockwise from upper left:

*Grand Master John "Johneo" Otterstrom,
Assembly President Margaret "Maggie"
Truttmann, Grand Patriarch Ron Hanson,
and Grand Matriarch Mavis House. At the
bottom is Theta Rho President Piper Fyffe.*

Blanket Dispensation

CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR INSTALLATIONS

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows does hereby grant permission to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges to jointly and publicly install their officers for the 2021 year and to move their Charters when so required for the performance of said ceremony.

Signed:

John Otterstrom,
Grand Master

Margaret Truttmann,
President

Attest:

Laurel Delony,
Grand Secretary

Attest:

Cathy Garcia,
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

Gathering for Installations are subject to state and county guidelines and may be canceled.

From the desk of your Grand Master

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

As we begin the final month of 2020, I want to wish and hope everyone is well.

COVID-19

Cases are on the rise. I want to make sure everyone is practicing safety and social distancing. I know several lodges are still playing it safe and not having meetings and some are trying to keep those gatherings small. This is a difficult and unprecedented journey. Use your best judgement and obey the edicts of the government.



JOHN OTTERSTROM
Grand Master

NEW OFFICERS

Congrats to the newly-elected officers and thank you to the officers continuing a second term. Some lodges have requested installation teams to install their new officers. I will be happy to install any new officers, but I am planning to keep the installing

team small until our governor lifts the restrictions.

KEEP POLITICS OUT OF THE LODGE ROOM

An issue has been brought to my attention. And that is the discussion of politics in the lodge room. I want to remind all members, in our Ritual in the Opening Ceremony, page 9, the Noble Grand makes the following statement at the end before the lodge goes through the order of business:

"Noble Grand – During which time we admit no political, sectarian, or other improper debate."

Noble grands, Vice Grands and Past Grands, it is your duty to keep lodges running smoothly. Lodge members, during a lodge meeting, it is not to be used for a political or religious platform. Remember — **WE ARE FAMILY!** We may not always agree on matters, whether that be

political or religious, etc., but we, as Odd Fellows, leave those discussions at the door of our lodge room. We can agree to disagree, but when we leave the lodge room we are still Brothers and Sisters. That is what makes us unique individuals.



Happy Holidays!

JOHN "JOHNEO" OTTERSTROM

BE SAFE IN YOUR TRAVELS

Christmas is coming and I want to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season. If you have to head out for the holidays, I wish you safe travels.

*Merry Christmas To All
And To All Much Love*

— Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,
John Otterstrom, AKA "Johnneo"
Your 2019-2021 Grand Master

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Ron Hansen,
Grand Patriarch

Mavis House,
Grand Matriarch

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

I hope this article finds you safe and well. As the Grand Master has stated in his article this month regarding lodge meetings, please be safe and follow the government's edict of no social gatherings until Monday, December 14.



LAUREL DELONY

REMINDER TO ALL LODGES

Your per capita is due by the 15th of December. Thank you to those lodges that have already sent in their payment. A copy of the invoice will be going out to your lodge on the 15th with the annual report if it hasn't already been paid.

YEAR END REPORTS

Now on to my next topic: Year End

Reports. The reports are being sent out on December 15 with a letter. There is a list of instructions and a sample sheet to help your secretaries. These reports are to be back in my office no later than February 15. The letter that goes with the packet must be read in your lodge so all members are aware of it. If, for some

reason, your secretary or financial secretary is going to be out of town when the paperwork is due, make sure someone else is tasked with getting it completed. Reports received after February 15, 2021, will cause your lodge to be charged \$5 for every day the report is late. Failure to file the report at all will cause your Representative to not be seated at Grand Lodge. This rule is in the *Washington Digest*.

Along with the Year End Report, your lodge rosters will be included. Please go through it and make corrections. Make sure all blanks are filled in and the zip code has the extra four digits. List any new members who have not been reported. Make as many copies as you like, but this original must be returned with the Year End Reports.

INSTALLATIONS

We don't know exactly how Installations will go down in January. We still don't know whether we can meet or not and if our Installations can be public. Do what's best for your lodge and members and follow state and county guidelines.

For those lodges that have their officers continuing on for another year, you do not have to have an Installation. In the *Ritual* under the Installation of Officers, it says you may retain your office until your successor is installed. For those lodges that elected new officers, the Grand Master will bring a small installing team and install your officers if you wish. Contact me or the Grand Master to schedule your Installation.

HOPING FOR A BETTER 2021

I want to wish everyone joyous holidays and to a better year in 2021. Stay safe and well.

— With Fraternal Hugs
Laurel Delony,
PGM, Grand Secretary

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 in Onalaska

Greetings from Pine Burr #300. We held our first meeting in October. The members are still questioning this virus that keeps lingering around the world.

Because of the lateness of the year our bake sale got put on the back burner until spring.

Love and condolences are requested for Sister Margaret Reed and family following the loss of her husband Duncan. They were married for 52 years. They have three wonderful children — all adults with children of their own. A family service was held at

their family farm with full Military Honors.

One of our Sisters, Phyllis Donaldson, was moved by her kids to Texas to be closer to them. We wish her the best!

We are wishing everyone Happy Holidays from both lodges. We hope that Melodee and Christine Butterson have made great recoveries. They both tested positive for COVID-19 about a month ago.

Everyone, please stay safe!

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

From the desk of the Assembly President

Season's Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

As I am writing this article, I feel the whole world is full of questions: if we social distance, if we wear masks, if we wash our hands, if we sanitize and if we don't meet, we can keep ourselves, our families and our friends safe. The entire *if we don't do* are things that we are used to doing without thinking about them. I love to hug friends when I have not seen them for a long time and I have to work hard not to just do it automatically. Just remind yourself, you are not alone as many others are with you. Do what is right for you to be safe and healthy.



MAGGIE TRUTTMANN

ANNUAL REPORTS

Remember to get your Annual Reports in on time to our Assembly Secretary as she has deadlines to meet. Be sure to share this information with your

lodge or ask assistance in getting the report filled out.

INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS

If your lodge has been able to meet and elect new officers, now is the time for your Lodge to plan for installation of your new officers in January. If you would like the Assembly Officers to help with your lodge installations, please contact me so I may get your lodge on the calendar. (*Editor's note: Installations may or may not take place depending on our state and county guidelines.*)

My wish for you is that your life may be filled with family and friends who are loving, giving, and caring all year around.

My parting thought is by Norman Vincent Peale: "Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

If I may be of service to you or your lodge, you are free to contact me. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

— In Friendship, Love & Truth

Margaret Truttmann, President,

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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Race ready in Tacoma

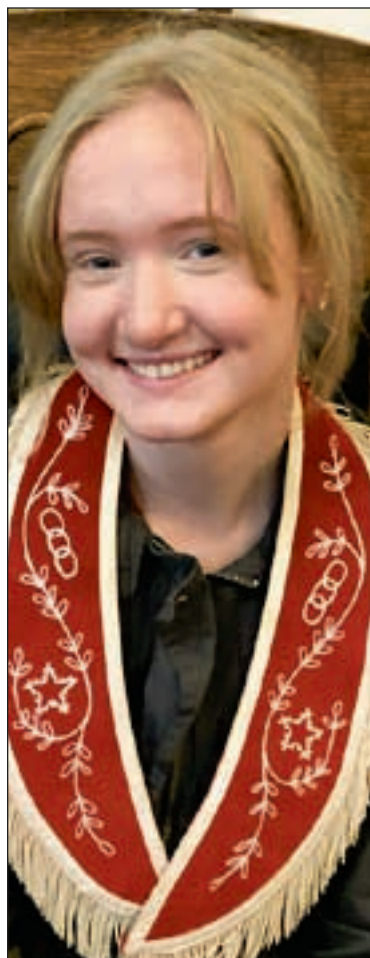
Here's another chance for you to win a wearable from the Grand Lodge. We want you to guess the year and make of the car above. Send your guess to: **grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com** or call **1-800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than December 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only per person! Here's a hint: The car above was hot rodded with a Chevy engine and running gear. The car was owned and raced near Tacoma's 6th Avenue and Highland Hills by Larry Smith of South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211. He also faced the competition at Seattle International Raceway (SIR). **BONUS:** If you know the the year, make and model of the car in the background, we'll throw in a drink mug, but you must be specific. If you have a photo of an old car or truck that you or your family members owned, please send it to the Grand Lodge office and we may use it for a future "Guess the Car" contest.



Buckley Lodge #75, Encampment #40 remain busy during the pandemic!!!

OUR BATS HAVE MOVED ON

Despite the pandemic, things have been busy in Buckley. The bat problem has been resolved and their droppings have been removed. Now that our unwelcome guests have been safely removed from the building we can look at some more projects in the future, including more repairs to the cracking plaster in the dining hall. We also hope to re-hang the quilt that was taken down for repairs a couple of years ago. We recently rented out our remaining commercial space to a new business, ensuring some measure of financial security for the future.



Britney Jahner after getting her Third Degree.

TWO NEW MEMBERS PLUS INITIATION

In the lodge hall, we've elected our new officers for the year and initiated two new members. Jack and Tina Hanon were initiated and took their Three Degrees at the Olympia Lodge on November 7. We're very happy to have them as members.

Madeleine Martin will take over as our new Noble Grand next year. This will be her first time serving as Noble Grand. She will take over running meetings from her mom, Dannielle Hanson. The lodge will also have a new Secretary. Britney Jahner, President of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club, recently took her Three Degrees and was elected as our Secretary for the coming year. Another new lodge

officer will be our Vice Grand, Matt McCollum, who served as our Warden the past two years. Our venerable Treasurer, Shelly Burns, was elected to serve another year in that position. Many of our members who joined in the past year are also stepping into appointed offices for the first time. Kudos to all the members willing to step up and serve in office. It's important that we keep training new people how to run our lodges.



Chief Patriarch Toby Hanson, left, with Matt McCollum in his fez after joining the Encampment.

BUCKLEY ENCAMPMENT NEWS

For our Encampment, we started meeting again in October and were finally able to install our new officers that were elected prior to the pandemic shutdown. We also obligated our newest member of Buckley Encampment #40, Matt McCollum from Buckley IOOF Lodge #75. We look forward to giving him the full experience of the Encampment Degrees in the future when the pandemic will allow it. It's wonderful to see our Third Degree Odd Fellows expressing interest in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship. Our Chief Patriarch, Toby Hanson, has introduced a new program of historical presentations at each meeting which gives us an opportunity to learn about our history, symbolism, and traditions as Odd Fellows. Inspired by the election, the November presentation was about US Presidents who were Odd Fellows: U.S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley, Warren Harding, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Harry Truman is usually included on that list but there's no evidence that he was ever an Odd Fellow. The Patriarchs are eagerly awaiting the next historical presentation at the next meeting.

— In F, L. & T, Toby Hanson,
Junior Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF
Sovereign Grand Musician
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I'll admit I've had Christmas music playing since mid-October, but I didn't forget Halloween or Thanksgiving. This is always such a fun time of year — decorating, playing with grandkids and enjoying times of remembering the blessings of the past year. As difficult as 2020 has been, there were still many positive points. I believe we choose what we will focus on.

STILL SOME BUSINESS TO DO

As we enjoy the holidays and stay busy with friends and family, there is still lodge business to stay on top of. Annual reports are in your hands. The sooner you get started on them, the sooner you can put the job behind you and not have it hanging over your head. Please call me if you need any help.

"CREATIVE" ELECTIONS

Elections are over and new officers are making their plans for the upcoming year. I'm sure some of you found creative ways to have elections while social distancing. Some lodges have opted to keep the same officers in place for another term as we haven't been able to have actual meetings. If you are retaining officers who were installed in 2020, they do not need to be installed for 2021. Our Installation Ceremony states that officers are responsible for their duties until the installation of their successors. If no new officer is installed, they continue in their current position.

INSTALLATIONS OF OFFICERS

For those of you needing to install new officers, it appears that it isn't prudent to hold public or even Joint Installations as we usually do. Officers may be installed during a regular meeting by your District Deputy or any Past Noble Grand. The obligations are in your Ritual. If you would like one or two members of the Executive Committee to help you with this, please contact Assembly President Maggie. It is unfortunate that this formal ceremony that many of us enjoy and look forward to cannot take place this year, but that doesn't make us any less officers of our Rebekah Lodges. We will join together again, stronger than ever.

A DAY OF SORTING

I want to thank Jennie Reed, Maggie Truttmann, Karen Hoylman and Peg Ogilvie for their help as we sorted through the last of the boxes of defunct lodge items. It is all organized (to a point), labeled and in boxes where we can access records when necessary. We had a great day with several hours to visit. Thank you so very much.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

I'm praying that you all have a wonderful Christmas season. As things continue to be different from past years and most of our lodges are not having our traditional Christmas parties, please keep this thought in mind:

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

What's in your heart this December? Let's choose Friendship, Love and Truth.

Merry Christmas

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth
With Rebekah Love & Hugs,
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington
(360) 413-7014 or (360) 701-5896
rebsecwa@gmail.com



Cathy Garcia and her two great-granddaughters wish you all a very Merry Christmas. The cute kids are in holiday dresses Cathy crocheted for them.

~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED?

Well, ok guess I have to do this again.

So, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Encampment members and all of the Brothers and Sisters in our other Branches of the Order.



RON HANSON

What are you going to do during this festive season of the year? Bet I can guess. Let me see. Party numerous times, go shopping and run up a fortune in credit card bills to make someone happy, eat far too much and complain about being overfull while watching every football game on the tube. Some will undoubtedly wish the relatives that came to visit would leave because they have stayed too long.

Sound about right to you? Seems you hear all of these when talking about the season with friends and family.

What would happen if instead of the description of what we do during this season as described above: you

would do the following:

LET'S HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Take the time to go to your local mission or soup kitchen, whatever it is called in your area, and volunteer to help feed those less fortunate than us. While you are there you could take the time to explain who we are and what we do and extend an invitation to join us. Possibly we could initiate several new members into our Encampments.

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

Last night I visited my home Encampment, Alpha #1, and we initiated a new candidate to our Encampment, so that is a gain of one new Encampment member.

We will be doing three Degrees in Spokane for our new members and I am sure we will be getting them into Encampment as well. We can grow if we just keep working at it.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY

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



Rick gets his workshop back!

Assembly Secretary Cathy Garcia reports that her husband Rick finally has his workshop back after a group of Rebekahs sorted and cleaned out boxes and boxes of

items from now-defunct lodges. From left are Maggie Truttmann, Jennie Reed, Karen Hoylman and Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie.

From your 2019-20 Theta Rho President

HAPPY DECEMBER EVERYONE!

It may not be the 31st yet, but congratulations on making it to the end of 2020! The best way I can describe this year is one big game of Jumanji, and honestly I'm ready for this game to be over. That being said, we can all officially mark this down as a significant historical event we lived through, something a lot of people haven't been able to do! I've definitely talked to a lot of friends about this, and we've all agreed that our jokes when we get older are going to be hilarious.

I would also like to extend a huge congratulations to



Kathy Gould, Linda Boatman and Tanya Gardiner of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge working on some Angels.

In Oak Harbor

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 making Angels

Happy Holiday Season to everyone. We hope everyone has been staying safe and healthy. We started meeting again in September following our county's guidelines.

We have been working on an on-going project of making little angels. We are hoping to have enough made to give to all the residents of "Welcome Home Memory Care" for Christmas.

At our Christmas party we are going to be putting together a "surprise" for our Theta Rho Girls. We will share more of that with you next month or it won't be a surprise anymore.

We wish for all of you a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

— From Your Oak Leaf Rebekah Sisters

everyone still in school for making it another semester. I know that the past couple have felt like fighting an uphill battle against an army of monsters, but look at the progress! No matter how you did, as of completion in December, we all made it through a whole year of schooling with unpredictable and often terrible conditions! Give yourself a huge pat on the back and do something nice for yourself over the holiday break — we all deserve it. And don't lose hope! Trust me, I know school can seem never ending at times, but you will get through it.



PIPER FYFFE

This year more than ever I want to try and spread some holiday cheer with how rough life has been for a lot of people, and I encourage you all to do the same as much as you can! No matter what holiday you celebrate, this is the time of year to show a little extra kindness. One of my favorite things to do is to put together bags with warm items, snacks, and toiletries to distribute to those in need, but there are many, many things to do and programs to work with this time of year to spread some holiday cheer so if my idea inspires anyone, I encourage you to look for someone that may need a little extra help!

Stay safe, stay healthy, and Happy Holidays!

Email: piperfyffe@gmail.com

Phone Number: (253) 292-7611

— In Happiness Through Service & a little Holiday Cheer,
Piper Fyffe, President
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



Noble Grand Robin Bond with one of our Angels.

A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



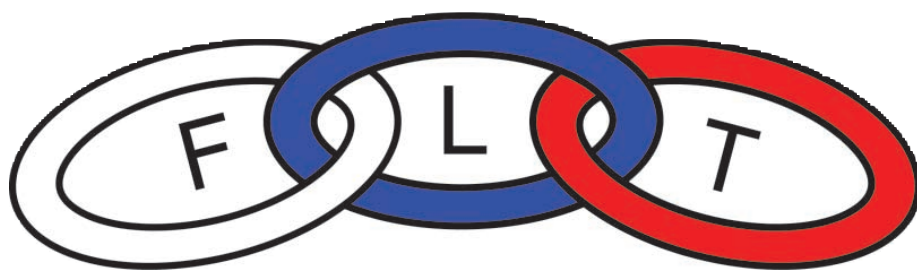
Left: At the Washington Odd Fellows Home, residents enjoyed well-tended, abundant Victory Gardens during World War II (1941-1945). Families planted gardens across the US to prevent a food shortage. Sixteen million armed forces personnel had to be fed three meals a day. One group of men faithfully weeds the large garden behind the Home. Using a hoe-and-tiller hand plow, they kept the strawberry patch weed-free. When the orphaned boy, Joe Williams, was not going to school, working in the garden was part of his life. **Above:** The Odd Fellows grounds accommodating Mill Creek and the houses were sold to the City of Walla Walla. An amount of \$5,500 was set aside to buy the land on Clinton Street and Boyer Avenue. The upper bank of Mill Creek is barely visible. Today concrete walls and wire fences line the creek bed.

*Workers, and even orphans,
kept Home's gardens growing!*



(Editor's note: About 200 historic Walla Walla photos were given to the Odd Fellows Home 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. 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 skippy-cat3@charter.net.)

~ Lodge Cards ~



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Per
Year**

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~ Lodge Cards ~

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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 usually 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)

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 99201-0599. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Joey Locke, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201-0599. (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)

Staying engaged during the pandemic

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM

The current pandemic has upended almost every aspect of life, from how we shop for groceries to how we see our loved ones. It has affected lodge life as well. In some cases, there have been opportunities for lodges to meet in limited capacities. In other cases, lodges have been com-

pletely dark since March. Either way, lodge activities have changed dramatically. For a lot of people that has been a challenge. Many members are missing the social aspects of lodge meetings. While it's not a perfect substitute, there are many ways that electronic communication can help fill that gap until we're able to meet in person again regularly.

~ 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., at 11 am with luncheon following. **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, 17146 SE 23rd Dr., Unit 19, Vancouver, WA 98683-4317. **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)

LODGE EVENTS ONLINE

The first option is to hold lodge events via an online meeting platform. The most popular option is Zoom, although there are others available. It's important to remember that lodges can't hold business meetings solely on Zoom. They can have participants join an in-person meeting by Zoom or other secure videoconferencing app, but they cannot do a business meeting only on-line. (See the Grand Secretary's column on page 3 in the November, 2020 edition for the details.) Social events are permitted, though. Many lodges have been having social events on the internet, like movie nights and discussion groups. Maintaining a regular schedule for social events can help keep members in the habit of attending lodge, even if it's not in person.

USING FACEBOOK

Facebook has become the most popular social networking platform on the internet and it provides a number of great opportunities for staying connected with what's going on in Odd Fellowship. Several lodges have started their own Facebook Groups where they can post news, information, pictures, and other items of interest. It also allows members to interact with each other remotely. There are several groups on Facebook dedicated to Odd Fellowship which provide opportunities to interact with members from all over the world. They're easy to find with the "Search" function on Facebook. Just look up "Odd Fellows" or "Rebekahs" and you'll easily find them.

ODD FELLOW APPS

For a more Odd Fellow-centered social networking experience, there's an Odd Fellows App available for both iPhone and Android phones. You can download it from either app store for your phone. Membership in the app is free for all Washington members. I've been using the app for two years now and I find it to be a very useful way of getting information about what's happening around the world of Odd Fellowship. Members can post pictures and text about what's happening locally. App users can send private messages to one another and can also send group messages. This is extremely useful for lodges if everyone is on the app because a quick message can go out to everyone in just a few seconds. There's also an interactive lodge finder map so you can locate lodges

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anywhere in the US and Canada. You can even download an application form right from within the app just in case you meet someone who wants to join and you don't have a traditional printed application handy. The app is incredibly useful and a great way to find out about what other lodges are doing.

DISCORD APP

Anyone looking for some real-time discussion with other Odd Fellows can find it on Discord. Discord is an app that allows users to chat with one another in real time either on their phone, tablet, or computer. The most common use of Discord is for people playing online games to chat with one another. Since the beginning of the pandemic there have been many other Discord servers set up with chat rooms for a whole variety of topics including Odd Fellowship. There are Discord chat rooms for people interested in Odd Fellowship and wanting information before they join. There are rooms for current members to discuss history, symbols, and traditions of Odd Fellowship, and there are rooms for other sub-topics like recruiting new members, SGL Code, and the Patriarchal branches. Discord is a great way to have a discussion amongst interested people.

INSTAGRAM

Instagram is a picture-sharing app and website owned by Facebook. There's a very lively and active community of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs there. Because we have a rich tradition of symbols and artifacts from the past, it's a natural fit for Instagram. Individual members like myself have accounts on Instagram and there are also various groups like the Sovereign Grand Lodge that maintain a presence. To find content about Odd Fellowship on Instagram, search for the common hashtags used to identify pertinent pics like #ioof, #flt, #threelinks, #iamarebekah, #oddfellows, and #oddfellowship. I have found many great members around the world through Instagram and also learned a lot about what's happening in various lodges. Our own Buckley Lodge #75 has an Instagram account where we share pictures of what we do with the world.

DISCUSSION FORUMS

Another opportunity for on-line Odd Fellowship is the Odd Fellows' subreddit, /r/ioof. Reddit is a website which hosts a collection of discussion forums about all manner of topics, similar to Discord. The difference between the two is that on Discord, messages are sent to the group in real time like a text message on a phone whereas on Reddit, messages are posted to a particular page called a subreddit that can be read at any time. There are more than 300 subscribers to the Odd Fellows'

subreddit, most of whom are members of the Order. Participating in the discussion communities is another good way of sharing information about what's happening in Odd Fellowship in various places. The Odd Fellows' subreddit can be found at <http://www.reddit.com/r/ioof>.

ODD FELLOW BLOGS

For those who want to read the latest news from around the world of Odd Fellowship, there's a website that's dedicated to publishing submissions from various members around the world, the Heart In Hand Blog. There you will find thoughtful essays about a broad range of topics in Odd Fellowship. There are posts that explain the history and purpose of the Encampment Branch, posts that give suggestions for how to help struggling lodges, historical essays about how Odd Fellowship has dealt with challenges in the past, and many more. One particularly interesting post is about the purpose and function of the Finance Committees in lodges. Not everyone knows how they work or why they're important to proper lodge function. The Heart In Hand is located at <http://www.oddfellowsguide.com>.

PODCASTING

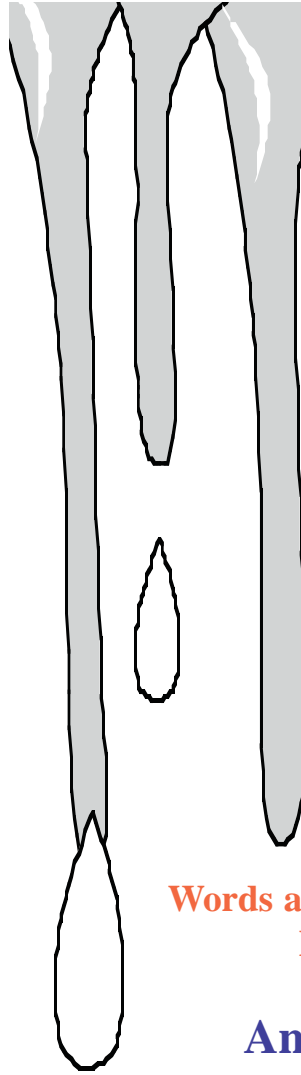
Even the world of podcasting now has options for Odd Fellows. Podcasts are audio productions like radio shows that are recorded and stored on the Internet. They can be downloaded and listened to any time by interested listeners. Two podcasts for Odd Fellows launched in 2020: Modern Goat Rider, hosted by Josh Miller and Billy Sanderson of Columbia Lodge #2 in Victoria, BC; and Three Links Odd Cast, hosted by Ainslie Heilich, Sergio Paredes, and myself. Both shows produce new episodes on a regular basis and cover a wide range of topics. A recent episode of Modern Goat Rider included an interview with an Odd Fellow from The Netherlands where he shared his experiences of joining a European lodge and how it differs from North American Odd Fellowship. A recent episode of the Three Links Odd Cast was focused on Odd Fellows Cemeteries and featured an interview with the Deputy Grand Master of Louisiana, a conservator of historical cemeteries, and the liaison for the Odd Fellows' Rest Cemetery in New Orleans, Louisiana. Both shows are excellent sources of information and entertainment focused on Odd Fellowship and are available from their respective websites and all major podcast distributors like Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, iHeartRadio, and others. Modern Goat Rider can be found at <http://www.modern-goatriders.com> and the Three Links Odd Cast at <http://www.threelinksoddcast.com>.

WHAT WILL "NORMAL" LOOK LIKE?

The pandemic has caused a lot of disruption to our

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SNOWBALL
SNOWFALL
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FROZEN
BLIZZARD
WONDERLAND
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SNOWFLAKE
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WINTER
ICICLE
FROSTY
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**Words are Forward And Backward,
Horizontal, Vertical
And Diagonal.**

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Yes, we can stay connected and informed

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daily lives and also our lodge activities. There's still no way of knowing when things will return to normal, or even what "normal" may look like in the future. With the Internet and all of its various forms of communication, there are ways to stay connected to Odd Fellowship even when attending lodge regularly isn't an option. It's important to keep in mind that nothing that should stay within the secrecy of the lodge should be shared on social media. If you wouldn't say it to a non-member outside of lodge, don't share it on-line. I participate in all of the groups mentioned in this article and I'm more than happy to help anyone out who would like to get involved. If you have any questions about how they

work or how to join, feel free to email me at iooftoby@gmail.com and I'll help you get started with any of the options in this article.

We may not be able to meet regularly the way we're used to but that doesn't mean we have to feel disconnected and isolated. There are wonderful communities of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs out there on the Internet just waiting for you to join.

— In F., L. & T, Toby Hanson,
Junior Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

Sovereign Grand Musician
Independent Order of Odd Fellows



In Walla Walla during WWII

Home resident Patricia Jennings recalls living in the “Girls’ Building”

The Girls’ Building first served as Washington Odd Fellows’ original frame building, constructed in 1897. It was remodeled into housing for orphan girls in 1939, following construction of the brick Administration Building in 1925. The last child left in 1941 when World War II brought military jobs and prosperity to the area. Parents could support their children in their own homes.

Patricia Lowndes Jennings, a current resident of Odd Fellows Merriam Street Apartments, recalls living in the building in 1945 when she entered Whitman College as a Freshman. When the last child left in 1941, the building was leased to Whitman College and became a women’s Freshman dormitory called “College House.”

Patricia recalled the floors creaked but most rooms were spacious and light. Smoking was not allowed in the rooms, but College House had a smoking and sitting room near the front door. Another popular smoking area was the front steps of “Mem,” Memorial Building, between classes

Few men were back from WWII in the Fall of 1945. “There were only 40 men and 400 women on campus,” Patricia remembers. In 1946, when the veterans returned, enrollment increased to more than 800 students.

“There was an air of optimism as we entered Whitman. It was peacetime! The Depression and WWII were behind

us. Those who had been in the service were in a hurry to get on with their education and lives, but at the same time learn to make a good living, have some fun and enjoy civilian life,” Patricia said.



Jennings researched the tower and wrap-around porch of the Administration Building. They were removed when it was remodeled for the orphan girls. The building was razed in 1956.

In her Sophomore year, Patricia moved to Prentiss Hall where she lived for the next three years. Today, Patricia is happy living in

Merriam Street Apartments next to her old alma mater. College House was demolished years ago, but Patricia’s memories of postwar Whitman and the good times remain bright. Life continues to be exciting, challenging and fun.

— Submitted by Shirley Ruble



Patricia Lowndes Jennings looks through photo albums in her Merriam Street apartment. She sees in the old photos that the original Odd Fellows Administration Building constructed in 1897 is one and the same as College House where she lived as a Whitman College Freshman in 1945.



Jennings said, “If you look at the in-and-out pattern of the windows in the Girls’ Building, you see they are the same as the Administration Building.”

Let's play Christmas Trivia

It's time for Christmas, gift giving, great food, and family fun. What are your traditions? Your decorations? Your memories? Play Christmas Trivia and see how many questions you get right!

- 1 — What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?
- 2 — In what country did the custom of putting up a Christmas tree originate?
- 3 — What country is the Poinsettia, with its red and green foliage, native to?
- 4 — Who wrote "A Christmas Carol?"
- 5 — Who played George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life?"
- 6 — What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
- 7 — What holds its place at the top of the Christmas tree?
- 8 — How many candles are on an Advent Wreath?
- 9 — Jesus was born in what town?
- 10 — What are the names of the three Wise Men?
- 11 — What gifts did the three Wise Men give the Baby Jesus, according to Christian history?

- 12 — After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel?

ANSWERS:

1 "White Christmas" 2 Germany 3 Mexico 4 Charles Dickens 5 Jimmy Stewart 6 Willie 7 An angel or star 8 Four 9 Bethlehem 10 Casper, Melchior and Balthazar 11 Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh 12 Egypt.

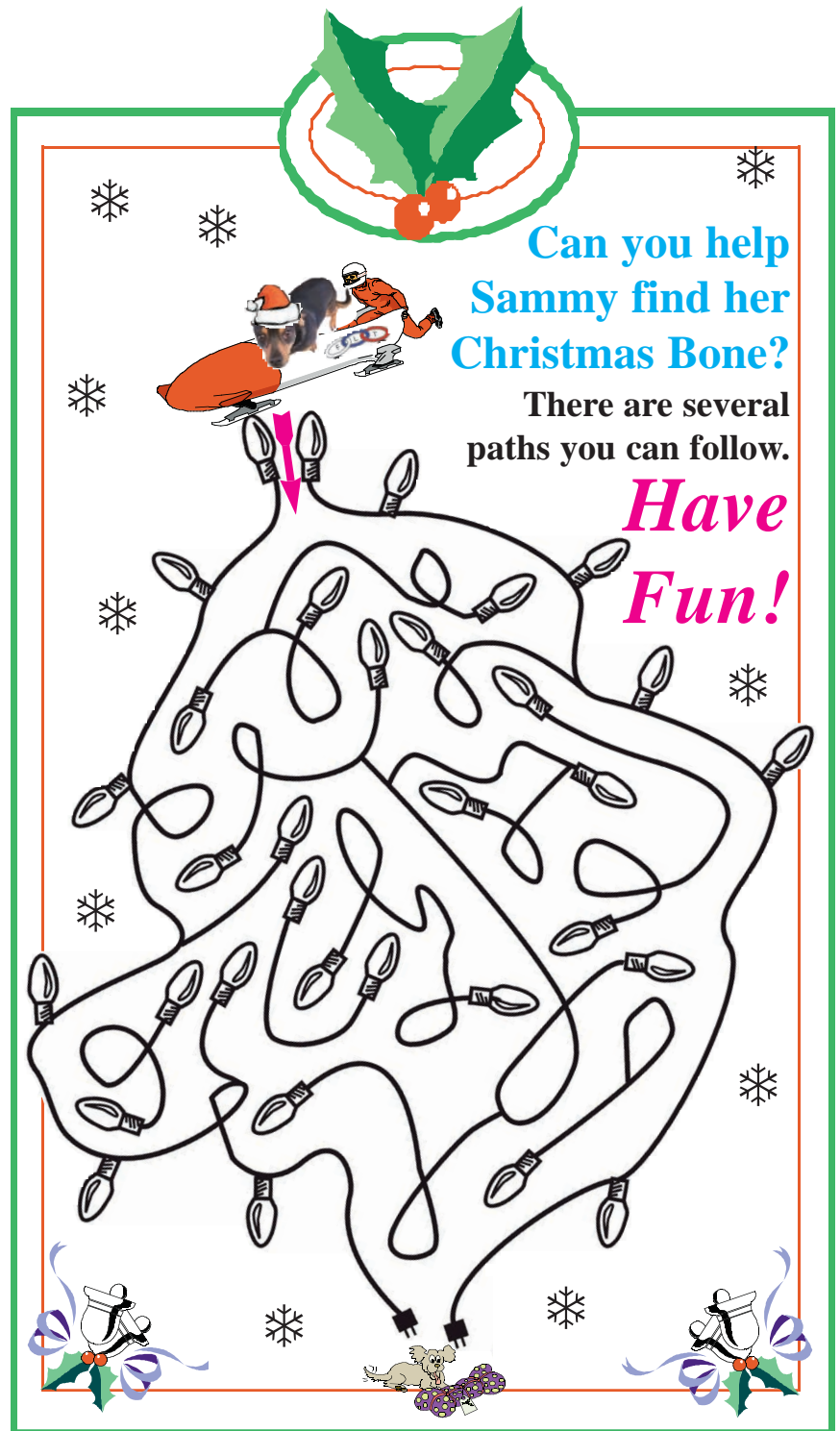
PRIZES:

For every right answer give yourself a "HO." Then see how many "HO HO HOs" you and the others have!

— Submitted by Shirley Ruble

Winter Wonderland Word Search Answers

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A wonderful Initiation in Olympia

Ten new Brothers and Sisters were initiated into Odd Fellowship and six more received their Second and Third Degrees at a ceremony at Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 on Saturday, November 7. Those initiated into Olympia #1 were: Jennifer Moody, Jennifer Hamilton, Bob LeGassey, Dennis Burns and Carl Hills. Tina Hanon and Jack Hanon were initiated into Buckley IOOF Lodge #75. New mem-

bers from Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 included: Penny Trotter, Brian Anicker and Kyle Weibold. Second and Third Degrees were bestowed upon Olympia members Travis Robinson, David Upgraff and David Dodge, along with Brittany Jahner of Buckley and two members from Golden Rule IOOF Lodge of Napavine. A hearty welcome is extended to our new members.

More contest fun this month!

We had a little mercy on our readers last month and many of them found the Grand Lodge's mascot



"Sammy" much easier to find. Kathy Jester of Washougal found "Sammy" in the lower left corner of the photo on page 13. She was one of quite a few who found Sammy's photo. Kathy wins a wearable for her eagle-eye. Her name was drawn from the correct entries.

And the picture of the little boy on top of page 1 last month? He was rec-

ognizable to several folks even though our "Mystery Boy" had a lot more hair then. And who was he? None other than PGM Frank Wilson of Olympia. Another PGM, Kelly Hughes of Bucoda, took home the prize. Kelly won an Odd Fellow wearable.

We didn't have a "Guess The Car" last month, but we have have another for December on page 4.

FIND SAMMY AND OUR MYSTERY GIRL!

You have another two chances to win some prizes this month. See if you can find our mascot "Sammy" once again. You can win a wearable if you find Sammy's photo.

Also, we have another mystery photo on page 1 this month. She's a longtime member of our Order and very active for many years.

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know where Sammy is and who our "Mystery Girl" pictured on page 1 is. If correct, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony will put your name in separate drawings for wearables. Again send your email grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than December 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!

From Your Rebekah Assembly Historian

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

While going through the *Journal of Proceedings* of the Rebekah Assembly I found two reports that were titled *Report of Officers of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington* for the years 1942 and 1943. The following information was discovered: The 52nd Annual Rebekah Assembly Sessions were held in Everett on June 23, 24 and 25, 1941. The Assembly Sessions were convened and all business was concluded and the Vice President, by direction of the President, declared the 52 Annual Sessions closed. The Assembly President declared the Sessions closed accordingly.



MARCIA PRESLEY The following Assembly Officers were elected and installed at this Session: President Harriett C. Bird, Seattle; Vice President Frances Pangle, Pasco; Warden Etta B. North, Tacoma; Secretary Ethel M. Brewington, Everett; and Treasurer Susie E. Bacon, Seattle.

In 1942 the Sovereign Grand Lodge issued a proclamation declaring an emergency order requiring the suspension of all conventions which are not imperative and necessary to the prosecution of the War and declared they would be cancelled or postponed to a later date. The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Executive Committee declared their Sessions would be held at a later date.

The directive from the SGL, because of the date their meeting was held, the Sessions for 1942 and 1943, both were cancelled. The 153rd Annual Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions were held in Spokane, June 26, 27 and 28, 1944.

The Rebekah Assembly Sessions for 2020, having been cancelled and the Officers agreed to stay in their respective

offices for an extra year and the Rebekah Assembly Officers installed at the 1941 Assembly Sessions would remain in their offices for three years.

The following report was printed in the Journal for the 1944 Assembly Sessions: Report of the State of the Order Committee:

President — 244 visitations, 32 installations conducted, two installations attended, 58 District Meetings, 7 Theta Rho Meetings, 2 Home Board meetings, 6 special sessions of the Rebekah Assembly, 128 Dispensations granted, 3 Blanket Dispensations, 2 Charters recalled, 2 funerals, 5 Consolidations, 6 recommendations made, attended Association Rebekah Assembly as Representative.

Vice President — 80 visitations, 12 District Meetings, 19 Installations, 1 funeral, 6 Home Board meetings, 14 By-Laws approved, 55 amendments to By-Laws, 2 recommendations, 1 special sessions.

Warden Report — 103 visitations, 39 installations, 20 District Meetings, 1 funeral, and 1 special session.

There were 229 Lodges, 20,601 members, a 748 net gain, 33 Theta Rho Girls' Clubs, with 1,481 members.

The membership of the Rebekah Assembly and the total Rebekah Lodges is much lower now, but together we can make a difference during these trying times.

I will conclude this report with the following:
Just be happy, keep on smiling, as you go from day to day.

I would fill your life with sunshine,

Could I but have my way.

But human skill is vain, dear friends, and a power

"All Wise" is near.

So I will only say, "God Bless You"

And keep you through the year.

— In Friendship, Love and Truth

And Lots of Rebekah Hugs From My Heart,

Marcia Presley, PP & Rebekah Assembly Historian

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

Trinity Rebekah Lodge has a new application for membership.

We did a sock drive for the Mission that helps feed the homeless in Chehalis in September as one of our community service projects.

In October we provided bread and cookies for the Mission for the lunches that they make for the homeless. This was our community service project for October.

On October 9 we had a very successful bake sale.

Then come to find out we had to replace our hot water tank. Our Brother Odd Fellows Tom Eppling and Todd were hoping to just change the elements, but they couldn't budge the bolts. They did find a manufacture date on the tank, 1989! Thirty-one years not too bad for a hot

water tank. At least they didn't charge us labor. A big *thank you* to our Brothers!

At our next meeting we will be putting together 25 shut-in baskets.

On November 11, we had a meeting and were very glad to have Assembly President Maggie Truttmann, Vice President Peg Ogilvie and Past President Jennie Reed with us.

We were very lucky to get our bazaar in on November 13 and 14 before the state shut everything down again. We still have our pie fund-raiser going.

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

Here's To A Better 2021



Acorn Theta Rho members with our completed boxes for "Operation Christmas Child." We filled 12 boxes. From left are: Alana Weatherlow, Miyah Garcia, Kiaira Moore,

Kaydince Clark, Stacy Gardiner, Hailey Hanna, Riley Moore, Desiree Gardiner and Leilah McNichols. Even with masks, the girls looked very festive!

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

KEEP YOUR HOLIDAYS MERRY & SAFE!

The holiday season is upon us and while this year is very different, we hope you are still having fun while staying safe. We were not able to do our turkey raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation because of the COVID-19 restrictions, but we made a donation of \$100 from our fund-raiser. So instead of that, we had a craft day for ourselves with a guest presenter, Diana Hammond. We each made cute little purses and a Christmas card for our parents.

Since our last article we have also initiated two more new members, Kaydince Clark and Alana Weatherlow.

This month, although we cannot visit with the residents, we will once again be making Christmas cards for "Welcome Home Memory Care." We have missed not being able to spend time with them.

For our fun activity we will once again be doing gingerbread trains (we hope) and watching our annual Christmas movie at our Advisor's home.

We wish all of you a Merry and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Hugs

From The Members Of Acorn

Until next year. . .

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



Sharing their fancy purses are, from left: Alana Weatherlow, Kaydince Clark, Kiaira Moore, Hailey Hanna, Miyah Garcia, Stacy Gardiner and Lucy Crouch



Kaydince Clark, Miyah Garcia and Hailey Hanna busy with their holiday craft projects.

Bucoda Bulletin Board #13

More hauntings in Bucoda Gym



IMPROVISE, ADAPT AND OVERCOME

I have lived by that simple statement for years and it has never failed me. Skookumchuck Odd Fellows #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 have been getting creative, of late, in order to conduct our meetings. There is a small, core group here that I like to call “The Bucoda Militia.” Improvisation, adapting and overcoming have resulted in a “guerrilla” Fourth of July activity, and recently a “spontaneous” Halloween procession to insure that the little ones didn’t totally miss out on trick or treating. I have heard rumors of some similar activity for Christmas; but, of course, I wouldn’t know anything for certain.

ELECTIONS

By the time this is published Election of Officers should have been completed. We’ll report on that in a future issue.

BUCODA GYM

This month let’s highlight the Bucoda gym. Built in 1939, the gym is the last remnant of the Bucoda school. Long used as an event center for the town, it was finally closed to rentals with the opening of the Bucoda Community Center — the former Odd Fellows Lodge Building. Combine that with the expenses of keeping the gym open far exceeded the revenue generated, thus the Town Council had little choice but to close it. Enter the Boo-Coda Spook-Tacular and Haunted House.

The gym was perfect for staging the annual Haunted House. It’s spooky to look at in the daytime and even spookier at night. Oh, and it should come as no great surprise that the building is actually haunted.

Several years ago the Olympic Paranormal Society asked to check some sites in town for activity. They started with the prison site, and experienced nothing. The mayor then suggested they check the gym. The photos they took showed evidence of “orbs.” These orbs have been witnessed by numerous people on the gym’s security cameras, as well. Sounds of running and a child laughing are common occurrences. Public works will enter to perform cleaning and maintenance, leave the restroom stalls doors open only to find them closed later, and vice versa. For the uninitiated the gym can be an unnerving experience. Oh, the Olympic Paranormal Society was offered the chance to spend the night in the gym, when they visited. They declined. Where are the “Ghostbusters” when you need them? One thing we like to point out to first-time visitors is the fact that there are 18 windows in the gym, but from the floor only 13 are visible. And, yes, the town thrives on its spooky reputa-



Just what are these mysterious orbs in the Bucoda Gym?

tion. And before I forget, the gym doesn’t seem to like cell phones, flashlights or anything else battery operated. Many people have reported entering the gym with fully charged phones only to have those dead within an hour. But, again, I’ll let you decide on the veracity of these happenings.

Two of the photos accompanying this article show the town’s hearse, some spooky looking people and the exterior of the gym. The third photo was taken by the Olympic Paranormal Society and shows five of the orbs circled in black. Very few photos of the interior, as the Haunted House, exist currently. My camera doesn’t like to hold a charge and the flash won’t always function. Just one of the many oddities that we who haunt the gym must endure.

I plan to highlight the Town Community Center in the next issue. And, yes, it reportedly has a resident ghost, as well.

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*



“Digger” the friendly undertaker (Steve Purcell) and Bucoda Mayor Alan Carr at Bucoda’s “Spook-Tacular” in October.

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Active Rebekah Joyce Crowder passes at 93

Joyce “Bubbles” Crowder, a very active Rebekah for the past 45 years, passed away at age 93. A resident of Des Moines, she died peacefully on October 28, 2020 in Olympia.

“Bubbles” was initiated into Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 on February 19, 1975. She served as the Lodge Treasurer for 21 years, starting in 1988. Lorraine consolidated with South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 in 2018 where she continued her membership.

Joyce’s husband, Harvey, joined the Odd Fellows in 1969 and later became Grand Master for the Jurisdiction of Washington.

“Bubbles” was born in Seattle to Walter and Florence Feyerabend on June 19, 1927. She attended Highline High School where she graduated with the class of 1947.

As a lifelong resident of Des Moines, “Bubbles,” as her friends and family called her, maintained a beauti-

ful yard and garden where she enjoyed her chickens and wild birds.

In 1976, for the American Bicentennial, “Bubbles” began her collection of antique clothing. Together with dear friends, they preformed many fashion shows for clubs and retirement homes. She was also a fabulous cook.

Joyce was an active member of many organizations, including The Master Gardeners, The Garden Club, The Lake Wilderness Arboretum, The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and the Des Moines Historical Society.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Harvey, her mother and father and her brother Jack. Joyce is survived by her daughter and three grandsons.

Memorials may be given to the Sierra Club or the ASPCA.

A graveside service was held on Friday, November 6, 2020.

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Joyce “Bubbles” Crowder**, 45-year member, Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 and (after Consolidation) South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160.

We Will Miss You



JOYCE “BUBBLES” CROWDER