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Whitman College in Walla Walla has an "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program with the IOOF Home. More than 70 students meet with residents and celebrate holidays, birthdays, and even a Senior Prom. When Claire Collins graduated from Whitman, she started teaching at a girls' school in Los Angeles. Claire arranged for her students to send handmade Valentines to her adopted grandmother. The resident's face shines with joy at being remembered as she shows two of the Valentines. She even put all 15 cards on her bulletin boards for everyone to see!

— Photo by Shirley Ruble

## From our Home

### What did you get for Valentine's Day?

♥ **JEANINE GRIFFIN**, Narcissa Rebekahs — At Edison Elementary School we made Valentines for each other. At home, we took cards and flowers to our neighbors who lived on Boyer Avenue. Later my husband and I exchanged Valentines with each other. It is a fun holiday!

♥ **SHARON GODFREY**, Clinton Apartments — We had a fancy, homemade shoebox at Berney School. Each student put a card in it, then drew a card from the box, and had cookies and punch. I always liked to see who gave me a Valentine. For a while, I kept cards and letters from my mother and son. When we moved I had to downsize, I kept one letter from my mother and one from my son just to remember their handwriting.

♥ **PATTY NEWELL**, Narcissa Rebekahs — I remember the way our lodge celebrated Valentine's Day at the IOOF Home in 2018. The residents voted for the Woman and Man of the Year in each of the five Care Centers. The nominees were chosen for enriching the lives of residents by being kind and courteous without any thought of recognition. The winners were showered with flowers, chocolates, a certificate, and a party in the auditorium.

♥ **MARJORIE SARANTO**, Narcissa Rebekahs — I kept a few cards from my husband. That was the only way he told me he loved me. He gave me cards all the time. I remember one Valentine card came to me in grade school that didn't have a name signed on it. Since I am 102-years-old, that was a long time ago!

♥ **MERRIAM DIAZ**, Receptionist, Front Desk — My four children are my addiction. They get a special love basket from my husband and me. I make chocolate-covered strawberries and put their favorite things in the basket. It's just like a mini-Christmas.

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# From the desk of your Grand Master



**JOHN OTTERSTROM**  
Grand Master

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Greetings All!

Congratulations to the officers installed in January and thank you to those who decided to continue on. If you are waiting until February to install your officers, that will work. We want you to follow the edicts of the Governor and keep well and safe.

## THETA RHO INSTALLATIONS

Theta Rho Girls will be having their installations this month — at least we hope. I want to wish them the best for the coming year. If there is anything the Grand Lodge can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

## PLANNING FOR SESSIONS

The heads of the Order will be meeting with the Host Committee on February 13 to discuss contingency plans for this year's Session. There are lots of "What ifs?" that we will have to plan for. We are still hoping for a "normal" session. Keep your fingers crossed.

## I HOPE EVERYONE STAYS SAFE AND WELL!

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
*John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"*  
*Your 2019-2021 Grand Master*  
*Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF*

# Contests continue again in February

We had lots of entries in our "Find Sammy" contest for January, so we had to draw the name of the winner from the batch of correct entries. And the winner is Karen Hoylman of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley. I am sure most of you know who Karen is as she has a lot of "Grands" in her past titles. "Sammy was pictured in the second floor window in the lower right photo on page 11. Karen won a wearable from the Grand Lodge.



And the picture of the little boy on top of page 1 last month? No one could figure out who that cute kid was. He is none other than our current Deputy Grand Master Dave Delony. Dave was pictured in his best working clothes, just as he often is today.

## CONGRATS TO MALCOLM

There were plenty of guesses in last month's "Guess The Car" contest as we tried to make the contest a little easier. The "Mystery Car" was actually a one-ton closed cab 1925 Model T Ford. Since all Model T Ford trucks were pretty much the same from 1925 to 1927, we allowed anyone who guessed any of those three years to be entered in the draw-

ing. Our final winner was Malcom Hallowell who lives at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla.

Another "Mystery Car" contest appears on page 17.

## THREE MORE CHANCES TO WIN

You have another three 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. Remember, "Sammy's" photo is very small and not the larger one which appears in our Valentine maze.

Also, we have another mystery photo on page 1 this month. She's a very active member member of our Order and has been 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 [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com) or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than February 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary



LAUREL DELONY

## HAPPY FEBRUARY BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

I hope this letter finds you well and safe. I know it's been crazy this last year but I hope you have stayed in contact with your members and made sure they are staying safe and well and helping them where they may need help.

## THE MONTH OF LOVE

February is the month of Love and that is big especially in Odd Fellowship. Remember the 2nd Degree? The Degree of Brotherly Love? The **second link** in

the **chain of Odd Fellowship** is **Love**, without which neither the first — Friendship — nor the last — Truth — is of real value.

## REMINDERS

Now for the reminders! I know! I'm sorry but here they are:

Year End Reports need to be into my office no later than Monday, February 15. The reports were mailed out on December 15. This should have given your Secretary plenty of time to complete. Be sure to check with your Secretary and make sure that they did receive the packet. If not, let me know as soon as possible and a new packet will be sent. Be sure that your Secretary does not add the starting balance into the receipt total. Please read the instructions and be sure to look at the sample sheet that was sent in the packet. If you have any questions please be sure to contact me. I will walk you through whatever you need.

## REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATES

Lodge Representative Certificates were mailed out on January 15. During the **FIRST** meeting in February, your lodge is to elect a new Two-Year Representative and an Alternate. That is if your lodge number is an odd number. (ie: #1, #3, #129, etc.) If you are an even numbered lodge and you do not have a Representative for whatever reason, you should elect a Representative for a one-year term. Again, these certificates should not be sent to me before your first meeting in February.

## PASSWORDS

A letter was sent out with the new term password for 2021. If the rest of the passwords from SGL look familiar, they are. They are the same as last year.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Here's wishing everyone a very happy Valentine's Day. Spread the Odd Fellowship Love.

— With Fraternal Hugs

Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

# ~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

## DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

About now we should all be asking that question of ourselves. For me I think it is quite possible and most likely that history does repeat itself in some form or another. When I look around my world today and the things that have gone on and are going on, it seems to me that indeed history is repeating in some form. Consider all that has gone on in the last year just in our country alone and it should give one pause to think about those things.



RON HANSON

If you are a student of history you will notice many similarities to the things that took place prior to and during World War II. To put that in context you must have studied history, not

the revisionist history taught in our schools today, but from other historical texts and writings by many authors and several points of view. When I went to school, we were required to study world history, U.S. history and Washington State history. If you did not pass Washington State history you did not graduate from middle school to high school; I understand that Washington State history is no longer taught in our schools.

## BOOKS I WISH I STILL HAD

As a child growing up, I was fascinated by a set of books my grandparents had on World War II. There were a number of volumes about equal to a set of encyclopedias. I am not certain who published them but wished they were on my bookshelf today. However, I do have a set of 39 volumes on WW II published by *Time Life* some number of years ago.

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Happy Hearts to all our Brother and Sisters,

We are getting ready for the month of February and in reviewing a calendar we have in our kitchen, I spotted many days marked in February for special happenings: National Freedom Day is February 1, Groundhog Day falls on February 2, February 3 is Four Chaplains' Day, we find the Chinese New Year and Lincoln's birthday on the 12th followed by Valentine's Day on the 14th, Presidents' Day is observed on February 15, followed closely by the start of Mardi Gras on the 16th and Ash Wednesday on the 17th, George Washington's birthday is on the 22nd, our Flag was raised in 1945 over Iwo Jima on the 23rd, and February 28 marks the end of Operation Desert Storm.

I am sure there are many other things to be celebrated during the month of February that are not listed.

## MY LITTLE RED TRUCK

However, I would like to share my thoughts about Valentine's Day. You see my picture has a little red truck with Valentines coming out the back. I got to thinking about growing up and red things on the farm — we had a red cab on the truck. It was a farm truck with a long flat bed trailer behind and I learned to drive it. I learned to drive the red Farmall Tractor where I shifted the stick right in front of the seat. Then I pushed the clutch in and stop on a command from my dad.

I took my driving test in a Dodge that was red and cream colored with a push button gearshift on the left side of the dashboard next to the window.

While growing up, Valentine's Day meant cards from friends, maybe a special boy, and more red in your life. Valentines were often cards shaped like hearts on the front of the card. They might even be homemade.

## YOUR WONDERFUL HEARTS

These memories made me think of the wonderful hearts that we have in Rebekahs and Odd Fellows. You share your love for one another and the world in your actions, words, deeds and goals whether they are through your lodge or individually. So many of you do good deeds daily for others by helping with rides to appointments, grocery shopping, mowing a yard when the weather permits, taking time to call and chat with a home bound neighbor or friend.

If it were possible I would like to drive the red truck throughout our state and visit each one of you and give each of you a red heart for all you do without recognition or reward. Instead I am sending to each of you **A Heart From My Heart To Yours** for all the kindness, sympathy, warmth, love, affection, courage, enthusiasm,



and spirit you share in your lodges, communities, and where ever you are.

*Many Happy Hearts To All of You.*

— In F. & L. & T., Margaret Truttmann, President,  
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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# Valentine Word Search

## February Is The Month Of Love!

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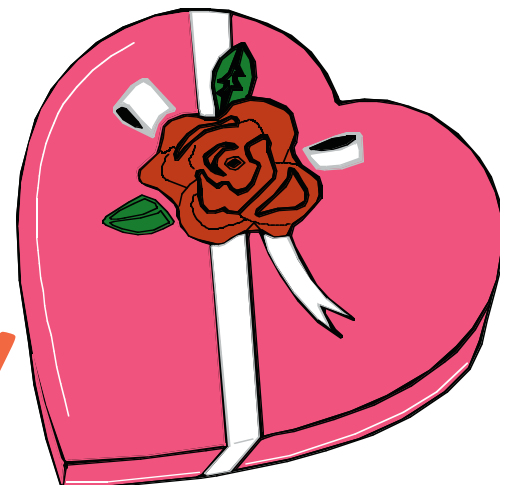
TRUE LOVE



Words are Forward And Backward, Horizontal, Vertical and Diagonal.

Answers On Page 15

Don't Forget Your  
Sweetheart On  
Valentine's Day!



# A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



The dining hall on the first floor of the IOOF Home Administration Building had family-style meals with straight-backed wooden chairs and red-checkered tablecloths. Pots and pans were simple stainless steel during WW II when steel was in short supply. Women

wore hats, dresses, and gloves. Shoes were simple Oxfords, pumps, and sandals. Nylon stockings vanished from stores around 1942, and women donated their hosiery to be re-purposed as parachutes and power bags.



During World War II (1941-45), the brick Administration Building (built in 1897) was the center of activity. Food, such as meat, sugar, butter, and canned goods, was rationed. People planted "Victory Gardens" to grow their own fruit and vegetables. At the IOOF Home, produce, poultry, eggs, and dairy were sold at the market.

What wasn't sold was consumed by the residents and staff. The fashion of the day for men was suits, white shirts, suspenders, and fedora hats. Men walked through a covered arcade from the Men's Building to the Administration Building. If you recognize anyone in the pictures, please let Editor Bill Ostlund know.

*(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. 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.**)*



# From your desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S MONTH!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we move into 2021, it is becoming clear that we need to find new and creative ways to maintain our lodge activities and relationships. I am as guilty as anyone, maybe more so, of complaining about not being able to continue with the protocols and traditions that have long been the standard of accomplishing our responsibilities within our lodges.



CATHY GARCIA

Is this really so different from what past generations have experienced? As we have moved into the age of technology and high-speed travel, there have been many senior members who have felt left behind and struggle with the “new” way of doing business, such as having information “online.” Even something as simple as women wearing “pants” to meetings — we’ve gone all the way from formals to street length dresses to pantsuits to jeans — and that has been difficult for many members. Every generation has its struggles and challenges.

## WE NEED EACH OTHER

Now it’s our turn. Maybe it’s time to look back a couple generations. We need each other more than ever. We need to know that each of us matters. I want to challenge every Lodge Secretary to send an old fashioned, physical hand written note (the snail mail kind) to each member

on your roster. Email and text messages are nice, but something you can hold in your hand and see someone’s own handwriting makes such a difference.

If each of us as Lodge Sisters and Brothers make an effort to call two members a week, just to say “Hi” and “do you need anything?,” I believe we will stay stronger and maintain the positive mindset that we are all longing for right now.

## REMEMBER

### OUR REBEKAH ASSEMBLY IS YOU!

Our Rebekah Assembly is important, and our Rebekah Assembly is you — each lodge and each member. We need to encourage each other. It is time to look back into our history of caring, and each one doing what they “can,” rather than fretting about what we “can’t.” There are ways to accomplish our business, stay in contact with each other and our communities, to provide for those in need — but it is going to look different than it did a year ago. Be creative, be generous, be filled with Friendship, Love and Truth.

## REMEMBER THIS

*The more you give, the more you receive.*

I pray you each have a fruitful February.

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth  
With Rebekah Love & Hugs,  
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary  
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
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[rebsecwa@gmail.com](mailto:rebsecwa@gmail.com)

# ~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

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Think about the things that went on in some European countries prior to and during that time period and put them in context of the things going on in our country today and it should scare the daylights out of you. If you consider that in the past when there was an outbreak of a communicable disease those who were sick were quarantined, you then have to ask why in this instance was it handled in a different manner. Our world as we know it was shut down, much as the world that those in certain European nations knew it was also shut down by controlling what they could do, where they could go, and what they could say. Pause and reflect on that for a bit and compare it to what is going on today!

## THE ACTIONS OF AUTHORITIES

When I drive around the area I live in, I see that every fraternal organization is completely shut down and not meeting at all. This includes most privately-owned businesses. If you own a business and step out of line there

are the “authorities” with a fine or the taking of your license to operate.

Consider how we as a Fraternal Order have had to do business in the last year and see if that does not give you concern for the future of our Order, how long before some “authority” tells us we cannot meet or have such an organization, but must shutter our doors and go out of existence or face the consequences of our refusal to do so.

## Our World Needs Friendship, Love & Truth

What does all this have to do with Odd Fellowship? Now, more than ever, our communities, our country, and our world desperately need what we have to offer — Friendship, Love and Truth, tempered with Faith, Hope and Charity for all.

Sorry I missed last month’s newsletter. Time just seemed to slip by on me. I wish you all well and hope you are safe and doing well.

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

## Edmond L. Reitan, Jr. honored for his 65 years of service in Washington

Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary Emeritus, was honored with a 65 Year Jewel on Monday, January 18 at the Grand Lodge of Washington office in Buckley. His jewel was presented to him by current Grand Master John “Johneo” Otterstrom.

Brother Edmond, known to most folks as “Butch,” grew up in Kent. In late 1955 he made application to Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 and was elected to membership. He was initiated on January 26, 1956. By the end of March, Butch received all three degrees. He was not able to attend lodge meetings while he was serving on active duty as a Naval Reservist at Sandpoint Naval Air Station in Seattle from December of 1957 to December of 1960.



For the three additional degrees of Odd Fellowship, Butch joined Kent Encampment #15. He worked his way through the chairs and became a Past Chief Patriarch.

In 1962, Butch joined Canton Mt. Si #36 which was meeting in Snoqualmie at the time. Again, he worked his way through the chairs and became a Captain in 1965.

Later in 1962, he joined Adina Rebekah Lodge #27 in Kent. He has maintained continuous membership in these four Units of the Order from the date he joined until today.

Brother Butch found the most satisfaction while working in the Patriarch's Militant as Canton Mt. Si #36 met on the first Friday of the month and regional activities were held on weekends. After getting married, this Branch of the Order was the easiest for him to work his day job with the United States Postal Service and still raise a family.

In the 1980s, Brother Butch was appointed to several terms on the Washington JJYC while his son was active in the Junior Odd Fellows. Since there was only one Junior Lodge in the state — Junior Odd Fellows Lodge #55 in Yakima — Butch drove his son Craig and friend Jason Pries over the Cascade Mountains so they could attend lodge meetings.

After election as Grand Master, he presided over the



Edmond L. “Butch” Reitan, Jr. receives his 65 Year Membership Jewel from current Grand Master John “Johneo” Otterstrom on January 18 at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley.

1988 Grand Sessions held in Spokane.

In the 1990s, Butch served as Vice President of the Department Council of Washington. In 2003, Brother Butch was awarded the Meritorious Service Jewel.

In August of 2004, he was appointed Grand Secretary and served in that position until November of 2011. During the 2012 Grand Sessions, he was named Secretary Emeritus and was presented with the appropriate jewel.

In 2003, Major General E.L. Reitan was elected Quartermaster of the Department Council of Washington. In the intervening years, the Department was dropped to Regiment level status, then to Battalion level status. He has continued to be elected Quartermaster and continues in that position today.

Brother Butch was Secretary of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 for 26 years and was Noble Grand for a year. Presently, he is Vice Grand.

He has been Treasurer of Kent Encampment #15 since 2006 and is Clerk of Canton Mt. Si since 2003.

We do not know if you can say Brother Butch works fast — after all, it has taken him 65 year to accomplish the afore mentioned. We believe it is safe to say he is dedicated!

His leading Chief of his Naval Reserve Squadron liked the way Butch always showed up for drills and nicknamed him “Steady Eddy.”

*Congratulations Butch!*



# ~ From your Deputy Grand Master ~

## THE CHOICES WE MAKE

Thanks to all of my Brothers and Sisters who have volunteered this year to accept an elected or appointed position in your lodge. For those of you who are carrying on



DAVE DELONY

again or have moved to other positions, you set a fine example for those not quite sure about taking on more responsibility. And for you who are now taking a more active role within the lodge for the first time — thank you very much. Remember those within your lodge

and other lodges and on the Grand Lodge scale have all started at the beginning. Like you, we had really no idea of what to do or where to begin. But your Charge Books will help you in almost all of your duties as well as the Washington Digest or SGL Code of General Laws. But when you are not sure, or you feel something is amiss — contact your **District Deputy Grand Master**, or use the resources of your Grand Lodge Secretary, and even contact any members of the Grand Lodge. We are all here to help you in anyway whatsoever. No question is too trivial that it will not be answered.

## A FULFILLING JOURNEY

Your journey in volunteering in Odd Fellowship should be one that is filled with fun, creativity, new beginnings, new friendships, and a sense of pride in accomplishing things you may have not done if not for joining your lodge. And more importantly you hopefully will bring new ideas and challenges for your lodge to work on for this year.

## YOU HAVE A CHOICE EVERYDAY

The title of this message “The Choices We Make” is actually taken from a phrase of one Norman Vincent Peale. Many of you I am sure have heard of him — for he was great at making the simplest statements into everyday workings. As he said, “You have a choice everyday — You can choose every morning whether you will be depressed and miserable, *or* whether you will be happy.”

This of course is so true. Each of us has had our own set of trials and tribulations over the course of this last year. But each of us has the ability to make someone else's hardships that much more bearable just by reaching out. As Odd Fellows, we are tasked to help our Brothers and Sisters at all times. As humans we should be tasked with reaching out to each and every one we come in contact with. Take the time to check in on your fellow lodge members and neighbors. See if there is anything they

need or simply just talking with them and caring is often more than enough. If more is needed, ask help from your lodge.

## TOGETHER WE CAN HELP

And, of course, your Grand Lodge is here to help if we can. All of us are limited in the help we can provide, but collectively we can accomplish much.

## A WHOLE NEW BEGINNING

So, as we prepare for this coming year, let's bear in mind that this will be like a whole new beginning for so many of us. We have the opportunity to start many things anew and put behind us so many things that were troubling or all consuming. Make those plans to do the things you have always wanted to, talk to those friends and relatives we have only Facebook with, and plan exciting new events and functions for your lodges. Find ways to support those in need through Odd Fellowship. And *again* — most importantly ask for help from your lodge, fellow lodges, and The Grand Lodge of Washington. May 2021 find you all in good health, spirit, and a renewed sense of giving and caring.

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



## Blanket Dispensation

### CHARTERS MAY BE MOVED FOR ODD FELLOW, REBEKAH AND ENCAMPMENT MEETINGS

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, does hereby grant permission to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Washington to move their Charters until such Lodges are able to meet in their regular meeting places again.

Signed:

**John Otterstrom,**  
Grand Master

**Margaret Truttmann,**  
President

**Ron Hansen,**  
Grand Patriarch

**Mavis House,**  
Grand Matriarch

Attest:

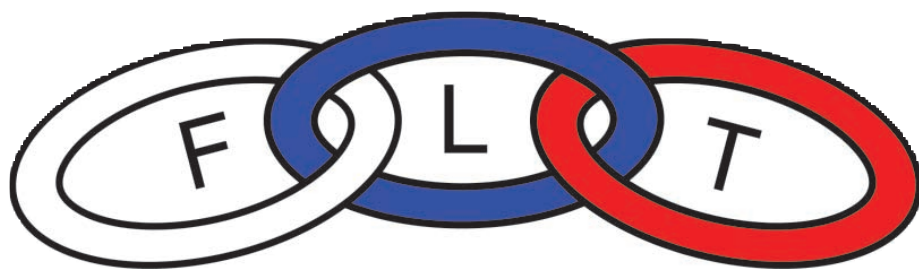
**Laurel Delony,**  
Grand Secretary

Attest:

**Cathy Garcia,**  
Rebekah Assembly Secretary

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

# ~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20  
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## LODGE CARD UPDATE

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Send To:  
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Lodge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## ~ Lodge Cards ~

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Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. No newspapers are 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](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 99201-0599. **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)



# Yes, Odd Fellowship is growing!

BY TOBY HANSON, PGM, PGP

I have been an Odd Fellow now for more than 20 years. I've seen the membership numbers decline and I've seen lodges close. Many have come to accept that the future of Odd Fellowship is that of slow decline: As our members get older and less able to participate, our

## ~ 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:** Lorrie Bonnell, 1804 Hanover Dr. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. **Ph:** (360) 584-7696. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/22)

### 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:** kkreysoldson@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)

lodges will close and eventually Odd Fellowship will exist in a few dusty museum collections and the old lodge halls that haven't fallen to the wrecking ball. On an overall level, that perception is true. Membership numbers are declining. Members are aging. However, we may be at the beginning of the turnaround that Odd Fellowship has needed.

### GOOD NEWS FOR ODD FELLOWSHIP

The current pandemic has presented many challenges to our lodges. Lodges that rely on rentals have had their income go away with the restrictions on gatherings. Members have been cut off from the fellowship that the lodges provide. Charitable projects conducted by lodges have gone undone. Despite that, there is good news for Odd Fellowship: There are places where Odd Fellowship is growing and finding newer, younger members.

In the past year, a handful of new lodges have been chartered around the country. New lodges have been established in New Orleans and Alexandria, Louisiana; Saugerties, New York; Plano, Texas; Hammonton, New Jersey; and Chester, Virginia. Internationally, new lodges have been started in both Brazil and Ghana. There are plans in place to charter new lodges in Helena, Montana; Thermopolis, Wyoming; and LaCrosse, Wisconsin. All of this renewed interest in Odd Fellowship is no coincidence. Increasingly, as civic life becomes more fractured, individualized, and isolated, people are looking for ways to find a sense of community and belonging. Odd Fellowship provides an ideal place to find exactly that.

### YOUNGER PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED

In the cases of the new lodges that have been chartered, the common element has all been the same: Younger people were looking for something to belong to and they found their way to the Odd Fellows. We have a unique position in fraternal orders. We're not separated by gender which allows couples to easily join. We're also not specific to any particular ethnicity or religion which means we can bring in a wide cross-section of members of our communities. That kind of wide open accessibility is a big part of the appeal for younger, newer members.

### TELEVISION IS HELPING

Another part of the appeal for newer members is our traditions. TV shows like "American Pickers" do a great job of showcasing some of the artifacts from our glory days like our collar regalia and our pictures. Prospective members see those impressive elements of Odd Fellowship and want to be a part of whatever it represents. They don't see wearing traditional collar regalia as

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# Here's some tips to help us grow

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cumbersome; they see it as meaningful. They don't want to skip wearing robes for degree work. They want to be a part of all of the ceremonies with all of the pageantry and regalia. Those are the things that makes Odd Fellowship appear meaningful to them. After all, the average young worker starting his or her career already has enough experience in his or her life with all the conference calls and online meetings and other ways of accelerating business. They're looking for something different; something slower and with more meaning.

## **SIGNS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TODAY**

The most important part of the growth that has happened in Odd Fellowship has been because lodges or Grand Lodges make themselves available to be contacted by non-members. A lodge that has no signs on its building identifying itself as an Odd Fellows Hall might as well not exist. Sure, the members know how and when to find a meeting, but what about the general public? The days of having the local fraternal order meeting nights listed in the town newspaper are over (as are the days of the town newspaper, for the most part). To participate in the growth that's happening in Odd Fellowship our lodges need to be discoverable.

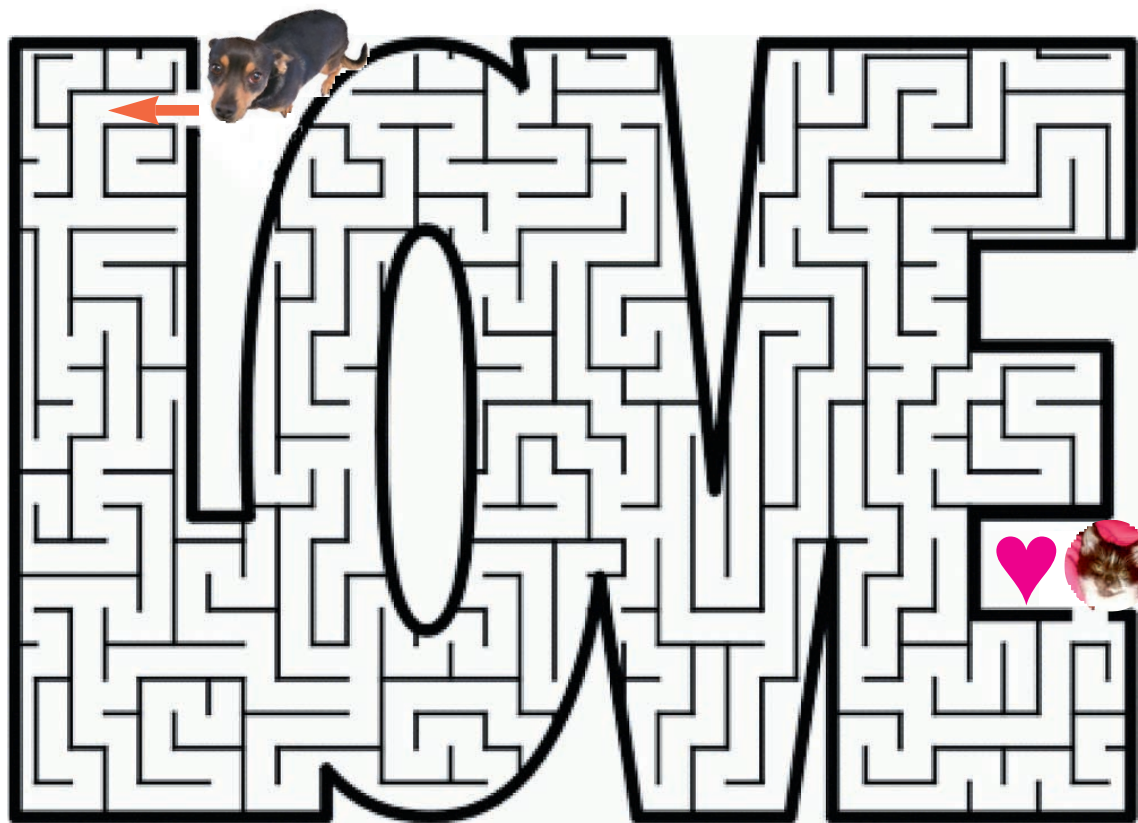
Do you have a sign on the side of your building that lets people know who you are and what you do? Does it include contact information? Do you have a website? If not, is your contact info on the Grand Lodge website up to

date so that the Grand Secretary can direct prospective members to your lodge? Do you have a Facebook page for your lodge? Are you a member of your local Chamber of Commerce? If you still have a town newspaper (or more commonly now, a town blog or Facebook Group) do you send them information about your activities? Unless you make your lodge known to your community it will be incredibly difficult for anyone to apply to join.

## **MAKE YOUR LODGE EASY TO FIND**

Although it is still small, there is a growing desire amongst people, especially younger people, to belong to something bigger and more meaningful than themselves. In many other places, Odd Fellowship has been the destination those people have sought. There's no reason why we can't have that same kind of success here in Washington. As long as you make your lodge known to the general public, people will be able to find you and you can benefit from that growth. We have a wonderful Grand Lodge and a very hard working Grand Secretary who is always willing to help with ideas and assistance to grow membership. Every one of our lodges is precious and important and every one of them can grow when people know how to find them.

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



*Can You  
Help  
Sammy  
Find Her  
Valentine  
Buddy,  
Wishbone?  
Have  
Fun!*

**“Wishbone” is the Grand Lodge’s Newest Mascot And A Good Buddy Of Sammy’s. “Wishbone Belongs To IOOF Museum Curator Lisa Sweeny.**



# Olympia Lodges very busy over the holidays

Happy Valentine's Day and may all our members have a wonderful New Year! We now can start the New Year with a renewed effort to make our communities and lodges a better place for all.

In December, our Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 and Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1 were busy with keeping up on the required duties. The Park Board worked out at

the park. They cleaned and had four trees removed that were dead. These pictures were of the cutting crew that we hired. Thank you to the Park Board for the work that you continue to complete for our Park! Also, thanks for the wood donations, and kudos to the splitting and stacking crews. Because of them, we have plenty of wood this winter.



For the last three years we have filled 100 Christmas stockings for the Union Gospel Mission. This year we did stockings for the Boys & Girls Club. We were fortunate to have monetary donations from Dave and Jenny Reed, Encampment and Canton Units. This year we also

received socks, gloves, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, toys, coloring books, Crayons/colored pencils, and candies. Special thanks to all those who made the donations to make this a successful project. Pictures below show the fun we had that night!



Olympia #1 and Ruth #17 are still collecting:

- Food for the Veterans' and Union Gospel Mission distribution, along with hotel size toiletries.
- Gently used coats, new socks and underwear for the "Little Red School House" (children going to school who may not have the necessary clothing), and school supplies.

We are still in unpredictable times, so please take the

time for health and safety to guard your family, friends, and members of your lodges from illness that could be spread. Do not let other people's decisions affect what you feel is right for you and yours. Hugs to all! It is so important to continue to support our communities and have them recognize our organization.

— In F, L. & T,

Kathi Picanco, Reporter, Olympia #1 & Ruth #17



## Gingerbread House winners At our Walla Walla Home!!!



— Photo by Robert Remus

There were 21 exciting entries in the Gingerbread House Exhibit at the IOOF Home in Walla Walla. The entry deadline was December 16, and the winners were announced on Facebook on Christmas Eve, December 24. The residents voted for the best in two categories. Mariella Wright was the winner of the Under 18 Youth Category. She was awarded a \$20 gift card from Bright's Candies. Mariella is the daughter of a former Medical Records Assistant in West Care Center, Nie Wright.



— Photo by Robert Remus

The best in the Adult Category was won by Calvin and Kiana Pummel. They were awarded a \$20 gift card from Sweet Basel Pizzeria. They also received a \$5 extra gift card bonus. Calvin is an employee in Dietary and Kiana is his wife. His mother, Estee, is a social worker in West Care Center. Thank you to everyone who participated in the colorful creations that lit up the Care Centers and brought big smiles to our residents.

— Submitted by Shirley Ruble

## Lodge Card renewals due by February 15

The Lodge Card fees of \$20 for March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 are due. Please get those into the office by Monday, February 15 for the March publication.

If you have paid in advance, be sure to send me the updates for your Secretary and Noble Grand for 2021.

You can check your good through date on the newspaper itself in the center pages where

the lodge cards are listed. There is an expiration date.

Updates will not be done if the \$20 fee is not mailed in with the form. The form is found on the lodge card page of *The Washington Oddfellow* newspaper.

Thank you in advance.

—Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary  
*The Grand Lodge of Washington*



# The Month Of Love Word Search

## Answers

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## Attention cooks

# We're looking for your best recipes!

After years of enjoying potluck luncheons and dinners in Odd Fellow Halls around the state over the past decades, we know there are some wonderful cooks in our midst. Both Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are on that list.

Since most of us are confined to our homes for the foreseeable future, we thought it would be a good time for you to dust off your recipe box and send us your favorite recipes.

We hope to be able to publish them in the months to come.

You can mail your submissions to: Grand Lodge of Washington, PO Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321 or email them to:

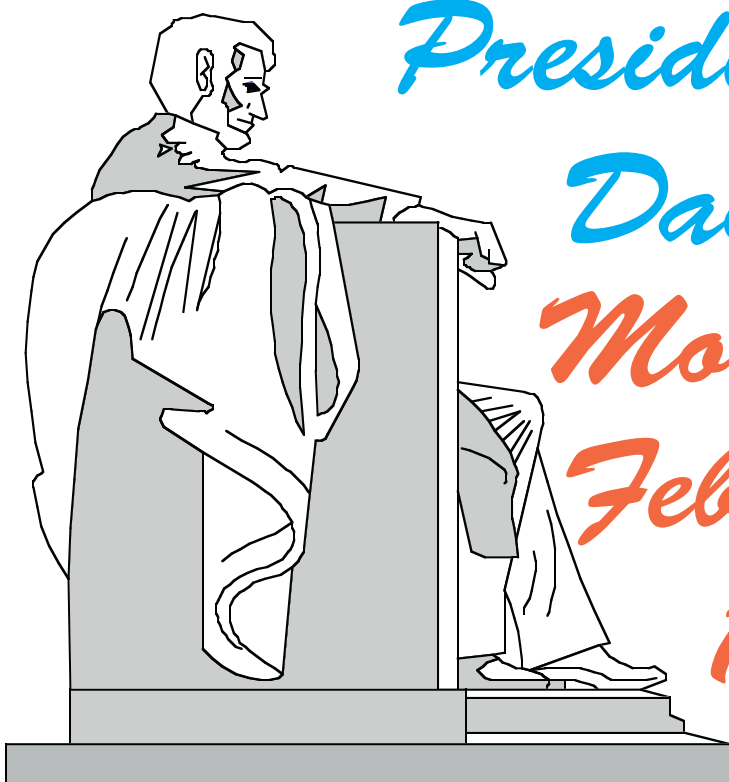
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If we decide to print your recipe, we may call on you to provide a photo of yourself.



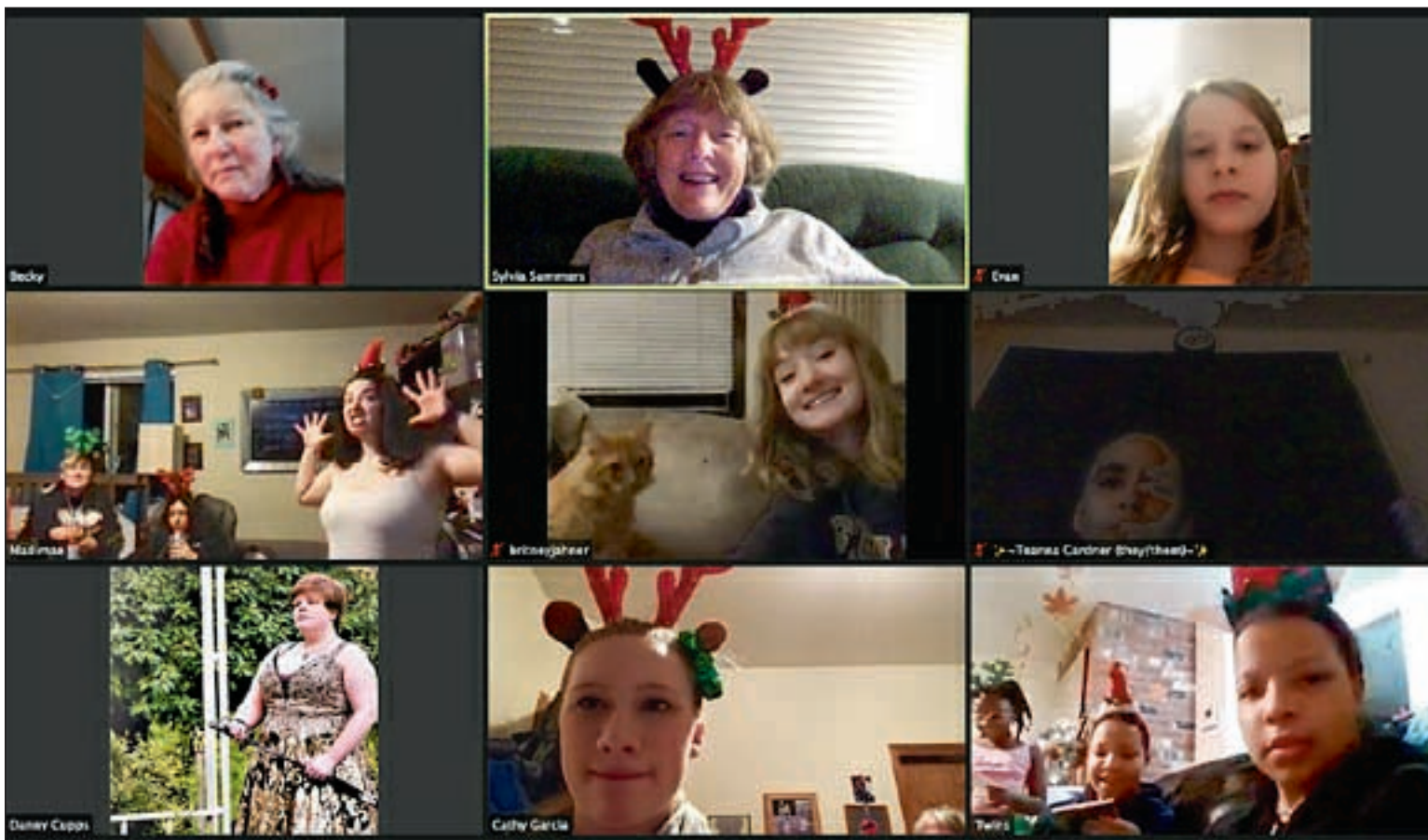
## ~ In Memoriam ~

• Valma V. Devall, Past Grand Matriarch, PNG, 73-year member, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, Bickleton.



President's  
Day  
Monday  
February  
15<sup>th</sup>





**Top row from left:** 1) Becky Jo Baker, 2) Sylvia Summers, and 3) Evan Floyd. **Middle row from left:** 1) Piper Fyffe, Brenda Gutierrez-Lopez, Madi Martin, 2) Cat friend with Britney Jahner, and 3) Teanna Gardner.

**Bottom row from left:** 1) Danny Cupps, 2) Jordan Lemon, Cathy Garcia, 3) JaNaya (friend), with Menyea Barbas, and Malana Barbas. They were sharing a Zoom meeting 10 days before Christmas.

## A Covid Christmas Celebration Poem

*'Twas ten days before Christmas, when all thro'  
the Odd Fellows' hall, not a creature was  
stirring, not even a Bluebird.*

*With Covid covering the world, the Theta Rho  
Girls were nestled all snug in their sweats, while  
visions of Netflix danced on their screens.*

*When there arose such a clatter, they all sprang  
from the couch to see what was the matter.  
What to their wondering eyes should appear,  
but another Zoom session, with little hosts, so  
lively and quick.*

*They knew in a moment it must be their advisors,  
Old St. Summers & the young Madi Prancer.*

*The dynamic duo called them by name: "Now!  
Piper, now! Danny, now! Menyea & Malana."*

*"On Britney & Teanna", "On Jordan &  
JaNaya," "On Becky Jo & Mrs Garcia".*

*"Unmute, Unmute, Unmute all!  
It's time to party without a hall!"*

*They spoke many a word and went straight to  
the fun. Filling one another's hearts with  
reconnected delight.*

*Alas, laying a finger aside the LEAVE icon, gave  
a nod and a whistle  
and all flew like the down of a thistle:  
But I heard them exclaim, "Happy Christmas to  
all, and to all a good night."*



*With apologizes  
To Clement  
Clarke Moore*



## *In Walla Walla*

# Giving Tree brought joy to our Home residents



— Photo by Robert Remus

As you can see, the Odd Fellows Home's Giving Tree had plenty of gifts for our Home's residents.



When residents asked Joani Wicklund, Director of Admissions, whatever happened to the Giving Trees in Walla Walla, she realized they weren't as popular as they used to be. Since residents in the Main Building are mostly isolated on their floors, Joani realized a Virtual Giving Tree on Facebook might be the answer for a jolly Christmas.

Some residents do not have active family involvement or a close friend's support, or just need cheering up. They put their wish list on a Facebook Virtual Giving Tree. Secret Santas signed up for a resident's wish list. For example, #32, a female, requested a white fleece blanket and chocolate. #44, a male, wanted sweat pants (L), a white T-shirt (L), and M&Ms.

On Christmas Eve, there were more than 75 brightly-wrapped gifts under the real tree in the lobby. Staff members sat with the residents while they opened their gifts from the Secret Santas. What happened next left everyone awe-struck!

Residents were served Rum Cakes from Bacon & Eggs Restaurant while gifts were being distributed. A shout-out went to the Walla Walla County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, which gave 20 Secret Santa gifts to residents in Assisted Living. Marshalls's employees donated socks and blankets throughout our Care Centers.

Walla Walla YMCA and Walla Walla County Rural Library District brought hand-made scarves, personalized cards, and sweet messages on library postcards. It made every resident feel special and appreciated. Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 Noble Grand Barbara Lechner delivered beautiful hand-signed Christmas cards for every resident to decorate their rooms.

The "Musical Bicycle Group" paraded by the windows. Members of the group were decked out in warm clothing with Christmas lights, recorded carols, a unicycle, and Santa Claus.

What a blessing our community loves our residents as much as we do!  
— Submitted by Shirley Ruble

## *Can you name this car?*

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 vehicle above. Send your guess to: **grand-secretarywaioof@gmail.com** or call **1-800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than February 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only per person! **Here's a hint:** The vehicle pictured was nearly new when this photo was taken. The photo came from your editor's closet. It was his aunt's and uncle's car. The boy is your editor's brother, Charles, who was born in 1943. 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.





## Lisa's award winning window

The Grand Lodge of Washington was all decked out for the holiday season thanks to the efforts of Lisa Sweeny, our window dresser extraordinaire and museum curator. Lisa spent many hours finding the proper props and decorations and in the end it all paid off. In a competition, the Grand Lodge front window and door was named the best in the commercial division by the Buckley Chamber of Commerce. Lisa was rewarded with a \$50 gift certificate.



LISA SWEENEY



## Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

We can't believe a month has already gone by in 2021. We held our Installation of Officers near the end of January. Our elective Officers are: President Desiree Gardiner, Vice President Stacy Gardiner, Secretary Miyah Garcia and Treasurer Hailey Hanna. Girls appointed to officers are: Chaplain Kaydince Clark, Conductor Riley Shelly, Warden Lucy Crouch, Marshal Sarah Thomas, Inside Guardian Kiaira Moore and Right Supporter to the Vice President Alana Weatherlow.

We initiated another new member at our first meeting in January. That makes five new members since September and we possibly will have three more new

members joining this month. We welcome Sarah Thomas to our club.

For our community service project in February, we will be making Valentines for our friends at "Welcome Home Memory Care. We wish we could deliver them personally but at least we can let them know we have not forgotten them."

We hope everyone is still staying safe and healthy. We will be so happy when we can spend time together again.

Until next month. . .

— With Long Distance Theta Rho Hugs  
And Happiness Through Service,  
The members of Acorn #79



## Bucoda Bulletin Board #15

# Santa rides again, LouAnn honored

*RETURN WITH US NOW TO THOSE GOLDEN  
DAYS OF YESTERYEAR. . .*

### SANTA CLAUS RIDES AGAIN!!

Saturday, December 19 saw the spontaneous, impromptu and unplanned visit of the red suited one in Bucoda. The combined efforts of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Bucoda Improvement Club and the Bucoda Volunteer Fire Department ensured that the Grinch stayed out of town that day. Santa made his traditional rounds of the town, courtesy of the Bucoda Fire Department accompanied by Snowflake the Elf, handing out candy canes and stuffed animals to everyone who came out to see him.

Upon completing his rounds of town he set up headquarters in what became known as "The Snow Globe." He reported that it was a bit difficult to hear through the Plexiglas shield, but the young ones still got a chance to chat with him and receive enough goodies to tide them over until Christmas. All in all, it was another successful spontaneous event in Bucoda.

### HONORING LOUANN HOFFMAN

Shifting gears now. I'm thinking of someone who was initiated into Faithful Rebekah Lodge #90 in Colville, Washington on December 7, 1970. She went on to serve as Vice Grand in 1976, 1978 and 1991; Noble Grand in 1977, 1992 and 1993. OK, ok, it's LouAnn Hoffman. I was honored to be in attendance when Sister LouAnn was awarded her 50 Year Jewel on Thursday, January, 14. This newspaper isn't big enough to list her 50 years of accomplishments, so here are some of the highlights:



- LouAnn was an associate member and Vice Grand in Bucoda #144 in 1995; Noble Grand in Bucoda in 1996 and 1997. She transferred to Bucoda #144 on May 22, 1997. Unfortunately, Faithful #90 surrendered its Charter in 1998.

- In Onalaska's Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, she has been an associate since 2009, Noble Grand in 2012 and 2013 *and* has been Secretary from 2014 to the present.

### BUT WAIT - THERE'S MORE

LouAnn has held numerous offices in the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, is part of the Assembly Finance Committee and is Representative to Assembly. I'm exhausted just writing this.



Snowflake the Elf and Santa in Bucoda December 19.



On January 14, LouAnn Hoffman, left, receives her 50-Year Jewel from Noble Grand Mashelle Patrick.

Congratulations Sister LouAnn on 50 years of service to the world, the community and to the Rebekahs.

That's all for now from Bucoda.

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*

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 COMMUNICATION”**

## Remembering Valentine's Day at our IOOF Home!!

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♥ **MARTHANN HALL**, Narcissa Rebekahs — I was in grade school during the depression in the 1930s. I remember the teacher had a red crepe-paper box with a slot in the top of the lid. It was homemade, nothing fancy. Every student brought a Valentine and everyone got a Valentine. There were cookies and a party to celebrate the day.

I started school in 1928. This year, during the COVID-19 pandemic, five old, gray-haired ladies visit each other on Zoom. I'm very grateful for my daughters and one son. My oldest daughter is 78 or 79 years old!

♥ **BARBARA LECHNER**, Narcissa Rebekahs — Truly I do remember when my daughter Karen was one-year-old and Donnie was two-and-a-half. For Valentine's Day, they got up early in the morning, went out, and picked some dandelion flowers for me. They made a breakfast of French toast with the help of their Dad who couldn't cook either. I had more eggshells in my French toast than toast! But I ate all the good pieces.

The flowers and rocks they painted were absolutely wonderful. I still have the rocks to this day. They were so pleased and happy with themselves. Later that evening, I got flowers from Safeway and a beautiful card from my husband with little scribbles on it from the kids. A wonderful time was had by all!

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*

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***Remember, Every Day  
 Is Valentine's Day!***



Shirley Ruble's niece created this passionate purple Valentine when she was 8-years-old in 1994. Today she is 35 years old and teaches her two boys how to draw Valentines for their friends.



This niece has a much lighter touch. Her pastel Valentine was drawn when she was 4-years-old in 1992. Her abstract art leaves the meaning up to your imagination. Shirley says she doesn't usually keep things for 29 years, but her nieces are special.