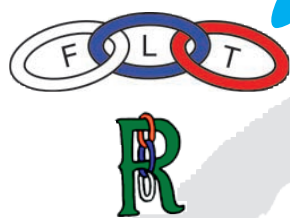


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*Who's Our January Mystery Boy? See Page 2 For Details.*

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At Our Home In Walla Walla*



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PAGES 10 & 11  
FOR DETAILS  
AND PHOTOS

## 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.*

**BUCODA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Restoration made possible  
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generous donation from the  
O'Neill Families.

In Memory of  
**Harold & Hugh (Sandy) O'Neill**

Primary Contractor: Ron Sandrini & Sons  
Dedicated July 24, 2010 Mayor Alan Carr

## Bucoda haunted again!

The Bucoda Community, where the Bucoda Odd Fellows and Rebekahs meet, just may be another haunted building in town. This is the dedication plaque in front of the Community Center. See Steve Purcell's report on page 15.

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## LET'S HOPE FOR A LESS CHALLENGING 2021

Happy New Year and Greetings to All.

As we start 2021, I am hopeful this year will be less challenging for us.



JOHN  
OTTERSTROM

Installation season is about to start. We are still not sure what the local government will determine. All lodges will have to play it by ear and do what's best for the lodge as a whole.

If your lodge has new officers, Grand Lodge can come and install your officers with a small team if you would like. Or you can install with a Past Grand.

If your current officers are continuing on another year there is no need to have installation. The Obligation

that your officers took last year is still good until their replacement takes office.

Please, no refreshments per COVID-19 guidelines **IF** you do have an installation ceremony, social distance and wear masks.

This may sound repetitive, but practice social distancing, stay well, and be safe.

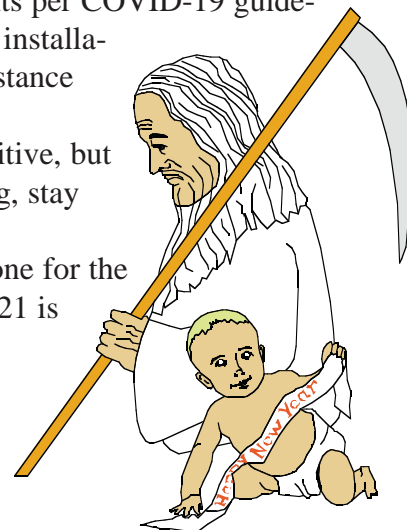
Best of luck to everyone for the new year and hoping 2021 is a much better year!

— *Fraternally in  
Friendship, Love  
And Truth,*

John Otterstrom,  
AKA "Johneo"

Your 2019-2021 Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF



## Janie Kuja was our 'Mystery Girl' last month; Joyce Miller found Sammy

Our mascot "Sammy" actually appeared twice last month. (It wasn't intentional, but some things just happen.) So we had quite a few correct answers. "Sammy" appeared on both pages 7 and 16. Joyce Miller of Washougal was one of the many who found "Sammy." Her name was drawn from the correct entries.



And the picture of the little girl on top of page 1 last month? She was recognized by only one person, Judy Diekman of Oak Harbor. Judy worked with Janie Kuja for many years on the JYC. They also went to college together where they received their teaching degrees. But Judy said she had a really tough time guessing who her friend was.

Both won wearables from the Grand Lodge.

## NO ONE GUESSED THE MYSTERY CAR

There were no guesses in last month's "Guess The Car" contest, but we admit it was a tough one. The vehicle is a modified 1951 Hillman which was owned by Larry Smith of South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211. And no one guessed the car in the background. It is a 1957 Pontiac Safari sta-

tion wagon — a very rare and collectible car today.

Another "Mystery Car" contest appears on page 12.

## FIND SAMMY AND OUR MYSTERY BOY!

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.

Also, we have another mystery photo on page 1 this month. He's a very active member member of our Order and climbing the ladder.

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know where Sammy is and who our "Mystery Boy" 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](mailto:grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com) or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than January 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

*Good Luck  
And Have Fun!*



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary



LAUREL DELONY

## HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Since last year stunk, yeah I said **STUNK**, I am hoping that any challenges that come our way are minimal and easy to overcome and that everyone stays healthy and the Coronavirus vaccine is pushed out fast. Since I am considered a “senior” (I Googled it and it says 55 and older is considered a senior. Personally I think it’s just middle age.) I will be heading to get stuck in the arm as soon as I am allowed. Been there!

Done that! Don’t want it again!

I gave my last donation of convalescent plasma so hopefully it will help someone fighting this awful disease to get well.

## REMINDERS

Okay, here we go with the reminders! Year-end Reports were sent out last month on December 15. Your lodge must have the finished report into my office **NO LATER THAN** February 15. It says so in the letter that was included.

I will be sending out Representative Certificates and a letter that says if your lodge is an odd-numbered lodge, you are to elect a two-year Representative and a two-year alternate at the **FIRST MEETING** in February. Please do not send the certificates back before your first meeting in February. I will need these back from all odd-numbered lodges. Even-numbered lodges will be receiving this information as well **JUST IN CASE** your lodge has to replace your current Representative for whatever reason.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance. I am here to help your lodge wherever and whenever I can.

— With Happy New Year Hugs  
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

# From your desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HAPPY 2021!



CATHY GARCIA

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I’m looking forward to a new year, new friends and renewed activities.

Hopefully you are all about done with your annual reports. Most of us did not have a lot of business transacted this past year which will simplify things a bit. If you have not sent your fall per capita assessments yet, please do so right away.

## LODGE OFFICERS, YOU ARE VITAL

As we start meeting again, hopefully this month, our officers will be installed without formal ceremony and

audience. This can be disappointing and cause officers to feel that they are just floating through without any real importance. Let me assure you that your position as an officer, both elected and appointed, is vital to your lodge and our Assembly.

During a time when we are being separated from each other and are missing the continuity that holds us together as Brothers and Sisters, it is more important than ever for officers to reach out to each other and the members of our lodges with encouragement and faith. Secretaries — keep notes of your contact with lodge members as well as basic activities (dues paid, bills, communications, etc.) and put them in your minute book. This will serve as a reminder of what was done while your lodge wasn’t able to meet and what needs to be done once you are holding meetings again.

Just because we haven’t been meeting, we still need to attend the business of Friendship, Love and Truth, especially towards each other.

— 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](mailto:rebsecwa@gmail.com)

# From the desk of the Assembly President

## TIME TO BEGIN ANEW

Happy New Year Brother and Sisters,

It has been an extraordinary year for all of us and it



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MAGGIE TRUTTMANN  
AND HER NEW "FLYING PIG"

appears it will continue for a while. As I am writing this I am thinking about how wonderful it would be if I could just jump on my flying pig that I received for Christmas, from my nephew Ryan and his girlfriend Stacey. I could just go anywhere I wanted to without testing or

being quarantined for 10 to 14 days.

I could fly to a mountain lodge and watch the snow

fall for hours. The falling snowflakes bring stillness to the outdoors and cover the ground with a clean white slate upon which to see the tracks of birds, animals and people. It brings an inner peace and also reminds me of the New Year which brings with it the opportunity to begin fresh with ideas, relationships and friends. It is a time for lodges to begin anew.

## THANK YOU LODGE OFFICERS

If your lodge has been able to meet and elect new officers, I would like to thank everyone who has been elected to a lodge office. If your lodge has not been able to meet, I thank all of you who have been willing to continue to serve in their current positions. To each and every one who has been willing to accept an appointed office or continue for another year, thank you for doing what you can. All of us working together will help to make our Order stronger.

## I'M AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATIONS

For those of you who are preparing for Installation of new lodge officers and would like me to participate in your Installation, please feel free to contact me through the information listed below.

## CONTINUE TO BE SAFE

Please continue to wear masks, stay six feet apart, and wash your hands. May the joy of friendship, love and truth light every day of the New Year for you, your family, your friends and your lodge.

— In Friendship, Love & Truth

Margaret Truttmann, President,

Rebekah Assembly of Washington

**Email:** maggie@olynet.com

PO Box 4311, Elma, WA 98541-0311

**Home Phone:** (360) 482-2923

# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## WE'RE STILL KEEPING BUSY

Well here we are shut down again but we've still been busy — at least a couple of us. Noble Grand Joanne Balmert was able to purchase 100 stockings and she and Laurel Delony were able to get stocking stuffer items. With some assistance, the stockings were stuffed and taken to Sister Sylvia Summers' home to be donated to the adults at my Sister's Pantry.

## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

At the last meeting that we were able to have we decorated Thanksgiving cards to give to the residents at the IOOF Home in Walla Walla. Since we were being so creative and not sure what was going to happen about being

able to meet, we also decorated Christmas cards. Noble Grand Joanne has been keeping in contact with our members, making sure everyone is doing okay.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - IF WE CAN

We are hoping to have our Installation of Officers at our second meeting, if we get to hold it, in January. Congratulations to the new officers for 2021. The incoming Noble Grand has some fun ideas for up and coming meetings. Keep your fingers crossed that we get to have those gatherings.

Here's wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

— With Rebekah Elbow Hugs,

The members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160



# From your 2019-20 Theta Rho President

## HAPPY JANUARY EVERYONE!

Congratulations on making it through 2020! I write these articles almost a month in advance, so I am still getting through the last of December, but I want to make this month's article a message of hope. All of us experienced hardships and loss in 2020 and it would be wrong to just ignore it. However dwelling on the past and dwelling on hardships does no one any good, so we need to accept the things that hap-



PIPER FYFFE

pen and try to learn and grow from our hardships.

This past year has shown us both how terrible and how amazing people can be. But people, for all they are, can be superheroes. The doctors and nurses battling COVID-19 have shown that anyone can be a superhero as long as they have the courage to answer the call.

## BANDING TOGETHER IN HOPE

One of the reasons I chose the theme for my banquet to be Sci-Fi is because the main theme of most Sci-Fi stories is hope. Hope can be a very powerful thing and drive people to do incredible things. And oftentimes in adventure stories when the heroes reach the most difficult part of their journey and they feel beaten down, they all band together over the hope that they can make things right again.

I know that every single person I have met through our Order is kind, caring and capable of putting a ton of good in the world. We just need to be hopeful for the future and keep moving forward.

## STAY SAFE AND SANE

I hope everyone is staying safe and staying sane through this pandemic. I also hope that everyone had a

good holiday season and managed to find some peace through this time of year.

Please keep each other close — well as close as we can. Mask up and stay safe. I want to see everyone again at our Theta Rho Sessions in June! I wish you all the absolute best and send all of my love. We can make this year great, together.

Email: [piperfyffe@gmail.com](mailto:piperfyffe@gmail.com)

Phone Number: (253) 292-7611

— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
Piper Fyffe, President  
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington



## Racing in a blizzard

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 January 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only per person! **Here's a hint:** The vehicle pictured has an after market "Snowmobile" ski attachment that was popular with rural mail carriers years ago when many farm roads were not plowed. The vehicle is owned by your editor Bill Ostlund. 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.





# January Word Search



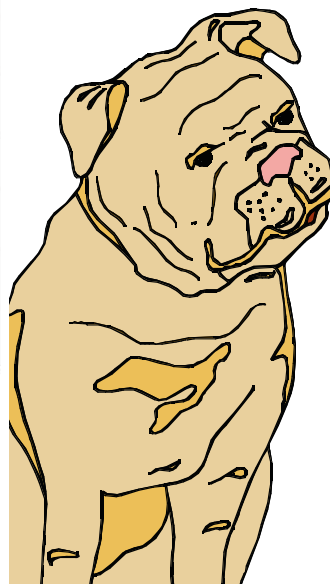
## *It's A Dog's Life*



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

**Answers On Page 12**



**BULLDOG  
PINSCHER  
DALMATIAN  
MASTIFF  
BOXER  
SHEPHERD  
BEAGLE  
TERRIER  
SETTER  
CORGI  
ROTTWEILER  
CHIHUAHUA  
COLLIE  
HOUND  
DACHSHUND**

## Gingerbread House entries in Walla Walla



**Story On  
Page 5**





Members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Tanya Gardiner and Robin Bond, busy making Christmas stockings for members of Acorn Theta Rho Club #79.



No, this isn't Santa's Workshop on the North Pole, but Oak Leaf Rebekahs working on some more holiday stockings. From left are Mary Stewart, Linda Boatman and Kathy Gould.

## *In Oak Harbor*

# Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 make holiday stockings for Acorn Theta Rho Girls

Happy New Year everyone. Let's hope for a better 2021.

Last month we mentioned we were doing a surprise for our Theta Rho Girls that we would share this month. We felt during these uncertain times it would be nice to do something to show them how much we appreciate them. So, we put together a Christmas stocking for each of them. We attended their meeting on December 16 to present them to the girls. While there, we helped make some of the Christmas cards they were making.

We took the Angels we shared last month to Welcome Home Memory Care to spread a little Christmas cheer.

Our officers will be the same for 2021, so we will not be having an Installation of Officers. We are excited that we have a prospective member and hope to be able to initiate her in January

Stay safe and healthy.

**WITH SOCIAL DISTANCE HUGS!**

— From Your Oak Leaf Rebekah Sisters



## *Welcome aboard Lisa*

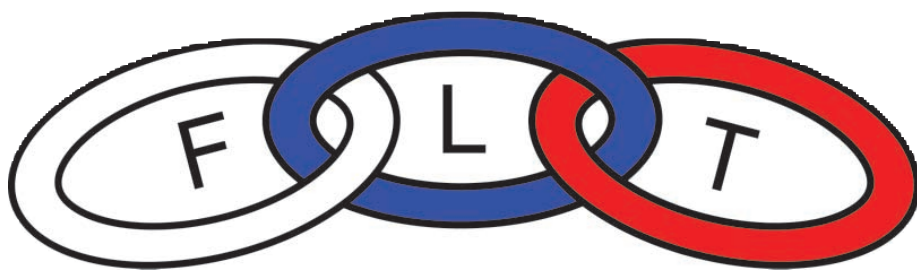
Welcome to the new Activities Director, Lisa Wolf, at the Washington Odd Fellows Home. She served as West Care Center Activities Coordinator for 14 years. Now Lisa directs the TLC, Three Links Center (i.e., Friendship, Love, & Truth), which offers comfortable assisted living in a relaxed yet active environment. Residents are welcome to participate in any of the events offered throughout our community. Lisa and her staff are capable of providing for the physical and social well-being of each resident, helping to maintain health and independence.

— Photo by Robert Remus



*Happy  
New Year  
2021*

# ~ Lodge Cards ~



**\$20  
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## LODGE CARD UPDATE

Include Area Code in Telephone Numbers

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

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

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

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

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

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**Send Your Lodge Card Updates To: Grand Lodge  
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## ~ Lodge Cards ~

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

Submit information and payment to:

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

Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. No newspapers are 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)



# ~ From your 2020-21 Grand Matriarch ~

## I'M IN QUARANTINE FOR NOW

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Now that Thanksgiving is over it is time to get our Christmas cards ready to go. I will start addressing mine today.

There isn't much to write about as I am now in quarantine! I tested positive for COVID-19 which added time to

my quarantine. This started with a visit from a friend who tested positive within a couple of days. Then my daughter

(Angie whom I live with) tested positive and when I had a test on the November 1, I was also positive. I do feel good with minimal symptoms.

I miss seeing friends and family often. Thank God for my phone which keeps me in touch with them. I do miss the hugs, however!

Do you have plans for Christmas? Unless COVID dictates otherwise, we plan to spend Christmas at my son's home.

Thanksgiving was quiet — just the two of us. I hope yours was full of fun!

Here's hoping all are well.

Take care and God bless you all.

My parting thought is an Irish blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*

— In Faith, Hope & Charity,

Mavis House, Grand Matriarch

2957 West 10th St., The Dalles, OR 97058

Phone: (509) 773-4604



MAVIS HOUSE

## ~ 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 Reyoldson. **Email:** kkreynoldson@earthlink.net. **Ph:** (360) 790-0383. **Sec'y:** Holly Finley, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (702) 630-2888 (2/28/21)

### TITUSVILLE I.O.O.F. LODGE #34

**Meets At:** 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Dan Seeley, 421 Novak Ln., Kent, WA 98032. **Ph:** (253) 217-1300. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/21)

### TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

**Meets At:** 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dorothy "Cookie" Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 262-3186. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629 (2/28/22)

### 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)

## Notes from our friends

• "The *Washington OddFellow* is one of my lifelines. Thanks for your never-ending quest to improve it more and more. The papers since the virus struck have been even more entertaining and informative than past issues."

— Janie Kuja

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• "I loved this month's *Washington OddFellow* newspaper. Great reading and love the games, puzzles, etc. Kudos to you!"

— Florence Harper

*The Best To You In*  
**2021**

## *In Walla Walla*

# Beautiful ‘Giving Tree’ brings joy to many Home residents!!!

The Giving Tree is actually a virtual tree on Facebook. To find it, search for “Washington Odd Fellows Home’s Virtual Tree of Giving.” Each day the staff posted a few male and female residents in our facility with their list for Santa. These residents do not have an active family involvement or support. The staff asked readers to respond if they chose to buy for that resident.

The gifts were wrapped and dropped off at the Administration Building no later than December 21. At the time we went to press, shoppers were buying for 43 residents.

Here are some examples: FEMALE #32: Black notebook, Black Sharpie Marker, Slippers XL, Hershey’s Milk Chocolate Bar. MALE #33: Men’s Socks, Large Sweater, Red or Blue Blanket.

The creator of The Giving Tree for the virtual Holiday Outreach Program was Joani Wicklund, Director of Admissions. The idea came to Joani as some community members asked if there was anyone doing a Giving Tree in Walla Walla.

In the past, Macy’s had a Giving Tree. Due to their closure, many people were looking for another option. The staff realized this would be a wonderful way to provide some Christmas cheer to many of our residents who have limited family involvement, income, or just need to be cheered up.

The next challenge was an actual tree. Our facility had been in lockdown since March, so no one could choose a tag off the tree. The staff opted to create a “Virtual Giving Tree” on our Facebook page. Soon there was generous support from our “Secret Santas” who signed up for residents in three of our different units on campus. Joani summed up the project this way, “It has been such a blessing to see our community care for elders in such a heartfelt way!” — *Submitted by Shirley Ruble*



## *Lots of giving*

An actual Giving Tree set in the lobby of the IOOF Home Administration Building where shoppers delivered their gifts for appreciative residents in need. The elegant tree was decorated by Janelle Sillers.







— Photo by Robert Remus

## *Winter Wonderland a delight at our Home*

The Activities staff at the Washington Odd Fellow in Walla Walla went hunting for Christmas decorations in the attic, according to Lisa Wolf, Activities Director, and this is what they found. They made a Winter Wonderland in the second-floor auditorium for the residents and staff in the main building to enjoy. For those who prefer the virtual version on Facebook, the festivities are enhanced by dreamy Christmas music.



— Photo by Lisa Wolf

Betty Golden joins Naomi Bruce of Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70. Who needs a coat in this magical Winter Wonderland?

*Thanks For A Wonderful  
Holiday Season!*

## *Outdoor scenes at our Home were beautiful*



Julie Clark and the Grounds Crew set the stage for a humble but wondrous Nativity scene.



Last summer the Maintenance Crew, headed by JJ Liskey, refurbished all of the figures in the ages-old Nativity scene. Now it is a sight for everyone to behold and contemplate.



At night the star of wonder, star of light shines down on the Odd Fellows community where there is peace, healing, and health.



# *It's A Dog's Life* *Word Search*

## *Answers*

*Puzzle On Page 6*



## *At our IOOF Home*

### **Gingerbread contest helps local businesses**

The staff had many festivities planned for Christmas at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. Guests could contribute to one of them — the Gingerbread House contest. Contributions were welcome to support a few local businesses that may be struggling with the shutdown.

Residents were the judges and chose their favorite in two categories. For the 18 and under category there was a \$20 gift card from Bright's. For the adult category, there was a \$20 gift card to Sweet Basil Pizzeria.

Gingerbread Houses were brought to the Administration Building by guests who were masked, rang the doorbell, and gave their entry to the staff. They left their names and the category of their entry. The

## *Here comes Santa!*

Santa made his rounds in Buckley and, of course, he stopped to greet the Grand Lodge staff including Grand Secretary Laurel Delony. Santa travelled the streets of Buckley on a fire truck bringing lots of joy to children and adults alike. Santa made his stop at the Grand Lodge office on Friday, December 4.

deadline was December 16. Residents voted for the winners on December 18.

Individuals and families, beginners and advanced contestants were all invited to participate. The many types of houses were placed around the care centers for the residents' enjoyment.

— Submitted by Shirley Ruble

**SEE PHOTOS OF SOME OF  
THE ENTRIES ON PAGE 6**





Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 display their Christmas stockings made by members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge. From left are: Kathy Gould, Kiaira

Moore, Kaydince Clark, Desiree Gardiner, Riley Shelly, Miyah Garcia, Hailey Hanna and Linda Boatman. In the foreground is Stacy Gardiner.

## *In Oak Harbor*

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

We will be starting 2021 with another initiation and our Installation of Officers at a regular meeting following the current COVID-19 guidelines. (Whatever they look like then.)

We were surprised by our sponsoring Rebekahs when they came to our last meeting of 2020 and gave each of us a Christmas stocking. They stayed and visited and helped us with our card making

We were unable to do our Christmas party at our Advisor's home because of the extension of the state Coronavirus restrictions, but we did meet at the hall where we could social distance to make our gingerbread houses and have refreshments provided by our Advisor.

We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a productive new year.

Continue to stay safe and healthy. Long distance Theta Rho hugs to you all,

Until next time. . .

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



Acorn Theta Rho members Kiaira Moore and Kaydince Clark work on making Christmas cards at Acorn's last meeting of 2020. They were assisted by Oak Leaf Rebekahs.

***MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 14***





Acorn Theta Rho Girls show off their homemade gingerbread houses they completed at the IOOF Hall in Oak Harbor. From left are: Hailey Hanna, Desiree Gardiner,

Kiaira Moore. Lilly Crawford, Kaydince Clark, Miyah Garcia, Alana Weatherlow, Stacy Gardiner, Lucy Crouch and Riley Shelly.



Lucy Crouch and Hailey Hanna are in deep concentration as they construct their gingerbread houses.



From left, Kaydince Clark, Lilly Crawford and Kiaira Moore take their work very seriously.



Alana Weatherlow, Riley Shelly and Stacy Gardiner are almost done with their holiday projects.

**SEE PAGE 13 FOR STORY  
AND ADDITIONAL PHOTOS**



## Bucoda Bulletin Board #14

# Community Center haunted, too

### IMPROVISE, ADAPT AND OVERCOME

When last we left our heroes they were improvising, adapting and overcoming to make the most out of the current situation. As we join them in this episode we find them continuing the struggle to make this a better world.

Our Lodge recently made donations to two local groups to ensure that local children and families don't miss out on Christmas during these unprecedented times.

Both Bucoda Lodges will remain dark, for a while, but it is the intent to of the Noble Grands that our efforts to serve the community will not be noticeably hindered. Which brings us to a spontaneous and totally unplanned visit by Santa Claus on December 19. The "Bearded One" has had to modify his routine, a bit, but his visit to Bucoda will happen, rain or shine. Rumor has it that an Elf from Buckley will spontaneously visit in Bucoda as well.

### BUCODA COMMUNITY CENTER

As promised the cook's tour of the world renowned landmarks in Bucoda continues. This issue features the Bucoda Community Center.



A view of the Noble Grand's station with a glimpse of the beautiful wood floor.

The Odd Fellows originally met in Bucoda's Opera House (yes, we had one). In the 1920s the Odd Fellows Lodge building was constructed, with the Lodge room occupying the upper floor. The Post Office, telephone exchange and two retail spaces were on the lower level.

Flash forward to 2005. The building had, unfortunately, fallen into a state of disrepair. The top floor was completely unusable and only one room was serviceable on the lower level — and even that one leaked.

Enter the Town of Bucoda. A deal was struck where the Town would purchase the building, restore and update it, use it as a Community/Event Center and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs would continue meeting in the Lodge room. Over several years, with generous donations from prominent local families and grants from the State, the building has been restored to much of its previous glory, including the original wood floor in the lodge room.

Interestingly, during the restoration it was discovered



Cable "rebar" was used in the Bucoda Community Center when it was built.

that this concrete building contained no rebar, in the modern sense. Rather, where small pieces of concrete have eroded away, cables and chains used in logging which were put in to strengthen the walls. Some are visible today.

On July 24, 2010, the building was dedicated as the Bucoda Community Center. The Lodge Hall, dining area and full kitchen are upstairs and the Town Hall and two rental spaces occupy the lower level, one with a small kitchen.

And let's not forget Emory. Who is Emory, you may ask? Emory is the ghost known to haunt the building. Yes, even the old Lodge hall has its spirits. No one knows who Emory might be, nor if that is even his real name, but he has become a fixture in the building. Emory has never been known to manifest in the lower level of the building, preferring to remain upstairs opening doors and, occasionally, moving things around when no one is watching. Mischievous might be an apt description of Emory.

That's about it for this issue of the Bucoda Bulletin Board. Until next time, everyone stay safe and whichever holidays you celebrate this time of the year — **Make It A Happy One!**

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*



Here's a view of the dining area and the full kitchen upstairs.

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Through  
The  
Snowflake  
Maze  
To Find  
Her  
Friend,  
Wishbone?*

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