



# THE Washington ODDFELLOW



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## Acorn celebrates 60 years!

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club gathered for the club's 60th Anniversary last month. From left are: Aviana Moore, Judy Diekman, Katie Gardiner, Stacy Gardiner,

Kiaira Moore, Miyah Garcia, Desiree Gardiner, Hailey Hannah, Leilah McNichols and Riley Shelly. For details and additional photo, see page 15.



Have A Safe & Virtual  
Halloween!





# From the desk of your Grand Master

## NOW IT IS FLAMES AND SMOKE



JOHN  
OTTERSTROM  
Grand Master

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I start writing this article, most of our state is engulfed in flames or affected by the heavy smoke. Homes and towns have been devastated. I am hoping and praying everyone is safe.

### PLEASE, PLEASE BE SAFE

COVID-19! Such a dirty word. I know the state and local governments have different phases that our counties are in. I really miss seeing my Brothers and Sisters. My home lodge is having small meetings and practicing social distancing. If you are having meetings please be safe. Use your best judge-

ment. Make sure you have masks, plenty of hand sanitizer, soap and water and you practice social distancing.

### AN EN-‘LIGHTENING’ EXPERIENCE

Here’s an update on myself. On September 11, I had jaw surgery. My mouth is wired shut, swollen and I drool a little bit, but other than that I am doing very well. I have lost, as of September 15, 142 pounds. It’s been an amazing journey so far. Thank you all for your encouragement, hugs, and love.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*  
John Otterstrom, AKA “Johneo”  
Your 2019-2020 Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

## Guess what? Kim Owens of Olympia found Sammy

Kim Owens, Noble Grand of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, was our lucky winner of last month’s “Find Sammy” contest. Sammy was lurking in the tree above the huge umbrella on Page 14. She was one of several who guessed Sammy’s location. Grand Lodge staffer Lisa Sweeney drew Kim’s name from the guesses submitted. Kim won a wearable from the Grand Lodge.

However, no one guessed the name of the Odd Fellow pictured on top of Page 1 in September’s edition of *The Washington OddFellow*. We may have misled you as we described him as a longtime Odd Fellow. While he has very active the past several years, Steve Purcell of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge in #129 in Bucoda has only been an Odd Fellow for five years.

## FIND SAMMY AND OUR MYSTERY GIRL!



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.

Also, we have another mystery photo on page 1 this month. She’s a longtime Rebekah and very active for many years. In addition, check out the photo of the car on page 16 for another chance to win!

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

## In Toledo

## Monterose Rebekahs #46

### YES, FALL IS HERE

My goodness, here it is fall already. So much has happened with our Monterose Sisters.

Our Treasurer Laura Lee’s brother-in-law Loren Bowen received a surprise over the summer. A baseball field in Toledo was named after him because of his lifetime dedication to the local little league baseball games and tournaments. That’s quite an honor. We are very proud of him and the Bowen family.

Our sympathies and flowers went to our Noble Grand Virginia Erckenbrack following the loss of her husband Ed. He was a dear friend to all of us.

Sister Gloria Merrill has all but completely recovered from her spinal surgery. She is up and about and ready for lodge again.

We are very sorry to report that we lost two Sisters — Evenlyn Woody and Bonnie Hadaller. Bonnie was a cousin to the late Rosalie Davis. It was Rosalie who encouraged Bonnie to join our lodge in 2001. Evenlyn also joined at the same time.

Bonnie worked her way up the ladder to become Noble Grand of Monterose. In later years, she also became our Representative, taking on that job and going to Yakima for our Sessions. We will miss them dearly. No services were held at this time because of the virus.

Kay Pratt and her husband Jerry lost their sister, Edith. Kay offered a big thank you to the Rebekah Sisters for the flowers she received.

Cookie Music is busy with her canning and helping out with a bake sale for the lodge. The next bake sale is set for Friday, October 9 at the IGA in Winlock. Everyone is invited.

This wraps it up for now. I will try to keep in touch in the future. All for now. . .

— *In F., L., & T., Cookie Music, Warden & Reporter*

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## 2021 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.



LAUREL  
DELONY

All lodges should have received information on 2021's Youth Pilgrimage. If your lodge would like the packet, please email or call me and I will get one in the mail ASAP. Students who were going to go on the 2020 tour will be allowed to participate on the 2021 tour and their age requirement has been waived for this one year only. Please make sure to read the Jurisdictional Chair General Information sheet that was included.

## IRS - UGH!

Now you know my feelings. The last few years have been a trial to figure out how to help lodges. Lodges have either received notification that they have not filed, that they are going to lose their non-profit status, or have lost their non-profit status. I have talked to the Grand Lodge accountant and they suggest that you file your lodges taxes. Some of the lodges were supposed to be under the umbrella of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for filing, but I cannot get information and

what to do from the SGL. So, this may be duplicating the process, but that's okay. Get them filed. If you have lost your non-profit status you will need to file forms to reinstate. I have sent letters to all Odd Fellow Lodge Secretaries. If you need help let me know.

## SOS INFORMATION

Don't forget that your lodge should have sent in their SOS information. If not, get going folks.

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Remember, if you are able to meet that the first meeting in October is for first nominations of 2021 Officers. The second meeting of the month is for the second nominations. The first meeting in November is for the elections. Even if you don't elect new officers and keep the same, you will need to send in the information on the recycled members. That's on the year-end report that will be sent out in December.

## AGAIN, I AM HERE TO HELP

That's it for me this month. If you ever have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Grand Lodge Office, **1-800-345-1766** or email [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com).

— With Fraternal Hugs  
Laurel Delony,  
PGM, Grand Secretary

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET BACK TO LODGE SOON!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



CATHY GARCIA

Fall is officially here and hopefully most of us are back to having regular meetings. It can be hard to get back in the swing of things after such a long and frustrating several months.

I have been busy going through boxes, organizing my office in a way that will (hopefully) be efficient and productive. It really is fun and educational to discover all the pamphlets and old instructional manuals that are tucked away in boxes.

## PER CAPITA INFO

I will be sending out fall Per Capita information shortly. Please review the information with your lodges so members will understand what their dues are used for. The sooner you get your check returned to me the easier my job is as I work with our Treasurer at getting checks cashed quickly and keeping our books up to date.

## OCTOBER IS NOMINATION MONTH

October is time to nominate new officers for election in November. Talk among your members and discuss the responsibilities of each position. If you have new members, encourage them to accept a nomination. Assure them that they will have the help of other members, and that holding an office is the best way to become more aware of how our Order works as a team.

*I recently came across a short quote that I feel speaks to our objective as Rebekahs.*

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is. . . Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

Have a fun Halloween and stay safe.

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

# From the desk of the Assembly President

## THE BIRDS ARE DESPITE THE SMOKE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I am writing my article, I glance outside and I see a world covered in smoke and it makes for a very gray and gloomy looking day. Then I see some very small birds taking a bath in the water hose that is leaking water. They are flapping their wings and bringing joy to my heart. I also spy a beautiful blue jay sitting on the roof top with a hazel nut in its mouth. It flies down to the ground and buries the nut



MAGGIE TRUTTMANN

The days are growing shorter, the vine maples leaves are beginning to change color and the evening and mornings are cooler which says fall is on its way.

## FOLLOW COUNTY REGULATIONS

### WHEN YOU GO BACK TO LODGE

We are all hoping to return to lodge meets this fall. I would like to remind you that if your lodge plans to meet you need to follow the phase your county is in. Remember to have space for social distancing, wear masks and have someone keep track of who is at the meeting along with a phone number in case they need to be reached. Check to see if everyone indicates they are well and if not they should stay home. It is my hope all the lodges that are able to meet will have a great beginning to their fall activities. If you need a dispensation to have a meeting in a different place, time, or location, please contact me with the request and I will be happy to provide you with the needed dispensation.

## TAKE CARE OF THE IMPORTANT STUFF

During the stay at home orders with COVID-19 and the smoke from the wildfires, I have been thinking about IARA President Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit's theme "Focus on What's Important." What is important is that we take care of ourselves, families, friends and our country. Please continue to keep these things in mind as we progress through fall into winter.

## IARA SECRETARY RESIGNS

President Elizabeth has sent a letter letting us know that IARA Secretary Connie Miller has tendered her resignation from the position as IARA Secretary.

Secretary Emeritus, Vivian Pursell, will be working in the office. With Connie's resignation, the office of IARA Secretary will be open for nominations and election at our 2021 Session in Cincinnati, Ohio. If any interested members have questions about this office or the nomination process, please contact President Elizabeth.

## MY PROGRAM FOR 2020-2021 (AGAIN)

It is my privilege to share my President's Program below as we continue for 2020-2021.

- Motto: Believe in faith, hope and friendships
- Emblem: A flying pig
- Colors: Pink and Green
- Flowers: Pink Carnations and Yellow Roses
- Song: "I Believe"
- Fun Song: "If Pigs Could Fly"
- Project: Grand Master John Otterstrom and I have chosen Visual Aid as our joint project.
- Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden"
- Scripture: Psalm 37:5 "Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it and He will"

## CLOSING THOUGHT

My closing thought is "Where there is great love there are always miracles" by Willa Cather

## I AM HERE FOR YOU

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

— In Friendship, Love & Truth  
Margaret Truttmann, President,  
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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





# ~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

## I AM TIRED OF 2020!

As I am writing this I am wondering if the fires will ever quit. The smoke is so thick here in the Tri-Cities that I can't see more than about 200 feet. You know I never stay up on New Years Eve to watch the New Year come in, but I think I will this year just to make sure this year goes away. Boy, I am tired of 2020. How about you?



RON HANSON

I understand that you all have had some fires in your area, and I hope you are safe and doing well.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP OTHERS

This is a great time for our Encampments and Lodges to shine. How you ask? Let me make some suggestions. Who in your community can use some help at this time? Firefighters, law enforcement, or maybe you are aware of a family that has lost everything because of a fire! What do they need, and more importantly what can you provide them with? We all have things that we no longer need or use — clothes that do not fit anymore, unused home items from your closets, kitchens, basements and garages, toys for young children who have grown up. We all have something that we can give to help get people back on their feet.

If we all go out and help at this time, we can expose a

number of people to our Order and what we do and believe. As we reach out to those less fortunate we may gain a new member for our lodge and Encampment.

## GIVE HELP AND THANKS

Maybe think about taking something in the way of food or drink to your local fire station or police department. Stop and thank them for the things they do. Not everybody understands just how much they go through on an almost daily basis.

I do not have any family members left in law enforcement, however I have a daughter-in-law still in the National Guard and a grandson who is a wildland firefighter out of Whitman County, so I am fairly in tune with what they go through.

## WHERE ARE YOU MEETING?

On another note, if your Encampment is experiencing difficulty in meeting because of rioting and unpeaceful protesting in your area, you may need to meet in an alternate location. If so, just let me know where that may be. I had a recent e-mail from an Encampment asking to meet in a different location due to the current situation in their area. I know from talking to my lodge members in Spokane that we will not be meeting until the Spokane area is in phase 3, and that could take some time. I'm not happy about that, but it is for the safety of our older members.

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



## Just how smokey was it?

At left is a photo of Mt. Rainier taken from the front porch of Dave and Laurel Delony's home in Buckley prior to the heavy smoke lingering across the West Coast. The above photo was taken from the approximately the same location on September 16. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be free of the acrid smokey conditions.



# A LOOK INTO WALLA WALLA'S PAST



Photos by Roberge

## *Odd Fellows Parade in 1948*

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs parade past the Paine Building on Main Street in Walla Walla. It is June 20, 1948, the first day of summer and the longest day and shortest night of the year. Brothers Frank W. and John G. Paine built the three-story brick and cast-iron building in 1879. The First National Bank was the first tenant from 1879 to 1916. Then Union Bank, Seattle First National Bank, Capital Savings Bank, and Sterling Bank followed. Located on Second Avenue and Main Street, a prominent downtown corner, the building is an impressive addition with a restaurant on the main floor, an inn on the second and third

floors, and a spa for guests in the basement. (Editor's note: About 200 historic Walla Walla photos were given to the Odd Fellows Home by Joe Drazan in 2006. He is a retired Whitman College archives librarian who collects pictures of the Walla Walla Valley in a blog titled, "Bygone Walla Walla." Shirley Ruble of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge helped with the research. See Drazan's website on the internet at "Bygone Walla Walla." Send your old snapshots, slides or negatives of Walla Walla to Drazan's email address at

**skippycat3@charter.net.)**





## Museum Corner

# Not Ezra, but John V. Meeker was a very prominent Washington Odd Fellow!!

Pulling material from the Grand Lodge storage unit is a lot of fun. And it's interesting what you find. The first picture is a cartoonist's view of prominent Odd Fellows attending Grand Lodge. There is no date. But, when Lisa Sweeney, Museum Curator, was putting this up she just happened to put it next to a lodge charter. The charter is signed by Grand Master John V. Meeker. This piqued my interest.

So I went looking for John V. Meeker in the journals. John Valentine Meeker was Grand Master of the Territory of Washington in 1887-1888. He is brother to Ezra Meeker. You know? The Meeker Mansion in Puyallup? Yep, that's the one. Ezra Meeker is famous for preserving the Oregon Trail.



JOHN V. MEEKER

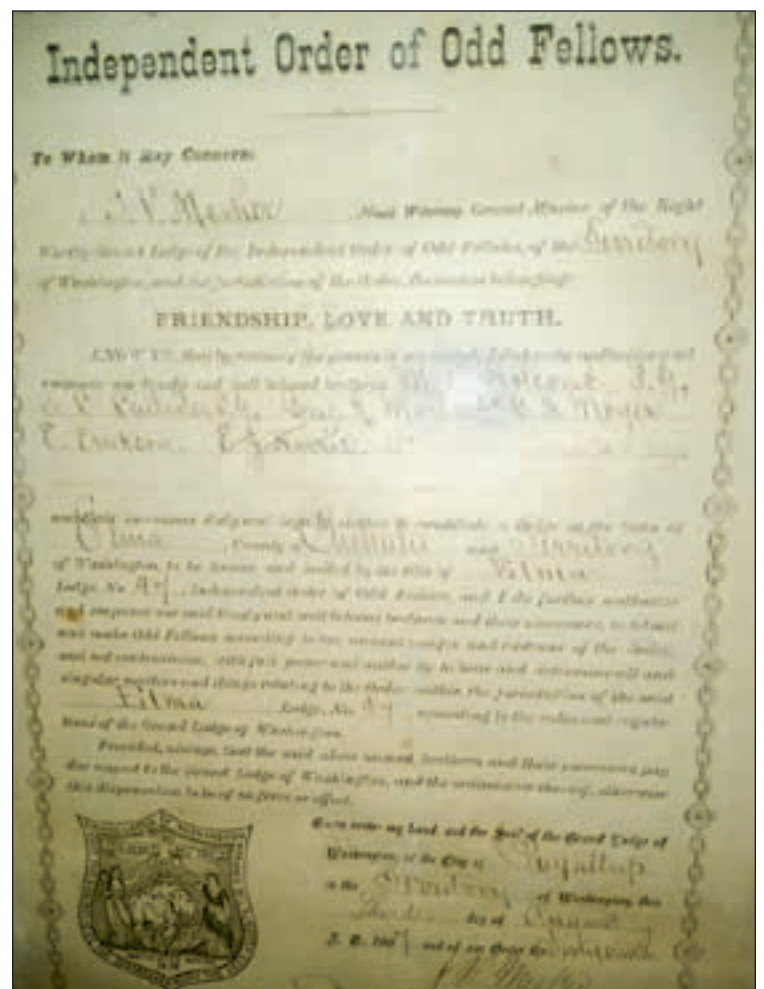
John V. Meeker was born July 13, 1824 and passed December 24, 1910.

John became a member of Dayton IOOF Lodge No. 56 in Eddyville, Iowa on January 30, 1854, became a Past Grand June 30, 1855 and withdrew on September 17, 1859. He was then admitted to Unity IOOF Lodge No. 18 of Puyallup by card on February 24, 1881. He was a member of Alki Encampment No. 5, Canton No. 1 and a Rebekah in Schuyler Colfax Lodge No. 14.

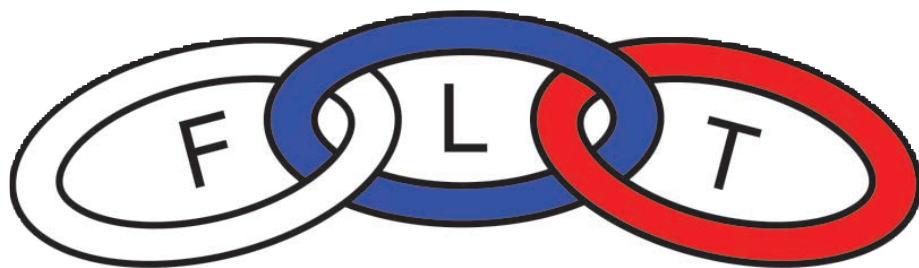
Brother John became a prominent citizen of Puyallup. He was one of the first to introduce the hop industry into this section of the state, carrying the roots upon his back from Steilacoom where he had obtained them from a small brewer named Wood, to whom they had been sent from abroad. He sold his first crop to this brewer. The place where he planted this crop is now called Sumner.

We have lots of interesting Odd Fellow material in the museum. If you would like to come up and take a look, let me know and we'll arrange a time for a personal tour.

— Laurel Delony



# ~ Lodge Cards ~



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## LODGE CARD UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## ~ Lodge Cards ~

**Rate: \$20 per year from March 1 of the current  
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Submit information and payment to:

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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. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Carol L. Hare, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** (509) 924-1791 (2/28/25)

### LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

**Meets At:** IOOF Hall, (Corner of Pacific & Pine) 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 686-8587. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86., Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (360) 562-2391 (2/28/22)

### MONROE I.O.O.F. LODGE #156

**Meets At:** IOOF Cemetery, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Carol Manni, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-1197. **Sec'y:** Aloha Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. **Ph:** (360) 794-8338 (2/28/22)

### OLYMPIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #1

**Meets At:** Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Kim Owens, 6321 Congressional Dr., Olympia, WA 98513-8808. **Ph:** (760) 684-2234. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/21)



## In Walla Walla

# Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

### WE WILL FOREVER MISS BROTHER CRAIG

Hello all! Here's hoping you are well and happy.

We at Bee Hive Lodge are going through a sad time

## ~ Lodge Cards ~

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

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

#### PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

**Meets At:** 204 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., Lunch at 11 am, meeting at 12 noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Highway 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearls St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/21)

#### RICHLAND I.O.O.F. LODGE #338

**Meets At:** 500 Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA 99352. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elaine DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342. **Sec'y:** Glen DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342 (2/28/21)

#### RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

**Meets At:** IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Kristina Samuelson, 6729 Compton Blvd., Lacey, WA 98513-6225. **Ph:** (360) 402-9498. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/21)

#### SKOOKUMCHUCK I.O.O.F. LODGE #129

**Meets At:** Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Bucoda, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Kyle Reysoldson. **Email:** 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)

because on August 13, 2020, Brother Craig Schultz, our Treasurer, passed on after a long battle with cancer.

Craig was a 60-year member of the Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 in Walla Walla. He held various Grand Lodge positions over the years. The ones I know about are: Color Bearer three times (his favorite) and Guardian. He served on *lots* of committees. He was a 33-year member of Rebekahs holding the station of Noble Grand for Dayton and Bee Hive Lodges and Treasurer for many years here at Bee Hive Lodge.

Craig was a blessing to us at Beehive with his sense of humor, ready smile and unlimited knowledge and advice. Please keep Karen, his wife of 37 years, in your prayers, as you are never ready to let them go.



CRAIG SCHULTZ

### WORDS OF WISDOM

*"True Happiness is not found in material things, it comes from the love and laughter found with each other."*

— Author Unknown  
— Respectfully submitted,  
Beverley Johnson, Reporter

*We Will Miss  
You Brother Craig  
'Till We Meet Again!*

# ~ An update on guidelines for ~ ~ Washington OddFellow reporters ~

We have printed these guidelines for reporters in *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper several times. As a result, many of your stories are now easier to read and put into type for the newspaper. However, several of you may have overlooked these guidelines. If you can, please keep these guidelines by your typewriter, computer or writing desk for future reference.

Again, here are a few suggestions which will make *The Washington OddFellow* a better newspaper for all of us:

- Be sure to include the name and number of your Lodge and the name of your town if the Lodge name is different. As a reporter, please include your name, too, so we can give you credit.

- If your story is handwritten, leave plenty of space between lines and please print any names so I can get them spelled correctly. Please double check all names. We have spent many hours researching membership rosters to make sure questionable names are spelled correctly and we have corrected the spelling on dozens of names. However, I am sure there are many more misspelled names that have slipped through.

- If your story is typed, please double space and **do not** type your entire story in all capital letters and **do not** use both sides of the paper. Please use **plain white**

**typing paper**, not the onion skin type.

- Please include the names and pertinent information about deceased members on a **separate** piece of paper for the Memoriam column. Information should include the persons name, how long they have been a member and what offices they have held.

- Remember, *The Washington OddFellow* is received in your home and everyone else's on or about the first of the month. Keep this in mind when you are writing about events that will already have taken place by the time the newspaper is in your mailbox. Even if an event has not yet happened when you write your story, please word your story in the "past tense" if your event takes place before the newspaper comes out.

- Try to keep your stories as concise as possible. You have probably noticed that we have many more Lodges reporting now than we had in the past. Concise stories mean we can fit in news from more Lodges.

- Finally, when you are finished, read over your story to make sure everything is spelled correctly. Then, as a final measure, read the story out loud to yourself or to someone else. This is an easy way to tell if you have left out some important word or fact.

- Remember, our deadline is the 15th of each month for the next month's edition. The next deadline is October 15 for the November edition. You may mail your stories or fax them to: (360) 829-1768. You may e-mail your stories to: **billo@tx3.com**

- We have change of address forms for your convenience. If you do not have these forms, please contact the Grand Lodge of Washington office at 1-800-345-1766 and we will mail you these forms.

*Thanks, Your Editor*



## Odd Fellow Breakfast?

Do you often have this Odd Fellow Breakfast? Well, as you can see, it features Three Links! Photo courtesy of Steve Purcell of Bucoda IOOF Lodge #129.

## District #3 cancels 2020 autumn meeting

The District Association #3 meeting has been cancelled. It was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 17.

If you have any questions please contact President Kathy Picanco at:

**Picancoj@hotmail.com**

Or Secretary Laurel Delony at

**laureljdelyon@gmail.com**

or by calling (253) 468-1949.



# ~ From your 2019-21 Theta Rho President ~

## HAPPY OCTOBER EVERYONE!

I am so sorry about missing last month's newsletter! Moving became quite hectic and I lost track of the days.



PIPER FYFFE

On that note, with school getting underway, make sure to keep up with homework! I know things are still pretty crazy in the world, but keeping up with school is super important. Studying in group calls, taking good notes, and setting alarms on my phone for my assignments has been helping me keep track of all my online work.

## WAYS TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN 2020

With Halloween happening this month amongst

COVID-19, I've been working on ideas for ways to celebrate the holiday in a modified, pandemic-friendly way. One of my friends had the idea of having a video chat movie night for Halloween and sharing ghost stories, or even a craft night where we all work on some spooky DIY projects. While it's a bummer that we may not be able to get together in person, at least I won't have to share my candy!

## SAFETY COMES FIRST

I am hoping to be able to see everyone again as soon as possible, but ultimately safety comes first. Since I am holding office for another year, I want to once again remind everyone that if you need me, have a question for me, or just want me to join your zoom meetings, let me know!

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

**Phone Number:** (253) 292-7611

— With Best Wishes, Prayers and a Happy Halloween,  
And Happiness Through Service,  
Piper Fyffe, President  
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

# Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

## COVID-19 STILL HANGING AROUND

Summer's gone, Fall is here and the COVID-19 still hangs in our shadows! Trinity is going to try to have meetings, but with no lunches, at least for a while.

We had a bake sale on September 11, and another is planned for Friday, October 9. We are currently doing a "Plush Pippen Pie" sale fund-raiser now to try to get some income flowing as bills still need to be paid to maintain the building.

We have plans to do a sock drive for the mission where they feed the homeless in the community. This is one of our community service projects.

# ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Evenlyn Woody**, 19-year member, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46 in Toledo.
- **Bonnie Hadaller**, PNG, 19-year member, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46 in Toledo.
- **Craig Schultz**, PNG, 60-year member, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 in Walla Walla. 33-year member of the Rebekahs at Schuyler #18 in Dayton and Bee Hive #70 in Walla Walla.
- **Louie Brand**, PNG, 65-year member, Kennewick IOOF Lodge which consolidated with Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 in Walla Walla. Past Grand Scribe.

## WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE SOME FUND-RAISERS

We will be pushing for another Bingo as soon as our wonderful Governor says we can have 50 people gathered together again.

As it is right now we can't even rent our hall for any kind of event, which really hurts our financial pocket-book.

We will be having our taxes and per capita taxes coming due again soon, then comes the first of the year when SGL dues will hit all of us hard. That is not even counting our monthly bills.

Trinity members extend their sincere condolences to the Monterose #46 Rebekah Sisters in Toledo. They have lost two Sisters, Bonita Hadaller and Evelyn Woody. Our love and prayers to them and their families.

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

# Columbus Day!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**





## *Olympia Park painting project all completed!!*

It took one more work party at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park, but the painting and other finish work was finished on Thursday, September 9. On that day, the bathroom and other out buildings received their refreshing coat of ocean blue paint with white trim. At right, Dave Hammond (on ladder), Cathy Garcia and Joe Picanco apply their artistic skills. Rick Garcia also participated. James Allen (AJ), along with Elyse Balmert, helped tear down the old playground equipment and stacked wood.





# Narcissa Rebekahs aid local schools

## WE'RE STILL QUARANTINED AT THE HOME

This is still a time of quarantine at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. CEO John Brigham follows the mandates of Governor Jay Inslee for Phase One of nursing home and long-term care facilities. We wear masks, remain six feet apart, and limit the number of visitors to two.

We have a new privilege, and that is we can meet outdoors with family for 30 minutes on the Magnolia Patio. Residents are limited to two visits a day. At this time, we have no residents or staff members with COVID-19.

## HELPING WALLA WALLA SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Narcissa Rebekahs are always looking for a way to benefit the community. We turned to our partnership with the Walla Walla School District (WWSD) and asked what we could do to benefit the school children, especially those experiencing homelessness.

Christy Krutulis, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, reached out to us. "We are starting on September 8 as our first day. Almost all our students will be starting online, with dedicated face-to-face time with their teachers each day. When our community COVID-19 numbers come down we will be able to see our students in person."

We outlined our fund-raising projects for the Homeless Fund. On December 17, 2018, we raised more than \$200 cash for students in transitional homelessness. The funds would purchase coats, hoodies and jackets, plus socks, underwear, hygiene products, laundry detergent and gift cards for new shoes.

## JEANNE'S WINTER HATS

Jeanne Elder, a lodge member, crocheted 14 winter hats with tassels, and Christy distributed them to schools with the greatest need. "There are about 215 students in transitional homelessness each year," Christy said. Intervention specialists at each school are the main contact for students in need. For example, if a student's family lacks cooking utensils, the specialist can purchase them using federal funds.

## 2019'S SOX DRIVE

On March 18, 2019, the Rebekahs launched a Sox in a Box drive for WWSD. Children in the Homeless Education program live in shelters like the YWCA, Christian Aid Center, New Beginnings, with other families, in cars or on the street. Their needs are great: Clothing (especially socks and underwear), blankets and backpacks.

We set a goal of 400 pairs of socks. Little children come to school in tennis shoes with no socks in the cold and snowy weather. Socks are needed year round for good hygiene. No child at school wants to be recognized as a homeless student.

Rebekah Patty Newell set out boxes for donations in the Washington Odd Fellows Home, in East and West Care Centers, Assisted Living, the Lobby, Merriam and Clinton



— Photo by Mark Higgins

Members of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 present \$586 to Christy Krutulis, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning for the Walla Walla School District. From left are: Shirley Ruble, Christy Krutulis, Barbara Lechner, Patty Newell and Jeanine Griffin. The district is providing all K-8 grade students school supplies as a result of the financial impacts of COVID-19.

Apartment. Residents generously responded with packages of socks and/or cash donations.

When the drive ended on March 31, 2019, the Rebekahs gathered socks, gloves and hats for students experiencing homelessness. The socks were counted and the result exceeded the goal of 400 pairs of socks. There were 1,209 pairs of socks distributed from K through 12!

Christy expressed her gratitude, saying, "Your enthusiasm for this project, and your incredible donation were overwhelming. We are very fortunate to be part of such a generous community."

## DONATIONS GALORE

Our lodge members canvassed the stores for donations and the response was gratifying. Barbara Lechner received \$100 in gift cards from KMart to purchase socks in toddler, small, medium and large sizes. Washington Odd Fellows Home residents, staff and families donated \$300 cash to be used as needed. "What a testimony to their compassion and generosity," Barbara said.

Guests from other lodges were invited to the Christmas auction. Neita Stearns came from Schuyler Lodge #18 in Dayton. Nancy Mills and Pat Aichele represented Integrity Lodge #75 in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Karen Schultz of Bee Hive Lodge #70 donated 32 pairs of socks. Auctioneer Robertta Hunt raised \$250 in bids. A \$36 cash donation was added for a total of \$586.

Christy announced this gift will go for the greatest need: To benefit the account that funds school supplies to K-8 students as a result of the financial impacts of COVID-19.

It is the Rebekah's way of helping those who need help the most.

— In Friendship Love and Truth,  
Shirley Ruble, Reporter

## Bucoda Bulletin Board #11

# There is history galore in Bucoda!

### WE'RE STILL CLOSED IN BUCODA

With the continued closure of municipal buildings in Bucoda, Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 have not had a meeting for quite some time. A dispensation is in the works to allow for alternate meeting sites.

Before I continue, let me wish Grand Master John Otterstrom a speedy and complete recovery from his recent medical procedure. Get well, John, from all of us here in Bucoda.

### BUCODA HISTORY IS COLORFUL TO SAY THE LEAST

Now for a bit of history; you see I'm still not so desperate for content I must resort to satire. . . but give it time.



A stone with two plaques marks the spot of the prison.

What is now known as Bucoda (correct pronunciation BYOO –KO-da) was first settled by Aaron Webster in 1854. Aaron had a land claim and sawmill which he sold to Oliver Shead in the 1860s. It was at this time that the area was named Seatco (pronounced See-AT-Co) which was a local native word meaning devil or evil spirit. Is it any wonder that, in normal years, Bucoda is known as Boo-Coda and is home to the Spook-tacular and renowned Haunted House? But that is for much later. Let us return to the 1870s when the Northern Pacific Railroad built a station and around this time the settlement was renamed by three prominent businessmen **BU**ckly, **CO**lter and **DA**vid; BU-CO-DA (see how I cleverly worked that in).

### TERRITORIAL PRISON

From 1874 – 1888 Bucoda was home to the Territorial Prison, a contract prison, until Washington achieved statehood and opened the state penitentiary in Walla Walla. The building was two storied, with entry via an external staircase to the second floor and guard gallery. The cells on the lower floor. By all accounts it was *not* a pleasant place to be incarcerated. Prisoners were not issued uniforms and had to wear



Guards at the SEATCO Territorial Prison.

their own clothes. Food quality, or lack thereof, triggered “unrest” in the facility and the prisoners were, literally, rented out to local industry such as the nearby coal mines and timber operations. One of the original cell doors is maintained at Town Hall, with a reproduction of a cell window. The last prisoner to leave the facility for Walla Walla described the prison as “Hell on Earth.” Nothing remains of the prison now except a stone monument upon the site where it stood. To this day, twisted and rusted nails can, on rare occasions, still be found at the site.

### JOE'S PLACE ON THE MENU

Enough for this installment. Next month, if real news is still at a premium, we will highlight a world renowned Bucoda landmark — Joe's Place.

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*





## *In Oak Harbor*

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

### PLENTY OF FALL ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Fall is officially here and we are back at our meetings. At our first meeting back we initiated two new members. We welcome Miyah Garcia and Kiaira Moore to our club.

For community service we are planning on working with The Church on the Rock again with "Operation Christmas Child." We are going to start our shopping because items have to be at the church usually by the first week of November.

We had an awesome time at our Acorn's 60th Anniversary party. We were so happy to be back together.

This month we are having a pizza/movie party to celebrate the end of our fund-raiser. While we didn't do quite as well, it was still a success and we thank those who bought pizza cards from us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are also planning a Halloween party for later in the month. We hope you all have a happy Halloween and don't let the goblins get you.

Until next month. . .

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



Acorn's President Hailey Hannah and Vice President Desiree Gardiner share our 60th Anniversary cake.



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club in Oak Harbor enjoyed the sun as they were busy painting rocks.



# Happy Halloween!





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## Limited supply of IOOF masks available

A limited number of IOOF face masks are now available from the Grand Lodge of Washington office. Grand Secretary Laurel Delony purchased five each of the masks pictured at right. If you hurry, you can purchase the masks for \$10 each. They are very colorful and shows that you are proud to be a member of our Order. Call or email Laurel ASAP as these masks won't last long. She will order more if there is sufficient demand.



## Another guessing game

Here's another chance for you to win a wearable from the Grand Lodge. We want you to guess the make of the car above, along with the year and body style. 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 October 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only per person! Here's a hint: The girl in the middle is none other than our Rebekah Assembly President Maggie Truttman.

