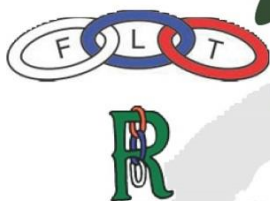


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No Mystery Boy or Girl this month



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The festive season is still alive at Grand Lodge. Witness the Leprechaun Tree in the office. Work continues on the window display, but come on up and have a look.



Wishbone, the Three Link office kitty, is also feeling the St. Patrick's Day spirit.



## From your Newspaper Committee

*Due to circumstances beyond our control your newspaper is late and may appear quite different. This is what happens when the Second Stringers have to step up to the plate and are supervised by the cat. We apologize in advance for any errors or missing articles and for the brevity of this publication.*

## From Your Grand Master



Hope everyone has the luck of the Irish this month.

As I write this the state is getting hit with a blanket of snow. At least it happened on the weekend. Except that it happened when we were supposed to have meeting at the Grand Lodge office. So Zoom it was. I enjoyed seeing our brothers and sisters, BUT missed seeing everyone face to face. Soon we WILL be having meetings as Covid vaccines are finally being administered.

As for sessions, on the 13th of March, the Heads will meet in Yakima and start hammering out plans for June. We are hopeful we'll be able to have sessions. What we do not know is what it will look like. We'll be keeping you all informed on the next step.

As always, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.  
Fraternally,  
John e o  
Grand Master



# From the desk of the Assembly President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In doing some cleaning and reorganizing, I came across a small book about the size of a quarter sheet of paper with about 50 pages total given to me by a friend in 2004 and I decided to reread it. The book, *Bee Lessons*, is by Howard Scott who has been a beekeeper over twenty years. As I read about the lessons of the bees, I started thinking about the symbol of the beehive in Rebekah and Odd Fellows. The individual lodges are like the hives made up of many individuals from different backgrounds working together for the common good of others by offering scholarships, travel experiences, leadership opportunities, helping those in need of vision care, helping others who need a driver to medical appointments, shopping, making phone calls to those not able to get out and I am sure you can think of other ways your lodge members work together on projects or offer assistance to those in need. We work together, hang out together, eat together and we all want to be able to do all these things again soon. It has been a difficult year, but I am proud of all that our members have done in the past, are currently doing and look forward to what we can and will do the future. Be like the bees and keep up your good work with love and caring.

March is a month with several important happenings. March 14 is the beginning of Daylight Savings time. This means more time in the sun and outdoors as it gets warm enough. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, so get out something green from your closet and be sure to wear it so you will not get pinched. Spring arrives on March 20 and with it sunshine, flowers, planting of gardens and yard work. March is also Arthritis Month and I hope lodges will consider a donation to the Arthritis Fund. March 23 is Schuyler Colfax Day to honor the birthday of our founder Schuyler Colfax.

With many thoughts of what we do both individual and as lodge members, I would like to share the following thought by Eunice Bathrick "Little acts of kindness which we render to each other in everyday life are like flowers by the wayside to the traveler: they serve to gladden the heart and relieve the tandem of life's journey."




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

In Friendship, Love and Truth  
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## From the Desk of the Grand Patriarch

Clear and still here in Kennewick, clear up to the gate post and still coming down, the snow that is. I started to go to Buckley on Saturday, but that trip was cut short as the state d.o.t. had not plowed the roads from here to Yakima: so, I turned around and came back home to a new learning experience for me! I was headed over for the P.E.F. meeting and a planning meeting, thanks to our foresightful Grand Secretary she had sent a link for a zoom meeting to my e-mail. Shortly after getting home she called to see if I was still coming over, I told her no, the roads are too bad and not yet plowed. She sent pictures of the snow at the grand lodge office, seems you have more than we do at the moment. Here is praying that you all are well and warm.

The new experience for me was using zoom meeting. You see I am not the best at computer stuff. It was interesting and I was able to make it work ok. I guess I will have to learn more about it. It was nice to see faces and hear each other as we conducted our business. I understand that one jurisdiction plans to hold their Grand Lodge Meeting in that manner! I guess where I am going with this is was that really social? Sure, we took care of business but what was the real social interaction between us as people? We could not shake hands or hug each other as is normal for us. I understand that we are not in a normal situation with this virus.

Quite frankly I do not think this is the way to go. Is our social media really so social? Ask yourself that question. There is so much hatred and misinformation on places like Facebook and others that it boggles the mind. I do not use twitter or any of those platforms. I have Facebook on a tablet. I had their messenger feature until I discovered that they were turning it back on after I had closed it, so I uninstalled that part of Facebook. They constantly try to get me to turn it back on! No way is that going to happen. I guess I am not a real fan of new technology. Not all of it is good. I still use a fifteen-year-old flip phone. Works just fine for me. While some of it is put forth as a cost saving measure, such as getting your paper of the SGL electronically, sorry I am not buying that song and dance.



Why? What about our older members that cannot use a computer or do not have access to all of the so-called electronic marvels of the age?

No guess I am just old fashioned. Social to me is to see each other in person face to face with genuine greetings and interaction. How can you share a meal or talk about something you do not want everybody to know when it is done on a zoom or some other form of electronic communication? And last but certainly not least, who is looking at all you say and do on your electronic device? Oh, you think nobody? Best think again if it comes into your house electronically it can go out the same way. Until we can get back to a normal and sane world I wish all of you the best of everything.

In F. H. C.

Ron Hanson, Grand Patriarch

## Olympia #1 installs new Noble Grand

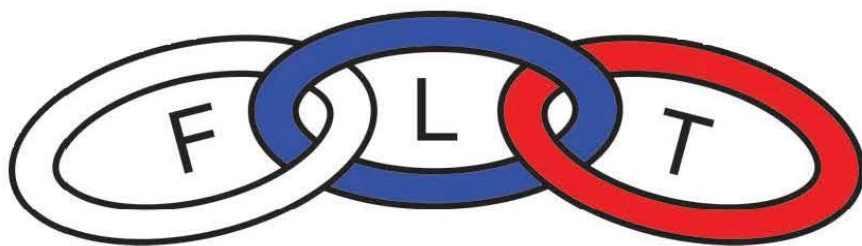


John Suessman and wife. Brother John was just installed as the Noble Grand of Olympia #1 on January 30, 2021





# ~ Lodge Cards ~



## 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)

## 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. (2/28/22)

## 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. (2/28/22)

## 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 Zurfuh, 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 (2/28/22)

## 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)

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# Spring is coming.....soon...PLEASE!!

By Alberta Luurs, Reporter, Trinity Rebekah Lodge

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### **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 (2/28/22)

### **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 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. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **NG:** Dan Seely, 3614 163rd Ave Ct E, Lake Tapps, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 217-1300. **Sec'y:** Christina Reitan, 25915 177th Pl SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311

### **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)

### **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 (2/28/23)

### **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 (2/28/22)

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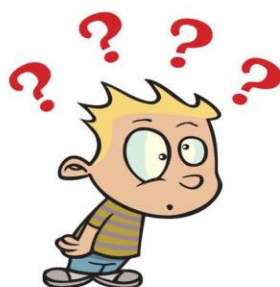
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## Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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ireland	irish	legend
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potofgold	rainbow	saint
shamrock	snakes	



How are we doing so far?





## From the Desk of the Rebekah Assembly Secretary



Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this, I am watching the snow continue to fall on top of the 13 inches I currently have in my yard. I love it, but I hope that by the time you are reading the March newsletter, we will be seeing a few signs of spring. My

crocus and daffodils were poking their heads through before the snow covered them so I'll just have to wait and see how they fared.

I would like to remind the Rebekah Assembly officers that even though you haven't been able to do much this past year, it is time to start putting together your reports for the 2021 Take Me. I am starting to put things together for this document in hopes that I can get them to the representatives in plenty of time to go over it with their lodges. We aren't sure what sessions will look like this year and we want to be sure everyone has an opportunity to share whatever thoughts or information they feel is prudent.

I have received most of the Annual reports back and am working on putting the information on a spreadsheet that makes it easy to see the state of all our lodges. If your report has gotten set on a back burner, please complete it as quickly as possible. Then I will attempt to do my first SGL Annual report. Wish me luck, (and pray for Marcia as I continue to call her regularly). Have a wonderful spring and don't forget to wish all your brothers and sisters a little Irish Luck this month. May your Clovers have leaves of four....and may your Luck be evermore.

With Rebekah Love

Cathy Gracia, PP

Rebekah Assembly Secretary



## From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! Where is the time going? Feels Like Christmas was just yesterday. You will notice that the paper is different this month and hopefully only for this issue.



We Should be back to normal for April's edition. Unfortunately we had to leave some articles out because Brother Steve Purcell and I are rookies or second string if you will. Thank you to Brother Steve for all of his help.

Thank you to those secretaries that got their yearend reports in on time. I still have a couple out as of the writing of this article. I hate writing this, but a lot of secretaries, or whomever filled out the report, did not read the letter or the instructions. I even enclosed a sample sheet with instructions and still most of the financial reporting was incorrect or missing. I have had to contact each of those lodges to fix. I hope in the future that the secretaries will please call me if there is any confusion. I will walk you through the report. But most importantly it is vital that you read the letter and the instructions. I am bringing this to your attention as I have Sovereign Grand Lodge paperwork that has to be filled out and I cannot complete until all lodges have turned in their reports.

Take Me Reports. A reminder to all elective officers and committee chairs that your reports are due into the Grand Lodge office by April 15th 2021, to make it into the Take Me. If they are in after that date you will have to present them on the floor of Grand Lodge sessions. Sorry, no exceptions to this. I have to have the Take Me out by May 1st so that doesn't give me much wiggle room. I'll be sending out an email reminder as well.

Before I close, an Irish Poem:

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the Palm of His hand.

Fraternal Hugs

Lo, Grand Secretary



## Trinity Rebekahs



## Greetings from your Host Committee

Trinity Rebekah Lodge  
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Alberta Luurs, Reporter

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Many of us are wondering whether sessions will occur this coming June. We are presently looking into how best to bring our members together for the business of the jurisdiction. Our Jurisdictional leadership along with the Host Committee will meet with the hotel on March 13th to exam the possibilities. At this point of discussion every possibility is on the table. Location, type of meeting (virtual or physical), or combination of both including number of attendees.

Clearly, we cannot predict where the severity of the pandemic will be in June. What we can predict is insuring we implement a plan that makes sense for our members.

That said, in April's Newsletter you should see more fidelity on how we plan to do sessions. We can most certainly say it will look different from what we have experienced in the past.

### Planting Your Spring Garden For the Graden of Your daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love. There is Much Fruit in Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow. Pass It On!!!



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