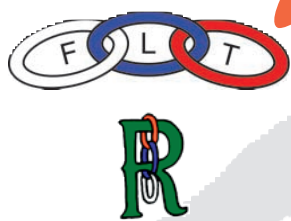


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*Who's Our May Mystery Boy? See Page 5 For Details.*



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## 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sessions

# Yes, we're on for Yakima!!

Our 142nd Annual Proceedings of the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 18-23 at the Red Lion Yakima Center Hotel. We hope you are as excited about attending and finally enjoying fellowship and reuniting with your Brothers and Sisters.

The heads of our great Order are excited as well and are planning a wonderful and memorable occasion filled with Friendship, Love, and Truth. I also know it is their sincere wish that your experience at Sessions is a great one. Information and registration forms are on pages 18-19.

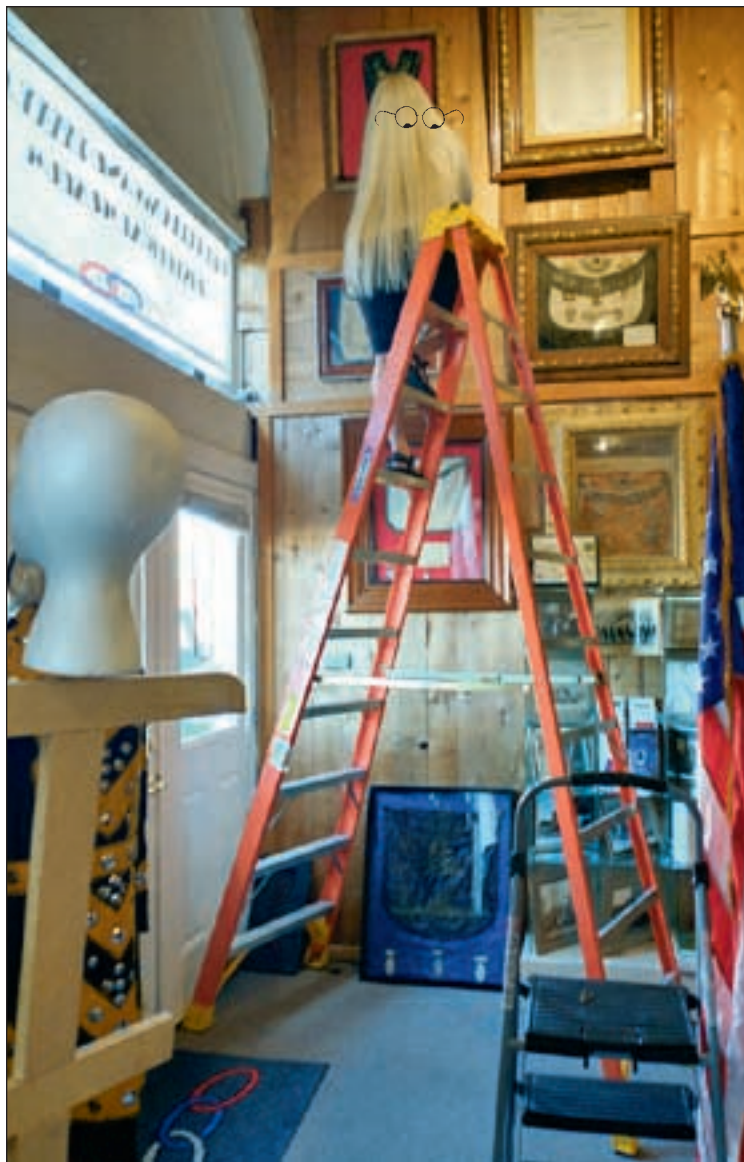
As in years past Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington, Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Grand Encampment of Washington, the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington, and the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. Officers of all Branches of the Order elected or appointed are to be installed during this period.

On Saturday, June 19, the Theta Rho Banquet is sure to be an a memorable one. The theme for the banquet is "Alice in Wonderland," so, dress as your favorite Character. The "All Branch Banquet" will be held on Monday evening, June 21. The banquet theme this year is "Beach Party." All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to dress in their favorite beach attire.

As in previous years we'll have a room dedicated for the Silent Auction items to benefit projects of our Branch Heads. Brothers, Sisters and lodges are encouraged to donate items for the auction in support of their projects. Laurel Delony is our point of contact for the auction items. You will find her articles in this and previous newspapers.

This year in attendance from International are

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## *Museum Corner*

Is that "Cousin It" doing the high wire act in our Odd Fellows Museum in Buckley? No, it is Grand Secretary Laurel Delony helping with a major "redistribution" project as more and more items continue to flood into the Museum from lodges across the Jurisdiction of Washington. When we get back to Phase 3 in Pierce County, the Museum will be open again. When that time comes, the Grand Lodge welcomes you to visit and learn about the history of our Order.

— Photo by Museum Curator Lisa Sweeny

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## NEW NORMAL

Brothers and Sisters,

As we come into May I am hopeful we will start having more regular meetings and doing our best to get back to a “new normal.”

Things are looking good for Grand Sessions. I’m looking forward to seeing as many of you as feel safe in going to Yakima.

## JOHNEO UPDATE

I’ve hit a long plateau with my weight loss. but I am staying positive. This has been an amazing journey and some of you have seen my results firsthand. I now have to buy new suits which bring up something else.

## DRESS CODE FOR SESSIONS

Our dress code this year is Western Business attire — no jeans, flip flops, etc. This is a business meeting, and I want everyone attending to dress appropriately. If you

are not sure what this is please contact me.

## MY SOLE INSTALLATION

On April 14 I had the pleasure of attending Buckley’s meeting and installing their officers for 2021. This is the only installation I’ve had the chance to do. Congratulations to Maddie and your officers. You’ll do great!

— *Fraternally in F., L & T,*  
*John Otterstrom,*  
*AKA “Johneo”*  
*2019-2021 Grand Master*  
*Grand Lodge of Wash*



**JOHN OTTERSTROM**  
Grand Master

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## WASHINGTON ODDFELLOW NEWSPAPER

Brothers and Sisters,

I have worked with Cathy Garcia, Rebekah Assembly Secretary, to get the newspaper mailing list cleaned up. I



**LAUREL DELONY**

compared our Odd Fellow roster with the Rebekah Assembly rosters and we have reduced the number of newspapers being mailed out to non-members by about 276. Yeah, amazing, right? With this being said I am asking that all Lodge Secretaries make sure that your members are receiving the newspaper either by hard copy mailed or the email version. You can snail-mail the information to the Grand Lodge

office or send it via email. Either way works.

## KEEP YOUR ROSTERS CURRENT

This also brings up the importance of making sure that your rosters are kept up to date. Don’t wait until the end of the year. If you have new members you should be sending their info to the Grand Lodge and to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If you fill out the forms from Sovereign Grand Lodge and send to me, I will adjust your lodge roster and forward that information to SGL. Likewise, if you lose a member please notify my office. And make sure you note how the new member would like to receive the newspaper.

## LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Just a reminder that if you have not sent in your Representative Certificates, I need those ASAP. The Grand Master depends on your Representatives to fill out committees at Sessions.

## SPEAKING OF SESSIONS

I’m so looking forward to seeing everyone who is planning on attending. This last year has been hard on all of us so some form of normalcy will be greatly anticipated.

I hope to see you at our June Sessions.

— *With Fraternal Hugs*  
*Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary*

*Let's Get Ready To Rumble  
In Yakima!*



# ~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

## GRAND SESSIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Here we are only a short time until our Grand Sessions — just two short months from now. I hope all works out and we get to hold Sessions! I had a topic in mind, but I will hold it for my last letter. Yes, just one more to write after this one.

## 'TAKE ME' REPORTS

Grand Encampment Officers, please make sure you have sent any reports that need to go into the "Take Me" to the Grand Scribe as the time to print that and get it out to the Encampments is getting very close. We will be taking up the subject of By-Laws at Sessions this year, so be prepared for that. Sorry I have not gotten them back to the Encampments. I will bring them with me.

## Fragrance-Free Zone

Spring has sprung with all of its demands on time over here on the eastside. I hope it has sprung for you all on

the westside as well. I have spent the last few days suffering from allergies due to everything in bloom over here. So, if you wonder why I wrote that, I will tell you.

Grand Encampment this year will be a declared fragrance-free zone. What that means is do not come wearing all of your perfume, cologne, aftershave, and "makes me smell good to me" stuff. I know some of you will be offended by that so I will explain.

I have spent most of this week in allergy distress, plugged up nose, running and coughing, which causes a lot of time lying down trying to breathe. Over 50 years in the construction industry I have become highly sensitized to certain types of chemicals due to exposure from working in some very nasty places, such as shutdowns in aluminum plants, phosphorus plants, pulp mills and constant exposure to welding fumes among other things.



RON HANSON

I will give you a vivid example of one job. Working for a large crane company here locally, we were working in a shop building a large crane for the Lampson Corporation. There were 13 of us welding large bore dual shield wire on the back shift. With that type of welding process, the doors to the shop were always kept closed so wind would not blow the shielding gas from our welds resulting in sub-standard welds that would need to be cut out and replaced. The air exchange system in that building would fully exchange the total volume of air in the building every 13 minutes. With that many of us welding it could not keep up, so we were always in a cloud of welding fumes. The exhaust smoke was so bad that the fire department showed up one night to see if the building was on fire. Seems the office forgot to tell them we were working at night.

So please leave that stuff at home. I think you all smell just fine.

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

## Bee Hive Rebekahs #70

*Editor's note: This is one of the stories that was submitted for the February edition, but was not printed.*

### NOT MEETING BUT WE'RE TALKING

Due to the lockdown at the Odd Fellows Home we have not met. **BUT** we do talk regularly. Our Noble Grand Karen Schultz has been baby sitting with her new great grandson and she is doing such a good job that she is now doing it five days a week!

Susan Akers is still selling real estate and Joy is working at a nursing home. Jerlie Anderson is house bound while Naomi Bruce has moved into Assisted Living here at the Odd Fellows Home. She is near Bernice Mock.

Sadly Sister Jean Lucke passed away. She was a very active member for many years.

Beverley Johnson is still here.

The home arranged for everyone living here to get a COVID vaccine shot if they desired. Most of us did. The second round of shots were administered in February.

We have enjoyed reading the monthly *Washington OddFellow* magazine to learn what others are doing around Washington. Thanks staff, you are appreciated.

Stay safe, **BUT HAVE FUN** doing it!

— In F.L. & T.,

Beverley Johnson, Reporter and Vice Grand



# From the desk of the Assembly President

## THINKING POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last year at this time many of our thoughts were on what we would not be able to do in the coming months.



MARGARET  
TRUTTMANN

Today I am thinking more positive thoughts and looking outside at the beautiful sunshine. I see signs of new beginnings with flowers blooming, grass looking bright green, thick and growing faster than we can mow it, so we may have to get a cow or a goat or hire a lawn cutting service to keep things looking nice. Going for a drive in the country, we might see baby chickens, calves and ducks appearing in the fields around the farms.

**THANK YOU** to all of you who took care of yourselves and others, workers at essential jobs and to all of you for helping each other make it this far. We keep in our

prayers those of you who have lost family and friends to the COVID-19. May we continue be able to move forward with more freedom to come and go, however we still need to be safe and take care of ourselves.

## SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

The month of May has some very special times and holidays to celebrate and remember others. May 9 is Mothers' Day and I wish all mothers a happy day with family and friends. Armed Forces Day on May 16 is a chance to give special thanks to all our members who have in any branch of the United States Armed Forces or are currently serving. I thank your families for the sacrifices they have made so you might serve. Memorial Day is on May 31 and was originally known as Decoration Day. It was initiated to honor the soldiers from the Union and Confederate Armies who died during the American Civil War. It was later expanded to include deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. If you have lost a loved one or know someone who has, I offer my sincere thanks for their service to our county and sympathy for you loss.

## SESSIONS INFORMATION

I will soon be putting together committees for Sessions and finalizing plans for Assembly while at the same time watching to see the status of each county. If you will be attending Session and are interested in serving on a committee, you may contact me using the information provided below. Hopefully we can get back to lodge meetings and seeing each other very soon.

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM JESSE OWENS

In closing I share this quote by Jesse Owens: "*Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it and you'll start believing in it.*"

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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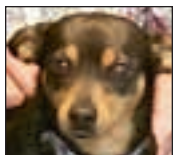


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# Our contests are back again for May

*Editor's note: Since your editor has been slacking the past couple of months following heart bypass surgery, we have to go back to the February edition to catch up with the winners of our various contests.*



## 'FIND SAMMY' WINNER

We had lots of entries in our "Find Sammy" contest for February, so we had to draw the name of the winner from the batch of correct entries. And the winner was Ruth Earle, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies (IARA) Warden from Michigan, who admitted she is an avid reader of *The Washington OddFellow*. Sammy was pictured to the right of the Grand Lodge front door on page 18. Ruth won a wearable from the Grand Lodge.

And the picture of the little girl on top of page 1 in the February edition? We received two correct guesses — one from Janie Kuja and the other from Joanne Balmert. We drew names and Joanne won the wearable.

## ROBERT KNOWS STUDEBAKERS

There were plenty of guesses in February's "Guess



## Can you name this vehicle?

Here's another chance for you to win a wearable (shirt, hat, etc.) from the Grand Lodge. We want you to guess the year and make of the vehicle above. Send your guess to: [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com) or call 1-800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than May 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only per person! **Here's a hint:** This car, as you can see, was owned by the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. No one is sure if it was used to transport residents or for other official use. 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.

The Car" contest as we again tried to make the contest a little easier. Our final winner was Robert Summers who knew it was a 1947 Studebaker Champion. Robert is Sylvia Summers' husband and says he reads *The Washington OddFellow* from front to back. We have another "Guess The Car" contest in this issue.

## THREE MORE CHANCES TO WIN

You have another three chances to win some prizes this month. See if you can find our mascot "Sammy" once again. You can win a wearable if you find Sammy's photo. Remember, "Sammy's" photo is very small and not the larger one which appears elsewhere.

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

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know where Sammy is and who our "Mystery 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 May 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

## Home resident Malcolm Halloway wins car contest

*Editor's note: Here's another story that was supposed to be printed in the February edition of The Washington OddFellow.*

Congratulations to Malcolm Hallowell, a resident of the IOOF Home in Walla Walla. He identified the Model T Ford on page 5 in the January issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. He agreed to give readers a short biography.

Malcolm is from Rockland, Maine. His father George Edward Hallowell made a living there as an auto mechanic. "As a boy I took a liking to Dad and his work," Malcolm said. "I stayed as close to him as I could. Everything Dad did was interesting, and I tried to help him. He was known as an 'Ace Mechanic' and was asked many questions mainly about Chevrolets."

*The Washington OddFellow* is delivered every month to the IOOF Home. Malcolm picked up the January issue and scanned the pages. The "Guess the Car" contest caught his eye. He recognized the mystery antique car and sent in the answer. Grand Secretary Laurel Delony sent him the prize, an Odd Fellows shirt. Malcolm said he likes the T-shirt, but he doesn't want to be the only winner.

Malcolm's Dad and Mother had two sons and three

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Jeanne Elder (seated) was honored at the Narcissa Rebekah's meeting in Barbara Lechner's home. She recently received her 60-year Jewel. It was presented to her by Noble Grand Barbara Lechner. Jeanne has crocheted dozens of winter hats for elementary students experiencing homelessness. Standing to the right of

Jeanne Elder is Patty Newell, In the second row, from left, are: Barbara Lechner, Nancy Klicker, Judith Pippin, Marthann Hall and Barbara Trz. In the third row, from left, are: Beverley Johnson, Pauline Winters, Jeanine Griffin and Sharon Sousa.

— Photo by Shirley Ruble

## Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

### WE ARE STILL MEETING

We have been meeting at Noble Grand Barbara Lechner's house since the Washington Odd Fellows Home is restricted to family members visiting their relatives. We will continue meeting at Barbara's house on the third Tuesday of the month until the lockdown of the Main Building ends.

### NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Independent Living resident Beverley Johnson applied for membership in our lodge and presented her application to Barbara Lechner. Beverley will be accepted as an associate member who can hold an appointed office. Welcome Beverley! She is a compassionate and generous member of our community. Once a month, she remembers her Sisters in Assisted Living with cards and gifts.

### JUDITH IS FLYING AWAY

Congratulations to Judith Pippin! She will be flying to Florida to visit her grown-up children. Judith follows her therapy regimen, walks with a cane, drives her car, and will fly by herself, occasionally assisted by an airline

attendant.

As partners with the Walla Walla Public Schools, the Rebekah members voted to table our hygiene drive for students experiencing homelessness until September. At that time we will contact Sadie Robinson of the WaHi Girls League and open our drive at the Washington IOOF Home.

It was unanimously voted that when one of our members passes away, we will drape the charter for one month in respect of her memory.

### SUMMER BARBECUE

Our annual summer barbecue will be held at Barbara's house on Saturday evening, June 19. Members can bring one guest. Guests from other Rebekah lodges will be invited. Hamburgers and franks will be served along with a salad bar, punch, coffee and tea. We will finalize the plans at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 18.

### IT'S SPRINGTIME!

### WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS!

— In Friendship Love and Truth,  
Shirley Ruble, Reporter





## Who is that 'Mystery Gardener' under the big hat?

It's our new summer Gardener working her way around the Washington Odd Fellows Home campus in Walla Walla. You'll notice there are no weeds in the flower beds, and the plants are thriving where our mystery Gardener has been seen.

— Photos by Shirley Ruble

## The 'Mystery Gardener' is. . .

The "Mystery Gardener" is Rebekah Platner! She has worked in Food Services for several years and decided to make a change. Rebekah loves gardening and is skillful at planting, weeding, pruning, and watering. Her goal is healthy soil to make the most productive growth. We will check on her progress in August.



# From your desk of the Assembly Secretary

## HAPPY MAY DAY EVERYONE.

I hope you all take a minute to remember some of the Old Fashion Traditions of this day. Celebrate Spring, give flowers to a neighbor or have a picnic in the sun — (well, okay, we do live in Washington and it might be raining).



CATHY GARCIA

But the sun is peaking its way through the clouds and we are blessed to live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

If my game plan goes as expected, your "Take Me" for Sessions in June should be in the mail. I am excited to make plans for this June and as I go through my information and boxes of items to bring with me. I am pretty sure I will forget something!?!

You should have received your Spring Per Capita bill by now. If you have not sent your check in to my office, please do so right away. The due date is May 21, and if I have not received them by that time, your lodge is not allowed representation at Sessions. After this crazy year, and missing Sessions last year, I'm sure we all are anxious to get back to work and move ahead.

Have a wonderful May, enjoy the flowers and I'll see you next month.

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth  
With Rebekah Love & Hugs,  
Cathy Garcia, PP and Secretary  
Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
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## Bucoda Bulletin Board #17

This is likely to be a brief Bulletin Board this month, but I wish to start it with a big welcome to Kaitlyn Nagy the newest member of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge



#129. Kaitlyn was looking for a way to serve the community and happened upon the Odd Fellows. Kaitlyn is full of enthusiasm and is already bringing some great ideas forward.

Until next time. . . Health, Happiness and Peace to all.

Laura and Steve Purcell model their Beach Party attire for the upcoming Sessions. Oops, we got the wrong picture. This is Frankie and Annette.

In F., L. & T., Steve Purcell, PG & Treasurer,  
Skookumchuck #129,  
Reporter, Foreign Correspondent and VG,

# 2021 L.J. Jones Scholarship winners named

## WINNER NATALIE DYE

Natalie Dye, a senior attending Puyallup High School, is the recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship for a girl. She also attends classes at Pierce College. Natalie will attend Doane University in Crete, Nebraska. Psychology will be her major with a minor in criminal justice. Her goal is to become a psychiatrist to help others.

She says that giving back to my community is very important, whether it is raising money in our school to help those in need, or even just going around to students' homes and encouraging them in these COVID-19 times.

Natalie is the daughter of Jenny and Stuart Dye. Stuart belongs to Buckley Odd Fellows #75.

## WINNER JACOB LOCKMAN

The winner of the \$2,500 scholarship for a boy is Jacob Lockman, a senior at Columbia High School in White Salmon and a student at Columbia Gorge Community College. Jacob has volunteered at multiple non-profits and tutors youth. The scholar athlete is a member of Honor Society and is an Eagle Scout. He was a page in the Washington State House of Representatives and attended Boys' State. He maintains a 4.00 GPA and ranks first in his class.

Jacob credits his mom, teachers and everyone else who instilled in him the value of an education. He aspires to study computer science at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California.

Jacob is the son of John Lockman, a member of Goodwill Odd Fellows Lodge #188. His mother is Angela Lockman who inspired him to help others.

## ALTERNATE BRADEN HOLGATE

Alternate for the boys' scholarship is Braden Holgate, a senior at Walla Walla High School. Braden participates in Junior ROTC, Civil Air Patrol and "Every 15 Minutes," a non-profit that creates awareness on drunk driving accidents.

He has been accepted at the University of Washington where he will study engineering. His parents are Melissa and Scott Holgate. His father is a member of Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75.

This year four lodges submitted names of five students with three completing applications. The Scholarship Committee appreciates all donations so we can continue to provide assistance. The committee thanks all the lodges that provide scholarships to assist local youth further their education.

— Jody Morris

## *Take advantage of the pandemic*

# Prepare now for future growth

By TOBY HANSON, PGM, PGP

The pandemic has now been a part of our daily lives for more than a year. There is almost no area of life it has not disrupted. As much of a challenge as that disruption can be, it can also present us with opportunities. Just as restaurants have found new ways of serving patrons and retailers have created new ways of getting their goods to those who need them, our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges can use this crisis as an opportunity for growth.

## PEOPLE ARE LOOKING TO CONNECT

One of the hallmarks of the pandemic has been isolation. While it may have been necessary to help slow the spread of the virus, it had some major social consequences as more and more people have felt increasingly lonely and isolated. More people than ever are searching for ways that they can connect with others and do something meaningful with a group of people. We, as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, have exactly what they're looking for. We have a history of caring for one another in our times of need and a legacy of bringing people together in our communities that goes back more than

two centuries.

## LET'S NOT BE INVISIBLE

The biggest question is how we can let people in our communities know that our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges are the places to find what they're looking for. Most people are so unaware of fraternalism in general (and Odd Fellowship specifically) that we are almost completely invisible. To be able to take advantage of the current desire for meaningful group activities we need to communicate with our communities and let them know how to find our lodges.

Our Grand Patriarch wrote an excellent article recently in which he talked about cleaning our halls and making them look presentable. I would love to see each lodge put his words into practice and ensure that each building becomes a bright, inviting beacon of Odd Fellowship. Entrances should be clean and well-marked. Signs should have accurate information about the meeting time and day. Contact information for the lodge Secretary and/or Noble Grand should be posted somewhere that people can see it and copy it down so they can make

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# Take advantage of the pandemic now

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contact to join. If your lodge doesn't have the manpower to accomplish some of these tasks, you can do some networking in the community and find other volunteers who might be willing to help out. That's another excellent opportunity for membership. All it takes is one person to ask the question "Who are the Odd Fellows?" to potentially gain a dedicated new member.

### CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Sharing the story of your lodge with local media is also an excellent way to let members of the community know that your lodge is available for them to join. With recent reductions in newspaper staffing, most newspapers, especially in small communities, are happy to print stories sent to them. Any occasion can be a reason to send a story to the local newspaper: new flooring in the lodge kitchen, installations of officers, even membership anniversaries of long-time members. Even if nothing important is happening currently, stories can be written about the history of a lodge such as prominent former members (mayors, police chiefs, school principals, bank presidents, etc.) or important historical milestones. Did your lodge host the first dances in town? The first church? The first courts? Be creative and find ways to share your lodge's story with your community.

### START A FACEBOOK PAGE

Social media is another way to let the community know that your lodge is open to new members. Many of us now are familiar with Facebook. Start a Facebook page for your lodge where you post about what has happened recently or upcoming events at your lodge. If there are Facebook groups for your local city or area, be sure and post to those groups about the lodge and what you're doing. Let the members of those other community-based Facebook groups know that your lodge exists and will welcome involvement from new members. Write about how much you enjoy participating in your lodge and why. Share the message of Odd Fellowship with those around you.

### OLD FASHIONED NETWORKING

Networking in the community is a tried-and-true method to bring people into your lodge. If you have a lodge with financial resources, contact other charity groups in your area and let them know you would be willing to partner with them by providing some funding for a joint project. If you have a hall, find groups in the community that need space for events like theater companies, music schools, science clubs, gaming clubs, knitting circles, craft clubs, etc. Make contact with them and let them know that you have a space they could rent. It only takes one person asking the

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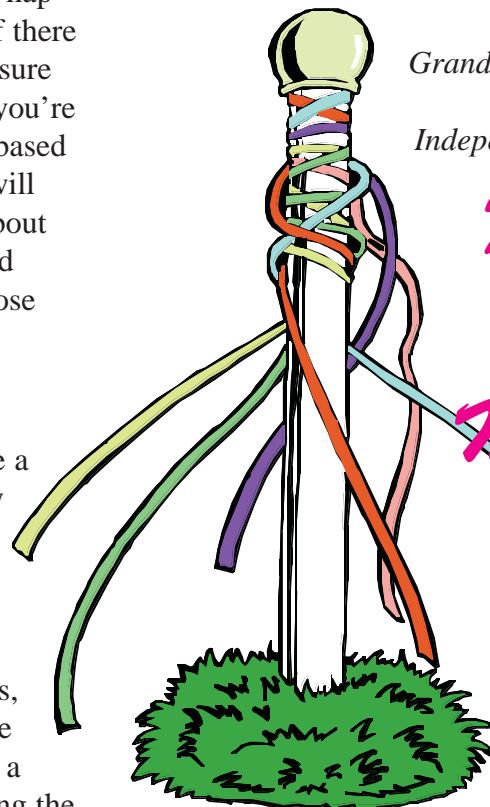
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### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ARE LOOKING

Demand for fraternalism is increasing as a result of the isolation of the pandemic. Young professionals especially are looking for meaningful things to do with their time that will bring them together for real, and caring human contact. Our lodges are some of the absolute best places for that kind of meaningful activity. If we can ensure our lodges can be discovered by those looking for what we offer, we can benefit from their membership. Use the time we have now during the pandemic to raise your lodge's profile in the community so that all the people seeking an organization to join are able to find Odd Fellowship.

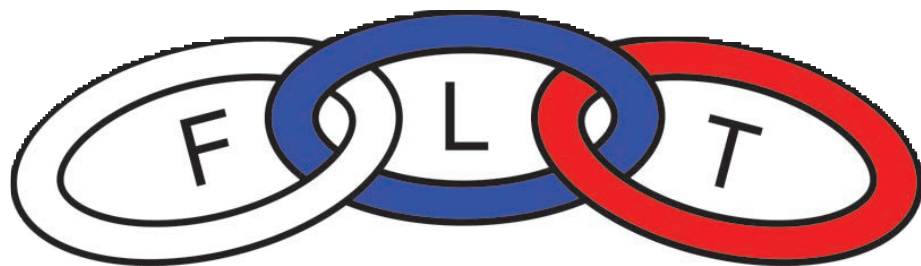
— Toby Hanson,  
Junior Past Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF  
Sovereign Grand Musician  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows



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### 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:** Mylinda Sneed, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Nora Carria, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 782-9646. (2/28/22)

### BOTHELL I.O.O.F. LODGE #124

**Meets At:** Clover Leaf Rebekah Hall, 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Jackie Hallstrom, 18714 103rd Ave. NE, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (206) 390-1732. **Sec'y:** Penny Curtis, 18528 28th Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **Ph:** (206) 235-3419 (2/28/22)

### BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

**Meets At:** DAV Hall, 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Michael Scheurich, 5789 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. (2/28/22)

### BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

**Meets At:** Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, (upstairs), Bucoda. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mashell Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Laura Purcell, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 278-3078 (2/28/22)

### 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. WA. **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 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:** John Suessman, 4848 Rumc Ct. Olympia, WA 98513-4564 **Ph:** (760) 684-2234. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-4400. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/22)

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If you have any questions please contact the Grand Secretary at [grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com) or (360) 829-1514.





Brother Scott Anderson has stepped forward to join Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine. So far he has been a big help and a welcome addition. His initiation

took place on March 24. From left are Scott's Rebekah Sisters Sandy Beane, Peg Ogilvie, Alberta Luurs, Scott, and Cookie Music.

## Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

We met on April 8 with nine members present. Get well wishes go out to Virginia Erckenbrack and Christina

Betterton who was a member but had to resign because of health issues.

### ~ Lodge Cards ~

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

**Meets At:** 2431 Rucker Ave., #3, Everett, WA 98201 **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Matters, 2051 North Viking Loop, Post Falls, ID 83854. **Ph:** (425) 788-3772. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 711 N. Indiana Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (2/28/22)

#### 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)

#### 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, 3614 163rd Ave. Ct. E., Lake Tapps, WA 98391. **Ph:** (253) 217-1300. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/22)

#### 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:** Joyce Gilson, 527 NE 6th Ave., Camas, WA 98607. **Ph:** (360) 823-8187. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, WA 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:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910. **Sec'y:** Jayden Baker, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093 (2/28/22)

### BAZAAR AND BINGO

As I write this we are getting close to our spring bazaar. We are also helping to prepare for our softball players **Bingo**. It's always nice to see our youth help and work for what they want to achieve for their future (and not just ask for hand outs). Playing on a select fastpitch team and also a high school team helps to benefit their chances for scholarships to help pay for their college. With this COVID virus it has been hard for kids playing sports. They are experiencing shortened seasons along with COVID cases still hitting some teams and schools. They are having to travel to other states to be able to play. That is not always cheap and wasn't expected as the teams have to travel so much instead of playing locally.

### PLEASE HELP THE CAUSE

Selling things isn't for everyone as our Rebekahs can agree on. So, you have to find something you can do to help the cause. The Bingo fundraiser is always fun, a little stressful to get everything set up, but rewarding to be able to raise money and see everyone getting out and having a good time.

Here at Trinity if it wasn't for our pie sales, bake sales, and Bingos, we probably would have shut down due to the overhead cost of the hall bills. We are now starting to be able to rent the hall again for events.

We have a couple members who don't like Bingo, but we have to fly with it because it has helped us to keep going.

We will be having a Mother's Day bake sale on May 7. We wish all our Sisters a very happy Mother's Day!

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



# Buckley Lodge #75 Installs Officers

— BY TOBY HANSON, PGM, PGP

The recent pandemic has brought about many irregularities to life — and Odd Fellowship is no exception. Many events have been modified and postponed. The Installation of Officers for Buckley IOOF Lodge #75



**Above:** Donna Hanson, Maddy Martin and Toby Hanson.  
**Below left:** Laurel Delony and Maddy, **Below center:** Maddy with Grand Master John “Johneo” Otterstrom.  
**Below right:** Laurel and Britney Jahner.

was definitely one of those. We had been following the governor’s guidelines for business meetings, which meant that our last meeting of 2020 was in November when we elected our new officers for the year. In a more normal time we would have installed those officers at the end of January with the usual ritual and celebration. Meeting restrictions kept us from gathering together until the end of March. We were finally able to install our officers on April 14.

We were very fortunate to have Grand Master John Otterstrom (AKA Johneo) in attendance as our Installing Officer. Grand Secretary Laurel Delony, an associate member of our lodge, acted as Installing Marshal. Together they deftly installed the officers and accommodated social distancing guidelines at the same time. Their experience was an excellent asset to make the installation run smoothly.

Madeleine Martin was installed as Noble Grand, Matt McCollum as Vice Grand, and Britney Jahner as Secretary. All three are new to their elected offices in the lodge, having held the pre-requisite former offices previously. Many of the appointed officers were also first-time office holders. Both Madeleine and Britney have a background in Theta Rho, demonstrating once again the importance of our youth branches for shaping the next generation of Odd Fellow leaders.

All of us at Buckley Lodge #75 are looking forward to an exciting year under our new leaders as we embrace the challenges of emerging from the shadow of the pandemic.





## Past Grand Matriarch Valma DeVall dies at 93

Valma V. DeVall, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington, passed away on January 19, 2021.

Valma Ripke was born February 9, 1926 in Timberlake South Dakota and died at age 94. In 1936 the family moved to Grandview, Washington where she attended school and went on to Washington State University for a time.

She joined Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246 on April 6, 1947. That same year in May she married Paul DeVall. In the early 1950s they moved to Oceanside California. Valma transferred her Rebekah membership to Oceanside Rebekah Lodge #146 and in time became Noble Grand. While in Oceanside she was active in various youth groups with their four children.



VALMA DEVALL

In 1970 Valma and Paul returned to Grandview and she eventually transferred her Rebekah membership back to the lodge there. She and Paul joined Sunnyside Encampment and LEA #80 and became active. Each became Scribe for their respective units and served for seven years until Sunnyside Encampment and LEA consolidated with Tri-City Encampment and LEA #66 on February 25, 1991.

She went through the chairs in the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary and became Grand Matriarch for the 1986-87 Session which was held in Tacoma. In 1989 Valma was elected Grand Scribe and served in that office 11 years until 2000. She was then granted the title of Scribe Emeritus.

Because of a number of consolidations, her lodge and LEA affiliations changed several times. At the time of her death she was a member of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton and Washington State LEA #100.

Her husband, Paul, died in 2002. She is survived by 4 children, 14 grand children, 25 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. She will be missed.

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Valma V. Devall**, Past Grand Matriarch, PNG, 73-year member, Alder Rebekah Lodge #80, Bickleton.
- **Ray Mabbot**, 15-year member, Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 in Napavine.

## Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

### MAY HAS DECKED THE WORLD



*May has decked the world, that we  
May bring the brave on land or sea.  
Earth's glory on Memorial Day,  
The lovely meadow gifts of May.*

*Brave dead, who saved our country, we  
Come with flowers, O living brave, on land or sea.  
We wave the bright Red, White and Blue  
And bring May meadow gifts to you!*

— By Annette Wynne

### MEMORIAL DAY

On Saturday, May 29, members of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 will be placing flags at the Olympia Memorial Park for Memorial Day. There will not be an official Memorial Day Program due to COVID. We're hoping each of us can say a prayer for those servicemen and women who gave it their all for this great country of ours.

The Olympia Odd Fellows Beach Park Board is busy planning the wonderful new playground for kids Thanks to Lorraine Hammond for researching and planning our new playground. A huge number of supplies were donated from International Wood Products in Tumwater. We extend a big thank you to Dave Delony for the delivering the donations. When the park completely dries out, we can start the building process.

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS KIDS

Members of Ruth# 17 are planning a supportive year to our community. One project that we will be working on is bags to be given to homeless kids. These bags will have items that they can use for daily living, such as stamps, paper, pens, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. If anyone is interested, you can contact us and we can provide you a list of items needed for the bags. We are looking at making 100 bags. The bags will be given to the Youth Center to be distributed.

### Thanks For Your Support

To our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Brothers and Sisters, we thank you for the support to our lodge and the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. We hope to see members and friends at the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Sessions in June 2021!

— In F. L. & T., Kathi Picanco, Reporter

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Attending Banquet Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, June 19, 2021, 6 p.m.

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Theta Rho President****HAPPY MAY ALL!**

First off I would like to start off by saying congratulations on making it through another school year! I know

**PIPER FYFFE***Theta Rho Assembly President*

that this year has made itself one of the most difficult school years by far. So give yourself some credit for making it through! Any achievements or goals you met this year mean all that much more because you managed to do it despite added pressure and stress. So pat yourself on the back! I know as soon as my finals wrap up on the 14th I'm gonna kick my

feet up for a couple days and enjoy some well earned ice cream.

**UP NEXT:****THETA RHO SESSIONS**

Now, onto what you're probably interested in. Sessions are right around the corner! To all of you amazing Advisors, I have sent emails out with all the information for your clubs to get ready for Sessions, but if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email address and phone number are at the bottom of this letter for your convenience, so if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help, please don't be afraid to reach out and let me know.

I am seriously looking forward to seeing everyone again at Sessions this year! I would say it seems like forever, but honestly at this point I feel like a dog that's been left at home for five minutes. Needless to say I miss you all very much and I am excited to see my friends.

While my term sure has been crazy (and longer than expected), I just want everyone to know how much of an honor it's been serving as your President, and how much I love y'all. You inspire me to do better every day, so I hope I can do the same for you.

Keep smiling and keep trying to make the world a better place, so just keep doing you.

**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***Hope Rebekahs #38****GREETINGS AND HAPPY SPRING FROM SPOKANE**

We held our second meeting in more than a year on Wednesday, April 7. Past Noble Grand Pat Nave conducted the Order of Business. We had nine members present and one prospective member as a guest.

A favorable vote was taken on the consolidation of Hillyard Rebekah lodge #145 in Spokane into Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, also in Spokane.

Three applications for membership by initiation were read and an interviewing committee was appointed.

Tedd Swanson is undergoing heart tests to prepare for heart valve surgery. Brother Tedd will have the surgery at Sacred Heart Medical Center in May. Please keep Tedd in your prayers for a successful heart surgery.

Pat Nave was hostess for the meeting and she served delicious lemon cupcakes with lemon frosting.

*"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."*

*— Sir Winston Churchill**With Rebekah Elbow Hugs and in F. L. & T.,**Tedd Swanson, PNG and Reporter**509-867-3776*



# Enjoying Our Beautiful Spring!



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 visited Fort Casey on Whidby Island on an unbelievable beautiful spring day. The girls explored the historic fort and soaked up both local history and some sunshine. Front row, from

left, are: Hailey Hanna, Katie Gardiner, Sophia Garcia, Desiree Gardiner, and Stacy Gardiner. In the second row, from left, are: Alana Weatherlow, Sarah Thomas, Shauna Schultz, Judy Advisor Diekman, and Lucy Crouch.

## Acorn Theta Rho Club #79 in Oak Harbor

We made Mother's Day cards for the ladies at "Welcome Home" but we are not going to be able to do their nails this year. We will be so glad when COVID is over so we can physically visit with them once again.

We are doing our craft day on Saturday, May 1 and that should be fun.

We couldn't have asked for nicer weather for our

outing to Fort Casey. Eight of our members were able to spend time exploring the old fort.

We are so excited to hear that Assembly will take place this year. Here's hoping to see many of you in Yakima.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
The members of Acorn #79  
(Don't forget to mask up)

# Happy Mother's Day To All Our Rebekah Sisters!

# Malcolm Hallowell drives away a winner in our January ‘Guess the Car’ contest!!

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daughters. His Mother was an excellent nurse. The three girls are nurses, graduates of Walla Walla University. One lives in New Jersey and two live in Walla Walla. “They’re all smarter than I am,” Malcolm said. “I was a tool and die maker as well as being a mechanic.”

Malcolm is just barely 80 years old. He met his wife Margaret at a Billy Graham campaign in Bible School in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Malcolm was a lay preacher for a non-denominational, evangelical church. He knew Evangelist Billy Graham, and his favorite gospel singer was George Beverly Shea. Malcolm likes to tell the story about how he met Margaret.

He was walking past a dumpster when he smelled hot metal that shouldn’t have been there. Being curious, he went through the trash and found a kettle with a hole burned in it. “As a tool and die man, I saw someone had let the kettle go dry and made a hole in it,” Malcolm said. “Then somebody started hitting me on the shoulder and the back. It was my future wife. She didn’t like me finding that burnt-out kettle.”

Malcolm and Margaret were married 38 years ago in Walla Walla. They drove up the Alcan Highway to Fairbanks twice in a Chevrolet. The road was a “wash-board,” and Malcolm stopped many times to repair the car. He and Margaret also traveled from Alaska to Maine twice in Chevrolets. Margaret passed away in Walla Walla three-and-a-half years ago.

Malcolm and Margaret had four sons. The oldest son, Randy, lives in town. He and his wife have a dozen children, and he rehabs houses for a higher price. They live in an apartment building Randy has refurbished. He stands at 6-foot, 5-inches, a powerhouse of a builder. When the family plays baseball, Malcolm said, everyone wants Randy on their team because he almost always hits home runs.

Another son enjoys working with Randy, improving fixer-uppers, buying materials, refurbishing kitchens and bathrooms.

A third son, John Hallowell, is a historian and author of a book on the history of the Senegal Indian Chiefs on the southern coast of New Jersey. He also wrote about the little towns on the west side of New Jersey from 1920 to the present.

John lives off the coast of Florida and writes a column in the *Highland Lakes Weekly*, which he sends to Malcolm. “John has always been a writer,” Malcolm said. “Growing up, he used to write the family history and send it to us every week.”

The youngest son manages a body shop for automobiles in New Jersey. He and his wife were both in the Marines Corps. She was an excellent sharpshooter. They were deployed to battle in the South Sea Islands. Enemy ships lined up to attack the Marines and re-take the island. At the signal, the markswoman opened fire on the enemy’s commanding officers. As the leaders fell, the enemy ships weighed anchor and got underway.

The couple returned home on furlough. President Dwight D. Eisenhower invited Malcolm’s son and wife to come to Washington, D.C. where she received a medal and a promotion to Officer. Eisenhower offered them a private ride in Marine One, the President’s helicopter. Malcolm said, “All this inspired my son to work on improving his aim.”

For a time, Malcolm worked for the U.S. Government in the Navy as a mechanic and tool and die operator. Then he worked for the Canadian Government overhauling the only aircraft carrier they had. It was brought to St. Johns, New Brunswick, where a group worked on it to get it in shape. “Russia was prepared for military operations at the North Pole. We wanted to show them we could manage the ship’s controls and make sure everything worked,” Malcolm said.

As a mechanic, Malcolm knows all about antique cars, and he enjoys seeing their photos in *The Washington OddFellow*. But he doesn’t want to enter every “Guess the Car” contest. “One win is enough for me,” he said. “Let the others have a chance to be winners, too.”

— Submitted by Shirley Ruble



Malcolm Hallowell, a resident of the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, is the winner of the January “Guess the Car” contest. He submitted his winning entry, and Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary, sent him an IOOF T-shirt. It was a happy day for Malcolm when he was surrounded by friends and neighbors congratulating him.

— Photo courtesy of  
Lisa Wolf and Robert Remus



# See you at our Yakima Sessions

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Michelle Heckart, Sovereign Grand Warden of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Also attending is Ruth Earl, Warden of International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. We look forward to their visit and insight as they enjoy our Jurisdiction.

If you are attending your program will include the major daily schedule of events. For your planning we have included the entire schedule below:

**To returning members, please bring with you your Name Badge Holder given to you in previous years.**

— In Friendship, Love & Truth,  
Joe and Kathi Picanco  
Grand Lodge Host Committee

## 2021 Grand Sessions Schedule of Events

### Friday, June 18, 2021

3:00 p.m. Registration	Lobby
5:00 pm. Theta Rho Practice	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level
6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Picnic	Hotel Poolside (Big Pool)
7:00 p.m. Theta Rho Pool Party	Hotel Poolside (Big Pool)

### Saturday, June 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. Registration	Lobby
9:00 a.m. Theta Rho Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
6:00 p.m. Banquet Social Hour	Garden Terrace
6:30 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet	Garden Terrace
7:30 p.m. Theta Rho Fun Night/Awards	Garden Terrace

**Fun Night Theme: "Alice in Wonderland"**

### Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:00 a.m. Theta Rho Installation	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
11:00 a.m. Rebekah Board of Instruction/Credentials	Veranda Room
1:00 p.m. Registration	Lobby
4:00 p.m. Past Presidents Meeting/Banquet	Lower Terrace
4:00 p.m. Past Grand Masters Meeting/Banquet	Yakima Steak Company
7:00 p.m. All Branch Memorial Service	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level

### Monday, June 21, 2021

8:00 a.m. Grand Master's Breakfast	Ivy Room
8:00 a.m. President's Breakfast	Lower Terrace
8:00 a.m. Registration	Lobby
9:00 a.m. Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
9:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Sessions	Garden Terrace
4:30 p.m. Banquet Social Hour	Garden Terrace
5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet	Garden Terrace
9:00 p.m. TaNaMaKa Meeting/Initiation	Ivy Room

**Banquet Theme: "Back To The Beach"**

### Tuesday, June 22, 2021

8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives Breakfast	Ivy Room
9:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Sessions	Garden Terrace
9:00 a.m. Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
3:30 p.m. Joint Installation Rehearsal	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level
6:00 p.m. Joint Installation of Officers	East/West Ballroom, 2nd Level

### Wednesday, June 23, 2021

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast	Lower Terrace
8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Sessions	Garden Terrace
8:30 a.m. Rebekah Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
1:30 p.m. Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Sessions	East/West Ballroom 2nd Level
1:30 p.m. Encampment Sessions	Garden Terrace
4:30 p.m. Encampment/LEA Dinner And Installation of Officers	Garden Terrace

## Be on the lookout for 'Bear Meat'!!!

The President of TaNaMaKa has ordered the Longhouse to be prepared for the annual meeting of the Order of TaNaMaKa on Monday night, June 21, following the All Branch Banquet at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center. Members of TaNaMaKa need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meat."

We will have a sales table, so bring your many "treasures" you would like to contribute to the sale. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work at the table during our Sessions.

If you are will to help, please contact Margaret Truttmann, Secretary for TaNaMaKa, at [maggie@olynet.com](mailto:maggie@olynet.com) or phone (360) 482-2923. We are excited to see all our members at our annual meeting.

— Margaret Truttmann, Secretary, TaNaMaKa

# 2021 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

## ~ *Registration Form* ~

### June 18 through 23, 2021

ONE form person, please. Make as many copies as needed.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Highest current or past title) (Branch of the Order attending)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) \_\_\_\_\_

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 19

##### 6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

"Hawaiian Buffet" (Chicken, White Rice, Salad, Vegetables,  
Rolls and Ice Cream)

Adults \$18.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Theme: "Alice In Wonderland"

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 20

##### 4:00 p.m. Past Presidents' Meeting / Banquet

Grilled Chicken **OR** Mustard Pork Loin **OR** Vegetarian

(Circle One) \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#### MONDAY, JUNE 21

##### 8:00 a.m. Grand Master's Breakfast

Country Buffet \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

##### 8:00 a.m. Friendship Breakfast Buffet

All American \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

##### 5:30 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: "Beach Party"

BBQ Chicken, Vegetable, Potato Salad,  
Green Salad, Fruit Platter \$18.50 \_\_\_\_\_

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 22

##### 8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives' Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

##### 7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

##### 4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Sliced Sirloin of Beef \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** Jumbo Cheese Ravioli (Circle One) \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Must be post marked by June 1, 2021

Late Registration after June 1, 2021 \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones, Advisors & Assistants

Attending Theta Rho Assembly ONLY! \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Your Make Checks Payable To:

**Grand Lodge  
Host Committee**

Mail To:

**Joe or Kathi  
Picanco**

**3020 Langridge Ave. NW,  
Olympia, WA 98502-4478**

**Phone: (360) 561-2220**

**Email: picancoj@hotmail.com**



# 2021 Grand Sessions Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

## Red Lion Yakima Hotel & Conference Center

607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901

**Phone: (509) 248-5900 (Ext. 0) For Front Desk**

Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen), Number Staying in Room (*This is critical as it determines how many may enjoy breakfast as part of the room cost*), All others will have to pay.

**Please make reservations as soon as possible. Inform them you are attending the Odd Fellow Meeting in June.**

**Rates: \$77 Single and Double • \$87 Triple • \$97 Quad**

*Plus Applicable State and Local Taxes*

**Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2021. After this date, hotel will not honor our group rate**

# Advertising in the 2021 Grand Sessions Program Booklet

The Grand Lodge Host Committee, as in years past, is accepts advertisement(s) for the Grand Sessions Program Booklet to help offset the costs of publishing and distributing.

The advertisement charges are:

**FULL PAGE, 5" BY 8" FOR \$50 — HALF PAGE 5" BY 4" FOR \$25**

All advertisement bills must be paid to the "Grand Lodge Host Committee" prior to them being placed into the program. Deadline for submission is May 31, 2021.

**Please make checks out to: Grand Lodge Host Committee**

You may send your request by email followed by your check or mail both to:

**JOE OR KATHI PICANCO**

**3020 LANGRIDGE AVE NW, OLYMPIA, WA 98502-4478**

**PICANCOJ@HOTMAIL.COM**

**(360) 561-2220**

Please include the following with your ad:

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thanks in advance for your support.

— *Fraternally, Joe and Kathi Picanco, Grand Lodge Host Committee*

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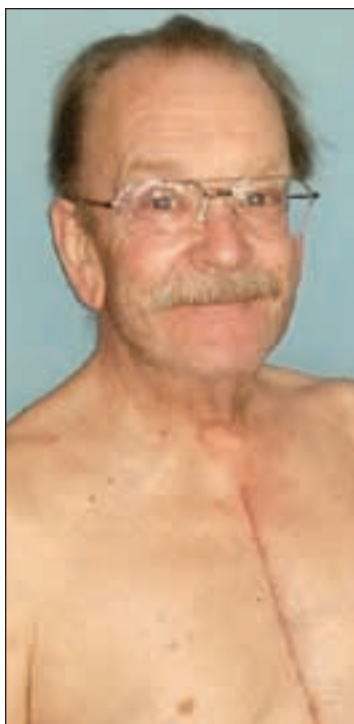
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## *Following open heart surgery*

# Your Editor is finally back to work

Yes, your editor of *The Washington OddFellow* is back — sort of. A couple of months ago, I suffered what the medical pros called a “massive myocardial infarction.” In other words, a heart attack. I called 911 from home (at



Editor Bill is now an official member of the “Zipper Club.”

the insistence of Grand Secretary Laurel Delony) and was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup via ambulance. Late that night, I was loaded in another ambulance and taken to Tacoma General Hospital.

After a series of tests (MRI, X-rays, and who knows what else), it was determined that I had 70 per cent blockage of the main artery in my heart. The surgeon said I needed either a stent or open heart bypass surgery.

I signed the releases and the next morning I was prepped for surgery. The next thing I was aware of

was waking up in ICU with all kinds of paraphernalia plugged into me. They had cut my chest open from just below my adam’s apple to just north of my belly button.

I spent the next four or five days fighting pain, nausea and extreme weakness — not a fun experience.

I was then transferred to the rehab facility in Hell. I told them the first morning I wanted out, but to no avail. I finally checked myself out on the third day. I was never so happy to see Laurel’s Jeep outside. Laurel and her mom got me home and into my own bed.

I had arranged for home care (two people who live very close to me) and they are still preparing my meals, helping me when I need it, etc.

### **A DIFFERENT LOOK**

As you probably noticed, *The Washington OddFellow* looked somewhat different the past two months. Laurel, bless here soul, took on the job of putting the newspaper together. Since a number of stories for the March edition were under lock and key in *my* computer, she did not have access to them. I am so proud of Laurel for the fine job she did! That would be like me stepping in as Grand Secretary without any training. This month the newspaper is pretty much back to normal except for being a little late.

Special thanks to Laurel, Museum Curator Lisa Sweeney, Grand Lodge staffer Melissa Hildner, and Queen Mother Joanne Balmert. They helped me with everything from showers to driving me back and forth from work.

And thank you all for your kind words of encouragement and your prayers.

— Bill Ostlund, Editor