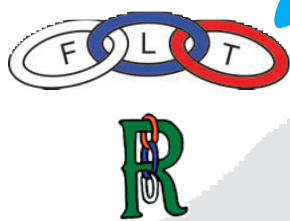


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Who's Our June Mystery Girl? See Page 5 For Details.



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A swinging time for our Acorn Girls

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor enjoy the swing set during their beach outing recently. The girls enjoyed a day at the beach as a send off to our member Stacy Gardiner who is going to Georgia. From left are: Riley Shelly, Kiara Moore, Avianna Moore, Leilah McNichols (in swing), Stacy Gardiner, Sarah Thomas, and Alana Weatherlow. For details and additional photos, see page 8.



*We're Doing
It Again!*

**Mini-Editions
In July, August**

Like last summer, the Grand Lodge of Washington plans to publish extra "Mini-Editions" of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper in July and August, 2021.

These newspapers will contain information and updates on the COVID-19 situation in the Jurisdiction of Washington and how we are handling this pandemic. In the "Extra" editions, we hope to keep you in the loop and entertained. There will be fun information about our Order, along with other stuff. We want to keep everyone connected.

*See You
At Our
Grand
Sessions
In Yakima
June 18 - 23
2021*

From the desk of your Grand Master

A HAPPY JUNE, EVERYONE!

Brothers and Sisters,



JOHN OTTERSTROM
Grand Master

Hopefully when you receive this newspaper we'll be just a few weeks away from our 142nd Annual Sessions. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone who will make the trek to Yakima, I've been going for several years before as a 3rd Degree member. My first impression was sitting in the back of the room with Glen and Elaine DeLozier from Richland #338. They sat with me and I've had a great time with them every time since.

A DIFFERENT LOOK

Sessions will look a little different this year and will be safer for all of us. We are **FAMILY**

first and safety will be our number one priority.

A New Johneo

As some of you know I had another surgery and the new (hopefully) and improved Johnny will make his debut at Sessions.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

As I close my last letter as your Grand Master, I want to thank you all for your support during these two years of so much uncertainty with the pandemic. I feel we have worked through it as much of the world has to the best of our ability with the information we have, and we are still working through all of this.

Thank you and much!

LOVE TO YOU ALL!

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

See You At Sessions

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

WE'RE MAKING SESSIONS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to make sure that everyone knows that we will



LAUREL DELONY

be trying to keep everyone as safe as possible for Sessions. As you can see by my picture, we got ya covered. Masks, hand sanitizers, disinfectant spray, wipes and even microphone covers. According to the Governor, we'll be able to open up all the way on June 30. And if we can get 70 percent of Washingtonians vaccinated, we'll be able to open up even earlier and maybe, just maybe, not have to wear masks at Sessions in June.

It's been a long road my Brothers and Sisters, but I think there is that light at the end of the tunnel. I've got my fingers crossed.

SESSIONS

If you haven't gotten your registration in yet you better get moving. After June 1, you get charged a late fee

of \$10 and you need to get your rooms reserved ASAP. They are going fast if not gone already.

I am looking forward to Sessions this year more than ever. I can't wait to see everyone.

'TAKE ME'

Your lodge Representative or Secretary should have received your "Take Me" for Sessions. Make sure your Rep brings it with them when they attend Sessions. I want to apologize for an error in your "Take Me." I duplicated page 18 on page 19. This should have been the year-end report that is sent to Sovereign Grand Lodge, but I put in the wrong schematic. I have a replacement schematic for that particular page and I will have it at Sessions. I am so sorry for the mistake.

SUPPORT OUR THETA RHO GIRLS

I hope some of you can come early and see the Theta Rho Sessions. These girls work hard putting together their Sessions and if you can come and see them work you will be so proud. They meet Saturday for their business meeting and then Installation of Officers is Sunday morning at 9 a.m. We'd love to see the support of our junior branch.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

I wish for those lodges that go dark in July and August, to have a wonderful summer. September we should be back in full business.

— *With Fraternal Love and Hugs To All*
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

~ From your 2019-21 Grand Patriarch ~

MY THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP

We are almost at the time when we will hold our annual Sessions. YA!

During a talk I had with someone, the subject of leadership came up. So, I am going to give my thoughts and insights as to the way I see it. I am sure some of you will not see it the same or say to yourself, "He doesn't know what he is talking about"

Is there such a thing as a natural born leader? Personally, I do not believe there is. My reason being that nobody starts out from birth thinking I am going to be a leader. So, we must ask how did they become someone we recognize to have leadership skills.

A POTENTIAL TO LEARN

At some point in their life someone above them most likely recognized they had the potential to learn what it takes to be a leader and decided to help them develop that potential. Or they found themselves in a situation where someone had to take charge and decided to step up to the plate. In that case it is in my experience almost always a dire situation where life, limb, property or some combination of those hang in the balance.

It may also be that those around them say to themselves, "It looks like he really knows what he is doing so I think I will follow him" and start looking to him for leadership.

I have found myself in that situation a time or two in my life. We hear almost daily in the news some of our elected politicians referred to as leaders. It seems to be popular with a certain number of them to call each other leader so and so or refer to them as leader when speaking about each other. Are they truly leaders? Not in my humble opinion they are more on a power trip with their own self-importance.

HERE'S WHAT LEADERSHIP IS NOT

So, what is leadership? First I will tell you what I think it is *not*. It is not being a bully to those you are given the task to lead. It is not making sure that everybody below you understands you are the most important person in the group. It is not taking credit for all that is accomplished by the people that you are charged with leading. It is not placing the blame on those under your leadership when things do not turn out the way you expect. Those are just a few of the things it is not.

WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?

So, what is it? To me it is taking care of and guiding those you are tasked to lead, nurturing their growth and development within the organization you belong to. It is giving credit for your collective accomplishments to those under your leadership and taking the responsibility for those things that go wrong under your leadership. It

is listening to and discussing with them the things that will make your organization better and more productive. Those are just a few of the things that go into leadership. There are many more that we could talk about for hours on end if we wished to.

I personally believe that you must lead from the front and by example. You must get to know and trust the people you lead, as well as what their strengths and weakness are and use their talents effectively to make your group as good as possible.

There are a ton of things that I have not put in this article, however I hope that it makes you think and look at your leaders in a different light when you do not understand what they are trying to accomplish as not all leaders are as good at communicators as we need to be.

There are many books on leadership. One that sits on my bookshelf is titled "The Three Meter Zone" written by J.D. Pendry, CSM, USA. I would recommend it to anyone as a guide to becoming an effective leader.

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



RON HANSON

Please donate your old glasses to Visual Aid

Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Visual Aid Committee we want to thank you for your donations. It is wonderful that many children in Washington are being helped through our program as well as adults through our Encampment. We have still received requests for assistance during these COVID times.

The Visual Aid Committee will have a container at Grand Sessions where you will be able to deposit all of the old eye glasses and cases you have collected throughout the year. The glasses will be sent on to be repaired and given to those less fortunate. So it's time to clean out those cupboards and drawers. You can also drop glasses off at the Grand Lodge office in Buckley or to the Chairman, Margaret Truttmann or Grand Secretary Laurel Delony. You may also continue to donate through any Branches of our Order.

— *Margaret Truttmann,*
Chairman of the Visual Aid Committee

From the desk of the Assembly President

I'M STILL WORKING ON SESSIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I begin writing this article I should be sharing with you the happenings over the last month and the preparations for Sessions in June. In regards to Sessions, I am still working on who will be in attendance, what will be taking place, what do we need to do, what can we do, and who will do it. It is a real possibility you may be asked to help with more than one thing. I hope you will be willing to do so if asked.



MARGARET
TRUTTMANN

Preparing For Sessions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DOUBLE DUTY

I am so thankful for the current officers who remained in office for another year which none of us expected to do when we were elected. **A Big Thank You** goes out to the appointed officers, representatives and committee members who were willing to continue. I have always known Rebekah members

have big hearts and are willing to do more which you have proven many times over since COVID hit. **THANK YOU!!**

WHAT A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

I am sad that my term will end at the close of our 2021 Assembly Session. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support for my project, Visual Aid for Children, through our Order. Your lodge donations to my project and to me personally are greatly appreciated. My memory banks are filled with thoughts of wonderful food, laughter and friends.

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful experience during my four years of service to our Order and especially during these very unique times we are working through in all our lives.

I look forward to seeing you in Yakima in June. Please continue to keep yourself safe, wear your mask, get vaccinated, social distance and wash/sanitize your hands.

PROUDLY CELEBRATE FLAG DAY

Remember to fly your flag on Flag Day, June 14. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag

on June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. Summer begins on June 20 along with Father's Day celebrations and the hope for good weather and time outdoors with friends and family.

May you enjoy this Father's Day quote by Jim Valvano: "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."

— In Friendship, Love & Truth

Margaret Truttmann, President,
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Reception for all Heads on July 18



You are invited to a reception honoring the Heads of all Branches of the Order for the Jurisdiction of Washington.

The Reception will be on Sunday, July 18 at the Puget Beach Odd Fellows Park at 1 p.m. Location of the park is 6500 79th Ave. NE, Olympia, WA 98516.

We are asking for everyone to bring a dish to share. The heads will be providing the meat and beverages (coffee, tea, lemonade and water). Anything other than that is up to you.


Plan to stay the day and enjoy the park. We'll have a bonfire in the evening plus games for everyone. If you have any questions you can contact Laurel Delony at laureljdellony@gmail.com or (253) 468-1949.

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Yes, you can win some good stuff!!

SAMMY IS STILL LOST



We are not sure if you quit reading *The Washington OddFellow* or we hid our mascot Sammy too well as no one found her in the May edition. Sammy was pictured on the far upper left in the background behind the Acorn Theta Rho Girls on page 15. We will try to make her a little easier to find this month.

And the picture of the little boy on top of page 1 in the May edition? No one could identify Past Grand Master and Grand Sessions Host Committee Co-Chairman Joe Picanco from Olympia IOOF Lodge.

Hopefully you will be able to identify our page 1 little girl this month and win a wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

LEE STOCKWELL A WINNER

There were several guesses in the "Guess The Car" contest, but our final winner was Lee Stockwell of



What is this dog??

Here's another chance for you to win a wearable from the Grand Lodge. We want you to guess the year and make of the vehicle above. Send your guess to: **grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com** or call **1-800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than June 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance only per person! **Here's a hint:** This was a used car owned at one time by your Editor Bill Ostlund. He purchased the car from its original owner in Yuma Arizona where these photos were taken. Bill said the land yacht was a real dog as it was detuned at the factory to meet emissions standards at the time. However, Bill said, the car still sucked up enormous amount of gas. 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.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 who knew it was a 1946 Plymouth Special Deluxe. The car was owned by the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. We thank Home Administrator John Brigham for finding and submitting the photo of the 1946 Plymouth. We have another "Guess The Car" contest on the bottom of this page.

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. She's a very active member of our Order and has been for many years.

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know where Sammy is and who our "Mystery Girl" pictured on page 1 is. If correct, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony will put your name in separate drawings for wearables. Again send your email **grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com** or call **800-345-1766**. All submissions must be in the office no later than June 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!

Attention cooks

We're looking for your best recipes!

In the April edition, Sherri Guenther of Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine shared some delicious recipes with us. We look forward when more of our Rebekahs and Odd Fellows will submit some of their favorite concoctions

We thought it would be a good time for you to dust off your recipe box and send us your favorite recipes for our summer Extra Editions. We hope to be able to publish them in the months to come.

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

grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

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



Bucoda Bulletin Board #18

Bill and Cathy are back in good health

Let's start at the beginning. Welcome back Editor Bill Ostlund. We're glad to have you back in the saddle. Believe me, Sister Laurel and I know the trials of getting this newspaper out, and you didn't make it back a minute too soon.

Health and happiness wishes go out to Sister Cathy Garcia who was ill, but the doctors say she is good to go for Sessions this month. Welcome back Cathy. Again, we're glad things are on the upswing.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Back closer to home Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 welcomes two new Third Degree members. Sister Kaitlyn Nagy and Brother Gary Givens achieved this milestone at the Bucoda IOOF Annex on April 25. (Let's see, Right Supporter, Scene Supporter. . . I'm sure we have a position to capitalize on their talents.)

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is rapidly approaching. On May 8, the Bucoda Odd Fellows and Rebekahs cleaned up the small Memorial Park on Main Street. Turnout was a bit less than expected, but the park got cleaned and spruced up with some new plants lining the sidewalk. Afterward we did what all Odd Fellows should be noted for — we had barbeque.

On Saturday, May 29 at 9 a.m. at the Memorial Park in Tumwater, Olympia #1 and a cast of 10s will decorate the Veterans' graves. Afterward, you guessed it — another barbeque. If you are you in the area and want to help, I

recommend getting there a bit before 9 a.m. Otherwise all the best donuts will be gone.

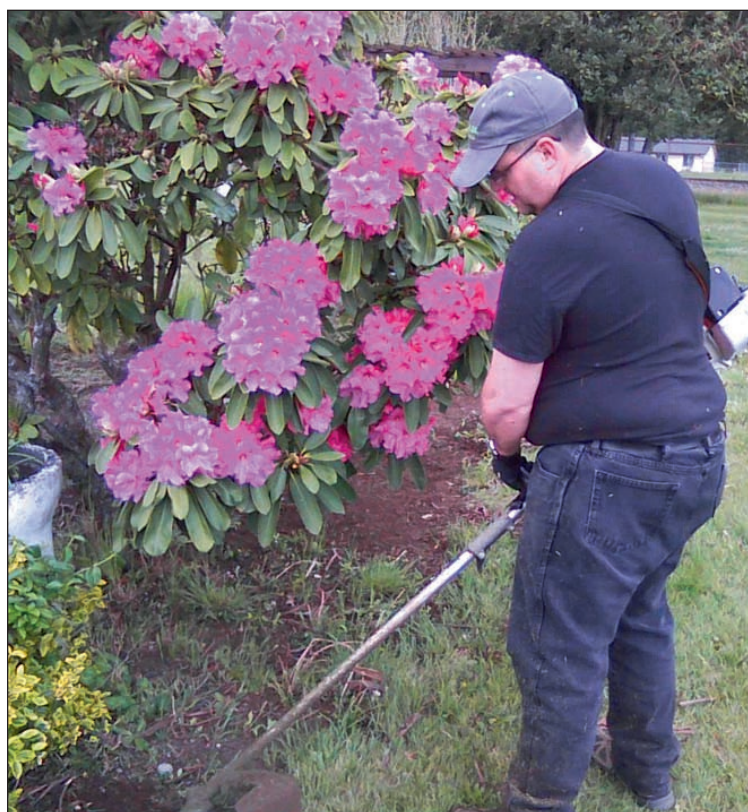
IS REAL NORMAL REALLY HERE?

Life is gradually reverting to the **REAL** normal and just in time for Sessions. This will be the first Sessions for me and Laura, so we may look like ducks amidst swans. But we are looking forward to spending the week immersed in Odd Fellowship. We're hoping to see everyone in Yakima.

That's about all the news that's fit to print from Bucoda for this issue.

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

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth*
Reporter, Foreign Correspondent and Vice Grand,
Bucoda Rebekahs #144,
Past Grand and Treasurer, Skookumchuck #129



Above: Laura Purcell was our barbecue master.

Left: Mike Finley kept busy with the weed wacker.

Right: Holly Finley was right at home with shovel in her hands.





From your desk of the Assembly Secretary

SUMMER AND SESSIONS ARE HERE!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Yaayy, Summer finally made it — *AND*, we are heading to Yakima for our 2021 Annual Sessions. I am SOOOO excited!!



CATHY GARCIA

This will be a learning Session for me as it is my first as your appointed Secretary. Marcia Presley has been wonderful at guiding me through this past year and I will be grilling her during the next couple week so that, hopefully, I will be prepared and organized in serving you at sessions.

WORKING AS A TEAM

I would like to ask all Secretaries to meet with me following Monday's meeting. I have some ideas I would like to share with you as well as ask for some input from you. Making your job easier and more convenient will make my job easier and more convenient. We are a team and each one of you is a very important part of that team.

THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP

On a more personal note — most of you know that I was down with COVID-19 a while back. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and cards. I also want to offer a special thanks to our IOOF Grand Secretary and her staff. I was on a couple deadlines that I couldn't meet while I was sick and they stepped up and finished two separate projects for me. They were so loving and gracious. We are blessed to be an organization whose members truly live out our tenets.

OFF TO MISSISSIPPI

I am back to working strong and at the time of this writing, I am packing for a quick girls trip to Mississippi with two of my granddaughters. We will be attending the high school graduation of another granddaughter. I am truly a blessed woman.

I CAN BRING NEEDED SUPPLIES TO YAKIMA

If you need any supplies, please email me before June 15 and I'll bring them to Yakima.

Have a great June and I'll see you in a couple of weeks.

— 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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Photo from Bulletin Board #16

This photo was scheduled to be in the April edition. On February 2, members of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge agreed to make a donation to Bethel Church to assist in the funding and continuation of the community dinners. Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129's Vice Grand Laurel Purcell presents a check from both lodges to Cheryl Baker of Bethel Church. You can see the entire story on page 12 in the April edition of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper.



Memorial Park spiffed up!

The Bucoda Memorial Park on Main Street got a make-over from the Bucoda Odd Fellows and Rebekahs just in time for Memorial Day. See story on page 6.



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club in Oak Harbor show off creations from their recent Craft Day. Standing, from left, are: Lucy Crouch, Shauna Schultz, Sarah

Thomas, Hailey Hanna, Alana Weatherlow, Sophia Garcia, and Miss Diana. Kneeling, from left are: Stacy Gardiner, Desiree Gardiner, and Riley Shelly.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

A DAY AT THE BEACH

This will be our final article until next fall. We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and being outside.

We enjoyed a day at the beach as a send off to our member Stacy Gardiner who is going to Georgia to stay with her aunt while her mom is on deployment with the Navy. We will miss her and will be happy when she comes home. On our outing, we enjoyed kite flying, sidewalk chalk art, blowing bubbles, making beaded bracelets, hanging out on the play equipment and of course our hot dog dinner.

CRAFT DAY

We had our craft day and made cute coffee cups that we filled with Hershey Kisses and special cards to give someone special for Mother's Day. This month we will be doing a project that Miss Diana is providing for Father's Day.

We are working on our assignments and our scrapbook for Sessions. We are really excited about finally being able to spend time with the girls from the other clubs. See you in Yakima!

*In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79 ((Maybe without masks)*



What a day at the beach

Enjoying a hot dog and potato chip dinner at the beach are, from left: Riley Shelly, Leilah McNichols and Sarah Thomas. See additional photo on Page 1.

From your Deputy Grand Master

NOT DOING MY PART

As we have all gone about our lives with so many different trials and conflicts it is so easy to stray from our path of Odd Fellowship of teaching, guiding, encouraging, and supporting all those who we come into contact with directly



DAVE DELONY

and indirectly. I know that, as I too have been consumed by all that has been going on in my own little universe.

So after I read this article (that I have enclosed in part), I realized that I wasn't doing my part as a Friend, Husband, Parent, Grandparent, Veteran, and most of all an *American* in making our lives better. So please take the time to read this article. I hope (as it did for me) this will put your life into perspective and let you see what is really

important to all of us as a nation of one — and even worldwide. It instilled in me feelings I thought were lost while trying to exist in this “helter/skelter” world we presently live in.

This article, “Bravery and Hope,” was written by Patrick Adams — Publisher/President of “*The Merchant Magazine*.” This is a magazine printed in California for the lumber and hardware industry of the building trades. You can just go to “The Merchant Magazine — February, 2021 issue on-line and look it over. And if you would like to contact Patrick as I did, his email address is padams@526mediagroup.com

BRAVERY AND HOPE

BY PATRICK ADAMS

Perhaps I should have ignored the things I was feeling as I saw protesters turn into terrorists in this great country of mine. From Portland to Washington in the past year, I watched as my fellow Americans raged. Perhaps I should have ignored the constant stream of posts and shares and retweets of half truths from my “friends” on both sides of the aisle, all while safe behind their keyboards and yet, when we are face to face, those conversations never come up because it would be “rude.” Perhaps I should forget about the sacrifices that those who came before us made, and with us and ahead of us will make in exchange for this thing we call America.

Perhaps I should. . . I watched our nation again transitioned to a new administration. . . peacefully. One side was happy, the other not. One side was hopeful, the other in despair. And before the night was out, the tide of battle shifted 180 degrees and some channels declared war while the others called for peace. And in all of that, I happened to look over and see my children and it made me cry. They were watching all of this, and listening, and studying, and processing. Not asking questions, but nevertheless absorb-

ing it all.

As I've traveled the world, I've seen other cultures. I've seen what happens when what adults rage about translates into the perceptions of children. In some regions, we call it “radicalization” and once these children grow, there is no reversing it. . . as much as for some us, there is nothing that would have us turn on our family or denounce our God, there is a growing list of things that apparently hold the same weight.

So as I write this, I'm asking myself why this weighs so heavy on my heart? It's because I love my family and I love this country. I don't say those things lightly. . . they are what give me life and part of my very being. It is easy to sit behind a keyboard and rage about things that may or may not be convenient truths. It's easy to complain about the beliefs and policies of one administration versus another. It's easy. . . to do nothing. But I've never taken the easy road in life and as a result, I've been blessed.

It takes bravery and hope to take the tough path. To be an example. To lead. It's easy to tear down others, but tough to build up everyone regardless of whether you agree with them or not. It's tough to be a role model. It's tough to put in the work behind the statement, “I want my children to be better off than me.” But that's what brave and hopeful men do.

So today I choose to focus on the 95% that we all have in common with each other — our hope for a better future, our love for our family and our dedication to this country. Today I choose to try to be brave for my children, my wife, and my friends and neighbors regardless of the things we might not have in common. If we can all sit together and root for a “good game” in spite of supporting rival teams, can't we do the same in life for the good of this country? When we are typing, can't we first ask ourselves if we would scream this in a crowded room or our neighborhood corner before we share it? Can't we hold ourselves first to a higher standard before we choose to judge others to that standard?

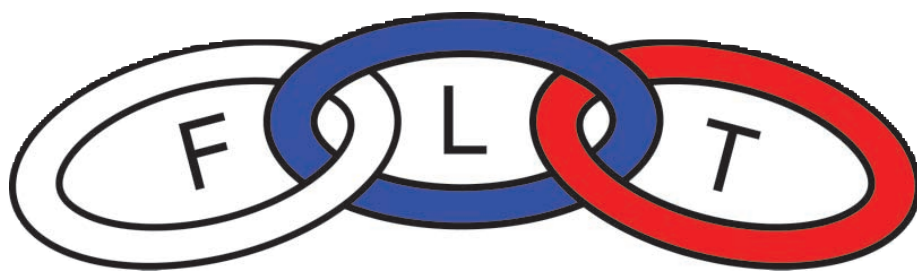
Perhaps, I should try to be an example for the sake of my children that our “gang” is not left or right, but *America*. Our life has been blessed under both administration's leadership, and we have seen hardship under both. But regardless, our destiny has been at our hands and our willingness to take the tough path.

— Patrick Adams

I hope you all will take the time to read this article. although most of content is here. As I said for some reason this hit home very hard and made me realize how much I was missing and not doing in my life, my responsibilities to Odd Fellowship, and my personal well being.

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

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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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Notes from our friends here and yonder!

• To the members in Washington State,
Good evening everyone,

"I just wanted to thank you for sending me *The Washington OddFellow*. I really do enjoy reading all of the articles and seeing what the lodges are doing to keep busy during this crazy time. Just wanted to say you are doing a great job and that I'm thinking of all of you and wishing for you to stay healthy and safe. Wishing for all of your Executive Officers a positive and harmonious year! We have so much to be thankful for and we are so Blessed to have Brothers and Sisters to lean on during this time of change. Take care and blessings to all of you."

— *In Friendship, Love, and Truth.*

Michelle Heckart, Sovereign Grand Warden

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• Hello. I want to thank you for sending your publication to me every month. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your lodges and hope to use some of your great ideas in my lodge. We are currently on a winter

~ 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)

break but hope to meet again soon. We were able to meet most of 2020 but will have to wait and see what regulations are when it is time to start again in mid March.

Now, about Sammy. That little dickens sure knows how to hide! I searched the pages at least five times, sometimes using a magnifying glass, before I finally found her. She is hiding in the window to the right of the entrance to the Odd Fellows hall on page 18. She is in the upper left hand corner of the window. I haven't done very well finding him and was determined to do it this month. What fun!

Kudos to the editor and staff for a great publication. Thank you for sharing. . .

— *Fraternal love and virtual hugs,*
Ruth Earle, IARA Warden

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• "Great job Bill. I know you have taking a whole new approach to the newspaper and it shows. You and Laurel both have done a fabulous job of coming up with ideas that have kept the members informed, entertained and asking for more. And what with the other jurisdictions weighing in on what a great paper it is — only reinforces what a good job you are doing, Bill. Glad to see all the recognition for our newspaper."

— *Dave Delony, Deputy Grand Master*

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• "Awesome job, Bill!!" — *Tim Moon, Grand Warden*

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• Great job Bill and Laurel. You both do amazingly well with our newspaper

— *Johneo, Grand Master*



~ From your 2020-21 Grand Matriarch ~



MAVIS HOUSE

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Dear Matriarchs:

This will be my final letter to you. Today the sun is shining, wind is blowing and the temperature in the 70s. Spring has sprung!

In a couple of days my daughter Angie and I will be flying to Indiana to visit another daughter and her family. While there we also plan to go to Missouri to visit a granddaughter. We will be gone for 10 days.

I am looking forward to seeing several of you at Grand

Sessions in June. I will not be attending Rebekah Assembly this time as my daughter (who is my chauffeur) can only stay one day. I'll be there Wednesday evening and leave probably Friday.

Committees for Sessions will be those named by Joyce in 2019. If you can't be there, someone else will be chosen at Sessions. Thank you to all officers who have helped me so much during the past year.

The dress code is: blue skirt and white blouse.

If you have any questions for me, contact me using the information provided below. See you in June!

— In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Mavis House, Grand Matriarch
2957 West 10th St., The Dalles, OR 97058
Phone: (509) 773-4604

June Word Search

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Words are Forward And Backward, Horizontal, Vertical and Diagonal.
Answers On Page 13

From your 2019-21 Theta Rho President

HERE'S SOME SESSION UPDATES!

Well, it has been a long two years since we have been able to get together. I am very much looking forward to



PIPER FYFFE

Theta Rho Assembly President

our Sessions! Let me start with a few updates:

Some of the normal items for our Sessions have been altered and a few different points have been added. Please check with your Advisors for the dress codes for *this year's* Sessions

We are conducting annual Business Sessions as such.

Normal western hemisphere business style is acceptable. This includes business style pant suits or dresses. Please remember that you are representing your club and our Order, so keep it classy and professional. Jeans, shorts, low-cut tops, and short or mini-skirts are not permitted. Dress for *Sunday's* Installation remains formal.

DRESS EXCHANGE

Once again, we will be having a dress exchange, so bring those items you no longer need so others may partake. Check with the JYC for assistance in finding items for you.

QUESTION BOX & RITUALISTIC CONTEST

Don't *forget* the JYC question box. Let's bring some juicy ones to make the committee work!

Lastly, don't forget the Ritualistic Contest. *Let's* see how many we can get out for the contest this year.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH

I want to thank everyone who has supported me the past two years, especially you in the Assembly for having the confidence in me to elect me to this position. It has been an amazing experience and I have found so many new friends during my travels.

I have to sign off so I can finish my finals before coming back to Washington.

SEE YOU ALL IN YAKIMA!

Email: piperfyffe@gmail.com

Phone Number: (253) 292-7611

— *In Happiness Through Service,*
Piper Fyffe, President

Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

Buckley IOOF donates to Skatepark Helmet fund

After the tragic death of 13-year-old Berrett Michael Wirth Crossley in early March following a skateboarding



BERRETT MICHAEL
WIRTH CROSSLEY

accident, his mother Larae is on a mission to make sure other kids take safety seriously — in Buckley and beyond.

"I never want a parent to feel what this is like, ever," Crossley said in an interview Thursday, March 11. "I just want it to be a normal thing: You grab your skateboard and you grab your helmet. I want to make sure that every child has a helmet, and that no parent ever has to feel like this."

Buckley IOOF

Lodge #75 recently donated \$500 to the "Wear It For Berrett" fund which encourages those who use the Buckley Skatepark to wear a helmet.

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PGM ‘Sandy’ Abieras passes away at 85

Santiago W “Sandy” Abieras, Past Grand Master, died in Vancouver, WA on April 30, 2021. He served as Grand Master in 1997-98. He was 85-years-old at the time of his passing.

According to his program issued at the 1997 Grand Sessions held in Richland, Sandy’s Motto was “Friendship, Love and Truth Towards All Mankind Regardless of Creed, Race, Age or Religion.” His additional Motto was “Aloha,” A Beautiful Way to Say Hello and Goodbye. Sandy’s Emblem was the “Menehume” and his Flower was the Orchid. His Colors were Red and Yellow and his song was “On Top Of The World” by the Carpenters.

Sandy’s Slogan was “Recruit and Build” and his project was Blanket Warmers for the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. His Prayer was the 23rd Psalms.

As Grand Master, Sandy had his “five Musts.”

- **We Must** build our membership through Initiation and Reinstatement.

- **We Must** keep our meetings interesting and meaningful to retain our current membership.

- **We Must** work on helping all Units of the Order.

- **We Must** visit the Lodges in our Districts.

- **We Must** remember to let our younger Brothers try new jobs. Stand back and be ready to pick them up if necessary and congratulate them when they are successful.

Arrangements were made by Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel in Vancouver, WA.



SANTIAGO ABIERAS



Buckley IOOF donates to helmet fund following tragic death

Laurel Delony, center, presents Berrett’s parents with a \$500 check on behalf of Buckley Odd Fellows #75. From left are: Mikal Crossely, Laurel Delony and Larae Crossely.

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Berrett sustained a head injury March 2 while skateboarding at the Buckley Skatepark. Two days later, he suffered a subdural hematoma (bleeding in the brain) that sent him to Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital in Tacoma.

Despite undergoing emergency brain surgery, he did

not regain brain activity and was pronounced dead at the hospital the evening of March 6.

While family and friends grapple with Berrett’s loss, Buckley officials are already working on an ordinance that would require helmet wearing at the park — a rule Crossley said will save lives.

— Alex Bruell contributed to this report

Membership Is Vital To Our Order

ALWAYS CARRY A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WITH YOU

Membership Application



Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Date:

I, Apply to the members of Lodge, No.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of for membership by:

and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and teachings of the Order. I understand my rights as a member are protected by the laws of the Order and I agree not to resort to the civil courts for their enforcement. I believe in a Supreme Being and am loyal to my Country.

I was born at On

My occupation is: My Employer is:

My mailing address is:

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Applicant's Signature: _____

Sponsor: Branch Name & No.:

We certify that the applicant meets the qualifications for membership in this Lodge.

Interviewing Committee:

I certify that _____

is a member of _____ Degree

in good standing in _____ No. _____

ATTEST: _____

(Secretary / Scribe)

(SEAL)



There were Degrees galore in Olympia

Olympia Odd Fellows held a Degree Day on May 22, 2021.

Vancouver #3 brought up one, Richard Blades; Washougal #194 brought up two, Robert Jester and Dylan Grotting; Golden Rule #207 brought up four, Jacob Dunlap, Brian Johnson, Justin Spanski, and James Trokey; South Tacoma #211 sent down two, Alicia Vest-Bey and Jamie Vest; and Olympia #1 initiated six new members, Ryan Schultz, Shelby Barber, Paul and Kaaren Porter, Lisa and Ashley Brinkley, as well as Joe Perryman who received his 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Congratulations to the new members and to our Order. That's 15 more for the Jurisdiction of Washington.

Thank you to Joe Picanco, Degree Captain, Kathi Picanco, Kitchen Captain (she served a delicious lunch), Jennie and Dave Reed and Laurel Delony who gave the Degree Captain support.

After Degree Day, everyone, including the new members, were invited down to Olympia's Puget Beach Park for a bonfire. It turned out to be a beautiful day with warm sunshine, a good fire, and lots of Odd Fellowship. Kathy Jester was busy cooking weenies.

—*Fraternally, Laurel Delony, Secretary
Olympia Odd Fellows #1*



See you at our Yakima Sessions

2021

Grand Sessions Schedule of Events

Friday, June 18, 2021

3:00 p.m. Registration	Lobby
5:00 p.m. 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"

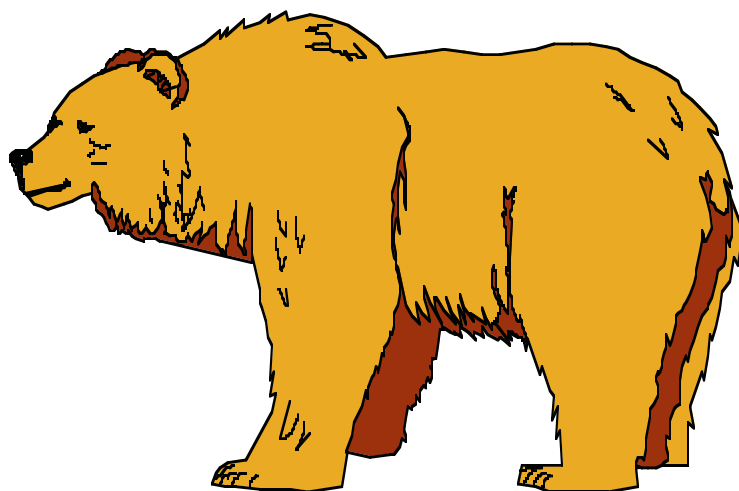
Tuesday, June 22, 2021

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



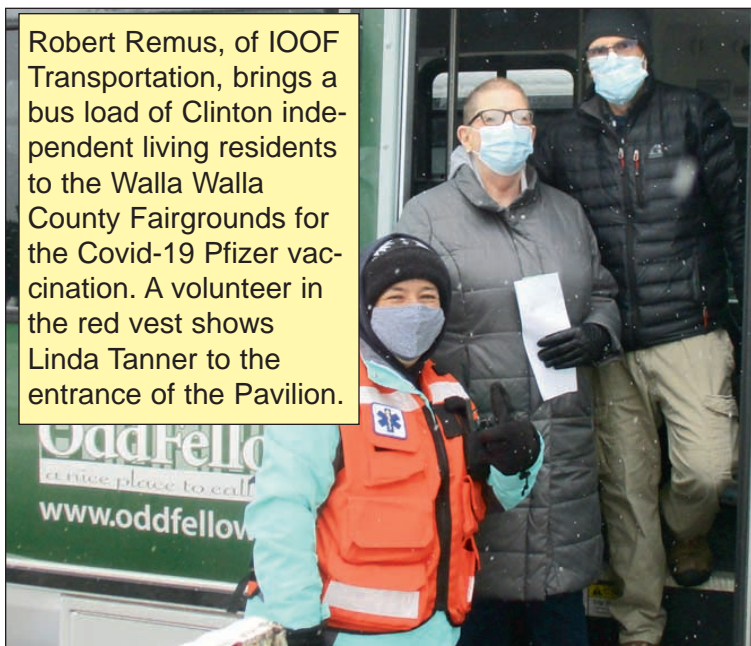
Be on the lookout for 'Bear Meat'!!!

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 or phone (360) 482-2923. We are excited to see all our members at our annual meeting.

— Margaret Truttmann, Secretary, TaNaMaKa



Robert Remus, of IOOF Transportation, brings a bus load of Clinton independent living residents to the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds for the Covid-19 Pfizer vaccination. A volunteer in the red vest shows Linda Tanner to the entrance of the Pavilion.



At right. Jeanine Griffin, left, and Patty Newell wait in the bright, clean Vaccination Room. Dozens of doctors and nurses

administered the Pfizer shots. After sitting for 15 minutes, paramedics and nurses showed patients to their van.

COVID-19 vaccine raises hope for IOOF Home residents in Walla Walla

(Editor's note: The following story by Shirley Ruble was scheduled to run in the February edition of The Washington OddFellow, but your editor was being lazy in a hospital bed. The vaccine event took place in January.)

Joani Wicklund, Director of Admissions at the IOOF Home in Walla Walla, delivered packets of information to the independent living residents at Merriam and Clinton Street apartments. They had been trying to get a COVID-19 vaccination. But, every findyourphase.wa.org appointment was marked "Already filled."

John Brigham, CEO, had another idea. He contacted the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health to learn what was available. That evening Brigham received a phone call from Providence St. Mary Medical Center. They would provide a vaccine clinic for independent residents on Monday between 11 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds.

Wicklund's information urged those who wanted the vaccine to take a test for COVID if they were going to travel in a van. Everyone would be tested on Sunday. Van drivers would get a list of those whose results were negative and eligible to board the vans.

A blanket of snow covered the ground the morning the vans loaded to go to the Fairgrounds. Eighty-three out of 90 apartment tenants opted for the vaccine. Some were a step ahead and already had their shots. Everyone in the bus wore a mask. Others drove their own cars and skipped the COVID test.

The excitement grew as volunteers waved the vans up to the Pavilion where they parked in the handicapped area. Everyone wanted to thank the friendly volunteers. One

replied, "We just want to see hundreds of people come and get the vaccine so they'll be safe."

Inside the Pavilion, the residents had their paperwork checked and their temperature taken. From there, guides led them into the Vaccination Room. Bright, neon flags waved where tables with the vaccine were open.

Nurses and doctors gave their patients a painless shot, and a Registration Card that said to come back in three weeks for a second Pfizer vaccination. Paramedics and nurses led patients to chairs six feet apart, and they watched for allergic reactions or other side effects for 15 minutes.

A doctor announced the group was free to go, and they left through an exit door to the bus parked outside. Everyone from the Odd Fellows Home was amazed how smooth and flawless the procedure was. Robertta Hunt said, "It was wonderful how people volunteered to help, set up the area, and took good care of us."

Jan Heilbrun who brought her mother said, "I'm very impressed with how organized they were, helpful and polite from the time we arrived until we left about an hour later." Barbara Tvrz said, "They were so organized I was in and out before my appointment time. My appointment was at 10:55 a.m. I was there at 10:30 a.m. and walked out by 11 a.m. For several years, they had flu vaccinations at the Fairgrounds in October. They said if they ever needed mass inoculations, they would have a plan."

More information can be found on the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health COVID-19 website, covidwwc.com, or call (509) 524-2647 for more information.

— Submitted by Shirley Ruble

A 'Virtual' experience

Sovereign Grand Musician visits two other Jurisdictions

By TOBY HANSON, SOVEREIGN GRAND MUSICIAN

The pandemic has brought a great deal of disruption to Odd Fellowship. It has also given us some new opportunities to take advantage of. In May I was fortunate to participate in the Sessions of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of California, all without leaving my home studio.

As Sovereign Grand Musician, it's always an honor to share my talents with those in other jurisdictions. Teleconferencing technology has made it possible for us to meet in new ways without being in the same space and two jurisdictions have put that to effective use recently

OREGON SESSIONS

On May 13 the Grand Encampment of Oregon held its annual Session via Zoom from the conference room of the Holgate Center in Portland. Elected officers were present in the room for the meeting with representatives and appointed officers joining the meeting remotely. I was honored to provide music for the Session, playing both piano and accordion and singing.

Two days later, on May 15, the Grand Lodge of Oregon did the same thing with elected officers present in the conference room and representatives and appointed officers on Zoom. Brother Brad Probst of Barnum Lodge #7 provided technical direction for both Sessions (and the Rebekah Assembly Session on May 14) and ensured that all went smoothly.

OVERCOMING LIMITATIONS

Because of the limitations of not having everyone together in the same space, neither the Grand Encampment nor Grand Lodge Degrees were conferred on any candidates. There were also a few problems with managing voting of the grand bodies because of the limitations of the technology. Given the limits, however, the two bodies did an excellent job of managing the Sessions and maintaining the order of business in a manner that was easy for participants to follow. Both PGP Michael Guerrero and PGM Gordon Corda did very good jobs of managing their complex online meetings.

CALIFORNIA SESSIONS

On Sunday, May 16 I was the honored guest performer for the Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of California. Their Session had a very limited number of in-person participants at the Grand Lodge Office. The District Deputies and Board of Directors members were



This is how Virtual Sessions from our neighbors to the south look on Toby's computer screen.

all on Zoom along with the various guests. Brother Jack Fullmer handled the technical direction of the Zoom Session to ensure that everyone could hear properly and that the right person was on the screen at the right time. When the time came, at the end of the Installation, I performed Grand Master Michael Greenzeiger's song, "I Am The Doctor" from the television show Dr. Who. It was wonderful to be able to share my talents with our Brothers and Sisters in California without having to travel the great distance involved.

SHARING OUR FELLOWSHIP

As much as I enjoyed remote participation in these Sessions, I am especially looking forward to our Sessions in Yakima in June. As useful as it is to hold Business sessions with remote participants, nothing replaces the camaraderie, the learning, or the experience of being together and sharing fellowship in person. I look forward to that day when we can all gather together again and do the work of Odd Fellowship in Washington.

— Toby Hanson,
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SUMMER MEETINGS

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 is stepping into our summer meeting schedule. Lodge meetings will be at the Puget Beach Park the first meeting of the month of June, July, August and September. We hope to see more members participate in our meetings now that COVID restraints have been reduced.

PUGET PARK BUZZING WITH ACTIVITY

The Puget Beach Park is a busy place right now with grass mowing and installing of new hydrants for the RV spaces. David Delony is our new Chairman for the Park Board. Many thanks to Dave for stepping up to the plate in this critical role. Additionally, the building committee headed by Doug Ecklund is busy getting our rental on 5th and Capital ready for occupancy.

Remember that members are only allowed to have one RV guest at a time now — unless they are tent camping. Reminder, it is sponsor's responsibility to provide quests with the Park Rules and to mentor them at Lodge as well!

RUTH #17 SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 is seeking new members to join the lodge and help us maintain our traditions to sup-

port the community. Our biggest project presently is to supply Care Bags to Rosie Place. The program is designed to help teenagers who are homeless and in need of assistance.

The Union Gospel Mission needs socks, underwear, and men's pants, as well as hygiene items. Please bring your items to lodge for collection and delivery. Same for the Little Red Schoolhouse for kids coats and other items. And finally, we are still making 100 Christmas stockings for the Boys & Girls Club. We are planning on doing the Easter Egg Hunt at the Park next year and the Seafood Feast in 2022, as well. More details to follow in the coming months.

LOOKING FOR A BETTER YEAR

Brothers and Sisters, we are so looking forward to a better year with more interaction at meetings, projects, and social get-togethers. Be safe and come to our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!
MAY YOUR DAY BE SPECIAL & FULL OF LOVE**

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