



Flo's scholarship

Junior Past Grand Master John Crispin presented Florence Frogge' with the L.J. Jones Scholarship certificate at an awards ceremony recently. Florence has begun her studies at Pierce College and plans to be an elementary school teacher.

'November Fest' comes to South Tacoma IOOF

South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211 will hold a "November Fest" and silent auction on Saturday November 1 at 2 p.m. at the South Tacoma hall, 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma.

Toby Hanson, Washington's Grand Musician, will be our strolling minstrel for the afternoon. Dinner will be brauts, sauerkraut, German potato salad, rolls, German chocolate cake and beverages. The price for dinner is \$5 a head at the door. Proceeds will go to Odd Fellows projects.

We'd like to get a head count so please RSVP to our Secretary Laurel Delony at (253) 983-7619 or e-mail at lddelony@comcast.net. We hope to see you here!

The score is five to zero

If anyone is keeping score, so far this year five Rebekah members have been located who forgot to let their lodges know where they lived before they died.

If your lodge needs help in finding members who haven't been attending meeting for six or more months, send me a list with the last known address and date of birth and I will try to locate them for you.

— Brother Jean F. Coston,
 Coston Obit Service
 2312 S. 128th, Seattle, WA 98168
 E-mail: geniejean@msn.com

Saturday, October 25

Degree Day set in Goldendale

Alimus IOOF Lodge #15 in Goldendale will hold a Degree Day on Saturday, October 25th starting at 9 a.m. The Initiatory and First Degree will be given in the morning and the Second and Third Degrees will be given in the afternoon. Lunch will be served at Noon.

Please advise us if you are coming and how many will be attending. The phone number is (509) 773-4604. Alimus Lodge is located at 301 NW 2nd Street in Goldendale.

There was food and fun as East & West picnicked

Several people gathered at Lake Easton Park for the East-West Picnic on Sunday, September 14. LeRose Coulter was at the grill flipping delicious beef patties. Condiments were added by Carson Inman for the great hamburgers enjoyed by everyone. Other dishes were added to the good lunch by those in attendance.

Visiting, games and relaxation before and after lunch were the order of the day. The weather cooperated giving a hot day with light wind to make it very comfortable.

It was decided to continue this event next year. The date will be September, 13, 2009, the second Sunday in September. Mark your calendars and join us.

— Karen Hoylman, East-West Picnic Secretary

Sandra's reception cancelled

The reception for LAPM President Sandra Moon scheduled for October 18 has been cancelled at Sandra's request.



\$\$\$ to Fisher House

Junior Past Grand Master John Crispin, along with several officers from the Grand Lodge of Washington, visited Fisher House at Fort Lewis on September 12 and presented checks to Jodi Land, Fisher House Manager. The amount raised by donations over the past year for John's project was \$9,567.76. From left are Grand Secretary Edmond L., Reitan, Jr., Grand Warden Harry Coulter, Grand Master Frank Wilson, Jodi Land, John Crispin and Grand Treasurer Marshall Miller. Also in attendance were Grand Conductor Loletta McCormick and Past Grand Matriarch Elizabeth Morgan.

2008-2009 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

MEMBERSHIP KEEPS OUR ORDER HEALTHY

It is important for the health of our Order that we stay connected and build relationship with one another. Indeed, it is time to ask someone to join your lodge to share the experience that being an Odd Fellow entails.

Serving on the committee of investigations and grievances at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, I had an opportunity to become more familiar with The Code of General Laws. It also became very clear the responsibilities the Grand Master has in his/her jurisdiction. In the SGL Code of General Laws, Chapter IV Sec.2. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities states the power and authority of a Grand Lodge is derived from the Sovereign Grand Lodge to which it shall always be accountable.

SGL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the Session were the interaction with so many Brothers and Sisters from other jurisdictions. I was extremely proud that our Theta Rho Clubs received awards and wished they could have been in attendance to receive them personally. Additionally, your Grand Lodge received from the Arthritis Foundation a Bronze Award for distinguished service. From S.O.S., the 2007-2008 Village Award was presented to the Grand Lodge for sponsoring the Washington Home in Cambodia. The International Press Association presented us with a First Place Best Newsprint Publication Certificate. These awards I can assure you will be proudly displayed in the Grand Lodge office.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies awarded the following certificates to the Washington Grand Lodge: SOS Children's Villages, Arthritis, Community Service IOOF and the IOOF Award to Higher Education. PGM Ronald Hanson received a Community Service IOOF Award. The Grand Encampment of Washington and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary received Two Percent awards, as well as two LEA's and 20 Odd Fellow Lodges for membership increases. Twelve Odd Fellow Lodges received Certificates of Thanks for contributions to Arthritis and 10 IOOF Community Service Awards. During the opening ceremony, my wife heard someone in the audience say, "*The State of Washington sure has their act together.*"

Brothers and Sisters, you do make a positive difference in your Order and I ask you to keep up the good work.

A BUSY SCHEDULE

Since my return from SGL, I have attended a reception for Cassidy Fiest, President of Theta Rho Assembly. Then it was on to Chemicum to celebrate with Judy Inman, Grand Matriarch. My next stop was McCleary to a reception for Jennie Reed, President of Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

On September 11, Loletta McCormick, Grand Conductor; Laurel Delony, Grand Marshall; Edmond Reitan, Grand Secretary; John Crispin, Jr. PGM; Elizabeth Morgan, Jr. Past Grand Matriarch; Donald Hepp, PGM; and I attended the lodge meeting of Cowlitz #66 for the draping of their Charter in memory of Brother George Weldon.

Remember Brothers and Sisters, "Act humbly, love completely and live differently."

Until we meet again down the road. . .

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Frank L. Wilson, Grand Master*

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Thyra Ross**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Vione S. Palmer**, PNG, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Almeda Henderson**, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.
- **Emma Utz**, Miriam Rebekah Lodge #25, Ellensburg.
- **Elizabeth Beal**, Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145, Spokane.
- **Fred G. Geyer**, 50 year + member, South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211, Tacoma.
- **Paul Hill**, PG, 54 year member, Red Apple IOOF Lodge, Grandview.
- **Mary Maylor**, 56 year member, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.
- **Loretta Lord**, Tieton Rebekah Lodge #314, Tieton.

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the lodges and individuals of this Jurisdiction who received Certificates of Award from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year for your participation and the gains in the several programs of the Order.

Remember what I said last month about our newspaper. Well *The Washington OddFellow* received the First Place Best Newsprint Publication award from the International Press Association at the SGL Sessions held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE

Materials for the 2009 program have not been received from the UNP/SGL Committee as of this writing. However it is not too early for lodges and districts to plan on sending a student or students in the coming year. Note this is the 60th year of the UNP Tour program and we have heard that it is going to be a special year.

Please contact Mary Dunivan, UNP Chairman for the Jurisdiction of Washington, for information and the deadlines that have to be met. You may contact Mary at (360) 295-3681 or e-mail her at **B2yellow@aol.com** or write her at 240 Dunivan Road, Vader, WA 98593.

L.J. JONES SCHOLARSHIPS

The annual mailings from this committee have been sent with the forms for making nominations of members and relatives of members for the various scholarships available. The nominating deadline from lodges for all scholarships is December 31, 2008. Please consider the L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund as a possible donation recipient from your lodge.

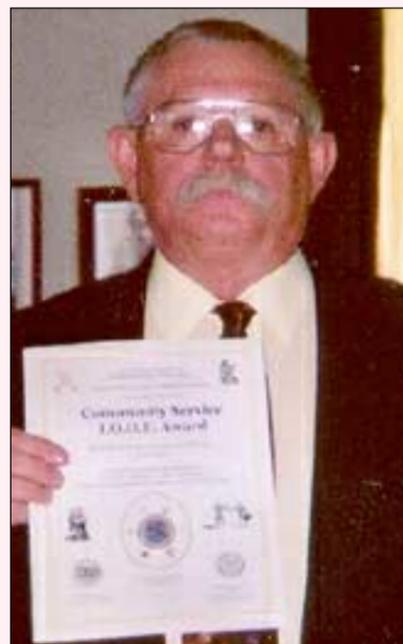
ANNUAL REPORTS

We plan to mail out the Annual Report forms package this month (October). If you are an officer with a part to complete, please start gathering and compiling the necessary information now needed for this years report. When the report forms are received, do not alter the "Cash on Hand Last Report" amount appearing on Line 1. Please complete them accurately and submit them timely. (Reference: Washington Digest, Chapter 3, Sec. 3.20.4 found on page 55). If there is anything confusing or you are in doubt as to how to complete your forms, please call the Grand Lodge office at 1-800-345-1766 for assistance.

NOMINATIONS

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year already. October is the month for nominating your elective officers for next year. Refer to the Washington Digest, Chapter 3, Sec. 3.10.1 Elective Officers and Sec. 3.10.3 Nominations, found on pages 42 and 43 for guidance.

*Fraternally,
Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan Jr., PGM, Grand Secretary*



The award goes to Bro. Ron!!

At the District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting in Buckley on September 13, Grand Master Frank Wilson presented a Community Service Award to Past Grand Master Ronald D. Hanson. The award, from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was for "Working Together in the Community Creating a Knowledgeable Awareness of Odd Fellowship." Congratulations to Brother Ron.

From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

EXTEND YOUR HANDS IN FRIENDSHIP

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this column, the days of summer are growing short and fall is in the air. Welcome back from your summer break.

Fall is the time for District Meetings and receptions. I would like to thank all my Sisters, Brothers, friends and family who attended my reception.



My summer was busy. I spent eight days in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the IARA meeting. I served on the Community Service Committee. Reports that the committee reviewed were varied. Many lodges reported donating shoes, clothing, money, and food to various agencies that help those people in need. Fund-raisers were held to provide care packages for our service men and women, to purchase emergency equipment, to pay utility bills, and to buy books for a free book exchange. These projects made a difference in each of their communities and were a great way to let others know what Odd Fellowship is all about. My time in Winnipeg was a time of learning, making new friendships, and having fun.

Washington received the Bronze Award in appreciation of our commitment to the Arthritis fund. I will have many certificates to present as I make my visitations.

IARA President Marilyn Wilson gave her program. Her theme is Friendship and love. "Love is friendship caught on fire." Her emblem is an angel, and her motto is, "Extending the hand of friendship, together we will succeed."

Extend your hands in friendship and invite someone join our Order. Please share your ideas on how you are increasing your membership and what is working in your lodge to keep your members interested in the Rebekahs. Don't forget to send the names of your new members and their sponsors to me for my contest. My lodge Sisters and Brother are asked to bring a prospective member to our next social meeting. Now it is time to roll up our sleeves and get work.

Just for thought: "Gardening requires lots of water — most of it in the form of perspiration."

OCTOBER VISITATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 1	Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31, Orting
Thursday, October 2	South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, Tacoma
Monday, October 6	Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn
Tuesday, October 7	Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313, Long Beach
Wednesday, October 8	Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, Olympia
Thursday, October 9	Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144, Bucoda
Tuesday, October 14	Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11, Port Townsend
Tuesday, October 28	Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54, Bothell

NOVEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 5	Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289, Des Moines
Monday, November 10	Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano
Wednesday, November 12	Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326, Winlock
Wednesday, November 19	Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor
Tuesday, November 25	Eola Rebekah Lodge #63, Buckley

*As always in Friendship, Love and Truth,
Jennie Reed, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters. We are still having our summer weather. We have had our air conditioners and fans on.

We are still meeting at our lodge hall. We received an award from the Assembly President for our Secretary, Sister Lorene Swedberg for preparing a perfect Annual Report. She had a perfect score for several years. Our congratulations and thanks go to her.

We were saddened to hear the news

of the death of our Sister Emma Utz. She was a longtime member. We will drape our Charter in her memory at our next meeting. Emma was 96-years-old.

At our first meeting after our summer break, we had a potluck supper. We enjoyed getting together again.

Until next time, take care and may God bless.

*In F., L. & T.,
Grace Wilson, PNG and Reporter*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

IT'S DISTRICT MEETING TIME

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope your lodge has gotten off to a good start after taking the summer off. District Meetings are starting and I hope you are attending as many as possible. They are very informative and one can always learn something new.



By the time you read this column you will have received your fall Per Capita Dues Statement. I urge whoever is taking care of this to read the note at the bottom of the statement to your lodge. There is no changing these dues and so we must be wise enough to devise ways to pay them. Ask your Representative about the "Love Fund" that the IARA Treasurer spoke about at the Assembly. Also, please think about those in your group who may be short of funds and to whom these dues are a hardship. If you pool your resources, I am sure something could be worked out so it is not a hardship for anyone. Our Order stands for Friendship, Love and Truth — and we really need to practice it.

DO YOUR BY-LAWS NEED UPDATING?

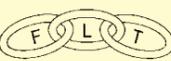
It is very important that you look to see when your By-Laws were last updated. This should be done every five years, yet I have found, when receiving an inquiry from a Lodge, that some have not been done for 10 or more years. Times change and our By-Laws must change with them. By-Laws should specifically designate the time and date of the meeting, fees required for admission, amount of dues and any regulations necessary for the proper government of lodge business not inconsistent with the Rebekah Assembly and Grand Lodge. A copy of the By-Laws should be presented to each member and to each candidate at initiation.

• **Amendments to the By-Laws.** An amendment requires written notice of motion and three readings before being acted upon. All amendments should specify the section or clause to be amended, with the words to be struck out or inserted, and the section should be given in full as it would read when so amended. All members must be given the opportunity to be present and vote on the change. Three copies of the Amendments are to be sent to the Vice President for approval. She, in turn, will sign and return one copy to your lodge and one copy to the Assembly Secretary. At the Assembly Session these By-Laws will be sent to Grand Lodge for approval. Samples are available from the Assembly Office on request.

LET'S ALL BE KINDER

I have read two things lately which impressed me deeply. One of them I received by e-mail and it says, "Be kinder than necessary as everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle." The other from Nelson Mandela says, "Wounds that can't be seen are more painful than those that can be seen and cured by a doctor." So my point is, we should be kinder and more forgiving and count our friends as the blessing that they are.

*With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
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In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

Happy fall everyone. We hope everyone who attended our Sessions in Kelso last June had a good time. We appreciate the support from all the adults who did attend. We were very grateful to have our member and Jr. PP of the Theta Rho Assembly Florence Frogge' fill in for us as President Pro-Tem. Florence was very busy with graduation and her job, but accepted the job again at the last minute and went right to work on planning our Sessions. Everything went smoothly and we are so grateful to have her in our Assembly and as one of our own club members.

Our own Club President Ceara Dempsey was installed as Theta Rho Assembly Secretary, so we are all excited for her and hope she will move on and become President someday. Ceara is a very active, dependable member of our club, so we know she will be a great Assembly officer. The rest of our members are all appointed officers and we are just as equally proud of everyone of them.

Over the summer we attended Assembly President Cassidy Feist's reception and retreat. The reception was very nice and the retreat was a lot of fun. We went bowling and had a sleepover in the Rebekah hall in Montesano. We wish more of the other clubs would have come to the retreat, but it was a busy weekend for everyone.

We are all back in school now and having our meetings again. Community service is the biggest item on our agenda this year, along with recruiting new members. Its so important to remember that we are about service and it is very important to us to let the community know that we exist. We are planning another open house. We have done this in the past where we invite prospective members and each Theta Rho girl talks about what Theta Rho means to her and what it has done for her in her life. We show them our scrapbooks so they can see what we have done in the club and serve refreshments. This has been a successful way for us to recruit new members and let them know all about the Order and what we stand for.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month and would love to have anyone in the Order visit us, especially the Assembly officers — both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs — if their busy schedules allow. Our meetings are formal, but we do dress casual. If you would like to visit, please let our advisor know ahead of time in case there are any changes in scheduling, etc.

Once again, thank you to everyone who gives us your support and friendship. Its very nice to know that we are an important part of the Order and that you care.

*In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Spunky Bluebirds TRC #93*

In Goldendale

Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22

Time flies and fall is already upon us! My goodness, where did the summer go?

We did hold our Annual Summer Picnic in Glen and Pat Benjamin's back yard and were pleasantly surprised when Art and Elnora Winterstein joined us. They are currently living in Selah which is nearer their daughter's home.

We also participated in the Goldendale Community Days by furnishing breakfast from 7-11 a.m., then serving hot dogs the rest of the day until about 5 p.m. As any of you who have worked something of this nature know, there is a lot of work that goes into it, but it was a lot of fun when our time for work was finished! There were a number of people whom we hadn't seen for ages — at least a year — to talk to.

I guess that takes care of most of our summer news. September was back-to-lodge month and we didn't have anything special planned. However, October is another story. October will be a very busy month for us. On Saturday, October 4, Leah will host our District Association #15 Meeting. The theme is "Fall is Here."

On October 18, Leah will have its Friendship Tea beginning at 11 a.m. with sandwiches and tea (or coffee if you prefer) and a dessert being served at noon. We would love to see several

people here. When you come, please be sure to wear a hat — there will be prizes for the "Most Unique," "Cutest," "Oldest" and I'm not sure what else.

Our Odd Fellows have participated in our summer activities and are planning to have a Degree Day on Saturday, October 25.

We will initiate two new members on Monday, October 13. They are the wives of two of our Odd Fellows. We put on the Second and Third Degrees in September for five of our newer members. As you can see, we are busy and are getting new members, too!

On September 13, DDGM Mike House, PGM Ernie House and Mavis House drove to Buckley for the District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting. They then stayed overnight and went to the East/West picnic at Lake Easton the next day. There was lots of fun. If you have never gone, you really should do so!

I am sorry I didn't have an article in the September newspaper. Very honestly I totally forgot to write it. I guess I was too busy with family.

I will close for this time and leave you with this thought — "Most rush jobs are due to postponed thinking!" Take care and may God bless.

*In F. L. & T.,
Mavis House,
Reporter*



Olympia I.O.O.F. Lodge #1
Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17
Alpha Encampment #1
Alpha Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #1
Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant #20

~ and ~

Olympia Canton #20
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**Frank L. Wilson
Grand Master**

Grand Lodge of Washington

Saturday, October 25, 2008

1:00 To 4:00 P.M.

Olympia 1st Baptist Church

904 Washington St. SE, Olympia

*For Directions, Call Loletta At The
Grand Lodge of Washington - 1-800-345-1766*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

First we would like to tell you how happy we were to once again receive the Irene Meigs Community Service Award at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. What a surprise! We are so proud to bring this honor to our jurisdiction. After our first meeting in September our Advisor planned a little celebration for us and presented us with the plaque.

We were very sorry that none of our members were able to attend the reception for TRA President Cassidy Feist, but we wish her well in her term as President.

Allison Stewart, our President, presented and retired the flag for Grand Matriarch Judy Inman's reception.

We will be making the name tags and nut cups again for the meeting of Rebekah Association #10.

We are planning our annual Halloween party to which we invite prospective members. We will once again be going that night on our scavenger hunt for items for our local food bank. Then we will have pizza. Afterwards the Noble Grand of our sponsoring lodge is planning a pumpkin painting party for the Rebekahs, Theta Rhos and their guests. The event will be held that night at the hall with prizes. We are looking forward to meeting with our Sister Rebekahs in this activity.

We are hoping that some of our members will be able to make it to the Flight Museum outing again this year. We really had a good time last year and thank the JJYC for organizing this again for us.

Until next month, be careful and don't let the ghosts and goblins scare you on Halloween.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

Thanks from Ann's family

The family of Ann Shaw, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington, would like to thank all of the friends and members of the Order for their sympathies and kind thoughts following the death of Ann. She will be missed by many.

We would also like to thank those Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who attended the celebration of Ann's life at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. We especially want to thank the staff and aides of the Home who took such excellent care of our parents, Ann and Clarence Shaw, over the years and became part of our surrogate family. They are outstanding people.

— Judy Voelker, Roger Shaw and Pauline Heiser

From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

A GREAT RECEPTION FOR CASSIDY

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,

The first reception I had pleasure of attending was for the President of Theta Rho Assembly in Montesano. Cassidy Feist will have a fun-filled year of traveling club to club. The Sylvania IOOF hall was filled and the food the Rebekahs put on was yummy. On the way home from Montesano, I was informed of a medical emergency in my family. This kept me from attending Jennie Reed's Reception in McCleary. I was looking forward to attending as my father lived in a quonset hut there during his service in World War II.



*In Faith, Hope and Charity,
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Game Day at Hillyard

On September 13, Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145 in Spokane hosted its first game day. Seven people attended. Above, front row from left, are: June Loder and Selma Lindor. In the back row from left are: Kathy Loder, Sandra Moon, Elmer Lindor and Tim Moon. We had manicotti, corn, French bread, potato chips with ranch dip, corn chips with salsa, and truffles. We played Bingo (I didn't know there were so many ways to play) and the experienced players explained the games to the newbies. Tim was the caller and he did an excellent job. Thank you Tim. Prizes were plants, friendship bread (including a starter batch), cups with tea, truffles, tickets to the Spokane Fair, baseball caps and a scarecrow. Our next game day will be Saturday, October 11 starting at 1 p.m. in the Spokane Temple, 1420 North Washington. Then the games will go on a winter break and start up again the second Saturday in March.

— In F., L. & T., Linda Bradley, Secretary

Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276 and Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246

The Grandview Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have lost another member. PG Paul Hill was the last active member of the Prosser Odd Fellow Lodge and had also served as Noble Grand of Pearl Rebekah Lodge of Prosser.

Jenene Munson, our Treasurer, fell and damaged her pelvic bone again.

Our "Break the Bank" has raised a small sum for our treasury so far. Next is a "Fine" project and a table at the Grandview Senior Center.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in

others."

— Plato

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

A husband was helping his wife by doing the vacuuming. The doorbell rang and a neighbor was standing at the door. The husband turned off the vacuum cleaner and said, "I was just cleaning." The neighbor looked relieved. "That's alright," he said, and handing the husband a white paper bag, he added, "I'm delivering Avon."

In F., L. & T.,
Val DeVall, Reporter

District #10 meets October 11

District Association #10 will meet on Saturday, October 11 at the IOOF Park on Camano Island. Peace Rebekah Lodge #336 will be the hostess lodge.

There will be lunch at 11 a.m. and our meeting starts at noon. Blossom Phillips is the District Association #10 President.



21 receive Degrees!

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 conducted its Annual Degree Day on September 20. A total of 21 new members worked their way through all of the Degrees. Participating were five members from Olympia Lodge #1 and 16 members from Golden Rule Lodge #207 in Napavine. Members from Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 prepared a wonderful stew lunch including dessert which was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks George Johnson, Degree Team and our Sisters from Ruth #17 for making this day a wonderful event.

— In F., L. & T., Joe Picano

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Both the Olympia Odd Fellow Lodge and Ruth Rebekah Lodge had a busy summer. All the news is as follows:

Our annual Sea Food/Picnic was presented at Puget Beach Park on August 23. The committee presented an outstanding dinner. They served oysters, shrimp, salmon (caught by Brother Herb Turner), salads and a large cake. The annual Clam Chowder cook-off was won by Randy Trotter by one vote. I wonder who Randy voted for. The food was excellent, well-prepared and devoured by 83 Brothers, Sisters and guests. Thanks again to Tom, Ward, Bob and Randy. If I missed anyone, I am sorry. The Park Board deeply appreciates your clean-up on short notice as a wedding was booked for the following day. It was pretty hectic late in the afternoon. Thanks clean-up crew and all who assisted.

Our Noble Grand PJ led several members to the Little Red School House program that distributes clothing, shoes, school supplies and back packs to the needy. We spent a total of 60 man hours in two days. This is a well-organized charity and they really appreciated our help in breaking down clothes racks, loading and unloading trucks.

Our annual Summer Food Program was over August 27. It was very successful. Mary and Gary Kitsch ran a well-organized and fun program. Our lodge thanks all the four teams of volunteers for giving their time to this event. Sixty plus children were given food. I estimate the cost at approximately \$4,500. This is money well spent.

The Park Board has received numerous compliments on the new handicap bathroom. It has been well-received and used. The park has had a

very successful year in booking events, picnics, reunions and weddings. As lodge members, you receive a discount when booking an event. The park is in excellent shape.

Our cemetery is doing well. Frank, Roger and the board purchased a fertilizer spreader and are booking lots of activities.

The Thurston Building has all the rentals booked up. George and crew are doing a great job in keeping the rentals booked.

Saturday, October 25 is Grand Master Frank Wilson's reception at the Baptist Church on 7th and Washington in Olympia. Let's have a strong Olympia Odd Fellows turnout for our lodge Brother.

Nominations for your lodge officers will be coming up in October. We nominate for Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, plus one member each for the Parks, Cemetery and Building Boards and Trustee. Member nominated must be present. The new officers will lead our Lodge for the 2009 year. Now is the time to step up and become an officer and leader.

Dues are due the end of the calendar year. Dues are still \$40 per year. Why wait? Send Bob your check.

Our Noble Grand PJ is asking all lodge members to nominate in writing a fellow Brother or Sister to receive the prestigious Odd Fellow of the Year Jewel. Please submit your nominees to the Vice Grand or the Chaplain before the end of the year. Past winners have been Tom Day and George Johnson. Whoever wins will be in great company.

The most expensive vehicle per mile is the shopping cart.

In F., L. & T.,
Stuart Carlson, VG & Reporter



PG Greg Powers was one of the many musicians who performed at Ballard/Alki's Oddfest. The crowd was small, but everyone enjoyed the music.

In Seattle

Ballard/Alki IOOF Lodge #170

Greeting from beautiful Ballard. This summer we sent horn player, Brother Maxwell Burdick off to the Navy Band. He is going through basic training now, then off to Navy Music School after that. Max has been very active in our lodge. He remains excited to stay in the Order and will be an asset to any lodge where he is posted. Currently, the bands are posted to Naval stations, not Admirals or ships. He is hoping for Venice or Japan, but it might be Bremerton. Let's pray it's not Diego Garcia.

Also, Sister Evelyn Kemp has left us to be with her family in the mid-west. Thank you Evelyn for your years of service to the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows in Seattle.

Our first annual Oddfest was a great success. Brothers from three lodges came together to make it happen. Unfortunately, we scheduled for the same day as the Olympia salmon feed and the Seattle Firemen's Relief Fund had a pipe band/pork barbeque four doors down. The music was great, the dancers were small in number, but ardent in step and we raised a few coppers for the SOS Children's Fund. Noble Grand Katie Gray manned the door and spoke to many passersby about Odd Fellowship and the SOS Children's Fund. At the end of the day, she said, "Now I know how a Scientologist feels." Thanks to Brothers Clark, Bill, Matt, Toby, Sean, Kate, Dana, Lance, Dave and Bob, as well as numerous friends for their music and help in pulling off this event. Oddfest II will be bigger and better.

This year continues to be full of illness for our Brothers and their families. Cancer, infections, stroke and end of life issues have plagued the Brothers. In the bittersweet category, a brass quintet from the Grand Band performed at Bayview Manor for the residents of the health center (who require full-time care). This included Brother Powers' mother who has been laid low by a stroke. There is no more appreciative audience in the world and mom was proud.

On Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m., we will be hosting a costume party. There will be music, dancing and a pumpkin carving contest (BYOP). As always, it's a potluck. There will be prizes for best costume and best pumpkins. Please come and join us for scary fun.

Upcoming on November 29 at 11 a.m. is our Cribbage Tournament and left over cook-off.

— Yours in F, L. & T., Greg Powers, PG

Happy Halloween!

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

There were 18 in attendance on September 2 at our first fall meeting. We had a short business meeting, followed by banana split treats made to order by Noble Grand Barbara Lechner. She was assisted by Sisters Rose Ringhoffer and Barbara Tvrz. Everyone participated in and enjoyed the short game that we played and several were awarded prizes. It was a fun gathering following the long, hot summer.

Aramae Buckingham read and the group accepted a condolence in memory of PNG Viola Palmer who originally joined All States Lodge in 1947. After settling in Walla Walla, she transferred her membership to Narcissa Lodge in 2004.

Elsie Wells gave an interesting report on Rebekah Assembly and the group voted to accept it. Elsie was especially pleased to be accompanied by her daughter, Judy Zohner.

We received notes thanking us for our monetary contributions for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day flowers at the Home and for our generous donations to the Pantry Shelf during the recent months.

Raffle tickets have been on sale for our fall fund-raiser. The winner received a \$125 Safeway gift certificate. The drawing took place September 16.

Our District Meeting is scheduled to take place at the IOOF Home in Walla Walla on Saturday, October 18 with Narcissa Lodge serving as hostess.

Our annual Homecoming Dinner with Enterprise and Bee Hive Lodges will be held on Thursday, October 30 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles dining hall at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Walla Walla. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:30 p.m. social hour.

At our next couple of meetings we are planning to get a C.A.R.E. package ready to send to Jeanine Griffins's grandson who is serving in Iraq.

A party was held on Saturday, September 6 at the Clinton Street Picnic Shelter in celebration of Jeannette Oswald's 90th birthday (September 7th). **Congratulations and happy birthday, Jeannette!**

In F, L. & T.,
Nancy Klicker, Reporter



Longview initiates seven

Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 had the Past Noble Grands Drill Team give the Initiatory Degree to seven new members recently. They were Pearl West, Patricia Boney, Cynthia Washington, Wanda McBee, Angel Burr, Roy Burr and Sally Wall. In the lower photo is our PNG Drill team and don't they look great. We had our potluck and then our initiation, followed by our meeting. We welcomed our new members with their own Rituals and also Betty Weldon gave them a copy of our members' names and addresses. We could see the excitement in their eyes when they saw all of the great work that our team does. In our meeting we gave the honors to Betty Weldon, District Deputy President. Also we made a donation to Hospice in the name of George Weldon, our very cherished Rebekah Treasurer. If any of you get a chance to come and see the PNG Drill Team do their presentation, you will learn so much. They look so beautiful in their white gowns.

— Mary A. Dunivan

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

I can't believe fall is upon us. The leaves are turning pretty colors, our gardens are now ready for harvest and the grandkids are back in school.

Our NG Rosalie Davis called our first meeting to order on September 4. It's back to the grindstone.

Thank you to our local lodges for the pretty sympathy cards we received following the loss of our dear Sister Genie Young.

On September 6, our NG Rosalie traveled to Longview Rebekah Lodge for their initiation. They took in seven new members and there are more to come. I wish we all could do that.

Rosalie also traveled to McCleary on September 7 for Jennie Reed's Reception. She said it was very nice. We are looking forward to Jennie's

visit.

Following our meeting, members held a memorial service for Genie Young and Ellamae Rupp, Past Rebekah Assembly President. Genie was a one-time Noble Grand and our current Right Supporter to the Vice Grand. She joined our lodge in November of 1985. She was a dedicated and loving Sister who was always ready to go. It's hard to believe she was 98-years-old because she remained so active and alert.

Following our meeting, members enjoyed an informal sack luncheon with Dixie Cups for dessert.

Until next time. . .

In F, L. & T.,
Cookie Music,
PNG & Reporter

Common myths about wills

37 things people 'know' about wills that aren't really true!

Why don't people make adequate estate plans? In this article we will examine a number of "common sense" ideas and opinions about wills and other estate plans that are often wrong. I hope you find this information helpful as you plan for your future financial well-being and that of your loved ones.

Only people with children and others who depend on them need wills.

Wrong! Even people with no dependents need wills if they want to determine who eventually receives their property.



By JOHN PAULSON
Director of Development
Odd Fellows Home

Only wealthy people need wills. **Wrong!** If you have any assets at all, you will need a will, even if your estate is modest, your heirs few and your wishes simple.

Only people with troublesome relatives need wills.

Wrong! In the absence of a will, even family members with the best intentions can be confused as to what your wishes may have been.

When people die without wills, the law usually distributes their property in about the same way they would have. **Wrong!** The law distributes property according to rigid rules. Spouses and children sometimes receive equal amounts regardless of need and no provision is made for distributions to friends or charitable interests.

Couples who hold their property jointly with the right of survivorship don't need wills. **Wrong!** Although joint survivorship can be sensible and help reduce the expense and delay of probate, both spouses will typically still

need wills to distribute property that is not jointly owned.

Only the wealthy or people without close relatives leave a substantial bequests to charitable organizations. **Wrong!** More and more people with modest estates are discovering that they can make meaningful gifts to favorite charities through their estates and still provide generously for family and other loved ones.

The laws on wills are pretty much alike throughout the United States.

Wrong! Laws that govern estate settlements can vary greatly from state to state. When you move to another state you should always carefully review your will with the assistance of an attorney in that state.

A will is the only method for disposing of property after death. **Wrong!** There are a number of ways to transfer property at the end of your lifetime. You might create a trust with instructions for disposition of your property. Another option is to title homes and certain other property jointly. Life insurance and retirement plans are typically distributed through beneficiary designations.

The law makes no distinction between real estate and other property.

Wrong! The law often differentiates sharply between the two. In some cases, a will that distributes land must be valid in the state where the land is located, while the will distributing other property need only be valid in the state where the person lives.

A person must be of a "sound mind and disposing memory" to make a valid will. **Wrong!** Courts will honor wills made by persons with failing faculties so long as it is clear they had sufficient mental capacity to understand what they were doing for whom at the time they executed the will.

Any person who has a good memory and is intelligent can make a valid will. **Wrong!** Not if a person is not of legal age, or if mental illness has rendered him or her incapable of making sound judgments.

A will made by a person who is mentally and physically sound is valid regardless of content. **Wrong!** Not if, in making a will, he or she is defrauded or is subject to what the law refers to as "undue influence" by another.

You have to be at least 21 years old to make a valid will. **Wrong!** Most states set 18 as the minimum age.

A person cannot totally disinherit a spouse without just cause. **Wrong!** It can be done. The surviving spouse may, in some states, file a claim for a "marital share" — a minimum amount guaranteed the spouse under state law.

One spouse always has the same rights to the other spouse's estate.

Wrong! In some states, rights will vary depending on a number of factors, including whether property was acquired before or after a marriage.

Once a will is made, nothing can change it except a new will. **Wrong!** A will may be changed in several ways. A marriage, divorce or birth of a child subsequent to the making of a valid will may automatically grant or take away inheritance rights to or from a spouse or others. A codicil (amendment) added to your will can also alter its provisions.

Children are excluded from an inheritance if they are not mentioned by name in the will. **Wrong!** In most states, a child born after the date of the will receives what he or she would have inherited under state law if there had been a will.

Witnesses must sign the will in the presence of the testator, but not in the presence of each other. **Wrong!** In most states, witnesses must also sign in the presence of each other and they must be aware that they are witnessing a person's last will and testament.

Witnesses must be told the contents of the will. **Wrong!** This is not required.

Witnesses must be at least age 21. **Wrong!** Anyone can be a witness who is "credible" and "competent," including children old enough to understand what is transpiring, although some states impose a minimum age.

It doesn't matter whether or not witnesses are also beneficiaries of the will. **Wrong!** An attesting witness who is also a beneficiary may be ineligible to receive a legacy, unless there are enough other witnesses to validate the will without that witness.

A will is the most effective way to leave life insurance proceeds and assets held in qualified retirement plans. **Wrong!** Usually the proceeds of a life insurance policy or the remainder of retirement plans are distributed according to the terms of the beneficiary designation forms.

A handwritten will, unwitnessed, cannot be valid. **Wrong!** In some states, such wills are valid when the testator's handwriting is generally known by friends and associates and can be identified by them.

Oral wills are never valid. **Wrong!** Such wills can sometimes be valid, but only under certain conditions such as if the person is dying or is in the military on active duty during a war. A state may require that such a will be made before three competent witnesses, one of whom puts it in writing soon after it is made.

An oral will can always revoke a written will. **Wrong!** In most states, an oral will can never revoke a written one.

Because most people have estates smaller than amounts subject to state and federal taxes, it is a waste of time to consider planning to minimize these taxes. **Wrong!** Even though the amount that can be left to heirs free of federal gift and estate taxes is significant, the total value of your home, savings and other assets may now be higher than you suspect.

All property of a married person receives the benefit of the marital deduction. **Wrong!** Only property left directly to a spouse in a properly drafted trust will qualify for the tax-free transfer.

Non-profit organizations named as beneficiaries in wills need only be identified by their popular, generally accepted names. **Wrong!** They should be identified by their exact corporate, legal names and addresses.

Common Myths About Wills by John Paulson will continue in the next edition of The Washington OddFellow.



A tribute to George

On Thursday, September 18, members of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 and Grand Officers of the State of Washington got together and draped the Charter for former Odd Fellow George Weldon. What a day it was! The group went to the Panda Restaurant in Longview for a meal hosted by Cowlitz Lodge #66 and then returned to the lodge for a meeting and ceremony to drape the Charter. Desert was served as well as fruit trays. What a great tribute to our Odd Fellow Brother George Weldon. Thanks to everyone who came.

— Mary A. Dunivan

Tempest Rebekahs #114 - Wenatchee And Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

This has been a fairly busy summer for our lodge. We ended our meetings in June with a potluck salad dinner and, as usual, our cooks outdid themselves.

In August we met on the 14th for a planning meeting for our rest stop at Nason Creek Camp Grounds near Leavenworth. The rest stop on August 22-24 was interesting. It was a lot of work, but worthwhile. Several of our members worked the various shifts and met lots of different travelers.

On August 16 our lodge members were invited to Sister Barbara Pittman's Lake Chelan summer cabin. It was a really nice day and the members who journeyed up spent an

enjoyable time visiting and watching the children play in the water.

We have been saddened by the passing of Sister Harrietta Zachary of Chelan. A memorial service was held for family and friends. Sister Harrietta was a 61-year member of our lodge and will be missed.

Our fall term started on September 11 with a potluck. We have been looking forward to seeing our Sisters and Brothers. Any Rebekah in our area is welcomed to our meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

*In F., L. & T.,
Barbara Pittman,
Reporter*

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Greetings Rebekah Sisters,

As I write this, the sun is pulsating in a cloudless azure sky, glistening off the waters in a multitude of swimming pools and coaxing half ripe vegetables to mature. Weary vacationers head for home all tanned and sporting shorts and tank tops. One would hardly think summer is drawing to a close and autumn is about to whisper hello.

What a summer it has been for the Rebekah Sisters of Trinity #179 in Napavine. Alberta Luurs joined Cookie Music at Assembly where they had an opportunity to take part in the festivities. Thank you, Sisters, for so graciously representing Trinity #179.

Another big thank you goes out to the Sisters who worked so diligently preparing savory meals for the Seattle-to-Portland (STP) bikers and the attendees of Funtime Days. Their hard work and devotion are appreciat-

ed beyond words. The mouth watering taste and succulent aromas entice our patrons to keep coming back for more.

The theme of the first September meeting was "Back-to-School," followed by a brown bag lunch. We are anxious to get back into the swing of things after the summer break. We look forward to enjoying the District Meeting in October and the opportunity to prepare more delicious meals for the upcoming bazaar in November.

As I write this, the geese are already migrating south with their squawking and honking echoing across the sky. Pumpkins are turning a bright orange as leaves turn from green to yellow to brown and drift lazily to earth. Summer is whispering goodbye.

*In F., L. & T.,
Debbie Lee, Reporter*

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our first fall meeting came after this article was sent in, so most of our news will be next month.

Our NG Carolyn Turner has been very busy all summer. She put many miles on her car, but she and her husband Bill still made time to have a big garden. They have been sharing all their produce with the Pe Ell seniors. They have been doing that for at least two years. It is really appreciated.

A few weeks after Buelah Crocker passed away, her 98-year-old sister Zelma died. Our sympathies go to Sister Marian Moon, the last of the "Turner Girls."

Corky and Warren Walker have a new great-granddaughter. She is up to two pounds and doing quite well. Our best to the family.

Jerry Bierdeman is doing well in her "re-opened book store." The only thing is she won't be able to come to

lodge much.

We are planning a fun day for the Halloween meeting. Come and check us out. We might surprise you. We might even have another "Surprise Prize Bingo."

"You know you're grown up when you appreciate your ability to have a good laugh — as well as a good cry."

— From Redbook

"In America, anyone can become President. That's one of the risks you take."

— Adlai Stevenson

Pastor Barbara Firoved from Waterville has been assigned to the Methodist Church here in Pe Ell until next June. She is a retired Postmaster from there.

More next month. . .

With love to all.

*In F., L. & T., Luellyn Ainsworth,
PNG, Chaplain and Reporter*

Lodge Cards will return

Because of the large volume of material this month for *The Washington OddFellow*, the Lodge Cards usually printed on page 8 have been left out. They will return as soon as possible. Your Lodge Card will be extended for the time it was left out.

Fall 2008 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING ~ November 7, 8 & 9, 2008 ~

Holiday Inn Wilsonville
25425 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville, OR 97070
Ph: 503-682-2211 • Fax: 503-682-5596
Take Exit 286 From I-5

Room Rates:

Single \$79.00 ~ Doubles \$89.00

Add \$10.00 for each additional person

The Room Rates Include Breakfast Each Day.

The Military Department Meeting will be at Samaritan Lodge Hall in Milwaukie, Oregon and the registration includes a luncheon that will be provided. Please register early so that we can get an approximate head count for the luncheon.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Title _____ Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

PRE-REGISTRATION:

Military Dept. Registration _____ @ \$8 each US \$ _____

Northwest Registration _____ @ \$15 each US \$ _____

SATURDAY EVENING BUFFET BANQUET

_____ @ \$32.00 US \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Funds) \$ _____

The cut-off date for the contracted room rate is October 25, 2008. Please register before the cut-off date as the hotel is under new management. Room registration should be made directly with the hotel. Registration for the Military Department Meeting and the Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association should be made with the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Oregon and mail them to: 3202 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland, OR 97202.

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

We hope you have been enjoying a nice Indian Summer like we have.

Our "cooler" raffle was such a success that we have decided to put together a holiday basket and raffle it off just before Christmas. To those members of our lodge who do not make it to the meetings, if you would like to donate to this basket please contact one of us and we will be glad to pick up whatever you would like to put in the basket.

We are hoping to have our "Rent-A-Table" Bazaar again this year the first weekend in November, but we have not had much response from our usual vendors, so that is pending.

Sister Mary Stewart, our VG, and her daughter Allison, President of our Theta Rho Club, have been working on cleaning and painting the parking curbs in our hall parking lot. Thanks to these ladies it is much easier to see them so we don't fall over them.

Our District Meeting will be at the IOOF Park on Saturday, October 11 with Peace as the hostess lodge. However, our lodge has offered to help them with the luncheon, so we

are busy planning our part.

Our NG has planned another fun night for the fifth Wednesday of the month. On October 29, the Rebekahs and Theta Rhos and their guests will meet at the hall to paint and decorate pumpkins. She has prizes and certificates, so we hope everyone will come and have a good time. The fun will start at 7 p.m. We always invite prospective members to these functions so they can see the social aspects of our Order and we can also share our other activities with them so they know what our organization is about.

Our Sister Mary Maylor passed away and the Rebekahs assisted with her memorial service. She was a member for 56 years and will be missed.

To those of you who have been unable to attend, we think of you all and hope that we will see you back at meetings soon.

Have fun treating all the little goblins that come to visit you.

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
PPRA & Reporter*

*Watch For Those Little
Ghosts and Goblins!!!*