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PGM Ward W. Martin passes away at age 85

Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patriarch Ward Wayland Martin passed away on July 24, 2009, surrounded by his family. Brother Ward was born June 15, 1924 in Redmond.



PGM WARD W. MARTIN

Brother Ward served as Grand Master during year 1998-1999, presiding at the 1999 Session of the Grand Lodge of Washington. He joined Redmond Lodge #325 on January 26, 1946 and became a Past Grand of that lodge on June 30, 1948. Ward also was a member of Mt. Si Canton #36 as well as the Encampment. He presided over the 2004-05 Session of the Grand Encampment as Grand Patriarch.

He was a life-long resident of Redmond and graduated from Redmond High School. Ward served in the Navy during World War II on the USS Franklin. Ward was an avid sports fan, player and coach.

He is survived by his brother Daryl; children Mike Martin, Cecilia Marx, John (Tracy) Marx, Cathy (Ed) Carter, Chris (Jael) Marx, and Jeff Marx; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 31 years Catherine;

his parents; brother Ian; and sister Ruvell.

Funeral mass was held for him on Thursday July 30, 2009 at St. Jude Parish in Redmond. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society, 728 - 134th St. SW, Suite 101, Everett, WA 98204.

The Grand Lodge of Washington requests that your lodge drape its Charter for a period of 30 days in his memory.

East/West Picnic

It's picnic time at Lake Easton Sunday, Sept. 13

East-West picnic time is nearing. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, 2009 and make plans to be there for fun, food and fellowship.

The picnic will again be held at Lake Easton State Park. The location is one mile west of the town of Easton just off Interstate 90. The park covers 516 acres and has 24,000 feet of shoreline on the Easton Reservoir and 2,000 feet on the Yakima River. There are 37 miles of hiking trails and nearly 135 campsites. Overnight camping is available in addition to the daytime picnic area. Bring your family members and friends for a day of sharing time.

We will have a pot luck lunch around noon. Drinks, plates and eating utensils will be provided. This event is for all members of the Order in our jurisdiction, not just one or two units. Let's get together for visiting, games and fun.

— Karen Hoylman, East-West Picnic Secretary

Thanks for the glasses; more donations needed

The Washington Odd Fellow and Rebekah Visual Aid Committee had a work party in the Grand Lodge office on July 19. Those in attendance were Margaret Truttman, Loletta McCormick and Margaret's friend, Russ.

Many glasses and cases were collected at Grand Lodge. Special thanks go out to those lodges who collected so many. After sorting and counting, the following were turned in by Loletta: 812 pairs of glasses, 109 pairs of sunglasses and 344 cases.

Requests are coming in to the Grand Lodge for assistance, so we hope the lodges will keep up the good work of donating to the Visual Aid Fund. Each little bit helps, whether it is \$10 or \$100.

Again, thanks to all of you who participate in this wonderful program that helps so many children in need.

— Loletta McCormick, Secretary, Visual Aid Committee

PPRA Doris Wigglesworth passes June 19 in Puyallup

Doris Ryan Wigglesworth, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, passed away June 19, 2009 in Puyallup. She was 79. Sister Doris has been a Rebekah since 1955, most recently a member of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley.

She is a Past Noble Grand, having served several times in Buckley and other lodges. She is a Past President of Rebekah District Association #26. She served as Rebekah Assembly President in 1983-84 at which time there were 160 lodges in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

She was a member of the Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15 and a Past Chief Matriarch. She also is a Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA, having served in the 2004-2005 term. She was a member of the Olympia Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant #20 in Olympia and is a Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, having served in that capacity in British Columbia.

Doris was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodges in Buckley and Fall City.

Doris was born December 3, 1929 in Cody, WY to Oliver Waldo and Bernice (Jones) Armstrong.

Doris was very active in community organizations, including the Cascade Foothills Choral, Eagles, and local senior centers. She also played on two dart teams.

Memorial services were held in the Buckley Community Presbyterian Church. PPRA Karen Hoylman said at the service, "The golden chain has been broken. Our hearts are full of sadness. But as you can see, she was very dedicated to the Order."



PPRA DORIS WIGGLESWORTH

2009-2010 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

WARD MARTIN — A GENTLE GENTLEMAN

No individual can act as your Grand Master without coming into contact with some of the best men in the Jurisdiction of Washington as he goes from place to place. One such man was Brother Ward Martin, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and most importantly my Odd Fellow Brother and friend. Ward was a mentor to me and many others during his life. He encouraged me to go through the Grand Lodge chairs. As I did, he kept his word to me by providing his support and guidance. Ward accepted numerous lodge assignments throughout his life. At the time of his passing, he was serving as District Deputy Grand Master of District #18 and an Endowment Fund Trustee. Brother Ward not only believed in Friendship, Love and Truth, but lived those principles. If I were to characterize Brother Ward, I would say that he was a gentle gentleman.

I am continually reminded of the many unforeseen opportunities for service to our fraternal order that have been given me since that Degree Day in Olympia when I received the Initiatory, First, Second and Third Degrees much I have valued every step of the way that led me through the Grand Lodge chairs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE

No one will ever fully realize the depth of my appreciation for the confidence implied upon my re-election as your Grand Master for an additional term. It is my desire that the vast volume of correspondence which this office is becoming increasingly burdened; the research, thought and study that must be given to the affairs of our Jurisdiction, will slow down so I may visit more lodges.

My program will remain the same as last year with one exception which is my project. Since not many Vocational Technology scholarships are available, I have chosen this as my project; therefore all funds received at the Grand Lodge office for the Grand Masters project will be for this endeavor.

Undoubtedly it is the ambition of each Grand Master as he has taken that high office to see the lodges grow and prosper throughout the jurisdiction. The fall season of Odd Fellow activities is a good time to ask someone to join your lodge and assist you with your lodge projects.

When you receive your fraternal newspaper, I will have returned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session held in Santa Clara, California. If there are any changes affecting the way we do business in this jurisdiction, you will be appraised in future publications.

"Act Humbly, Love Completely and Live Differently."

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

Web site needs your photos

Do you have any photos you would like posted on the Grand Lodge of Washington's web site? We are looking for photos and a little explanation of any of your events. Please e-mail your photos to: webmaster@ioofwa.org or mail your prints to: Laurel Delony, 8703 Dolly Madison St. SW, Lakewood WA 98498. Thanks.

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Ward W. Martin**, PGM, 63 year member, Fall City IOOF Lodge #59.

• **Doris May Ryan Wigglesworth**, PPRA, 54 year member, Eola Rebekah Lodge #63, Buckley.

• **Avia Wilson**, 106 years old, member of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21, Centralia.

• **Anna Thompson**, PNG, 62 year member, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.

• **Bob Warrick**, 15 year member, Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, Bothell.

• **Ramona Young**, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.

• **H. Elaine Tinnin**, 54 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.

• **Carol Abrieras**, PNG, Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220, Washougal.

• **Guyida White**, PNG, 50 year member, Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241, Graham.

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

GRAND SESSIONS WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE

As I write this article I am also preparing for the trip to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions to be held August 14 through August 21 in Santa Clara, California.

Washington's Grand Lodge Sessions were very productive and many goods things were the result. Brother James Boyd, a 75-year member of Yakima Lodge #22, was in attendance at Sessions this year and it was with great pleasure to see him receive special recognition from the Sovereign Grand Lodge for his life-long support of Odd Fellowship and in particular the Order's youth programs. When Brother Paul J. Cuminale, DSGM and the visiting representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge to our Grand Lodge of Washington Sessions this year, selected and presented Brother "Jim" with a Certificate of Appreciation and the 2008-2009 Sovereign Grand Lodge Medallion.

Thank to all of the lodges who have already sent in the full amount of this years Per Capita Taxes.

This year's Sessions Journal of Proceedings have already been sent out for printing as well as the new Code page changes for the Washington Digest generated as a result of the legislative actions taken and passed by the Grand Lodge of Washington. We hope to get both items built, prepared, processed, packaged and in the mail in early September.

To those who have internet capability, please check out our Grand Lodge of Washington web site. look for it at: www.ioofwa.org. To those officers who find only their name and office listed and wish to have your additional data information appear, please fill out a web site release form and indicate the additional data you wish to have posted. To those who find any incorrect data regarding your lodge, please contact the Grand Secretary.

I hope all of you have enjoyed a good summer and now it is time for all to get back in the lodge hall to do the work of the Order following this summer's break.

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

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings, Sisters! Can you believe it? September is here and our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1. Are we ready? We will see all of you in good spirits at 1:30 p.m. with Jeanette Kelly as hostess.

Don't forget your goodies to turn in this fall. The goodies include pull tabs, things for filling the Baggies, and Campbell Soup labels to help the children in school.

It sure has been warm in July and August. Be sure to keep comfortable, whatever you do.

In June, we lost a Sister, Marlene Oenning. We remembered her by draping our Charter in her memory.

This summer we also lost Sister Laura Bell Kunz, who was formerly a Sister in Lotus Rebekah Lodge in Wilbur. She had transferred to Alkaziah Rebekah Lodge, but then retired when they disbanded. We will give her proper honors by drap-

ing our Charter when resume our meetings in September.

We have a member who turned 100 in June. We got a begonia plant for her from the lodge. Jeanette and Bob Kelley presented it to her. How wonderful to reach that milestone. Congratulations, Katie Eckhart.

We hope everyone is feeling in good shape even if the weather is a little on the warm side.

Sister Betty Roller was sick this spring and early summer. She is doing quite well even though she has to call on the senior bus once in a while. She needs to get out every now and then. Remember Sisters, we must help each other when we can.

Remember to come out for fun and visiting. We will see you then.

*In F., L. & T.,
Jeanette Kelley,
Reporter*

From your 2009 - 2010 Assembly President



PHYLLIS ROGERS

ARE YOU READY FOR A NEW REBEKAH YEAR?

Oh my gosh, where has the summer gone? It is time for my first letter to you, Sisters. There have been good times and not-so-good times, but we are on the road for 2009 through June 2010. I am ready! Are you? it is going to be very hard to live up to the Past Presidents as they have worked hard and accomplished so much.



I want to thank the Installing Team for a job well done. Thank you, also, to all the Sisters who have accepted the offices that they were asked to take and to the committee members who accepted their positions. Don't be afraid to call me with any questions you might have. I will have my cell phone with me at all times. The number is: (509) 885-2333.

I would like to send the condolences of the Assembly and my own personal condolences to all the families who have recently lost loved ones. I have my schedule made up for September through December.

I have written to the Secretaries with the dates. I need answers as soon as possible.

I hope to see many of you at my reception on Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the IOOF Hall in Port Hadlock. Sunday September 13 is the East-West Picnic at Lake Easton. I will be leaving for east of the mountains then. I will not be back on this side until the 27th of September.

Remember, "Just Ask!"

*In F., L. & T., Phyllis Rodgers,
President Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

SEPTEMBER TRAILS

- September 12** — Assembly President's Reception — 2 p.m., Port Hadlock
- September 13** — East/West Picnic — Noon, Lake Easton
- September 15** — Narcissa #2 — 7:30 p.m., Walla Walla
- September 16** — Schuyler #18 — 7 p.m., Dayton
- September 17** — Grandview #246 — 2 p.m., Grandview
- September 18** — Isabella #23 — 1 p.m., Yakima
- September 19** — TRA Brooklyn Davies Reception — 2 p.m., Kennewick
- September 21** — Waterville #77 — 2 p.m., Waterville
- September 22** — Chewelah #162 — 2 p.m., Chewelah
- September 22** — Sunrise #189 — 6:30 p.m., Hunters
- September 23** — Ramona #238 — 12:30 p.m., Spokane
- September 24** — Tempest #115 — 7:30 p.m., Wenatchee
- September 26** — Grand Patriarch Sherry Pond's Reception — 2 p.m., Spokane

Thank you from Betty

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the kindness and support you have shown me during my years as your Assembly Secretary. I will never forget you. You have been the supreme example of the meaning of Rebekah and Odd Fellowship. Your warm embrace of George while he was with us also demonstrated the meaning of being a member of the Order. It will never be forgotten.

My special thanks to my Lodge, Longview #305, for nominating me for the Rebekah Assembly Meritorious Service Award and to the Assembly for their vote to award it to me. What a wonderful moment for me.

As many of you know, I have sold my home and am moving to California to be near my family. It has been a very hard decision to make but I feel it is time to go. I hope to be able to stay in touch with my many friends in the Order and my temporary address will be 1713 Harding Way, Antioch, CA 94509, phone (925) 238-0068 until I get into my new house and get my e-mail, phone and address established.

It is my sincere hope that I have been of some assistance to my Sisters and Brothers and you will remember whatever good I have achieved and forgive me for any offenses I have caused.

— With Rebekah Love, Betty Weldon

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

HELLO TO ALL THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF OUR GREAT JURISDICTION OF WASHINGTON

I am beginning a new adventure in my life as your Rebekah Assembly Secretary. I have a large pair of shoes to fill, replacing Sister Betty Weldon, PP, as your Secretary, but I will try to do my best to do this job to the best of my ability.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Sister Betty for all the hard work, above and beyond her duties as Secretary, that she did for our Rebekah Assembly. I wish her all the best and I hope she has a wonderful retirement. I would also like to thank those who helped me move the

Secretary's office from Sister Betty's to the new Assembly office in my home in Orting. Thank you to Dave and PP Jennie Reed for transporting the Assembly paraphernalia to and from Betty's house to Yakima and back and then delivering the things that needed to be stored at my house. Thanks to my daughter Kim for furnishing the trailer we used to move the many boxes, files and records, etc. and Jeff, Jake and Richard Archer for their help packing and unpacking all the things we had to move. Thanks also to Loren for the use of the trailer to store the files until I return from IARA. Thank you, as well, to my daughter Karman for taking many dump runs for me so I could clear out some room for my office, and a special thank you to Sister Betty and her daughter Georgia for having all the office packed and ready to move.

In the months to come, I will be asking for your help to get your reports and per capita, etc. to me in a timely manner so I can get my reports done and turned in on time. The month of September, after a two-month vacation, means that our Rebekah Lodges will start meeting again, the kids are back in school, some of the officers will be holding their receptions, the East-West Picnic will be held at Lake Easton and there will be planning for the months to come. Be sure to include your new members in your plans for your lodge activities. They are a resource we need to include. Working together, we can make a difference.

I have a new E-Mail address: davidpresley@centurytel.net

My new fax number is: (360) 893-0972

I will have a toll-free telephone number after my system is up and running. My phone number will be (360) 893-2644 until then. I will let you know the new toll-free number later.

The new mailing address is: **P.O. Box 2088, Orting, WA. 98360**

I will leave you with this poem:

When our days are dark and gloomy, and life itself's a trial,
When everything goes wrong, be sure to try to smile.
When trust and hope are missing, and the world seems full of guile,
It surely makes a difference, and our efforts are worthwhile,
If we face our problems squarely, and in spite of stress and trial,
Forget it all and carry on — and **Smile, Smile, Smile!**

Respectfully Submitted in F., L. & T.,

Marcia Presley, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Our first fall meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8. In previous years, we have started our fall meetings with a potluck. This year there will be no potluck, but there will be refreshments following the meeting.

We enjoyed the June picnic with our other Walla Walla Rebekah Lodge and Odd Fellows Lodge.

We have a busy fall ahead of us. In October, District Association #5 will meet here at the Home. On November 7, we plan to have our annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be

held at the Odd Fellows Merriam Street Apartments. Of course, we will have nominations and election of officers for 2010.

We had two of our active members move during the summer months. Sister Betty Tinker moved from the Merriam Street Apartments to the Home's main building. Sister Evelyn Carver moved to Prineville, OR to live near her family. We wish both well following their moves.

In F., L. & T.,

Jean Lucke, Secretary & Reporter

Thanks from your IARA Secretary Vivian Pursell

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I would never be able to write individual thank you's without leaving someone out, so I am expressing my thanks to all of you by way of The International Press Association.

While on a visitation to the Jurisdiction of Rhode Island's Rebekah Assembly, I became seriously ill and was transported to Newport, Rhode Island Hospital where they performed emergency surgery to repair a perforated ulcer. I was in Rhode Island for a week before my husband Bill flew up to accompany me home on April 11. I was home for a week when I developed a severe infection near one of the original surgical sites. On April 20, I was transported by ambulance from my doctor's office to Forsyth Hospital where I was treated with antibiotics and other medications. I was released on April 28 to recuperate at home with additional oral antibiotics. I have completed all of the medication now and am thankfully well on the way to recovery. I am back full-time in the IARA office.

The words *thank you* do not begin to express my appreciation for all the telephone calls and visitations extended to me by the Brothers and Sisters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts while I was in the hospital there. The cards, telephone calls, gifts, and e-mails that I have received since returning home have been tremendous. I am truly blessed to be a member of this wonderful Order.

— *Fraternally with Peace, Vivian Pursell, IARA Secretary*

Please keep Sister Vivian in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover from all this. Cards can be sent to her at: 422 Trade St. Ste R, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333
 Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11
 Mt. View Rebekah Lodge #34
 Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168
 Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9
 Chimacum IOOF Lodge #343
 Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge #145
 Mt. Angeles LEA #99
 Mt. Angeles Encampment #88

**Invite You To
 A Reception Honoring
 Phyllis Rodgers
 President of the Rebekah
 Assembly of Washington**

Saturday, September 12 at 2 PM
Port Hadlock IOOF Hall
 11323 Rhody Drive, Port Hadlock



The PNG's initiated three candidates on May 15 for Longview Rebekah Lodge #305. From left are Hazel Thompson, Sandra Merchant, Doyle Merchant, Cherlianne Shepard and Edna Murphy.

PNG's Association

New officers elected for the year

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet at the Roy Grange Hall in Roy on Thursday, September 17. A luncheon will be served by members of the South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 at noon with the meeting to follow at 1 p.m.

Our new officers for 2009-2020 are: President Flossie Morey of South Tacoma #160; Vice President Dorothy Ray of Kapowsin #241; Secretary DoRis Klotzner of Warren #308; and Treasurer Mary Robinson of Warren #308. Drill captain is Lena Swetz. She will be assisted by DoRis Klotzner.

We are saddened by the loss of our Drill Captain Guyida White. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family.

Flossie is honoring all Past Presidents in September. Come and support our President.

On May 15, the F., L. & T. Past Noble Grands initiated three new candidates for Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 in Kelso. Congratulations, Longview!

In F., L. & T., Dorothy Nelson, Reporter



After a successful planning meeting, the Activities Committee is pictured at Nancy Graesser's home: From left are Shelli Hugg (pregnant), Betty Huntley, Nancy Graesser and Betty O'Donnell. Betty Hugg was not in the photo.

Bothell Odd Fellow Lodge #124 Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54

With the school doors opening and the beauty of the autumn colors returning, the Bothell Rebekahs are having a membership tea on Saturday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m. The Activities Committee has planned a delicious menu for a traditional "High Tea." Some of our members have volunteered to give short talks on our favorite charities to introduce ourselves to our guests.

The Activities Committee will be meeting again to plan a Christmas dinner to be held on December 12. Last year, in spite of a stormy night

with power outages all around us, we had more than 50 people at the Christmas dinner and raised a nice food collection for Hope Link.

With regret, we report the passing of Ward Martin and Bob Warrick. Our condolences go to wife Carol and daughter Janet Warrick who are both Bothell Rebekahs. Both men were faithful members of the Odd Fellows and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

*In F., L. & T.,
 Betty Hugg,
 NG & Reporter*

*Welcome Back To Lodge
 Brothers And Sisters!
 It's Time To Get Back To Work!*

Here's Peg's correct address

If you have been trying to contact PPRA Peg Ogilvie, she has a new mailing address. It's 12113 - 122nd St. E., #12, Puyallup, WA. 98374. A different address for her was printed in the Past Presidents' book.



A cut above

From left, Harlan Grant, Ron Clifford, Peder Mork, Judy Diekman, Hans Stangeland, William Bushby, Ryan Hogan,

Jacob Ward, Tyler Scoville, Jackie Payne, Robert Rickels, Ray Mather, Carson Inman and Judy Inman, along with Stanwood High School woodshop students, gather to recognize the students' efforts in building 16 picnic tables and 32 benches for the IOOF Park on Camano Island. The students received an award and a \$100 donation from the IOOF. Carson Inman, Park Board President, said the organization was impressed with the quality of the construction. "These teens did a fine job and I hope our donation can help them buy tools; or supplies for the class," said Inman.

— Photo by Rick Wood / Stanwood/Camano News



Photo by Rick Wood / Stanwood/Camano News
John Gordan (foreground) cuts through a fallen tree at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Recreational Park on Camano Island as part of ongoing renovations.

On Camano Island

Park looking spiffy thanks to volunteers

The following story was written by Rick Wood and appeared in the Stanwood/Camano News on May 12.

When it comes to supporting their community, they're odd in name only.

After taking down three derelict trees at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Recreational park, located at 96 S. Camano Ridge Rd. on Camano Island, IOOF leaders knew immediately what to do with the mountain of freshly-cut wood. Carson Inman, Park Board President, said it wasn't long before members decided on a way to help their community and ease economic burdens.

"We've been spreading the word about the wood," said Inman. "We're looking to offer the wood to those in need." Inman said part of the wood will be provided to a few elderly people who could use a hand with heating costs. The remainder will be sold at low cost to anyone.

The hazardous trees came down as part of a renovation of the 80-acre park that is surrounded by native forest and includes a lake.

Future overhaul projects include rebuilding a fire pit, additional signage and adding horseshoe pits.

Many organizations use the 45-year-old park for meetings, annual events, dinners and even dog training. Still, Inman would like to see more groups use their facilities. "We have this beautiful two-story lodge with two halls," he said. "It seems like no one knows that it's here, though."

The Odd Fellows are a family-oriented group with members who range in age from grade school on up, said Inman. "We have one member who is 103 — and she still drives," he said. Members take part in fellowship activities, civic projects, fund-raising and recreational events, like the annual Pork Chop Barbecue, held in July.

"We try to get out into the community and help," said Inman. "People need to know we're here and get with us to see how we work together."

Recently, Stanwood High School woodshop students constructed 16 picnic tables and 32 benches for the IOOF Park. Ron Clifford, park manager, said he was very grateful for the work done by the teens. "I approached the woodshop teacher with the project idea, and we went from there," said Clifford. "They did a really nice job."

In turn, Camano IOOF donated \$100 to the woodshop class for tools and supplies.

Annually IOOF awards scholarships to graduating teens, and its youth group has made pilgrimages to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. and the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Clifford said area youth who haven't heard of the IOOF could benefit from joining their organization. "We're kind of a hidden treasure out here," he said. "But we'd really like some new blood."

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

We return to lodge on September 1 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by meetings and our Representative's report.

Our lodges did not have a picnic (too many mole hills), but some of us attended the District Picnic at the Inman's.

Coming up in September is the Assembly President's Reception in Port Hadlock. Then we host the Odd Fellow District Association #14 and Rebekah District #21 meetings in Bremerton on October 3. Registration is at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon and the separate meetings start at 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, Don and John have maintained our grounds. Betty and I sorted craft supplies brought in months ago.

Personally, with the help of my niece, we have located all of Helen Walsh's treasures. They won't fit in two rooms. We have worked almost daily for five months. Helen now resides at Park Vista Assisted Living, Apt. #130, 2944 SE Lund

Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366. In mid June, she fell again and was taken to the Gig Harbor ER.



Iris Hansen recovered after her move and fall and then had gall bladder surgery in July.

Gordon Cooper moved away from the trees to a one-story home and then injured his foot on the one step. Walt Dodge also had another hospital stay. Get well wishes are extended to all.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Elaine Tinnen who died July 5 after a short illness. We also extend our sympathies to Ray and Louise Johnson and Elsie Motteler following the passing of a cousin. Our thoughts are also with Sister Betty Palmer and the family of PGM Ward Martin All made great contributions to our lodges. Our thoughts are also with the son of Ramona Young, PNG, who passed away July 24 at age 90. She was a talented musician.

We hope you had a safe summer.

Fraternally,
Florence Cowdery, Secretary

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**Back To School Time!
Watch For The Little Ones**

From your 2009-2010 Theta Rho President



BROOKLYNN DAVIES

I WILL DO MY VERY BEST AS YOUR TRA PRESIDENT

Wow, this is a very exciting time for me. I would like to thank my Theta Rho girls for having me as their President. I am very honored and excited to complete my term in office. I would also like to thank the JJYC, the installing staff, and all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who attended and participated in my installation and for all of their help to make it a success.



I have been super busy getting things together for Youth Day in California. I'm very excited to help represent Washington Theta Rho. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. It should be a lot of fun and a great learning experience.

I have been working on my visitation schedule, as well. If there is a specific time when you would like me to come see you, please let either me or my adviser know. I look forward to making a stop and visiting everyone.

I also hope that everyone will be able to attend my reception on Saturday, September 19 in Kennewick. I have a lot of activities planned that I hope you will enjoy.

I will do my absolute best and work hard as your President. If there is ever anything anyone needs from me, I will do everything I can to help. I am very happy and proud to serve you as your TRA President.

*In Happiness Through Service With Monkey Hugs,
Brooklynn Davies, Theta Rho Assembly President*



Acorn winners!

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club received the Arthritis Plaque at the June TRA Sessions in Yakima. Front row, from left, are Yvonne McKie, Zoie Overby and Jennifer Turnek. In the back row, from left, are Allison Stewart, Bethany Bond and PGM John Crispin.

Remember Girls. . .

*It's Back To School &
Back To Work At Lodge*

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14
Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242
Pasco IOOF Lodge #257
Althea Rebekah Lodge #182

~ and ~

Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

**Cordially Invite You To
A Reception In Honor Of**

Brooklynn Davies

President

Theta Rho Assembly Of Washington

Saturday, September 19, 2009

At 2:00 p.m.

Kennewick IOOF Hall

N. 17 Ione, Kennewick, WA



In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

September is here and we are back in school and back to our regular meetings.

In June we had six girls attend Theta Rho Assembly. We had a great time with the other clubs. We are proud that Bethany Bond is the new Theta Rho Assembly Vice President and Allison Stewart is the new Warden. Girls receiving appointive offices are Jennifer Turnek, Zoie Overby and Yvonne McKie.

Allison Stewart received the Individual Community Service Award. Our club received the Arthritis Plaque. Jennifer, Zoie and Yvonne took second place in the vocal category at Fun Night.

In July we traveled to the IOOF Park on Camano Island to the Pork Chop Barbecue. Four of our members helped with setting things up, serving and the clean-up. We always enjoy the park and were happy to help the HP Down Encampment as they support us with our projects

We held a swim party in August and then the next week three of our members attended International Youth Days in Santa Clara, California. Those going from our club were Bethany Bond, Jennifer Turnek and Olivia Thrailkill, They were chaperoned by Advisor Judy Diekman and PNG Robin Bond. We will have more to share with you about this in our next article

We are gearing up for our fall activities.

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



Allison Stewart won the Individual Community Service Award at Grand Sessions in Yakima. She was presented the award by Neita Sterns of the JJYC.

Plug into the IOOF Web Sites

For those of you with computers and on the World Wide Web, there is a wealth of information about our Order on the Internet. The Grand Lodge of Washington and The Sovereign Grand Lodge have extensive Web Sites with both history and updated information about Odd Fellowship. From the SGL Web Site, you can link into other state and local organizations. Here are the addresses:

www.ioofwa.org

www.ioof.org

Unique Unified Encampment #2, Spokane
 Rebekah District Association #2
 Wilford #269 and Samaritan #52 IOOF Lodges
 Tri Cities LEA #66
 Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242 
 Pasco IOOF Lodge #182

Invite You To A Reception For The
1st Grand Matriarch
 Of the Grand
 Encampment of Washington

Sherry Pond

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Luncheon at Noon • Reception to Follow at 2 p.m.

Spokane IOOF Temple

1420 N. Washington St., Spokane, Washington
 RSVP to: (509) 328-1029 Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**From your
 2009-2010
 Grand
 Patriarch
 (Matriarch)**



SHERRY POND

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU CALL ME - JUST SMILE!

My Dear Friends,

It has been a long *hot* summer here in the little town of Burbank. I thank God for the person who invented the air conditioner. I really don't



know how we ever would have survived with out it. We are doing well and have had fun with the grandkids and great-grandkids, but to their dismay they must all go home and start school.

We Encampment members are getting back to our fun meetings and looking for things to do in our communities to further the meaning of Odd Fellowship. What ever you find to do, have fun with it and let's see some articles in the newspaper about your group.

At this time I would like to thank the members for electing me as your leader. Some say I am the Grand Patriarch, others say Grand Matriarch. I am not caring what you call me just as long as you smile when you do it.

Many of you missed our fun installation in Yakima. Please speak to your Representatives for a report. We did have fun and many were talking about it for days. I have selected the "Happy Face" as my emblem. My motto is "Don't Worry, Be Happy." My colors are blue and yellow. My project is the Vanderlinden-Shephard Visual Aid Fund and the TRA President's project.

I will try to visit the Encampments that invite me to their meetings. I attended Unique Unified Encampment's summer picnic. I even won a door prize. We did have a lot of fun.

I hope to see some of you at the many receptions scheduled for September. Remember if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

*Yours In Faith, Hope & Charity, and Friendship, Love & Truth,
 Sherry Pond, Grand Patriarch (Matriarch)*



Approximately 50 guests enjoyed the Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island July 12.

On Camano Island

Pork Chop/Chicken BBQ a success despite a little rain!

The Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue was held on Sunday, July 12 at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island. Even though we had a little liquid sunshine for part of the time, we had a good turn out. We fed approximately 50 people.

We would like to thank all of those who came and supported this project and add an extra thank you to those who helped by bringing desserts. The members of Acorn Theta Rho in Oak Harbor were a big help with setting things up, serving and especially with the clean-up. Thank you to Sisters Mary Stewart and Robin Bond for helping the girls in the kitchen with the clean-up and any others who helped with the dishes.

We hope to see all of you and some new members at the barbecue next year if we are able to put it together. — Judy Diekman, PCM and Reporter



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club helped serve and later clean up at the annual barbecue. From left are Jennifer Turneck, Olivia Thrailkill and Allison Stewart.



Bethany Bond of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 offers up a scoop of baked beans at the annual Pork Chop / Chicken Barbecue sponsored by H.P. Downs Encampment #61.



Toby Hanson, center, is not only the Grand Musician for the Grand Lodge of Washington, but he is the Musician for Buckley IOOF Lodge #75. Here he is playing at last spring's Daffodil Parade in Orting on the Buckley IOOF float.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

We are back after not having a newspaper for the summer. The weather has been something to write about. In Olympia we hit 104 degrees and it was stifling, I am sure all the other lodges had the same weather.

This summer the lodge hall was painted inside. We have not only a new kitchen, but a freshly-painted lodge hall. What a difference. I do not know when the lodge was painted last, but it is an improvement. Lodge members, in a regular meeting, authorized the Thurston Building board to replace the 1940-style PA system and speakers with a wireless microphone and speakers. This will be a welcome addition. Thanks George and Joe.

Our cemetery is doing very well. The grounds are green and we have no yellow flowers using the weed removal equipment they are sharing with the Park Board. They had an old oak tree fall on the road. Chairman Rick Garcia will be setting up a work party to split and haul out the wood to the park. The date of work party is unknown.

Our park is very busy with all sorts of events including weddings, reunions and family gatherings.

On the July 4 weekend, we counted 14 RVs, 10 tents and approximately 170 plus people enjoying the park. All equipment is running thanks to Glen, Phil and Walt. The Park Board would like to thank Bill and Jennifer Snyder for donating two new buoys and a great big thank you to Herb Turner and Glen for leading the way to replace the missing buoys. Glen did the coordination and Herb supplied the boat and diver.

Elections will be here soon. Step up and be an officer either elected or appointed. PJ Fluetsch, our Noble Grand, has stated that nominations will be in October.

PJ Fluetsch led a team to assist the little Red School House distribute clothing, books and school supplies to the less fortunate in our communi-

ty. This was done in the middle of August. The lodge also voted to donate monies for this project.

The lodge also voted to donate monies to the Lakefair Bear doll fund. Lakefair donated these bears to police, fire and medics to give to children who have suffered trauma. Hal Belrud challenged the lodge to match his monies and the lodge raised \$320.

By the time you read this newsletter, our annual Seafood Extravaganza will have been held at the park on August 22. I can say in advance that I am sure it was successful. An advanced thank you to Tom Day and his volunteers for doing excellent work.

The lodge, under leadership of Don Haring, assisted the Nisqually School in raising a green house, The lodge not only supplied manpower, but purchased pizza for the workers. Good job Don and crew. (Sorry, I did not get your names.)

The Noble Grand has asked all lodge members to bring to the lodge worthwhile projects we can assist or support. This year, in addition to our normal charities, we donated to local FHA units, the food bank, vets organizations, and a Rochester church that helps troubled children. PJ would like the lodge to do more in the community.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 would like to thank the Rebekahs for serving pie, cake and coffee for Fathers' Day. On June 15, the Olympia Lodge had an open house for the public. Several people showed up and we gained three applications. I do believe this was successful. It is a great recruiting tool.

PJ Fluetsch and all members of Lodge#1 send congratulations to Frank Wilson who was re-elected Grand Master, and to Joe Picanco who has been elected Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

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



Toby Hanson and his handmade Italian accordion. Toby and his band, the "Smilin' Scandinavians," are well known in the Pacific Northwest.

The Smilin' Scandinavian

Toby Hanson's & his band's roots go deep in Graham!!!

The following story appeared in the Graham Dispatch newspaper this summer. Toby Hanson is the Grand Musician for the Grand Lodge of Washington and is a member of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75.

BY BRUCE SMITH

The "Smilin' Scandinavians," a well-respected polka band that has entertained audiences throughout the Pacific Northwest for 14 years, had its beginnings in Graham.

"Yup, I'm fourth-generation Graham," said Toby Hanson, the founder and leader of the band. His great-grand-uncle, Jens Hanson, settled in Graham on 160 acres in 1888. In this traditional environment, Toby developed a deep love for polka music.

"My family loved the polka, and my uncle George played the accordion," said Toby.

Hanson attended Cornish College in Seattle to study classical composition and develop his career as a professional musician.

"I wasn't a very good classical pianist, but I discovered I was a good accordion player," he said. He further enriched his musical skills with the nationally-acclaimed, Puyallup-based accordion teacher Gary Dahl.

While at Cornish, Hanson began getting gigs, and eventually met all the original members of the "Smilin' Scandinavians."

"It all started as a way for a bunch of college students to make some money and it's just grown from there," Hanson said.

Over a decade later, the "Smilin' Scandinavians" are still performing regularly, but several founding members have moved on and have been replaced by other talented players.

But how do classically-trained musicians keep a passion for polka?

"Polka is like a folk art," said Hanson. "It has real depth and texture and it's a lot of fun to play."

Hanson also stressed that fine musicians find nuances in the music that brings out the best in genre.

"Good musicians play good music. It's as simple as that."

Despite being regarded as the best polka band in the Northwest, Hanson and his band mates still have to scramble to make ends meet. For Hanson, that means performing with other groups and his colleagues are no different.

"I play in a rock band called "Justin Roeser and the E.N. Council," and some of my band mates from the "Smilin' Scandinavians" join us occasionally. They all do solo work — they have to."

If you want to hear and dance to the "Smilin' Scandinavians," they will be making their annual appearance at Octoberfest in the Puyallup Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday, October 9-11. On Friday, they will play at noon, 2:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. On Saturday, the polka band will perform at noon.

In Roy

Warren Rebekah Lodge #308

The summer went by so fast, I hardly know where to begin. After such a hot summer, I think that we all are ready for cooler days ahead.

At our March meeting, we had two guests from Montana. Nancy Elkins and Andy Horwath visited us from Fort Benton Lodge #105. Hopefully they enjoyed our luncheon and hospitality. We love to welcome guests at any of our meetings.

Schuyler Colfax was recognized as our founder and father of the Rebekah Degree. Our lodge decided to "adopt" Rainier Vista, a rehabilitation and nursing home, for special "needs" whenever possible.

April was very busy. Our potluck luncheon was great, as usual! NG Marlene Lenz decided to assign "hostesses" for the holiday luncheons. We got to choose which holiday we wanted and then we paired up as partners. We really do have fun! It is always a "challenge" to come up with new menus, but we try to make our holidays special.

A thank you was sent to Bill Neurombee of the Moose Lodge in Yelm for the Bingo cards he donated to our lodge.

Our "Travelling Angel" is still going from home to home. She encourages to "count our blessings."

Due to my husband's surgery, I missed our last meeting in April, but I did stop by for lunch. I was very heartened by the love and support from my Sisters. Thank you all. It meant so much to me.

DoRis Klotzner, Mary Robinson and Patty Johnson went to the District Meeting in Olympia. Everyone had a good time.

Our Easter baskets sold very well and we received special orders for gift baskets. We made a "cookie basket" and a "baby basket." We had fun and worked as a team. All the profits go to our lodge. We can do special orders if given enough notice.

At our May meeting, everyone was welcomed by a great potluck and spring flowers on our tables. NG Marlene Lenz was absent due to illness. VG Carol Moline stepped in for Marlene.

Sister Mary Robinson asked for our prayers for herself and her family. Mary's daughter-in-law passed away very unexpectedly. Sister Elizabeth Wallace's son was having health issues. A card was sent to those in distress.

Our last meeting in May was very nice. The weather was wonderful and we had a guest for our potluck. We welcomed Linda Finch to join our hospitality and fun. Linda brought a beautifully-decorated cake that she baked herself. We are hoping she will become a lodge member. We look forward to her company and participation.

During our luncheon, NG Marlene had a drawing for a Mothers' Day gift bag. Sister Janelle won the prize and VG Carol Moline won a vase of pretty flowers. These are the special things our NG Marlene does for us and we want her to know how much we appreciate her.

Cards were sent out to those who were having health problems. Sister Florence Reith had knee surgery. Sister Liz's son, Gerald Wallace, is still having health issues.

In our lodge, we have some amazing elder Sisters. Despite their own pain and discomfort, they always reach out to those in distress. We "new" Rebekahs have some pretty big shoes to fill.

Our first June meeting was a milestone for our lodge. Sister Elizabeth Wallace was chosen as our first recipient of the "Rebekah Merit Jewel." Invitations were sent out for guests to come and share this special day with her. We had a lovely luncheon honoring Elizabeth with her special colors, purple and lavender. A flower arrangement from her "Secret Sister" sat on the food counter. Elizabeth was chosen for her devotion and her sterling qualities she brings forth as a Rebekah. Elizabeth has been a Rebekah for more than 60 years. She has been our Musician for many years and also is our Financial Secretary. Elizabeth is a stellar citizen in our community.

PNG Doris Klotzner wrote a special poem for Elizabeth. DoRis is blessed with the ability to put "pen to paper" in the most wonderful way. As she read the poem to Elizabeth, it really touched our hearts. Here is the poem:

*Her fingers move quite deftly over the piano keys
As she plays the strains of music that our ears doth please.
For marching or for singing, whatever the cause may be,
It adds that special something, especially in our Degree,
Where Friendship, Love and Truth abound, we're gathered in a group
We hear those strains of music, to Liz we give a whoop.
We pay to her these honors on this her special day,
We know back to the piano, again for us she'll play.
A trillion thank yous Elizabeth, we love you very much
For you — yourself — your music and all the hearts you touch.*

DoRis presented Elizabeth with the Merit Jewel. Up until the time she handed her the jewel, Elizabeth did not realize it was she who was being honored! It was a wonderful end to a wonderful day.



Sister Elizabeth Wallace, right, received Warren Rebekah Lodge's first-ever Rebekah Merit Jewel. DoRis Klotzner, left, is doing the pinning.

At our last meeting in June, we had a blast! We enjoyed a picnic potluck and Bingo. NG Marlene could not be with us due to her husband's surgery. VG Carol served us banana splits. There was lots of good food and then we played Bingo. Our guest Linda Finch was welcomed and we hope to see her back in September.

PNG DoRis invited our lodge to her home in August for her birthday bash! We look forward to having fun.

If I have forgotten dates, times or places, I apologize. It was not intentional, just a lot of "senior moments!"

Sadly, Elizabeth Wallace's son passed away. Our prayers to her family and friends.

We also attended Guyida White's memorial service. The love was overwhelming for Guyida and her family. She will be missed by all.

*In F., L. & T., Deb Gulley,
Chaplain & Reporter*

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Our spring ended on a busy note and, after a quiet summer, it won't be long before Narcissa members will be in full swing again.

Darlene Kinsey recently moved back to Walla Walla and has been reinstated into Narcissa Lodge. We welcome Darlene and look forward to seeing more of her this coming year.

We continue to support our adopted Sisters, Clemie Schwarz and Charlotte Hanifen, with a quarterly monetary gift. Much of Narcissa's charitable giving is made possible through "Silver Drills" at our meetings. Proceeds from the May and June "Silver Drills" went to the Memorial Fund and Eye Bank.

Narcissa Lodge was the recipient of a monetary donation from Mary Dobson and we truly appreciate Mary's thoughtfulness and generosity. Also, Sister Beth Entze, on

behalf of LD 2, presented Rose Ringhoffer with a \$60 check to be used for Rose's special project of providing "Charity Dinners."

There were more than 40 in attendance on June 18 when Narcissa Lodge members were joined by members of Bee Hive and Enterprise, for a picnic at the Clinton Street Apartment Picnic Shelter. All who were present enjoyed the food (chicken, salads, dessert and beverages), fellowship and entertainment.

By now, everyone should have received some information on our fall project which will be a "50-50 Raffle." It will be interesting to learn more about it when we meet again on Tuesday, September 1 at the Odd Fellows Home at 7 p.m.

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

Fall 2009 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

~ November 6, 7 & 8, 2009 ~

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Just before the summer break, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 initiated three new members. From left are Sheila Clemena, Karie Cockrell, VG Diane Hammond (sponsor), Carol Flowers and NG Mary Stewart.

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

We hope you all had a great summer vacation and enjoyed the *hot* weather.

Just before our summer break, we initiated three new “young” members. We are so glad to have new young blood in our lodge and welcome Carol Flowers, Sheila Clemena and Karie Cockrell to our lodge. We are looking forward to a lot of new and fun ideas from these ladies.

In July we held a garage sale and added a little to our coffers.

We are busy planning our Friendship Night which will be held on Wednesday, September 16. The theme is “Hobo Night,” so come dressed in your “fancy duds.” Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by our meeting at 7 p.m. We hope to see some of you there.

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

On Orcas Island

Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88

I have been asked to send an update and greeting from Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 to our Washington Brothers and Sisters. I know it’s been a while since you’ve heard from us. We sometimes get isolated here on Orcas Island.

We accomplished our degree work over the three months of spring. At the last meeting, 21 members participated in the third link. We are now confident that we have a deep bench to draw on for our leadership positions.

We have had three good weekends of wood splitting, with more to come. We provide emergency firewood to folks who come up short in the winter. We also auction a chord of wood in October to raise money for our high school scholarship fund. This hard winter depleted our supply, though we didn’t have to turn anyone away. Our goal was to pile up ten cords by the end of June. We do it because it is fun to work together and it has been a great way to get to know new guys — some of whom have now been initiated into our ranks.

We initiated seven members last fall who are all showing up for meetings. We are inspired by the wonderful spirits of these new guys and grateful that we are attracting some really fine young men into the circle. They bring a lot of youthful energy and excitement for things like sustainability, growing local food, seed storage, etc. If young folks around the world are like our new young men, then the world will be in good hands.

We ask for your prayers for Monique Gincig who is suffering now. Wife of our Treasurer Bill, mother of Past Grand Didier, and friend to all the brothers, she has been the driving force behind our annual community Thanksgiving Feast which served more than 200 last year.

Our lodge building hosted a number of weddings this summer as well as some start-up businesses in our kitchen. We participated in several camp outs and a couple of parades — June 20 and July 4. (Some of you have joined our parades, you know who you are). Every week is scheduled with an opportunity to deepen our brotherhood. We wish you a great year and the best of Odd Fellowship.

— In F., L. & T., David Densmore, Reporter

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

We hope all of you had a nice summer. And yes, we are back to lodge again.

In June our NG and Representative Rosalie Davis travelled to Yakima for the Assembly meetings. It went very well and Jennie had a good program. Rosalie served as Page to the President. For the next three years, Rosalie was elected to the Home Board.

We are proud to say that one of our Sisters, Edna Armstrong, and her husband Bob were chosen as Grand Marshals and rode in the annual Cheese Day Parade in July. It was a beautiful day and, as usual, Cheese Day drew a large crowd.

Our sincere condolences go to Harmony Lodge following the loss of their Sister Sharon Fehl. She was their current Warden and PNG. Sharon also was Superintendent of

the Floral Department at the Southwest Washington Fair. Her memorial service was held at Trinity Lodge on June 20. It was done very nicely by the ladies of Harmony Lodge.

Our congratulations go to Betty Weldon and C. Allen Reitan. At the banquet, they each received the Meritorious Service Jewel. What an honor! They deserve this lifetime achievement award.

Cookie is busy with last minute touches on her program for the District 18 Meeting on Saturday, October 3. We hope to see all of you there.

We wish our new Rebekah Assembly President Phyllis Rodgers the best of luck for a good year.

Until next time. . .

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

Welcome Back To Lodge!
It's A Great Time To Renew Old Friendships

Odd Fellows And Rebekahs Tournament Of Roses Float

The 2010 Tournament of Roses float sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs looks like a winner — but organizers are looking to raise a lot of dollars to complete this magnificent work of art. The Float Committee is selling raffle tickets with a first prize of \$50,000. Tickets sell for \$50 each and the committee must sell at least 200 tickets. If your lodge hasn't received information on raffle tickets yet, please contact Robert Gennaira, Float Chairman, at 310-379-4370. There is a second raffle where the first prize is spending a week at the float in Pasadena. Hotel and airfare are included.



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

Greetings. This has been a *hot* summer so far. We are looking ahead to cooler weather.

We honored mothers in May and fathers and our flag in June.

In July we took eight pounds of pop can pull tabs over to the Spokane Ronald McDonald House. Now we will start collecting them again.

Our NG Barbara and Representative Grace Burton enjoyed the Grand Sessions in June. We were pleased to have Sister Irene Kossow from the Waterville Lodge as one of our roommates.

Also in July, we completed one of our projects by delivering 242 coloring books to the local shelter for

women and children. Our Sister Patti Ellis did the covers and assembled the books. We thank her.

At several of our meetings before our summer recess, NG Barbara read histories of our Order's heroines. They are very interesting. She plans to read more before our year ends.

August 15 saw our members enjoying lunch and the day at NG Barbara's summer home on Lake Chelan.

With summer almost over, we look forward to our first meeting on September 10.

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

An update on guidelines for Washington OddFellow reporters

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

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

- Be sure to include the name and number of your Lodge and the name of your town if the Lodge name is different. As a reporter, please include your name, too, so we can give you credit.
- If your story is handwritten, leave plenty of space between lines and please print any names so I can get them spelled correctly. Please double check all names. We have spent many hours researching membership rosters to make sure questionable names are spelled correctly and we have corrected the spelling on dozens of names. However, I am sure there are many more misspelled names that have slipped through.
- If your story is typed on paper, please double space and *do not* type your entire story in all capital letters and *do not* use both sides of the paper. Please use *plain white typing paper*, not the onion skin type. If you e-mail your story, *please single space*.
- Please include the names and pertinent information about deceased members on a *separate* piece of paper for the Memoriam column. Information should include the persons name, how long they have been a member and if they were a past presiding officer.
- Remember, *The Washington OddFellow* is received in your home and everyone else's on or about the first of the month. Keep this in mind when you are writing about events that will already have taken place by the time the newspaper is in your mailbox. Even if an event has not yet happened when you write your story, please word your story in the "past tense" if your event takes place before the newspaper comes out.
- Try to keep your stories as concise as possible. You have probably noticed that we have many more Lodges reporting now than we had in the past. Concise stories mean we can fit in news from more Lodges.
- Finally, when you are finished, read over your story to make sure everything is spelled correctly. Then, as a final measure, read the story out loud to yourself or to someone else. This is an easy way to tell if you have left out some important word or fact.
- Remember, our deadline is the 10th of each month for the next month's edition. The next deadline is September 10 for the October edition. You may mail your stories or fax them to: (360) 829-5339. You may e-mail your stories to: billo@tx3.com
- We have change of address forms for your convenience. If you do not have these forms, please contact the Grand Lodge of Washington office at 1-800-345-1766 and we will mail you these forms.



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Best Wishes To All!

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