



Carl Walker, seated in center, celebrated his 100th birthday at the Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 on April 25, 2010. Seated, from left, are Gordon Spencer, Carl and Jim Boyd. Standing, from left, are Gary Bound, Ted Davis and F. Duane Anderson. Both Carl and Jim received 75 year jewels last year.

Yakima Odd Fellow celebrates 100 years

Carl Walker, a member of Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, celebrated his 100th birthday on April 25, 2010. Carl, who was born when William Howard Taft was President of the United States, marked his milestone birthday at the Yakima Odd Fellows Lodge. This year, Carl celebrated 101 years. His hearing is bad and his legs are weak, but he still gets around quite well.

Carl was born in New Mexico on April 25, 1910. His family were farmers and Carl and his sister Myrtle attended a one-room school house. Later a larger school was built. Carl began raising his own chickens and saving for college. He graduated from high school in 1928 and went on to New Mexico State College where he received his degree studying engineering.

After graduating college, Carl married Lorene in 1934. Their son Wesley was born in 1935. They eventually settled in Yakima. Carl worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 40 years. Later, he worked in Iran to help develop plans for irrigating the dry-land desert. Carl and Lorene led many tours to all parts of the world, emphasizing and visiting Christian Missionary work. Carl used his amateur photography skills on these trips, eventually working on video for a local television station. Carl has enjoyed fishing, gardening, and community and church activities, including the Lazy F campground.

He has been a member of the Odd Fellows for almost 70 years. Carl continues to enjoy his daily dose of news and events and eating out at local Yakima eateries. He has two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Please update your Lodge Card

Attention Lodges which have Lodge Cards on the back page of *The Washington OddFellow*. Please review the information and send us any information regarding new Noble Grands or Secretaries. We need their names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses if available. No payment is needed. We will bill you when your Lodge Card is due. Thanks.

Cowlitz Odd Fellow saves the life of a choking child!

In the midst of more than 150 people and a loud boisterous atmosphere of a school carnival, a two-year-old toddler was saved from choking to death by an off duty Cowlitz 2 Firefighter on March 4. Lieutenant Darryl Arrera was attending the school carnival at Barnes elementary in Kelso with his family when bystanders noticed the child choking on a corn dog and alerted him to help. Arrera is a member of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 in Kelso.

Lieutenant Arrera and another citizen performed back blows to the child which dislodged the obstructed corn dog piece. Kaden Mongold and his mother Carmela made contact with Arrera at Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue's main station in Kelso the following Thursday afternoon to thank him. Carmela expresses her gratitude, "We are so thankful that he was there to help so fast. It was very scary for us. We appreciate what these guys do on and off duty." The other citizen's name was not known.

Arrera comments on the incident, "When I approached the family I knew something was really wrong. I saw 'the look' in mom's face; the child was pale and wasn't breathing", Arrera said.

"My adrenaline was really going, maybe the most I've had in 20 years. Everything happened very fast. I tried to continue what I was doing after the incident and I couldn't stop shaking. This had a good ending, nobody got hurt and that's what's important."

For CPR information and classes, please visit the Red Cross website: swwashingtonredcross.org

The above story appeared in The Valley Bugler on April 1. The Valley Bugler newspaper, published in Longview, is a free, good news newspaper focusing on our community and the people contained within its pristine Northwest beauty. The Bugler offers readers of any age a delightful time, full of local stories and events, funny jokes, inspirational stories, and the occasional tall tale! Find us on facebook, too! Facebook.com/valleybuglernewspaper or give us a buzz at (360) 414-1246. John Bosney, Secretary of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 brought this story to our attention.



Cowlitz IOOF member Darryl Arrera holds two-year-old Kaden Mongold. Arrera is credited with saving the child's life on March 4.



Decked out in white

Grand Lodge of Washington Officers attended the Testimonial Dinner in honor of Vickie Beaver, President of the IARA on Saturday evening, April 2 in Portland, OR. Grand Master Harry Coulter directed that the dress for the Grand Lodge Elected Officers that evening be white dinner jackets with scarlet colored velvet backed Grand Lodge Officers' collars. From left are: Laurel Delony, Grand Warden; Harry W. Coulter, Grand Master; Joseph Picanco, Deputy Grand Master; and Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., Grand Secretary. Grand Treasurer Marshall G. Miller was not able to attend.

From your 2010-2011 Grand Master



HARRY COULTER

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is May already. I want to take this time to wish everyone a happy Mothers' Day.

The following is a little information for you:

WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION COMPLETES INVESTIGATION

The Washington State Gambling Commission completed its extensive investigation on the unaccounted for funds of Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333's Bingo Account. The investigation found that the former Bingo Manager is responsible for the nearly \$36,000 in unaccounted funds.

The Gambling Commission forwarded the findings of its investigation to the Jefferson County Prosecutors officer. It is unclear at this time when or if the prosecutor will take the evidence before the court for prosecution.

We all should be getting ready for the 2011 Grand Lodge of Washington Sessions scheduled for June 18 through June 23. Just think Brothers, we can celebrate Fathers' Day in Yakima this year, which falls on Sunday, June 19

FATHERS' DAY PRAYER

*Thank you, friend Jesus,
For my father who loves me,
For my grandfather who cares for me
And God, my Eternal Father
Who made me and is always with me.
How blessed I am!*

— Amen

— In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Harry W. Coulter, Grand Master

Scholarship time

Art Craig and '21 Over' grant winners announced

Congratulations to Ashlee Kitsch of Olympia. Ashlee is this year's recipient of the \$3,000 "Over 21" Scholarship grant for 2011 from the L. J. Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ashlee's nomination was submitted by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. The Grand Lodge office received 19 student's names nominated by Odd Fellow and/or Rebekah Lodges as eligible for consideration of the "Over 21" \$3,000 educational grant for continuing education this year.

It was an honor for this office to also administer the "Art Craig, PSGM \$3,500 Memorial Scholarship" this year which was handled per the same rules as a L. J. Jones scholarship. Congratulations go to Ross Glasson of Gearhart, Oregon. Ross is the recipient of the Art Craig PSGM \$3,500 Memorial Scholarship. He is the grandson of Marcia Glasson, a member since 1965 and a member of Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78 in Ilwaco, the lodge from which his nomination was submitted.

The Grand Lodge office received 28 student's names nominated by Odd Fellow and/or Rebekah Lodges as eligible for consideration of this scholarship grant.

All nominees for both scholarship programs were sent a letter early in January notifying them that their name had been submitted for consideration and were given a response deadline of February 28. All responses received for both programs were submitted to Columbia Bank in Buckley where Branch Manger Linda Stone and her staff reviewed the responses for both programs this year where they judged and ranked them by merit for the Grand Lodge.

— Edmond L Reitan Jr., Grand Secretary

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

LODGE SECRETARIES, PLEASE HELP

Please keep this office informed with the current address changes of members when they occur so their *Washington OddFellow* newspaper service is not interrupted. Keeping the Grand Lodge and the *Washington OddFellow* newspaper informed of all address changes, even the temporary ones, will help us control the costs. Any Lodge Secretary, Odd Fellow or Rebekah, in need of a supply of the handy report forms (blue or green) for reporting member's address changes or for reporting new members may obtain a pad of them by contacting the Grand Lodge office.

ADVANCE REPORTS OR ALSO KNOWN AS THE "TAKE ME"

The Advance Reports should be arriving soon to assist your Lodge Representatives in making preparations for Grand Lodge Sessions in June. Advance Reports will be sent to all holdover (two-year) Representatives of even-numbered lodges and the newly-elected Representatives of the odd-numbered lodges that have sent in their Representative's Certificate. To all Lodge Representatives, please take them to lodge meetings prior to Grand Sessions. Share and review the content with your members for their input. For lodges without an elected Representative or not reporting or electing a Representative, the copy will be sent to the Lodge Secretary.

Any Committee Reports that did not arrive in time for printing in the "Take Me" will now have to be presented to Grand Lodge and read by the author and referred to the appropriate Grand Lodge Standing Committee for review and recommendation.

CYBER HAPPENINGS

The Grand Lodge Website Committee has been working hard all year long meeting several times to continually improve and develop our website. Several additions and updates have been made since it was introduced at Grand Lodge Sessions. All members are invited to visit your Jurisdictional website at: www.ioofwa.org

Lodge Secretaries, you are invited to check your lodge information for current data. If corrections are in order, you can e-mail them to the webmaster right there on the spot by clicking on the *Contact Us* flag on the lower right hand flag pole of the front page.

GRAND SESSIONS

Grand Body Sessions will be upon us soon, so please look for the registration forms elsewhere in this issue of the newspaper. We are looking forward to warmer days and to seeing you all at Sessions.

Fraternally,

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

On Camano Island

Annual Pork Chop BBQ set for July 10 at the Park

HP Downs Unified Encampment will once again host the Pork Chop and Chicken Barbecue at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island on Sunday, July 10. The meal will be served around noon. We hope to see many of you at the Park and we also hope that you will bring your friends. Come and see all the improvements that have been made at our Park.

The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. We are going to try doing some pre-sales of tickets at the Sessions this year so that we can get a better idea of how many are going to be attending. We still will sell some tickets at the door, but we hope to have most purchased in advance.

The meal will include a pork chop or chicken breast, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. The cost of the meal allows for one piece of meat. If you would like more, it can be purchased at a nominal fee if there is extra.

The meal will be followed by the meeting of the Odd Fellows Park Board. Hope to see you on Camano Island this summer.

From your Newspaper Committee

We're passing the hat at the 2011 Yakima Sessions

Brothers and Sisters, as we looked at the budget for the 2011-2012 *Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper, we had to face tough choices. Costs have not gone up appreciably for the coming year, which is welcome news. The decline in membership, however, is very troublesome. The Odd Fellows lost nine members and the Rebekahs lost more than 200. What that means for our budget is that there are fewer members helping to pay for the newspaper. At the current rate of \$13.50 per member, we come up short by about \$2,500 because of the decline in membership. To balance the budget would require an increase of \$1.25 per member for a total assessment of \$14.75.

To avoid such an unpopular and potentially burdensome increase, we have decided to pass the hat at Sessions this year. We're hoping to raise the \$2,500 to balance the budget through donations during Sessions. That will give those who are able to contribute an opportunity to support the newspaper and hold off an increase in the newspaper assessment.

We look forward to seeing you at Sessions and hope that you will take the opportunity to support our newspaper.

— In F, L. & T., Toby Hanson

From your Rebekah & Grand Wardens

Here are some great membership ideas!!!

At a recent District Meeting, I gave a membership program. The group came up with some great ideas — one or two of which I would like to share with you.

The first idea is to have a booth at a fair, rodeo, or farmers market. Depending on the location, you should be able to secure a booth reasonably cheap. You could also share the booth with other lodges to offset expenses — plus this would give you more people to work the booth. Have brochures, pictures, maybe giveaways (pens, pencils, stickers), contact information, and, of course, applications available. Just think of the exposure you would get with all the people who attend these events.

The other idea is to have a membership chairperson in your own lodge. Now this person doesn't have to do all the work, but would set up programs or at least get your lodge started on a project for increasing your membership. Joyce and I may be your Membership Chairmen, but it takes us all to increase membership.

Oh, and one last thing. When I asked how many people had applications with them or on them, only eight people raised their hands out of 29. Now they all have applications. So you need to make sure and have supplies of applications handy and each and every one of you should be able to produce an application when an opportunity presents itself. We need to be prepared and we need to be aggressive and *ask*. So remember, we have to get *excited* about our Order, we have to *ask* for membership, and we have to have those *applications* ready.

— In F, L. & T., Joyce Miller, Assembly Warden
Laurel Delony, Grand Warden (lddelony@comcast.net)
Membership Co-Chairmen

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

CELEBRATING MOTHERS' DAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the sun is out, the weather is warmer and spring has sprung.



The month of May celebrates Mothers' Day. Nothing on earth makes life more worthwhile than true, loyal friends like our mothers and the warmth of their smiles. May is also when we should honor our lost men and women of the Armed Service and remember our lost

Brothers and Sisters, friends and relatives who have passed on during the last year.

SESSIONS ARE NEARING

Our Rebekah Assembly Sessions are just around the corner and along with Sessions comes the arrival of summer. I hope the spring flowers and the sunny days will begin to greet us soon and our sweatshirts and sweat pants can be retired. I am looking forward to not having my body talk to me every day, telling me that it is cold and my body aches can go away for the summer.

VISUAL RESEARCH MONTH

The month of May has been declared the "Visual Research Month" by the Sovereign Grand Master. Our jurisdiction is very lucky to have our own Visual Aid Foundation for the youth, and the Vanderlinden-Sheppard Foundation for adults. The Visual Aid Foundation works with the local schools, to help provide vision testing and eye glasses for the youth where they are needed and The Vanderlinden-Sheppard Foundation aids adults with eye exams and glasses. This foundation is sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Washington.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge's Visual Research Foundation has a \$1 million endowment to the Wilmer Institute Ocular Immunology Laboratories at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. The contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes so many may see! Remember, many have sight. . . only a few gave vision. Our eyes are our contact with the world. To whatever degree we lose sight, we lose touch with our surroundings and the quality of life is affected.

SEE YOU IN YAKIMA

It's only a little over a month until Sessions in Yakima. I hope that as many of you that can attend will do so. We are losing some of our Rebekah Lodges, and we need to continue to have a connection to those lodges that are left. Some of the committees that were selected for Assembly, need to be sure and have the information you need and what your duties are serve on these committees. If you have any questions — about anything — be sure and give me a call. I love to talk and talk, when I get the chance.

THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTH

I leave you with Truth. Truth is the standard by which we value people. It is the foundation of our society. Truth is the link which causes us to seek knowledge which will strengthen the courage of young men and women and give solace to our aged members. It reminds us never to be hasty in our judgments and always generous in our praise. Please come and join hands as we walk into the future together, prepared to meet each day with Friendship, Love, Truth, concern, and sharing our burdens and joy!

With Rebekah Hugs in F, L. & T.,
Marcia Presley,
PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington



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SEND ALL THE REGISTRATION FORMS AS A GROUP.

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

We are still here. We were to install with Port Townsend, but snow kept us home, so our District Deputies did the duty.

Our Odd Fellows elected Gordon Cooper as Representative to the Grand Lodge Sessions. our Rebekah Representative is yours truly, Florence Cowdery. Linda Dodge is the Alternate Representative to the Rebekah Assembly Sessions.

Following our Temple Annual Meeting, we had a slide show on British Columbia travels and then we enjoyed dinner.

Elsie Burgett, now 93, had pneumonia. She now lives at Ridgmont Terrace, Room 6, 2051 Pottery Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366.

In January Don Cowdery had a second mini-stroke, then he came home from a visitation with laryngitis which he had for two weeks.

Gordon Cooper's bronchitis keeps

flaring up. Larry Norman, Walt Dodge and John Gaiski continue to have problems. My turn was with a bacterial infection and severe anemia, topped with hitting my head when I passed out. To all our shut-ins, we do hope you are in better health.

Our District Association meetings in Port Hadlock had six Odd Fellows and six Rebekahs, plus our visitor Judy Diekman, PPRA and Grand Senior Warden of Grand LEA. I do thank her for taking my Secretary duties at District. The District voted to continue to meet. The next meeting is on October 1 in Bremerton.

Here's wishing you all sunny skies, beautiful flowers and warm memories of our mothers. To those fortunate enough to still have their mothers, please make time to be with them.

In F., L. & T.,

Don & Florence Cowdery,

Reporters

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

I forgot to mention we served a luncheon at "Our Sister's Pantry" for our Community Service project. We are looking forward to serving another dinner again in October.

We are having an Easter Hat Parade. I will let you know who won.

Keith Morey had his cataract surgery and he is doing very well.

On Thursday, June 2, we will have our Friendship Night.

MOTHERS' DAY

Mothers come in all shapes and many sizes too.

Mothers teach only the good God meant for us to do.

Mothers stand for the very best there is to be.

Mothers love you even when you are wrong you see.

Mothers are a gift straight from Heaven above.

Nothing on earth can take the place of a Mother's Love.

A big happy Mothers' Day to everyone and especially to all you shut-ins. Please forgive me because I have been in and out of the hospital five times.

— In F., L. & T., Sharon Harris, Reporter

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Mothers' Day to all our Rebekah Sisters.

We had fun last month with the Noble Grand of our sponsoring lodge at our Open House making gifts and cards for our own mothers. Then while waiting for the Spunky Bluebirds to come for the Holland Happening Parade, we made Mothers' Day cards and tissue carnations for the nursing home. We had a good time with the girls from Tacoma. We even had a little karaoke fun.

Some of our girls will be attending the Youth Retreat in Olympia this month as we prepare for Sessions in June. Then, of course, we are working on our assignments and our scrapbook for Sessions so we are keeping busy. We hope to see many of you in Yakima.

— Until Next Month In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

There have been several opportunities for Narcissa members to contribute to some very worthy causes. We sent a donation to the St. Baldrick's Foundation in support of Caity Bell's goal to raise \$2,000 to help bring awareness to childhood cancer. We understand that Caity was very successful in her mission and raised more than \$4,000. We congratulate both Caity and Sylvia Summers, Advisor to the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club, who shaved their heads for this cause.

Sister Sharon Sousa's son and family, the Burdens, were victims of a home fire recently. Thankfully all were safe, but there was a need for temporary housing because of the smoke damage. We were pleased that we could help with a monetary donation.

Barbara Tvrz was appreciative of those members who brought food donations for the Pantry Shelf during the month of March. She told of our local food bank's participation in the Feinsein Challenge, during the months of March and April, whereby the Feinsein Foundation provides a matching fund of \$1 for each can of food donated.

John Brigham of the IOOF Home wrote a note thanking Narcissa members for the monetary gifts we have given in support of our two adopted Sisters, Ruth Gibson and Charlotte Hanifen. We also received a thank you note from the Burden family for the monetary donation to help them following the fire in their home.

It was good to have Marthann Hall back in attendance at our meeting and we hope that she continues to feel better.

We are enjoying the leadership of Noble Grand Barbara Tvrz who has implemented some clever ideas that have resulted in good times for us during our meetings. She occasionally provides a prize which is won through a drawing. Sister Jacqueline Klicker was our most recent winner.

At one meeting, during the "Good of the Order," she had each person verbally answer the question, "What one thing did you do as you were growing up that contributed to your mother's gray hair?" We heard some funny, scary, and surprising responses. What a fun time we had through this sharing of our experiences!

At our next meeting, we are to be prepared to wear an Easter hat (preferably of our own design) and participate in an Easter parade.

At our last meeting in March everyone enjoyed the refreshments served by Jane Hanson.

All members have been issued their 50/50 raffle tickets to be sold for our Spring Fund-raiser. Remember, the winner of the drawing, on Tuesday, June 21 will receive 50 per cent of the total ticket proceeds. We have more than two months to make this a successful project for Narcissa Lodge and provide happiness for some lucky winner.

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



New Officers in Kent

Installation of Officers for the new term of Kent Encampment #15 and Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary was held on Friday, April 8 following a delicious dinner. From left are: newly-installed Chief Matriarch Holly Houser, Grand Matriarch and Installing Officer Betty Young, Grand Patriarch and Installing Officer Greg Powers, and newly-installed Chief Patriarch John Otterstrom.

From your 2010-2011 Grand Matriarch



BETTY YOUNG

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW LEA OFFICERS

Greetings All,

In April I enjoyed the LEA Installations I was able to attend.

Congratulations to all the new officers in every LEA. My best wishes for a rewarding and productive year.

In just a month and a half it will be time for Sessions. I look forward to seeing many of you in Yakima. This year the Grand LEA Session will be on Thursday, June 23. This will be the day after Rebekah

Assembly and Grand Lodge Sessions. The Session will begin at 9 a.m. Installation will be at 4 p.m., after which it will be over.

I chose not to have a special official dress. I expect all officers to be in long dresses or skirts of their choosing.

There will be a "Fun Night" on Wednesday. All LEA's, please have something entertaining to share. There will also be a "pay your own" ice cream social.

The drawing for my raffle will be on Monday night at the All Branch Banquet. I think the theme for the banquet is "Home on the Range." Everyone cowboy up!

I have decided to go ahead with a sale table, so bring your items to sell.

Thank you to everyone who accepted an appointment for a job at our Session. We need you all. There will be additional committee appointments made during Session. See you in Yakima!

*In Faith Hope & Charity; Friendship Love & Truth,
Betty Young, Grand Matriarch*

Active Rebekah DoRis Klotzner dies at age 93

Julia DoRis Klotzner, 93 and a longtime active member of the Rebekahs, died in Olympia's Providence Hospital on Friday, April 15. She was born in Weskan, Kansas on August 4, 1917. She was born in a "soddie" house and has a certificate naming her as a "Daughter of the Soddies."

DoRis was Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington and Past President of the LAPM of Washington. She was always very active in church work, choir, glee club and was an avid seamstress.

Three months after she graduated from high school, a young man swept her off her feet, but that marriage did not last and ended in divorce. From that marriage came a son, Darwin.

During World War II, she moved to Tacoma and was employed at the J.C. Pennys store. She became very active in the USO. At a Fourth of July picnic, she met a Chief Petty Officer. A month later DoRis and Ace were married. Ace had to be aboard ship and was gone a lot, so she joined the North Tacoma Rebekah Lodge and started going through the chairs. She moved to California when the ship Ace was on was home-based there. She also had her Rebekah membership transferred there. Ace had joined the North Tacoma IOOF Lodge, but had dropped out. He was then reinstated in California. He joined the Encampment. Ace and DoRis were charter members of the Santa Anna Ladies Encampment Auxiliary



DORIS KLOTZNER

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From your 2010-2011 Grand Patriarch



GREG POWERS

MAKE WAY FOR NEW BROTHERS

Since I've joined the Odd Fellows, I keep hearing the clarion call to recruit. One year it was for every one to bring in one Brother. Next it was to bring in two new Brothers each.



While our Order is eager to bring in new Brothers, we are often slow to welcome them completely. New Brothers bring new ideas and if we are to survive into another century, we must make room for them. Give them jobs and empower new Brothers in their endeavors. Have more social events. We have to offer something more than business meetings.

Get ready for new modalities of living. What was "unacceptable" in the 1970's is common place today. Many couples live out of wedlock and have children without the benefit of marriage. Being gay is not a crime or a moral failing. All races mix freely. Being tattooed and pierced is just style. Inside we are all alike. We are welcoming Brothers of religions with different spiritual constructs than our own, whose spiritual systems are not dependent on grace or the intercession of God(s).

As the interchange of ideas accelerates, we find our preconceived notions to be challenged. Still, the Golden Rule reigns supreme. This is the basis of Odd Fellowship — joining us together with our similarities, our differences are immaterial.

BE KIND TO ALL

Remember, that we are an Order of volunteers. The only tool you have with a volunteer is praise. Cracking the whip just makes them go away. If a Brother strays, he should be corrected with kindness. Our laws must be enforced even-handedly and fairly. Capriciousness in the law undermines not only the legitimacy of the person in charge, but of our entire Order. If some rules apply to some, but not to all, it makes the appearance that our Order is simply another "Old Boy" network.

Just like any business, one happy customer tells a friend, but an unhappy customer tells anyone who will listen. Older Brothers should give guidance, not maintain over zealous control. Without welcoming new members as full Brothers, we have no future.

Yours In Faith, Hope & Charity;

Greg C. Powers (AKA Doctor Pangloss)

Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington

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She went to Japan for two years and was active in Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Red Cross, an Officers' Club and church work.

She baked and decorated wedding cakes. After Ace's tour ended, he retired and went to work for A.T.&T. He went to Scotland and DoRis lived with her sister for a while before buying property in Yelm. She picked up on her lodge activities and transferred back to Warren Rebekah Lodge #308 in Roy and the LEA in Olympia. She became an Associate Member of Harmony Rebekah Lodge #335 and has been an active member ever since.

After receiving the Decoration of Chivalry, she joined the Ladies Auxiliary of Patriarchs Militant and became President of the Olympia Auxiliary. She also was an active member of the Sacajawea Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, and was a Past President of the Ceramic Association.

DoRis was an active member of the IOOF Park Board and was Secretary for nine years. She was still baking and decorating wedding cakes, and at the same time opened her ceramics store.

She always seemed to thrive on activity. She was Past President of District Association #3, Past President of the Past Noble Grands Club, Past Grand Matriarch, Past President of the LAPM for Washington, Past President of the United Methodist Women's Society, and a past Theta Rho Advisor. Her life has been very active and she will be missed by many people who met and loved her dearly.

Services were held at the United Methodist Church in April on Friday, April 29. She was buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Olympia.



Northwest Memorial

These Rebekah Assembly Officers gave a memorial presentation at the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting on Sunday morning, April 3, in Portland, OR. From left are: Belinda DeGuglielmo, President from British Columbia; Mary Houle, Warden from Oregon; Jean Hartill, President from Washington; and JoAnn Johnson from Idaho. Northwest President Gerard Ratchford is in the background.

~ In Memoriam ~

- **DoRis Klotzner**, 70 year member, PGM, PP LAPM, Warren Rebekah Lodge #308, Roy.
- **Loren Krause**, PG, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22.
- **Carolann Angell**, 33 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #79, Walla Walla.
- **Patricia Willette**, PNG, Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289, Des Moines.
- **Doral Shelton**, Oak Rebekah Lodge #291, Oak Harbor.

Degree Nights continue at Ballard-Alki #170!!!

Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 continued its program of holding Degrees at the second meeting of every month by holding the Second Degree for several members on March 24. We will continue with this program by offering a Third Degree on April 28. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, and visiting Sisters and Brothers are always welcome — especially on Degree Nights.

On March 3, Ballard-Alki held a bake sale benefit for earthquake and tsunami relief in Japan. The event featured both a bake sale and a silent auction. Altogether we raised more than \$900. Over \$1,100 was raised overall for the relief effort.

Ballard-Alki continues to look for relief and assistance activities in our own local community. Members of the lodge are welcome to suggest additional opportunities of volunteer work or fund-raising. Noble Grand Rich Osborne has made third Tuesday nights his official volunteer night. He continues to welcome everyone to come at 6 p.m. to join in. For directions, call him at (206) 713-6917 or e-mail at ecotoolsllc@comcast.net.

Our lodge has also begun hosting Community Dinners. Please contact the lodge for more information.

All the Sisters and Brothers at Ballard-Alki wish you success in your own work to extend fraternal assistance through our communities and into the world.

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

We will welcome a new member by reinstatement on Monday, May 2. Nikki Berry, PNG of Starlite Rebekah Lodge #332, will join us. Her mother is PNG Norma Roberts.

Members of our lodge were busy at the Maytown Rest Area recently. I can't help laugh a little when I see the sign, "Free Coffee." We did very well.

We hope you will remember to mark your calendars for Saturday,

July 23. We will celebrate our 100th year! There will be more news in the June edition of *The Washington Odd Fellow*.

Get well wishes are sent to Kathy Nelson, Arlene Bennett, Sharon Harris and Kathy Cannon.

Several of our members took part in an initiation April 23 in Bucoda.

*In F, L. & T.,
Lena Swetz Secretary*

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

I am back from very warm Palm Springs CA and have taking up reporting again.

FYI: The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth dinner our lodge is sponsoring is on Friday, May 20. It is from 5:30 p.m. to whenever. All members and their families are invited. There is no cost for the dinner. PJ is the ramrod and the head cook. The dinner is for the Olympia Lodge's and Ruth Rebekah's candidates for the United Nations trip to New York in June.

Our cemetery is doing well. Joe and Bill have reorganized the finances. Several burials have occurred. We are waiting for warmer weather so that the Cemetery Board and the lodge can get several projects going. The Memorial Day celebration planning is going very well. It should be an exciting time. In the next letter all the details will be spelled out.

The park is very wet. We are doing well with bookings. Glen, Gary and Mary Kitsch cleaned the gutters on the kitchen building, but it is too wet to mow the grass. We have paid the first six month's property taxes.

Thanks to the alertness of PJ and Glen, they confronted the county regarding the high property taxes for 2011. Thurston County had goofed and refunded several hundred dollars for the two years previous. They have reduced our taxes considerably.

The Building Committee is still negotiating leases with tenants. Our

lodge has a small leak in roof, but it is being looked after. Minor repairs are being made on the elevator chair. Our new high tech projection system in now 100 per cent complete as a lap top computer has been programmed and installed. It really makes a difference.

Congratulations to Jason Kinkala for being reinstated to our lodge. We hope to see you around the lodge.

On April 4 we initiated up to the First Degree five new members from Napavine. Their lodge is growing at a good rate.

We initiated to the First Degree Brandon Dnitz as a new member of our lodge. We have 167 members. This initiation was done by Joe P. as George Johnson was ill. He did a great job. Several changes were thrown at him, but he handled them well.

Tom Day, our Recording Secretary, has spoken to the lodge about calling absent members to see if they are okay and remind them of lodge meetings and various functions of the lodge.

To Geo Johnson, Karen Wilson, Walt Cook and all under the weather, we wish you speedy recoveries.

The Park Board has placed a shovel and rake in the utility shed. These tools are to be used by members to help maintain the park.

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

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our meeting was called to order on April 7. Serving refreshments was Laura Lee Bowen. The tables were decorated with Easter bunnies and flowers. We enjoyed ice cream for dessert. It was good to have Bonnie Hansen with us again.

Cookie is back from her trip to Ilwaco Beach. She enjoyed a seafood dinner at the Chinook Inn. This was part of her birthday celebration.

Sandy Holderman and Cookie Music had lunch at the Winlock Senior Center on March 26. A very good salad luncheon was served with

garlic bread. It was topped off with birthday cake and ice cream.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Cookie, Mary Francis Peterson and everyone who had birthdays during the month of March.

Members of Monterose are sending our annual donations to the Toledo High School Scholarship Fund. Where did the school year go?

Until next time, a happy Easter to you.

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

Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217 - Ballard

This newsletter submission will begin with a financial lecture. Years ago, the Imperial Lodge in Spokane was proud to give their Representative to the Grand Sessions the magnificent sum of \$50 to help defray expenses. Today, that amount represents about one tank of gas. Salmon Bay is lucky enough to have the funds to give our Representative, Genie Coston, extra money to help with her expenses. Of course, she will still have to bring her own peanut butter sandwiches and tent! All silliness aside, we extend a heartfelt thanks to all members who make it to Yakima, absorbing much of the expense themselves.

Our sister, Regina Thomas, received her Master's Degree in Music from the University of Washington in March. Congratulations!

Members were pleased to hear that Sister Betty Weldon is back home in Oregon to complete her recovery.

Sister Olive Cella had an emergency visit to the hospital, experiencing chest pains and breathing difficulties, but we are happy to report that her lung congestion has cleared and she is back home awaiting further test results.

This spring, Salmon Bay Rebekahs will join Alki-Ballard Odd Fellows in their annual Strawberry Feed fundraiser. Proceeds this year will benefit the Japan Disaster Relief Fund.

Salmon Bay members also contributed some goodies to the bake sale on Sunday, April 2. The event was coordinated by our good Brothers from the Ballard-Alki Odd Fellows. It was a tremendous success and the funds will be donated to a local charity in Japan by a Brother whose personal connections will ensure that 100 percent of the donation will go to relief aid.

*In F, L. & T.,
Donna Flatt, Reporter*

2011 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Pre-Registration Form ~

Clarion Hotel, Yakima, WA
June 18 thru 23, 2011

One person per registration, please. Photo copy if more are needed.

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After June 1, Registration is \$20 Per Person
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Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2011

2011 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Meal & Banquet Reservations ~

	PRICE	Number of Persons	TOTAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 18			
Youth Banquet			
Taco Bar	Adults \$13.50	_____	_____
SUNDAY, JUNE 19			
Past President's Banquet			
Golden Baked Pork Chops	\$22.50	_____	_____
London Broil	\$22.50	_____	_____
MONDAY, JUNE 20			
President's Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$12.00	_____	_____
Grand Master's Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$12.00	_____	_____
All Branch Banquet			
London Broil	\$22.50	_____	_____
Roast Turkey	\$22.50	_____	_____
TUESDAY, JUNE 21			
TaNaMaKa Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$12.00	_____	_____
IOOF Representatives' Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$12.00	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22			
Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$12.00	_____	_____
THURSDAY, JUNE 23			
Grant Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Breakfast			
French Toast	\$12.00	_____	_____
Encampment / LEA Luncheon			
Soup and Salad Bar	\$15.00	_____	_____
Pre Registration Prior to June 1	\$15.00	_____	_____
Registration AFTER June 1, 2011	\$20.00	_____	_____
TOTAL DUE WITH REGISTRATION			_____

Calling all Past Presidents

GOODIES, FORMALS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR SALES TABLE AT GRAND SESSIONS

Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, start saving your goodies for our sales table at Grand Sessions in Yakima this June.

Also, we will have a formal rack, so your donations of formals is welcome.

We will need a volunteer to staff our table and formal rack, so if you can help. please let me know. My phone number is (509) 487-3807. Let's make this a good year.

— *Fraternally, Yvonne Haugeto, PPRA*
President, Past Presidents Club

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

This reporter missed one meeting, so news might be a little sparse.

Since Luellyn Ainsworth's cancer has returned, the oncologist decided that radiation is the way to go. Treatments are Monday through Friday until May 11. So far, the treatments are going very well.

Corky and Warren Walker are improving in health. They had both been quite ill.

THOUGHT

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

— *Albert Einstein*

NG Carolyn Turner and her husband Bill are much improved in health.

"If at first you don't succeed, try looking in the waste basket for directions."

— *From Gingersnaps*

We are busy working at getting new members. Hopefully by fall, we will have at least four to bring in.

With love and good health to all. . .

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

The Spring District Meeting is over. Our lodge served as the host lodge. We gave the welcoming speech, exemplification on how to become a non-contributing member, and an entertainment number. The "Everyone Bring A Salad" luncheon was enjoyed.

After a number of years we feel that we need to raise our dues that are paid to the lodge. This will start with our 2012 dues. Our by-laws are now in the process of being changed. There will be more on this after the change is approved.

Craig Schultz may need back

surgery. He is now waiting to find out from the doctor. Nelsa Kausche fell and hurt her back. Our thoughts and prayers are for these and others who are ill.

Sister Carolann Angell passed away. She was a 33-year member of Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

Remember, we recess for the months of July and August. Our first fall meeting will be on September 13.

May all of you have a nice summer.

In F., L. & T.,
Jean Lucke,
Reporter

Happy Mothers' Day
To All Our Moms!

Sunday, May 8th



Newest Member

Marcia Presley, left, was welcomed by Chief Matriarch Karen Hoylman, right, to Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15 as their newest member following her initiation at the March meeting of the lodge. Marcia is the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

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

The Grandview Rebekah Lodge has been busy collecting items for the White Swan fire victims. We collected a van load of blankets, shoes, clothes and toys and delivered them to the Methodist Church for distribution. The devastation of the fire was huge.

We are now regrouping for our next projects which include sponsoring a Grandview Little League team, donating to the Youth of Washington Adaptive Sports Campaign, and St. Jude.

Our social meeting has taken on a

new twist this month. We will be making Mothers' Day cards for residents of the Grandview Health Care Facility. After we socialized, the table was cleared and the card making began. Beautiful cards were made. Everyone enjoyed the on-going project.

That's it for this month. Here's wishing you a feeling of fulfillment in your lodge work.

*In F., L. & T.,
Sally Edwards,
Reporter*

Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

A TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS AND FATHERS

Each of us have loving memories of our mothers and fathers. I never called my mother "Mom." She was always "Mother" to me and "Mom" to my husband, as my father was "Daddy" to me and "Dad" to my husband and he was considered their son.

Mother was the one who taught me the Golden Rule. Daddy supported my mother in all things and practiced the Golden Rule. He taught by exam-

ple, as did my mother. They taught me to value Friendships, that Love is for all, and Truth is a valuable asset. May God bless all parents — they are the greatest and best teachers of all.

Thought For The Day

"Wouldn't it be fine if we could get old a litter later, and wiser a little sooner?"

*In F., L. & T.,
Valma DeVall, Reporter*

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Our meeting was called to order on March 24 by NG Delia McNelly. It also was "Friendship Night." We had a good turnout of Sisters, including Sandy Halderman of Maple Leaf, and Lena Swetz, Dorothy Ray and Charlene Boyd from Kapowsin. Door prizes were on hand for the many winners. A delicious meal was served before the meeting so the out-of-towners could leave a bit earlier.

What a surprise we had! We voted in three new Sisters to join our lodge. They are Tysha Allred, Sabrina Rockwell and Kira Vernall. This makes a total of four new Sisters,

including Linda Deem. An initiation was planned for Saturday, April 23. We have been looking forward to this.

By the way, I have the answer to last month's question: What U.S. President said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" If you guessed Ronald Reagan, you were 100 per cent correct. He was talking about the Berlin Wall. And, yes indeed, it did come down. So much for the history questions.

We hope you all have a very happy Easter.

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

Fall City Lodges seeking new members, new ideas

(Editor's note: The following story was written by Lorraine Mills, Secretary of Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141. The story appeared in the publication, "Fall City Neighbors" last fall. The story deals with Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141, Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59 and Fall City IOOF Lodge #59.)

Who are they? What do they do? All lodges meet at the IOOF Hall in Fall City, 4217 - 337th Pl. SE. The parent lodge is the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but it has several arms of the Order under its jurisdiction. We are the local units and we would love to have anyone who is interested in the goals of our Order join us.

We believe in God, but we are non-denominational. We love our country and we are patriotic. The Bible is on our altar at meetings and our flag is saluted and always present in the lodge room. We have mottos such as "Friendship, Love and Truth" and we believe in charity for those in need. We are prepared to assist in times of sickness or disaster.

Each lodge has its own individual projects besides supporting those sponsored by our international and state Grand Lodge. In Fall City in past years, we have taken part in parades and Christmas light decorations. The IOOF Lodge sponsored the local little league players for a time. The Lone Star Rebekahs contribute quarterly to the local food pantry, and all lodges donate to charities such as Cancer, Heart, Arthritis, etc. and have given money to the disaster support programs.

The lodges statewide support a beautiful IOOF home in Walla Walla that offers apartments, assisted living, and rest home facilities, where our elder members can live comfortably. All three lodges work to support a dinner for members and friends held on the third Saturday night of each month. White elephant — fun Bingo — is played afterward and everyone has a great meal and a good time. Two years ago, Lone Star served a delicious English Tea and our hall was overflowing. But, sad to say, we lost five of our members by death a year ago and our programs have slowed to a standstill at present because of a lack of active members. So we really do need *you* to join us and take part in some activities. We need new people with new ideas so we can be helpful to others and have fun and enjoy each other's friendship.

There are many sides to our organization, and after 20 years I am still learning something new every day. It is all good and it makes for a wonderful group to belong to. Our lodges meet twice a month on separate days and you can choose which one you want to join. For more information, please call Lorraine Mills at (425) 868-4266. Leave a message and we'll get back to you.

All three lodges work together very well and all three meet at the Fall City IOOF Lodge Hall.

Clam Chowder Feed in Des Moines May 17

Brothers and Sisters, it's May again and an Odd Fellow's fancy turns to chowder. Please come and help us celebrate a Des Moines tradition — our annual Chowder Feed on Tuesday, May 17 starting at 6 p.m. We will be serving clam chowder and corn chowder by the bowlful. Bring your family and friends. This event is a time for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Theta Rho Sisters and prospective members to come together for an evening of good food and good fun.

The annual Chowder Feed will be in the Des Moines IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th St. in Des Moines. Please RSVP to (206) 870-6333 or by writing to PO Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. You also may e-mail your RSVP to: fr8dude65@comcast.net

Donations will be collected to benefit the food bank. Gift baskets will be raffled to benefit Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289.

Come join us for a steaming bowl of "Crowder's Chowder" and a heaping helping of Odd Fellowship.

— *In F., L. & T., Julie Long, Chairman*

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.

*Remember Our Veterans
This Memorial Day!
Monday, May 30th*