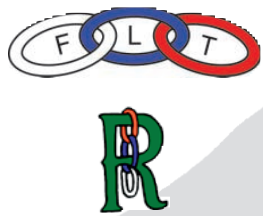
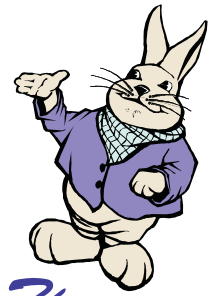


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Happy
Easter!

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Christina Dirks, Faith Ghramm and Lauren Lozano celebrate finishing 140 handmade pillowcases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. See additional photo on page 7.

Spunky Bluebirds #93

Brightening spirits with pillowcases!!!

A hospital stay is a traumatic experience for anyone, but when you're just a kid, it's often terrifying. In an effort to brighten up the spirits of their young patients, as well as the sterile hospital environment, the staff of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital initiated the "Pillowcase Project." Every month approximately 900 children select a bright and cheery homemade pillowcase that they can keep for their very own.

Touched by this great cause, the South Tacoma Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and Theta Rho Girls joined forces to contribute to the "Pillowcase Project." On February 8 they assembled in the lodge hall for an all-day sewing party. The dining hall was set up with an assembly line of cutting and pinning tables, ironing boards and sewing machines. The kitchen was set up, as well, with an assembly line of scrumptious food to keep all the volunteers well-fed throughout the day. By end of a very long day, 140 handmade pillowcases filled with compassion and care were piled high and ready to provide a little extra love for kids in need.

The IOOF contributions to the "Pillowcase Project" are continuing in many ways including more work parties and a Motorcycle Pillowcase Run to deliver the cases.

In March, the Spunky Theta Rho Girls held their own work party. This time they used fabric paint and iron-ons to decorate 41 pillowcases with heartfelt messages. This project has brought to life our motto, "In Happiness Through Service." Just knowing a young person will rest their head on our work makes our efforts worthwhile and rewarding.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*
Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93

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On August 1

Olympia IOOF #1 to celebrate 160 years of Odd Fellowship!!

Please join us on Saturday, August 1 to celebrate the 160th Anniversary of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

This will be an open house event from 1 to 4 p.m. at the lodge, 405 Columbia St. This celebration is open to members, family and friends.

We will be sharing the history of our lodge, and the role Odd Fellowship has played in our community over the years. This will be a great opportunity to introduce others to our fraternity and the privilege of being an Odd Fellow.



From the desk of your Grand Master

SPRING BREAK TIME

Here we are one quarter of the way into the year and term of officers. I hope that your lodge is starting to get some good progress towards some fun and improvements. With springtime approaching, our Order celebrates Founder's Day on Sunday, April 26. All lodges are encouraged to plan a social event or a lodge Degree Night on or around that day to commemorate our humble beginnings.



C. ALLAN
REITAN

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS

Also, I would like thank the Brothers and Sisters from the various lodges around the Puget Sound area for coming out and volunteering at the Grand Bodies project, the West Coast Conference Championship (WCCC). The teams were very appreciative of the help this year and we had the best showing of any of the non-profits in the Seattle Adaptive Sports coalition. The Grand Lodge of Washington's support of this effort is now in its 30th year. The four Seattle area teams have three more weeks left to raise \$20,000 to afford their travel and lodging to NWBA National Finals in Louisville, Kentucky. The remaining funds in our project are being utilized to repair and tune up the players' wheelchairs before they depart.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As I sit here and write this month's letter to you, my Brothers and Sisters, I reflect on a day at the office that has brought much change rapidly. My employer has recently completed a large round of "Reduction In Force (RIF)" — a modern euphemism for layoffs. These decisions happen all the time and you prepare yourself for what may or may not happen. Sometimes the decisions and choices seem obvious, and other times they just appear to be at random.

Either way the leadership who are responsible to the broader organizations for the staffing plan and vision take many measured steps to ensure that employees get treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Sometimes employees "expect" that if they have been a self-perceived top performer or bring in some "quick results," they still fall short on the RIF board. That is because leaders assess the future abilities of the employee along with fundamentals like ethics and competency in their chosen profession. Should an employee who is marginal show little effort in reforming their behaviors or understanding the organization that they voluntarily joined,

eventually their career plans get adjusted by a future "RIF."

DEALING WITH MATTERS IN A REASONED MANNER

Our Order has been at a challenging point in history whereby we look at new opportunities or methods of bringing members to local lodges. In doing so, does your lodge work with new members to ensure that they get the proper training and guidance so that they can be constructive contributors to the whole Order? I know in the modern day and age of the Internet, it is easy to go "search" for an answer somewhere other than where you should find it. The Internet has been the boon and bane of researchers everywhere because you can find anything you want anywhere you want.

In order to be effective as a leader you have to be able to understand information with context. If you don't have a fundamental background in the basics of your topic, or a proficiency in what you are looking for, then anything you find will fit your pattern of thinking. The ability to understand information with context allows a human the capability to think and reason. That leads to using something like an Internet search engine as a tool for effective information, instead of a crutch for lazy thinking, "the turn to the answer in the back of the book."

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
C. Allan Reitan, Your 2014-2015 Grand Master

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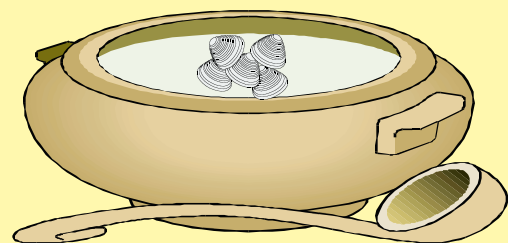
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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

“TAKE ME”

Brothers and Sisters,

The Advance Reports or “Take Me” will be put together this month, so all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen should have their reports and budget requests in the Grand Lodge office.



HARRY W. “BILL” COULTER

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Thank you to all lodges and their Secretaries. Most of the lodges have submitted their Annual Reports on time to meet the February 15 deadline. Good job to those lodges.

Now that you have completed your Annual Reports, we suggest that you check on the date when you are required to submit your IRS Form 990 as appropriate for your lodge. Please remember that all lodges are required to file Form 990, no matter what your annual income is. They seem to have a varying or different due date for each lodge. Upon completion of your filing, forward a copy to the Grand Lodge office to be placed in your lodge file. The same could be said for the Lodge’s Annual Corporation report/renewal filed, if required with the Secretary of State.

GRAND SESSIONS

This year the Grand Sessions of the Grand Bodies of the Order will be held at the Yakima Valley Hotel in Yakima. The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly will meet June 22, 23 and 24. The Grand Encampment and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, June 25. The Theta Rho Assembly will begin

on Friday, June 19. Registration forms, including forms for meals, appear in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. The can be found on pages 14 and 15. Registrations for Sessions this year will be handled by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, under the Chairmanship of Joe and Kathi Picanco.

WASHINGTON ODDFELLOW

Should you have articles to be printed in *The Washington OddFellow*, they are due to the Grand Lodge office, **no later than** the 15th of the preceding month. (For the May issue, materials are due by April 15.) Those articles that arrive after that date will be printed if space allows.

— Fraternally,
Harry W. “Bill” Coulter,
PGM, Grand Secretary

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

I can’t believe it’s my birthday month. Going in to get my drivers license renewed is a hassle! More expense and good for five years?

Our Noble Grand Linda Deem had knee replacement surgery, so she is in recovery for the next six weeks. The lodge plans on sending her a card.

Yes, we have a bake sale coming up on Saturday, March 14. Same location at Ace Hardware, in Napavine. We are hoping for a good turn out. Our home-made pies always sell first.

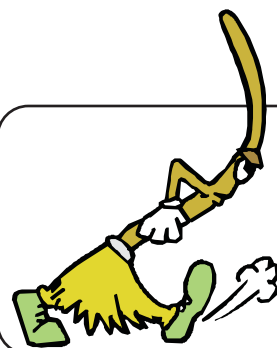
Our Sister Pat Harader has moved to Centralia. She lives at Cooks Hill Manor, and assisted living facility. I plan to stop by for a visit. If you are passing through, it is on the way to Providence Hospital. Stop in and say hello!

Sylvan Glen Lodge has joined us at Trinity. I am hoping Leona and some of the Sisters can join us for our meetings. It will be nice to have them.

Oh, by the way, our community garage sale is just around the corner! It will be on Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10. You’re all invited! A sack lunch will be served in the kitchen. Come and check it out!

This wraps it up for now. Have a Happy Easter!

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



*April 7
National
No
Housework Day!*

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From the desk of the Assembly President

PLANT A TREE ON ARBOR DAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many times over the years I have heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." The daffodils and tulips are in bloom and it will soon be time to plant our gardens.

Friday, April 24 is Arbor Day and this is an excellent time to support the dream of Sovereign Grand Master Wilson D. Berkley, who in 1989 was concerned about global tree loss. He commissioned "The Living Legacy Program" — "Plant a Tree for One Who Comes After Me" as a project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Consider planting a tree to help our environment, add beauty to our communities and provide food and cover for wildlife. Your Lodge might work with the local library, school, church, or city to provide trees and have them planted.



MARGARET TRUTTMANN

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I LOVE MY VISITS

I am enjoying my visits I have done this spring and

appreciate the wonderful greetings, the honors and the beautiful exemplifications that have been presented by the Lodges. Thank you for taking time to prepare for my visits and giving me special memories.

APRIL SCHEDULE

My schedule for April is a busy one and includes the following:

- **April 10, 11 & 12**, — Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Ontario, Oregon, hosted by Idaho.
- **Sunday, April 19** — Park Board Meeting on Camano Island.
- **April 24, 25 & 26** — Home Board at the Odd Fellow Home in Walla Walla.
- **April 29 through May 4** — Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Virginia

Have wonderful Easter with family and friends.

I leave you with this quote by Philippe Perrin, "It's only when you're flying above it that you realize how incredible the Earth really is."

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Margaret Truttmann, President.
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

We still have beautiful weather and are hoping that it stays around for awhile.

We enjoyed a fun Valentine Party in February. Everyone wore either red, pink or white. Marthann Hall was in charge of entertainment and provided a cute little red monkey as a door prize. We also had a game to heal the broken heart of a gentleman whose sweetheart had rejected him. Each red paper heart was cut like a jigsaw puzzle, all we had to do was put it together. This is not as easy as it sounds. Everyone finally got theirs done

except this reporter who didn't get it figured out until that evening at home. Barbara Lechner served Red Velvet cake and ice cream for refreshments. It was a nice party.

130TH ANNIVERSARY

We are so excited! Narcissa celebrates our 130th Anniversary this year. Our Sister Shirley Ruble thought it would be nice if we had a plaque to commemorate our Lodge. She brought the proposal to a meeting and we concurred. Shirley, Rose Ringhoffer and Robertta Hunt then investigated further and we overwhelmingly voted to commission a 12" by 12" bronze plaque to be permanently located by the flagpole at the Odd Fellows Home here in Walla Walla. It will be installed and landscaped with a border of flowers. This will be done in the spring and we're all looking forward to it.

Happy Easter to all of us.

In F., L. & T., Barbara Tvrz, Reporter

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April 11

8-Track Player Day

Do You Remember Those?

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

THANK YOU, SECRETARIES

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our end-of-the-year reports have been filed with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and our Sovereign Grand Lodge



MARCIA
PRESLEY

dues have been paid for the year. I would like to thank all of the Rebekah Lodge Secretaries for their working diligently throughout this year to fulfill their duties. Without you, my job would be impossible.

WE WILL PREVAIL

This past year we have had some Charter Surrenders and Consolidations, but we will prevail. We have had some lodge issues and concerns, as well, but with the help of everyone involved, we again will prevail.

LIVING LEGACY MONTH

The month of April is “Living Legacy Month” — “Plant a Tree for One Who comes after Me.” Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. Saturday, April 18 is “Make A Difference Day” and on Sunday, April 26, we will celebrate the 196th Anniversary of the founding of the Order in North America.

We need to encourage and promote our three great principles and the cornerstone of Odd Fellowship — Friendship, Love and Truth. When the Odd Fellowship

fraternity was instituted with meaningful purposes and service to others, it was passed on to each and everyone of us, for us to serve and preserve it’s services for tomorrow. Although we may not see the results of our labors, those who come after us shall enjoy them, just as we have enjoyed others. We each have the wisdom and determination to be the “Builders of Odd Fellowship.” Our future is up to each and everyone of us, to make sure that we have done all we could, always working together, and with the Three Links of Odd Fellowship, We can *Make A Difference!*

I wish you all a Happy Easter; a wonderful time at the Northwest Association Meeting hosted by Idaho with the theme of Volunteering; and a fun April Fools Day.

— *With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth
Marcia Presley,
Past President, Secretary*

In Toledo

Monterose Rebekahs #46

Hello again from your Monterose Sisters.

I guess I left you with a history question hanging in the air last month. What President gave Nixon a full pardon? If you guessed Gerald R. Ford, you’re right! It happened in 1974 after he was sworn in as our 38th President.

The birthday party that was supposed to be held on Sunday, March 8 was canceled due to illness. Mary Francis is just not feeling well. There might be an informal lunch at a later date — we have to just wait and see.

Did you remember to set your clocks ahead? To me it seems earlier or I am just not ready for change. Seems like that whatever I lose some sleep.

I do love to see that spring has sprung. The flowers are in bloom, it’s getting warmer outside and soon the kids will be dismissed for Spring Break.

Our meetings are on the first and third Thursdays, same place, behind the Fire Hall. Come and join us.

All for now. . .

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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Virginia Woolfolk**, 63 year member, joined the Rebekahs in Oregon in 1951, transferred to Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 in Kennewick, then transferred to Eureka State Lodge S-1 when Althea surrendered its charter.

- **Lillian Goodrich**, PNG, 80 year member of Fern Rebekah Lodge #26 in Montesano.

- **Helen Manning**, PNG, 76 year member of Fern Rebekah Lodge #26 in Montesano.

From the desk of the 2014-2015 Arthritis Fund Co-Chairpersons

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS

As we grow older our bodies start to hurt! *Why?* It is usually the Arthritis sneaking up on you. Take care of yourselves to keep your body ahead of this crippling disease.

Now is the time to send in your donations to the Arthritis Fund. Remember, no one can hide from Arthritis. When sending in your donations — Odd Fellows, make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Washington. Rebekahs, Make checks payable to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

— *In F., L. & T., Joyce Miller, PP,*

And Charles Miller, Representative to Grand Lodge

P.S. You never know when *Uncle Arthur* will come to visit, so send in your Donations and be counted as a supporter. Thank you.

From your 2014-15 Theta Rho President

WISHING YOU A HAPPY EASTER

Dear Girls,

Hello everybody, I hope you all have a good Easter! My club, Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79, will be in Oak Harbor's Holland Happening Parade. Hopefully girls from Omega and Spunky Bluebirds will be staying with us at the end of the month.



OLIVIA THRAILKILL

The retreat starts on Friday, May 1 at the IOOF Park in Olympia. I hope lots of you will be able to come.

Also, remember to keep working on your assignments for Sessions.

I hope everyone has an excellent April!

*In Happiness Through Service
And in F., L. & T., Olivia Thrailkill,
Theta Rho Assembly President*

From your TRA Vice President

Calling all Theta Rho Girls!

As you all know, Sessions are coming up in June and so is Fun Night. I know you all are eager to find out the theme so I chose "Super Heroes." All girls should dress up as their favorite super hero, and if you don't have one, then use some creativity and find your inner hero. Each and every one of you girls are one at heart.

Also please bring any old or hand-me-down clothes you have to Sessions. If you have any questions, you can email me at faithghramm@hotmail.com or Facebook message me. I can't wait to see those heartfelt Heroes in June!



FAITH GHGRAMM

*— In Happiness Through Service,
Faith Ghramm, TRA Vice President*



Piper Fyffe, Christina Dirks, Lauren Lozano, Faith Ghramm and Julia Collier gather at the Spunky Bluebirds Installation of Officers.

In South Tacoma

Good friends surround Spunky's new President

On a sunny Sunday in February, the members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club in South Tacoma were joined by family, friends, and IOOF Brothers and Sisters to celebrate their Installation of Officers.

Incoming President Lauren Lozano was honored and delighted to be installed by her two good friends who just happen to be Theta Rho Assembly officers — Theta Rho Assembly Warden Christina Dirks (Installing Officer) and Theta Rho Assembly Vice President Faith Ghramm (Installing Marshal). The team also included Theta Rho Assembly Past Presidents Marilyn Loftus, Holly Houser, Becky (Jo Baccus) Baker, Sylvia (Johnson) Summers, and Past Rebekah Assembly President Karen Hoylman. The girls appreciate the support and love they receive from the surrounding Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges that come and help to make the day special.

We were especially thankful to Brother Robert Jacobsen for traveling for several hours to be with us and to provide us with such wonderful photos of the day.

*— In Happiness Through Service,
Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93*



*See You At Our Sessions
In Yakima This June!!*



Pillowcases for Mary Bridge

Joanne Balmert and Charlie Ghramm sew away on pillowcases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. See additional photo and story on page 1.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Spring is officially here. Easter is early so we hope you all had a Happy Easter. We made Easter baskets for one of the assisted living facilities here in Oak Harbor.

The last weekend of this month is "Holland Happening Days" and once again we will be participating in the parade. We are hoping some of the girls from Spunky Bluebirds and Omega will be able to come up for it. We will be having a sleepover the night before at the IOOF Hall. This is always a lot of fun and a good way to advertise Theta Rho and the Order.

We are looking forward to attending the spring retreat next month and getting together with the girls from the other clubs.

Until next month, enjoy the nice weather and longer days.

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

A few scenes from Spunky's Installation

PHOTOS BY ROBERT JACOBSON — SEE STORY ON PAGE 6



Spunky Girls and Advisors are, from left, Sylvia Summers, Piper Fyffe, Christina Dirks, Lauren Lozano, Faith Ghramm, Julia Collier, Rebecca Carter and Ramona Johnson.

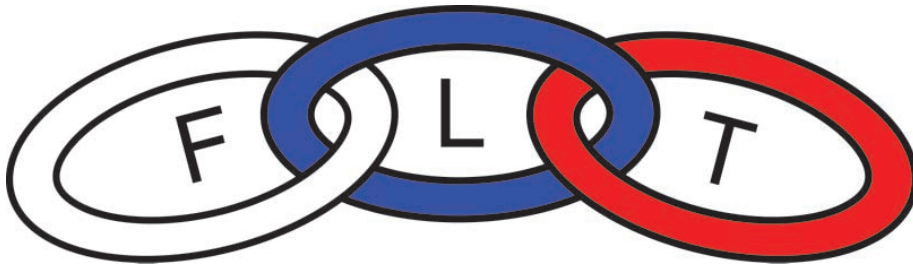


Lauren's family, from left, are Rachel Limon (grandmother), Lauren Lozano, Bobbie Joe Lozano (mother) and Richard Robertson (grandfather).



Theta Rho Assembly Past Presidents Sylvia Summers, Becky Baker, Holly Houser and Marilyn Loftus ham it up at the Spunky Bluebirds' Installation of Officers.

~ Lodge Cards ~



ALIMUS I.O.O.F. LODGE #15

Meets At: 301 NW 2nd St., Goldendale, WA 98620. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mike House, 786 Cedar Valley Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620-2307. **Ph:** (509) 773-4004. **Sec'y:** Mavis. House, 786 Cedar Valley Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620-2307. **Ph:** (509) 773-4604

BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Nora Carria, 7711 8th Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98117. **Ph:** (206) 250-2165. **Sec'y:** Donna Lawrence, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 293-0299

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

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th, Bothell. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Bruce Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 885-2741. **Sec'y:** Cheryl Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 885-2741.

BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP IOOF LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Greg Hulet, 1035 NW Huckle Dr., Bremerton, WA 98311. **Ph:** (360) 692-8919. **Sec'y:** Michael Scheurich, C/O 1052 SE Deep Lake Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98367-7531. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975 (Home & Work)

BUCKLEY I.O.O.F. LODGE #75

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar St., Buckley, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Doug Smith, 25327 155th St. E., Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (206) 335-6783. **Sec'y:** Stephanie Sykes, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 8906-0211

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: 101 E. 7th, second floor, Bucoda. **Mailing Address:** PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530-0248. **Ph:** (360) 402-1600

CHEWELAH REBEKAH LODGE #162

Meets At: 108 N. Second St. E., Chewelah, PO Box 1122, Chewelah, WA 99109 **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Barbara Miller, 1051 E. Lincoln, Chewelah, WA 99109. **Ph:** (509) 935-6751. **Sec'y:** Tracy Hatch, 33213 VanDissel Rd. N., Valley, WA 99181. **Ph:** (509) 680-3195

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Jackie Hallstrom, 18714 103rd NE, Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (206) 390-1732. **Sec'y:** Christine Nagel Russell, 18831 - 24th Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036. **Ph:** (206) 719-5627

DES MOINES I.O.O.F. LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Julie A. Long, 20622 - 13th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 755-1348. **Sec'y:** John F. Crispin, PO Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 799-9233

EOLA REBEKAH LODGE #63

Meets At: 120 So. Cedar Street, Buckley. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092 **Ph:** (253) 249-7442. **E-Mail:** Fr8dude65@comcast.net **Sec'y:** Karen Hoyalman, 2252 Ventura Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022-9257. **Ph:** (360) 825-3554. **E-Mail:** KarensKastle@aol.com

FALL CITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 p.m. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Tom Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-9414. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013

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Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl., Fall City. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., Noon. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Kiane Keener, 440 Main Ave. S., #209, North Bend, WA 98045. Ph: (425) 888-4347. Sec'y: P. Mary Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. Ph: (425) 836-4871

FERN REBEKAH LODGE #26

Meets At: 116 Marcy Ave. W., Montesano. Time: 2nd & 4th Mon, 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Donna Tonn, 388 Giesler Rd., Montesano, WA 98563. Ph: (360) 249-6290. Sec'y: Frances Jonason, PO Box 205, Cosmopolis, WA 98537. Ph: (360) 533-6232

GOLDEN RULE I.O.O.F. LODGE #207

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Phill McDaniel, PO Box 520, Salkum, WA 98582. Cell Ph: (360) 880-1111, Home Ph: (360) 985-2828. Sec'y: Tom Epling, 120 Devereese Rd. W., Chehalis, WA 98532. Cell Ph: (360) 219-5582, Home Ph: (360) 748-8365

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Sandra Moon, PP, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. Ph: (509) 328-1029. Sec'y: Carol Hare, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. Ph: (509) 328-1029

HUNTERS I.O.O.F. LODGE #216

Meets At: Hunters IOOF Lodge, 4945 Hwy. 25, Hunters, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Dan Cox, PO Box 156, Hunters, WA 99137. Ph: (509) 722-3270. Sec'y: Mick Schwartz, PO Box 133, Hunters, WA 99137. Ph: (509) 722-3382

ILWACO I.O.O.F. LODGE #118

Meets At: 106th & 1st St., Ilwaco. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm. NG: Brenda Molsby, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. Ph: (360) 642-4510. Sec'y: Fred Molsby, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. Ph: (360) 642-4510

KAPOWSIN REBEKAH LODGE #241

Meets At: Elk Plain Grange, 21817 Mountain. Hwy. E., (Hwy. 7) Spanaway. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Lorraine Kramer, 8915 - 107th St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. Sec'y: Lena Swetz, 199 Canyon Rd., Silvercreek, WA 98585. Ph: (360) 983-3105

LORRAINE REBEKAH LODGE #289

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Barbara Reitan, 858 Reiten Rd., Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 854-3254. Sec'y: Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 631-5503

MONTEROSE REBEKAH LODGE #46

Meets At: 150 E. 2nd St., Toledo. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Bonnie Hadaler, 397 Cinebar Rd., Cinebar, WA 98533. Ph: (360) 520-1355. Sec'y: Kay Pratt, PO Box 267, Toledo, WA 98591. Ph: (360) 864-4299

MONROE I.O.O.F. LODGE #156

Meets At: 610 So. Lewis, Monroe, WA 98272. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 8 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Carol Manni, 21730 Old Owen Rd, Monroe, WA 98272. Ph: (360) 794-1197. Sec'y: Aloha Zurfluh, 21714 Old Owen Rd., Monroe, WA 98272. Ph: (360) 794-8338

MT. CONSTITUTION I.O.O.F LODGE #88

Meets At: 112 Haven Rd., East Sound, WA. Time: Every Wednesday., 7:30 pm. Recess: None. NG: Robin Kucklick, 394 Buckhorn, East Sound, WA 98245. Ph: (360) 376-2501. Sec'y: John Olson, PO Box 1574, East Sound, WA 98245. Ph: (360) 376-8007

MYSTIC REBEKAH LODGE #168

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Beverly Pry, 1205 Fox Run NW, Bremerton, WA 98311. Ph: (360) 876-2161. Sec'y: Florence Cowdery, 1052 SE Deep Lake Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98367-7531. Ph: (360) 876-1819

NARCISSA REBEKAH LODGE #2

Meets At: Washington Odd Fellows Home, 534 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla. Time: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 2 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Patricia Newell, 205 S. Clinton, #6108, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Ph: (541) 971-0433. Sec'y: Barbara Trvrz, 805 Wauna Vista Dr., Walla Walla, WA 98362. Ph: (509) 525-2735

OLYMPIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #1

Meets At: 405 Columbia St. NW, Olympia. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Robert Vick, 1313 Gemini St. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Ph: (360) 402-0978. Email: Lindaandbob4ever@msn.com Sec'y: Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501-0400. Ph: (253) 606-7620. Email: laureljdelyon@gmail.com

OAK I.O.O.F. LODGE #291

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Time: 2nd & 4th Mon., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Alyce A. Lane, PO Box 985, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 279-1412. Sec'y: Jeff Hunziker, PO Box 245, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 610-6876

OAK LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #254

Meets At: Odd Fellow Hall, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Kathy Reed, 721 SE Barrington Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Sec'y: Mary Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Ph: (360) 632-9231

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

Meets At: 234 Olympic Blvd., Everett, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug & the 4th Thursdays in Nov. & Dec. NG: Anna Miller, 1115 Rainier Ave., #212, Everett, WA 98201-5416. Ph: (425) 252-7458. Sec'y: Bill Wade, 63631 NE 194th Pl. RR 1, Gold Bar, WA 98251-9493. Ph: (360) 677-2221

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: Silver Creek Ethel Grange, 1624 U.S. Hwy. 12, Onalaska. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530. Ph: (360) 273-3188. Sec'y: Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531 Ph: (360) 736-6717

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia. Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Joe Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. Ph: (360) 705-1966. Sec'y: Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. Ph: (360) 413-7014

SALMON BAY REBEKAH LODGE #217

Meets At: 1706 NW Market St., Seattle (Ballard). Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs, 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Genie Coston, 2312 S. 128th St., Burien, WA 98168. Ph: (206) 550-7818. Sec'y: Betty Young, 26501 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 631-5503

SKOOKUMCHUCK IOOF LODGE #129

Meets At: 202 S. Main, Bucoda. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. Time: 2nd & 4th Fri., 7:30 pm. Recess: None. NG: Kelly Hughes, PO Box 182, Bucoda, WA 98530-0182. Ph: (360) 402-1684. Sec'y: Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530. Ph: (360) 402-1600

SO. TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Rebecca Burk, 6104 Knoble Rd. E., Spanaway, WA 98387. Ph: (253) 847-7105. Sec'y: Carol Robertson, PNG, 1803 - 139th St. Ct. E, Sp. 172, Tacoma, WA 98445-6096. Ph: (253) 472-0081

SO. TACOMA I.O.O.F LODGE #211

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98406. Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Brandon Marek, 28215 - 13th Ave. E., Roy, WA 98580. Ph: (253) 222-6029. Sec'y: Duard Fyffe, 4501 S. 'J' St., Tacoma, WA 98418. Ph: (253) 476-3537

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Meets At: Above Hunters Store, Hunters, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 6 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Nadine Johnston, PO Box 63, Hunters, WA 99109. Ph: (509) 722-4745. Sec'y: Jean Hartill, 2114 Hwy. 395 S., Chewelah, WA 99109. Ph: (509) 935-0564

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Meets At: 118 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Dave Delony, 8703 Dolly Madison St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. Ph: (253) 983-7619. Sec'y: Brian Brewer, 905 E. Beacon Ave., Montesano, WA 98563. Ph: (360) 249-5711

SYLVAN GLEN REBEKAH LODGE #184

Meets At: 416 1st St., Pe Ell, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Wed., Noon. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Carolyn E. Turner, PO Box 35, Pe Ell, WA 98572. Ph: (360) 291-2502. Sec'y: Leona Treznoski, PO Box 124, Pe Ell, WA 98572. Ph: (360) 291-3709

TITUSVILLE I.O.O.F. LODGE #34

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: John E. Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092. Ph: Cell: (253) 740-8038 Home: (253) 249-7442. Sec'y: Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PO Box 337, Kent, WA 98035-0337. Ph: (253) 854-3254

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. Ph: (360) 262-3186. Sec'y: Alberta Luurs, 497 S. R 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Ph: (360) 219-7629

VANCOUVER I.O.O.F. LODGE #3

Meets At: Barberton Grange #571, 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665 Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Stormy Sager, 1053 8th Ct., Washougal, WA 98671. Ph: (360) 600-3337. Sec'y: Tari Romo, 7001 NE 206 Circle, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Ph: (360) 260-2310.

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Meets At: 888 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Cecil Tackett, 3777 Addy St., #7, Washougal, WA 98671. Ph: (360) 210-7682. Sec'y: Joyce Gilson, 1849 NW 27th Ave., Camas, WA 98607. Ph: (360) 844-5495

YAKIMA I.O.O.F. LODGE #22

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut, Yakima. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. Recess: June, July, Aug. NG: Jim Boyd, Jr., 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. Ph: (509) 453-3093. Sec'y: Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. Ph: (509) 452-0910

YELM REBEKAH LODGE #296

Meets At: 206 - 3rd St. SE, Yelm, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 1:00 pm. Recess: June, July. NG: Carol Moline, PO Box 253, Roy, WA 98580. Ph: (253) 843-3154. Sec'y: Marlene Lenz, 5928 S. 280th, Roy, WA 98580. Ph: (253) 843-2319.

From your 2014-15 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

Greetings,



**JOHN
OTTERSTROM**

Thank you all who helped out with the Wheelchair Tournament on March 7 and 8. There was an amazing turnout of volunteers. I believe everyone had a good time

Congratulations to all new Encampment Officers who will be installed this month. I hope you all have an amazing year.

Sessions are rapidly approaching. Please plan on attending and seeing how we work.

My home Odd Fellows lodge will be having our annual Chowder Charity in May. There is additional information in this edition of *The Washington OddFellow*.

I hope everyone has a great April

In Faith, Hope & Charity
John Otterstrom, Grand Patriarch

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #121 in Bucoda

We are having a great year so far. With two applicants awaiting Initiation, we are in the planning stages of holding a Degree event. I know for a fact that none of the Degrees have been performed in our lodge since prior to 1993. I believe that it has been since the 1970s or before.

On Sunday March 13, we had a great event sewing Pillowcases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Thank you to Brother Charlie Ghramm for bringing this worthy cause to our attention. Charlie and Lisa Ghramm came down from Tacoma. Laurel Delony, Joanne Balmert, LouAnn Hoffman, Debra Hughes, Kelly Hughes, and Shelly Patrick (NG of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144) were in attendance. We also had six guests who are friends or co-workers show up to help. By the end of the day we sewed 70 pillowcases. LouAnn brought 11 more that she got from a Rebekah to the south of us.

We had a wonderful lunch with great conversation. It is days like this that you sit back and think good people joined in good work are what being an Odd Fellow is about.

— In F, L & T, Kelly Hughes, NG

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.

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, 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 are sending your story via email, **do not double 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 per-

sons name, how long they have been a member and what offices they have held.

- 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.

- 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 15th of each month for the next month's edition. The next deadline is April 10 for the May 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.

- And finally, we could use some more stories and photos. To Lodges which do not regularly submit stores, think about it. We love to print your material.

Thanks, Your Editor

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

JIM ELLIOT RECEIVES 70 YEAR JEWEL

Sister Laurel Delony presented Brother James Elliot with his 70 year Jewel at a meeting in March. Brother Elliot joined the Junior Odd Fellows in 1942 and then became a member of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. He has spent 72 years sharing Odd Fellowship with members and non-members alike. We are honored to have Jim as an active member of our lodge.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Olympia's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is set, the Easter Bunny has hidden eggs around our Puget Beach Park, prizes are waiting, and the raffle basket is ready. Bring a potluck dish to share, your own drinks, and join us at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 for the Egg Hunt, followed by hamburgers and hot dogs. For more information call Cathy at (360) 413-7014.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Memorial Day is less than two months away and our Cemetery Board is busy putting together the program for the Memorial Day Service. This is a very special time of honoring our veterans. Join us on Saturday morning, May 23 to place flags on the graves of veterans, then again on Monday, May 25 for a patriotic ceremony that includes music, inspirational words, military salutes, and the placing of a wreath. At the close of the program we will be serving hot dogs and drinks.

A BUSY SUMMER AHEAD

Summer is on the way and in June, July and August Olympia #1 will meet at our Puget Beach Park for our first meeting of each month.

August looks like a busy month with two big events. On August 1 we will be celebrating our 160th Anniversary, and then on the 29th we'll be serving up the annual Seafood Feast. Watch for more information next month.

Have a great April and enjoy spring.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Cathy Garcia, Reporter



70 plus years of service

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*It's Time To Get
Your Garden Planted!*

April Is National Lawn & Garden Month!

Contemplating the Scene

Death can come in many ways

One of the chief goals of Odd Fellowship is personal development. It seeks to “improve and elevate the character of man.” To create a tolerant and loving society we must start with ourselves. As in many wisdom traditions, we begin this effort by contemplating our own mortality. The skull and crossbones, symbolic of the Initiatory Degree, is an emblem of this foundational practice.

There are many different ways to approach this, and it can be practiced at different levels of depth. We can do this consciously or unconsciously. We are forced to do it by external circumstances periodically in our life. When those close to us either die or are in danger of death; in moments of great transition in our lives, going through a divorce, losing a house or job, moving to another town; we are brought face to face with the ephemeral nature of things. This inevitably brings up an awareness that we are living this life with a time limit.

At the simplest level, this can help to put things into perspective. It can help us prioritize our lives. In the context of our lives being limited, things that are not essential to us can drop away. This is a very useful level, and it’s one we don’t have to wait for extreme circumstances in our life to put into effect. It’s an easy and worthwhile effort to consciously remind ourselves every day of our mortality and to consider our lives from that point of view.

There’s another level that is embodied in our physical experience. Many of our defense mechanisms, the parts of our personality that create obstacles, are based in muscular and emotional contractions that are grounded in our fight or flight instincts around survival. The more we are conscious of this process and deliberately confront those instincts, the more our defenses relax and the more flexible we become. As Gandhi said: those who defy death have no fear. In other words, those who refuse to let the fact of death configure their physical and emotional response to life have conquered the prime source of fear. And it is fear that keeps us from moving forward.

Saint Paul said: “I die every day.” The prophet Mohammed counsels us to “die before death.” This is another level of this foundational practice: dying in our imagination right now and giving up our sense of attachment. We know that all of the things of this life will be ripped from us. Loosening our attachment now allows us to approach life in a more comfortable way, because we’re not worried about holding on to things. This is what is meant by spiritual poverty. When Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” or when Mohammed said, “Poverty is my pride,” they are referencing this sense of giving up ownership of everything we think is ours before it’s taken away from us, as it inevitably will be. In working with the fact of death, there’s a sense of relaxing into reality. The more we accept life as it is, the more comfortable we are, not just superficially, but at a deep level.

Coming from a place of relaxation rather than tension is a great benefit. The American Zen master Sam Lewis used to say: “The only sin is tension.” Because it’s tension that causes us to be defensive and keeps us from listening to what’s going on in the moment. When we cease to listen, we are limiting our capability to learn and adapt creatively to the obstacles life confronts us with.

Becoming comfortable with death will also be beneficial when the time comes for us to actually leave the body behind. The poet Rumi writes that when saints die, the angel of death comes and stands at their bed and politely offers to carry their luggage. There can be a sense of the ease in the transition. In the Jewish tradition, it is said there are 903 ways to die. These are not physical ways to die, but different ways in which to experience the separation of soul and body. The hardest is compared to picking the thorns out of a ball of sheared wool. There’s a sense of entanglement arising from excessive attachment. You have to tease each piece out, negotiating barbs and snags. The easiest is compared to removing a hair from a bowl of milk. The body is the hair in this metaphor and the soul is the milk; the soul is so much vaster than the body, and so much more pure. This death is sometimes called the “kiss of death.” This is the death that Moses, Aaron and Miriam are said to have died, where God takes the soul from the body with a kiss.

So the more comfortable we are with the reality of death, with the reality of leaving everything behind, the more we have practiced the sense of non-attachment in the midst of life, the easier our transition to the next phase of our journey will be. This doesn’t mean being disengaged, but just having a sense of not owning things or concepts, and of not having them own you. If we approach every day like we are travelers, like we are strangers in this place, then our burden is light, and each step forward is that much easier.

Most human cultures believe that death is not the end, but merely a transition. In Christianity, for instance, the crucifixion is followed by the resurrection. Whatever we may believe about the afterlife, we can appreciate the pattern of first giving everything up, and then dealing with the world from a very different perspective. This can entail not just giving up material things or giving up our bodies, but giving up everything that we think we are. When all of those conceptual structures relax, and we are not limited by our own beliefs, then a higher power can begin to act through us. This could be the ideals of Friendship and Love, or inspiration, or even what many people call God. Something greater than ourselves can be alive through us, and we get to experience that. This is indeed a kind of resurrection. This is a place of great joy and power, and in this state we are better able to express and make real the values of our Order.

— *In F., L. & T., Michael Douglas, PNG, Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170*

Plenty of activity at Ballard-Alki Lodge #170



Ballard welcomes new members!

Grand Master C. Allan Reitan was on hand for Ballard-Alki's Initiatory Degree in late February. The candidates, in no particular order, are: Kirsten Smith, Mylinda Sneed, Kathie Simicich, Andrew Greenwald, Paul Dillon, Michael Mahar and Josh Kroszych. Performing the Degree we had (also in no particular order) Michael Douglas, John Beull, Donna Lawrence, Katie Rose Aldridge, Sandra Shepherd, Dale Kellogg, Karen

Lindquist, Deirdra Hahn, Kanjin Cederman, Dr. Bob Duniway, Crystal Raine Forest, Madeline Hoxsey Todd, Greg Powers, Nora Carria, and Jean and Genie Coston visiting from Des Moines, as well as Salmon Bay Rebekahs. It was wonderful to have the hall so full on an occasion other than an Installation!

— Nora Carria,
PG, PCP, Reporter



Origins of Odd Fellowship

At our March 26 meeting we had the honor of a visit from our Grand Master, C. Allan Reitan, who participated in our education session over dinner. This evening's discussion was about the origins of Odd Fellowship.



New members getting involved at Ballard-Alki

Members of Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 welcomed our new members initiated at our last meeting with a potluck discussion about the meaning of the Initiatory Ceremony. We had great feedback from newer members regarding their personal experiences, whether they were initiated in a group or individually. The idea of having the new members perform re-initiation of long-time members was met with enthusiasm!



New members in discussion!!

Clockwise around the table from the foreground are: Sandy Shepherd, Dale Kellogg, Dr. Bob Duniway, Mylinda Sneed, Greg Powers, Crystal Forest, Richard B, Deirdra Hahn, Kirsten Smith, Michael Douglas, Karen Lindquist, Katie Gray, Jake Vasquez and Madeline Hoxsey-Todd.

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(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

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Theta Rho Banquet Theme: “Super Heroes”

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

4:00 p.m. Past President’s Meeting / Banquet

Roast Pork Loin **OR**
Chicken Cordon Bleu *(Circle One)* \$25.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 a.m. Grand Master’s Officers Only Breakfast

Country Buffet Private Affair

7:30 a.m. President’s Breakfast Buffet

Yakima Buffet \$15.00 _____

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Banquet Theme: “Modern Renaissance”

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TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 a.m. TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet

Breakfast Veggie Wrap \$14.00 _____

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

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Kelly Hughes and Shelly Patrick, Noble Grands of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows Lodge and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge, admire 81 pillowcases ready for the IOOF Motorcycle Club to pick up in Bucoda.

Bucoda Lodges busy sewing pillowcases for Mary Bridge kids

Skookumchuck Odd Fellows Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 came together to help the IOOF Motorcycle Club with their project of sewing pillowcases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Each child that stays at the hospital gets to choose a pillowcase for their very own and they get to take it home. Our lodges may be small, but we have the mighty sewing machine.

Members of the lodges will be cooking breakfast on Sunday, May 10 for Mothers' Day at the hall in Bucoda. Bring your mother and come have some pancakes. There will not be a charge, but donations are always welcome. We'll be serving breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. and then we are off to the park in the center of town for community service to weed the flower beds and put in some new flowering plants. This is our second year for this project and you are all welcome to come and help. Bring your shovels, hoes, rakes, pruners — and don't forget your gloves.

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 is very excited that we have two applicants ready to be initiated. We are small but watch us grow!

— *Laurel Delony*