

Loletta McCormick at her desk at the Grand Lodge of Washington office in Buckley.



A memory board depicting Loletta's life was on display at her Memorial Service in Buckley.

Loletta McCormick Past Theta Rho Assembly President dies in Oregon

Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington and longtime Grand Lodge Office Assistant, Loletta B. McCormick, died on January 4 at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Betty McFadden in McMinnville, Oregon. Loletta was 82 years old.

Loletta was born on March 3, 1933 in Tacoma. She graduated from White River High School in Buckley in 1951. Following graduation, she worked as a secretary and administrative assistant.

She married Roger T. McFadden in 1954, bearing two sons, Roger Thomas McFadden, Jr (born 1958) and David Ross McFadden (born 1959).

Loletta and Roger divorced in 1973. She later married John P. McCormick in 1973.

Loletta joined Rosamunda Theta Rho Girls' Club at the age of 12 in 1945. She served as President of her club, and later as the President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. She then transferred into the Eola Rebekah lodge in 1951 at the age of 18, and remained a member until the time of her passing. She served as Noble Grand of Eola in both 1979 and 2007. Later, she served as Treasurer for several years. She joined Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 in 2001.

She was recommended and approved by the Rebekah Assembly to receive the high honor of Decoration of Chivalry by her lodge.

Loletta attended Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bonney Lake and assisted the volunteer fire fighters of Pierce County Fire District #12.

Loletta is survived by her son, R. Thomas McFadden and his wife Rebecca McFadden of McMinnville, Oregon; granddaughters Katherine Green of Tacoma; Jessica Wiley of Medford, Oregon; and Molly McFadden of McMinnville, Oregon. She is also survived by two great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 2012 and son David in 2009.

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From the desk of your Grand Master

LOLETTA McCORMICK 3/3/1933 - 1/4/2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My article this month is dedicated to a very special sister that we lost this past January.



LAUREL DELONY

Loletta! Wow! What a woman! Small in stature, but bigger than life!

What does the name mean behind the woman? What does the name “Loletta” mean?

Loletta always brought to completion what she started. She was generous, but liked to see returns from her giving. She had an executive ability and was a leader behind the scenes. She was moral, balanced, honest and intellectual, and attained spirituality. She was wise and practical with an appreciation of beauty.

She would always think before she acted. Loletta was frank, methodical and believed in law, system and order.

She was dependable, very down-to-earth and well grounded, and always looking for meaningful work that she could take pride in and do the best job she was capable of. Her prime desire was to build protected and secured environments at home and at work. She could be very persuasive in achieving goals and gaining objectives. She was very detailed and well-organized and possessed great organizational skills. At times she may have appeared too stubborn and overly critical to others, but her practical approach to life and productivity made her one of the most beneficent members of our Order.

PRACTICAL JOKES

Now with all that being said, she was the instigator of many practical jokes and was a good sport when jokes were played on her. There was a time when she came over to my house for a JYC meeting. At the time my husband was having a garage sale. After a while, Loletta looked out the front window and yep, you guessed it, my husband had

put a very large for sale sign on top of her car. He had a least two people look at it before she realized what was going on. The next time she came over she yelled at Dave, “you better not try to sell my van.” She loved the prank and spoke of it often.

Or the time that she had three line officers that, shall we say, were lacking in the hair department? She brought three of her old wigs to our Annual Sessions, where upon she had a couple of us cut out mullets for the three hair-lacking Brothers.

Or the time that she had three line officers who had hair. Well, let’s just say she pulled the “Larry from the Three Stooges wig card.”

There was a time that she wanted several of us to have a party and shave her head. As you know, Lo wore wigs. And her own hair was driving her crazy. Unfortunately we never did get to have that party.

QUILTER AND SEAMSTRESS

She was a wonderful quilter and seamstress. She made a lot of the Theta Rho dresses. Loletta was also a good cook and made wonderful salsa from her garden.

Lo was a so very large part of the Odd Fellows. She worked diligently to bring her lodge back to working order, the Order that meant so much to her. She worked hard for her brother Art Craig when he went through the chairs to become Sovereign Grand Master.

As a matter of fact she worked hard for all of us. She looked out for all of us. And I, for one, will do my best to keep her memory alive and remember all of the good times.

Our condolences go to her family, friends, and her Brothers and Sisters of the Order. Lo, our Queen Bee, you meant a lot to us and to the Order. May your light continue to be bright and shine down upon us to remind us of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth
And Fraternal Hugs,
Laurel Delony
Your 2015-2016 Grand Master*

~ Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59 ~

Fall City Rebekahs are alive and well. We are a small lodge, the result of combining Issaquah Rebekah Lodge #59 with Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141 three years ago. We have been busy merging traditions and creating new ones.

This past fall, we donated more than 175 boxes of Crayons via the Issaquah Orthopedic Guild to the Children’s Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle.

We have a new member. Maxine Gregory transferred from Spokane after moving to Snoqualmie.

Our Installation of Officers was held on January 9 at our Fall City Hall with Fall City #59 and Bothell #124

Odd Fellows. Noble Grands are Diane Keener of Fall City Rebekah Lodge #59, Tom Harper of Fall City Odd Fellows #59 and Cheryl Kenyon of Bothell IOOF Lodge #124.

Special guests included John Otterstrom, PGP, DDGM; Carol Mills, DDP #38; Barbara Reitan, PPRA; and Tom Harper, DDGM #1.

We all enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner before installing our officers. It was a great beginning to a new year of Friendship, Love and Truth.

— *Arlene Workman,
Reporter*

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the officers who have assumed their duties following their installations. I commend those officers who are returning to the same position for your dedication and loyalty to the work of our Order. As reminder to small lodges that may have difficulty filling their elected positions, the combination of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary as one office is authorized. However, the combination either the Secretarial officer with the office of Treasurer is not approved.



HARRY W.
"BILL" COULTER

STAYING CONNECTED AND ENGAGED

The Grand Lodge of Washington has, and maintains, a terrific website. The Website Committee makes additions and edits it regularly as they receive the information. The Website Committee needs your help in keeping the information complete and up to date. Should you be a Noble Grand, Secretary or on a committee, please check out your information. If you find anything is incorrect or was omitted, send your changes to the Webmaster at:

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There have been reports of members not receiving *The*

Washington OddFellow newspaper. We can only mail the newspaper to members that we have the correct name and mailing address for. If you have moved and are no longer receiving the newspaper, send me your correct name and mailing address. The mailing list is run through the Postal Service data base for correct names and addresses. If your name is not listed correctly or your address has not been corrected with you Lodge Secretary, you will not receive the newspaper. Please inform your Lodge Secretary of any address changes.

If you are a snow bird (leave the area for the winter), notify this office as to the date you are leaving and the date you will be back, so we don't send you a newspaper which will be returned. Should your newspaper be returned as undeliverable, your name is deleted, from the mailing list.

Should you not want to receive the printed copy of the newspaper, I can email you a cop., Just send me an email requesting that you want to receive an email version.

MEMBERSHIP

This office will be mailing out to each lodge the Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership list before long. Please complete the list as soon as possible and get it sent into this office.

Sovereign Grand Lodge will continue sending these rosters out each year, trying to get a complete and accurate report of membership.

The Jurisdiction of Washington is continuing to gain new and reinstated members. We need to report these members to Sovereign Grand Lodge as soon as the new member has received the Initiatory Degree or is reinstated. Please send this office the information. Please remember to include the member's birth date and date of initiation.

GENERAL INTEREST



Thank you to the lodges that have already sent in their Annual Reports. A reminder to the lodges still holding their reports, they must be in the Grand Lodge Office by Monday, February 15 or your lodge will accrue a \$5 per day penalty thereafter.

To those odd-numbered lodges, you should have elected your two-year Representative and Alternate Representative. Please send in your Representative Certificates to this office. Our Grand Master uses this list for her selection of committee members and making appointment for the 2016 Grand Lodge Sessions.

— Fraternally,
Harry W. "Bill" Coulter,
PGM, Grand Secretary

Happy Valentine's Day

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From the desk of the Assembly President

FEBRUARY ALREADY...

This year so going by so quickly.

Since I had major foot surgery, I was unable to make all the installations. I hope that all went well. The installations I was able to attend went well. Thanks to everyone who helped make this season of installations successful. I wish all the new officers great success in the coming year.



BARBARA NELSON

VALUE

Let me ask what brings value to our organization? What made you become a Rebekah? What makes you want to continue being a Rebekah? In my past articles I have asked for feedback and comments. I have only received a couple,

which makes me wonder who wants to be involved. What does your lodge do that brings in new members?

Or how do you get the message out to the community?

BUSY TIME BEFORE SESSIONS

As I am off to recover, I am busy trying to plan out Sessions, squeeze in some kind of fund-raiser for my project, and visit the remaining lodges. If your lodge will have more than just the Representative in attendance, please let me if you are willing to do something as a lodge. Since I did not receive any volunteers for needed committees and functions at Sessions, I assume you all just want to be told what to do. I will be sending out letter volunteering lodges and individuals for needed areas.

THE MONTH OF LOVE

Remember in this month of "Love," try to not only tell the people important to you, but show you appreciate them and all they do.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
With Fraternal Hugs,
Barbara Nelson, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

JOURNALS ARE NOW OUT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that all the Rebekah Lodges have received their *Journal of Proceedings 2015* by now. I am sorry that they are so late this year. I had a number of problems this year, like none of my recordings worked. By the time that the *Journal* was ready to go to press, the holidays were here and the mailing was a problem. Sorry for the delay in getting it out.



MARCIA PRESLEY

EDUCATION FOUNDATION MONTH

February is Education Foundation Month. Consider making a donation to the Education Foundation at Sovereign

Grand Lodge level or to our own L.J. Jones Education Foundation. Both of these donations should be sent to my office and would be sent to the Foundations you specify. Be sure to make the checks out to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and then I will deposit the funds and forward them to the Education Foundations you have selected.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Reports should all be in by now. I would have contacted your lodge if there was any problems. I have made a full membership roster for each of the lodges and they will be forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge so that their membership lists will match

my end-of-the-year report that is due at the end of March. Thank you for answering all of my questions so I could get this accomplished.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

There seems to be some confusion on the new District Associations and the new Districts under the District Associations that was presented as Resolution No. 15-1 at our Assembly Sessions in June and accepted by the voting delegates as presented. The new District Associations and District listings can be found on Pages 48, 49 and 50 of the 2015 *Journal*. If you have any questions, give me a call

WE ARE PROUD

*We are proud to be Rebekahs,
Proud that members we can be
Of the Order of Odd Fellowship,
The great Fraternity.
And with united effort,
We spread happiness around
You will find contentment
Where Good Cheer and Love abound.
We are building for tomorrow,
Helping lift the load of sorrow,
Spreading Happiness and Cheer,
Throughout the coming year.
(From "Take Me to Assembly" 1946 sessions)
— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,
In Friendship, Love and Truth
Marcia Presley, Past President, Secretary*

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Happy Valentine's Day from your Brothers and Sisters in Olympia.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 was honored to host the Installation our incoming officers along with Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, Bucoda

Rebekah Lodge #144, Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129, and Silva IOOF Lodge #38. The Grand Lodge Installation Team, headed by Grand Master Laurel Delony and the Rebekah Assembly Installing officers all did a wonderful job.

We started at noon with a great lunch prepared and served by members of Ruth #17. First on the program was a presentation by two of our UNP students. They were very appreciative of the opportunity to visit the United Nations and gave a wonderful report.

Following the installation, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 presented the Merit Award to Joanne Balmert. This award to made to a member of our lodge who exemplifies Odd Fellowship both with the lodge, as well as in their communities. Congratulations Joanne — we are very proud to have you in our lodge.

Thank you Robert Vick for your great leadership as Nobel Grand for 2015-16 year. Newly-elected officers are Nobel Grand Don Coulter, Vice Grand Mark Levett, Secretary Laurel Delony, Financial Secretary Kathi Picanco, and Treasurer Patty Smith. Congratulations!

Lo and behold, Doug Eklund reported that the lodge entrance will finally be receiving a canopy above the door. It has been three years that the Building Committee has been working on this project.

We will be having an Initiatory and 1st Degree ceremony on Monday, February 15 during our regular meeting. If you have a candidate that you would like to include, please contact our Secretary, Laurel Delony.

Ruth #17 will also be scheduling an initiatory evening in the near future. If you would like to participate, contact Cathy Garcia.

Please note the following upcoming dates in your calendar: Easter Egg Hunt at the Park on March 25, Memorial Day program at the Cemetery on May 28, and the Seafood Dinner at the Park on August 27. More information will follow.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Stu Carlson, Reporter



Pictured at Olympia's Installation of Officers are, from left, Kyle Reynoldson, Rick Garcia, Joe Picanco, Shelly Patrick, Frank Wilson, Alberta Lures, Stu Carlson, Laurel Delony, Don Coulter, Joanne Balmert, and Ray Martinson. Hidden to far left and in back are: Patricia Smith, Earlene Carlson, Kathi Picanco, and Barbara Nelson.



Newly-installed Officers for Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla are, from left, Noble Grand Patty Newell, Vice Grand Jeanne Elder, Financial Secretary Sharon Sousa, Recording Secretary Barbara Tvrz, and Treasurer Marthann Hall.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

It was cold and rainy outside on January 19, but flowers were blooming and comfort food awaited inside for the 2016 Installation of Narcissa Rebekah #2 Officers. Honored guests at the Washington Odd Fellows Home were Cora May Davis, District #8 Deputy President; and Nita Stearns, Alternate Representative from Schuyler Lodge #18. Barbara Lechner and Rose Ringhoffer of the Narcissa Rebekahs conducted the ceremonies.

After the officers were sworn in, they were surprised to receive gifts of appreciation from Barbara and Rose. Every officer and guest was presented with a fresh, fragrant white or red rose. Another token of appreciation was distributed by newly-installed Noble Grand Patty Newell. Each person chose their favorite color of battery-operated candle for a night light.

The session ended with refreshments provided by Jeanine Griffin and Barbara Tvrz. Ice cream and red velvet cake, chocolates and mixed nuts, coffee, tea and punch made a delicious and satisfying dessert to end an exciting and happy Installation, and to begin a New Year.

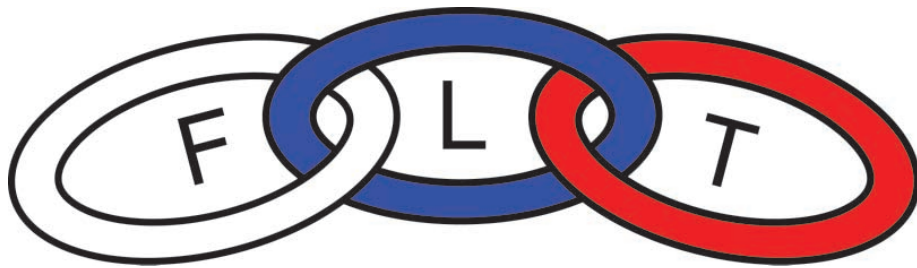
— *In F. L. & T.,*
Shirley Ruble, Reporter

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Loletta McCormick**, 70 year member, Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, member of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 and Buckley IOOF Lodge #75.
- **Cecilla Carlson**, 30 year member, Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23, Yakima.

We Will Miss You All

~ 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:** Michael Douglas, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Greg Powers, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107.

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

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th, Bothell. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mary Harper, **Ph:** (425) 836-4871. **Sec'y:** Bruce Kenyon, 16564 NE 97th Pl., Redmond, WA 98052. **Ph:** (425) 765-0630. **Email:** brucekenyon70@yahoo.com

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. **Main Ph:** (360) 692-8919, **Cell:** (360) 421-1428, **Email:** cocktobec@hotmail.com. **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. **Email:** dug1027@gmail.com. **Sec'y:** Stephanie Sykes, PO Box 777, Wilkeson, WA 98396. **Ph:** (253) 906-0211. **Email:** oddfellowsassy@gmail.com

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:** Anca Hale, 10408 NE 190th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Ph:** (425) 482-6376. **Sec'y:** Linda Lindgren, 21827 2nd Ave. SE, Bothell, WA 98021. **Ph:** (425) 877-1534

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:** John Wagner, 29402 39th Ave. S., Auburn, WA 98001. **Ph:** (253) 941-4052. **Email:** rroadblok@hotmail.com **Sec'y:** Morgan Hicks, PO Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Email:** allpointrysam@aol.com

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 Hoylman, 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, PO Box 507, Fall City, WA 98024-0507. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013

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FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

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

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) 985-2821. Sec'y: Tom Epling, PO Box 1223, Napavine, WA 98532-1223. 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: Russ Stringfellow. Sec'y: Mick Schwartz, PO Box 133, Hunters, WA 99137-0133. Ph: (509) 722-3382

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

Meets At: 106th & 1st St., Ilwaco. Time: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. NG: Joyce Benson, PO Box 4, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0004. 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

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626. Time: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. Recess: July, Aug. NG: Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 2602 Ocean Beach Hwy., Longview, WA 98632. Ph: (360) 703-3917. Sec'y: Adrienne Galvez, 1010 Oak St., Kelso, WA 98626. Ph: (360) 425-9793

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: Betty Young, 26501 - 128th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030. Ph: (253) 631-5501. Sec'y: Genie Coston, 2312 S. 128th St., Burien, WA 98168-3055. Ph: (206) 550-7818

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: Darrell Ridlow. Sec'y: Aloha Zurluh, 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 1286, 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: linadnbob4ever@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: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA. Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. Recess: July, Aug & the 4th Thursdays in Nov. & Dec. NG: Rockne Johnson, 21827 54th Pl. NE, Granite Falls, WA 98252-8310. Ph: (425) 359-8799. Sec'y: Bill Wade, 63631 NE 194th Pl. RR 1, Gold Bar, WA 98251-9125. Ph: (360) 677-2221

PINE BURN 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: Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131.

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 Knobler 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, 5715 Orchard St. W. #33, Tacoma, WA 98467-5801. Ph: (253) 476-3537

SUNRISE REBEKAH LODGE #189

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

SILVIA I.O.O.F. LODGE #38

Meets At: 118 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. Time: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7 pm. Recess: None. NG: Ray Nartinson. Sec'y: Karyl Martinson, PO Box 527, Montesano, WA 98563-0527. Ph: (360) 249-5711

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 98092-8776. 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, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. 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: Charles Miller. Sec'y: Joyce Gilson, 1849 NW 27th Ave., Camas, WA 98607-9386. 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., 7702 W. Lincoln Ave., Yakima, WA 98908. Ph: (509) 823-4123. Sec'y: Tomas J. Cox, 206 W. Walnut, Yakima, WA 98901-3445. Ph: (509) 452-0910

YELM REBEKAH LODGE #296

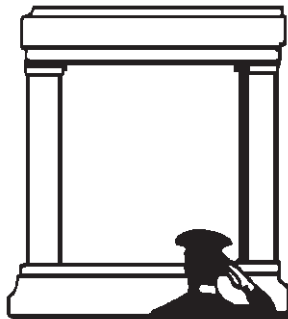
Meets At: 203 - 3rd St. SE, Yelm, WA. Time: 1st & 3rd Mon., 1:00 pm. Recess: June, July. NG: Bebe Jackson, PO Box 1261, Rainier, WA 98576. Ph: (360) 894-4360. Sec'y: Carol Moline, PO Box 253, Roy, WA 98580. Ph: (253) 843-3154.



It's time to get ready for the 2016 Tomb Pilgrimage

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the 83rd Annual IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2016 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 8 at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. The memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 4 p.m. changing of the guard. The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Danny M. Woods, Sovereign Grand Master.



The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel, at toll-free 1-800-445-8667 or 1-703-845-1010. You **must** mention “Odd Fellows Pilgrimage” when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$115 plus hotel tax.

The Annual Pilgrimage Banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. (Advance ticket purchase required.) A social hour will be held in the Plaza Ballroom Foyer from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable Danny M. Woods, Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of Texas; Sister Kathy Shary, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Michigan; General Emil R. Suder, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia/Virginia; and Lady Cathy Doub, President, International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant from the Jurisdiction of California/Nevada.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport, to take advantage of the free shuttle service to the hotel provided by the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport).

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your IOOF community. Hotel information, a schedule of events and the various registration forms are

available from the Grand Secretary, Harry W. “Bill” Coulter, in Buckley.

We look forward to seeing you May 6-8 in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger
General Co-Chairmen

From your Wardens

Have you invited anyone to join us?

Wow! It's February already. Not sure how that happened.

We should all have finished our installation of new officers for 2016, and be underway with lodge activities, fund-raisers and service projects.

We really hope that you have had an opportunity to invite at least one new member to join your lodge. It is surprising how positive people are when you start talking about what your lodge is doing with a touch of excitement in your voice. We seem to get intimidated at times when it comes to sharing our enthusiasm with others. For some reason we think that they might think it is a waste of time, or not something truly beneficial. Our tone of voice and the satisfaction that shows on our faces when we talk about our Brothers and Sisters and the projects we are working on with them makes all the difference.

How often do you share information about your lodge with friends and/or family who are not members? Are they aware of what being an Odd Fellow or Rebekah means to you? Did you invite them to share in your installation as an officer? These are some of the things that create interest and a desire to be a part of our fraternity.

We have less than five months to go before Grand Lodge Sessions convene again and many lodges go dark. How close are you to meeting your goals for membership this year? Those five months will pass by quickly, so we encourage you to make a plan — both as a lodge and as individuals. Plan on what you would like to tell people about your lodge, plan an open function that you can invite friends to participate in, keep a blank application, along with other lodge information, with you at all times. You never know when an opportunity will present itself. Plan to be prepared!

Happy Valentines Day!

— *In F. L. & T., Kelly Hughes & Cathy Garcia*

From your 2015-16 Theta Rho President

TALKING ABOUT THE UN PILGRIMAGE

I hope everyone has a lovely Valentine's Day!

I was able to make a presentation about the United Nations Pilgrimage for the Youth on Monday, January 18. It was really a pleasure to be able to share my memories from the trip to the people who made it possible for me to go. Also, this month is our Spunky Theta Rho Installation of Officers on Monday, February 29! Please come join us. We may only have six active members, but we are pushing to get more!



FAITH
GHRAMM

There is no update on the wrestling scholarship, but if I get it I will find an Odd Fellow Lodge that I can possibly join so I can still be active in our Order.

POSSIBLE VISITATIONS

As Sessions are nearing, I am slowly preparing for my position as President. Hopefully I will make my official visit to Acorn Theta Rho Club during the Holland Happenings Days in Oak Harbor, and possibly Pasco before or after our JYC meeting in Yakima.

I can't wait to see everyone's beautiful faces at our spring retreat!

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

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Since we missed last month's newspaper, we want to start by wishing all of you a happy New Year.

In January we had a movie night at our advisor's home. This month is Valentine's Day and we will be making Valentines for the nursing home and also remembering our two pen pals on that special day.

We have an open house and sleepover planned for this month and we are inviting prospective members. We will have dinner, then do a short presentation about Theta Rho. Then the rest of the night will be spent on fun activities.

We hope you all have a happy Valentine's Day.

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



Grand Master Laurel Delony presented Brother Edmond L. Reitan, Jr. with his 60 Year Veteran Jewel in Des Moines recently.

Edmond L. Reitan, Jr. receives 60 Year Jewel

During special presentations portion of the Installation ceremonies of Des Moines Lodge #305 and Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289, Grand Master Laurel Delony had Brother Edmond L Reitan Jr., PGM, GSE, escorted to the center of the floor. She then presented him with a 60-year Veteran Members Jewel commemorating his many years of service to the Order.

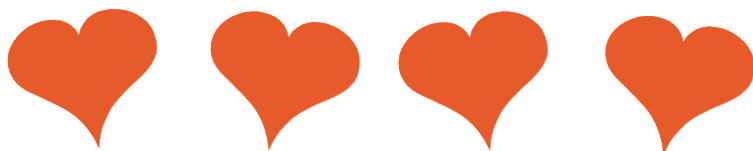
Brother Reitan was initiated into Odd Fellows when he was 18-years-old by his home lodge on January 26, 1956 which was Titusville Lodge #34, in Kent.

TRA President outlines UNP trip in South Tacoma

Faith Ghramm, President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, was present at the Installation of Officers for South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211 and South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160. She submitted several photos of the event, but unfortunately they could not be used because of quality issues.

However, Faith was able to deliver an outline of her 2015 United Nations Pilgrimage trip such as when she went to Philadelphia, New York, Washington, D.C., and being stuck in an elevator.

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



Elsie and Louie Brand celebrate 70th anniversary

Elsie and Louie Brand celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with 16 family members at a beach house in Neskowin, Oregon on October 15, 2015.

The US Navy brought Louie to Pasco in 1942. Elsie was attending school at Pasco High. They met at the corner drug store at 4th and Lewis. But the Navy sent Louie to the South Pacific on a PT boat as a pharmacist mate for two years. Upon returning home, they married on October 28, 1945.

Louie worked for Pepsi Cola for many years and finished his working career with the Kennewick School District. Elsie worked for 29 years at JC Penney.

After living in Kennewick for more than 60 years, they moved to Walla Walla next to the Odd Fellow Home.

They have two children, Josephine (Kurt Gantenbein) of Kennewick and James (Ginger) Brand of Selah. Their eldest son Neal (Darlayne) Brand died on June 23, 2015. They have seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.



Louie and Elsie Brand at their wedding 70 years ago.



Elsie and Louie Brand at their home in Walla Walla.

A word about photos

The Washington OddFellow newspaper received a number of photos via email this month that we were unable to use because of quality issues. Most of the unused photos were sent at 72 dpi (dots per inch) and the physical size of the photos were very small (ranging from one-quarter inch to two inches wide. These small photos look just fine on a computer or smart phone screen, but they pixelate (the image breaks up and gets fuzzy) when we try to use them in our publication.

While this may sound like a lot of “mumbo jumbo” to most of us, there are ways to make these photos acceptable for printing. Most devices like digital cameras, smart phone and tablets have a setting to provide high quality photos.

The file size on most of the photos we could not use ranged from 20kb to 40kb. High quality photos should be no lower than 500kb, and can be 1 MG or higher.

If you are not sure how to set your device for high quality photos, usually a young person who has grown up with these devices can be a big help. Don't be afraid to ask. Thanks.

— Your Editor



*Happy Valentine's Day
Louie & Elsie!*



From your 2015-16 Grand Patriarch

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

To all my Fraternal Brothers and Sisters,

Valentine's Day reminds us of the significance of our center link in the chain of Odd Fellowship — the sublime lesson of brotherly love. From the Holy Writ we learn, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." On February 9, 1974, the Beatles sang "All My Lovin'" and "She Loves You" on the Ed Sullivan Show.



FRANK WILSON

INSTALLATIONS

January brought me a number of renewals as I was invited to participate in some installations of lodge officers. This is always a pleasurable time which gives me an opportunity to visit with Brothers and Sisters of our Order and

talk about Odd Fellowship.

I am looking forward to my time visiting Kent #1 Encampment on Friday February 12 at the Des Moines Lodge hall. By now, all Encampments should be in the process of nominations and election of officers. With installations just around the corner, please advise me when your installation is scheduled and if you would like the Grand Encampment Officers to assist. The installation of Alpha #1 Encampment is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Olympia.

Let us move ahead this New Year with enthusiasm and a vision for increasing Encampment membership.

*In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Frank Wilson, Grand Patriarch
Of the Grand Encampment of Washington
And United Nations Pilgrimage Director,
4701 23rd Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503*

Quality control?

Following the Installation of Officers ceremony at South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211, Grand Master Laurel Delony, tested the punch for any foreign substances. And yes, she did find that the beverage was alcohol free. You will have to ask Laurel herself if that was a good thing or not.

From your 2015-16 Grand Matriarch

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Valentine's Day should be a day of living up to all the "words" in our Order of Odd Fellowship.



DONNA TONN

I made my visitation to the Kent LEA in Des Moines in January. The ladies prepared a wonderful potluck dinner before the meeting in which the Encampment joined us. Thank you Matriarchs for a nice evening and for another donation to my project of M.S.

I will be moving into my mobile home by the time this newspaper reaches us. My new address is: 57 Clemons Rd., #16, Montesano, WA 98563. If you need to call, my phone number is: (360) 207-9300.

*In Faith, Hope & Charity
And lots of Friendship, Love and Truth,
Donna Tonn, Grand Matriarch*

You're all invited to Spunky's Installation

The Theta Rho Girls of Spunky Bluebirds #93 cordially invite you to attend their Installation of Officers on Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m. The Installation will be held at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge at 5424 South Tacoma Way in Tacoma.

We do hope you will join us. We promise it will be "spunky" day filled with fun and fellowship. Having you there would make extra special for us. We hope to see you.

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Loletta McCormick in her official photograph when she served as President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington.

Loletta McCormick will be missed by all

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She also was preceded in death by her Brother, Art Craig, who was a Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and longtime Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Her remains and those of John P. will be scattered at a river near Yakima where she and John camped.

A memorial service was held for Loletta B. McCormick of Buckley on January 23 at the Marion Grange in Buckley. A large crowd of family, friends and members of our Order were in attendance.

Loletta died of cancer and related health issues.



Quilts and Loletta's other handiwork were on display at her memorial, along with photos.