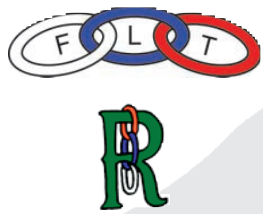


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## Celebrating 60 years

Cathy Garcia, right, pinned JoAnn Bergeron's 60-Year Jewel on her at a Rebekah meeting in Kapowsin recently. See story below.

## News from the Capital City

### Olympia IOOF Lodge #1

### Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL**

On February 15 the Olympia Lodge was honored to host a Degree Evening. We gave the Initiatory and First Degree to candidates from Buckley, Bremerton, Ballard and Bucoda. Welcome Jennie and Dave Reed to Olympia #1. Our Degree Team did a great job with Joe

*See News from the Capital City on Back Page*

## Spring 2016 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

~ April 1, 2 & 3, 2016 ~

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### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Fee \$18 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$20 Per Person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Soup, Sandwich & Dessert Buffett, Includes Tea or Coffee*

Saturday Banquet \$37 Per Person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Salads, Choice of Entrees, Desserts, Tea or Coffee*

**Total of Registration & Meal      \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please Remit to Host Committee

**Ruth Rebekah Lodge #4**

46008 Reece Ave., Chilliwack, BC, Canada V2P 3A5

Attn: Sister Darlene Inglehart, PP

On "Memo Line" Write "Northwest"

*Pre-Registration Deadline March 15, 2016. Late Registrations Are An Extra \$5  
Please note any dietary concerns on the back of your registration form.*

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## THETA RHO GIRLS NEEDED

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am appealing to you all as we are in need of more members for our Theta Rho Girls' Clubs. I joined the Order as a Theta Rho Girl in 1974 and I can truly say that Theta Rho helped me grow as a person.



LAUREL DELONY

Theta Rho teaches and helps our girls to mature and grow as young women. They are taught to reach out to others in service — Their club motto being “Happiness through Service.”

The girls are given offices in our lodges and taught the responsibilities of those offices. They are taught how to interact with other girls, not only from their club, but other clubs as well.

Every girl is treated with equality and respect.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are opportunities for the L.J. Jones Scholarship from the state of Washington, as well as scholarship from our Sovereign Grand Lodge Education Foundation. Here are some of the Scholarships available:

*Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship*

*Charles J. & Christine Wirz Scholarship*

*United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Scholarship*

*Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship*

*Continuing Education Career Enrichment Grants*

*Odd Fellows & Rebekahs*

*Vocational Technology Scholarship*

*Glenn Coursey Agriculture Scholarship*

*Non-Traditional Scholarship Application*

You can find more information about these scholarships via the Sovereign Grand Lodge website: [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org).

Click on “our work” and then on “education”

There are so many benefits to becoming a Theta Rho Girl, but you have to join. Please consider asking a daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin, sister, etc. to become a

member. Girls must be between the ages of 8 and 18.

We have great Advisors for the girls and lots of support from the lodges. You can contact me or the Grand Lodge and we'll put you in touch with a Club Advisor for more details.

*And they have fun too!!!*

## NEWSPAPER NOTES

I have received letters from members concerning the high cost of our newspaper. Yes, I know it is expensive. Members ask why they are being charged even when they receive the paper via email. The *Washington Digest* calls for the cost of the newspaper to be paid by all lodges — not the members, but the lodges. The newspaper tax is charged to each lodge and it's based on your lodge's membership. Costs have risen. It's inevitable and I don't take the higher costs lightly, I assure you. I do want you to know that the Executive Team and I are working to bring down the costs. We have come up with some ideas and are bringing those to the Finance Committee for approval.

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

I have been challenging each and every one of you to get out into your communities. Show the world that Odd Fellowship is alive and looking for the right members. One lodge I know is having a garage sale in their hall, as well as putting together a pillowcase sewing party to benefit local children's hospitals. They are also going out to clean up the local park in their town and plant some flowers, as well. I know of another lodge that is participating in their local parade. They are also volunteering for the local “Relay for Life.” I know another that is having a food drive, and yet another lodge that is having a spaghetti feed for their local fire department. It doesn't take money to be out in your community. You just have to do it. So challenge your lodge and go to your township and ask how and where you can be of service.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth  
And Fraternal Hugs,*

*Laurel Delony,*

*Your 2015-2016 Grand Master*

## From your Wardens

# March is a great month to have fun

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! March is a great month to do something that is just fun in your lodge. Have everyone wear green for a meeting or bring green snacks. We don't have to be serious all the time — we need to have fun with our Brothers and Sisters.

Do you consider it a privilege to be a member of your lodge? Do you spend time trying to think of activities for your lodge to participate in?

Our own attitude about our involvement with the Odd

Fellows and Rebekahs has a major impact what happens at our meetings. Is there active discussion in your lodge about what might encourage new membership, or inactive members to return? We challenge each one of you to spend some time in serious conversation about what the goals of your lodge are and what you can do to reach those goals.

— *In F., L. & T.,*

*Kelly Hughes*

*And Cathy Garcia*

# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## 2016 GRAND SESSIONS IN YAKIMA

Brothers and Sisters,

The 2016 Grand Lodge Sessions will be upon us very soon. We thank those lodges that have sent in their



**HARRY W. "BILL" COULTER**

Representative Certificates already. To those lodges that have not done so yet, please send them in now. The Grand Master needs them in order that she may make committee assignments for the Grand Sessions to be held June 17 through 23.

### REMEMBER OUR CHARITIES

The continued support of the projects and programs of our Order is needed and they are valued. These include: Living Legacy, SOS Children's Village, the Arthritis Foundation and the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. In our Jurisdiction we have Visual Aid for children, the L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarships, and the Theta Rho Girls' Club Travel Fund to support. The Grand Encampment has the VanderLinden/Sheppard Adult Visual Aid Fund. To all, please consider them for your support. All are fine programs.

### REMINDER

To all Grand Lodge Executive Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen, your reports are due by Thursday, March 31 to allow for printing in the "Take Me" Advance Reports for Grand Lodge Sessions.

### TO ALL UNITS OF THE ORDER

Annual Grand Lodge Sessions registration information will be in the April and May issues of *The Washington OddFellow*. Please note that registrations are again being

handled by Joe Picanco, PGM, and Kathi Picanco, both from Olympia IOOF Lodge #1. All forms and payments are to be sent to them.

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

## Your photos are much better now

As you read last month, *The Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper received a number of photos via email that we were not able to use because of quality issues. That situation has changed this month. The file sizes of the photos were much larger and we were able to use all photos submitted. The quality of the photos increased tremendously.

We found that several photos submitted last month were sent through a third party service. It seems that this service automatically reduces the size, thus the quality of the photos. So in the future, please attach your photos directly to an email and not use a third party service.

We are repeating the story we ran last month just to remind everyone how photos should be submitted. Thank you so much

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*The Washington OddFellow* newspaper received a number of photos via email last 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*

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## MARCH . . . THE LUCK OF THE IRISH



BARBARA NELSON

*May your pockets be heavy,  
And your heart be light,  
May good luck pursue you.  
Each day and night.*

I want to thank everyone for the well wishes as I have been recovering from foot surgery. Traveling in airports should be interesting with 14 screws and three plates in my foot. So as of February 29, I am back to work.

## MY YEAR IS FLYING BY

March is here already, which means my year as President has been flying by. I hope that I have done a fair job for the Assembly. I have learned a lot this year. I cannot count the amount of

new people I have met. I hope that I see you all again soon.

Some of the best things I have learned have been from the emails and letters that I have received. I enjoy the

feedback from what I have done, whether you agree or not, and what the lodges do for the communities we are in. I have enjoyed the hospitality of many lodges. With six left to visit, I hope to make it to them all. I encourage each lodge to send a Representative to Sessions as we have things to accomplish — many hands make light work I was once told.

## NO DRESS REQUIREMENTS AT SESSIONS

I want to let everyone who had not heard yet that Sessions will *not* have a requirement that you wear dresses, blouses or skirts. Yes, I expect you to wear clothes, but no specific thing. I am wearing a white blouse or sweater and a colored skirt. So dig out that favorite Session dress or skirt and join us in Yakima for a fun and engaging learning experience while we accomplish the business of the Assembly.

Irish blessings and fraternal hugs,

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

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## MARCH IS A NOTABLE MONTH

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of March has arrived and there are a number of dates that need to be noted. This month is Arthritis Month and also March 23, 2016 marks the anniversary of Schuyler Colfax's Birthday. We honor Schuyler Colfax as he was the member who wrote the Degree of Rebekah. Daylight savings time returns and spring begins. I wish you all a happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter season.



MARCIA PRESLEY

## CONGRATULATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

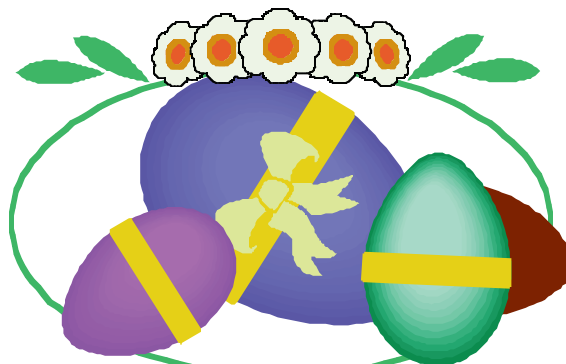
Congratulation to the newly-elected Representatives and Alternate Representatives in our Odd-numbered Rebekah Lodges. Be sure to send me the completed forms so that they can be forwarded to our Assembly President and Vice President to help in their officer and committee appointments for the upcoming year.

It seems that our Assembly Sessions arrive faster each year. The final plans will be decided at the Planning Board Meeting in Yakima on Saturday, March 12. If you have any ideas for these Sessions, be sure to attend this meeting.

## LET'S SLOW DOWN LIFE A LITTLE

Life is all too busy. The commercial, "Life comes at you fast!" is absolutely honest. We have fast food, drive through tellers, digital pictures, cell phones just in case the answering machine isn't fast enough, and let us not forget faxes and, of course, email. However, what about the few moments of kindness it takes to call someone and actually wait until they answer to say, "I was thinking of you" or "We all missed you." Brighten someone's day with a few simple sentences and a gentle reminder that someone cares in the "old-fashioned" way — *the human voice*.

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



# Happy Easter



The Narcissa Rebekahs celebrate Valentine's Day at the Washington Odd Fellows Home with good food, good

cheer, and good chocolates on Sunday, February 14. Everyone enjoyed this "Sweetheart Day!"

## Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla

Barbara Lechner and Jeanine Griffin hosted a Valentine's Day party with sweet treats and a stuffed singing/dancing polar bear for entertainment. Besides candy hearts, the refreshments were cheese cake with fresh blueberry sauce, chocolate, and beverages. Every lodge member received a medium-size box of chocolates. What a lovely way to celebrate February 14th!

### DISTRICT MEETING ON TAP

Plans are underway for the Fifth District Meeting to be held at the Washington Odd Fellows Home on Saturday, April 16. Coffee hour starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. The Narcissa Rebekahs will welcome Bee Hive Lodge #70 and Schuyler Lodge #18. Barbara Trvrz is District President and Barbara Lechner is in charge of the welcome address, decorations, and arranging the luncheon. Rose Ringhoffer and Jeanne Elder will bake cookies. Narcissa Rebekahs Patty Newell, Beth Entze, Sharon Sousa, Marthann Hall and Shirley Ruble will provide sub sandwiches and liquid refreshments. Schuyler Lodge will bring chips and relish trays, and Bee Hive Lodge will supply a variety of desserts.

We looking forward to a productive meeting, great company, and a delicious buffet luncheon.

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

## ~ In Memoriam ~

• **Helen Wilson**, 78 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

**ADDRESS CHANGES**

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From left are outgoing and incoming Noble Grand Johnny Otterstrom of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63; Rebekah Installing Officer, PGM Betty Young; Odd Fellow Installing Officer, Grand Master Laurel Delony; and outgoing and incoming Noble Grand Doug Smith of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 at the January 31 Installation of Officers.

## *Do you remember when?*



How's your memory? We ran across another vintage photo in the archives of the Odd Fellow Museum adjacent to the Grand Lodge of Washington Office in Buckley. According to information on the back of the photo, this fellow is Dr. George Heap and he is at a District Meeting held in May of 1955 at Oak IOOF Lodge #291 in Oak Harbor. Let us know if you have any additional information.

## *In Buckley*

### **Eola Rebekah Lodge #63**

We celebrated Christmas with a dinner party in December at an oriental restaurant. There were eight members present, along with two guests. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by everyone, followed by fellowship, fun and an exchange of gifts. We decided to take two cards from a Giving Tree for gifts for fragile children at Ashley House.

The first part of January brought us the news that one of our longtime members, PNG Loletta McCormick, had passed away. Several of our members attended her memorial service and our lodge gave a tribute in her honor. The Charter draping ceremony was presented at our meeting.

Installation of Officers was held jointly with the Buckley Odd Fellows on January 31. The day before, we gathered at the hall and did a lot of cleaning for the event. We also put together a wine basket to be given at the Installation ceremony.

Our Noble Grand, Secretary and Treasurer returned for another term. Installing Officer was PGM Betty Young for Assembly President Barbara Young, who was unable to attend following recent foot surgery.

A donation is being made to the President's project in the name of the Installing Officers. The Odd Fellows provided a wonderful lunch of barbecued chicken, beef, beans and salad. We brought pies for dessert.

The attendance was good. We thank all who came and gave us their support.

— *Karen Hoylman,*  
*Secretary*

## **Lodges!**

### **How about some more stories and photographs?**

The number of stories and photos submitted for this month's edition of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper was somewhat skimpy. With new officers just installed, this is a perfect time of the year to appoint a Lodge Reporter. We would sure like to read about what is happening in your lodge!

*Sorry. . .*

**We Ran Out Of Space This Month For**

**LODGE CARDS**

**Lodge Cards Will Return As Soon As Possible.  
Your Lodge Card Expiration Date Will Be Extended  
One Month.**

# From your 2015-16 Grand Patriarch

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED EASTER  
AND A HAPPY SPRING**

To my Brothers and Sisters,



FRANK WILSON

With the Encampment elections complete, I hope all Encampments are preparing for their April Installation of Officers. Patriarchs, to keep our Encampments healthy, we must recruit from our lodges to fill all the positions and stay in business.

On February 12, I enjoyed the Odd Fellow hospitality of Kent Encampment #5 at the Des Moines Lodge hall. Now I am looking forward to my next visitation on Sunday, March 6 scheduled at Ballard #76 Encampment.

## **ANOTHER BUSY MARCH**

While reviewing my March calendar, I find it will be a very busy month with some significant events occurring. We as a Fraternal Order recognize March as a time for a monetary commitment in support of the Arthritis Foundation, both locally and nationally, to aid in the search for arthritis cures. Perhaps as the days and nights become warmer, some of our discomfort from "Arthur Ritis" will subside.

On Wednesday, March 23, we remember Skyler Colfax's birthday. He is the author of the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship adopted in 1851. Brother Colfax also served as the 17th United States Vice President in the administration of President Ulysses S. Grant from 1869-1873.

My additional commitments during the month are: Olympia #1 Lodge, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, Alpha Encampment #1, Canton #20, Olympia Cemetery Board meetings, and attending the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Olympia Puget Beach Park.

I will also attend the Grand Lodge Planning Board Meeting in Yakima on Saturday, March 12. In between all these happenings, I am scheduled to have cataract surgery on Wednesday, March 16.

Remember, Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13, followed by St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17. Palm Sunday is March 20, which ushers in the beginning of spring. I wish all my Fraternal Brothers and Sisters a blessed Easter Sunday on March 27.

## **UNITED NATIONS DEADLINE**

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016, the second half of the 2016 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth fees of \$800 per delegate must be received at the Grand Lodge Office.

*In Faith, Hope & Charity,  
Frank Wilson*

*Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington*

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST MILITARY**



**COUNCIL AND  
ASSOCIATION**



### **Meeting At Chiliwack IOOF Lodge Hall**

46008 Reece Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch - \$7.00**

*Please Note Any Dietary Concerns, ie: Celiac, Diabetic*

**Please Make Checks Payable To:**

Valley United LAPM #2

46008 Reece Avenue

Chilliwack, BC, Canada V2P 3A5

Attn: Lady Barbara Nemeth

## ***In Oak Harbor***

# **Acorn Theta Rho #79**

Spring is almost here. We are looking forward to the warmer weather.

February was a busy month for us. We held our Open House and it was a success. We initiated Desiree Gardier and have one more candidate to initiate.

We also held our Installation of Officers with Past Theta Rho Assembly President Cassie Flitcroft as the Installing Officer. We were happy to have Cassie in town on a visit. We finished off the night with a pizza party and games before sending our Advisor off to Germany.

This month, for our community service project, we will be making Easter baskets for our local Assisted Living facility.

We want to wish you all a happy St. Patrick's Day and a happy Easter.

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

***Happy Easter  
To One & All***

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## *News from the Capital City*

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# Many events planned in Olympia

Picanco serving as Degree Captain. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The Little Red School House collection box is back in the entry way of our lodge. We are collecting socks and underwear for local children with the greatest need at this time being for boys' boxer briefs.

Be watching for more information regarding the Annual PJ Fluetch BBQ fund-raiser in May. All proceeds help purchase school supplies for children in our area.

The outside of the lodge has been pressured washed. We now have a clean looking building again.

Plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Puget Beach Park. We are currently collecting candy and prizes for this event. Please bring them to the lodge before Wednesday, March 23. Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 will be filling eggs and lining up the prizes at that time. The egg hunt will begin at 2 p.m. on the 26th, followed by a hamburger/hot dog feed. Please bring a potluck item to share and plan on a fun afternoon. Don't forget your boots and maybe a change of clothes for the kids. It's a bit wet out there.

Memorial Day is only a couple months away. Mark your calendar now to join us on Saturday, May 28 at 9

a.m. to place flags on the graves of Veterans buried in our cemetery. A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday May 30 to honor all those who served to protect our rights.

Also — be looking toward July 16. We plan to march in the Lakefair Parade this year. Joe Picanco in organizing our involvement and we hope to have members from all our branches participate. More information will be forthcoming.

We would like to be more active in our community. If you have any ideas of project or needs that we can help with, please bring this information to a lodge meeting.

The Rebekahs were honored to present a 60-Year Jewel to one of our members, Joanne Bergeron. She joined the Theta Rho in Kelso and was Noble Grand of Ruth #17 when she was only 21-years-old. Visiting with her is truly an walk down the Rebekah memory lane. She is an inspiration to all of us.

If you have not paid your dues for 2016, we would appreciate getting them right away. It makes our book keeping much easier to get this item taken care of. Thank you. See you all in Lodge.

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