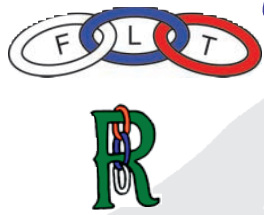


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Our Home In Walla Walla Is Growing!



The 10-bed West Care Center Addition at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla is underway. The addition will provide 10 private rooms constructed in a separate building. A 24-foot breezeway will connect the building to the existing Care Center. The new structure will have a brick sur-

face with texture and colors to match the brick on the adjacent building. A concrete walkway will lead residents and guests to a patio and gazebo on the landscaped grounds. The addition will meet the demands for more accommodations at the Home. See related photo on page 12.

SESSIONS INFORMATION ON PAGES 10 & 11

From the desk of your Grand Master

197 YEARS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

April has been proclaimed Odd Fellows Anniversary



LAUREL DELONY

Month throughout Odd Fellowship by Sovereign Grand Master Danny Wood. SGM Danny has also proclaimed that Tuesday, April 26 be known as Founder's Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 197th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland. That's 197 years of Odd Fellowship. That's something to be proud of, Brothers and Sisters. So get out into your communities and hold a special festivity or event in celebration of the day.

SGM Danny has also proclaimed that Saturday, April 16 be "Make a Difference Day" for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. You are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

My goodness, we have moved on to the new month of March. It came in as a lion, but I hope it leaves like a lamb. March was the month to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. A friend shared this Irish toast and I thought it was appropriate:

*May your neighbors respect you
Troubles neglect you
The angels protect you
And Heaven accept you.*

By the way, I have been very ill with the flu. Thank you to our Noble Grand for stepping in to give me a hand. Also, I would like to thank all my Sisters at Trinity for the lovely and thoughtful get well card.

I heard the wonderful news that Delia has returned to her home with her health restored. Delia plans to attend our next meeting with Erma's help. It will be so good to have them back.

From far away we received the dues from Sandy Holderman. She seems to be doing much better. Sandy takes the time to communicate with us through the mail, along with a phone call now and then.

Our community garage sale was a smashing success. Everyone took in a worthwhile profit and the lunch served in the kitchen was enjoyed, along with pie for dessert.

Cookie has a history question for you. In the year of 1979, what US President tried so very hard to free 52 hostages in Iran during his term of office? The answer will be in next month's issue.

In F., L. & T., Elayne Novotny, Reporter

day: Community Work Projects; Hands Across Your City, town, or community — followed by an open house. Open the doors to your lodge and invite the community in. Show them what Odd Fellowship is about.

REACHING OUT

As I am out visiting, and, as we know, lodges have gotten smaller, I get the feeling that lodges are feeling isolated from the rest of their Brothers and Sisters in the Order. This does not have to be the case, Brothers and Sisters. If you want to have some kind of gathering, festivity of some sort, etc. but feel you are too small or there aren't enough able bodied members in your lodge, please reach out to your Brothers and Sisters in other neighboring lodges, and across the state. If you ask *we will come!* Not only are we here to do good for our communities, but for each other.

JUST ASK

Oh, I recently visited a lodge that was helping its fellow Rebekahs. The Sisters were asked why they weren't Odd Fellows. The reply? "We haven't been asked." Oh man, I'm telling you, that is one of my biggest pet peeves. We aren't asking our fellow Brothers and Sisters to become members of the other branches of the Order. So *ask!!* What's the worst anyone is going to say? No! Okay, so no big deal, but at least you have *asked*. You might also get surprised with a *yes!* So Ask! Ask! Ask!

YOUR "CHALLENGE" FOR THIS MONTH

Well of course! You got it! Ask at least one member of the Order to join one of the other Branches of the Order. If you get ambitious then the second challenge is to ask someone to become a member of the Order.

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

Fall City Rebekahs #59

What a busy start to the New Year! We are collecting "Box Tops for Education." We are splitting the coupons between two schools, connecting with members of our lodge. We are also gathering manufacturers' coupons for the "coupon bank" at a local church. In addition, we are continuing to contribute to our local "Sno Valley Food Bank."

In January, our longtime adopted Sister Helen Wilson passed away at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. To help fill this void, we are now sending monthly greeting cards to residents of the Care Center at the Washington Odd Fellows Home. These cards celebrate a holiday or just say, "Thinking of you." We sent almost 50 cards to Mariah Matthews, Activities Director, to distribute to residents of the Care Center. In return, we received a most beautiful Valentine and thank you card made by the residents. It was most rewarding. We hope to continue each month this year.

Happy Easter and spring to all our Sisters and Brothers.

— Arlene Workman, Reporter

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 request in the Grand Lodge office by Friday, April 15.



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.

This will be the first year that Sovereign Grand Lodge will be filing your report with IRS. This office will keep you informed on the outcome.

As you should have notice, all your Invoices for Per Capita Tax, SGL Code Updates, etc, come to you in two (2) copies. Please return one (1) copy with your check, which makes it easier for data entry into our accounts receivable.

GRAND SESSIONS

This year the Grand Session of the Grand Bodies of the Order will again be held at the Yakima Valley Hotel in Yakima. The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly will be meet June 20, 21 and 22. See pages 10 and 11 for special information on the Grand Encampment and Grand Encampment Ladies Auxiliary Sessions. The Theta Rho Assembly will begin on Friday, June 17. Registration forms, including forms for meals, appear in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. They can be found on pages 10 and 11. Registrations for Sessions this year will be handled by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, under the Chairmanship of Joe and Kathi Picanco.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ENCAMPMENTS

The Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary are trying something new for their respective Sessions. This will be a trial run.

The Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary will begin their Sessions at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 23, following the closing of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions. The Installation of Officers will be a Dinner Installation. These Grand Bodies need your support, so please attend their Sessions.

— Fraternally,

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

Battalion Meeting in Olympic soon!!

Hello Chevaliers,

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9. That is the date of our next Washington Battalion meeting scheduled to held in Olympia in the Olympia Odd Fellows Hall.

The host for this meeting is Canton Olympia #20. At this time we expect that the hall will be open by 10 a.m. for registration. We are awaiting any additional details from the host Canton. Since this event is to occur before our next Canton meeting, we will update you via email as any information is received.



— Chivalrously, Edmond L. Reitan Jr., Clerk



Easter Bunny on patrol

Who's that Easter Bunny in the Foster Grants? We're not quite sure, but we know the Bunny showed up at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park on March 26 for Olympia IOOF Lodge's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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From the desk of the Assembly President

READY FOR SUNSHINE

March rain hopefully brings and April and May flowers! I am sure, like all of you, I am ready for some sunshine and spring weather. I hope the good weather brings us all out to the communities in which we are in. Ask your lodge what can we do this spring in the community? Does a park need a new tree. With all the recent wind damage maybe we can help clean up the local park.



BARBARA
NELSON

We are looking for great ideas to show off our great order. *If* your lodge does something special, make sure to advertise who we are and what we do. Hopefully when others hear about us, our numbers will grow. Simple things sometimes leave lasting memories.

SEND IN AN ARTICLE

Wow time flies when your busy! Is your lodge busy doing the work of Odd Fellowship? Please send an article to the newspaper and tell all about what your lodge does. Who knows, you might inspire others to do the same.

I'M A LUCKY PERSON

As I look forward to the many upcoming activities of our Order such as Northwest Odd fellow Association Meeting in British Columbia, and then traveling to Walla Walla for home board. I can't help but thinking of how lucky I am to be elected to represent you all. Thank you for all the continued encouragement and help along the way.

— *Fraternal Hugs in Friendship, Love & Truth,*
Barbara Nelson,
\President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

APRIL BRINGS MORE ACTIVITIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Month of April has arrived and there are a number of notable events that are during this Month. April 1 is, of course, April Fools Day. The month of April is "Living Legacy Month." "Plant a Tree For One Who Comes After Me." The United Nations Pilgrimage Delegate Registration forms, along with the Delegate fee balance, are due. The Testimonial Banquet for Kathy Shary, President of the IARA, will be held in Michigan. Saturday, April 16 is "Make a Difference Day," and Tuesday, April 26 is the 197th Anniversary of the founding of our Order in North America. The Northwest Oddfellow/Rebekah Association Meeting will be held in Chilliwack, BC, Canada on April 1, 2 and 3.



MARCIA
PRESLEY

SGL DUES ARE PAID

Our Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues have been paid and I would like to thank all of the lodges for getting their payments of these dues to me before the deadline. This allows me to pay the SGL Dues and have the funds to cover the amount due.

LET'S "REPLACE" OURSELVES

My Annual Report has been submitted to SGL and the membership count shows that we again have lost some members due to death, non-payment of dues, consolida-

tions or withdraws. I hope we can recover some of our losses and get our lodge membership on the rise instead of the declining membership we have experienced the last few years. Lets all try to at least replace "ourselves" in the membership in this great Order.

UPDATED CODES

I have ordered the 2015 Sovereign Grand Lodge Code updates and I need to know if you have an updated Code (through 2014) so that I can send them to your Lodge.

The first half of the Per Capita and Assessment Dues bill will be sent to all the lodges soon and the payment deadline of June 1, 2016 must be complied with in order for your Representative to have a legal vote in our Assembly Sessions.

"TAKE ME" DEADLINE

Just a reminder: If any of the Elective Officers or Committee Chairman want their reports printed in the "Take Me," they need to be sent to me as soon as possible after March 31 so that they can be included in the "Take Me" for 2016.

I leave you with this (printed previously):

"Coming Together is the Beginning.

Thinking Together is Unity.

Keeping Together is Progress, and

Working Together is Success."

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

From your 2015-16 Grand Patriarch

APRIL IS INSTALLATION MONTH

Greetings Patriarchs,

April, being the month for Encampment Installations, all officers should be installed by month's end.



FRANK WILSON

As my term of Grand Patriarch is about over, there remains work that needs to be accomplished before bringing this year to an end. Buckley Encampment #40 was re-chartered on November 8, 2014. However, since that time, their membership has declined, placing the Encampment's existence in peril. For that reason, on March 4 I granted a special 60-day dispensation to confer Encampment Degrees on properly vetted prospective members without a vote of the Encampment membership.

PLANNING BOARD

At the Planning Board Meeting in Yakima on March 12, the Grand Encampment and LEA Sessions were scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 and to commence at 1:30 p.m. Followed by a dinner Installation of Officers.

UNITED NATIONS

From the Jurisdiction of Washington, four students have been selected for the trip this year. Our students and their sponsors are: Bella Hood, Lauren Frasier and Cristian Gonzalis, sponsored by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17; and Ellyssa Gogenola, sponsored by Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3. Our students will team up with 35 students from the Jurisdiction of Oregon. The delegates will depart from Portland Airport on Saturday, July 9.

In Faith, Hope & Charity,

Frank Wilson

Grand Patriarch

Of the Grand Encampment of Washington

And UNP Director,

4701 23rd Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Dorothy Duff**, 74 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Vernita Webster**, 23 year member, Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18, Dayton.

We Will Miss You All

From your Wardens

Let's hear about your successes!!!

Wow — Is it really April already? Only two more newsletters and we will be off to the 2016 Annual Sessions in Yakima. We truly hope this has been a positive year for your lodge, and that some of the suggestions we have made were helpful.

It would be great to hear from you as to what your lodge has done over the past several months to encourage active membership. What has been successful and what sounded good, but didn't turn out so well? What has been the highlights of your lodge meetings this year? What do you hope to accomplish before Sessions in June? Both of our email addresses are listed at the end of this article, so please drop either or both of us a note. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

SPRINGTIME & FUN GO TOGETHER

With spring weather showing its warmer side, this is a great time to invite members to a barbecue in your lodge parking lot before a meeting. Encourage members who are working to come straight from the job and those who are retired could get there a little early to set things up. Make it an easy, casual time. And after eating, head inside for your meeting. Members can enjoy the time of socializing which may bring some new ideas into the formal meeting part of the evening.

Happy spring!

— *In F., L. & T.,*

Kelly Hughes, Email: Kelly.hughes.ioof@gmail.com

Cathy Garcia, Email: rcgarcia347@live.com

From your 2015-16 Grand Matriarch

SUPPORT YOUR NEW OFFICERS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's March already — May the luck of the Irish be with you all.

I'm so sorry I missed last month's *Washington OddFellow* newspaper. I been busy with family and settling in my new home.

Installations will be happening soon in the lodges. Remember to support your new officers.

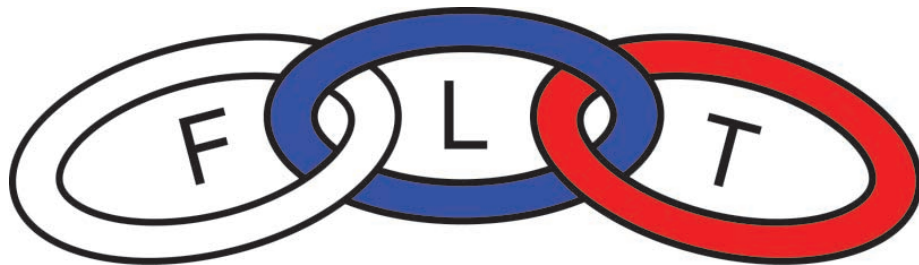


DONNA TONN

In Faith, Hope & Charity
And lots of Friendship, Love and Truth,

Donna Tonn,
Grand Matriarch

~ 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:** Michael Goodwin, PO Box 1346, Goldendale, WA 98620. **Ph:** (509) 261-0881. **Sec'y:** Tammie Cook, PO Box 853, Goldendale, WA 98620. **Ph:** (509) 261-1647

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.

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, **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:** Holly Houser, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 720-4489. **Email:** hollyh@comcast.net

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: 101 E. 7th, second floor, Bucoda. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717

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:** allpointnyam@aol.com

EOLA REBEKAH LODGE #63

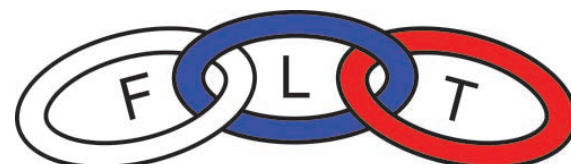
Meets At: 120 So. Cedar Street, Buckley. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** John Otterstrom, 1680 Lake Tapps Dr. SE, #204, Auburn, WA 98092 **Ph:** (253) 249-7442. **E-Mail:** Fr8dude65@comcast.net **Sec'y:** Karen Hoylman, 2252 Ventura Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022-9257. **Ph:**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

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:** Mary E. Harper, 917 - 212th Ave. NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6719. **Ph:** (425) 836-4871



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F., L. & T. DRILL & DEGREE TEAM

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(360) 983-3105

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

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

Meets At: Hunters IOOF Lodge, 4945 Hwy. 25, PO Box 44, Hunters, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** June, July, Aug. **NG:** William (Bill) Floyd, PO Box 44 Hunters, WA 99137. **Ph:** (509) 690-2350. **Sec'y:** Russell Stringfellow, 5693 Mudget Lk. Rd., Fruitland, WA 99129. **Ph:** (509) 722-3009

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:** Nancy Haugen, 16308 'B' St., #25, Tacoma, WA 98445. **Ph:** (253) 223-3637. **Sec'y:** Lena Swetz, PP, 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: Toledo Fire Station, 150 N. Second St., Toledo, WA 98591. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 219-8939. **Sec'y:** Kay Pratt, PO Box 267, Toledo, WA 98591. **Ph:** (360) 520-3228

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:** Don Coulter. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 39435, Lakewood, WA 98496. **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:** Allison Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 720-8773. **Sec'y:** Mary Stewart, PO Box 958, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Ph:** (360) 632-9231

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: Highway 12 & Brim Rd, Onalaska. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Mashelle (Shelly) Patrick, PO Box 44, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 273-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **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:** Frank Wilson, 4701 23rd, Lacey, WA 98503. **Ph:** (360) 402-1550. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 701-5896 (Cell), (360) 413-7014 (Home)

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: 101 E. 7th St., Bucoda. Mailing Address: PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Fri., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Louann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717. **Sec'y:** Kelly Hughes, PO Box 182, Bucoda, WA 98530-0182. **Ph:** (360) 402-1684.

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:** Bob Martin. **Ph:** (253) 961-4062. **Sec'y:** Brenna Wadsworth **Ph:** (253) 224-8947

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: 116 W. Marcy Ave., Montesano. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues, 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Ray Martinson, 921 Brook Dr., Montesano, WA 98563. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 39435, Lakewood, WA 98496. **Ph:** (253) 983-7619

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., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dorothy Music, 222 Gish Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Ph:** (360) 262-3186. **Sec'y:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Hwy. 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:** Dianna Cossette, 21716 NE WH Garner Rd., Yacolt, WA 98675. **Ph:** (360) 606-8367. **Sec'y:** Tari Romo, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668-2746. **Ph:** (360) 260-2310.

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** June, July, Aug. **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 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: 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.

Is your Lodge Card okay???

Many of the Lodge Cards appearing in this month's edition received updates, such as new Noble Grands, addresses, phone numbers, etc. If you find any errors, please let the Grand Lodge Office know as soon as possible so we can make the necessary corrections next month. Thank you.





On Saturday, March 19, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 was a beehive of activity as members of six lodges converged to

cut, sew and iron 171 pillowcases for patients at Children's Hospital. Kelly Hughes was in charge of the project.

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

WELCOME TO SPRING

When you visit your IOOF Park in Olympia, you will be driving on a freshly-gravelled road. The Park Board recently approved the purchase of 45 yards of gravel. Rick Garcia, Marc LaVack and Stu Carlson spent a couple days spreading and racking the gravel, with the help of Rick's tractor. Let them know you appreciate their work.

On Thursday, April 7, the Alpha Encampment will be holding an open meeting. They will be installing newly-elected officers for this year. This meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Olympia IOOF Lodge Hall.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 has approved the purchase of an Automatic Electric Stimulator. Certain members will be trained of it's use and maintenance. Hopefully, we won't have to use it.

Memorial Day will be here soon. Dave Delony, Chairman of the Cemetery Board, along with other lodge members are presently putting the finishing touches on our annual celebration. Saturday, May 28, is the day American Flags are placed on the graves of our veterans. This is a great opportunity to involve your children and grandchildren in honoring those who have fought for this great County. Following the placing of flags, there will be a work party at the park. Everyone is welcome and lunch will be served.

The Memorial Day Service is then held on Monday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m. After the ceremony we will serve hot dogs and soft drinks.

On March 19, our lodge was a picture of industrious

activity as representatives of six lodges came to Olympia to sew, iron and cut 171 pillow cases for Children's Hospital. The lodges involved were Skookumchuck #129, Olympia #1, South Tacoma #26, Buckley #75 and Ballard #170. Also helping were members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 of South Tacoma. Lunch was served. These pillow cases will be donated to the Children's Hospital for patients use and to take home. Warden Kelly Hughes led the group in this endeavor.

On March 21, Olympia Lodge held Second and Third Degree Rituals for six individuals from Bremerton, Skookumchuck and Olympia (Congratulations to Jenny and Dave Reed). Degrees were led by Joe Picanco.

On Wednesday, April 13, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 will be initiating two new members. We are really excited to welcome both of these ladies. They promise to be a great asset to our lodge. Hopefully this is the beginning of a new trend in membership.

One last piece of information — our Park Board has voted to hold their meeting at the Park rather than winter meetings at the lodge. These meetings are open to all members and your input is important to us. We meet at 7 p.m. and someone usually comes early to get a fire started and warm the building a bit.

There are many opportunities to serve our community and exhibit Odd Fellowship. Please join us at a meeting and share your ideas with us.

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

From your 2015-16 Theta Rho President

SIXTH IN STATE

February has come on gone, and so has winter sports. I reached my final goal of placing in the State Wrestling Tournament. The weekend of February 19 and 20, I placed



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sixth in the state for wrestling. I could not have been more proud of myself. My awesome Advisor, Sylvia Summers, even came and supported me on my second day!

I have also signed my letter of intent to wrestle on an academic and athletic scholarship to Lindenwood University in Belleville, IL. Although this college is far away from home, I will be making as many visits back to Tacoma as I can.

SPUNKY BLUEBIRDS INSTALLATION

On February 28, our very own Spunky Bluebirds had our Installation of Officers for the 2016-17 term. We saw some old and new faces of our great friends. I would personally like to congratulate our new Spunky President Piper Fyffe and our new Spunky Vice President Michaela Jensen. Thank you to all for coming and supporting our club. Also, a big thank you to everyone who provided food and was part of our installation team!

PILLOW CASES FOR MARY BRIDGE

The weekend of March 18-20, our Spunky girls had a sleepover at Sylvia's cabin. That Saturday Lauren Lozano, Julia Collier, Piper Fyffe, Alexis McNeil, Sylvia Summers, Ramona Johnson and I went to the Olympia Lodge and helped make pillow cases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. It was a great experience being able to do it a second year in a row.

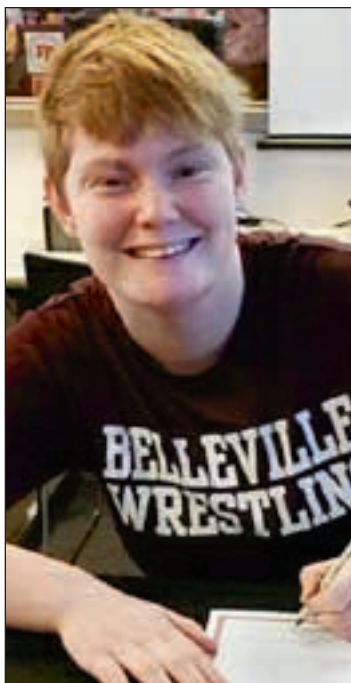
In March I also attended the JYC meeting in Yakima to finalize my Sessions plans and program.

VISITATIONS

On my spring break I was able to make my official visit to the Pasco Theta Rho Club and I will be in touch with Acorn to make my final visit.

I would also like to apologize for not putting a letter in the newspaper for March.

As I approach these last few months as President, I am learning to be grateful for all the things I have had the opportunity to do.



Faith Ghramm signs her letter of intent to attend Lindenwood University.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Faith Ghramm, Theta Rho Assembly President*



Our very own Theta Rho Assembly President Faith Ghramm placed second in the District Wrestling Tournament and went on to place sixth in the State Wrestling Tournament.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

HAPPY SPRINGTIME!

We hope all of you are enjoying the warmer weather. We will be participating once again in the Holland Happening Parade during the last weekend of April. This is an annual event for us, which gets our name out into our community, besides providing us with some fun. We will be having a sleepover at the hall the night before and in *not breaking* tradition, we all do lunch at Wendy's following the parade.

We regret that we will not be able to attend the spring retreat in Olympia this year since it is scheduled for the same weekend. We felt that since we ask the community to support our projects that it was important for us to stay in town and support this local event. We will miss the other girls and the fun times at the Olympia IOOF Park, and we'll also miss having girls from the Spunky Bluebirds in the parade with us.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Yakima in June.

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

See You At Sessions!

2016 Grand Lodge Of Washington Grand Sessions

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SATURDAY, JUNE 18

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

“A Bit of Italy” (Jumbo Shells with Ricotta)

Adults \$18.45 _____

Banquet Theme: “Murder Mystery” Dress: Masquerade

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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

Baked Salmon **OR**

Beef Sirloin *(Circle One)* \$26.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 a.m. Grand Master’s Breakfast

Valley Buffet \$13.00 _____

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

Power Continental \$13.00 _____

6:00 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: “Back to the Beach” Dress: Beach Attire

Vegetarian: (Jumbo Ravioli) **OR**

(Chicken Cordon Bleu **OR** Rosemary Pork Loin)

(Circle One of the 3 Above) \$23.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 a.m. TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet

Yakima Buffet \$13.00 _____

7:30 a.m. IOOF Representatives’ Breakfast Buffet

Valley Buffet \$13.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$13.00 _____

4:00 p.m. ENC/LEA Dinner Installation

Baked Salmon \$26.00 _____

Vegetarian: Vegetable Stir Fry

OR Chicken Florentine *(Circle One)* \$23.00

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

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*Be sure to mention that you are with the
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Please provide the hotel with the following information: Arrival & Departure Dates, Room Type (King or Queen),
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— *Fraternally, Joe and Kathi Picanco, Grand Lodge Host Committee*

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New dining room

The East Care Center Dining Room has been remodeled and made more usable at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. The original solarium dining hall was installed many years ago by Opp & Seibold General Construction and remodeled by the same company into an efficient modern dining area. The high energy heating and air conditioning system can easily be controlled. Windows have been replaced by thermally-insulated glass that makes the space brighter. All that remains to be done by the Home is to install solid surfaces on the window sills. See related photo on page 1.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekahs #2

Members wore green to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day meeting at the Washington Odd Fellows Home. Marthann Hall provided refreshments and decorations. Rosemary Hicks was installed as Left Supporter to Noble Grand Patty Newell. Donations were made to the Washington Odd Fellows Home Endowment Fund in memory of Helen Wilson and Dorothy Duff. The group unanimously approved of Beth Entze as an Adopted Sister.

Plans are in progress for the Fifth District Meeting on Saturday, April 16 at the Odd Fellows Home. Coffee hour is at 9 and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. The Narcissa Rebekahs will provide sub sandwiches, Bee Hive Lodge #70 will bring chips and relish trays, and Schuyler Lodge #18 will supply desserts.

Barbara Tvrz is District President and Barbara Lechner is in charge of the arrangements.

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



Friday,
April 22