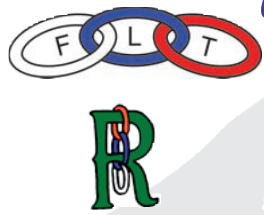
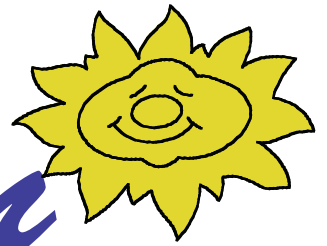


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Our delegation in Washington, D.C.



Washington's delegation to the 83rd Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery gathered at a banquet prior to the event. The annual wreath

laying ceremony took place on Sunday, May 8. From left are: John Nelson, Assembly President Barb Nelson, Joann Balmert, Grand Master Laurel Delony and Dave Delony.

138th Annual Sessions

Annual Sessions set for action in Yakima

Our annual Proceedings of the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 17 through 22 at the Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center located in Yakima. Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington, Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, Grand Encampment of Washington, and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington. Officers of all Branches of the Order elected or appointed are to be installed during Sessions.

On Saturday, June 18t, the Theta Rho Banquet will be

serving "A Bit of Italy (Jumbo Shells with Ricotta). The theme is "Murder Mystery." Dress is "Masquerade." The "All Branch Banquet" will be held on Monday evening, June 20. The banquet theme this year is "Back to The Beach." Dress is Beach Attire. All Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to dress for the occasions.

Again this year we'll have a room dedicated for a silent auction to benefit all Branch leaders' projects. We're sure to have some nice items on display. If any individual or

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From the desk of your Grand Master

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank you all for your love and support for my term as your Grand Master.



LAUREL DELONY

Thank you for the courtesies extended to me throughout the year. Thank you to those lodges that have supported my project, Junior Achievement. Thank you to those Brothers and Sisters who bought my pins and walked around with a smile.

A special thank you to my Lodge, Olympia #1, mom Joanne, and a special special thank you to my husband Dave. I couldn't have done it without you all.

WE CAN DO SOMETHING

Since this is my last letter I got to thinking about some things. As I was trashing out an old hall where the lodge had given up its Charter, I said to myself, "How did we get to this point?" "Was there something we could have done?"

My answer is *yes!* We can do something and that is asking for help from one and other. Has your membership gotten to the point where your members cannot do

any type of hall repair and don't know where to go? You have a Grand Lodge that will help you and recruit other members of the Order to step up. But you have to ask. We, all of us, are in this together. We have to start helping each other.

MY FINAL CHALLENGE TO YOU

Here's your last challenge from me as your Grand Master:

I challenge you to increase your membership. Ask, ask, ask! Don't be afraid! The worst anyone can say is no, but you might just get that yes.

- I challenge you to ask for help if you need degree work.

- I challenge you ask for help if you want to plan a function.

- I challenge you to read through the Digest and the Code.

- I challenge you to get in the know about our Order.

- I challenge you to challenge your lodge and yourself.

I am looking forward to Sessions and I hope to see you all in Yakima.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth*

And Fraternal Hugs,

Laurel Delony

Your 2015-2016 Grand Master

From your 2015-16 Theta Rho President

THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

This my last letter to the newspaper and I don't know where to start. First off, I would like to express my gratitude for being able to win the \$5,000 L.J. Jones



FAITH
GHRAMM

Scholarship. It will greatly reduce how much I will owe.

Secondly, I would like to apologize for always being late/last minute. Everybody knows how busy life can get, especially between being Theta Rho Assembly President, finishing off my senior year of high school, packing, and getting ready for college life states away.

I recently was able to visit the Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club and participate in Holland Happenings Parade in oak Harbor. I always love being able to see all of our Theta Rho Girls more than once a year.

AN ASSEMBLY TO BE REMEMBERED

I have also finalized and sent out club assignments for Theta Rho Assembly. Hopefully this Assembly will be one to be remembered. Thank you for all of the love and support you have given me. Here's a shout out to my amazing club and advisors who constantly have my back and make sure I know it's okay to ask for help.

GRADUATION TIME

I am happy to announce that I will be graduating Franklin Pierce High School with one of my fellow Theta Rho Girls, Lauren Lozano, on Saturday, June 4. I am excited to be closing this chapter of my life and opening a new one in college. One piece of advice I give to all the amazing Theta Rho Girls is that high school goes quicker than you think. Do as much as you can with the time you have because one day you'll look back and regret not doing more. Personally, I would rather live with failing than not trying at all.

OFF TO COLLEGE

Sadly, I will not be able to attend Youth Days this year in South Dakota due to the fact that that weekend is the weekend I leave for college. But I will always be a part of this organization whether I'm half way across the country, or half way across the world. I have complete faith in all of our youth that they all will make a great impact and change, for the better, in not only our community, but in the world.

Now, let's get ready for Theta Rho Assembly on June 17, 18 and 19!!!

In Happiness Through Service And in F., L. & T.,

Faith Ghramm,

Theta Rho Assembly President

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

GRAND SESSIONS THIS MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,

As we come to the end of another Odd Fellow year, my wish for all is to have a happy and harmonious Session in Yakima. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington as you Grand Secretary this year.



**HARRY W.
"BILL" COULTER**

In addition to fulfilling the routine duties of this office, this year, as in the past, it has been a pleasure to share our history with members and non-members with the information of a relative's past Odd Fellow connection. I was happy to do the research and respond with my findings.

REPRESENTATIVES

Just a reminder, be sure you bring your lodge's copy of the Advance Reports "Take Me" and your Representative's Certificate with you to Grand Lodge Session. Should you be coming as the Alternate Representative in place of the Representative, you should bring the Advance Reports "Take Me" and your Alternate Representative's Certificate. Please remember that only one Representative per lodge may be seated in the Grand Lodge. The Representative not seated may attend the Session, however they will not have any voice or vote.

MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND SESSION

To all, remember that the following the opening of Grand Lodge and after the new Past Grands receive their Grand Lodge Degrees, the Grand Lodge is open in the Third Degree. That means any Third Degree member

may enter the Grand Lodge to observe business. Grand Lodge is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required.

The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Brother W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Deputy Grand Master, who hails from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia. Let's all meet him, greet him and welcome him to the Jurisdiction or Washington.

I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

See you in Yakima!!

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

From your Wardens

Thank you for letting us serve you

Wow!! What a year this has been! Our term as your Wardens is almost over and Sessions will be here before you know it. We would both like to thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful Order as Membership Chairmen. We have had the opportunity to get to know so many loving people.

As summer is upon us, let's not forget about reaching out to both current and potential members. Even though many lodges go dark during July and August — that doesn't mean you can't be active. What a great time to join with neighboring lodges and have a picnic or barbecue. Invite non-members and let them see what fun people Odd Fellows are.

Start planning now for a "Welcome Back Pot Luck" in September. Think about door prizes, games or contests to encourage people to not want to miss it. A strong start to the new season will encourage active involvement for holiday projects that will follow on the heels of school starting in the fall.

Have a wonderful summer and don't forget about your Brothers and Sisters of Odd Fellows. We need each other.


— *In F, L. & T.,*
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From the desk of the Assembly President



BARBARA
NELSON

WOW, WHAT A RIDE!

This year has flown by. I had a wonderful, emotional time in Washington, D.C. I recommend every one put that area with such history on your bucket list. From learning the Metro system to visiting the Smithsonian, the memories are all fun.

I appreciate all the members who have participated and keeping our lodges running smoothly. Now be prepared to be volunteered to keep our Assembly running smoothly, as well. Please be ready to have a fun, engag-

ing time to learn and grow as a person and an Order. I would love to see a Representative from every lodge, as well as members turning out to ensure our Assembly runs and thrives.

As always feel free to contact me at: **barbee1313@yahoo.com** or (253) 381-5656. My home address is 8010 East 'C' Street Tacoma, Washington 98404.

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

See You At Sessions!

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

125TH SESSIONS ARE HERE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe that June is here already, and our Sessions are right around the corner. I hope to see all of you at our 125th Rebekah Assembly Sessions.



MARCIA
PRESLEY

I know that our members are looking forward to a productive, fun, happy and prosperous meeting. I hope that at the close of our Sessions, all of our Rebekah Sisters and Brothers will be satisfied with the decisions that will be made and everyone will look forward to a good year, until our next Sessions.

SUMMER POT LUCKS

If your lodge is in recess for the months of July and August, some of the lodges still get together for a pot luck or picnic. Their Assembly Representatives give their reports to those who attend these events and this way the lodge members are informed of any changes that were made at the Rebekah Assembly Sessions and the lodge is ready to get started in September to improve their lodge in some way. Invite non-members to your get-together and you may be surprised that they may be interested in joining your Rebekah Lodge.

SGL/IARA SESSIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

There will be a number of Rebekahs attending the SGL/IARA Sessions from our Jurisdiction that will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota in August. This is where the major changes in the rules and regulations of our Order are made. If any of you have something that you think needs to be changed at the national level, contact our IARA Representative who will be elected at our

Sessions in Yakima. Our Representative will be attending this meeting and give them your ideas. I refer to these Sessions as "The Lodge of The World," as there are Representatives from all of the Jurisdictions in the United States, Canada and from countries from all over the world that have Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges. I hope that if you get a chance to attend one of these Sessions, you will take the opportunity to do so. They are held in a different state each year.

FRIENDS

*The flowers we sew as we pass this way,
Are from the seeds planted yesterday.
Friends that greet us with a cheery smile,
Are from smiles we have scattered along each mile.
Friends need to be cultivated with kindness 'tis true,
Just as the flowers spring from the seeds we strew.
Friends, some are new and some are old,
The new ones are silver and the old ones gold.
Flowers may wither and fade away,
But a friend helps to brighten a cloudy day.
So cultivate friends with each passing year,
and keep them in touch either far or near.
Friends Are Forever!!*

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

*Have A
Great Summer,
Brothers & Sisters*

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

THE GOOD 'OL SUMMER TIME

Summer is here and this is the last newspaper we will be receiving until September. While several lodges will be dark for the summer and many of us will be away on vacations, Olympia will still be busy and productive.

We recently initiated two new members into our lodge and three others for Napavine. We have no intention of letting these new members get bored and forget about us over the summer.

CPR TRAINING

On May 2 we held a CPR class which included instruction for using our newly-purchased defibrillator. Twenty-seven members and guests attended this training. While we certainly hope there will never be occasion to use these skills, it is comforting to know that our Brothers and Sisters care enough to be prepared.

We closed out the month of May with our annual Memorial Day Celebration. I really think placing the flags on Veterans' graves is my favorite time. Realizing how many have served for our freedom and reading the words on the headstones is quite awe-inspiring. Monday's service was a wonderful exhibition of honoring our military. What a blessing it is to be a part of a fraternity that reaches out to the community in this way.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Upcoming activities promise to keep us active over the summer. On June 4 and 5, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 has a team in the annual "Relay for Life" event at Timberline High School. If you can't walk with us at some point during the event, you can still donate to the cause. Just go online to relay.acsevents.org, click on search for a team and type Independent Order of Odd Fellows. That will take you to our team and you can make a donation. Thank you Laurel Delony for setting this up, and to all of you for being a part of this endeavor.

Joe Picanco has been busy getting us entered into the Lakefair Twilight Parade on July 16. This is a 1.2 mile walk and we will be carrying the Odd Fellow Banner at the front of our team. All branches of our order are invited to participate. Please wear uniforms, regalia or anything that pertains to the Odd Fellows. Joe will be sending out more information shortly. If you are not on his e-mail list, please let him know you are interested. Let's make a big showing in the Capital City.

THANKS TO WALT AND STU

We are saying goodbye and thank you to our long-time Lawn Mowing Team of Walt and Stu this season. They

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PP's in British Columbia

Rebekah Assembly of Washington Past Presidents Jennie Reed, left, and Karen Hoylman, right, attended the British Columbia Rebekah Assembly Sessions in April. In the center is their hostess, Pam Ottas, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of British Columbia. Jennie spoke on the Education Foundation and Karen took greetings and gifts from the Jurisdictions of Washington and Louisiana.

have served the Puget Beach Park for many years, keeping the grounds mowed and weed-eaten, as well as caring for the machinery. We appreciate them both very much.

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

The Little Red School House is on it's final leg of collecting items to be distributed to children in August. The most needed item is boys' underwear. If you could pick up few packages in different sizes and bring them to the lodge hall, it would be greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank all of those who have contributed to the food bank.

Have a great summer. We hope to see you at the park for some sun and fun.

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



PGP Ernest Coulter passes away in March

Ernest E. Coulter, Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington and Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant of Washington, passed away on March 31, 2016 at Jefferson General Hospital in Port Townsend. He was 86-years-old. Ernie served as Grand Patriarch in 1993-1994 and as Department Commander in 1999-2000.

Brother Ernie joined Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9 in Port Townsend in 1960. He transferred to Chimaquam IOOF Lodge #343 in Port Hadlock in 1968. He was a member of Mt. Angeles Encampment #88 and Canton #20.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Ann Coulter, and wife LeRose. Sister LeRose held the office of Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington in 1982-1983, and President of the Ladies Patriarch Militant Auxiliary in 2004-2005.

Brother Ernie is survived by his sons, Robert and Donald, and daughter Janet; also survived by step kids Harry (Bill), Sharon and Lois.

His celebration of life will be announced at a later time.



ERNEST E. COULTER

Some more information about our Home's book

Here are some notes from the new book, *Washington Odd Fellows Home, From 1897 To The Present*, written by Shirley Ruble, a resident of the Home,

From the beginnings of Enterprise Lodge in 1863 to the present, the story of the Washington Odd Fellows Home unfolds in this illustrated historical narrative. The Home is the only not-for-profit facility and only continuing-care community in Walla Walla. It was created and is supported by all the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in the state of Washington.



At one time, the Home housed more than 200 orphans and half-orphans, homeless due to lack of employment for their fathers who traveled West in the early 1900s. The orphans were welcomed by elderly members of the Odd Fellows, their wives, and widows. They lived in a community that was sustained by orchards and vegetable gardens. There have been no orphans in the Home since 1942. Instead, an active and energetic retirement community of 300 residents and 225 staff members thrives in a peaceful residential neighborhood near the city center.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Avid traveler to five continents and author of several books and numerous articles, Shirley Ruble was awarded the Alpha Sigma Nu National Book Award, Non-Fiction Award from the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference, and named Alumna of Merit by Whitman College.

Here's how you can obtain a copy of the book. Profits go to go to the Washington Odd Fellows Home Endowment Fund.

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From your 2015-16 Grand Patriarch

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I come to the end of my journey through the chairs of our Grand Encampment, I am constantly reminded of the great debt of gratitude that I owe to the members and officers present and past for your help, support, advice and above all, your sincere cooperation during the past three years. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as Grand Patriarch. *Thank you Brothers and Sisters for this great honor.*



FRANK WILSON

ENCAMPMENT DEGREES

At the time of this writing, I am aware that there are several candidates in waiting to receive the Encampment Degrees. I believe this is an indication of a healthy condition as an overall picture of Encampments in this jurisdiction. It is, therefore, my hope that a Degree Team will be formed and we may proceed soon with the ceremonies.

As we elect a new slate of officers, let us remember our perspective in part, "it is my duty to encourage trust, toleration, assurance and assistance whenever possible."

ACT HUMBLY, LOVE COMPLETELY

AND LIVE DIFFERENTLY

*In Faith, Hope & Charity, Frank Wilson
 Grand Patriarch*

*Of the Grand Encampment of Washington
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Newspaper is on summer vacation, but let us know if you change address!!!

Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 15 for the September, 2016 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

There is a change of address form on this page. Please use it if you move this summer.

Thanks and have a great summer. We wish you a happy and prosperous summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

— Your Editor

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LEA plans raffle

There will be a raffle at the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Session in Yakima. It will be held to benefit the Grand Matriarch's project at the Grand Banquet on Monday, June 20.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

SEE YOU AT SESSIONS

May was a busy month for us. The day before Mothers' Day we went to the nursing home and painted the ladies nails for them.

We also did our beach cleanup followed, by lunch at the beach, and then we went to our Advisor's house and worked on our scrapbook. For our fun activity, we had a swim party. At our last meeting we held initiation of new members.

At our June meeting we are making our own mini-pizzas and working on our things for Assembly.

We want to wish our Brother Odd Fellows a Happy Fathers' Day.

Since this is the last newspaper before fall, we hope all of you have a great summer. See you in Yakima.

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

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lodge wishes to contribute for the auction, it would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, Larry Ferguson, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Linda Thompson, IARA Warden, representing the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, will be in attendance.

MAJOR SCHEDULED EVENTS INCLUDE:

- **Friday, June 17** — Theta Rho Picnic and Pool Party.
- **Saturday, June 18** — Theta Rho Sessions begins, Theta Rho Banquet/Awards, followed by Fun Night.
- **Sunday, June 19** — Past President's Banquet, Theta Rho Installation, Theta Rho Sessions ends, All Branch Memorial Service.
- **Monday, June 20** — Sessions Begin, Grand Master's Breakfast, Assembly President's Breakfast, All Branch Banquet and TaNaMaKa Meeting with "Bear Meat."
- **Tuesday, June 21** — TaNaMaKa Breakfast, IOOF Representatives' Breakfast, Joint Installation of 2015-2016 Officers, and Ice Cream Social at the Yakima IOOF Lodge.
- **Wednesday, June 22** — Rebekah Representatives Breakfast, Odd Fellow and Rebekah Sessions end, Encampment/LEA Sessions begins, Encampment/LEA Dinner Installation of Officers.

Please bring with you your name badge holders from last year, if you still have them!!

— *Yours in F. L. & T., Joe & Kathi Picanco,*
Grand Lodge Host Committee