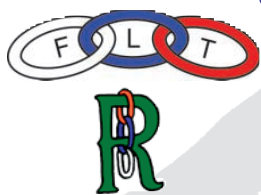


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Bunny at the beach

Above, a multitude of kids found all the eggs that the **Big Eb** (Easter Bunny) hid at the Olympia Odd Fellows' Puget Beach Park on Saturday, April 20. At left, Hazel Thompson of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, 100 years young, spends a little fun time with the Easter Bunny. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1. It turned out to be a beautiful, warm spring day that everyone enjoyed.

Olympia #1 to host Memorial Day event

Once again the Olympia Odd Fellows will be placing flags on the graves of the Veterans buried at the Olympia Memorial Park in Tumwater on Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m. There will be coffee and a donut or two for the volunteers.

Then on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, we'll start setting up for the Celebration at 9 a.m. The celebration will start at 12:30 p.m. Afterwards there will be hot dogs, chips and soda available until they are gone.

Help Honor Our Veterans

From the desk of your Grand Master

VISITING LODGES

My favorite part of serving you as Grand Master is visiting your lodges. In every lodge I'm finding wonderful and unique things about how each lodge practices Odd Fellowship. However, I'm also finding ways in which we are short-changing ourselves and not doing our best. As I've traveled around, I've met with many lodge officers and taken the time to show them the expected and proper procedures for record keeping: how to use a Cash Book, what the Minute Book is for, etc. I've also had opportunities to share information about the duties and responsibilities of officers and talk about the signs and symbols of Odd Fellowship.



TOBY HANSON

LACK OF INFORMATION

While I do enjoy teaching our lodges about how to operate, the lack of information I have found in some lodges has me concerned. Because of our reduced numbers from years past, we no longer have as much interaction between lodges through Encampments, District Meetings, and visitations. That means that our lodges are more isolated than ever which allows them to drift away from conventional Odd Fellowship and start taking shortcuts. In extreme cases, our lodges can turn into luncheon clubs where members meet to socialize and maybe discuss a little business before eating and going home. While socialization is an important and necessary component of Odd Fellowship, it loses its meaning without context and it is our rituals and traditions which give us that context. I certainly don't blame the hard-working, well-meaning officers of those lodges that have drifted away from the core operational principles of Odd Fellowship; they work very hard for their lodges and do their best. In most cases they weren't aware that they weren't following best practices or that there was any way to do things other than what they have been doing.

GRAND LODGE IS HERE TO HELP

The Grand Lodge is here to help your lodges to make sure you do things well. Not only does it help our jurisdiction function better, but we really, genuinely enjoy helping our lodges and spreading correct information. Functional lodges are also much more enjoyable for their members to attend. I want to borrow the analogy used by one of our aviation-minded Past Grand Masters and suggest that the Grand Lodge can be like your lodge's air traffic controller. ATCs keep air traffic orderly and safe. In the same way, the Grand Lodge oversees the activities of your lodges to make sure that you're using best practices and not creating future problems for yourselves. When I visit a lodge and inspect the books or instruct about the ritualistic work, it's *not* because I'm looking for an excuse to pull a charter or take

punitive actions against your lodge. After all, our Chaplains remind us at every meeting to forgive what we may have done amiss. I review the books and operations so I can find and solve problems before they occur. I would much rather avoid a problem than deal with it after it happens. I also think it's important to use our ritualistic elements to their best. They enrich and inform the lodge experience when done properly.

ACTIVITIES WITH TRUE MEANING

I have found a renewed passion for and interest in Odd Fellowship amongst our lodges. I want to challenge each of our lodges to spend time making the lodge experience the best it can be. Do a formal opening and closing. Wear your regalia with pride. Follow the order of business completely. Sing the odes (even if you don't have a lodge musician)! Do the things with pride and to the best of your ability that make Odd Fellowship meaningful. As our world has slid into a near-constant state of expediency, remember that one of the things young people seek out most nowadays is activities with true meaning. Make sure your lodge is the place where they can find it.

I'M HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

I may not be able to give you the wind speed at 5,000 feet, but I can answer your questions about Odd Fellowship. The Grand Lodge is available to give your lodge guidance and instruction. Don't hesitate to contact us. We want your lodge to have the best possible experience of Odd Fellowship. If there's anything I can do to help you or your lodge, call or text me at (206) 245-8207 or email me at:

iooftoby@gmail.com.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Toby Hanson,
Your 2018-2019 Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

German Dinner set in Buckley on May 3

On Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m., Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 is putting on a traditional German Dinner. Members of the lodge will be preparing a traditional gasthaus-style German Dinner with pork schnitzel, rotkraut, warm potato salad, spaetzle, and strudel for dessert.

The suggested donation is \$10. Please RSVP to buckley75ioof@gmail.com by Monday, April 29 so we know how much food to buy.

PS — there may even be accordion music.



From the desk of your Grand Secretary

REMINDERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is May and Sessions are coming up fast. Reminders, if you have not got your Representative Certificates in, please do so ASAP. Alternate Certificates are due as well. Your lodge should have elected a Representative and Alternate regardless of whether they are able to come to Sessions. Representatives represent your lodge. When your Representative receives the "Take Me," they should read it over, bring back to the lodge, and discuss how the lodge wants the Rep to vote on any bills, etc.



LAUREL DELONY Please be sure to get your registration into the Host Committee as soon as possible. The information is in this issue of the newspaper. The hotel information is also listed.

Come up and see us at the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley. The coffee will be on.

— *With Fraternal Hugs*
Laurel Delony, PGM,
Grand Secretary



— Photo by Mylinda Sneed



— Photo by Deputy Grand Master John Otterstrom

Welcome Jeff



Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 was pleased to confer the First Degree on our newest member Jeff Deymonaz during our regular meeting on April 11. The First Degree was performed under the direction of our Degree Captain — C. Allan Reitan, PGM. We were so happy we even took a photo. From left are: Tina Reitan, C. Allan Reitan, Jeff Deymonaz, Ed "Butch" Reitan, and Barbara Reitan.

—*Fraternally,* Edmond L Reitan Jr.,
 PGM, Titusville Noble Grand & Reporter

Welcome to Ballard


Sisters Sai Rivera and Shannon Hayes were initiated into the Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 on Thursday, March 28. Seated from the left are initiates, Sai Rivera and Shannon Hayes. Standing front rank is visitor Erin from the Corvallis, Oregon Lodge. Second rank standing are: Michael Douglas, Trustee; Clinton Ataway, VG; Katie Grey, RSN; Mike Soriano, NG; Ezekial Blessing, Inside Guardian; Rich Ater, Warden; and Richard Brzustowicz, Conductor. Third rank standing are: Toby Hansen, Grand Master; Steve Hayes, Financial Secretary; and Bob Duniway, Secretary.

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From the desk of the Assembly President

HISTORY OF OUR HOME

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the past three years since being elected Warden, I have had the privilege to be involved with many programs of our Order. I have attended board meetings for our newspaper, *The Washington Odd Fellow*, and our Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, just to name a few.



JENNIE REED

In this column I will focus on our Home. In 1894 the lodges determined that the Jurisdiction of Washington should have a home. The question arose as to its location. During a statewide Grand Lodge meeting held in Seattle, a group of men from Walla Walla constructed a model of the first Odd Fellows Home in Washington.

They borrowed a flatbed trailer, hitched it to a team of six white horses, placed their model on top and paraded it up and down the streets of Seattle. A donation of six-and-a-half acres of land from pioneer H.P. Isaacs, \$3,000 raised by the Walla Walla Odd Fellows and a promise of 400 gallons of water per day were the deciding factors in the present location. The Home was established in 1897 for the care of widows and orphans of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Although the Home no longer serves orphans, it continues to house seniors of our Order. The 10-acre campus is home to nearly 350 residents in independent apartments, assisted living, and nursing home care. Today the Home is a non-profit 501c3 corporation. Eligible seniors, other than Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, are also admitted. I have been a member of the board of directors since I was Warden the first time in 2006. This is the most rewarding committee that I have served on. I encourage everyone to make arrangements to visit our Home in Walla Walla. You may contact the Grand Lodge or the Home for information to inquire about the living arrangements provided at the Home.

LAST MINUTE DUTIES

I do hope my brief overviews these past months have encouraged each member to look into the many programs of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The month of May will be a time for me to finish my visitations, fill my committees and prepare for Assembly in June.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

If you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden.
 — *As Ever In Friendship, Love & Truth,*
 Jennie Reed, PP, President,
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In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

A GREAT RETREAT

First we would like to thank Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 for sharing their park with the Theta Rhos for the retreat last month. In spite of some rain, we had a fun weekend. We had six members who were able to attend the retreat.

The last weekend in April we had a sleepover and swim party with guests from Eta and Spunky when Theta Rho Assembly President Bethany made her visit and then they participated in the Holland Happening parade with us the next day.

For Mothers' Day we made cards for the nursing home and will be painting the ladies fingernails for them again. The ladies always enjoy having us come and do this for them.

Our Assembly Session is coming soon and we will be working on our assignments and our scrapbook. We are looking forward to Sessions next month in Yakima.

Until next month. . .

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



Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club members enjoyed the nice weather on the ferry going to the Retreat in Olympia. Standing, from left, are: Stacy Gardiner, Desiree Gardiner, Lucy Crouch and Rebecca Johnson. In the front sitting are: Evelyn Nichols and Hailey Scheiderer.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

OFF AND RUNNING IN MAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

May is here and I hope we have the opportunity to enjoy some warmer weather.

The month of May is “Visual Research Foundation Month.” May 5 is the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia to lay the wreath at that location from SGL/IARA and each Jurisdiction that have Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges. Jennie Reed, Washington’s Rebekah Assembly President, will be our Representative.



MARCIA PRESLEY

Wednesday, May 15 is the deadline for applications to be submitted to the International Education Foundation for their scholarships and grants available through their Foundation.

Our Jurisdiction is privileged to have our own Visual Aid Foundation and the L.J. Jones Scholarship Foundation that helps out our members and relatives of members with eye exams and glasses and numerous scholarships to be able to receive a higher education.

MAY HOLIDAYS

May celebrates Mothers’ Day and Memorial Day, honor-

ing our mothers and those that have gone to a better place in Heaven and to honor those lost in the protection of our great country.

Our Assembly Sessions are just around the corner and I hope all of you plan to join us for President Jennie Reed’s and Grand Master Toby Hanson’s Grand Sessions. Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA, Sherry Pond, and Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, Tim Moon, also will be having their Grand Sessions on Wednesday afternoon, June 26. The Theta Rho Assembly Sessions will be Saturday, June 22 and their Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, June 23. Our Assembly Session and Grand Lodge Session will be Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 in Yakima.

SMILE IT’S SPRING

Spring has sprung, birds are singing, crickets are chirping and new life has begun. Take a walk today and admire the beauty of the season. Take a friend along and laugh as you stroll around your neighborhood.

Remember to smile at those you meet and wish them a happy Spring Day, as well. When we bring joy into the lives of other people, joy will also rub off on us.

SMILE IT’S SPRING

— *With lots of Rebekah Hugs, In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley, PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*



Having fun during the nice spring weather are, from left: Mary Starkel, Naomi Dow, Phyllis Donaldson, Marlene

Whittington, Shelly Patrick, Melody Butterton, and Lou Ann Hoffman.

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 - Onalaska

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY TO ONE & ALL

Our bake sale was on the weekend of April 19. We’ve been looking forward to see it how goes. We will let you know next month.

Our love and prayers go out to Naomi Dow and her fam-

ily following the loss of her sister and a granddaughter.

Enjoy the spring weather. Until next time, be true to your lodge.

In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Secretary

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

HAPPY MAY EVERYONE!

Remember when the significance of May Day was to make a paper basket, fill it full of flowers to hang on a neighbor's door knob, knock on the door and run away – hoping they never discovered who left the flowers? I'm pretty sure my grandmother knew it was me leaving the basket, but she never said anything. She just admired the secret gift she had received

Share A Secret Blessing

This is a little like our work as Odd Fellows, doing good for others without expecting acknowledgment. Little traditions such as “May Baskets” are not just fun memories, but a great way to begin strong life habits in our children. Think of a special “secret” blessing you can share with someone this month

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny made her annual visit to our Easter Pot Luck and Egg Hunt a couple weeks ago. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this event. As always, it was great fun with lots of food.

OPEN HOUSE

The Open House celebrating 200 years of Odd Fellowship was a great weekend of meeting members of our community, sharing the history of our order and distributing information and applications.

DEGREE NIGHT

On Monday, May 20, Olympia #1 will be hosting an Initiatory and First Degree night. As always, if you have a candidate or new member needing one or both of these degrees, please contact Laurel Delony.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner. On Saturday, May 25, you are invited to join us in placing flags on the graves of our veterans at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Cleveland Avenue starting at 9 a.m. Then on Monday, the 27th, Memorial Day, is the Memorial Day Celebration with music, local speakers and hot dogs. Please join us at 12:30 p.m. to honor those who have fought to protect our rights and freedoms

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE

As June quickly approaches, we begin our once monthly meetings at our beach property. On Monday, June 3, Olympia #1 will hold its regular meeting down at the Park, then on the 17th our meeting will return to the downtown lodge. For the months of June through September the first meeting of each month will be at the Beach Park and the second meeting at the Lodge Hall.

Later this summer we are planning our Seafood Dinner, so be watching for more information on that

event.

Have a wonderful May, pray for sunshine, and share Odd Fellowship with everyone you meet.

— *In F., L. & T.,*
Cathy Garcia

Seafood Fest planned in Olympia on July 20

Olympia Odd Fellows will host their annual Seafood Fest on Saturday, July 20 at 12:30 p.m. at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park. The seafood is \$10 and we ask everyone to bring a pot luck dish to share.

There will also be the Clam Chowder Contest. Make two gallons of your special recipe chowder. If you enter the contest then you are entitled to one free ticket for the seafood.

There will also be games for the kids and the third annual watermelon eating contest. Everyone is invited. So mark those calendars!



Rick Garcia of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 does his best to burn burgers at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Olympia Puget Beach Park.



Shirley Ruble (left) and Barbara Lechner (third from left) represent Narcissa Rebekahs when they donated 1,209 pairs of socks to Walla Walla Public Schools. Christy Krutulis (second from left), liaison to children experienc-

ing homelessness, and the intervention specialists from the schools, show their appreciation with big smiles and thank you notes. Our lodge also contributes annually to the WWPS Homeless Students Education Fund.

Over the top with the socks!

Narcissa Rebekahs collect 1,209 pair

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 launched a *Sox in a Box* drive for 215 students experiencing homelessness in the Walla Walla Public Schools.

A goal of 400 pairs was set for the two-week effort, but the lodge far exceeded its goal with 1,209 pairs of socks!

“We are so thrilled to collaborate with the Narcissa Rebekahs and see the kindness and excitement shown for this project,” said Christy Krutulis, executive director of teaching and learning for the school district. “We were discussing projects and before we knew it, the Rebekahs had it all organized.”

Socks are one of the most requested items by people experiencing homelessness, but the least-often donated. Helpline, Salvation Army and thrift stores generally provide jeans, sweaters, shirts and shoes, but not underwear or socks.

On any given night in Walla Walla County, many youth have no family to eat dinner with, no safe place to do homework or no bed to sleep in. (*Washington Office of Homeless Youth, July 18, 2018.*)

Few shelter beds are available for families, leaving children with no choice but to live in outdoor, public

places. If they stay in campgrounds, sub-standard housing, cars, bus stations, or parks, nights will be cold, damp and sleepless. (*Walla Walla Public Schools, “Family Support and Homeless Assistance,” 2019.*)

“Each of the Walla Walla public schools has intervention specialists who work side-by-side with families to meet their needs while in transition,” said Krutulis, liaison for students experiencing homelessness.

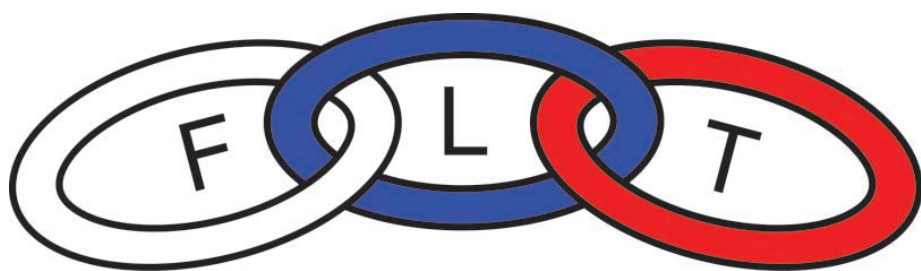
Our lodge contributes annually to the WWPS Homeless Students Education Fund. Member Jean Elder crocheted 35 winter hats for the schools.

Bee Hive Lodge #80 graciously donated 32 pairs of socks. Washington Odd Fellows Home residents, staff and visitors gave \$300 to be used as needed. The Home’s Activity Center sews tote bags for those in need to carry food home.

“We thank everyone in the Walla Walla community for their response to *Sox in a Box*,” said member Barbara Lechner. “They gave 1,209 new and gently-used socks in toddler, small, medium and large sizes. It’s a testimony to their generosity and compassion.”

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Shirley Ruble, Reporter

~ Lodge Cards ~



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grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com

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BREMERTON FRIENDSHIP I.O.O.F. LODGE #145

Meets At: DAV Hall, 2315 Burwell St., Bremerton. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Greg Hulet, 1035 NW Huckle Dr., Bremerton, WA 98311. **Ph:** (360) 692-8919. **Sec'y:** Larry Seward, Jr., 5789 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. **Ph:** (360) 731-0975 (2/28/20)

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:** Dannielle Hanson, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Sec'y:** Madi Martin, PO Box 777, Buckley, WA 98321. **Email:** madimartin216@hotmail.com (2/28/20)

BUCODA REBEKAH LODGE #144

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th, (Second Floor), Bucoda. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Michelle Patrick, PO Box 144, Bucoda, WA 98530-0044. **Ph:** (360) 278-3188. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/20)

CLOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE #54

Meets At: 10116 NE 185th St., Bothell, WA 98011. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug., **NG:** Marilyn Loftus, 10619 E. Lake Joy Dr. NE, Carnation, WA 98014 **Ph:** (425) 765-1306. **Sec'y:** Michelle Gasparek, PO Box 1241, Bothell, WA 98011-1241. **Ph:** (425) 485-0359 (2/28/24)

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:** Orlee Groh, 17715 SE 261st St., Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (206) 307-7897. **Sec'y:** H. Morgan Hicks, 20410 9th Ave. S., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Ph:** (206) 697-4623 (2/28/20)

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

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

FALL CITY REBEKAH LODGE #59

Meets At: 4217 - 337th Pl. SE, Fall City. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 12 Noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Arlene Workman, 280 SE Darst St., Issaquah, WA 98027. **Ph:** (425) 241-3212. **Sec'y:** Florence Harper, 2818 - 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. **Ph:** (425) 392-3013 (2/28/20)

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE #38

Meets At: 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Pat Nave, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** (509) 328-1029. **Sec'y:** Carol L. Hare, 1420 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201. **Ph:** (509) 924-1791 (2/28/25)

LONGVIEW REBEKAH LODGE #305

Meets At: IOOF Hall, (Corner of Pacific & Pine) 400 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso, WA 98626 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Ann VanAntwerp, PO Box 363, Yacolt, WA 98675 **Ph:** (360) 686-8587. **Sec'y:** Cynthia Washington-Mattson, 825 32nd, #86., Longview, WA 98632 **Ph:** (360) 562-2391 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: Olympia IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Patricia Smith, 11902 Woodland Ave., Puyallup, WA 98373. **Ph:** (253) 441-1500. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 4400, Tumwater, WA 98501. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 2431 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201 **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Rockne Johnson, 21827 54th Pl. NE, Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 359-8799. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 711 N. Indiana Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (2/28/20)

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PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: 204 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Highway 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/20)

PROSPERITY I.O.O.F. LODGE #301

Meets At: 601 Chelan Ave, Wenatchee **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 4 pm. **Recess:** Feb., March. **NG:** Steve Guffy, 140 Lloyd Pl. NW, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. **Ph:** (509) 264-6375. **Sec'y:** Lisa Beare, 304 N. Franklin Ave., Wenatchee, WA (2/28/20)

RICHLAND I.O.O.F. LODGE #338

Meets At: 500 Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA 99352. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Elaine DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 993542839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342. **Sec'y:** Glen DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342 (2/28/20)

RUTH REBEKAH LODGE #17

Meets At: IOOF Hall, 405 Columbia St. SW, Olympia, WA 98501. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Joyce Miller, 9406 NE 151 Ct., Vancouver, WA 98682-2275. **Ph:** (360) 829-3409. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/20)

SKOOKUMCHUCK I.O.O.F. LODGE #129

Meets 2nd Wednesday At: 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Bucoda, WA. **Meets 4th Wednesday At:** 118 Marcy, Montesano, WA. **Time:** 7:00 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Debra Hughes, PO Box 248, Bucoda, WA 98530-0248. **Ph:** (360) 402-1600. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530-0131. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/20)

SOUTH TACOMA REBEKAH LODGE #160

Meets At: 5424 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA 98409. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dave Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 590-6208. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., 858 Reiten Rd., Kent, WA 98030. **Ph:** (253) 854-3254. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/20)

TRINITY REBEKAH LODGE #179

Meets At: 111 W. Washington St., Napavine. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Thurs., Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Dorothy "Cookie" 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 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 9400 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685 **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm. **NG:** Jeff Sager, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668. **Ph:** (360) 931-2998. **Sec'y:** Theresa Martin, PO Box 2746, Vancouver, WA 98668. (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** June, July, **NG:** Chad Quesnell, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 453-3093. **Sec'y:** Tom Cox, 610 Pleasant Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910 (2/28/20)

Did you know?

Here's some more info about Representatives

We've talked a little about Representatives, but here is a little more information from the Washington Digest:

CHAPTER 2

CONSTITUTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE Independent Order of Odd Fellows Of Washington

SECTION 3.0

It shall be composed exclusively of the Past Grands of the Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the Jurisdiction of Washington, who have taken the Grand Lodge Degree, and are in good standing in their own Odd Fellow Lodges.

SECTION 4.0

The right of any such Past Grand to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and of eligibility to any of its offices and honors, or to vote for any of its elective officers, shall not be questioned.

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SECTION 5.0

The legislative members of this Grand Lodge shall be the elective and past elective Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Representatives to The Sovereign Grand Lodge from this Grand Lodge and one Representative from each Odd Fellow Lodge in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 6.0

For the transaction of business, the Grand Lodge will reduce to the Third Degree to provide the privilege of attendance to the Third Degree member who will not be afforded a voice or vote. The Grand Lodge will officially open and close all of its sessions in the Grand Lodge Degree.



SEE YOU AT
Grand Sessions
IN YAKIMA THIS JUNE

From your 2018-19 Theta Rho President

A BUSY MONTH

Hello everybody!

I hope you are all well and you all stayed safe for the storms that happened these past few months.



BETHANY STRUTHERS

This month I was able to attend a few different activities. First, during the last weekend in March, I was able to visit Spunky Bluebirds #93 in South Tacoma. I would like to thank them for their hospitality and allowing not only myself, but two other girls I brought with me, to help with their Installation of Officers. They asked me to be their Installing Officer, and I would like to also thank them for their patience with me as I had never done that job before.

After we ate a delicious meal at their lodge hall, we did the Installation Ceremony where we installed four girls. Then we were able to spend the night at Head Advisor Sylvia Summer's cabin. I would like to thank her for allowing us to spend the night there and eat breakfast there, as well. I enjoyed talking with the girls and playing games with them.

The next morning we went to a lake and a park where we were able to talk some more and see one of the beautiful parks of Washington. After that we went to visit a former member of Washington's JYC committee. I loved seeing her again and being able to talk with her.

Then in early April I was able to attend the President and Grand Master of Oregon's fundraiser. It had a decent turnout. I would like to thank Ron Kunze, the Grand Secretary of Oregon, for barbecuing for us. The food was amazing, and it was really fun getting to talk with

some of the people I have not seen for a while.

A FUN RETREAT

The second weekend in April we had Retreat at the Olympia Lodge Hall. I would like to thank the Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges who meet there for allowing us to use it. It was very fun, and it was a pleasure to get to know some of the new members from the Washington clubs. All of the elected officers had fun activities there for us to enjoy and play.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Bethany Struthers,
Theta Rho Assembly President
Of Washington*



*See You At Our
Theta Rho
Sessions
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Please fill out one per Theta Rho Girl.

Name _____ Phone _____

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Attending Banquet Yes _____ No _____ Saturday, June 22, 2019, 6 p.m.

Mail Your Pre-Registration & Meal Forms to:

**Joe or Kathi Picanco, 3020 Langridge Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502**

Or E-mail to: picancoj@hotmail.com

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GIRLS AND SEND AS A CLUB GROUP.**

From your 2018-19 Grand Patriarch

ENJOYABLE VISITS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I enjoyed making some of my visits last month, unfortunately I had to miss Ballard and Buckley. Hopefully I will be able to try again in either May or June.



TIM MOON

CONGRATS TO JOANNE

I want to congratulate Joanne Balmert who received the Encampment Degrees prior to Alpha's installation. We need to really work hard on recruiting new members into our Lodges and Encampments.

NO RECEPTION

About the reception for Grand Matriarch Sherry and me, we've decided to not have one

because of time constraints. In just over a month we'll be back in Yakima for Sessions. I really want to thank both Alpha and Kent Encampments, as well as Mt. Angeles and Kent LEA's for showing me such hospitality. It was fun seeing old friends and making new ones.



*In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Tim Moon,
Grand Patriarch*

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 in Bucoda

Members are working hard on their building in Montesano. Renters are ready to move in.

It looks like we will be in the Oregon Trail Days Parade on Saturday, July 27. If you would like to walk with us or ride in the back of the truck, contact our Secretary Laurel Delony. We can use all the walkers and riders we can get.

Our lodge is hosting a bazaar on August 10 at the community center in Bucoda. We'd love to rent you a table or just have you come out for the day.

We had several members help Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 with their 200 years of Odd Fellowship Open House. What a fun time getting to meet new people and telling them about us!

— *With Rebekah Hugs in F., L. & T.,
Laurel Delony, Reporter*

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Although the turnout wasn't large we had a good time at the District Meeting with President Kathi Picanco presiding.

Noble Grand Dave had us filling out Easter cards for residents of the our Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla.

Some of our members traveled to Bremerton to initiate two new members into Mystic Rebekah lodge #168. Congratulations to the new members. We hope this is a rebirth for Mystic.

Our lodge is planning on another Bingo Night in October. Be watching for details later on.

Members headed to Olympia's Puget Beach Park on Saturday, April 20 for their annual Easter Egg hunt. We got to help hide eggs, eat lots of food and have our pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Good times! Good memories!

That's all to report for now. Until next time. . .

— *With Rebekah Hugs in F., L. & T.,
Laurel Delony, Reporter*

In Napavine

Trinity Rebekahs #179

Trinity is trying very hard to achieve things that some would say is out of reach. But that is what keeps us strong.

We hosted a Bingo on April 6 and then a bake sale on April 19. We will be holding a double bake sale on Friday, May 10 for Mothers' Day. (Two different locations at the same time)

Graduations will soon be upon us and kids will be moving away to colleges. I can't believe that much time has passed already.

I'm sure a bake sale will be in the near future for Fathers' Day as well, which may even be a double bake sale. The reason for the double bake sales is that the ladies do not really want to do the rest area anymore, which I really don't mind, but I can't pull 12 hour shifts by myself. It is rather fun once you get all set up. You really meet some interesting people from all over. Fund-raisers are not as easy as one would like them to be. They can take two to three months working on them before they happen.

Happy Mothers' Day to all our Sisters.

In F., L. & T., Alberta Luurs, Secretary

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Betty Harpe**, 95, 50 year member of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla.
- **Coy Jarrett**, 22 year member of Richland IOOF Lodge #338 in Richland.

In Wenatchee

Prosperity members spread the Odd Fellowship message

On March 23 Wenatchee's Pybus Market held their annual Non-Profit Day. Our Prosperity Lodge # 301 was one of the 50 Non-Profit vendors at this event. These pictures show our display and Some of our members.

Wesley Beare, Treasurer, Steve Guffy, Noble Grand and Dustin Deane, Vice. Grand.

Also in attendance, but not pictured, was Lisa Beare, *Continued on Page 13*





Prosperity lets community know we are alive and well

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Secretary and Neelah Deane Dustin's daughter. We had many people stop by to say hello and ask, "What is Odd Fellows?" Many people commented on knowing the building, but were not sure what it was. This was an excellent opportu-

nity to let people know we are alive and have plans to "grow our lodge." We had people interested in membership and handed out some applications. We anticipate more and more interest as we continue to network into the community.

We are small but we are mighty!

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Name _____
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SATURDAY, JUNE 22

6:00 p.m. Theta Rho Banquet

(Adults only. Girls use Theta Rho Registration Form)

“Bit of Italy” (Jumbo Cheese Ravioli)

Adults \$28.00 _____

Banquet Theme: “Sci-Fi”

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

4:00 p.m. Past Presidents’ Meeting / Banquet

Grilled Chicken **OR** Pork Loin **OR** Vegetarian

(Circle One) \$27.00 _____

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 a.m. Grand Master’s Breakfast

All American \$15.00 _____

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

All American \$15.00 _____

6:00 p.m. All Branch Banquet

Banquet Theme: “Roaring 20s”

Sliced Beef Sirloin **OR**

Chicken Cordon Bleu *(Circle One)* \$30.00 _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 a.m. IOOF Representatives’ Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 a.m. Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet

Country Buffet \$15.00 _____

4:30 p.m. ENC / LEA Dinner Installation

Pork Loin **OR** Grilled Chicken Breast \$30.00 _____

OR Vegetarian (Circle One)

Early Registration Prior to June 1 \$20.00 _____

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Museum Corner

Here's an interesting piece in the Washington Odd Fellow Museum in Buckley. Pictured is a photo of the Grand Lodge Secretaries in the United States dated 1901. Number 48 is the Grand Secretary from Washington

State, Louis P. Hart, elected in 1891. Our museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come check out your history! We are right behind the Grand Lodge of Washington office.