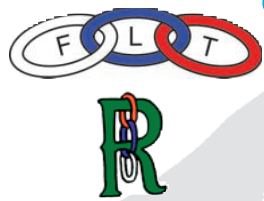
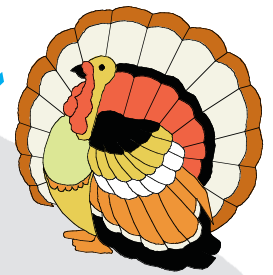


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In the foreground, Jody Morris, PGM of Oregon, is surrounded by the "Buddy Walk" team. From left are: Stormy

Sager, Mikki Keller, Dustin Schnele, Dianna Cossette, Kristy Cossette and Faith Cossette.

Vancouver #3 help sponsor 2019 Buddy Fest Northwest

Sunny skies greeted more than 1,200 people at the 2019 Buddy Walk sponsored by the non-profit NW Down Syndrome Association which serves families in the Portland, Oregon Metro area and Clark County, Washington.

Vancouver IOOF Lodge #3 was there to help for the fourth year in a row with thanks to Odd Fellow Mikki Keller, co-chair of the event held at the Moda Center outside Commons in Portland.

Chef Stormy Sager grilled at least 1,200 hot dogs and kept her fellow Odd Fellows on their toes. The new sign,

posted above the station, brought many inquiries about Odd Fellows, plus many thank you's for helping sponsor the event.

Besides lunch, the slides by JJ Jump, face painting and music brought smiles and excitement to kids and parents alike. Each attendee received a bright yellow t-shirt with sponsors' names on the back.

The Association creates and nurtures an inclusive community celebrating everyone with a disability, including down syndrome. The Fest opened 2019 National Down Syndrome Month.

From the desk of your Grand Master

REMEMBER OUR PAST GRAND MASTERS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well.



JOHN
OTTERSTROM

Our Order has had a rough October. We've lost two Past Grand Masters on October 10, 2019. Ernest L. House, PGM 2000-2002 and again in 2004-2005, and Marshall G. Miller, PGM 1968-1969. Marshall was also Past Grand Treasurer and Treasurer Emeritus. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

ELECTION TIME

You should, by now, be having your elections of officers or about to. Please remember to vote for the good of your lodge and community. Members, please support your newly-elected officers and help them in the new year.

I hope everyone has a great fall and Thanksgiving.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*

John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"

Your 2019-2020 Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Ernie House**, Past Grand Master (3 terms), Past Department Commander (6 years), PG, 43-year member, Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Goldendale.
- **Marshall G. Miller**, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Treasurer. Grand Treasurer Emeritus, 63-year member, Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, and Whitman Encampment #14.
- **Nancy Vriezema**, PNG, Past Grand Matriarch, age 93, 67 year member South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160.
- **Chuck Miller**, PNG, 9-year member, PG, Rep. to Grand Lodge, Washougal IOOF Lodge #194.

Three-time PGM Ernie House dies

Ernest L. "Ernie" House, a three time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, passed away in The Dalles, Oregon, on October 10. He was 88. He also served three two-terms as Department Commander starting in 1991.

Ernest Leroy House was born in Hood River, Oregon on September 22, 1931 to parents Chester and Gladys (Richardson) House. He graduated from Kalama High School in 1950 and joined the United States Air Force. Ernie married Mavis Ann Halladay in Fremont, Nebraska on December 10, 1954. Ernie and Mavis served together as Grand Master and



ERNEST HOUSE

Assembly President.

He retired from the Air Force and later worked for the Goldendale aluminum plant and served as a reserve deputy sheriff. Ernie was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and tinkering, and especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Ernie is survived by his wife Mavis House of The Dalles; children Angela House of The Dalles, Marla Lessner and her husband Bill of Schererville, Indiana, Michele Stanley of Roosevelt, Washington, Michael House and his wife Lyn of Goldendale, and Tammie Cook of Goldendale; brothers Chester "Dick" House of Anchorage, Alaska and Arthur House of Goldendale; 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons Roy House in 1996 and Marc House in 1965, and brothers James "Bud" House, Frederick "Fritz" House, and Thomas House.

A graveside service with military honors was held at Mountain View IOOF Cemetery in Goldendale on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. A memorial service followed at Columbia Hills Memorial Chapel.

To send condolences to the House family, please visit www.gardnerfh.com.

We Miss You Ernie

PGM Marshall Miller passes away

Marshall Glen Miller, Past Grand Master in 1968-69, and Grand Treasurer, passed away on October 10, 2019. He was 84.

Marshall joined the Order in 1956 and was a member of Samaritan Lodge #52 in Spokane.

Marshall was, elected to the position of Grand Master in June of 1968. He served as Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge and served on the Subcommittee on Finance.

Marshall was, elected to the position of Grand Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Washington in June of 1985.

Marshall also was Investment

Manager for the Grand Lodge of Washington. He was awarded the title Past Grand Treasurer Emeritus by the Grand Lodge of Washington during Grand Sessions in 2015.

Marshall retired at the end of June, 2015 after 30 years as Grand Treasurer. Marshall is active in his Odd Fellows Lodge in Spokane.

Marshall was born on June 23, 1935 in Thornton, Washington to John and Fannie Miller. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Oakesdale High School in 1953. He then joined the Air Force and served as an Air Traffic Controller stationed at Geiger Air Force Base from 1956-1962. After his honorable discharge, he settled back into his home town using his expertise as a financial analyst to become a manager at the Oakesdale Grain Growers and then also work at Farmers Commodities and Auvil-Warner.

In his later years, he turned to his interest in travelling by becoming a travel consultant with Adventures in Travel.

On November 11, 1989 he married Kay (O'Halloran) Shahan and they resided in Oakesdale until 2009 when



MARSHALL G. MILLER
In 1968 As Grand Master

they transitioned to Spokane to spend their retirement years. They enjoyed many years of traveling together and Marshall filled his days by serving as a life-long volunteer with the Grand Lodge of Washington. He was a member of Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, and Whitman Encampment #14.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kay, his parents, siblings Raymond Miller and Verna MacQuarrie, and stepson Stuart Shahan. Surviving family members include Ross, Katrina, Kaitlyn, and Austin Rambo of Spangle, Ernie and Janice (MacQuarrie) Preedy of Spokane, Harvey and Carol MacQuarrie of Cheney, as well as many other extended relatives.

Graveside funeral services were held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Oakesdale Cemetery. Memorials in Marshall's honor are suggested to donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.bruningfuneralhome.com.



MARSHALL G. MILLER
In 2015

District #18 has a fun meeting in Napavine!

It was a beautiful day on Saturday, October 12 for the District #18 Meeting held at Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine.

Thank you to the Pine Burr ladies who did wonderful serving as the Hostess Lodge. They served a most enjoyable lunch with carrot cake for dessert.

The first thing that took place was the Rebekah Initiation. We had two Sisters who joined us at this time. Joselynn Petrey joined Trinity #170 and Michelle Whitten joined Monterose #46 in Toledo. It is so good to see new Sisters joining our lodges. They will be a plus at our meetings.

Our Charter was draped in loving memory for Irene Kossow. She was Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Her motto was "Strengthen the Bonds of Odd Fellowship."

District #18 Treasurer Kay Pratt gave Rebekah Assembly President Margaret Truttman a donation for her project, the Visual Aid Fund.

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From the desk of your Grand Secretary

TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Once again I must remind all Lodges, Rebekah Lodges included, that all lodge checks **MUST** have two signatures. I continue to receive checks with one signature. I know, I know, banks don't require two signatures, which is correct. However the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Washington, as well as the Rebekah Assembly, **DO** require two signature. I have received many checks lately with only one signature. I am **REQUIRED** to send these back for a second signature. Please, before sending in a lodge check, make sure there are two signature.



LAUREL DELONY

L.J. JONES SCHOLARSHIP.

All lodges should have received the information on the scholarships. If not please contact the Grand Lodge. Please be sure to read to your members. All deadlines will be strictly adhered to. Secretaries, make sure if you have applicants, that the forms are received by Chairman Jody Morris by the deadline of December 31, 2019.

SELLABLE WEARABLES!

I have many clothing items in the office ready for you to show off being an Odd Fellow. Shirts have been flying off the shelves. If you are interested in a shirt, please contact my office for style and size availability.

TRICK OR TREAT

The Grand Lodge participated in the Trick or Treat event that happens every October 31 on Main Street in Buckley. Pictures were too late for the article. I'll have some for December.

YEAR END REPORTS

Be thinking about year end reports. I will be sending them out on December 15. Secretaries, unless there is another snow storm, your year end reports must be into this office by February 15, 2020. If your lodge fails to send in the report your lodge will be fined \$5 per day late fee. Please make sure your Secretaries, if they need any help, contact the Grand Lodge office. I will walk you through the process. I'm here help.

And just so you know, that the reason that I need the information in a timely manner is that I have reports to send off to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as well as getting the "Take Me" out in time and I can't do that without your lodge reports.

NEWSPAPER

Please check with your members to see if they are getting *The Washington Oddfellow* newspaper. As soon as

you get me the info, I make the changes on the spread sheet — whether it's to add a member or to fix an address. But you have to let me know.

Also don't forget to send in address changes, new member info, etc. As soon as we get the information in the office we are making the changes and will forward on to SGL.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

— With Fraternal Hugs
Laurel Delony, PGM,
Grand Secretary

Bingo coming to Bucoda Nov. 16th

As promised in the last issue, here are the details of the Bucoda Rebekahs #144 **BINGO NIGHT!**

Date: November 16, 2019

Time: Dinner at 4 p.m.

Bingo at 6 p.m.

Where: Bucoda Community Center, Upstairs

Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar, Desert & Drinks

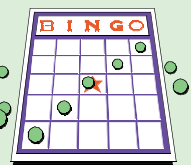
Cost: Dinner & 2 Cards \$10

Additional Cards \$1 each

Baked potatoes and **BINGO**, now that is a winning combination. Come join us on Saturday, November 16 and win some great prizes **PLEASE** win some of these prizes; my kitchen table is full and groaning under the weight.

See you all on November 16.

— Steve Purcell, Bucoda Rebekahs #144
Reporter and Foreign Correspondent



District #18 Meeting

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Also, Alberta Luurs presented Margaret with a gift from Trinity — a pair of pink piggy slippers. They were very cute.

The attendance award went to Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147. They had the most Sisters in attendance. Well done, girls.

New District Officers for 2020 were elected. They are: President Janell Mullins, Vice President Jill Vance,

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From the desk of the Assembly President

WHAT A BUSY MONTH AHEAD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How quickly November has arrived with its fall and winter-like weather, along with some very special things that are happening this month. We return to standard time on November 3, be sure and vote on November 5, and on November 11, we honor all those who have faithfully served our country and continue to fight for freedom around the world. Make time to attend a Veterans Day activity in your community, thank a veteran you know with a phone call or a card and if you recognize a Veteran because of a hat, a license plate or other emblem, take a minute to stop and say thank you for serving. A special thank you goes out to all Veterans and current military of our Order. We are proud you have served our country and now serve our Order. On November 28, we join family and friends by celebrating Thanksgiving Day with food, fellowship and ball games.



MARGARET TRUTTMANN

LET'S GIVE THANKS

This time of year has me thinking about things that I am thankful for and I would like to share the following:

- 1. — I am thankful for the slate of officers both elected and appointed who are serving our Assembly and Grand Lodge.
- 2. — The Rebekah Brothers and Sisters who responded in a positive way by accepting a position on a committee. If you were not able to accept a position right now, I know you will when you are ready.
- 3. — Our officers are thankful for everyone who was able to attend our reception.
- 4. — To the Lodge Officers, thank you for being willing to serve.
- 5. — I am thankful to those who are willing to be nominated for an office in your lodge. If elected, I hope you will find it rewarding and fun.
- 6. — I am thankful for my friends, especially the one who invited me to join the Rebekah Lodge.
- 7. — I am grateful for my health and a sense of humor.

I am asking each of you to take time during this month to make a list of things you are thankful for. You might have one thing or many. May each one of you have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

- **Thursday through Sunday, October 31 through November 3** — Northwest Odd Fellows / Rebekah

Association Meeting in Yakima, Washington.

- **Thursday, November 7** — Visitation to Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 in Kelso.
- **Saturday, November 9** — Home Board Meeting in the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley

CLOSING THOUGHT



My closing thought comes from Woody Allen, "I am happy for laughter except when milk comes out my nose." You didn't laugh did you?

If I may be of service to you or your lodge, you are free to contact me.

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*
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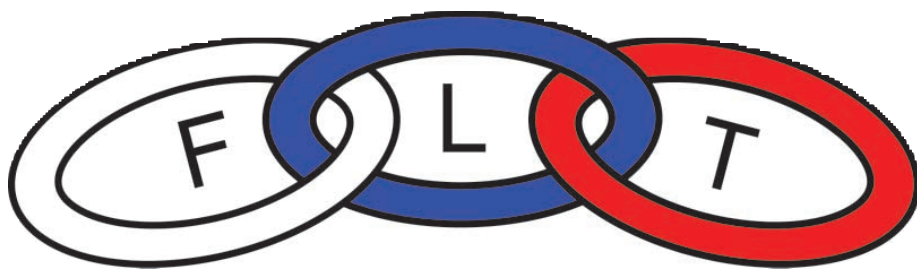
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BALLARD ALKI I.O.O.F. LODGE #170

Meets At: Ballard IOOF Hall, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle.
Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Mikol Soriano, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 629-8885. **Sec'y:** Bob Duniway, 4428 Montana Circle West, Seattle, WA 98199. **Ph:** (206) 372-4164 (2/28/20)

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 Gasperek, 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 (2/28/21)

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. (2/28/20)

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)

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If you have any questions please contact the Grand Secretary at grandsecretarywaioof@gmail.com or (360) 829-1514.

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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)

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 Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** Feb., March. **NG:** Scott Cowan, 2520 Number 1 Canyon Rd., Wenatchee, WA 98801. **Ph:** (253) 219-1194. **Sec'y:** Lisa Beare, 304 N. Franklin Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801 **Ph:** (509) 669-8742 (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:** Steve Purcell, PO Box 386, Bucoda, WA 98530-0386 **Ph:** (360) 278-3070. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (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)

WASHOUGAL I.O.O.F. LODGE #194

Meets At: 888 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. **Meeting Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 pm. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Chuck Miller, 9406 NE 151st Ct., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 892-3409. **Sec'y:** Joyce Gilson, 527 NE 6th Ave., Camas, WA 98607. (360) 823-8187 (2/28/20)

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

Meets At: 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm. **Recess:** 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 98902-4341. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910 (2/28/20)



Did you know?

Our 'Digest' is the place to find answers

Brothers and Sisters,

I receive all kinds of questions here in the Grand Lodge office. When I have good questions I feel it is important to share the answers with you.

Some of the questions are, "Where do I find the balloting ceremony?" or "Where do I find the Draping of the Charter Ceremony for a passed Brother or Sister?" Well, I have the answer and a question for you.

Did you know that you can find the answer to both of those questions in your Washington Code of General Laws? Yep! That's the black book or what we like to call the "Digest."

The balloting ceremony is found under **CHAPTER 16 MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 3**. Balloting Ceremony, Page 16-1 The book gives you all of the instructions necessary.

The ceremony for draping a charter is directly after the balloting ceremony. **CHAPTER 16 MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 4. CEREMONY FOR DRAPING A CHARTER**. Page 16-2 Starting at the end of page 16-2 ending on page 16-4. Once again all the instructions are there. Directly after is the instructions for Undraping a Charter.

Just as a suggestion, you might put sticky notes on those pages for ease of finding.

— Laurel Delony, Grand Secretary

We need your stories, photos

Attention all IOOF Lodges, Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons and Theta Rho Clubs — we need your stories and photos for *The Washington OddFellow*.

We know there are plenty of activities going on within your groups and we would like to hear from you so we can share your news. Please submit your news items and high resolution photos by the 15th of the month for publication the next month. Please submit your submissions to:

billo@tx3.com



Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 held a very successful Degree Day on September 28. Many Brothers and Sisters from several lodges received Third Degrees. First row, from left, are: Auri Naryan of South Tacoma #211, Saida Rivera of Ballard-Alki #170, Diana Snow of Olympia #1, Carleen Loggins of Olympia #1, and Sandra Schaffer of Olympia #1. In the second row, from left, are: George Williams of Olympia #1, James Bevan of Olympia #1, two unidentified members from Golden

Rule #207, Cody Frost of Olympia #1, Joel Crawford of Olympia #1, Ken Roth of Bremerton-Friendship #145, and Kenton Krueger Ballard-of Alki #170. In the third row are two more members from Golden Rule #207. In the fourth row, from left, are: Kevin Esmay of Des Moines #305, Lawrence Seward Jr. of Bremerton-Friendship #145, Mike Dain of Olympia #1, Joyce Goubeaud of Olympia #1, and John Goubeaud of Olympia #1

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

TURKEY TIME

Well, Halloween is past, new officers are awaiting election and Thanksgiving is around the corner. Most of us are happily thinking about what to take to our family dinner later this month — how big a turkey to buy, where to put the kids table, and where we'll fit everyone for a meal that will leave all of us over stuffed, tired and storing away left overs.

However, there are many in our community who will be struggling to provide even a small meal for their families. As we are truly thankful for all we have been blessed with, we are having a food drive this month. Members will be providing canned and/or non-perishable food items to donate to the Olympia Union Gospel Mission to help with this effort. If you are in the area, please feel free to stop by the lodge hall and help us with this endeavor.

LET'S FILL THOSE TUBS

If you do come by our hall you will see three large tubs on a table at the top of the stairway. Each is marked with flyers asking for other items to be donated as well. **1)** We are collecting warm clothes that the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) will hand out to those in need. **2)** Small toys, candy, and other Christmas items will be put in Christmas stockings for children who might otherwise miss out on this fun Christmas tradition. **3)** And lastly, we are collecting items for the "Other Bank" — household items not provid-

ed at the food bank.

NEW PROJECTS

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 is very excited about two new projects that are still in the works, but as our plans progress we'll be sharing more about them. Basically, we will be working with local schools on fund-raisers that will benefit both the school and our lodge. The second step will be putting together a scholarship program aimed at local high school students. Hopefully, many lodge members will be involved in these activities and our community will become more familiar with the Odd Fellows of Olympia.

DO YOU NEED TABLES?

The Olympia Park Board has recently purchased 10 new lightweight folding tables for use in the Park Kitchen. These are much easier to set up and take down than the heavy wooden ones we have been using. Consequently, we have ten 8-foot wood top tables that need new homes. If you are interested in making a small donation for one or more of these tables, please call Cathy Garcia at (360) 413-7014. We also have a work party in the process of refinishing our picnic tables. Come next camping season they should look brand new.

All of us here in Olympia wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Eat well, enjoy your family, and remember how very blessed you are.

— *In F., L. & T., Cathy Garcia*

~ From your 2019-20 Theta Rho President ~

SETTLING INTO COLLEGE

Wow, 19 doesn't feel very old. It feels just like yesterday I was settling into my new high school and now here I



PIPER FYFFE

am finally settling into college. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! We all did it — made it through midterms.

This past month had a lot of ups and downs for me. I am sad to report that my dog, "Cha-Cha," had to be put down in the middle of October, but I know she is in a better place where she isn't coughing and hacking anymore.

But on the other side of things, I had some pretty successful projects in my classes, and I have plenty of time to hang out with my friends. Never discount how much a good friend can cheer you up — spending the day watching movies with them can really help if you are feeling blue.

BE GRATEFUL

This month I am trying to take an honest look at my life and find three things to be grateful for every day — whether it be your pets, an outfit you like, your parents, a teacher, a really good snack, or just the regular old sky. Don't forget to look around this month and appreciate the things in your life that make you happy. I have found in years past that actively thinking about and being grateful for the things that make me happy just make them all that more awesome. Don't think about any ongoing projects this month either!



CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

The air is really starting to cool down, so plenty of non-profits will be doing cold weather clothing drives and canned food drives. Collecting a bunch of canned food items or a bunch of coats can be great — smaller projects to work on if you have something bigger going on at the same time.

With Christmas right around the corner, things can start to feel like they're getting a bit crazy, so take time to slow down this month. Between Christmas gift shopping stress and the end of the semester growing closer by the day, we can tend to start losing track of everything else going on. Just take a deep breath — or five — then continue working, but don't let it get the better of you. Remember, the only thing that's the end of the world, is the end of the world itself. Everything will work out in the end.

"So let the sun come streaming in, 'cause you'll reach up and you will rise again. Lift your head and look around — you will be found."

— Dear Evan Hansen
— In *Happiness Through Service*,
Piper Fyffe,
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

From your Grand Warden

Let's get proactive in our communities

Brothers and Sisters,

Membership in our beloved order is dropping because of many reasons: death, loss of interest, and differences of opinion. The list goes on. So we need to look into our lodges and see what we can change. We need to make efforts to revitalize our lodges and our Order, so what can we do.

Let's start with the easiest. Invite our friends and neighbors to the lodge for a dinner and get-together. **Show** them what the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are about instead of trying to **tell** them. Host an open house showing the community what we do in and for our communities. Advertise a community fundraising event using the media and especially social media.



TIM MOON

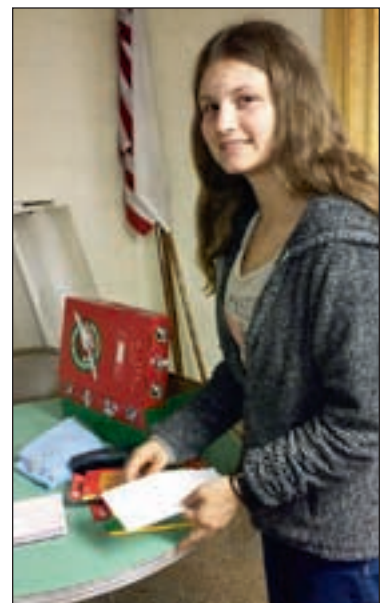
Our lodges have lots of history, so use it to show what our lodges have helped with. Many of our members were and still are prominent in the community, so maybe create a community award in their name and award it to someone who has done something for the community.

ASK GRAND LODGE FOR HELP

The Grand Lodge can and will help in any way all you have to do is ask. Our awesome Grand Secretary has brochures and handouts that we can use. Lodges can also create handouts specifically about them showing people in our communities what our lodges have done that most people don't know.

And be sure and ask members of different organizations and other units to join with you. I have a friend who recently joined the Odd Fellows who was sponsored by a member of another lodge because I didn't ask.

I hope this helps. If you have ideas of your own, please share with us.
— In *F., L. & T.*, Tim Moon,
Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington



Wrapping for the holidays

Upper Left: Members of Acorn Theta Rho show a few of the 12 boxes they filled for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. From left are: Riley Moore, Desiree Gardiner, Stacy Gardiner and Hailey Hanna.

Upper Right: Hailey Hanna & Stacy Gardiner.

Lower Left: Riley Moore, our newest member.

Lower Right: Desiree Gardiner.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79 in Oak Harbor

WELCOME RILEY!

Fall is definitely here. At the end of September we initiated a second new member and welcome Riley Moore to our club.

We had a great time at our Halloween party. We went to the pumpkin patch and then came back to the hall to paint our pumpkins, play games and have refreshments.

NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

November has two special days to celebrate, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving.

First we would like to thank those who have served in our military. Since we live in a military town, those in the service play an important part in our lives. To honor those who are currently serving and for those who have served, we made our annual donation to "Help Heal

Veterans" for their craft kit program. There were some matching funds which made it possible for our donation to provide \$4,000 worth of kits.

We also made our annual donation to the Vietnam Memorial Foundation.

Then comes Thanksgiving and we are doing our annual Turkey Raffle with the proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Safeway always donates the turkey so 100 percent of what we make goes to the project.

We hope all of you enjoy your time at Thanksgiving with your family and friends and give thanks for all the blessings that you have had this year.

Until next month. . .

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

From your 2019-20 Grand Patriarch

A SAD MONTH FOR ODD FELLOWSHIP

It's me again. October was not a good month for Odd Fellowship in Washington. Now you wonder why I would say such a thing. The opening caught your attention and made you look at my article — you know it did.



RON HANSON

Well, it was not a good month. We lost four members due to death. I have to hope we do not lose anymore in the coming months. Two of those were Past Grand Masters, one was the Grand Matriarch's husband, two of them were from my own lodge.

WE MUST MOVE FORWARD

How do we go forward to gain in membership with losses like that? That is my question to you. Think on it and then act to gain membership in our lodges. Why did I say lodges. Simple, if we do not have them as a lodge member first we cannot ask them to join the

Encampment. Its as simple as that. Membership is a joint effort, so if you have something that is working to get members into your lodge, try the same thing to get them to join the Encampment.

FALL & THANKSGIVING IS HERE

As you read this, fall is in full swing here in eastern Washington with 40 mph winds and cold weather moving in. It will not be long until turkey time. I wish for you a blessed Thanksgiving Day with friends and family.



As you enjoy the day think about those less fortunate than you and ask a special blessing for them. Also ask a special blessing for those who serve to protect our way of life — service members, police and firemen.

The rain is hitting the window. I guess I need to go get some work done to be ready for winter.

Here's wishing you as good a month as I hope to have or even a better month and times ahead.

— In F, H. & C., Ron Hanson, Grand Patriarch

Past Grand Matriarch

Nancy Vriezema dies August 29 at age 93

Nancy Vriezema, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington, passed away August 29 at the age of 93. She served as Grand Matriarch in 1999-2000.

Nancy was born on February 23, 1926 in Colorado where she grew up and married her husband, Pete. They later moved to Washington where Pete was employed in heavy construction.

Nancy was initiated into Rebekahs in March of 1952 in Delta, Colorado, and also into the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary. After coming to Washington she transferred into Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 in Auburn in October of 1972. After that lodge closed she transferred to Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 and then to South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 in May of 2018. She was a 67-year Rebekah.

She was a member of Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15. In early 1997 she was appointed by the Executive Board of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary as Grand Junior Warden to fill the unexpired term of Greta Renner who had resigned because of health problems. In Grand Sessions that year she was elected as Grand Senior Warden, then continued the next year as Grand High Priestess. She was elected Grand Matriarch for the term 1999-2000.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son and a daughter. She is survived by one son.



Nancy Vriezema was honored at the District Association #3 Meeting held at her lodge, South Tacoma #160 on October 19.

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

A VERY SAD MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Again, it is with great sorrow that I report the passing of Chuck Miller, husband of Past Assembly President Joyce Miller; Marshall Miller, Past Grand Master and Treasurer



Emeritus; and Ernest House, husband of Past Assembly President Mavis House. He served as Grand Master of Washington three times. We also lost Nancy Vriezema, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our Sister and Brothers have answered the Master’s call and we shall miss their presence here.

MARCIA PRESLEY But as the leaves of Autumn safely fall, his loved ones will know he is near.

They were loyal and true, a friend to all, their virtues were many, their faults were few. We all will miss them, as the Autumn leaves fall.

NOVEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH

November brings the celebration of Thanksgiving and Veterans’ Day, to honor those that served for us. This

District #18 report

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Secretary Maggie Truttmann, and Treasurer Kay Pratt. Good luck to all of them for successful two-year terms.

Outgoing President Shelly Patrick thanked her officers for her parting gift. She had a good term and felt blessed to serve as our District #18 President.

Hostesses for the next District #18 meeting will be the Rebekahs from Sunbeam. They hope for a good turnout.

That’s all for now. . . — *In F., L. & T., Cookie Music*
District #18 News Reporter

month also brings us the election of your new slate of officers for 2020. Your Lodge Secretary will be receiving numerous report forms and also the Fall Per Capita and Assessment Dues bill. Please note the deadline dates printed on some of this paperwork. Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please call me. My toll free phone number: 1-877-295-6926. I also have a **NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS** marciapresley2644@gmail.com.

KINDNESS

Kindness involves promoting the welfare of others by showing sympathy, understanding, compassion, mercy and love. In fact, kindness is at the heart of all good deeds and all good works. It is a contributing factor in promoting friendships and making people feel special. Kindness is responsible for “binding society together.” It forges friendships, builds loyalty, soothes feelings and often encourages. Always it brings joy to lives. Unbelievable as it may seem, those initiating acts of kindness often benefit more than the recipients.

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

PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington



Outgoing District #18 President Shelly Patrick, left, with Trinity NG Cookie Music.