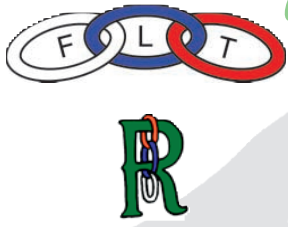


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Putting their best feet forward

It was funny footwear day when officers of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 and Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 were installed on Sunday, January 26. From left are: Kathi Picanco, PP and Assembly Chaplain; Kendra Frogge, Assembly Warden; Maggie Truttman, PP and Assembly President; Cathy Garcia, PP; Judy Diekman, PP and Assembly Treasurer; Peg Ogilvie, PP and Assembly Vice President;

Jennie Reed, PP and Assembly Jr. PP; Joe Picanco, PGM and SGL Representative; Dave Delony, Deputy Grand Master; John Otterstrom, Grand Master; Laurel Delony, PGM and Grand Secretary; Orlee Groh, Grand Herald; Steve Purcell, Grand Marshal; Frank Wilson, PGM; and Toby Hanson, Grand Musician, SGL Musician and Jr. PGM.

Spring Northwest

Odd Fellow & Rebekah Meeting

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From the desk of your Grand Master

THANKS TO MY IOOF FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



**JOHN
OTTERSTROM**
Grand Master

Some of my IOOF family already know, but I've decided to take better care of myself. So on January 29 I chose to help myself by having sleeve gastrectomy surgery. I am doing **FANTASTIC!** I'm still learning what I can or can't handle. With most of my family living outside of the area, I have come to depend on my home lodges and Grand Lodge for support. They are the most amazing family anyone could ever hope for. Without Odd Fellowship, I don't know what I'd be like today. A big **thank you** to my brother from another mother, John Wagner (RIP), for introducing me to the wonderful world of Odd

Fellowship.

SESSIONS ARE NEARING

Just a reminder that Sessions will be coming up soon and I only have four months left of my year. Boy the time is flying by rapidly.

Planning Board will be meeting on Saturday, March 14. I'm excited for the upcoming events that are being planned.

SCHUYLER COLFAX DAY

Schuyler Colfax Day, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday (March 23) of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Rebekah Degree. Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate a "Colfax Class" in honor of the occasion.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*
John Otterstrom, AKA "Johneo"
Your 2019-2020 Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF



New member initiated in Buckley

New member Kenny Dye, center, was initiated into Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 on February 12. In the front row, from left, are: Madi Martin, Shelly Burns, Matt McCollum, Ken Dye, Laurel Delony, Joanne Balmert and Scott Sproul. In the back row, from left, are: Eric Smith, Dannielle Hanson,

Stuart Dye, Corey Waldrip and Terry Glass.

— *Photo by Toby Hanson,*
Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Washington, and Sovereign Grand Musician for the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

From the desk of your Grand Secretary

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS

Brothers and Sisters,



LAUREL DELONY

For those lodges that got their reports in on time I thank you very much. I have reports that I have to fill in from your reports, so I can't stress enough how appreciative I am for those that got them turned in on time.

'TAKE ME' INFO NEEDED SOON

Time is getting short. I know, four months sounds like a long time, but this office has to get the "Take Me" out (Advance Report) by May 1, so all officers and committee chairman need

to have their reports into this office by April 15.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCHUYLER

E. Wesley Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has proclaimed, *That the 23rd day of March, 2020 be: Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax.* . . and that the month of March be proclaimed Odd Fellows and Rebekahs *Arthritis Month* in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada.

What will you do to make a difference?

— With Fraternal Hugs

Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

New Sister has deep roots in Walla Walla

A special initiation was held in the Fireside Room at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla for Pauline Winters who received a warm welcome into our lodge on Tuesday, February 4. After Pauline was installed into the Rebekah Degree, she signed the Registration Book that dates back to 1885.

Pauline was born and raised in Walla Walla. Frank Kibler, her great-grandfather, homesteaded here in 1846, one year before Marcus and Narcissa Whitman were massacred at Waiilatpu Mission near Walla Walla. Pauline's parents, Robert and Margaret Kibler, inherited the farm where she grew up.

After graduating from Wa-Hi, Pauline attended Central Washington College for two years and married Bill Winters. She has a son, Frank, who lives nearby.

For a while, Pauline worked for a veterinary, then she was employed at the Washington State Penitentiary as an accounting payroll supervisor for 31 years and retired in December 2010.

Pauline attended Narcissa Rebekah social events as a guest of Barbara Lechner. "I enjoyed the dinners and celebrations," Pauline said. "The members are active and friendly. I especially like volunteering to help people who are in temporary need of assistance."

Nancy Klicker, representing the Narcissa Rebekah Trustees Barbara Tvrz and Sharon Sousa, gave the 2019 Trustees' Report to lodge members.

MEETINGS ON THE MOVE

For the next three months we will be moving our bi-monthly meetings from the auditorium to the Conference Room, Gift Shop, and Fireside Room while the main dining room is being renovated. Three meals a day



New member Pauline Winters (left) celebrates with Jeanine Griffin, re-installed as Musician and Inside Guardian, and Barbara Lechner, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 Noble Grand.

usually served to about 100 residents in the main dining room, will take place in the auditorium.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSE!

We celebrated a member's very special birthday on February 21 at El Sombrero restaurant. Rose Ringhoffer's family and her Rebekah Sisters congratulated Rose on her 98th birthday. Rose, we wish you another year of good health and much happiness!

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

From the desk of the Assembly President

TIME IS MOVING TOO QUICKLY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My year as Assembly President is going along rather quickly. I feel I have many things left to accomplish and time is getting very short.



MAGGIE TRUTTMANN

As a reminder unit dress is a black skirt with a pink top of your choice. The length of your skirt is up to you.

MARCH HAPPENINGS

March is a month with several important happenings. March 8 is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. This mean more time in the sun and outdoors when it gets warm enough. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, so get out something green from your closet and be sure to wear it so you will not get pinched. Spring arrives on March 19 and with it sunshine, flowers, planting of gardens and

yard work. March is also Arthritis Month and I hope lodges will consider a donation to the Arthritis Fund. March 23 is Schuyler Colfax Day to honor the birthday

of our founder Schuyler Colfax. I hope lodges will take a few minutes at a meeting to share the role Schuyler Colfax played in Odd Fellowship and honor him.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

I will be contacting members to serve on committees at Assembly in the next few weeks. I hope that you will consider serving when I call. I am working on my lodge visitation schedule, but I am not including a schedule because I have not confirmed the schedule with the lodges.

With spring on its way, I would like to share this saying by Charles Dickens, "Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own."

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME

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

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth*
Margaret Truttmann, President,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington
Email: maggie@olynet.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 4311, Elma, WA 98541-0311
Home Phone: (360) 482-2923

~ From your 2019-20 Theta Rho President ~

HAPPY MARCH, EVERYONE!

I hope this article finds you all well. I cannot believe that the year is just flying by. I don't want to make anyone too nervous, but Sessions are now only three months away! I know everyone has been doing some amazing work over the past months, and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again and hearing about what you all have been up to!



PIPER FYFFE

PERSONAL NOTE

On a more personal note, this semester has been quite a challenge. Between three STEM classes and a new job

where I am working nights now, things have become super busy. Even though the material is quite challenging, I am really enjoying the chance to dive into biology and chemistry once again.

And I have to admit, things sure are a lot quieter now that I work nights. Midterms are this month, and spring break is right around the corner. Study lots, go into school confident and do the best you can. Then take

some time over spring break to recover and take care of yourself. I've been in school for a while and I've got a long ways left to go, but that is the best piece of advice I can offer.

Do the best you can and make sure to find time to take care of yourself. Don't forget that the best that you can do is all anyone can ask. Appreciate and love yourself for the work you do, but never settle for anything less. Everyone is strong, confident, and brave. Sometimes you just have to dig down a little and find it.

Best of luck, and all of my support to everyone. I'll see you all soon! Retreat is only a month away!

"The things that make me different are the things that make me, **ME**."

— Piglet (*Winnie The Pooh*)
— *With Peace I Love In Happiness Through Service,*
Piper Fyffe,

Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

Find Your
Pot O Gold
At The End Of
The Rainbow



From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

WHEW! WHAT A BUSY MONTH

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

March marks the first day of Spring, Daylight Saving Time starts, St. Patrick's Day and March has been declared Arthritis Month by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We also celebrate the birthday of Schuyler Colfax,



MARCIA PRESLEY

founder of the Rebekah Degree, who was born on March 23. I hope that the month of March does not come in like a Lion.

PAPERWORK NEEDED

For the odd numbered Rebekah Lodges, you have elected your new Representatives and Alternate Representatives for a two-year term and those appointed new District Deputy Presidents for a one-year term, need to make sure that your lodge has mailed to my Office all of the paperwork for the Representatives and the DDPs card, signed and sealed by their lodge to verify

their Certificate of Standing and the Secretaries copy of the Representative Certificates, that will be used by the Credential Committee at our Sessions in June.

CHEERING WORDS

When someone says, "How are you?"

You have a choice to make.

Mumble, "Oh, I'm fine" or, "Thank you, I am great."

The very words you utter, the simple things you say, Will make a great difference, in how you spend your day.

Your attitude is catching, so, set a happy style, Cheer yourself and others, be wise, give all a smile.

So when asked, "How are you?" never hesitate!

Repeat this mood enhancer, Say,

"Thank you, I am great."

— With lots of Rebekah Hugs,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Marcia Presley,

PP & Secretary

Of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Well, with one month under our belt with our new officers, the Noble Grand is working our fingers to the bone. Just joking! Our Noble Grand had us making Valentine's Day cards for the residents of the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. It was a fun time using our artistic skills.

In June and October, we'll be helping out in the kitchen of "My Sister's Pantry" food bank by making

lunch for those in need.

We have pizza cards for sale for \$5 each. See one of our members for a card. This is just one of our money makers.

We meet the first and third Thursday of every month except July and August. We'd love to have you come visit at 7 p.m. or come at 6 p.m. and share our meal.

— With Rebekah Hugs,

The members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine

Trinity says: Hats off for March!! I can't believe all the signs of spring — Pussy willows, daffodils, tulips, and lambs. All signs that time is flying by.

Trinity hosted a Bingo night for Miss Raychel (Squibb) Payne on February 8. There was a good turn out. We had a few Rebekahs in attendance including: Lori Bonnell, Jenny and Dave Reed, Kathi and Joe Picanco, Luann and daughter Myris Hoffman. These were in addition to our own Rebekah Sisters in attendance. Oh, we had an Odd Fellow from Golden Rule. Scott Guenther and wife Sherri come out as well. I think they all had fun. Lots of prizes were shared around the hall not all went to the same people.

Raychel's family would like to also thank everyone

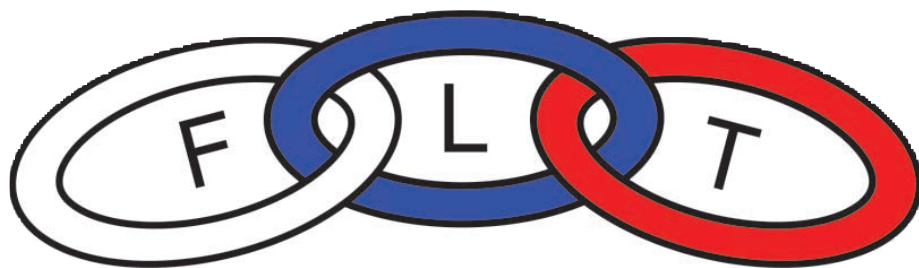
for coming out and playing.

On February 14 we had a double bake sale. On March 13 and 14 we will be having our Spring Bazaar and Garage Sale. April 4 will be the next Bingo for the Rebekahs. We are planning a ham dinner for that night of fun.

Sandy Beane is home and on the mend. She fell at our installation and broke her hip. She had surgery and is in rehab. We are so glad she's getting back on her feet. For someone who has been so independent she is feeling a little housebound. Keep on fighting the battle because you have the war almost won! Good luck best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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

~ Lodge Cards ~



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

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:** Clinton Attaway, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 781-4610. **Sec'y:** Michael Douglas, 1706 NW Market St., Seattle, WA 98107. **Ph:** (206) 769-1980. (2/28/21)

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. (2/28/21)

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 (2/28/22)

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:** Kim Owens, 6321 Congressional Dr., Olympia, WA 98513-8808. **Ph:** (760) 684-2234. **Sec'y:** Laurel Delony, PO Box 1206, Buckley, WA 98321-1206. **Ph:** (253) 468-1949 (2/28/21)

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:** John Matters, 21729 NE 176th Pl., Woodinville, WA 98077. **Ph:** (425) 788-3772. **Sec'y:** Mark Wilson, 711 N. Indiana Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252. **Ph:** (425) 367-1232 (2/28/21)

PINE BURR REBEKAH LODGE #300

Meets At: 204 Leonard Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570. **Time:** 1st & 3rd Tues., Lunch at 11 am, meeting at 12 noon. **Recess:** July, Aug. **NG:** Alberta Luurs, 497 State Highway 505, Winlock, WA 98596. **Ph:** (360) 219-7629. **Sec'y:** Lou Ann Hoffman, 305 S. Pearls St., Centralia, WA 98531-4010. **Ph:** (360) 736-6717 (2/28/21)

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 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342. **Sec'y:** Glen DeLozier, 1514 Wilson, Richland, WA 99354-2839. **Ph:** (509) 946-7342 (2/28/21)

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:** Kristina Samuelson, 6729 Compton Blvd., Lacey, WA 98513-6225. **Ph:** (360) 402-9498. **Sec'y:** Cathy Garcia, 5010 - 103rd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513. **Ph:** (360) 413-7014. (2/28/21)

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 Onalaska

Greetings from Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge. At our last meeting we finished reading our changes made to our by laws and the secretary will be sending them on to the Vice President of the Assembly.

The ladies set a date for a bake sale at Brenda's Market on April 10. Then asked what would be next, I said I am not saying anything at the moment. They need to let the Noble Grand know what they want to do next (Ha Ha).

So at this time we haven't got a lot more going on. Here's to all who have been under the weather. We're sending our prayers and hugs to you.

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

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Nadine Mae Coatney**, 96 years old, Eureka State Lodge No. S1.

~ Lodge Cards ~

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

Meets At: Bucoda Community Center, 101 E. 7th St. (Upstairs), Bucoda, WA. **Time:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm. **Recess:** None. **NG:** Kyle Reyoldson. **Email:** kkreynoldson@earthlink.net. **Ph:** (360) 790-0383. **Sec'y:** Holly Finley, PO Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98530. **Ph:** (702) 630-2888 (2/28/21)

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:** Dan Seeley, 421 Novak Ln., Kent, WA 98032. **Ph:** (253) 217-1300. **Sec'y:** Christina M. Reitan, 25915 177th Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042. **Ph:** (253) 886-6311 (2/28/21)

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 (2/28/21)

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:** Harry Jester, 3904 NE 122nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682. **Ph:** (360) 980-7948. **Sec'y:** Jeanette Jester, 4211 Franklin St., Camas, W 98607. (360) 834-2354 (2/28/22)

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:** Jayden Baker, 206 W. Walnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. **Ph:** (509) 452-0910 (2/28/21)



See You At Sessions

Spring 2020 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

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Pre-Registration (Canadian Funds) \$15.00 _____

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Salads, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Apple Crisp, Buns, Tea or Coffee.

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Banquet Theme is Easter Bonnet-Hat Parade to be held following dinner.

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Saturday will be a Meeting and Banquet.

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~ From your 2019-20 Grand Patriarch ~

OBSERVATIONS FROM MY EXPERIENCES

In a recent visit to the Grand Lodge office, I had a conversation with the Grand Secretary about a number of things. One of them was a paper I had written some time ago when I had been a member of the Order for a few years. She asked me for a copy of it, which she received and I thought I would share it here with you.

These thoughts came to me after attending many Odd Fellow functions with Dee and observing various members and how they acted towards one another. That is probably why it took her 15 years to convince me to join the Order.



RON HANSON

I have shared this paper with several people over the years and some of them have tried to pass it off as their own thoughts. I can assure you it all came from me and was a thought that came to me after something was observed or a reaction to something that was said.

So, take a read and see if you can recognize any of these types in your own lodge or in your travels through Odd Fellowship.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT LODGE ALONG THE WAY

1. — You have to give more than you get if you want to achieve your goals in life.
2. — Not everybody is here for the right reasons, some just want to meddle in others affairs and snoop in their private lives so as to have something to gossip about.
3. — Some of the member are here to make sure others know how important they are.
4. — If you want new members you have to act like you want them and make them feel welcome.
5. — If you want to keep a new member, you have to give them something to do that is meaningful and worthwhile, or they will leave.
6. — If you want the public to *respect* your organization you need to act respectable in public.
7. — If you joined for selfish reasons you will be disappointed.
8. — If you think this is about you, you are wrong. It is about you doing something good for others less fortunate than you without getting any personal public recognition for it only a good feeling inside for having done it.
9. — If you think this is a good ole boys club you are wrong.
10. — If you think this is an extension of N.O.W. you are wrong.

11. — If you don't like the way things are being done, volunteer to help do it and lend constructive advice not sour grapes griping.

12. — Most of the members have forgotten why they joined and what is in our Valediction and teachings.

13. — If you want to be a good leader you need to pay attention.

14. — If you want to be a great leader you have to listen.

15. — If you want to be a really great leader you have to think long and hard "before you speak."

16. — Really great leaders lead from the front.

17. — You can belong to all the organizations you want to, but this is the IOOF not the Elks, Moose, Eagles, Grange, Amaranth, Eastern Star, Shriners, York Rite, Scottish Rite, or the Masons.

18. — It is not your job to speak for or try to run somebody else's lodge that you are not a member of.

19. — If you have candidates who want to join but can't find the time to be initiated unless a special meeting is held to accommodate all there wants and needs, you don't have very interested candidates who will become good members.

20. — In our headlong rush to gain membership we have forgotten that we need more quality than quantity.

21. — If you set quietly in a corner and watch you will be amazed, shocked, amused, angered, and enlightened by what you see going on at lodge functions.

22. — If you can't take the heat get out of the kitchen.

23. — Just because you are a Rebekah you do not come before the bonds of marriage.



A COUPLE OF ITEMS

Just two last things: If you would like me to install your Encampment let me know as soon as possible.

The other last thing is there seems to be a misconception about dispensations. When the head of your unit changes the dispensations that were issued by that person they are no longer in effect.

— *In Faith, Hope & Charity,*
Ron Hanson, Grand Patriarch

Beware!

THE FIRST FRIDAY THE 13TH OF THE YEAR!



Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

We hope that you all had a great Valentine's Day with your special someone or spent time with those who are near and dear to your heart!

DEGREE NIGHT

On February 3 Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 provided the Initiatory and First Degrees to two of our newest members. Additionally, one new member from Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 also received the degrees. Olympia will conduct the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Monday, March 16. We begin with a dinner served at 6 p.m., followed by the Degree Work. It is our pleasure to provide the degrees to other lodge members that can come and join us; Lodge Secretaries need to contact Olympia Secretary, Laurel Delony, and make their intent known. You can call her at (253) 468-1949.

Also, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 initiated two candidates on February 12. It has been sometime for Ruth #17 to have received new members, and we are thrilled to have them join us.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11 will be our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Olympia IOOF Park.

We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks: and ask the families to bring a side dish to share. As in years past we will be seeing the Easter Bunny.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Ruth Rebekahs #17 will sponsor a Mothers' Day Brunch at Olympia #1 on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We ask that you join us with your family members for this event. Ruth #17 members will be selling tickets for this event. You can contact Kathi Picanco at (360) 561-2237 or (360) 705-1977 for information and tickets. Please come and spend time with us at Olympia Lodge #1.

HERE'S TO KIM AND KRISTINA

Congratulations to our newly-installed Noble Grands Kim Owens for Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Kristina Samuelson for Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.

— *In F., L. & T., Cathy Garcia*



KRISTINA SAMUELSON
Ruth #17 Noble Grand

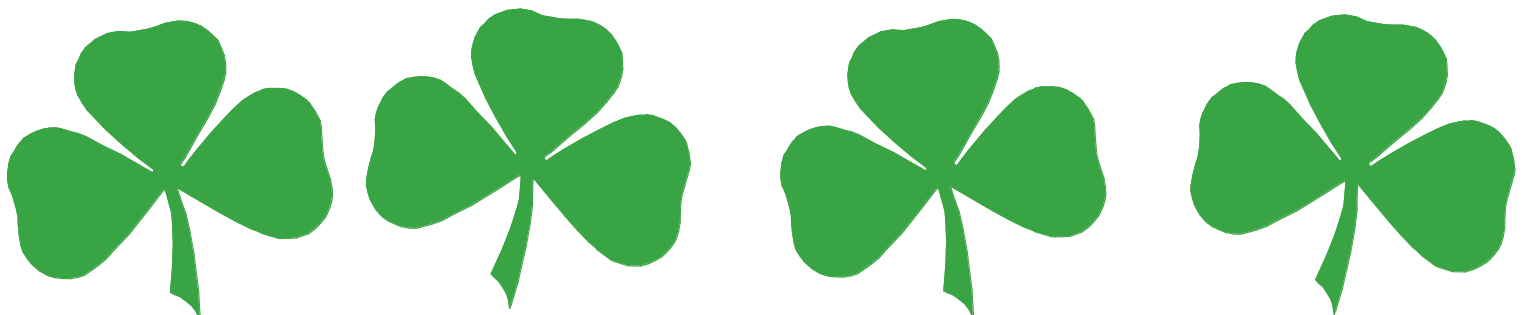


KIM OWENS
Olympia #1 Noble Grand



Welcome aboard!

Ballard Encampment #76 initiated Clinton Attaway in January. From left are: PGP Greg Powers, Bob Duniway, initiate Clinton Attaway, Mylinda Sneed, Michael Douglas, Nora Carria and Jerry Smith.



Your invited to the 51st Canadian War Memorial Weekend this June

JUNE 5, 6 AND 7, 2020

To All Members and Friends of Odd Fellowship:
Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend the 51st Annual Canadian War Memorial Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony to be held on June 5, 6 and 7. Our headquarter hotel will be the Best Western Plus, Ottawa City Centre, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Room rates are \$149 per night (Canadian funds plus applicable taxes). Reservation can be made by calling 1-613-728-1951 no later than May 5, 2020. Please inform the registration desk that you are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to receive this special rate. Rooms in our block are limited and must be ordered before May 5, 2020.

On Friday evening there will be a meet and greet informational reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Banquet tickets will be available for pick-up at that time.

On Saturday, transportation will be available to take you to the Canada Aviation and Space Museum. The bus will leave the hotel at 10 a.m and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost of the bus and tour will be \$25 each.

Our annual banquet and entertainment will be held at the hotel banquet room on Saturday, June 6. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a time of fellowship and cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the banquet are \$55 and must be ordered in advance. Your choice of chicken or salmon must be shown on the Pre-Registration Form. Suggested dress code for men is tuxedo, business suit or military uniform. For the ladies, the dress code is street length dress or formal gown.

Our Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 7 at the National War Memorial commencing at 11 a.m. Transportation will be provided. Wreaths are made of artificial flowers can be used. Those Jurisdictions who currently have a wreath are urged to have a representative available to present your wreath. The name of the person should be sent to the Secretary no later than May 5, 2020. If no representative is available, the committee cannot guarantee that your wreath will be presented.

Jurisdictions that do not have a wreath and would like to order one may do so by contacting the

Secretary. The cost of a new wreath is \$125 and must be ordered no later than March 1, 2020.

The committee looks forward to greeting you in Ottawa on June 5, 6 and 7, 2020

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the secretary

David Anderson, Secretary
cwmsecretary2020@gmail.com

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekahs #70

WE HAVE A FIRST TIME VICE GRAND

Hello All! What an exciting January we had with installations all over the place. I guess I am more excited than most because for the first time I am Vice Grand. I feel so thankful my lodge members think I can be a good one — I am busy memorizing my part.

We missed Craig Schultz as he was not feeling good at all. We are asking you to keep Craig in your thoughts and prayers. For those of you who remember Craig, please send him a card or call him to let him know you are thinking of him. Karen is having a hard time right now because she can't help him more with his pain.

We are trying to move to our new section of the Odd Fellows Home while they are using the auditorium (where we meet) as the kitchen/dining room remodeling has started and will be going on for the next few months.

The auditorium also saw the Odd Fellow Home host to a nursing home that was next to a rising river on February 7 - 9.

We took Valentine cards to our shut-ins and had some good chit chat with Jean Lucke and Bernice Mock. We at Beehive #70 hope you have a good St. Patrick's Day and a mild March.

In F., L. & T., Beverley Johnson, Reporter



**51st Canadian War Memorial Weekend
Ottawa, Ontario**

June 5,6,7, 2020

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (One Form Per Person)
Registration Fee MUST be paid by all attendees)

All registrations **MUST** be received no later than May 5, 2020 (If mailing from the United States, please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery).

Note: There is no shuttle service between Airport and the Hotel. Approximate cost of taxi is \$40.00

REGISTRATION FEE is \$5.00 per person if paid prior to May 5, 2020
OR \$7.00 per person if paid after May 5, 2020

Annual Banquet is \$ 55.00 Canadian Funds (Please choose one of the following)
() Chicken () Salmon

(Please advise **in advance** if you have any dietary restrictions and what they are so that we can arrange for an alternative) Place information on back of form

() **Saturday** - Aviation Museum tour (\$25.00 per person) Minimum 25 people need to attend. Leave hotel at 9:30 return approx. 3 p.m.

NOTE: Tickets will not be mailed. They can be picked up Friday between 7-9 p.m. or Saturday prior to banquet.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____

My Title on June 1/19 _____

MAIL TO: Mrs. Sue Geurts Amount \$ _____
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Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7Y1

AS I WILL BE AWAY UNTIL APRIL 1, 2020 – PLEASE DATE ANY CHEQUES OR MONEY ORDERS FOR FEBRUARY 1ST OR LATER PLEASE.

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Bucoda Bulletin Board

Here we have more Bucoda events for 2020

This will be a brief Bulletin Board as Bucoda Rebekahs and Odd Fellows have a number of events in the works, but there are some details still to be worked out.

Here is what we have so far. First the **Rebekahs:**

On Saturday, April 18 in the Bucoda Community Center South Room, members of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 will hold an all-day **Quilting Workshop**.



On Friday, April 24 at the Bucoda Community Center South

Room, the Rebekahs will hold a **Bingo Night**. This event is always a lot of fun.

Come join us and win!



Now the **Odd Fellows:**

November 21, 2020 in the Bucoda Community Center North and South Rooms, the Odd Fellows from Skookumchuck IOOF

Lodge #129 will host a **Holiday Bazaar**. It's never too early to start thinking about the holidays. This is always



one of our biggest and most popular events. Stop by and shop or reserve vendor space.

OTHER NEWS FROM BUCODA

New members are coming to our lodges and with them come new ideas for events, community outreach and fund-raising.

The new officers have all settled into their offices and 2020 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for Odd Fellowship.

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and Bucoda Rebekahs #144 meet the second and fourth Thursdays. All meetings start at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Bucoda Community Center. There's always a light supper or refreshments preceding the meeting, at 6 p.m. Don't be strangers, we love visitors.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Steve Purcell, PG & Treasurer, Skookumchuck #129,
Reporter and Foreign Correspondent
Bucoda Rebekahs #144*