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### **OUR PAST** A YELLOW RIBBON FOR THE IOOF

by Jane Daniels

(Reprinted from an unidentified newspaper)

When you walk downtown in a city as small as Ashton and you see a building with a yellow ribbon draped around the parking area that surrounds it, you wonder what is happening. If the building happens to be the only one in town that has gone through the task of getting listed on the Historic Register, you really want to know if something important is taking place.

Carol Marotz Comstock collected the information that was need to allow the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hall to be accepted on the register in 1991.

The yellow tape was to keep cars from accidently getting some of the foam roofing material that was being put on the top of the IOOF Hall from ruining a paint job if some foam blew down. David Goebel and John Grube are particularly happy to see the roof finished because now they won't need to take care of any leaks. The current membership hopes to do some interior work on the Flea Market as their next project. The people of Ashton can be proud that the building is being kept in shape.

The IOOF Hall was erected in 1907 and Ashton had the distinction of being the youngest town to have a lodge. Ashton Lodge No. 88 of the IOOF originated when the village was less than 60 days old - in March 1906. Until the building was completed, meetings were held in the C.C. Moore Real Estate office.

Fremont Lodge No. 66 of St. Anthony helped the Ashton members get started. There were 24 initiated and nine joined by card. There were close to 15 other applications ready to be processed.

H.G. Fuller was elected Noble Grand and H.H. Rankin, vice grand. Some of the other first members were A.C. Langley, R.D. Jennings, F.X. Dolenty, J.F. Trick, G.L. Berry, B.C. Ricks, H.L. Cannon, Frank Hulse, George Harrigfeld and R.O. Drollinger.

On October 21, 1908, the Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge No. 82, Ashton, received its charter. The membership consisted of 27 men and 34 ladies. The rebekahs are a branch of the IOOF.

Some charter members included George Harrigfeld, Sarah Harrigfeld, Rudolph Marquardt, Rosa Marquardt, Mrs. H.C. Cannon, A.R. Stephens, Nannie Stephens and Mary Baker. Between 1908 and 1916, robes and other regalia were purchased. When they were 50 years old they were considered to be some of the oldest in the state. It is interesting to note that these same robes are still used on special occasions.

Another group was to use the upstairs meeting room in the IOOF Hall when the Ladies Auxiliary, Ashton No. 2, of Canton Snake River No. 18, Patriarch Militant IOOF was established on April 30, 1922. The following Lady Chevaliers were elected: Winifred Rankin, president, Martha Lansberry, vice-president, Rosa Marquardt, secretary and Tillie Simmermarcher, treasurer. Appointments included Ellen Kranz, Jennie Seeley, and Sarah Harrigfeld.

The Canton organized a drill team with George Harrigfeld becoming drill master, which resulted in some beautiful footwork being perfected. The ladies auxiliary was very active between 1922 and 1931.

A Theta Rho group, which was for young ladies, was active for several years, too. For 100 years, the long stair

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## And One More Thing: From the Treasurer Richard Miller



#### Thanks to everyone for all of your financial help

During the Odd Fellow's Grand Session and the Rebekah Assembly held in Boise in October 2007, the Editorial Board received two donations and one appropriation from the following units:

Rebekah Assembly Past Presidents \$400.00 Rebekah Assembly (Pictures) 360.00 (1) Grand Lodge Appropriation 2,000.00 (2)

- (I) This was from the proceeds of pictures taken at Assembly.
- (2) If no appropriate office equipment is found, the funds will be left in the General Fund.

The Editorial Board and the Editor would like to acknowledge and thank these units for their generous donations and appropriation in support of the **The Idaho Odd Fellow and Rebekah News:** 

All of these monetary gifts are truly appreciated and will help to improve the financial condition of the Newspaper.

Editor and Editorial Board



I would like to thank all of my officers for their monetary generosity, time and support. I would also like to thank the Assembly for their patience and very generous monetary gift to me. I am sorry I did not give out recognition for the Lodges with a gain in membership. It is my fault but I did not have the information, but I was pleased when certificates were given to the Lodges by Jr. Past President Jan Raymond to realize that 9 Lodges had at least a 2 per cent gain in membership. That was encouraging.

Thank you all again.

Jr. Past President Virginia Moberly

#### **GREETINGS**

Since there wasn't a paper in December this is a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my Odd Fellow and Rebekah brothers and sisters.

This comes from my beach chair on beautiful Hollywood Beach in Hollywood, FL.

Life is "Touch" In FL&T Ruth Harrison



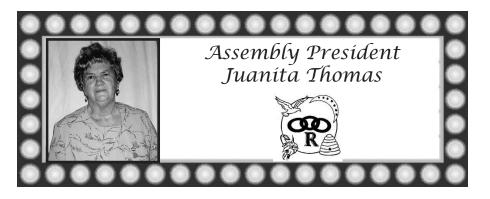
As we think back on the Rebekah Assembly held in Boise in October, just wanted to say:



for all the cherry greetings
for all the hugs
for all the gifts
especially, for allowing us
to renew old friendships
and establish some new ones.

We are looking forward to more of the same next year.

Yours in F.L.&T. Shirley Shropshire Jean Floyd Wanda Bragg Wilma Bragg



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

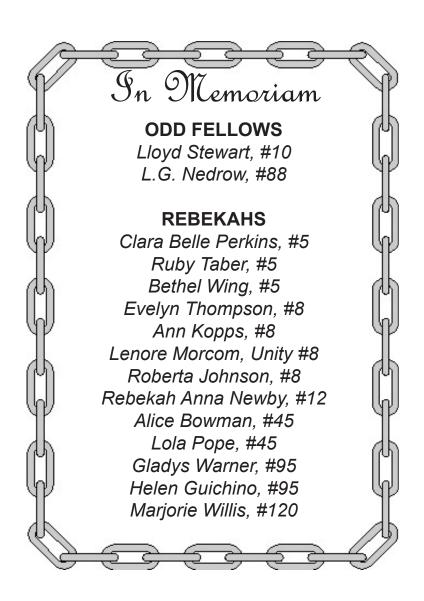
Since my last letter we have celebrated Thanksgiving. I hope everyone took time to give Thanks for our many blessings. Of course the day after found the stores in full swing for holiday shoppers. I Trust we all "Remembered the Reason" as we celebrated the wonderful Christmas season.

Now as we begin a New Year with new officers let's all pledge our support for a great productive year. I hope you are all working on increasing membership.

As one of my awards for the year, I sincerely hope your lodge will make plans to let your community know who we as Rebekahs are.

My visitations and District meetings will be beginning in February. I am looking forward to visiting with each of you.

In Friendship, Love and Truth Juanita Thomas, President Rebekah Assembly





Holiday Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters of our Fraternal Branches

My wishes for you are a bountiful Thanksgiving and a peaceful Birthday of the Christ child. I ask you to hold on tightly to what is Important in Life.

<u>Hold on to Faith</u> It is the source of believing that all things are possible. It is the fiber and strength of a confident soul.

<u>Hold on to Hope</u> It banishes doubt and enables attitudes to be positive and cheerful.

Hold on to Trust It is at the core of fruitful relationships that are secure and content.

Hold on to Love It is life's greatest gift of all, for it shares, cares and gives meaning to life.

Hold on to Family and Friends They are the most important people in your life and they make the world a better place. They are your roots and the beginnings that you grew from, they are the vine that has grown through time to nourish you, help you on your way and always remain close by.

Hold on to all that you are and all that you have learned For these things are what make you unique. Don't ignore what you feel and what you believe is right and important; your heart has a way of speaking louder than your mind.

Hold on to your Dreams Achieve them diligently and honestly. Never take the easy way or surrender to deceit. Remember others on your way, take time to care for their needs. Enjoy the beauty around you. Have the courage to see things differently and clearly. Make the world a better place one day at a time and don't let go of the important things that give meaning to life.

In F. L. &T. GLEA Chief Matriarch Dorothy Kindall



## **ALICE BOWMAN** 1913 ~ 2007





Alice (Waite) Bowman, 94, of Albany, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, Died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at the home of her daughter in Albany, Ore. At her request, she was cremated and no service was held.

She is survived by her husband Dale, two daughters, Sandra & Vicky, and several grand children and great grandchildren.

Alice joined Primrose Rebekah Lodge #78 (Twin Falls) in 1940 and was Noble Grand for the first time in 1945. Serving again several more times, as well as holding many different offices. She was District Deputy President in 1959-1960. She transferred to Union Rebekah Lodge, Hagerman, in December of 2003.

Alice was a member of the Ladies Auxuliary Militant, being president in 1978-79. She was also a member of the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, having served as Grand Treasurer.

Laura McAnulty, Secretary Union #45

## **LOLA S. POPE** 1907 ~ 2007



Lola S. Pope formerly of Hagerman and currently of Meridian, Idaho, passed away Sunday, November 4, 2007.

Lola was born Dec. 23, 1907, at Soldier, Idaho, the daughter of Fields A. and Jennie Ham Kiser. She attended school in Soldier until 1920, when the family moved to Hagerman Valley. She graduated from Hagerman High School in 1928. She cooked at various places in Fairfield, Clover Creek and Hagerman.

Lola married John L. "Dick" Pope in Hagerman on Sept. 28, 1933. They were happily married for 60 years. Dick passed away on March 8, 1994. Dick and Lola operated a produce farm and fruit orchards on their Billingsley Creek Farm for 49 years. Lola was a member of the Hagerman Grange for 65 years. She was a 48-year member of Union Rebekah Lodge #45 in Hagerman. Although she was never Noble Grand, she held appointive offices in the Lodge. Lola had a great love of flowers and always had a beautiful flower garden, taking many beautiful bouquets to friends and family. She was a wonderful cook and anyone was always welcome at her table.

Services were conducted by Demarary Funeral Services on November 10 and burial was at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Laura McAnulty, Secretary Union #45

### L.G. NEDROW 1911 ~ 2007



Louis Gordon Nedrow was born March 18, 1911, in a two-room house in Ora, Idaho. He attended grade school in Ora and graduated from Ashton High School. He continued to do farm work for his father, uncles and local farmers until 1935, when he took a diesel engineering course and became a mechanic, specializing in combines and other farm equipment. He moved to St. Anthony where he worked for local farm machinery businesses until he retired in 1980. In his spare time he ran the projection machines at the St. Anthony Theater from 1941-1946. After retirement, he continued to do repairs and parts for local farmers.

Gordon, also known as L.G., joined Fremont Odd Fellow Lodge #66 in 1936 and was tireless in his charitable work with the Lodge. He was the sustaining force that kept Fremont #66 going for many

years. Over the years he held many offices and his duties also included maintaining the building and collecting the rent until it was sold in 2006 to Falls Drug and Fremont #66 consolidated with Ashton #88. In June of 2006, Ashton #88 presented Gordon with his 70-year Veteran's Jewel. He joined the Presbyterian Church where he became a deacon, elder and choir member. He spent many hours helping remodel the church.

In 1936 Gordon married Marian Eckman of Chester. They both loved music and fishing and spent many hours in the mountains. Gordon devotedly cared for Marian without outside help until her death in 2003.

Gordon is survived by 1 daughter, 2 grandsons, 1 great granddaughter, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Memorial services were held by Bert Flamm Mortuary in St. Anthony.

#### RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

First, I apologize for giving the secretaries the wrong figures on the 2007 Annual Report, I did think, however, that after I corrected that boo boo, you would realize that it was for the 2007 report and not 2006. This is the reason for the different color.

The Grand Sessions are over and everyone is ready to really get into the swing of things for the next go round. I hope everyone was reasonably satisfied with the Grand Sessions and the facilities provided. I didn't have any complaints except parking arrangements, so I will accept this as a good thing.

By the time you get this, elections will have taken place and plans formed for the future. I am sure that your new officers will do an outstanding job this next year. Congratulations to those that are advancing in the Order. There is much to do ahead of us if our Order is to survive.

As the Membership Chair has informed you, there are several presentations that can and should be used for new members and/or re-activating older ones. Plans do no good just sitting on a shelf. Contact the Grand Secretary or Membership Chairman for information.

In going over some of my notes from the session, I find some interesting things that are kinda' being demanded or questioned as far as action from the Executive Committee is concerned. For your information, there are some pending transactions that are confidential in manner to protect the integrality of the system under which we have to operate. Most all transactions are available to any member if it does not alter or jeopardize the integrity of the system, but they are not published for the world to see if they have not reached fruition. I could get on my soap box and itemize places and names of those with the biggest suggestions (or gripes as the case may be) but I will resist and instead still offer my services to the best of my ability to those that have questions.

Also, did you realize that most of the Grand Lodge officers did not use all of their allowance, but instead paid for travel and expenses from their own pocket thereby allowing the finance committee to keep the Per Capita dues down? I believe we owe them a vote of thanks and a note of appreciation for their efforts in trying to help the perpetuation of the Order.

I encourage each lodge to get involved within their community as that is where the membership is going to come from. I am sure that there is something that your lodge can think of to bolster the spirit of Odd Fellowship around you. Has your lodge looked into awarding a Merit jewel to deserving members of your lodge? Those that have served at jobs through the years without complaint or compensation? These are small tokens of appreciation that the lodge can bestow.

The current updates of The Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws are available at the Grand Lodge office. They are 3-hole binder size. Complete with binder they are \$15.02 plus shipping & handling. The current 2006 Code of General Laws changes are also available. The cost is \$4.79 plus shipping & handling, so it would behoove the lodges to order in one bunch to save funds.

Remember, there are also Past Grand Jewels and Certificates available for the ordering as well as all other needs of the lodges. If the lodge Rituals and your Charge books are not up to date, you are trying to fly on one wing.

SECRETARIES, when a new member is initiated into your lodge, please send that information into the Grand Lodge so the data base can be updated. I will notify the paper and the Sovereign Grand Lodge for you. Thanks. The Directory cannot be correct if the lodges do not render information to be utilized. Also, sign them up for Funeral Aid so they can fulfill their obligation to help bury the dead.

In addition to that, please send in any changes of address, not only to the Grand Lodge office but to the Odd Fellow paper.

Remember! Only you can increase the membership. ASK SOMEONE

Till next time, Kenny Averill, Grand Secretary

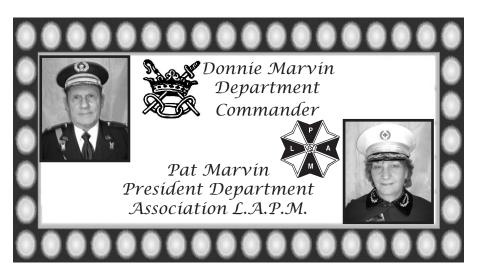
"For God So loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life"

Dear God who watches over us day and night, guide us to do all things right. To keep Friendship, Love and Truth always within our sight.

Amen







We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and we are thankful we made it through another year. New Years Resolutions will again have something to do with trying to make it thru the next one. How about you? Will you remember to look for those members who have gone above and beyond and honor them for it? We all know how hard it has been to try something new, so will this be the year we turn over the leaf and peak the interest of those who don't know us yet? Don't give up, keep trying and remember to enjoy the fellowship of our friends.

We both want to thank everyone for their thoughts and concern for my dad while he is recuperating from his fall. He has been a model patient during his stay in the VA. The staff all knows how to do it his way now. We all know he will do whatever it takes to make a comeback if at all possible while keeping a good outlook. Of course there may be some changes to deal with for awhile, but we are used to dealing with adversity in our lives and know that tomorrow is another new day.

Chivalrously,
Pat and Donnie Marvin

#### A YELLOW RIBBON FOR THE IOOF

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case to the second floor has welcomed the feet of lodge members who have accomplished good works through the years. Many remember the dinners served by the Rebekahs on Dog Derby Day.

Times have changed and fraternal organizations have lost members. The St. Anthony group has merged with Ashton. Gordon Nedrow of St. Anthony and currently living in the Ashton Living Center, has been a member of the IOOF for more than 70 years. Ashton should be proud to have members who continue to maintain their building and continue to accomplish charitable work. The Rebekahs currently give a scholarship each year and the IOOF are making plans for future scholarship aid.

With their track record, instead of a yellow ribbon around the IOOF Hall, there should have been red roses.

### **Unity #8--**

Our first big item of business in September was to elect three delegates to Assembly: Pam York as delegate #1; Delia McManus #2 and Audrey Beckstead as #3. Audrey had to withdraw because of illness, but we were well represented at President Virginia Moberly's "Harmonious" session in October. During the session, at Virginia's request, several members of Unity participated in the "Miriam" pageant which had been given at her official visit to Unity in February.

Three members had milestone birthdays recently. Long-time member Jim Thompson was honored at a 100th birthday party in September, given by Ada Lodge #3. In November, Stella Beard and Lyle Odle celebrated their 80th birthdays with parties given by family members. Other celebrations in the fall and winter included our Family Thanksgiving Dinner in November. In December, Richard and Sharon Miller hosted the Past Noble Grands Christmas party at their home, with a dinner and gift exchange. Unity #8 enjoyed their Christmas party after the meeting on December 20th and collected money for the Salvation Army in lieu of a gift exchange. Several members attended the Rose #18 Christmas party. Again, it was decided to give donations to the Salvation Army instead of a having a gift exchange.

We have had several members who experienced health problems recently. Noble Grand Etha Carlisle had a pace maker put in after experiencing heart problems. Gene Pola finished his radiation treatments for cancer. Delia McManus had surgery on her wrists for carpal Tunnel Syndrome. In September Lyle Odle had a heart attack near Billings Montana, while he and Margaret were returning from a trip. Emergency Heart surgery was performed there and Lyle is doing guite well at this point. Audrey Beckstead became seriously ill, but is recovering at the home of her daughter. Margaret Hegstrom fell and fractured her ankle, requiring surgery and therapy, but she is coming along well. Irma Clark spent time in the hospital with a back injury. Beth Thompson continues to struggle with illness. Marjorie Howard travelled to Olympia WA, where she had very successful eye surgery and spent her recovery time with her daughter. We are happy to report that Carol Ann Hansen is doing better and has been able to attend several meetings recently. With sadness, we draped the charter for 4 members recently: Ann Koppes, Roberta Johnston, Evelyn Thompson and Lenore Morcom.

Officers for the coming year were elected in December. Virginia Buchanan will serve as Noble grand; Pam York as Vice-Grand, Sharon Miller as Secretary, Delia Mc-Manus as Financial Secretary, and Linda Clark as Treasurer.

Happy New Year to all our Rebekah and Odd Fellow sisters and brothers.

Sharon Miller, Secretary ~ Unity #8

### NOTICE !!!

WHAT? WORK PARTY

WHEN? JANUARY 26, 2008 AT 9:30 A.M.

WHO? ALL SURPLUS PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

WHERE? 920 GRANT ST. CALDWELL, IDAHO

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

#### **COMING EVENTS 2008**

#### **FEBRUARY**

2 BURLEY GRD HOG FEED

9 DISTRICT 7 MELBA

15 JOINT PLAN BRD CALDWELL

16 DISTRICT 8® NEW PLYMOUTH

23 DISTRICT 6 (IOOF) NEW PLYMOUTH

#### **MARCH**

8 DISTRICT 5 BURLEY

15 DISTRICT 1 POCATELLO

22 DISTRICT 2 ASHTON

29 DISTRICT 12 ST. MARIES

#### APRIL

12 DISTRICT 9 IND. VALLEY

19 DISTRICT 10 STITES

26 PIONEER #1/ROSE # 18 IDAHO CITY

#### MAY

17 PIONEER #1/ROSE #18 IDAHO CITY 12 DISTRICT 5 (IOOF) ST. MARIES

JUNE

7 DISTRICT 3 CHALLIS

**AUGUST** 

23 OWYHEE # 2 SILVER CITY

#### SEPTEMBER

20 PIONEER #1/ROSE #18 IDAHO CITY

26 JOINT PLAN BRD CALDWELL

#### OCTOBER

21-23 GRAND SESSIONS POST FALLS 18 PIONEER # 1/ROSE #18 IDAHO CITY

#### **NOVEMBER**

?? N.W. ASSOCIATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

## CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Independent Order of Odd Fellows



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December, 2008

To All Members and Friends of Oddfellowship:

A cordial invitation is extended to you to attend the 39th Annual Canadian War Memorial Weekend to be held May 30th-June 1, 2008. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 1~ at the Canadian War Memorial on Parliament Hill in downtown Ottawa.

Headquarters for this weekend event is the Embassy West Hotel, 1400 Carting Avenue~ Ottawa, Ont. KI Z 7W5. Room rate is \$96.00 (Canadian funds) single/double (plus all applicable taxes), with breakfast included. Reserve your room before May 1st by calling 1-800-267-8696 or send an e-mail to: <a href="https://www.embassywesthotel.com">www.embassywesthotel.com</a>. The group number is 35934.

The Annual Banquet will be held in the North American Salon of the Embassy West Hotel on Saturday, May 31st at 6:30 p.m. A social time, commencing at 6:00 p.m. will precede the dinner. Tickets are \$30.00 each (Canadian/U.S. funds).

Our tour this year will take you to the Canadian War Museum (which opened in May 2005) and the ByWard Market. The bus departs from the hotel at 10:15 a.m. and arrives at the Museum about 10:30 a.m. Prior to the 1-hour guided tour, you will have approx. 30-45 minutes to explore areas not covered in the guided tour. At the conclusion of the tour, the bus will proceed to the ByWard Market where you have lunch and do a little shopping. At 2:30 p.m. you will board the bus for the return trip to the hotel. Cost of the tour is \$25.00 per person (Canadian/US funds) and a minimum of 50 people are required to sign up.

Jurisdictional Grand Bodies who are not currently presenting wreaths are asked to consider sending a delegation to do so this year. Please contact the undersigned no later than March 1st, 2008 to order your wreath (cost is \$125.00 Canadian /U.S. funds). Delivery of wreaths ordered after March 1st cannot be guaranteed, so please order early.

The names of all representatives attending from Jurisdictions presenting wreaths, are to be forwarded to the Secretary by March 1st, 2008. Failure to comply with this request will be your authorization for the Committee to appoint a proxy to act on your behalf.

Please promote this event throughout your jurisdiction as we are anxious to have a good attendance uniting with us in our Ceremony of Remembrance.

Fraternally Carolyn A. Benson Secretary

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP HONORED**

Boy Scout Troop 139 sponsored by the United Methodist Men's Group of Jerome, Idaho performed their flag presentation at Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in Boise, Idaho on Sunday, Oct. 14,2007.

They were asked by Assembly President, Virginia Moberly to present their program which she had previously seen while visiting Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110.

The boys range in ages 11 to 14. A total of nine different American Flags are used in the ceremony with a history to accompany each flag.

The boys would be honored to do this flag ceremony for other organizations within the area. Requests for presentation should be submitted 30 days in advance.

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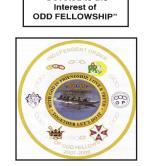
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