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EVELYN EVERSON TURNS 90

ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS HOLD INSTALLATION



On March 7th Evelyn Everson was the guest of honor at her 90th birthday party hosted by her family.

She was thrilled with her estimated 75 friends and family in attendance.

Evelyn has been a valued and devoted member of Stites Rebekah's for 32 years. Many lodge sisters and brothers gathered to help this lovely lady celebrate. One of these Rebekah's was Alma Jones. She and Evelyn have been sister in laws for 73 years. What a lovely day this was.

Happy Birthday Evelyn !!

Submitted by;
Joyce Wikse - reporter



Front Row: Naomi Ralls, Dalice Buchannan, Midge Lorkowski, Jeri Duncan
Back Row: James Weighall, Kieth Gentry, Donnie Marvin, Ralph Taylor

Officers of District #5 installed their officers on Jan. 17, 2009 at the Lodge hall in Jerome. Of a total of 25 who were eligible to be installed there were 23 there. This is a record for the district, I do believe.

Noble Grands installed were: James Weighall, Wendell #131; Keith Gentry, Burley #118; Donnie Marvin, Mt. Home #19; Ralph Taylor, Hagerman #57 and Jeri Duncan, Jerome #129 for the Odd Fellows. Noble Grands for the Rebekahs were: Naomi Ralls, Ruth #104, Burley; Dalice Buchanan, Idaho #96, Wendell; Midge Lorkowski, Union #45, Hagerman; and Jeri Duncan, Syringe #110, Jerome.

Following the installation everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments.

The installation was under the direction of Deputy Grand Master Ralph Taylor and District Deputy President Marguerite Roberson.

Peg Roberson, Publicity Chr.
324-3604

**Joint Funding Raising Activity
Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly
Interim Financial
July 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2008	\$3, 016.10
Receipts:	
Sovereign Grand Lodge	\$230.00
Rebekah Assembly Dues	1,846.70
Rebekah Assembly 08 Directory Fee	50.00
Subscription	326.25
Donations	305.00
	2,757.95
Expenditures:	
Printing	784.51
Postage	845.56
Editing	800.00
Supplies	30.72
Int'l Press Assoc.	20.00
Total Expenditures	2,480.79
Ending Check Book Balance February 28, 2009	\$3, 293.26

**Joint Funding Raising Activity
Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly
Interim Financial
July 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2008	\$1,616.90
Receipts Albertson Partnership	312.90
No Disbursements	0.00
Balance February 28, 2009	\$1,929.90



**RAMBLINGS FROM THE
GRAND SECRETARY**

Congratulations Secretaries and Lodges!! Most of the Annual Reports arrived before deadline. Thank you. It is a noticeable improvement. There are a couple of things that need your attention for a smoother operation I would encourage each of you to read the cover instruction paper before you start your report. Each lodge DOES make a donation to the Historical Building, but most of you are missing it in your report, so when I make corrections, your financial report is off. It is in the breakdown of per capita dues. Also, the ELECTION of officers is the first meeting in December and THAT report should be back in the Grand Lodge before the end of the month so it can get into the news directory. As it says on the instruction page, Annual Report time is too late to send it. What is received is the name and address that gets into the paper.

Due to the generosity of some of the lodges and members the Funeral Aid Association is once again solvent. It is not flush, but can stave off a few paid benefits again. The Association wishes to give a great big thank you to those that sent in contributions. As has~ been stated before, each member should be a member of the Funeral Aid. It is part of the obligation that each one took when they joined the organization.

The progress on the "Home" sale is slow, but it is progressing. With the economical slump, things have been a bit stagnant, but we are still working on solutions. If anyone has a great idea, we're all ears. Don't be bashful, we listen to all kinds of suggestions.

Remember! Only you can increase membership.
ASK SOMEONE

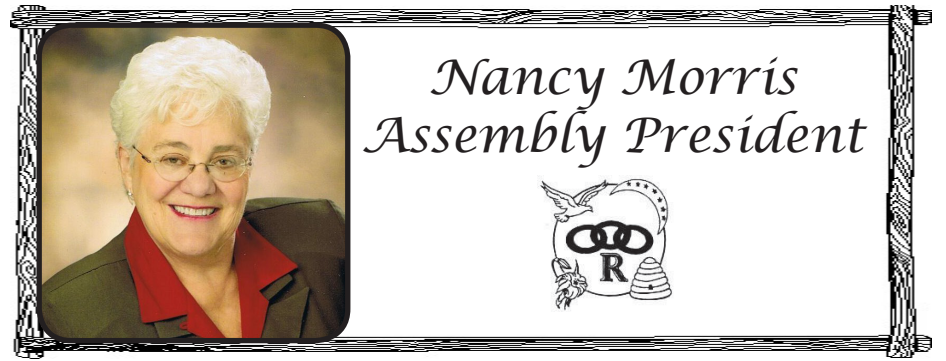
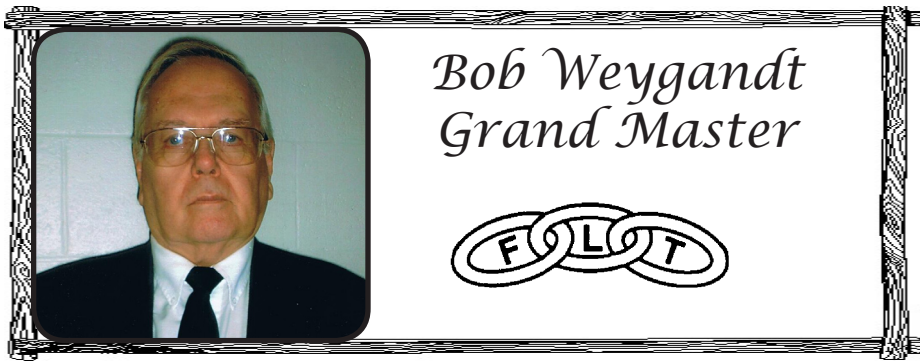
Kenny Averill
Grand Secretary



**IN LOVING
MEMORY**

The Editorial Board would like to thank Sister Ruth Harrison for her donation to the paper in memory of:

Sister Betty Davison, Past Assembly Secretary



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Oh boy, spring is here, and I am sure that all of you are getting tired of the snow and cold. I know that I am ready for sunny days and spring flowers.

As I sit down to write this letter, I am thinking of the visits that I have made so far and the visits that I have left to make. I have enjoyed visiting all of the lodges that I have visited, and thank each of you for the warm welcomes I have received. I have enjoyed good fellowship and some great meals (I am gaining weight). Most of all, I have enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones. Some of these visits have brought many fond memories of members that have passed on. I look forward to the rest of my visits and I am sure we will have many memories to share.

I am also saddened by the knowledge that many of our lodges are in danger of not having enough members to hold meetings, and not enough money to continue to maintain their buildings. I long for the times when we filled our halls with smiling faces and had wonderful meetings; A time when lodges put on Degrees for new members on a regular basis, and always had enough members to fill all of the offices.

If we work together, I know that we can once again see each lodge with enough members to fill all of the chairs. Please take the time to introduce someone to Odd Fellowship today you might be surprised by his or her response. Even if that person does not join, they might know someone that would be interested in our order. We are a great organization of great people and I am sure that if people get to know us, they will want to join us.

Please note that the Directory has my old phone number. The correct number is **(208) 949-7579**

Have a wonderful spring and enjoy the season.

In F.L.&T.
Bob Weygandt
Grand Master



Proverbs 8:6

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

My visitations have started and between snow storms I have had good traveling weather and roads. You have all been so wonderful to me with smiles, love and friendship.

I didn't know there were so many donkeys with so many different expressions. As we Rebekahs, there are many white hats with many different shapes and styles. I appreciate your talents in making these hats. Keep up the good work. Like the hats if we just look there will be some one who will join our Order. Keep the meetings interesting and study the unwritten work so that all members will know it. Smile and have fun.

Remember the ill and shut-ins Sisters and Brothers during these snowy, cold, grey days. Smile and make them feel loved and needed. This winter has been long and the wind keep blowing.

Remember this month is Easter, Secretary Days and the 190th year of our Order Anniversary. These are all very special days.

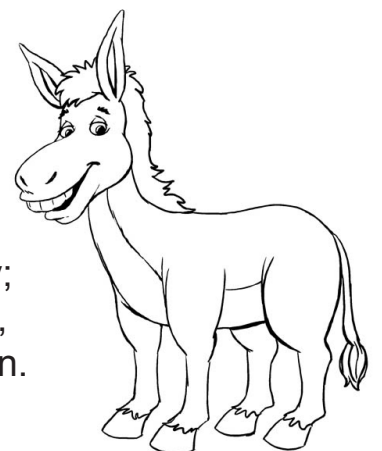
My new e-mail address is **nemorris36@email.com.**, my phone number is **208-772-3841** and my cell number is **208-771-0899**.

THERE IS NOTHING
ON THIS EARTH
MORE TO BE PRIZED
THAN TRUE FRIENDSHIP

In F.L.&T.
NANCY E. MORRIS, President
Rebekah Assembly of Idaho

The Donkey

Donkey, donkey, old and gray,
Open your mouth and gently bray;
Lift your ears and blow your horn,
To wake the world this sleepy morn.



Unity #8Boise



President Nancy Morris with Sister Pam York

On March 5, Unity #8 enjoyed having President Nancy Morris make her official visit to our lodge. The evening began with a delicious dinner at the Mandarin Palace Restaurant in Boise, followed by the meeting and a small reception afterwards. President Nancy was presented with a corsage which had extraordinary "greenery", and the "traditional" apron, painted with her emblems. Unity's Past Noble Grand's club gave her a beautiful jewelry box, with a picture of horses on the top. She spoke to the audience of 31 members and guests, encouraging invitation of new members, and "Enjoying Sisterhood". Linda Clark read an essay on Deborah, an important woman of the Bible, and then sang "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Corlyss Peterson.

We were happy to have Past President Delia McManus back with us, as she has been ill for several weeks. We rejoiced with Eloise Ogilvie who had travelled to Portland expecting further eye surgery, only to find out that the surgery would not be needed.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Wilma Davis, member of Rose #18 and associate member of Unity #8. She was living in Auburn CA, near her daughter, and had just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Sharon Miller,
Reporter



WELCOME

To our new members

Stephen L. Botti
Agostino "Gus" Bonamino
Joseph J. DeChristerero
Dennis Niehoff
David T. Smith
of Ada #3

Stites Rebekah's Host DDP

February 25th, Christine Brown District Deputy President for district 10 made her official visit to the Stites Rebekah's meeting. She did a near perfect recital of the unwritten work and did her office proud. She had a nice message concerning our order of business and a great poem that had been her mother's. The lodge performed a song spoofing 'getting older' which tied right in with the DDP's poem.

We very much enjoyed sister Christine's visit. Nice snacks were enjoyed after the meeting and a lot of visiting was accomplished.

Thank you Christine and also sister Vicky Jorgenson for your nice visit.

Joyce Wikse, Noble Grand/reporter

Directory Corrections

Ivy Rebekah Lodge # 23
2 & 4 Thursday 7:00 PM
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Pocatello
Shannon Vieth, Sec.
3825 Northern Lights
Pocatello 83201
Ph: 208-240-7177
Cell: 208-220-3301

COMING EVENTS 2009

APRIL		
3,4,5.	N.W ASSOC.	C.D.A., IDAHO
11	DISTRICT 10	WHITE BIRD
18	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
25	DISTRICT 9	RIGGINS
MAY		
2	DISTRICT 12	PLUMMER
16	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
23 ??	DISTRICT 12 (IOOF)	COEUR D ALENE
JUNE		
6	DISTRICT 3	SALMON
13	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
27	OWYHEE # 2	SILVER CITY
JULY		
11	DEPT. COUNCIL	WENDELL
AUGUST		
22	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY
SEPTEMBER		
19	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
25	JOINT PLAN BRD	CALDWELL 10:00 A.M.
OCTOBER		
20-22	GRAND SESSIONS	BURLEY
24	PIONEER # 1/ROSE # 18	IDAHO CITY
NOVEMBER		
????	N.W. ASSOCIATION	WASHINGTON

ARTHRITIS

Last month I began my term as Assembly Arthritis Chairman by telling you about the wonderful magazine printed by the Arthritis Foundation and urging you to subscribe. I hope you have done so and are enjoying the beautiful bimonthly publication. I also stated I would discuss five habits that are suggested to people who have the disease to help them live more comfortable.

The first is: GET A GOOD DIAGNOSES. If you can find a rheumatologist in your area--see him. The Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-444-1993 can help you find one. It may require several weeks waiting for the appointment, but it is still the best solution. If you like him, okay. If you don't, find another. If your general practitioner is the only choice, see him and be sure you get a proper examination and lab tests. As is often stated there are 100 kinds of arthritis and it is important to know what kind.

A grocery checker once confided to me, "I have arthritis." Noting that she was in her middle twenties and appeared quite active, I replied, "You do? What Kind?" Expecting to hear she had been dealing with Juvenile Arthritis, I was completely at a loss when she replied, "Shoulder. I get stiff scanning these groceries." All pain is not arthritis, but many people think they are the same.

There are inflammatory forms of arthritis such as rheumatoid (which we usually see as twisting fingers or other disfiguring effects) and osteoarthritis (which affects the joints, often the knees and hips). Not to be confused with osteoporosis, which is a completely different disease of the bone, not the joint. Fibromyalgia, lupus, Sjogren's syndrome are just a few of the arthritis diseases commonly seen and this is the reason you need an exact diagnosis.

X-rays are part of the diagnosis because joint damages are different in Rheumatoid and Osteoarthritis, called RA and OA. The doctor will see erosions and osteophytes (nodes or bony growths over the joint) and distinguish between the two types of arthritis. He can determine the extent of the disease and may prescribe the appropriate drug. Sometimes, doctors prescribe herbal remedies and folk-remedies, but they also will tell you to "keep moving" with appropriate exercises. And exercise is a topic for another letter.

Arthritis is chronic, it is never going to go away. It may go into remission for short periods with proper attention, so you do need a specialist who you trust and are comfortable in talking with. Careful monitoring, so your joints sustain little damage, will permit you a lifetime of function. Be good to yourself and mind your doctor.

In F.L. & T.
Anna Breeze, PPRA
Assembly Arthritis Chairman



The first of April, some do say
Is set apart for All Fool's Day;
But why the people call it so
Nor I, nor they themselves, do know,
But on this day are people sent
On purpose for pure merriment.
- Anonymous

SHARE THE ORDER

Stites Rebekahs Installed January 18,2009

District Deputy President Christine Brown graciously ventured down the mountain alone. Not allowing even the inclement weather to keep her from accomplishing our installation. We thank her for this dedication.

Our new officers are: Noble Grand... Joyce Wikse, Vice Grand ... John Richardson, Secretary... Dixie Jackson, Treasurer... May Fogle.

We enjoyed refreshments and lots of visiting after the installation. Now we are on to the work of our year.

Respectfully in F.L. & T.
Joyce Wikse, reporter



Everyone knows that the donkey carries a cross on his back. Legend says that the dark stripe that forms a cross down the back and across the shoulder is a sign that these donkeys have been touched by the hand of God

The Story is told that the little donkey that had been Jesus' mount on Palm Sunday, came to the hill of Calvary. Seeing the tragic event occurring there, he wished with all his heart he had been able to carry the cross for Jesus as he was the proper one to carry heavy burdens. The donkey turned his back on the sight, but he could not leave because he wished to stay until all was over because of his love for Jesus. In reward for the loyal and humble love of the little donkey the Lord caused the shadow of the cross to fall across his back and left it there for the donkey to carry forevermore as a sign that the love of God, no matter how humble carries a reward for all to see. It's also told that the leg stripes were received from walking through the palm branches that were laid in it's path in honor of the burden the donkey was carrying.

FISH FRY IS A GO !



Okay all you campers out there, the annual Island Park Fish Fry is a go this year. Last year's gas price tragedy is history. So just start thinking "FISH FRY". The annual Fish Fry is always the second Saturday in June. The date this year is June 13th which is about as late as it gets. There is usually a gathering of campers on the Friday night as well for a pot luck supper and always a "Buckaroo Breakfast" on Sunday morning hosted by Home Encampment of Idaho Falls. The location will be the usual place; Buffalo Run Camp Ground in Island Park. There are cabins available at the camp ground and motels within a mile so don't let the lack of a camp trailer prevent you from attending. In years past, when Frank Markham, Floyd Hensley, and Amil Johnson were organizing this event we would have nearly 100 campers attending from all over the state. You could almost call it a Spring warm up for the Grand Sessions. In recent years however, attendance has waned, especially from across the state. It sure would be great to start seeing a "resurgence" of this wonderful gathering of Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and friends again. There is plenty of time to plan the trip so put it on your calendars as one of the first things to do this summer. What better way is there to have some fellowship with friends of the Order?

If you have any questions you can call Dan Sanow @ 529-1642 or email at sanow1@msn.com.

it's
**HAPPY
EASTER**
time



L. A. PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 1050, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780-1050
SGL Code of General Laws, Chapter XXXI (8) Pasadena Tournament of Roses

February 9, 2009

To Odd Fellows, Rebekahs & Friends:

We thank you for the donations to our Odd Fellows/Rebekahs Float Program. We need to seriously review avenues to raise additional funds for float program. GOOD NEWS, we paid off the Jan 1, 2008 float with the final payment in December 2008, and we have paid \$10,000.00 on our Jan 1, 2009 float. We now must make a concerted effort to raise the additional funds in a timely manner. We began the MONEY RAFFLE, to create interest in the float program, by having 13 winners of \$20,000 to \$200 – The drawing will be May 23, 2009 if quotas are met.

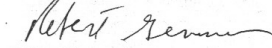
ENCLOSED IS A TICKET FOR THE RAFFLE – consider buying this ticket thru your lodge, individually, collectively with members of your lodge, or through a friend. Please support the raffle. IF You or Your Lodge has already purchased a Raffle Ticket - WE THANK YOU! Also enclosed is a flyer explaining the raffle program, for you to pass out to your members and friends?

We have selected our new float for Jan 1, 2010 Rose parade, entitled: **"FAMILY FIRST"**. The float is comprised of a number of birds, in an outdoor scene, watching over and feeding their young. -The theme of the Tournament of Rose Parade is "2010, A CUT ABOVE THE REST".

ATTENTION: WE have been receiving REQUESTS TO BECOME RIDERS on Our Floats year after year. This Float CAN HAVE RIDERS! Anyone that DESIRES TO RIDE on the ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS FLOAT ON JAN 1, 2010 and have a guaranteed space on the Float; the FEE is \$10,000. We realize that not everyone can afford to participate; BUT, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE SPECIAL. For further information and/or YOUR RESERVATION; please mail to LA PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES ASSOC. P.O. Box 1050, Temple City, Ca 91780. The Total fee must be received before seats are confirmed.

We wish to THANK All the volunteers that helped to decorate the float this year. We had approx 100 volunteers each day, during float decorating week. A great group dedicated to decorating. Reminder: we have float shirts, float pins, and pictures for sale. Thank you, everyone; for your support through your volunteering, assisting in financing, and word of mouth advertising of our float.

In Friendship, Love & Truth,



Robert Gennaria
Float chairman
310-379-4370
robertgennaria@verizon.net

Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

Hats off to Entertainment Raffle



50% in total prizes (\$50,000.00)
50% supports the I.O.O.F. Float

Enter to win one of 18 cash prizes and support your I.O.O.F.
Float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade
(18 cash prizes total value is \$50,000.00)

Only with your support can we maintain our presence in the Rose Parade

- * Tickets sales limited to 2000 total tickets
- * 18 Cash Prize winners
- * Total cash prizes \$50,000.00
- * Tickets \$50.00 each, for a 1 in 111 chance to win

18 winning tickets holders will receive the following prizes. Drawing held on May 23, 2009 at the California Grand Lodge Session. One (1) \$20,000.00, One (1) \$10,000.00, Two (2) \$5,000.00, Two (2) \$2,000.00, Three (3) \$1,000.00, Four (4) \$500.00, and Five (5) \$200.00.

SUPPORT YOUR FLOAT

And Win your portion of the \$50,000.00 Cash

Prize winners will be notified the first week after the drawing on May 23 2009.
Winners need not be present to win.

More Information contact: L.A. Past District Deputies Association
Robert Gennaria, Float Chairman: Ph. 310-486-6249 or email at: robertgennaria@verizon.net

Order Form

Name: _____ Number Of Tickets: _____ x \$50.⁰⁰
Address: _____ Total Dollars: \$ _____ Make Checks Payable to:
Phone: _____ Payment Method: _____ Mail to: L.A. Past District Deputies
Email: _____ Enclose Check _____ P.O. Box 1050 L.A. Past District
Temple City, Ca 91780 Deputies Association

5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOUR CELL PHONE COULD DO

1. **Emergency** - The Worldwide Emergency Number is 112. If you find yourself faced with an emergency outside your coverage area, dial 112. Your cell phone will search for any existing network and establish the emergency number for you. Interestingly, 112 can be dialed even if your keypad is locked.
2. **Locked Your Keys in Your Car** - If you have a keyless entry, this may come in very handy. If you lock your keys in you your car, call someone who has another set, from your cell phone to their cell phone. Hold your phone about a foot from your car and have the other person press the unlock button while holding it near their cell phone. Your car will unlock no matter how far away you are.
3. **Hidden Battery Power** - To activate the hidden power reserve of your cell phone press ***3370#**. Your phone will restart with this reserve and show a 50% increase in battery power. Don't worry, the reserve power will be replenished the next time you charge the battery.
4. **Stolen Cell Phone** - If your phone gets stolen or lost, call your service provider with the serial number of your phone. Your service provider will then be able to block your phone so the thief won't be able to use it even if they change the SIM card. This won't help you to get your phone back, but at least you won't have your minutes used up. To check your phone's serial number, key in the following ***06#**. A 15-digit code will appear. This number is unique to your phone so write it down and keep it in a safe place.
5. **Free Directory Service** - To avoid charges for 411 calls, dial **(800) FREE411, OR (800) 373-3411**, you won't incur any charges

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. The spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad." Did you see how poor people Live?" The father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what you learned from the trip."

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then the son added. "Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are."



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November 1	October 18

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