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## Is Odd Fellowship Alive in Ashton?

Written by John Jorgensen, Ashton Lodge #88

Your first question probably is: "What is Odd Fellowship?" The Odd Fellow lodge is a fraternal brotherhood. Its objective is "to improve and elevate the character of mankind." Its motto is "Friendship, Love and Truth".

The Odd Fellows lodge was started in England in the early seventeen hundreds. It began as an opportunity for men to get together to help one another to find work, help with family problems and support each other in times of need.

Odd Fellowship was founded in the United States on April 29, 1819 and spread throughout the country. In the west, one of the first organizations and buildings in town was often the Odd Fellows lodge. At one time, in the Upper Snake River Valley, there were Odd Fellows and Rebekahs (women's branch) Lodges in Pocatello, American Falls, Blackfoot, Shelley, Idaho Falls, Roberts, Rexburg, St. Anthony, Dubois and Ashton. At present only Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Ashton have both lodges. American Falls and Blackfoot have only a Rebekah Lodge. The Ashton lodge was instituted in April 1906 and the lodge hall was built in 1907.

From the time the Odd Fellows Lodge started in Ashton until the mid to late 1950's, many of the leading businessmen and citizens were members. By that time the government was starting to take control of a lot of things that the Odd Fellows were doing locally, i.e. education for orphans, burying the dead, caring for widows and relief for the distressed. At one time the Odd Fellow Lodge owned and operated an orphanage in Idaho Falls, and nursing homes in Nampa and Sandpoint.

Today the Odd Fellow Lodge and Rebekahs Lodge in Ashton, have about 25 members who are still doing things in the community to benefit the citizens. The Rebekahs have given a scholarship to graduating seniors for the last 50 years. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs own the Flea Market, a second hand thrift store, which has been open for 40 years. Several non-profit organizations in the Ashton and St. Anthony area operate the Flea market at different times during the year as fund raisers for their organizations.

The Ashton Christian Fellowship Church, the Ashton Community United Methodist Women, Zion Lutheran Mary Martha League, and 3rd Ward LDS Young Women are church groups that have run the Flea Market for mission projects, youth camp funds and other needs.

Mesa Falls Marathon Committee and the Ashton American Dog Derby Committee have raised funds for those community events.

St. Anthony P.E.O., Ashton P.E.O., St. Anthony and Ashton American Legion Auxiliary, and. Parent Teacher Partners have used the Flea Market to raise money for educational projects. The Red Hat Society, Upper Valley Humane Society, North Fremont Cheerleaders, and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers have also raised funds for their varied projects at the Flea Market. At present, the Flea Market is closed for renovation. Since this is the only building in Ashton that is on the Historic Registry, many local residents feel a special interest in it's history.

The Flea Market should not look much different when it gets it's planned new window, but starting in April, it will have a clean, fresh look.

Although the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Lodges goals have changed over the years, they still play an important role in the life of the Ashton Community.

**Yes Odd Fellowship is alive in Ashton.**

**Bulletin  
2009 Sessions  
Burley, ID**

**AMOSETTE COMMITTEE SETS THE MOOD**

ARE YOU READY TO FIND OUT

HOW THE WEST WAS WON ???

DO THE GOOD GUYS REALLY ALWAYS WIN ???

FIND OUT MORE ---

(Please read the following article, thank you.)

**WATCH FOR MORE BULLETINS  
ON THE UPCOMING SESSIONS!**

**NEWS FROM YOUR 2009  
GRAND SESSION  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Your planning committee is working toward making the 2009 a fun and memorable event. Prices for the meeting rooms have already been arranged as well as the necessary equipment. The menu selections and prices for the banquets will be decided and set at a later time. Ruth #107, Burley, Idaho, had a special meeting to discuss the theme for the Amosette Banquet. The theme will be “How the West was Won” so all you cowpokes, dance hall girls, miners and settlers better dust off your hats, shine your boots and clean your guns for some Wild West fun and games. There will be prizes for best costumes and programs. Ruth #107 will provide the prizes. Stay tuned for more exciting news!!!

In F. L. and T.  
Your planning committee



**Mark Your Calendars**



**TEMPLE ENCAMPMENT FISH FRY**

**WHAT??** FISH FRY with biscuits, spuds, salad, desert

**WHERE??** CALDWELL LODGE HALL

**WHEN??** JUNE 8, 2009 6:00 P.M.

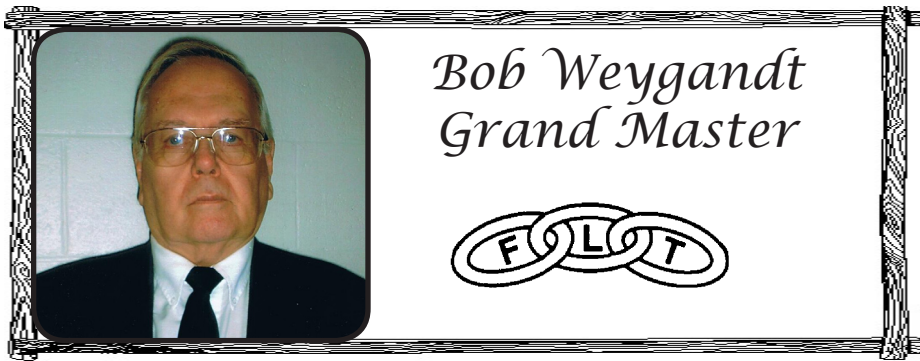
**COST??** \$5.00 PER PERSON

**WHO??** EVERYONE, UP TO 70 PERSONS

PLEASE R.S.V.P. FOR ATTENDANCE  
Temple Encampment #3  
P.O. Box 669  
Middleton, Idaho 83664

**COMING EVENTS 2009**

MAY		
2	DISTRICT 12 (R)	PLUMMER
9	DISTRICT 12 (IOOF)	PLUMMER
16	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
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		
6-8	N.W. ASSOCIATION	WASHINGTON



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

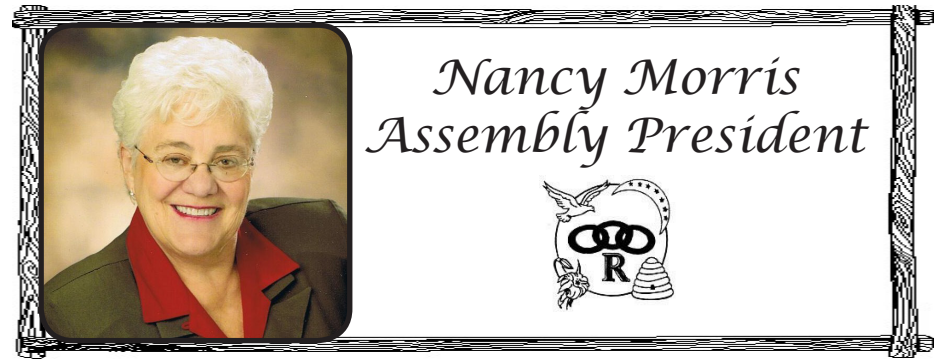
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I feel the same about all of you that I have visited with during this year. What a blessing it has been to spend time with each and every one of you. I hope that my visits with you have made our bonds of Odd Fellowship stronger than ever before. I hope that each of you have renewed your commitment to Odd Fellowship, and the gaining and retaining of new members. This is how we will assure that each new Grand Master will have the same opportunity that I have had to visit all of the lodges and visit with all of the great members throughout the Jurisdiction.

Through your efforts, we will continue to have a strong and growing order. It is my honor to serve as your Grand Master, and I look forward to my final visitations.

Please remember to share the world of Odd Fellowship with someone today.

In F.L.&T.  
Bob Weygandt  
Grand Master  
Jurisdiction of Idaho



Dear Sisters & Brothers:

The flowers are blooming and the robins are back so I guess Spring is just about here even though we still have snow in the mountains. The weather has held for my travels. I have so enjoyed the fellowship of the Rebekah Sisters and Brothers in my visitation these past two months. I will be in the center of the state now.

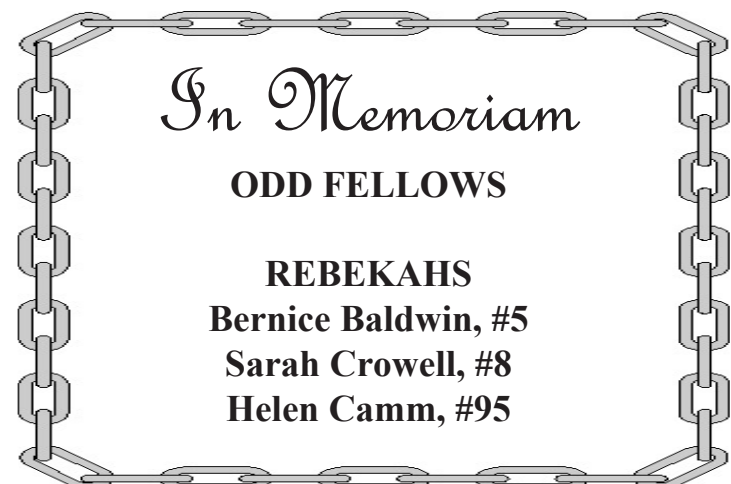
Remember it is not how we dress for a meeting but that we attend the meeting. I have seen many changes in the attitude of the Sister if we have fun and are relaxed. Spring is here so maybe we will feel like dressing up for meetings. We need you in person so you all come, hear now!

Easter has come and gone and think of the great sacrifices that were made to make our lives full filled. I have enjoyed going to the difference churches around the state. Easter is such a wonderful time of the year. We are so blessed.

The Hand of Friendship has been extended by the Host Lodges and the smiles of welcome are waiting for those who attend the District meeting now under way. Do plan to be present at these meetings, so that you may enjoy the fellowship of the day, lend the encouragement of your presents and glean inspiration from the reports, explanations, the discussions and the ceremonies.

So UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN - The wish is old but still it shows A friendship that endures; Through all the days, from dawn To close, May happiness be yours.

In Friendship, Love and Truth  
Nancy Morris, President  
Rebekah Assembly of Idaho





## Preston Putnam Goes to Regional Wrestling Tournament



Rebekah members Judy Putnam and Elaine Beyeler, at District 1 meeting March 21, 2009, asked Odd Fellows and Rebekah's to contribute to Sister Judy Putnam's son Preston Putnam, Sister Elaine Beyeler grandson's trip to Regional Wrestling Tournament in Reno NV. Preston qualified for regional's in Pocatello taking second place in his weight class at district which gave him the bye for the Cliff Keen Worlds tournament in Reno NV. Total cost of trip is \$1000.00 for Judy and Preston to go. Odd Fellows and Rebekah's contributed \$94.00 towards the cost of their trip.

Judy, Preston and Elaine would like to thank all of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's that opened their hearts and pocket books to contribute to Preston's trip.

F.L.T.

Sister Judy, Sister Elaine and Preston

## Special Meeting at Stites Rebekah's Hosts President Nancy Morris

Wow, the weather was terrific and the company was superb, what more could we have asked as we hosted President Nancy at her official visit to Stites Rebekah's.

A late morning luncheon of delicious chicken salad, fruit salad and desert set the tone for a lovely time of visiting with friends we had not seen in a while.

Our decorations of horseshoes and hats and donkeys, graced the room in tribute to our Presidents emblems. Our tables were trimmed with her flowers of yellow roses and pink carnations all assembled in the tin cups of mule trains of yore.

Our April 16th meeting was special in more ways than one. The president spoke of her visiting in our lodges and the great time she had in our area. She was presented with a monetary gift from our members and a special gift from our Noble Grand. We honored our much appreciated desk officers and presented them a gift from the lodge members and one from the grateful Noble Grand.

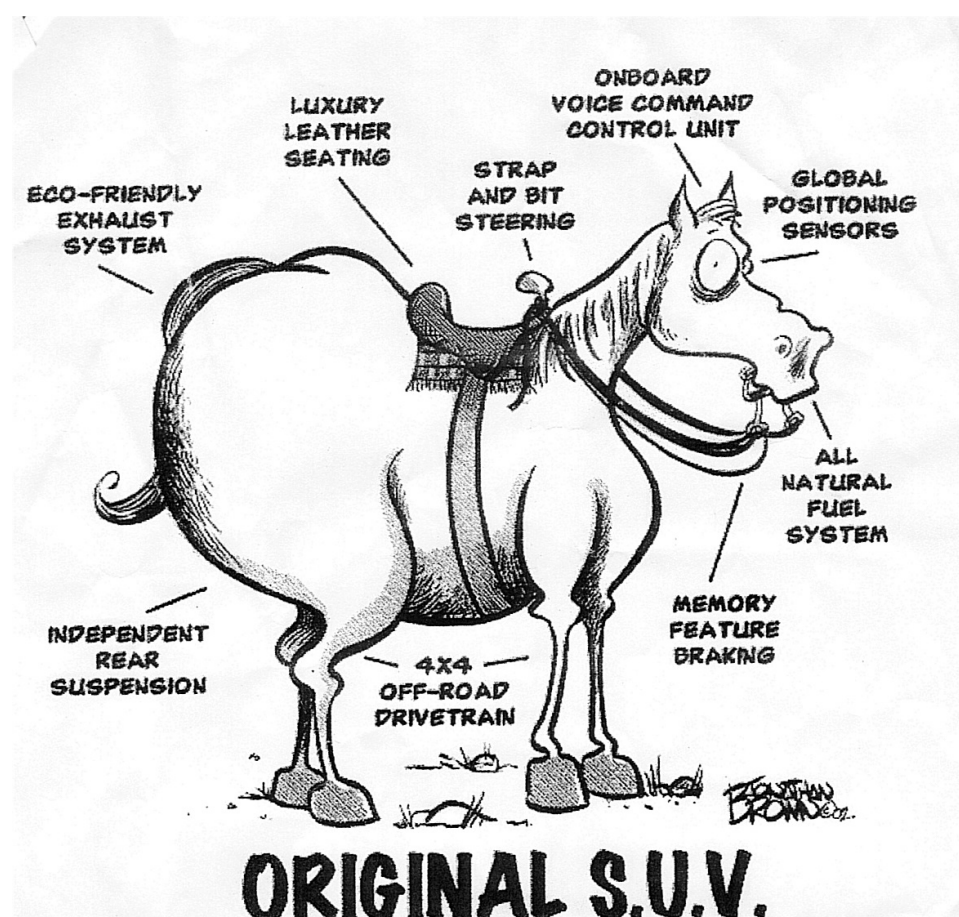
As the Noble Grand had three plus inches of snow three days before our meeting she gave everyone present, a live tulip as a declaration that spring really is coming.

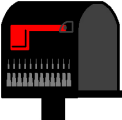


President Nancy we really enjoyed your visit and hope you will stop by again sometime.

In F.L. & T.

Joyce Wikse, N.G.

Reporter





**CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS**

Hi to relatives and friends,

I have moved to a retirement home --imagine no cooking, no dishes (except a few breakfast dishes if I don't go to the dining room (lazy, you know!)), no having to change sheets or vacuum! It's pretty nice!

My new address is 7250 Poplar St, Apt #102, Boise, ID 83704 - Phone # 208 570 9522. I have a 1-bedroom apartment and will soon have it fixed up to my satisfaction! Hope to hear from you - Dee McManus

I'M ALSO FEELING BETTER AND ALMOST WELL!! THEN "WATCH OUT"!





## The Story Behind the Picture of “The Praying Hands”



Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighborhood.

Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of Albrecht Durer the Elder's children had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by laboring in the mines.

They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg.

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honored position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no ...no ...no."

Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look ... look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late."

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver-point sketches, watercolors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no one - no one - - ever makes it alone!

## Guiding Star #4 Initiates New Member



Noble Grand Lois Clark with new member Kathy Schultz  
& her sponsor Pat Marvin



Initiation Team: Laura McAnulty, Virgie Taylor, Peg Roberson,  
Ruth Harrison, Jean Floyd & Elsie Wilmouth

The District #5 Initiation Team helped Guiding Star #4 initiate a new member into their Lodge on Thursday, April 23. Six ladies from Jerome, Wendell, and Hagerman made the trip to Mountain Home Thursday evening and filled in the chairs along with eleven Sisters and Brothers of Guiding Star for the very impressive initiation ceremony. Kathy Schultz of Mountain Home is now Guiding Star's newest member. She was sponsored by Pat Marvin who decided to ask her to join after she mentioned to Pat that she just wanted to do her part in helping other people with charitable contributions. Doesn't that sound like a Rebekah to you? After the initiation, everyone enjoyed refreshments and a good old fashioned visit. Guiding Star really thanks the ladies for traveling over to help.

Pat Marvin  
Guiding Star #4



## That Personal Touch

When a new Lodge member enters your Rebekah meeting for the first time, is she welcomed and given special attention by long-time members? Or does the new member just sit in the back of the room, unnoticed?

First impressions are lasting and how you welcome your new members will set the tone for how those members will assimilate into your Rebekah operations. Most of our leaders can attribute their success to the fact that a seasoned member took the time and effort to provide a personal touch to a new member and encourage participation. That personal touch includes telling the new member about Rebekahs and describing Lodge operations-not all at once, but slowly, over a period of time. That personal touch also may include calling the new member to offer a ride to a meeting, a neighbor Rebekah meeting, a district meeting or even a state convention.

The more value the new member can see from being involved in Rebekahs, the more likely she is to become a Lodge leader. The same goes for your more seasoned members who have stopped attending Rebekah meetings.

A committee-either membership, telephone or a specially appointed "Lodge outreach" may start a campaign to contact these nonparticipating members, either by telephone or personally meeting with them over coffee, encouraging them to attend Rebekah meetings or offering them an opportunity to be part of Rebekah operations. Be careful that these contacts do not appear to be desperate, nor should you pressure these members into a more active role. Be positive and show them the tremendous value of Rebekah membership and what they might gain from becoming active participants in our meetings.

Submitted by Pat Marvin  
Guiding Star #4



## Assembly President Visits Gem of the Mountains #5



Georgia Wickham presenting Assembly President Nancy Morris with gift box from George McGaffick, Noble Grand



Assembly President Nancy Morris pins PNG Jewel on George McGaffick during her visit.

Following officer installations in January, Gem of The Mountains #5 of Caldwell made plans for the visitation of Idaho Rebekah Assembly President Nancy Morris to their Lodge on February 17th. Mrs. Morris is a member of Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 of Post Falls, Idaho. The Introduction Committee-- Sharon McGaffick and Georgia Wickham introduced the President and she was given the Honors. Noble Grand George McGaffick presented her a gift box filled with items from the individual members on behalf of the Lodge. The President gave an outline on her Program and listed reasons behind the choosing of her various programs and emblems. She also appointed lodge members Sharon McGaffick and Georgia Wickham to serve as officers during her sessions in October at Burley, Idaho.

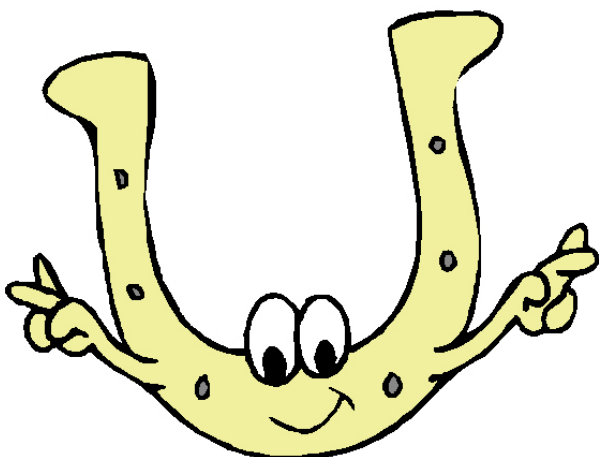
During the visitation George McGaffick received his Past Noble Grand jewel from the lodge and it was pinned on by the Assembly President. Caldwell retained its same officers of 2008 to serve for 2009, with the exception of Right Supporter to the Vice Grand. Jay Gohr was appointed to fill that chair.

On March 3rd the Lodge welcomed Dist. Deputy President of District #7, Jelene Baird of Melba #105 at her official visit to the Lodge. She received gifts from the lodge and was seated to the Noble Grands right. During her talk she encouraged the members to be diligent in following the policies and procedures of the Order and to have programs that would enhance the meetings for our members.

Both Officers stressed the importance of giving others the opportunity of belonging to an Order that benefits many through their benevolent programs, and encouraged members to seek ways to increase their membership and provide programs to increase interest in the meetings.

Easter Hats assembled by the members, provided for an interesting and colorful program at our April 7th meeting. We are now making plans for our Lodge Deputy's visit on April 21st.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Raymond, Publicity Ch.



TRIBUTE TO SCHUYLER COLFAX

Written by Stites associate member Jo Piller

Schuyler Colfax was a man of vision  
And Sovereign Grand Lodge finally made a decision,  
To allow him to found a lodge for the wives,  
“Let’s try it out, and hope it survives!”

As all of us know, the men need us, too  
To make Mr. Colfax’s dream come true,  
To establish Rebekahs to always be there  
The work of the Odd Fellows to enjoy and share.

Then friendship, love and truth must be the foundation  
This was his dream of his new creation.  
The Golden Links would be the sign,  
And remind us all to be sharing and kind.

And so the Rebekahs went to work  
To share the load and never shirk,  
To feed the orphan and care for the poor.  
As time went by, they did much more.

Schuyler Colfax spent his life  
Giving a helping hand to those in strife,  
And so we honor him today,  
Roll up our sleeves and gently pray

“God give us the vision, lend us a hand  
To help the needy throughout the land!”

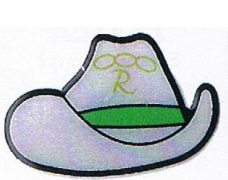
Submitted by Joyce Wikse reporter

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