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Silver Leaf Rebekah Lodge #27 Living Legacy Program

Rebekah Lodge #27 gets help planting 2 trees in the Clayton Cemetary as their part in the Living Legacy Program. Johnny Bradshaw and Frank Smith were kind enough to help the girls get the trees planted.

Submitted by Linda Campbell

Left to right: Frank Smith and Johnny Bradshaw.



From left to right is Joyce Rovetto, Johnny Bradshaw
Linda Campbell & Joann Johnson



Fraternal Quilt on Display at the Historical Building



A beautiful Fraternal Quilt is on display at the Historical Building in Caldwell. This quilt was designed, made and quilted by Lady Edna Harrison 1928-2000, with the help of Joy Hoover, her older sister. Joy is 90 plus and still quilting.

Lady Edna was President of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant of Idaho 1980-1981. She was also a 50 year member of Occident Rebekah Lodge No. 58, Fairfield, Idaho. Many Rebekahs will remember her as a faithful member of Rebekah Assembly Choirs for many years. Her smile was ready and special. Edna and her husband, Boyd, spent later years in Emmett to be near family.

Submitted by Virginia Moberly, PP
Assembly Historian

LODGE HISTORY REMINDER

I want to thank all of the Lodges who have sent their 2008 Histories to me to be filed in the Historical Building. We are still missing some and as we will be recessing for summer, would hope this could be attended to before recess. Thank you for your attention to this matter and do appreciate all who have completed their Histories.

Virginia Moberly, Rebekah Assembly Historian

COMING EVENTS 2009

JUNE

6	DISTRICT 3	SALMON
13	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
27	OWYHEE # 2	SILVER CITY

JULY

11	DEPT. COUNCIL	WENDELL
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AUGUST

22	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY
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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

Until further notice the Assembly Office will be closed on Monday's.

Thanks Vicky

RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

As I stated earlier- Congratulations Secretaries and Lodges!! Most of the Annual Reports arrived before deadline. Thank you. It is a noticeable improvement. But, there were several that waited until after deadline to get the reports in. (Some REAL late) These facts will be noted in the Secretary's report in the Journal. I do not believe that you realize that late reports cost you money as S.G.L. levies a fine on late reports.

Most of the lodges are working to maintain their attendance and some have projects in the mill to increase their presence in the communities. Good Work!!!

I have the latest Manual of Instructions for the Odd Fellow lodges in stock now. They are \$1.50 plus tax and shipping. Each member should have one. Let me know how many your lodge wants.

Most of your lodges are going into recess for June and July, so don't forget the responsibilities that will be facing you at the first meeting in September. A packet from the Grand Secretary will be waiting for you to act upon. **Do not** set it aside and forget it.

Again I will remind the secretaries of getting the Election of Officers reports returned in December.

If you sign up a new member, sign them up for Funeral Aid also. This is one of their obligations when joining the lodge.

SECRETARIES: 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. The heading will be changed on the next Annual Report for your convenience. It is also in the breakdown of per capita dues.

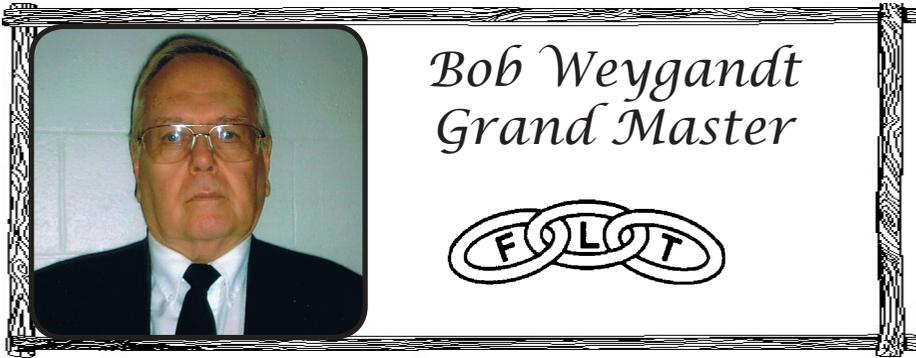
The ELECTION of officers is the first meeting in **December** and THAT report should be back in the Grand Lodge before the end of the month so it can get into the news directory. As it says on the **instruction page**, Annual Report time is **too late** to send it. What is **received** is the name and 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. 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 the membership. ASK SOMEONE

Kenny Averill,
Grand Secretary



*Bob Weygandt
Grand Master*



As summer nears and winter passes into a distant memory, we welcome all of the wonderful times that summer will bring us, picnics, barbecues, bicycle rides and trips to our favorite fishing spots.

Soon, some of our lodges will take the summer off and not hold meetings. I hope that each of you will continue to think of your lodge and fellow members during this recess. I hope that each lodge will plan a get together during this time, to keep our fraternal bonds strong. It becomes too easy to get into the habit of not going to lodge.

I know that each of you are as committed to Odd Fellowship as I am and I know that when you return from your summer break, you will once more start working hard to build a stronger lodge and order.

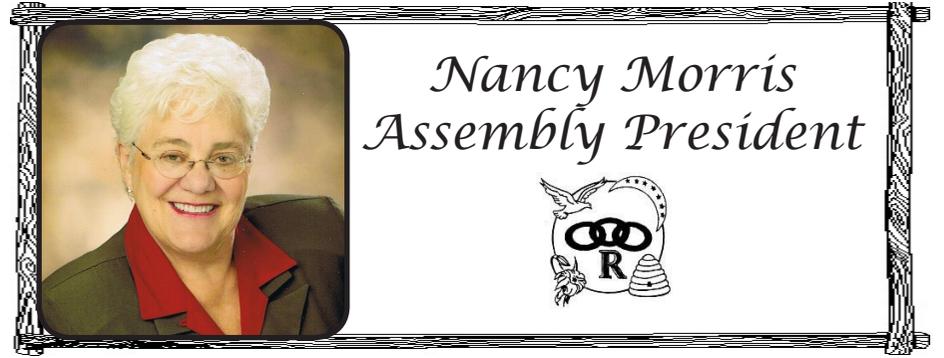
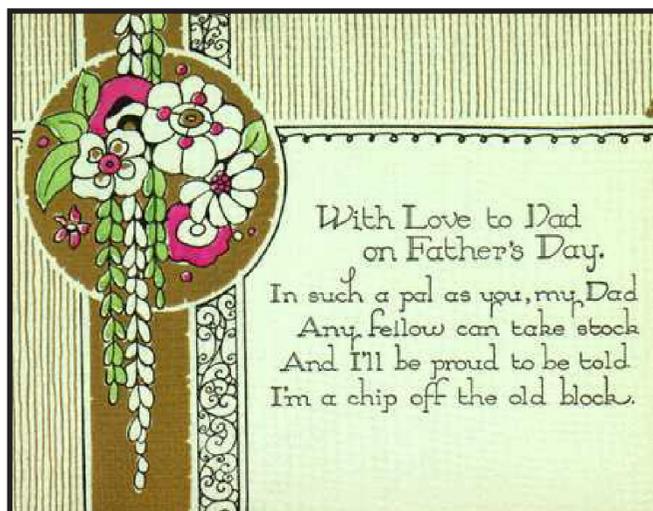
As we begin our summer, our first gathering will be at the Island Park Fish Fry, on the second Saturday of June. You all should have seen this announcement in the paper and hopefully you can attend. I encourage each lodge to be sure and send an article into the paper, whenever your lodge is going to have an activity that you would like to have other members come to.

This is the best way to get the information to every Odd Fellow and Rebekah in the state and maybe will help get more members out to support each lodge.

Most of all, if it is something anyone can attend, please ask people who are not members to attend, as this is a wonderful way to introduce Odd Fellowship to non-members.

Remember we must build for our future.

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



*Nancy Morris
Assembly President*



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The time has really gone by fast and I have met so many wonderful Sisters and Brothers. I hope that you are asking that "someone" to join. I have heard that we have new members coming into the Order. I am so proud that you are getting new members. Remember to be a Mentor to these new members and help them in the lodge work. Make them feel part of us in what we do.

As we are slipping into summer, remember to have fun, have a picnic with the members or an afternoon tea. Have a social hour in which you can ask others to attend and visit with them, tell them about our Rebekah work. Remember to visit the shut-ins and those that are house bound. They love to visit and see us.

Remember our Fathers on June 21st and Flag Day on June 14th. Our fathers and our Brothers who have done so much for us now and forever.

A Father is someone
Precious and dear,
Whose faith in you efforts
Eliminates fear,

A father is friendship
In faded blue jeans.
He's a shoulder to cry on
The man with the means.

You earn his respect.
He's example and guide.
When the going gets rough,
He stands by your side.

He has faith in tomorrow
And strength from above
In words spoken plainly,
A father is LOVE.

So until we met again **"HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU"**.

In F. L. T.

Nancy Morris
Assembly President



Membership

Hello all of my Sisters and Brothers;

When Sister Nancy asked me to be Membership Chairman last October, I told her yes, actually I told her I thought she was nuts for asking me, but I'm a Rebekah. Being a Rebekah means that when you are asked to do something, you do it! I need to apologize because I really have not been much of a membership chairman.

The membership in our order is declining, everyone knows that. We've all heard the suggestions on how to approach someone about becoming a member, in fact I would guess that we have probably all visited with ladies and gentleman that would make great Rebekah's and did not even think about talking about being a Rebekah and what it has meant to you, I know I have.

When I was a Theta Rho girl, just a few years ago, becoming a Rebekah was a natural choice, but even then, gaining members was difficult. This was a time when most woman no longer had the luxury of being able to be stay at home wives and mom's, most had full time job's and did the juggling act of work, home and family. Being gone on a weeknight was a difficult choice to make. I made the choice because I lived in Troy, so getting to go to Deary every other week to spend time with friends was a joy to me. My husband did not care much for it, at that time men were not Rebekah's and the Odd Fellow's no longer had a club in Deary, or Troy. Times have really not changed much.

Over the years, I've made as many meeting as I could, I've gone through the chair's as Noble Grand more times that I can remember and made more Assemblies than I can remember too, but I do know that I've gotten to see parts of Idaho that I might not ever have gotten to had I not been a Rebekah and made friends across the state that I love seeing every year.

I recall a conversation with a Rebekah sister a few years back, she was frustrated, and was considering leaving the order. We visited a while but I remember her asking me why I had become a Rebekah and what made me stay a Rebekah for so many years. I think my first response was, "Well, mom makes me!" and then I laughed. I had to think about it for a while because being a Rebekah was just such a natural part of my life. We continued to visit she shared her frustrations; we talked about some ideas and I shared with her some of my thoughts on why I was a Rebekah. She is still a member; I'd like to think I helped her with her choices although I don't think I did. She is "a natural" at being a Rebekah.

It is easy for us to become "Comfortable" with our life, it's easy, to choose the same habits and behaviors, but what if we changed a bit? Changed the times of our meeting, at least 1 meeting a month to allow those "working member's" that can't make day meetings or those older members that don't drive at night an option to come, share their love and joy of belonging to the order and remember why they choose to become a Rebekah. What if, the next time you were at church or out in the community helping with a project you talked with someone, a friend or neighbor, about Rebekah's and just see where that goes.

The rules of our order make it difficult to make changes, but it can happen, ask for a special dispensation or hold a Special Meeting to accommodate those sisters that wouldn't otherwise get to join you, you won't be disappointed, I'm sure. And you won't know if it will work or not until you try!

I know that we have lost members; that would have been exceptional members, because of the unwritten work. Sister's please, being a Rebekah means that you look past some failings in others, not everyone can remember word for word and recite the secret work. Don't let that mean that you lose a sister or brother, they will get it eventually, help them to learn it, say it with them, whatever it takes. Being a Rebekah means that you have compassion for others; that you care for people, regardless of your personal feelings, helping others, that's what makes a Rebekah.

Enjoy your choice to be a Rebekah and ask someone to join you in that choice!

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Sister Debbie Whitney
Membership Chairman

Let our Order be known in the Community, get new members and do good where ever we can



Thank You

My sincere THANKS go out to each and every one of you who have either sent cards or called during my loooong bout of surgeries and illness. It seems like a never ending battle, but I feel that maybe there is some light at the end of the tunnel now. I know that with your continued prayers and well wishes, I will get better each day. I realize that this has caused me to be behind in many of my duties as Vice- President of your Assembly, but hopefully I will get everything caught up in the next few weeks.

Again, Thanks to you all.

Roberta Joy Lee

Vice-President, Rebekah Assembly of Idaho



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

TO ALL OFFICERS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

- GRAND MASTER
- DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
- GRAND WARDEN
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IT IS TIME TO SEND IN YOUR REPORTS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE ADVANCE JOURNAL. PLEASE INCLUDE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT OR COST ANALYSIS WITH YOUR REPORT IF APPLICABLE. ****

THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1 SO THE ADVANCE REPORT CAN BE BACK TO THE LODGES IN TIME FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW IT IN SEPTEMBER

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

IN F.L.T.

KENNY AVERILL,
GRAND SECRETARY

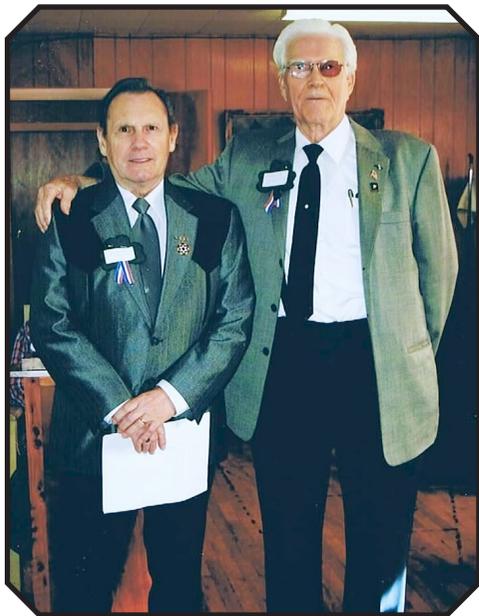
ISLAND PARK FISH FRY PREPARATIONS PROGRESSING

The Island Park Fish Fry preparations are progressing nicely. We have the fry cooks, dippers in hand, standing by and ready for the oil to get hot. Well, not quite yet, but they are ready and waiting for the day to arrive. 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. We will be organizing a Friday night gathering as well and the Sunday morning Buckaroo Breakfast is also on again this year. The location will be the usual place; Buffalo Run Camp Ground in Island Park. Just tell them you are with the Odd Fellows. They are expecting us. There are also cabins available at the camp ground and a motel within a mile so don't let the lack of a camp trailer prevent you from attending. The phone number for Buffalo Run Camp Ground is (208) 558-7112 and the motel in Island Park is the Anglers' Lodge, (208) 558-9555.

As reported last time, we are trying to start a "re-surgence" of a truly great tradition started by Frank Markham, Floyd Hensley, and Amil Johnson back in the late 60's. This is a great opportunity to 'kick off your summer' and to visit with friends and fellow members of the Order.

If you have any questions you can call Dan Sanow @ 529-1642 or send an e-mail to sanow1@msn.com.

Donnie Marvin Receives 25 Year Veterans



**Brothers Donnie Marvin
& Clyde Davis**



**Donnie Marvin being
pinned by Pat Marvin**

At the District #5 Meeting held on March 14th, a 25 year jewel was awarded to Donnie Marvin by Clyde Davis. Here is the speech that Clyde Davis gave for the ceremony.

"Today, it is my privilege and honor to award a twenty five year Veterans Jewel to an Odd Fellow who, in my opinion, has been overlooked, to some degree, in the dedication and continuous support he has given to all aspects of Odd Fellowship. Since he signed the Members Register, twenty five years ago, he as served as Noble Grand and Secretary of his lodge for a number of years. He has also, on more than one occasion served as District Deputy Grand Master. He has never refused a request to serve on a committee or as an Appointive Officer in his home lodge or the Grand Lodge. In 2005-2006 he served as the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Idaho. He also found time to serve other units of the Order, such as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Idaho in 2002-2003, and is currently, the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Idaho. And while serving as Grand Scribe, he took over as Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge for Earl Graham when he passed away, and continued as a Representative to SGL for two additional years, and then took on the additional office of Department Commander of the Department Council, Patriarchs Militant of Idaho for 2007-2009. During this time of serving Odd Fellowship, he also had to have back surgery and a hip replacement. Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch, Department commander Donnie Marvin of Mountain Home Lodge #19, please rise and come to the center of the floor where it will be my pleasure to present you with a well earned Veterans Jewel."

Then Donnie was pinned with his 25 year Jewel with the help of Donnie's wife, Pat Marvin.

Submitted by Pat Marvin

*Bulletin
2009 Sessions
Burley, ID*

**AMOSSETTE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED
THEY'RE NOT DECORATING - YOU ARE!**
(They must not have time to decorate 'cause they've
been out plowing the fields & brandin' cows!)

SIGN UP YOUR LODGE TO DECORATE A TABLE
AT THE AMOSSETTE BANQUET.
PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATIONS.

ENTRY FORM TO DECORATE TABLE:

LODGE NAME: _____

CONTACT: _____

Please mail to:

Shirley Warren, Secretary

Ruth Lodge #107

901 East 16th Street

Burley, ID 83318

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



The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

And One More Thing

The following poem brought back a lot of memories from long ago. Perhaps, our members also might enjoy this poem.

Drinking From A Saucer

I've never made a fortune
 And it's probably too late now.
 But I don't worry about that much.
 I'm happy anyhow.
 As I go along life's journey,
 I'm reaping better than I sowed.
 I'm drinking from my saucer
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

Ain't got a lot of riches,
 Sometimes the goings rough,
 But I've got children that loves me,
 That makes me rich enough.
 I just thank God for His blessings,
 And the mercy He has bestowed.
 I'm drinking from my saucer
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

And I remember times when things
 went wrong
 And my faith got a little thin.
 But then all at once the dark clouds
 broke
 And the old sun broke through again.
 So Lord, help me not to gripe
 About the tough rows I have hoed.

I'm drinking from my saucer
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

And if God gives me the strength and
 courage
 When the way gets steep and rough,
 I won't ask for other blessings.
 I'm already blessed enough.
 And may I never be too busy
 To help another bear his load
 Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

Author - George McPee

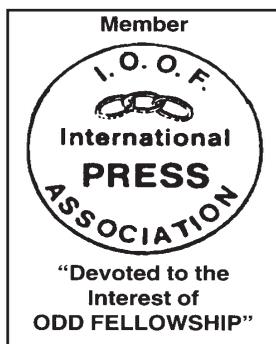
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November 1	October 18

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