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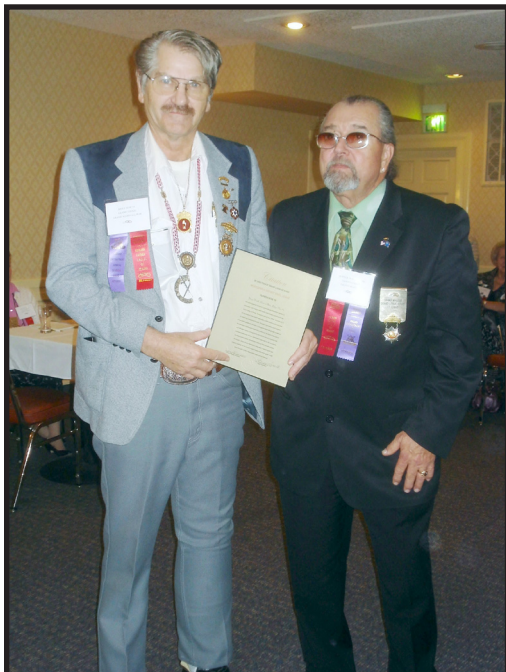
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Jerry North and Bessie Houck Receive the Meritorious Service Jewel



Jerry North & GM James Weighall

Meritorious Service
Jewel



Rebecca Rhodes, Bessie Houck & Nancy Morris

At the Odd Fellow Session, North Idaho had the very pleasant surprise with Sister Bessie Houck of Tillicum Lodge No 142 and Brother Jerry North of Coeur d'Alene Lodge No 35, receiving the Meritorious Service Jewel. This jewel is presented to those who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of their duties to their lodges and districts.

There was a summons at the Wednesday session for Bessie Houck to come to the Odd Fellow Session to be escorted by Nancy Morris and Rebecca Rhodes. No one knew at that time what was the reason for the summons.

Sister Bessie was so surprised that she could not speak. Brother Jerry was also surprised as he thought he was to escort Sister Bessie. Brother Charles Renninger, SGL Warden of the District of Columbia, presented the jewels. The Odd Fellows then greeted Sister Bessie and Brother Jerry.

North Idaho is very proud of these Odd Fellows, thanking them for their service above and beyond the scope of their main duties. Thank you Sister Bessie and Brother Jerry for your service to the Order.

Submitted by Nancy Morris, PP



Royal Gem Rebekah News

Royal Gem's many sisters have been cooking up a storm for our annual Rebekah's Turkey Dinner.

We had our Annual Rebekah's Turkey dinner on November 14th. Bingo started at 10am and stayed very busy with ALL ages till 4:30pm. Many great prizes were won. We had 175+ plates of turkey dinner served and this is a record numbers for our lodge.

Items served ranged from the all kinds of delicious homemade pies, & Jellos. Several different types of salads...along w/ all the trimmings.....But lets not forget about the delicious turkeys that were all made by us Rebekah ladies also. Like I said we have all been doing allot of cooking. I'm almost sure the town of White bird Loved all the different smells coming from our homes.

The money we raise from our dinner is put into our general fund to help maintain and support all the needs of our lodge. We also are doing a wood raffle this year that we will be drawing for at the Local Christmas program later in December. Royal Gem Rebekahs LOVE to stay Busy!!!

From our Lodge to Yours....Happy Thanksgiving to all our Sisters and Brothers!

In FL&T~ PNG Shandra Chandler

Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110



Jean Floyd (left) and Shirley Shropshire (right), are shown delivering blankets and afghans to a representative (middle) of the South Central Community Action Agency located in Jerome. Some of the blankets were made from fabric donated by members of Bingham Rebekah Lodge No. 78, American Falls.

Syringa has donated quilts and blankets to this organization for the past two years, and we feel that it is a very worthwhile project.

Union #45 Rebekah's Entertain at Cornerstone

Members took cupcakes and ice cream to the residents at Cornerstone Retirement Center to celebrate Veteran's Day. Every one had a great time. Attending were Midge Lorkowski, Ruth Harrison, Wanda Hays, Laura McNulty, Virgie Taylor and Simmons.



Ruth Harrison
Entertains the
residents

Peg Roberson. Publicity Chr.



Back Right - Ruth Harrison Back Left - Virgie Raylor
Right Middle - Midge Lorkowski
Other 5 ladies are residents at Cornerstone

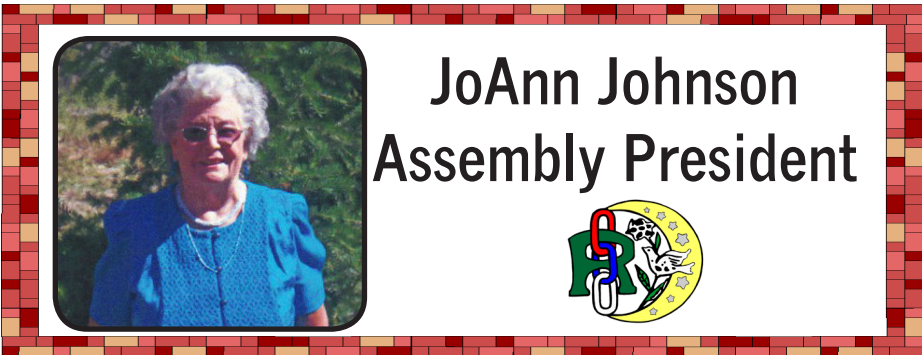
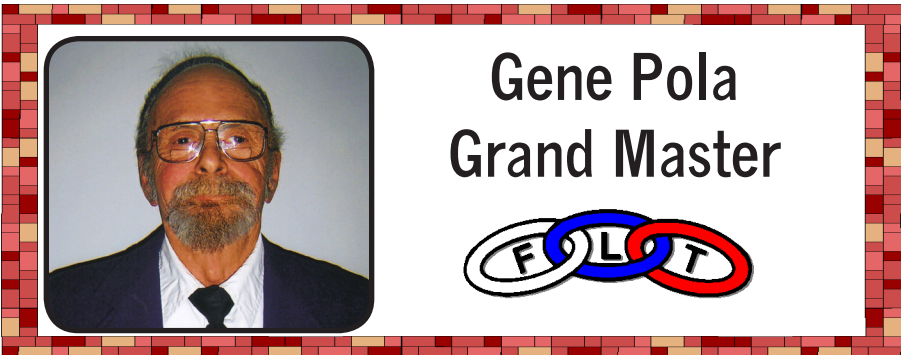
News From White Pine Rebekah Lodge



White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60 recently initiated two new members, Diana Hale and Kassy Waleczyak. Diane is the daughter of lodge member Christine Brown and Cassie is the niece of lodge member. Shown (l to r) are Christine, Diana, Cassie and Rhonda

Judy O'Brien,
reporter for Lodge #60





To all my Brothers and Sisters:

By the time you receive this the holidays will be over and the new year has begun and you are getting ready to install your new officers.

I hope and pray that everybody had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At this time I would like to congratulate the new officers for which they have been elevated to. I know that you all will have a great year. I am looking forward to meeting all of you when I visit your lodges.

I know that you have been told by every Grand Master about our membership problem but membership is the key that will unlock the door to our survival of Oddfellowship in Idaho. I am always trying to recruit new members. Over the years I have heard from the older members that they have all ready got their four or five new members in. I have to ask them how many of those new members are still in the lodge. As far as I am concerned it is a never ending quest to get more members for our lodges.

Another thing we need to do is get out in our communities and help with different projects and let everybody know who we are.

Keep the our lodges going and growing.

In F. L. & T.
Gene Pola
Grand Master



To all my Sisters and Brothers;

As the New Year starts I hope you all had a great Holiday Season enjoying good times with your Family and Friends. By the time you read this you all will have installed your new officers. Please get your reports in on time. I am so looking forward to the start of my visits. The joy of it will be meeting new friends and seeing all my other friends . It is sad but we are getting smaller as we lost more lodges this year, so try to get new members and try to get old ones coming back. Lets get a good start for a great year ahead. Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year.

In F.L.T
JoAnn Johnson
Assembly President



Changes to President's Itinerary	
Feb. 12	Change District Meeting from Wilder to Boise
Feb. 22	Remove Ruby #49, Parma
Mar. 21	Remove Ruth #107, Burley
Apr. 13	Remove Zenith #59, Stites
Apr. 16	Change Rose #18 to May 21

WHITE LETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION

I am printing this as a hand-out so our members/committees can be well informed on what their responsibilities are on the grand scope of operations.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is made up of various committees that have a very valuable purpose in the smooth operation of the Order. Each committee is assigned a duty or responsibility that is regulated by the Code of General Laws or the Constitution and By-Laws of Idaho.

Each lodge should have a current updated Code of General Laws in its possession and also a current Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. (I would recommend each member to acquire this also)

For a better understanding of the duties/responsibilities of some of these committees or boards, a check list is provided.

Grand Trustees	Article V, Section 15, By-Laws of Grand Lodge of Idaho
Sub-Committee on Finance	Article V, Section 12, By-Laws of Grand Lodge of Idaho
Newspaper Board	Article III, Section 16, By-Laws of Grand Lodge of Idaho
D.D.G.M./Spec. Lodge Dep.	Article IV, Sections 4-8, Bylaws of Grand Lodge of Idaho
Historical Bldg. Trustee	Article V, Section 14, By-Laws of Grand Lodge of Idaho
Youth Committee	Article V, Section 13, By-Laws of Grand Lodge of Idaho

Each and every board or committee is to render to the Grand Secretary an annual report on its activities for the preceding year by August to be printed in the Advance Journal which is distributed to the lodges in September.

Traditionally, the top name on the list of members is the Chairman of that committee unless it is otherwise specified in the By-laws.

Some committees have been assigned to a task and either did not understand the assignment or failed to implement it. This is not good, as all of the information is needed for the membership to formulate an intelligent decision.

I started this letter out in a negative mode, but I soon realized that I was looking at it all wrong. WHAT is GOOD in the fact that committees don't meet??? It gives opportunity to each other member to step out and accomplish a goal. We never know exactly where it's going to go—we just have to step up and let it happen. Even if we do not completely agree with a program, we, as Odd Fellows, have an obligation to support it and we can reach our goal because we believe in the principles of Odd Fellowship. Our goal is to reach out to others.

I would urge every member to endeavor to their utmost to really put their hearts into the workings of the Order so as to perpetuate its existence.

Kenny Averill,
Grand Secretary.



Now is the time for the Lodges to be thinking about sending a delegate to the United Nations Pilgrimage for the Youth. I had the privilege of serving as a chaperon at the 2010 tour. What a learning experience. These students are the leaders of tomorrow. They were very polite and showed respect to all of the leaders and speakers. I am proud to say that I could not have been prouder of them if they had been my own grandchildren. What talent these students possess.

Sister and Brothers if you cannot send a student please try to support the Tour as there are meals and lodging that needs to be met. There were several lodges who gave us lunch and dinners and we really appreciated a home cooked meal.

I know that our money is short but if you can please support this program. These students will remember this trip for years. Many of our leaders had been on the tour in years past. This is a good source for new members. So again I thank you if you do support and sponsor this program and if not maybe support is now.

Sister Vicky Jorgensen and Sister Christine Brown have done a wonderful job for Idaho and thanks go to their continue work on this program.

Thanks again -
Nancy Morris, PP, Idaho Tour Chaperon 2010

Union #45

Christmas is a time of giving. This year members of Rebekah Union #45 decided to start giving early. A basket was set on the officers desk & throughout the year we added a dollar or so and when it was time to donate to the needy in Hagerman, we had a goodly amount. This did not take from our treasury nor hurt any of us at this holiday time. We donated the money to the Methodist Church and the Reorganized LDS Church. Our Noble Grand, Lorkowski has many great ideas like this.

Peg Roberson, Publicity



Dear Rose Parade Float Participants and Builders:

We are pleased to announce that Rose Parade fans will once again have the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite float. While we will have our official 2011 float judges, who will determine the collection of traditional awards we make each year, we will also have a special award that can only be determined by the people. The Tournament of Roses' Viewers' Choice Award will allow Rose Parade fans to choose their favorite float from one of the eligible entries.

The Tournament of Roses has taken the award in-house in order to allow for a voting system that, for the first time, incorporates all eight network broadcasters and allows for text voting. Please review the information at <http://www.tournamentofroses.com/the-rose-parade/vote/viewers-choice-award>. Please note that votes will be capped at 5 per email and or mobile phone number.

Now is the time to make your friends, colleagues and family aware of this opportunity to support your float!

We have attached a news release we will be distributing Monday, December 13, with all of the details as well as sample text you can use to encourage your supporters to cast their vote. If you have any questions, please call Vanessa Flores at 626-449-4100 or email vflores@rosemail.org.

Vanessa Flores

Manager of Public Information
Pasadena Tournament of Roses

Received from Brother Dave Burns, Michigan IOOF

•Here is a request from the Sovereign Grand Communications Committee:

To all Brothers and Sisters we are requesting any photo's showing Odd Fellowship in action to be used on the SGL website please e-mail to: webmaster@ioof.org We look forward to your "action shots" in F. L. & T.
Thanks...

Ivy Initiates Two

Two new members were initiated into Ivy Rebekah Lodge No. 23 Pocatello on Saturday afternoon, November 6. They are Jeffery D. Smith and Melissa Rasmussen.

Ivy's officers were assisted by seven members from Lily No. 33, Idaho Falls who filled in as pro tem officers and Bible characters. Conductor was Julie Beasterfield; Past Noble, Grand Verla Rae Mortensen; Guardian, Dan Sanow, Secretary, Frank Lawyer. Also assisting from Lily were Marilyn Sanow, who did the emblems, Kathy Pew, and Jackie Bray.

Following the Special Meeting delicious cake and ice cream were served in the foyer to 14 Rebekahs present.

Name withheld, by request.

SAMPLE VIEWERS' CHOICE AWARD COPY

Cast your vote for [YOUR FLOAT] as the 2011 Rose Parade Viewers' Choice Award Winner!

Vote online at

www.tournamentofroses.com/viewers-choice-award

or

Text "FLOAT01" to 50649

Msg. & Data rates may apply.

Vote up to 5 times for your favorite float.

Voting begins at 8 a.m. pacific on January 1, 2011, and will end at 2:10 p.m. pacific on January 1, 2011.

There is no charge to vote, but message & data rates may apply. To cancel your participation, text the word **STOP** to **50649** at anytime. For help, text the word **HELP** to **50649**. For more information contact rosepr@rosemail.org. Terms and Conditions can be viewed at www.tournamentofroses.com.



Scenes From Grand Lodge Sessions
Photos by Randall Wallace



Scenes From Rebekah Assembly Sessions

Photos by Jean Floyd



From the Editor

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

If you call my home phone (366-2654) and get a disconnected message, don't panic, I haven't left the country, I have just gone mobile. (My address is still the same). You can reach me on my cell phone at (208)-371-7401 or at least leave a message and i'll get back to you.

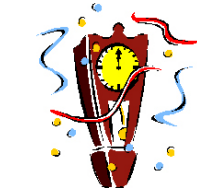
Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Marge Harlan, Editor
P.S. Please send articles



Auld Lang Syne

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scottish tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."



WELCOME THE NEW
YEAR WITH PRAYER
AND FIRM RESOLVES

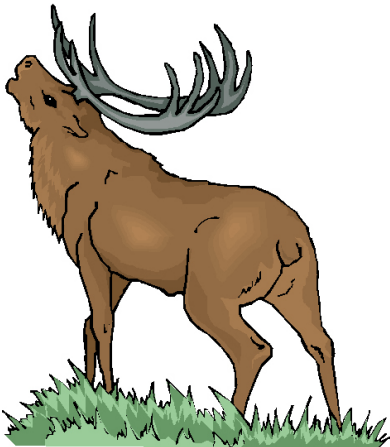


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