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SISTER MILDRED BOEKER TURNED 102 YEARS OLD



Sister Mildred Boeker turned 102 years old on January 20th in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She has been a member of the Rebekahs since 1963. She joined Naomi Rebekah Lodge No 16 (Coeur d'Alene) on June 23, 1963 and when the lodges consolidated in 2003 she became a member of Carnation Rebekah Lodge No 95 (Post Falls). She has held several offices in lodge and attended many Rebekah Assemblies.

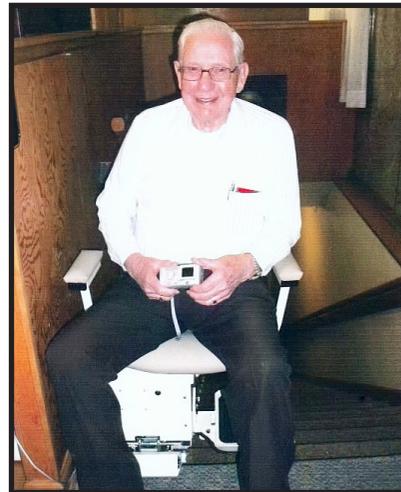
Her body is fragile but her mind is still sharp. She plays the piano at her residency at Pinewood Care Center at noon several days a week and still crochets almost every day. She makes lap robes, hat and what ever for the Shrine Hospital, her church and her friends.

Several members of Carnation Rebekah Lodge No 95 visited her on her birthday. We are lucky to have this very special lady with us. She is a joy to be around. We wish her many more birthdays.

Nancy Morris. PP



NEW CHAIR LIFT FOR IDAHO FALLS IOOF HALL



Floyd Hensley



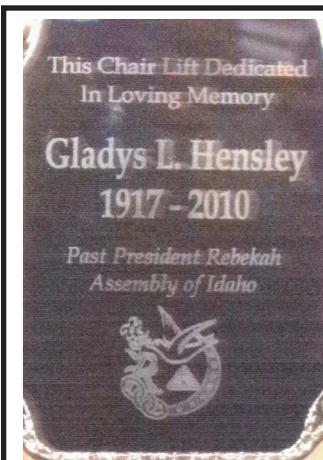
Dan Sanow and Frank Lawyer

Floyd Hensley is shown sitting in the 'Gladys Hensley Memorial Chair Lift', which was installed in the IOOF Hall at Idaho Falls.

The project was initiated by Bingham Lodge #14, with Frank Lawyer (whose original idea it was), as Chairman, and with the support of the lodge and the able assistance of Dan Sanow, it was purchased and installed.

Gladys was a well loved 50-year member of Poinsetta Lodge #23 (now defunct), Lily #33 and of the Rebekah Assembly of which she was a Past President.

Verla Rae Mortensen



The dedicating plaque reads:

**This Chair Lift Dedicated
In Loving Memory**

**Gladys L. Hensley
1917 - 2010**

**Past President Rebekah
Assembly of Idaho**

MEMBERSHIP

“Most of our obstacles would melt away if, instead of cowering before them, we should make up our minds to walk boldly through them.”

Spring is here! Time to have some fun with sunshine, laughter and smiles wherever you go! Can't find that you say; Than go out and make it happen! It's a great place to start.

Think “**OUTSIDE-THE -BOX!**” I would love to hear from each and everyone of you for ideas for membership and continued participation from our currant members.

Find your strengths work with your weakness's in other words “Find your inner Goddess”

Have a testimony about what you love about our Fraternal organization.

Start a program to get our young children informed, help build and instill in them a strong character that automatically wants to help people, by becoming a Rebekah.

Don't leave your Older members in the dust, if they can't come to meetings anymore pick up the phone and let them know what happened at Lodge. You'd be surprised what you can learn by talking to a Rebekah that has 50 to 60 years experience! Go visit in person if they can't understand you on the phone any longer.

Learn about members that may have moved into your area, make sure and call them invite them, offer a ride if necessary. Same with members not attending on a regular basis.

Give your new members offices and responsibilities; learn to delegate responsibilities in your programs.

What I'm working on is implementing a program to enlighten and involve our children. I hope to have more information soon, on this project.

District Deputy Presidents ~ please be advised I will send you the packets to be filled out and sent back to me so I can make a report for the Assembly Session

LOVE ~ is the blood of the soul. God wants all beings to have healthy and strong souls, so God created a simple law to nourish the soul: the more you give love, the more you receive love. Remember all the beings you love - people, animals - that you haven't thought of lately. Do not wait anymore, reconnect with them today and express your love ~ Have a great day!! ♥

REMEMBER;
IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH

SHANNON MUNSON/MCGHEE
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

I realize that this is a bit late, but I seem to have to keep reminding the secretaries and treasurers that the reports are due in JANUARY. This year (2011), I still had not received reports from 8 lodges by February 15TH. There is really no excuse for this. I am sure that there are capable people in any lodge that can see that this procedure is taken care of on time. I would encourage ALL secretaries and treasurers to attend the instruction school at their District meetings and ask questions if there is a doubt as to what their duties are.

I am amazed at receiving the Lodge Deputy forms filled out in December when the elections for that position take place in September, the same time as the Representatives to Grand Lodge. Also, District Deputies, the new DDGM is elected for recommendation AT your district meeting for the ensuing year.

The Historical Society met in March as scheduled and we were a few bodies short of what should have been there, but a cataloging work party is needed for April 2nd and April 15th at 9:00 A.M. You all are invited.

The revised Constitution and By-laws is on its way to Sovereign Grand Lodge for review and approval, so maybe by session time, we will have access to it.

I have had a few inquiries about the funds loaned to the lodges and what it can be used for. According to my understanding on reading it, it can be used for just about anything to maintain the operation of the lodge. It CANNOT be used for charitable purposes.

According to Resolution 11, the DDGM's are charged with examining the PHYSICAL needs of the lodges in their districts and giving that priority list to the Grand Master at a specific time. (It has nothing to do with the monies distributed by the Grand Lodge.)

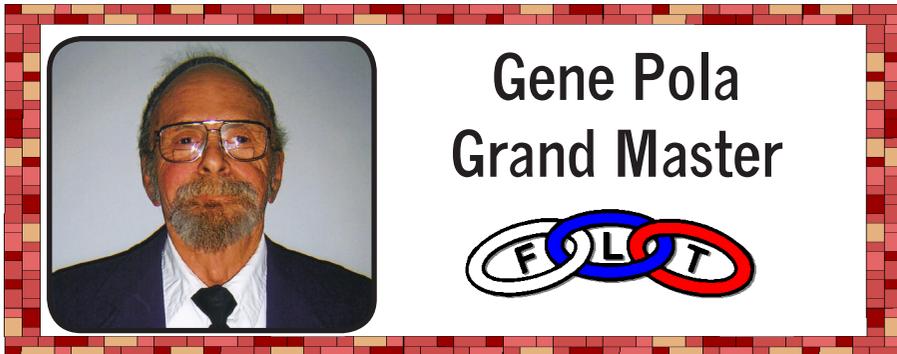
Incoming Officers! Just a reminder to get your photos and letters into the paper and also the Grand Lodge office needs a 5x7 framed photo of the Grand Master and the Grand Patriarch.

I also need photos from the Past Grand Patriarchs for the years 04-05, Wm. Stephan; 05-06, Ken Edwards; 06-07, Matt Breeze; 07-08, David Deland and 08-09, David Deland.

I'll see you all down the road.

Kenny Averill, Grand Secretary





**Gene Pola
Grand Master**



From the desk of the Grand Master

I know by the calendar and what I have heard on the t. v. that it is supposed to be spring but as I look outside I have my doubts. It will sure be good to see the sun for a change. I trust that everybody weathered the weather all right.

I have made some of my visits and have enjoyed them very much.

One thing I would like to stress is that we must all work together in order for our organization to continue to grow. We must reach out to the younger generation and try to get them in to the lodges. Once we get them in we need to get them involved. We also need to listen to their ideas. What worked in the past doesn't work today. Once again listen to the younger members and at least give their ideas a shot. you never know what might work.

When you go into a lodge hall and you hang that coat and hat up and then you walk through that door into that meeting ,that is where the magic begins and as that final gavel falls, the magic doesn't stop there, Oddfellowship is a way of life, it doesn't stay in the lodge hall, you take it with you in your every day walk through life, as I was told by an Oddfellow member in another area, do you know what an oddfellow is to me, You take a good man and you make him better. I told this brother, I hope I have filled those shoes.

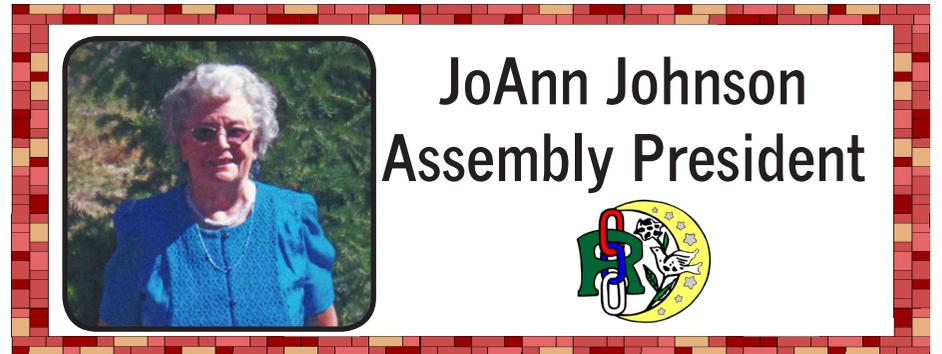
In F. L. & T.
Grand Master
Gene Pola

New E-mail for the Grand Lodge of Idaho
grandlodgeidaho@hotmail.com

Directory Changes

The phone number of Pioneer # 1 and Owyhee # 2 should be changed to 208-707-1057 each.

Youth Committee: Christine Brown address change to 894 Dairy Road & Vicky Jorgenson address change to 751 Wilson Road. Both are Weippe, ID 83553



**JoAnn Johnson
Assembly President**



My Dear Sisters and Brothers;

Well here we are already in April. Where oh where does the time go. I have started my visits and every one of you have been wonderful. It has been such a pleasure to see all the smiling faces at my visits. Many of you have attended more than one of my meetings and it makes my heart glow. I do thank you for this. So far the weather has been fairly good for my travels. Thanks to all the members that have made sure that I got to the place that I needed to be. You are greatly appreciated. As I write this it is still March and I will be on the road again soon. I am looking forward to the rest of my visits. It seems as tho I learn something new at all the meetings. This is good as we are never to old to learn more about Rebekahs and Odd Fellows. Times change and we need to change with them.

In F.L.T.
JoAnn Johnson
Idaho Assembly President



Changes to President's Itinerary

Apr. 13 Remove Zenith #59, Stites
Apr. 16 Change Rose #18 to May 21

THE EYE RELATED PROGRAM OF IDAHO A LITTLE HISTORY & CURRENT INFORMATION

- By Dan Sanow, Chairman

As was reported at the Grand Sessions, the year of 2010 was a busy year for the Eye Related Program. And since there has seemed to have been such a wonderful “resurgence” of interest in this program, your Eye Related Committee felt it would be appropriate to provide some information to the membership and maybe promote a couple ideas about using the Eye Program to increase the awareness of Odd Fellowship in your community. The Idaho Eye Related Program of Idaho committee members currently include: Dan Sanow, Chairman; Jean Stephen, Secretary; Jelene Baird, Treasurer; Gene Pola, Member; and Randall Wallace, Member. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you have a question about the program.

The original Eye Program agreement was signed in December of 1971 between the Eye Bank Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Eye Bank Committee of the Jurisdiction of Idaho, referred to as the Idaho Eye Bank Committee. The original agreement was signed by William J. Boyd, Chairman and Jack O. Marrow, Secretary. Since that day however, the program has evolved, significantly, not only in size but in its name and subsequently, its focus. The Sovereign Grand Lodge Committee is currently known as the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation and, through action taken in 1972, we operate as the Eye Related Program of Idaho, even though the Idaho organization is formally known as the Eye Research Committee of the Jurisdiction of Idaho by the SGL Committee. I also discovered in my research for this article in one of the sections of the original agreement that each Jurisdictional Committee is responsible to “make an earnest effort to forward to the SGL Committee at least 25% of \$1.00 per member for each Subordinate and Rebekah member in Idaho.” This is something that has not been done for a long time but we will get back to that later. The current SGL program is supported by over forty jurisdictions (including Idaho) and annually, recognizes one individual for their outstanding dedication and efforts in the preservation of sight with the Hugh J. Bradley Distinguished Service Award and provides eye research funds through several funds including: the Margaret L. Watts Endowment Trust, the Griffin-Stevens research Fund, and the Hugh J. Bradley Eye Research Fund.

As with any Odd Fellow/ Rebekah organization, you have to have rules, regulations, and /or bylaws to tell how to get things done and what you are allowed to do. The Idaho Eye Related Program is no different. We have it all; and the forms you have to fill out while you’re doing it too. The most important thing for the members to know is that the program will provide (to qualified individuals) up to \$300 for obtaining one pair of eye glasses and the associated eye examination and up to \$1000 to a qualified person for “necessary” eye surgical procedures. Anyone (member or nonmember) may apply through a member of any Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. Can anybody think of a better way to promote the name of Odd Fellowship in your community than giving a helping hand to someone in need? The procedures and forms for applying for this assistance are available from any member of the Eye Committee and the Secretaries of every Lodge are encouraged to request a copy and get familiar with the procedures so they can review the procedures with your members and have the necessary forms on hand. The best way to obtain them is to e-mail me at sanow1@msn.com and request a set.

As was stated earlier, 2010 was a busy year for us. The Idaho Eye Related Committee processed 11 requests for assistance in 2010 for a total \$2,945.74. FANTASTIC! During the same period we received \$172.75 in donations. Not so fantastic. As of the closing of the books for the year 2010 on 6/30/10, the Idaho Eye Related fund had total assets of \$19,426.01. Considering the renewed interest in the program and the rate of donations one can readily see those assets will not last long. That however, does mean we should stop doing what we are to assist others in need. It only means we need to recognize the valuable program we have here and support it. The current Visual Eye Research Foundation brochure lists several projects the various jurisdictions are involved in that could be considered by the Lodges of our jurisdiction as activities to raise awareness of the program and Odd Fellowship in your community and be coupled with fund raising activities to help the program. They include: purchase of equipment for medical schools and eye clinics, amblyopia screening, ophthalmological research, operation of low vision clinics, purchase of eye glasses, mobile eye exam units, printing of rituals in Braille, and collecting eye glasses for third world countries. There are likely numerous other ideas one could think of as well but these are some projects currently being done. During the last Grand Sessions the Grand Encampment approved a donation of \$1000 to the Eye Fund. That will help with the donations for the current year but the Eye Committee is encouraging all the Lodges to try to meet an annual \$1 /per member donation program, not only promote the benefits available with this program but to help maintain the current assets so this program can continue to assist the needy and support visual eye research in the long term future as well.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10



Installing team of Bluebell Rebekah Lodge #72, Orofino DDP, Jean White; Bonnie Accves; Janet Stroble, Lee Thorton, and Gertrude Ring



Installing Team with the installed officers.
DDP Jean White, NG Rhonda Barnes, Bonnie Accves;
VG Shirlene Yates, Janet Stroble; Sec. Vicy Kiele, Lee Thorton;
Treas. May Fogle, Gertude Ring

On January 6, 2011, the Initiation Team of sisters from Kooskia Rebekah Lodge #64, initiated Ingrid Riniard into our order. On February 20, 2011 Joan Renshaw and her sister Jane Wilsey will join us. Mother Irene Agee is a member of Kooskia Rebekah Lodge.

We welcome Sister Evelyn Everson who joined us by transfer.

On January 9, 2011, District Deputy President, Jean White Bluebell #72, Orofino, and her staff, Bonnie Accves, Janet Strobel, Lee Thorton and Gertrude Ring installed the following officers:

- Noble Grand--Rhonda Barnes-Rehm
- Vice Grand---- Shirlene Yates
- Secretary-----Vicky Kiele
- Treasurer----- May Fogle
- Warden ----- Roberta Joy Lee
- Conductor----- Patsy Hunter
- Chaplain----- Janice James
- Musician-----Jo Filler
- Inside Guardian—Dixie Jackson
- RSNG----- Brenda Bashaw
- LSNG ----- Ingrid Riniard
- RSVG ----- Alma Jones
- LSVG----- Evelyn Everson
- RS Chaplain----Sherry Otto was seated

Joining in installation of their officers was Sylvan Rebekah Lodge # Clearwater. A luncheon was enjoyed after installation.

Reporter, Dixie Jackson

KOOSKIA #64 INITIATES



Joan Renshaw; Kooskia #64 Noble Grand, Rhonda Barnes-Rehm; Initiate, Jane Wilsey.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, the Kooskia Rebekahs initiated 2 new members for Kooskia #64 and 1 new member for Sylvan #81.

The initiates were Joan Renshaw and Jane Wilsey for Kooskia and Rosie Gribble for Sylvan. We welcome these new members. We managed to get a full initiation team together for this. It makes it a lot nicer to have a full tabloid.

Roberta Joy Lee

IVY #23 INITIATES THREE

At a special meeting on Thursday afternoon March 3, Ivy Rebekah Lodge # 23, Pocatello, initiated three new members. They were assisted by three sisters from Lily #33: Verla Rae Mortensen, Julie Beasterfield, and Kathy Pew. Noble Grand Shannon Vieth presided.

This is a total of five new members since March of 2010. Milk and cookies were served after the meeting.

New members are Virginia Everett, Cheri Row, and Diane Papazian. (all of Pocatello.) Attendance at our Regular Meeting was eleven members and we are looking forward to even better attendance at the visit of Assembly President JoAnn Johnson next week.

Submitted by,
Anna Breeze



ROYAL GEM #13 CLEAN-UP" DAY AT THE HALL



Pictured are Assembly Vice President Lydia Chrane, NG Rhea Kroencke, Sister Darla Brumley, Sister Beth Dalgliesh, Sister Cheryl Cullin, Sister Shandra Chandler & Sister Tammy Stone all of Royal Gem #13

Due to the generosity of our members we had goodies enough to make up 5 baskets for our annual Valentines raffle. It was a success and proceeds will go to our scholarship fund of which the committee is in the process of planning for this year. Recipients must live within the 83554 zip code.

Noble Grand Rhea Kroencke has as her project in the coming year, the erection of a Veterans Memorial for all men and women of the armed forces. A committee of 5 are working towards this goal. Plans have been made to purchase a slab rock to engrave from a business in Lewiston. We are awaiting written permission from the White Bird Road District and the White Bird Water District to install it in the city park where a flag pole already stands. At that time we will seek permission to connect to an adjacent power pole for lighting. A local electrician is working on estimates for lighting. Sister Cheryl Cullin's husband has offered his equipment to prepare the sight and set the slab. He also offered to transport it from Lewiston. The fund raising committee will be getting busy on various projects for funding.

In other news a few of the sisters got together in early March and did a good deep cleaning to our wonderful Hall. Lots of laughter and cleaning spread threw out the building. Ovens, floors, cupboards and much much more were cleaned. It was a fun filled cleaning morning.

Other plans this spring are for the President's visit in April, a baked food sale, and a Cinco de Mayo dinner.

We are in the process of trying to get a grant to replace the old windows both upstairs and in the dining room.

In FL&T, Royal Gem #13



DISTRICT 5 INSTALLATION

Installed Noble Grands



L-R: Ralph Taylor IOOF #57, Marge Harlan IOOF #19, Midge Lorkowski Union #45, Jean Baldwin Guiding Star #4, Peg Roberson Syringa #110 & Idaho #96, Kieth Gentry IOOF #129



Installing Officers

Virgie Taylor
DDP
&
James Weighall
Acting DDGM

A Joint installation service for Rebekahs and Odd Fellows of District # 5 was held Jan. 15, 2011 at the Wendell Lodge at 120 West Ave. A.

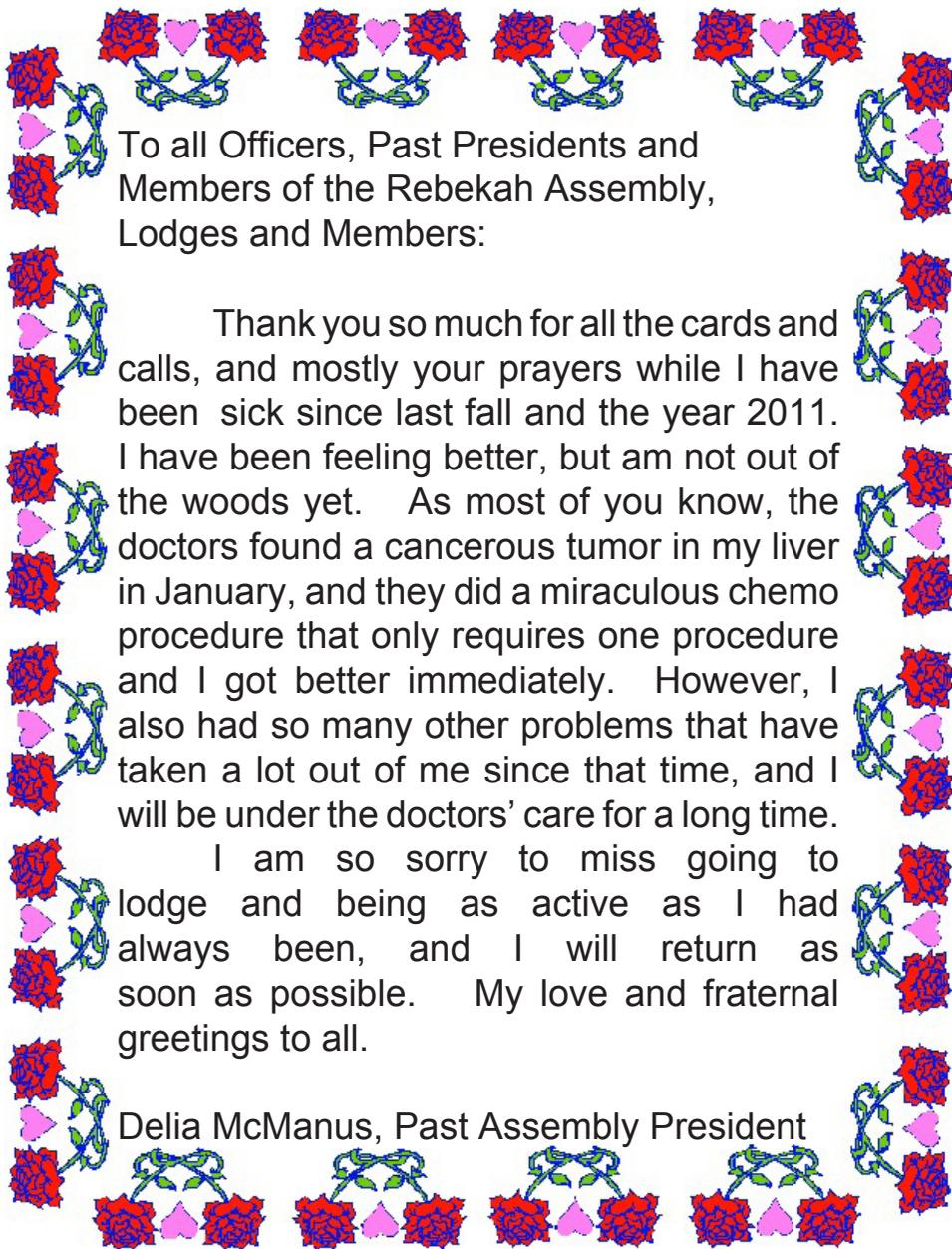
Officers (pictured above) installed were: Ralph Taylor/ LOOF #57; Marjorie Harlan, LOOF #19; Midge Lorkowski, Union #45; Jean Baldwin, Guiding Star #4; Peg Roberson, Syringa #110 and Idaho #96; Ray McCord, LOOF #131.

Since our lodges are becoming smaller & smaller members belong and are officers in many lodges. We welcome new members at all times.

Refreshments were served following a very satisfying day.

Peg Roberson, Publicity Chr, 324-3604





To all Officers, Past Presidents and Members of the Rebekah Assembly, Lodges and Members:

Thank you so much for all the cards and calls, and mostly your prayers while I have been sick since last fall and the year 2011. I have been feeling better, but am not out of the woods yet. As most of you know, the doctors found a cancerous tumor in my liver in January, and they did a miraculous chemo procedure that only requires one procedure and I got better immediately. However, I also had so many other problems that have taken a lot out of me since that time, and I will be under the doctors' care for a long time.

I am so sorry to miss going to lodge and being as active as I had always been, and I will return as soon as possible. My love and fraternal greetings to all.

Delia McManus, Past Assembly President

COMING EVENTS 2011

APRIL

1,2,3	N.W. ASSOC.	PORTLAND, OR
09	DISTRICT 10	KOOSKIA
09	ENC. DISTRICT 4	CALDWELL
16	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
23	ENC. DISTRICT 2	POCATELLO
30	DISTRICT 9	CAMBRIDGE

MAY

01	DISTRICT 12	ST. MARIES
13	ENC. DISTRICT 1	C.D.A.
14	DISTRICT 12 (IOOF)	PLUMMER
21	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY

JUNE

04	DISTRICT 3	SALMON
11	FISH FRY	IDAHO FALLS
18	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
25	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY

JULY

09	DEPT. COUNCIL	CALDWELL
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AUGUST

	SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE	
27	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY

SEPTEMBER

07	HIST. SOCIETY	CALDWELL @ 2PM
17	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
23	JOINT PLAN BRD	CALDWELL @ 10AM

OCTOBER

16-19	GRAND SESSIONS	MOSCOW
22	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY

NOVEMBER

4,5,6	N.W. ASSOCIATION	WASHINGTON
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In Memoriam

ODD FELLOWS

No Reported Deaths

REBEKAHS

Mary Louise Preston
Union #45



The Historical Society is asking for workers to help with cataloging artifacts at the Museum in Caldwell on April 2, 2011 and April 12, 2010 at 9A.M. No heavy lifting.

WHAT? FISH FRY
WHERE? CALDWELL IOOF HALL
WHEN? APRIL 11, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.
WHY? GRAND PATRIARCH'S VISIT
PRICE? \$5.00 PER PERSON (all you can eat)

Submitted by, Kenny Averill



MARY LOUISE PRESTON 1918 ~ 2011



Mary Louise Preston, 92, of Eagle, died Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in an Eagle assisted living facility. A memorial service was held on Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel. Pastor Tim Hubbard of Chapel of the Pines, Smiths Ferry, officiated. Inurnment will be at a later date at the Evergreen Cemetery, Ontario, Oregon. Mrs. Preston was born July 9, 1918 in Tecumseh, Nebraska. During her high school years she moved with her family from Nebraska to Payette where she completed her schooling. In 1936, Mary married Scott Preston in Payette. Mary joined Union Rebekah Lodge #45, Hagerman, in May of 1943. She was a PNG. They lived in several areas of Idaho before moving to Ontario for their retirement years. Her family moved her to Eagle several years ago to be close to them. She is survived by one daughter, Carol (Jim) Sharp; two sons, Dan (Pat) Preston and Mike (Sally) Preston; ten grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; one brother, Charles Indermuehle; and one sister, Kay VanBeek. She was preceded in death by her husband, Scott, one brother and three sisters.

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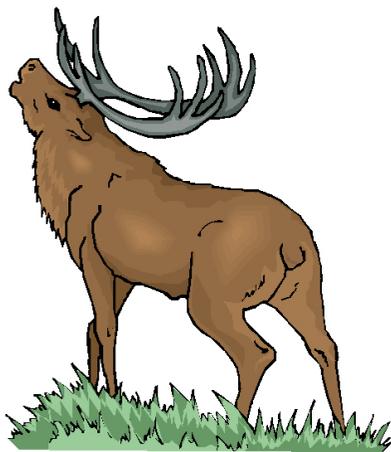
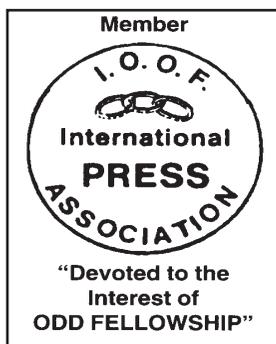
Submitted by Laura McAnulty

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