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MEET OUR NEW LEADERS

Grand Master, Marlene Osborn 2011 ~ 2012



Grand Master Marlene Osborn was born in Quincy, MA on May 13, 1935, but she resided in Braintree, MA. After graduating from high school in 1953, she attended Bridgewater State Teachers College until her marriage to her high school sweetheart, Winthrop (Windy) on August 11, 1956. They and

their son, Wayne (Aileen) and daughter, Wanda (Randy) lived in many states as well as Japan and Okinawa as a military family. During those years, Marlene was a volunteer for Family Services in California and Idaho and became the co-ordinator for two terms. She also was a Red Cross volunteer, working in the hospital and lab, and a Laubach Literacy teacher for English as a second language as she taught Thai wives of airmen at Beale AFB in CA. She has also been a Cub Scout Den Mother and a Girl Scout leader, as well as a Sunday school teacher for many years.

As Windy neared retirement from the Air Force, in 1974, he and Marlene bought a hobby/craft store in Mountain Home, and operated it for twenty-six years. During that time, their grandsons Jeffrey (Marcelita) and Jeremy were born. In 1975, Marlene became a member of the Masonic family as a charter member of the Advisory Board of Friendship Assembly #9, Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Shortly after, she became Mother Advisor of the girls for seven years, and then was appointed Grand

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Assembly President, Lydia Chrane 2011 ~ 2012



I was born in Wenatchee, WA and moved to White Bird, ID in time to start grade school. Except for a couple of years in Oregon in the mid 80's (which I don't count as we came home nearly every weekend) I have been here in White Bird ever since. I say that I moved from one end of town where I grew up to the other end when I got married. After 55 plus years here I consider myself one of the "old-timers".

Colin Rhoades and I were married in 1965 and had two children. My son, Jonathan lives in White Bird and also my daughter, Lynn Kernutt and her family. I spent the next twenty years as a homemaker and being involved in the various clubs and activities in town.

In high school I always said that I wanted to be a Kelly Girl. I finally got my wish to be a secretary and bookkeeper when Colin and I started our own logging and sawmilling business in the late 80's. This kept us busy until Colin's death in 1998. I have been the clerk for the White Bird Highway District since 1996. I am the treasurer of my church and do bookkeeping for a gift and coffee shop business here in town.

My family was blessed when I met and married James Chrane in 2002. Jim worked away a lot but was the happiest when he could be home. With his two children, who both live in the mid-west, and my two, I am the proud grandma of ten and the great-grandma of two. Sadly, Jim passed away in June of this year.

My mother, Ardis Howerton, joined Royal Gem

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Marlene Osborn, Grand Master

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Deputy for five years. She still helps with the Assembly by playing the piano at meetings and installations. In 1984, Marlene joined Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 and has served as Noble Grand four times, has been Lodge Deputy and District Deputy President. She also served as Assembly Musician and in several appointive offices. In 2001, she joined Mountain Home Lodge #19, and was Noble Grand in 2004. In 2008, she was appointed Grand Guardian of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, and in 2009 was elected Warden of the Grand Lodge.

Marlene is also a member of Miriam Chapter #16 of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron in 1999. In 2000 she was elected Secretary of the chapter, an office that she still holds. She has also served as Grand Organist of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and was the Grand Representative of Massachusetts in Idaho, from 2002-2004. She currently serves as secretary-treasurer of the Past Matrons' Club. Marlene is a member of the United Church of Christ in Mountain Home and has been an Organist there since 1992, playing for Sunday services as well as funerals and weddings. She is also on the Christian Education Committee. Marlene is now a great-grandmother to Emmalita who was born in December 2010.

Marlene's hobbies include quilting, knitting, cross-stitching, tatting, reading, gardening, and of course, playing the piano and organ.



Lydia Chrane, Assembly President

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Rebekah lodge in 1954. She was a 53 year member when she passed away in 2007. My grandmother Lydia Ann Bonwell belonged to the lodge in Chelan, WA. I joined our lodge in 1967 and foolishly took a withdrawal in 1973. I reinstated in 1982 and here I am! During the last 29 years I have held most offices and positions and, as usual in most of our lodges, some more than once. My three sisters are all very active members of Royal Gem.

My first Assembly was in 1993 when I was asked by then President Jean Stephan to be in the Honor Guard. I never dreamed that I would someday be your president. I have made countless dear friends throughout the State and the Rebekah sisterhood is something that warms my heart.



The Grand Session of Idaho I.O.O.F. is now in the session record. I would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters for your congratulations, I will be working with the PM Cavilers to bring the old guard back. As a start bring out the Caviler manuals, dust off the swords and adjust the uniforms if needed. I will address more on this during my visits to the Canton meetings.

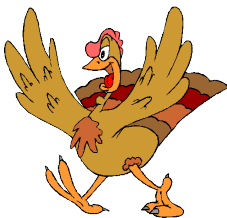
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Col. Leonard W. Olson
Commanding



Did you know that there are at least three American towns named after Thanksgiving dinner's main course? There's Turkey, Texas, with 496 residents; Turkey Creek, Louisiana, with 357 residents, and Turkey, North Carolina, with 267 residents. There are also eight places and townships named Cranberry, and 20 places named Plymouth, after the location of the first Thanksgiving.

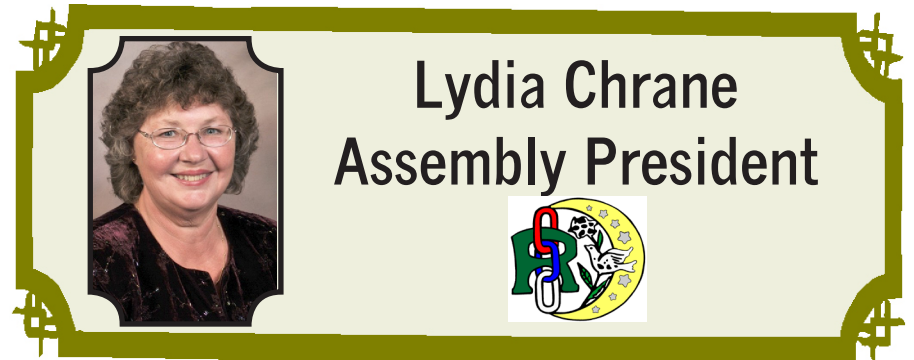
Happy Turkey Day



120 Years Ago

Sheriff Potter and Thas. Pope left on Friday morning's coach en route for Moscow, Latah Co., where they went as delegates to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of I.O.O.F., which convened yesterday.

Submitted by Juanita Thomas
It would be interesting to know the attendance then.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this first letter as Grand Master, I must thank you all for the support you have given me. Three years ago when I was elected Grand Warden, I felt honored to have received the approval of my peers to proceed up the ladder of Odd Fellowship. And now as I serve you, I ask for your continued support as together we strive to promote our great order to insure its survival into the future. We must shine a light upon all that we know to be good and worthy about our fraternity. We must keep our actions positive and up-lifting so that others may want to share what we know to be the greatest organization for men and women in the world. Let's build for posterity. Ask someone you know to join our ranks. We cannot keep our order alive and well if we do not grow. And how do we grow if we don't add new members to our rosters? Odd Fellowship is special, and we do a disservice to others if we don't give them a chance to share in our friendship, love, and truth. There is no time like the present. NOW is the hour to light up the life of a friend, acquaintance, or family member by asking him or her to become an Odd Fellow.

In F.L.&T.
Marlene Osborn
Grand Master



The lighthouse
a symbol of
vigilance,
protection
and
usefulness

Lighting the path to Odd Fellowship

Grand Master's Prayer

Bless me, Heavenly Father, forgive my erring ways. Grant me strength to serve Thee, put purpose in my days. Give me understanding, enough to make me kind, so I may judge all people with my heart and not my mind. And teach me to be patient in everything I do, content to trust Your wisdom and to follow after You. And help me when I falter and hear me when I pray. And receive me in Thy Kingdom to dwell with Thee some day.

Helen Steiner Rice

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Whew, here it is, time to write my first letter to you. I don't know where the time goes. I always say that it goes whether you are having a good time or not.

My heart is full of gratitude for the honor I hold as your president and also filled with trepidation that I won't be up to the expectations of this office. I can only promise that I will do my very best. My thanks are not enough to all the sisters that have encouraged and shown such faith in me, but you have it and my love too.

I hope your summer was eventful and enjoyable. Fall is starting, and most of you have held several meetings by now. I know that we are all busy with other activities along with our lodge doings but please keep in mind what our Order stands for: Friendship, Love and Truth and try to practice these while in or out of our lodges. If we don't, we aren't able to show prospective members the positive aspects of belonging. We also don't have constructive and enjoyable meetings. Remember, we are all different but if we work together and make our differences blend, we end up with a beautiful friendship quilt.

"Constant use will not wear ragged the fabric of friendship"
Dorothy Parker

In FL&T,
Lydia A Chrane, President
Rebekah Assembly





Bill Stephan Idaho State Commander



The American Legion has selected Brother Bill Stephan as their Commander for the state of Idaho for the term 2011 - 2012.

The American Legion is the largest Veteran Services organization in the world with 3 million members and 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. The Idaho Department has over 10,000 members.

To all my Rebekah and Odd Fellow Friends,



As you leave behind the old year and welcome in the new, This wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Is warmly sent to you!

From Sunny Florida,
Ruth Harrison

To the Rebekah Assembly,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift I received at the installation in Moscow, and for the lovely card signed by all those present at your meeting. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and will be forever remembered.

In F.L. & T
Marlene Osborn, Grand Master

A Message Of Thanks

Many thanks to Ruth Harrison and Joan Slusher for their generous donations to the paper.

The Editor & Editorial Board

Unity Rebekah Lodge #8



The annual Veteran Jewel Night at Unity Rebekah Lodge #8 in Boise gave us the opportunity to present veteran jewels to Sisters Virginia Buchanan for 15 years service and Eloise Ogilvie for 50 years. Sister Virginia's 15-year jewel was presented by Sister Margaret Odle. Grandson, Corporal Travis Ogilvie, escorted Eloise to the garden, his father and Eloise's son Douglas pinned her 50-year jewel, and husband Jimmy presented the corsage. The pin is a legacy from a good friend whose husband had made a special trip from Washington to hand-deliver the jewel. Other guests attending included Doug's family, Georgia Wickham, and Richard and Sharon Miller. Sister Virginia read the list of veteran members with years of service; those present assembled in the garden. Thanks go to the capable committee chairmen of Sisters Virginia Buchanan, Margaret Hegstrom, and Joan E Lyons and to the Past Noble Club for donating a beautiful wrist corsage for Sister Eloise and bouquet of pink roses for the dining hall. And what a pretty decorated cake marked a 50-year milestone.

Congratulations go to our members Pam York, Past President of the Department Association LAPM, and Gene Pola, Past Commander of the Department Council and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. You both did outstanding jobs these past years.

Submitted by,
Cheri Guglielmo

Thanksgiving Thoughts



Mom is in the kitchen,
And when I take a look,
I'm glad I'm not a turkey
That's she's about to cook!

By Karl Fuchs

Soda Springs Odd Fellow Lodge #41

The Soda Springs Odd Fellows Lodge #41 gave up its charter and officially closed on June 21, 2011, after a couple of years of limited activity due to declining membership and members moving away. Noble Grand Gary Etchison and Secretary George Shuler were the only remaining resident members. There were just three other current members. Each would have the option



George Shuler & Tony Varilone

of transferring their membership to another lodge or to the jurisdictional lodge.

With permission of the Idaho Grand Lodge, the lodge hall was donated to the Caribou Historical Society. Papers were signed Thursday, June 30, transferring the title to the Caribou Historical Society, with organization chair, Tony Varilone, accepting the donation.

The Soda Springs Lodge had been an active organization since being chartered, October 18, 1892. They originally met in the former Gagon Lumber Yard building located on the corner of US 30 and Dillon (Main) Street, with the lodge leasing the second floor of the building. Due to a 99 year lease held by the lodge on the second floor, with about 60 years remaining, the building could not be torn down when the corner lot on which it stood was purchased for a wholesale and retail gas and oil business by the Call brothers of Afton, Wyoming. Arrangements were made with the Odd Fellows to have it moved onto a concrete foundation by May 1941.

After the move, the building was redecorated, refurbished and an inside staircase added, replacing the rickety outside stairway. The remodeling was done by lodge members, C.A. Jenne and Jack Shillinger.

At the time of the move, the local lodge had 20 members, with I.E. Smedley as noble grand, J.W. Lauritsen, vice grand, C.A. Jenne, secretary, and T.W. Horsley, treasurer.

The Caribou Historical Society plans to use the building to house a county museum providing a repository for artifacts and historical information pertaining to Caribou County in general.

Submitted by
Nola Shuler



Report of the Historical Lodges of Idaho

All three lodges; Pioneer Lodge # 1, Owyhee Lodge # 2, and Rose Rebekah Lodge # 18 are alive and doing well.

Pioneer Lodge has 45 members, we took in two associates during the year and lost one to the grim reaper. We have two that are regular paying members.

Owyhee Lodge has 41 members with none that are dues paying members. We took in two new members this year.

Rose Rebekah Lodge has 42 members with 12 regular dues paying members. They took in one new dues paying member this year.

As most of you probably know we have been doing extensive repairs to the lodge hall at Idaho City. Repaired the front porch, stairway, put preservative on the outside of building, and repaired the windows that were falling apart. We thought we would have to replace the foundation, but on closer examination it was found to be in fairly good shape. Fred Walters our historical architect crawled under the building and inspected the foundation and decided it would last another 40 years. Hopefully this catches us up on the major repairs at Idaho City for a while.

Owyhee Lodge at Silver City as most everyone knows by now we sold the lodge building to the home owners association. Since then they have jacked it up and put a foundation under it, installed solar panels for power, put in an inside toilet and made a living area for a care taker. Their next project is to remove the front deck and stairs and replace them. Owyhee Lodge voted to help them do this.

A petition was presented at the 1966 Grand Lodge session to make Rose Rebekah Lodge #18 a historical lodge. There were 25 members who signed it among them were Frank Markham, Roy Rollis Grand Master, and Alvie Knowlton Grand Patriarch. It was approved and recorded in the 1966 journal.

What both Pioneer and Owyhee desperately needs is some regular dues paying members. The new code states that even the historical lodges must have three regular dues paying members. We are in danger of being closed by Sovereign, not for lack of members, but not enough regular members.

If it wasn't for Pioneer Lodge # 1, Owyhee Lodge # 2, Ada # 3, Excelsior Lodge # 4 at Centreville, and Rocky Mountain Lodge # 5 at Salmon, there would be no Grand Lodge. These are the senior citizens of Odd Fellows lodges in Idaho. They petitioned the Sovereign for a Grand Lodge in Idaho.

Those of us who are members of the Historical Lodges consider our selves merely custodians with our main objective to pass on to the next generation a lodge in as good a shape as found it or better.

2014 is the 150th anniversary of Pioneer Lodge # 1 the Flag Ship of Odd Fellows in Idaho.

LETS CELEBRATE !!

Submitted by
Merna Deland



2011 Rebekah Assembly Officers
JoAnn Johnson, President



Bell Ringers Session
Moscow, Idaho
2011



2011 Past Presidents

Program of the Grand Master, Marlene Osborn

Scripture: Psalm 119:105
“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.”

Theme

Lighting the path to Odd Fellowship

Motto

Let our lights shine as we focus on service

Aim

To guard our fraternal heritage from extinction by
becoming more visible in our communities



Project

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
Visual Research Foundation

Emblem

The Lighthouse - a symbol of vigilance,
protection and usefulness

Flowers

The pansy for kind thoughts
The yellow rose in memory of my mother

Color
Yellow



Songs

Brighten the Corner Where You Are
I Know Who Holds Tomorrow
You Light Up My Life
You're a Grand Old Flag



Dedication

I dedicate this year to my husband, Winthrop,
who encouraged me to make this grand journey, and
to my brothers and sisters in fraternity for whose help
and support I am truly thankful.



Program of the Assembly President, Lydia Chrane

Altar Prayer: Psalms 19:14
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of
my heart be pleasing in your sight, Oh Lord.

Theme

We are all different, but together we make a
quilt of friendship.



Motto

Today is the Day to Make a Difference.

Watchwords

Service, Forgiveness and Harmony

Emblems

Quilts, Birdhouses, Garden Ornaments



Flowers
Sunflowers and Wild



Colors

Mauves, Burgundy and Greens

Aims & Challenges

Hold fast to the members we have, practice
kindness and tolerance, increase our pres-
ence in our communities and strive for new
members. Show by doing that we have
worthwhile projects, are a close sisterhood
and have fun!



Dedication

I dedicate this year to my late husband, Jim.
He was my biggest fan and supporter. His dearest
wish was to escort me and I know that he is here with
me in spirit. To my sister-sisters and lodge sisters
of Royal Gem No. 13, without their dedication and
support, I could not imagine having undertaking this
journey.





TURKEY JOKE :
How do you send a turkey to a faraway friend?
By Bird class mail!



How many feathers does a turkey have?



ANSWER :
At maturity, turkeys have (on average) 3500 feathers.



TURKEY “LITE”

Mary had a little turkey,
With feathers bronze and black,
And when she shoed it from the door,
It was sure to wander back.
It followed her about the yard,
And gobble-gobbled at ‘er;
The more she fed, the more it ate,
And plumper grew and fatter.
And when the turkey got as fat
And lazy as a sinner
Mary killed and roasted it
For her Thanksgiving dinner.



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