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## HAGERMAN REBEKAH LODGE #45



Midge Lorkowski, outgoing Noble Grand of Union #45 presented the Lodge with a beautiful banner at their meeting, Jan. 17th. She said it was a Thank You for allowing her to serve for 2 years. She said she had never done anything like this before. Please note the pictures and embroidered names, officers, etc.

The Lodge was very proud to receive this. They were proud to have her as Noble Grand for 2 years. She had many great ideas, both for community work as well as well as money makers.  
GO, GO, Midge.

Peg Roberson, Publicity Chr.

## ANNA REBEKAH LODGE NO. 14



Juanita Thomas, Carol Fulton,  
and Dianna Tayler



Brenda Fahnholz, DeNiese Anderson  
and Carol Fulton

Members of Anna No. 14 sold tickets for two large Christmas socks filled with over 20 items, as a fund raising project. The winning tickets were drawn at the December 23rd Christmas party.

Brenda Fahnholz was happy to receive the girls' sock and Diana Tayler won the sock for a boy.

Money received from the project was used to help with lodge donations for community activities.

Juanita Thomas, Reporter



# RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Again, I welcome you all into the coming year and rejoice in the fact that you are still with us and doing relatively well. I am a bit disappointed in the fact that here it is April and I still do not have some of the Annual Reports in. There is really no excuse for this. Don't you realize that I am forced to send in what you gave me last year and then next year you have twice the problem.

A couple of things on my mind that I'd better see to before I forget them. I have sent out the Journal of Proceedings to the lodges and to some of the Past Grand Officers that requested them. If I missed you and you desire a copy, please contact me.

**Make sure that your lodge is up-to-date on its corporation status.** This has to be filled out each year by the lodge to the Secretary of State. If this is not done, it could affect your classifying status with the I.R.S.

I am revising the Annual Report again for your convenience. It seems that some of you are having a difficult time in trying to balance your accounts to what the Grand Lodge needs to balance its accounts with the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The only thing the Grand Lodge has to go on is what information you give in your report and most of that concerns membership or finances.

I do notice from the phone calls and returned reports that some of you are not reading your By-Laws or listening to the charges each meeting as to the duties of the desk officers. (Other duties) For instance, in the absence of a Financial Secretary, the Secretary automatically inherits that job. If there are any questions on what your duties are, please check the current by-laws.

The new up-dated Constitution/Bylaws are in the office and available to those that wants to keep current with the operations of the organization. Each lodge has been issued one. The others are \$5.00 per copy. If there is any doubt of being current, check page 49 for lodge fees "E-F-G". If they are not in it, you are NOT current. When you get current, get rid of the "old" one to avoid confusion.

The 2011 Code changes are available through the office if your lodge or individuals order them. The cost is \$ 5.00 each including tax.

Please fill out all information of a new member and forward to the Grand Lodge office so the records can be updated. There is a form for this in the IOOF News from S.G.L. each time, or contact the Grand Secretary. (Please include phone number of member)

I'll see you all down the road.

Kenny Averill, Grand Secretary

## CHANGE OF PLANS

Assembly President, Lydia Chrane's official visit to Priscilla Rebekah Lodge No. 97, New Plymouth, has been changed to April 16, instead of February 20, as previously scheduled.

Submitted by ,  
Leona Horn, Secretary

Temple Encampment is having their annual fish fry April 9th at 5:30 P.M. to honor the Grand Patriarch at his official visit.

WHAT? FISH FRY  
WHERE? CALDWELL LODGE,  
411 16th AVE N.  
WHEN? APRIL 9, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.  
COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON  
EVERYONE INVITED.

## A Special Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who sent sympathy cards and made calls to us at the time of my sister Rubie's death. Also for Rubie's daughter (my niece Jan) who passed away 5 days after her mother.

Thanks to all.  
Reva & Kevin Kerfoot  
Pansy #37, Middleton

Thank you!





**Marlene Osborn  
Grand Master**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My visits have begun and district meetings are being held. The weather has been good for traveling. All is well, so far. It has been a pleasure to visit with Odd Fellows whom I haven't spoken with or seen for some time, and to meet with some whom I had never before known. Everyone has been so friendly and kind as members of our Order are known to be. Thank you to all who have made my visits so pleasant and memorable.

As I check my schedule, I find that I have not yet received responses to all of my letters concerning my visits. Please do send me some kind of response if you are among those who have either lost my letter, put it somewhere for safe keeping, or have not had time to write me a few lines, or to call me. I am flexible with scheduling and can arrange to change dates for visits if the ones I first selected don't fit your lodge schedule. I truly would like to meet with you, even if your membership is quite small.

Hopefully, you all are working on membership so that our light can shine brighter than ever, and will maintain its visibility well into the future. Remember, Odd Fellowship is SPECIAL.

In F, L, and T,  
Marlene Osborn, Grand Master



**Lydia Chrane  
Assembly President**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is the first day of spring and the wind is blowing hard enough to take the blossoms off of the forsythia that was blooming when I got home on Sunday. The apricot and wild cherry trees are in bloom also. It's amazing what a little green grass does to a person's disposition!

My visitations have been going wonderful. I've really enjoyed seeing the lodges in Districts One, Three and Four. The sisters and brothers could not have been any more gracious.

I encourage you all to attend your district meetings. This is a time of fellowship and learning. The more that can participate, the more we see and learn.

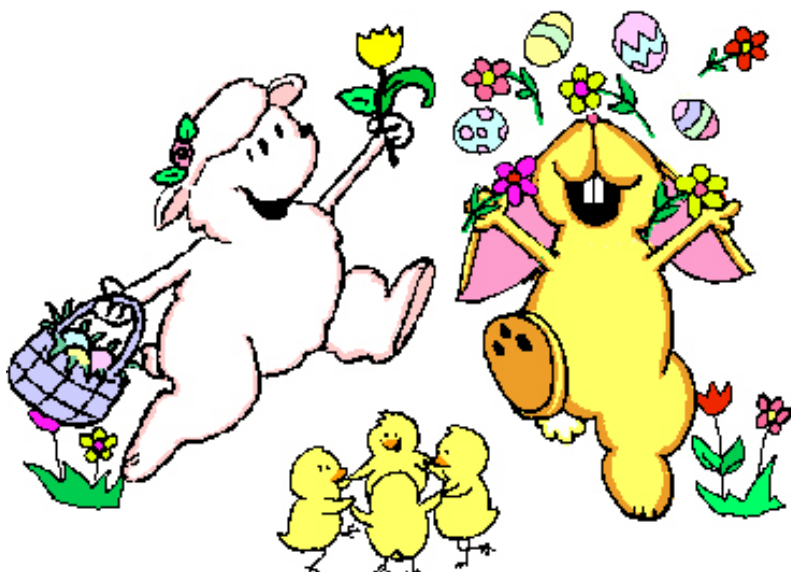
By now, I hope everyone is settled in their new positions and your meetings going smoothly.

I am asking the secretaries to reread my first letter to the lodges. It was in the packet you received after Assembly. I feel that by this time in the year, we have forgot a lot of what the Assembly President has wrote about in her first official letter. It lists my aims, challenges, awards and so forth. It's time to review and remember!

I have received the first Community Service form back and encourage all the lodges to participate in this worthwhile project. Working in the community and letting people know about our Order, and some of what we do, is the best way to promote our lodges and, who knows, maybe we can get new members!

For all the kindly things you've done,  
That proved your friendship true,  
Bless you, friend, it means so much  
To have friends like you.

In FL&T,  
President Lydia



## News from Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23

Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 honored Assembly President Lydia Chrane, at a no host dinner at a restaurant, prior to a Special Meeting on March 15, 2012.

For the meeting at the lodge hall, the members were joined by sisters from Fraternity #6: Assembly Vice President Elaine Beyeler, Alice Mayer and Kay Bammert. Attending from Progress #48 were: Vicky Kent, and Cathy Toussaint.

After President Lydia spoke on Tolerance and Charity, she expressed belief that, "Everyone can make a difference." She was presented a button lap-quilt made by the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of Ivy--Shannon Vieth and Cheri Rowe.

In keeping with her emblem, the birdhouse, an interesting paper was presented by Anna Breeze on "The Idaho Bluebird Trail" and the hundreds of bluebird nesting boxes on fence posts along miles of Idaho rural roadways across the state.

Delicious homemade lemon pie or raspberry cheese cake (two of Sister Lydia's favorites) was served by Crystal Shepherd.

During her visits to the five lodges of eastern Idaho she was the guest of Anna Breeze.

Submitted by, Anna Breeze, PP

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## Anna Rebekah Lodge No. 14

The month of December found our members participating in the Community Festival of Trees by decorating and selling a snowman/snowflake tree; selling tickets on two Christmas socks; donating to Christmas In Sharing; and donating 35 pair of gloves to After School Promise students.

We finished our year by having a Pizza Party.

On January 7, 2012, District Deputy President, Dorothea Johnson, Challis, and her installing team installed members of Anna No. 14 and Silver Leaf No. 27. The group enjoyed visiting, sandwiches and cookies after installation. (The weather co-operated this year).

We are making plans to deliver cookies and cards to residents of Discovery Care Center for Valentines Day.

Juanita Thomas, Reporter



## We're On Our Way

There have been times when we have all struggled with the question posed by a non-member asking "what does your organization do?" Well the Rebekahs of Lily #33 have taken a step to solve that problem. With a tremendous amount of energy, leg work, and arm twisting, Sister Julie Beasterfield has researched and put together a "Save Your Tabs" program that has been officially adopted by Lily Rebekah Lodge #33. This program, in conjunction with Pacific Recycling located in Idaho Falls and Pocatello, will benefit children's dialysis needs in the Idaho Falls general area by making a \$1 donation to the National Kidney Foundation for every pound of tabs donated. There were a number of TV stories concerning the program aired on the evening news during the last week in December and several phone inquiries and donations have already been received. Every pound of tabs donated is one more dollar toward helping a child on dialysis in the Idaho Falls area. Those who decide to participate will be saving their pull tabs and donating them to Lily Rebekah Lodge or by taking them directly to Pacific Recycling where a donation of \$1 per pound will be made to the Kidney Foundation by Pacific Recycling for the benefit of Idaho Falls area children on dialysis. Anyone interested is encouraged to "spread the word" and get those donations coming in.

Sister Julie also arranged for the Rick and Susie Robbins family and their son Anthony to attend a social meeting of Lily Rebekah Lodge and speak to the members about their experiences living their life with a child who has had two kidney transplants and currently is living without a kidney. This was, to say the least, a very sobering but inspiring experience for everyone in attendance. To date, the Lodge has received \$250 in cash donations and last month received their first check of \$28 from Pacific Recycling for tab donations made during the month.

Everyone is encouraged to help the program by saving all your tabs and getting everybody you know to do the same. Think of this program as a "marathon" race. It is a very long road and the only way to win is to just keep plugging along. Every step you take is another new person saving tabs and when you get to the end it will be the children who are on dialysis who win.

Submitted by Dan Sanow





## You Make a Difference

A teacher in New York decided to honor each of her seniors in High School by telling them the difference each of them had made. She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First, she told each of them how they had made a difference to her, and the class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon, imprinted with gold letters, which read. "Who I Am Makes a Difference."

Afterwards, the teacher decided to do a class project, to see what kind of impact recognition would have on a Community. She gave each of the students three more blue ribbons, and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honored whom. and report back to the class in a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby Company, and honored him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon, and put it on his shirt. Then he gave him two extra ribbons and said, 'We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like for you to go out, find somebody to honor, give them a blue ribbon, then give them the extra blue ribbon so they can acknowledge a third person, to keep this acknowledgment ceremony going. Then please report back to me and tell me what happened.'

Later that day, the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had been noted, by the way, as being kind of a grouchy fellow. He sat his boss down, and he told him that he deeply admired him for being a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon, and would he give him permission to put it on him. His surprised boss said, "Well, sure." The junior executive took the blue ribbon and placed it right on his boss's jacket. above his heart.

As he gave him the last extra ribbon, he said, "Would you take this extra ribbon, and pass it on by honoring somebody else. The young boy who first gave me the ribbons is doing a project in school, and want to keep this recognition ceremony going and find out how it affects people."

That night, the boss came home to his 14-year-old son, and sat him down. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office, and one of the junior executives came in and told me he admired me, and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine! He thinks I'm a creative genius! Then he put this blue ribbon that says, "Who I Am Makes a Difference", on my jacket above my heart. He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find somebody else to honor. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honor with this ribbon, and I thought about you. I want to honor you. My days are really hectic and when I come home, I don't pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good enough grades in school, and for your bedroom being a mess. But somehow tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid, and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he couldn't stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mom., explaining why I had killed myself, and I asked you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide tonight after you were asleep. I just didn't think that you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don't think I need it after all." His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain.

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch, but made sure to let all of his employees know that they made a difference. The junior executive helped several other young people with career planning, and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life.. one being the boss' son.

And the young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson, "Who you are DOES make a difference".

You are under no obligation to pass this on to anyone.. not to two people, or to two hundred. As far as I am concerned, you can forget it and move on. On the other hand, if you want, you could send it to all of the people who mean something to you, or send it to the one, two, or three people who mean the most. Or, just smile and know that someone thinks that you are important, or you wouldn't have received this in the first place.

Who you are does make a difference, and I wanted you to know that

Isn't this a wonderful story? I'm passing the blue ribbon to you, for who YOU are does make a difference, too.

GOD BLESS YOU!

By MARY ROBINSON REYNOLDS

So, now as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows we ask that you go out into your community and share your bracelet with someone who has made a difference.

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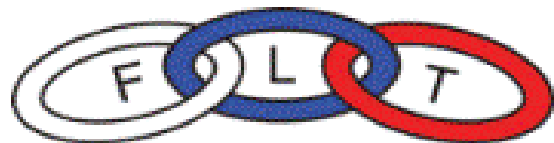
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All Cookbooks will be available at the 2012 Assembly Session. If you cannot attend the Assembly please ADD \$2 to your total for each cookbook ordered to cover shipping of your cookbooks.

Thanks You, Shandra Chandler PNG



**In Loving Memory  
of  
Clarence W. Corning  
1932 to 2011**

Clarence Warren Corning, age 79, passed away on August 1, 2011, at his home in Priest River. He was born on February 16, 1932 in Pierre, South Dakota to Warren Wesley and Luella Gertrude (Hall) Corning. Clarence was 18 months old when the family moved to Caldwell,



Idaho, where he attended school until 1949. His family moved to Idaho Hill and he finished his last two years of high school at Priest River. Clarence entered the Army in 1951, as he courted Phyllis Ann Brittain and they married in 1953. The couple lived at Fort Lewis until his discharge. They moved to Priest River where he gained employment at Doolittle Sawmill. He also worked at Diamond, Austin Meyers Pulp Yards. Western Farmer and finally at Albeni Falls Building Supply until his retirement in 1994.

Clarence loved to fish and work on crafts with his wife Phyllis in their workshop, gardening, camping, rebuilding old motors and antiques for friends, he helped several young folks build projects for church and scouts. He also loved bluegrass music and in the early '70's, he even played music at the Little Opry Hall in Troy, Montana for Canadian television.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ed.

A memorial service was held August 13, 2011, at Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home in Priest River.

**COMING EVENTS 2012**

<b>APRIL</b>	14	ENC. DISTRICT 4	PAYETTE
	21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
	21	DISTRICT 10	OROFINO
	28	DISTRICT 8	NEW PLYMOUTH
<b>MAY</b>	02	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL, 10AM
	05	DISTRICT 12 (IOOF)	PLUMMER
	11	ENC. DISTRICT 1	COUER D'ALENE
	12	DISTRICT 12 (IOOF)	COUER D'ALENE
	19	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>JUNE</b>	02	DISTRICT 3	CHALLIS
	08	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
	10	BUCKAROO BRKST	ISLAND PARK
	16	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
	23	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY

**Fisherman's Prayer**

God grant that I may live to fish  
Until my dying day,  
And when it comes to my last cast,  
I then must humbly pray.  
When in the Lord's safe landing net,  
I'm peacefully asleep;  
That in His mercy, I be judged  
Good enough to keep,



## Facts about APRIL

“April showers bring May flowers”

April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month. The Romans called the month Aprilis. It may come from a word meaning ‘to open’, or it may come from Aphrodite, the Greek name for the goddess of love.

Small animals that hibernate are usually coming out of their burrows in April. The birds fly back northward or they settle down to have their families. The bees and butterflies begin to gather nectar from the first flowers of the season.

In some parts of the world, it's planting time. In other parts, it's the harvest season. Professional baseball begins in April. Then the amateur athletes begin to go outside in the warm weather. Spring cleaning starts and people start mowing their yards again.

Special days celebrated in April begin with the first day of April, when children and grown-ups play jokes on one another. Arbor Day is a day for planting trees, and it is observed on various April days. The Jewish festival of Pesach (Passover) is celebrated early in April. Easter is almost always in April, and, with it comes other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

April Fools' Day, or All Fools' Day, is the first day of April. No one knows where the custom began, but some historians believe it started in France. They had a New Year's festival that was celebrated from March 25 to April 1, and they would then exchange gifts. But, later, King James IV changed the holiday to January 1 for New Years. The people that still celebrated it April 1 were called ‘April fish’ and sent mock presents.

April Fools' Day may also be related to the ancient Roman spring festival Hilaria, which celebrates the resurrection of the god Attis.

Arbor Day is set aside for planting trees and is mostly celebrated by school children. Most states celebrate the holiday as does most provinces in Canada. Southern States and Hawaii celebrate it somewhere between December and March, while most Northern states celebrate it in April or May.

The holiday began in Nebraska. Through the efforts of Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper publisher, April 10, 1872 was set aside as Nebraska's first Arbor Day. After his death, the legislature made April 22, the legal holiday for Arbor Day.

<http://www.entourages.com/barbs/april.htm>



## Did you know?

The story of the Passover, also called Pesah, is told in the Bible in the book of Exodus, Chapter 12. It begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month Nisan, which usually begins in March or April.

The word Passover comes from the Biblical story of the 10th plague, which God brought on Egypt for keeping the Israelites in bondage. The story says that the blood of a lamb was put on the lintel and two side posts of each Israelites' home. When God saw the blood, this would save the people in that house.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thus making it the most important Christian festival of the year. On the third day, Christ' tomb was empty, he arose, and people talked with him. Christians believe his resurrection means that they too will some day receive a new life after death.

The holiday can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25, since it is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon in the Northern Hemisphere.

The new plant life that comes in the spring is associated with the new life that Christians gain because of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The word Easter may have come from the English word, Eastre. Some believe Eastre was the name of a pagan goddess of spring, a spring festival, or the name of a season.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week on the Christian calendar, and is the Sunday before Easter. People spread palms and clothing in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, several days before his crucifixion. Today, many carry on the traditions and observe Palm Sunday by passing out palms.

DAISY and the sweet pea are the flowers of the month. Diamond is the birthstone for April

The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775, when British soldiers and

American revolutionaries clashed in Massachusetts.

William Shakespeare, the playwright, was born on April 23, 1564. He also died in England in 1616.

Feast day of the Patron Saint of England is April 23.

The Vietnam War ended on April 30, 1975, when South Vietnam surrendered.



Here are the Top 5 April Fool’s pranks of all time according to Newsmax:

**5) Thomas Edison Ends World Hunger:** in 1878 the New York Graphic announced that Thomas Edison had invented a machine that would convert dirt into cereal and water into wine. Newspapers throughout America fell for the hoax and republished the article by the end of the day.

**4) Big Ben Gets a Makeover:** in 1980 the BBC reported that Big Ben was going digital in order to keep up with modern technology.

**3) Lefties Need Whoppers, Too:** in 1998 Burger King ran an ad in USA Today promoting a new menu addition; the “Left-Handed Whopper” developed so lefties could enjoy their whopper as much as their right-handed counterparts. The ad claimed that all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees.

**2) Tacos Spell Freedom:** in 1996 The Taco Bell Corporation conned the unsuspecting into believing it had purchased the Liberty Bell and would be renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Needless to say, the prank caused a nationwide outrage. Taco Bell revealed the April Fool’s joke hours later.

**1) Spaghetti Crop Growing Wild:** in 1957, respected BBC news show Panorama announced that Swiss farmers were experiencing a bountiful spaghetti crop due to a mild winter that decimated the spaghetti weevil. Video of farms taking spaghetti off of trees accompanied the announcement. Hoards of Brits fell for the April Fool’s prank, some even calling the BBC asking how they could grow their own spaghetti tree.

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