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NEWS FROM ROYAL GEM #13



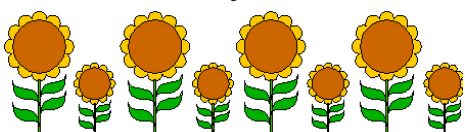
Royal Gem is or has been tackling many projects this year. First we are doing everything we can to help our Sister President Lydia Chrane make her year a success. She made her official visit Tuesday April 3rd with 17 local members and 13 visitors. Assembly Warden Barbara Pettigrew, Assembly Secretary Vicki Kiele, and Assembly Treasurer Barbara Stone were

among those present. There were 19 Past Noble Grands of the 30 members present and several Past Assembly President's. All 3 of Sister Lydia's sister Sisters were present. Visitors came from Kooskia, Clearwater, Grangeville, New Plymouth, Middleton, and Caldwell. A dinner of turkey and ham plus many salads, deserts, and rolls was served followed by the special meeting. A short skit with the theme of "Hey, Good Lookin" was performed.

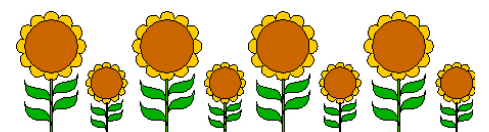
We have established displays in the hall where families, friends, etc. may purchase a plaque honoring local Veterans, past and present. These are a 3" x 5" gold aluminum and to date we have over 100 names. The cost is only \$6.00. Currently we are making plans to adopt the local play ground, establish a food bank, honor our local library volunteers with a luncheon and donation in June, hold a Cinco de Mayo dinner as a benefit for Sister Laurie Bonwell who is beating cancer (she made her first visit back to lodge for her sister Sister Lydia's visit after being absent for some time), cooking hamburgers at the Rodeo during White Bird Days over Father's Day weekend, will be choosing a local student or students for our scholarships soon, and continue to support the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. We are also getting the roof on the kitchen replaced as it has been repaired and repaired and continues to leak thank you to some of our local volunteers. Would also like to get some painting and other repairs to the large room used for dances, etc.

Sisters Rhea Kroencke Noble Grand, Shandra Chandler Financial Secretary, Roberta (DeeDee) Hallquist Secretary, Tammy Stone Chaplain, and Connie Shuck RSNR recently met with reporter Lorie Palmer of the Idaho County Free Press who did a wonderful article on our lodge. It was over one half of a page and covered so much of what we do for our building and the community. Christmas programs, funerals and funeral dinners, wedding dinners, cowboy breakfasts, queen luncheons, Art Guild displays, dances, Halloween parties, sausage feeds, awards for the parade, and so much more. Last year with the support of so many we installed a Veterans Memorial in our city park.

I think my Sisters will be glad when my two years as Noble Grand is over, don't you?



Rhea Kroencke NG,
Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



Ramblings From The Grand Secretary

I'm not sure that I want to report anything this paper, but tradition and regulations mandate it.

I was real proud of our lodge record of getting the Annual Reports in on time the past few years, but now I'm not too sure. The desk officers seem to be getting a bit lax again. 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. If there are any questions on what your duties are, please check the current by-laws or the Ritual.

In my travels around the state I find that the lodges are not teaching the newer members much about the principles of Odd Fellowship, so the questions comes to mind, WHY NOT? Have we become so dull and full of apathy that it isn't important? I was reading an article in the Washington State paper that said we need QUALITY not quantity; do you suppose they are right?

As an Executive Officer of the Order, I have only received one invitation to a District Meeting and I have had the same lack of communication from other Grand Lodge officers. If regulations and procedures are to be shared with the other members, we must get together and discuss them.

Make sure that your lodge is up-to-date on its corporation status. (Phone = 334-2300) 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. Along these lines, each lodge annually is required to file a 990 E-Card with the I.R.S.

The Journal of Proceedings is available and if I missed you, and you desire a copy, please contact the Grand Lodge office.

The new up-dated Constitution/Bylaws are in the office and available to those who want 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 desire to 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 and the advancement in degrees**)

I'll see you all down the road.
Kenny Averill, Grand Secretary

ODDFELLOWSHIP

I read a letter written by PGM Arthur Craig of Washington that seems to fit our Order.

I included all of the genders. "The Odd Fellows welcome men and women. Not because they are rich or poor, not because they are educated or uneducated, but because they are people—upright, honest, industrious, thoughtful people. They are persons that do not wish to waste time in the worship of wealth, but who will give their hearts , minds and lives to the great work of character building—of making better people. They are people that let the sunshine of love dispel the darkness of sorrow and doubt, who will be ever ready and willing to do an act of kindness, to act more forgivingly toward their fellow man than they would expect to receive themselves."

Does this ring a bell? Have a good day!

Kenny Averill



You Make A Difference

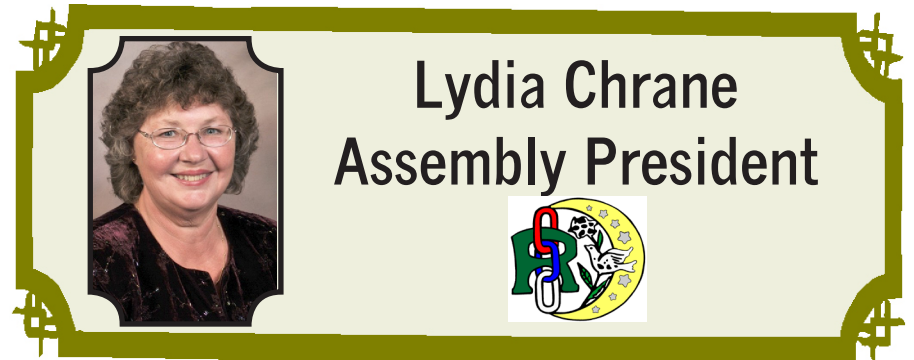
I can say today in all honesty
As time slips by so fast
That you've helped someone in need
Of the many I have passed.

You did not waste the day or lose it
It was well spent
You left a trail of kindness
And moments of content.

As you close your eyes to slumber
I hope that God will say
"You Make a difference"
By the way you lived today".

Submitted by Patsy Hunter





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a joy it is to visit an Odd Fellow lodge, and to feel "at home". That's how I feel as I make my visits and see old friends, and meet those who are about to become friends. Odd Fellowship is friendship with the ones who have joined a lodge and put time and energy into the Order. We who are members know that we are connected--by our ritual, by our tenets, by our good deeds, by our affiliation. When we have our meetings, we know that we are carrying on the same traditions that our brothers of long ago cherished as they, too, performed their fraternal duties. They, like us, raised funds to help others. They, too, were diligent as they performed good works to help their neighbors and communities. Throughout the many years of working tirelessly to benefit others, our predecessors kept the light of odd fellowship burning. Now, we are still carrying the beacon, but it is becoming weaker. PLEASE--help our Order to survive so that future generations may feel the warmth and friendship that is ours. Help to preserve our lodges for many more years.

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Time flies, whether you are having fun or not. Good thing I am having such an enjoyable time with my visitations!

It has been a busy month, lots of visits, lots of food, and lots of fellowship. I have enjoyed every minute.

Our Sovereign Grand Master, Delmar L. Burns, has proclaimed the month of May as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship. This program, supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight....only a few have Vision. If you have not made a contribution to the Visual Research Foundation yet, please do so. It is too late to be acknowledged by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but we would still be doing our part. Send the donation to our Assembly Secretary.

I hope the Living Legacy reports are going into our Vice President, as well as the Community Service forms to me.

I want to thank the lodges that have sent their quilt blocks and I am anxiously awaiting the rest. It will be a real quilt of Friendship, Love and Truth.

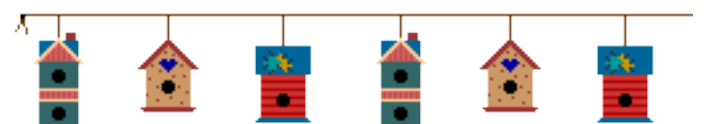
Please note that my zip code in incorrect in the directory. It is 83554.

Connie Shuck, my memory book coordinator, is hoping that all the lodges will be sending mementos and pictures of my visit to her. If you could also include a picture of the outside of your Hall (or where ever you meet) it would be greatly appreciated.

I guess I don't have any great words of wisdom this month. I can only encourage everyone to try to follow my guides, watchwords, aims and challenges. I truly feel that by doing this, we will have more harmony in our lodges and show people what a great brotherhood and sisterhood we are. We need to listen to the words of our Rebekah Creed and take them to heart. WE ARE REBEKAHS!! We need to show other people that we are a group that they would be proud to be part of.

"those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves" James Matthew Barrie

In FL&T,
President Lydia



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(Cut off date October 7, 2012)

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ADDRESS _____
UNIT _____ Name and number _____
LO.O.F. _____ Title _____
REBEKAH _____ Title _____
ENCAMPMENT _____ Title _____

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE, PER PERSON. (ALL UNITS)---\$ 15.00 ----- \$ _____
***** REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR *****\$17.00 ***** \$ _____

GENERAL BANQUET	(Menu: Circle one)	Prime Rib	_____ @ \$ 35.00	\$ _____
		Pacific Coast Salmon	_____ @ \$ 35.00	\$ _____
AMOSETTE BANQUET -----			_____ @ \$ 33.00	\$ _____
HISTORICAL SOCIETY LUNCHEON ---			_____ @ \$ 22.00	\$ _____
PAST GR. OFFICERS DINNER -----			_____ @ \$32.00	\$ _____
PAST PRES. DINNER ---			_____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____

*** No tickets will be available for late registrations.

TOTAL ENCLOSED ----- \$ _____

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GET READY FOR SOME
OLD TIME ROCK & ROLL !!



Come All You Jitter Bug Dancers



ELVIS IMPERSONATORS

and



BUBBLEGUM CHEWING
FOOT STOMPERS

LETS HAVE SOME FUN!

OCTOBER 2012



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

“80” has really become quite a gift.
With so many cards and wishes - what a lift!
Your time and thoughts from far and near
Certainly gave me memories to store.

In F. L. & T.
Virginia Moberly, Pansy No. 37.

Reminder:

Please be thinking about getting your
Lodge Histories to me by the end of June.
Thank you for those I have received.

Virginia Moberly
Rebekah Assembly Historian



News from Kooskia

Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the City of Kooskia, Chamber of Commerce and the Kooskia Rebekah Lodge #64 was held Sat., April 7th at the Kooskia City park. Members from each group helped to stuff plastic eggs and hide them in the parks. Approximately 100 children from 1 yr. to 12 yrs. made short work of finding the approximately 1,700 eggs that had been hidden that morning. Several of the eggs had gold Sacajawea \$1.00 coins in them and several had Clearwater Valley Bucks or prizes donated by chamber members and local businesses.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance and handed out suckers to everyone. Several children had their pictures taken with him.

Before the hunt started, the children had a musical bunny hop, with prizes of toys and/or cupcakes. A great time was had by all.

Submitted by,
Roberta Lee



LAPM News



Betty Doser
Department Association
President

On May 12, Columbia #3 and Weiser #16 will be hosting the Department Association President Betty Doser's Official Visit at the Boise Lodge Hall. All Ladies of the LAPM are invited. For more information contact Lady Georgia Wickham at 208-454-0291. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could gain new members and muster them into this wonderful branch of the order. If any Rebekah is interested, let us know. We would love to have you.

Submitted by
Georgia Wickham

President Lydia Visits Kooskia #64



Lydia Chrane, President
Roberta Lee, VG Kooskia #64

Rebekah Assembly President, Lydia Chrane from Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13, Whitebird, made her official visit to Kooskia Lodge #64 on April 4, 2012. After a lovely meal at the Kooskia Cafe, we met at the Kooskia Lodge. There were representatives from Royal Gem #13, Whitebird; Gem of the Mountain #5, Caldwell; Pansy #37, Middleton; Bluebell #72, Orofino; Sylvan #81, Clearwater and Idaho Jurisdictional Lodge #1 who joined the Kooskia Sisters.

Sister Lydia Chrane was introduced and presented to the members. She gave a very nice message on her goals, as president on the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho for 2011-12. After the meeting was finished, we had our dessert of cake and ice cream, in the fellowship hall.

Roberta Joy Lee, Reporter

*Happy
Mother's Day*

Grand Master Visits Caldwell #10



Virginia Moberly, NG
Marlene Osborn, GM



Virginia Moberly, Marlene Osborn
And Windy Osborn

On February 22, 2012, Grand Master Marlene Osborn made her official visit to Caldwell I.O.O.F. No. 10. She was accompanied by her husband, Winthrop Osborn, Past Grand Master. A covered dish dinner was held in honor of her visit. Those in attendance enjoyed her message.

Virginia Moberly, Noble Grand
Caldwell I.O.O. F. No. 10

GOOD EATS COOKBOOK
PRE-ORDER FORM

Sold by the Idaho Rebekah Funeral Aid

Cookbooks will be sold for \$10 each.

Price Per Book: \$10
Number Of Books:
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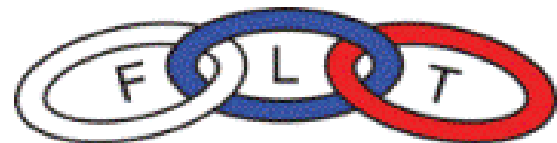
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All Cookbooks will be available at the 2012 Assembly Session. If you cannot attend the Assembly please ADD \$2 to your total for each cookbook ordered to cover shipping of your cookbooks.

Thanks You, Shandra Chandler PNG



Notes from Carnation Lodge No. 95



VG Alice Baillie
With 1975 Calendar



Alice Baillie & Dee Hancock
Thomas Wildey Program

Just when we thought spring was here, we have had more snow and will have more this month (March). The robins are here in full force and are every where so guess spring is around the corner.

The lodge has been busy preparing for the President's visit and District meeting in May.

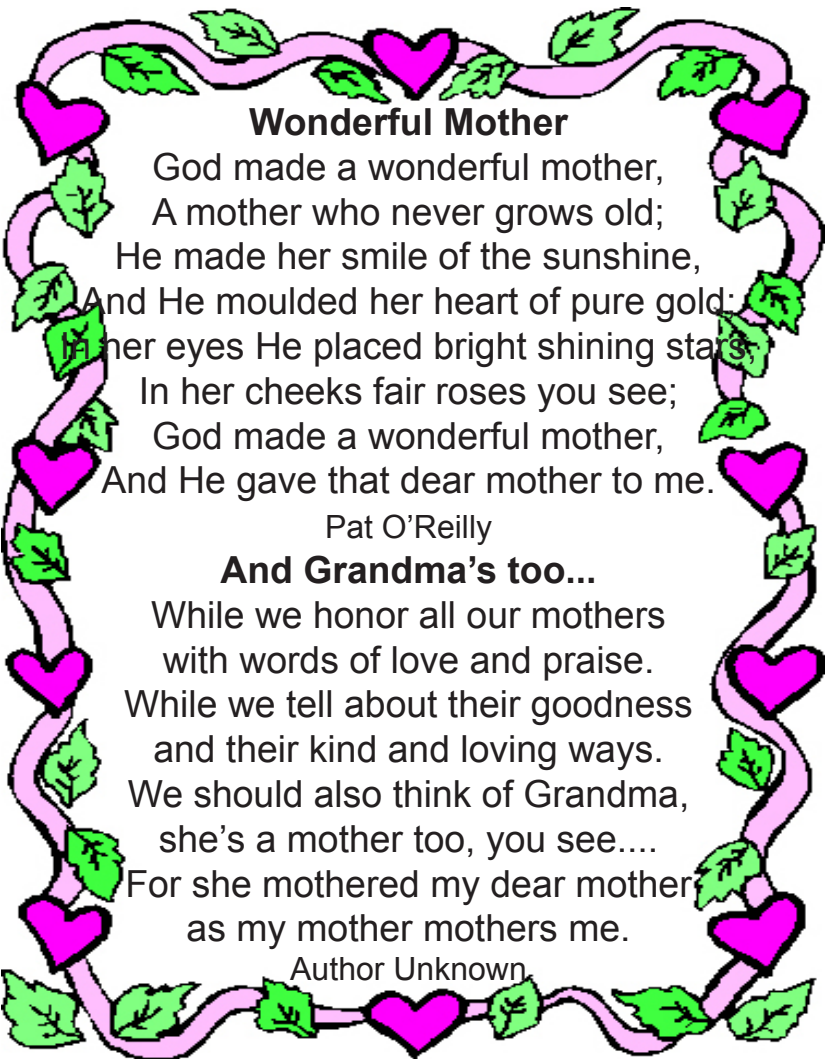
Our Noble Grand, Norma Fencil and Vice Grand, Alice Baillie have had many interesting programs this year. In January we celebrated Thomas Wildey's birthday, in February we have Valentines and a very interesting quiz on the President's of the United States. Sister Alice brought a President's calendar, dated 1975.

Hope all is well with the lodges and think spring.

Nancy Morris

COMING EVENTS 2012

MAY		
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
JUNE		
02	DISTRICT 3	CHALLIS
08	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
10	BUCKAROO BRKST	ISLAND PARK
16	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
23	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY
JULY		
14	DEPT. COUNCIL	CALDWELL
AUGUST		
01	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL, 10AM
20-24	SOV. GRAND LODGE	CINCINATI, OH
25	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
Her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

Pat O'Reilly

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

Food Pantry Gets Gift



Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110 has donated several quilts to the Mary Martha Food Pantry. They were very much appreciated as several who come for food will be happy to get the quilts.

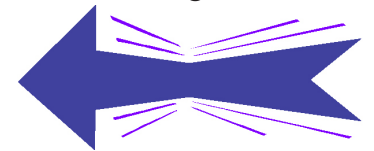
In one picture we see Assembly President, Lydia Chrane and Wilma Bragg. In the other picture are Lydis Chrane, Wilma Bragg, Jane Nellis and Sandy Tatti. Jane supervises the pantry every Wednesday.

Peg Roberson, Publicity Chr.

Idaho Rebekah Lodge #96 Donates Living Legacy Tree



Living Legacy Tree
In Background



Lorraine McCloud
Kathy Adams
Peg Roberson

On March 19, 2012, Lorraine McCloud and Peg Roberson, went to the Magic Valley Manor and gave them this tree. It was donated by Peg for the Living Legacy Program. Pictured are L-R Lorraine McCloud, Kathy Adams, Manor Administrator and Peg Roberson. This was for Idaho Rebekah Lodge #96.

Peg Roberson, Publicity, Chr.

May Celebrations & Observances



May Day, the first of May is celebrated around the world. It has a number of meanings. In many other countries it is a celebration of spring and the coming of summer. It is celebrated with many spring flowers. To communist and socialist countries, it is a celebration for the workers.

In many countries it is celebrated as part of a one to three day holiday. Of particular note, it is not a national holiday in the United States, except in Hawaii where it is known as "Lei Day".



Leprechaun Day May 13th

Leprechaun Day is a dedicated to the little elves of Ireland. Saint Patrick's day is a huge day in March that celebrates Irish pride and everything about Ireland. But, tiny Leprechauns with their precious, hidden pot of gold, deserve their own day reserved just for them.

According to Irish legend, or folklore, Leprechauns have a hidden pot of gold. If you catch a Leprechaun, he must give you his pot of gold.



Lost Sock Memorial Day
Always May 9th



Lost Sock Memorial Day recognizes your drawer full of unmatched socks. Each unmatched sock represents a missing sock. We never throw away our unmatched socks. After all, it may show up someday.

On Lost Sock Memorial Day, we suggest you spend a little time (as little as possible) searching for those missing socks. After a (very) brief search, and in good "Memorial" spirit, spend a minute reflecting upon how warm and comforting the missing socks were on your stinky toes. Then, by all means, get on with your life. Today is also a good opportunity to toss out all of your unmatched socks.

Join Hands Day



1st Saturday in May

Join Hands Day is a day to make a difference in your community through helpful projects that connect youths and adults. It is an opportunity to reach out through volunteer organizations and to connect generations and develop new relationships.

Limerick Day - May 12



A mouse in her room woke Miss Doud
Who was frightened and screamed very loud
Then a happy thought hit her
To scare off the critter
She sat up in bed and just meowed



There was a young maid from Madras
Who had a magnificent ass;
Not rounded and pink,
As you probably think---
It was grey, had long ears, and ate grass.



A wonderful bird is the Pelican.
His beak can hold more than his belly can.
He can hold in his beak
Enough food for a week!
But I'll be darned if I know how the hellican?



To manage to keep up a brain,
It's no easy job, it is plain;
That's why a great many
Don't ever use any,
Thus avoiding the care and the strain.

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