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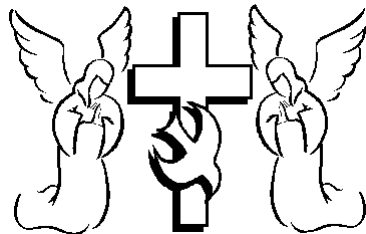


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In Memoriam



**Frank Lawyer, PGC
1933-2013**



**Grand Patriarch, 1989
Dept. Commander, 1996
Grand Master, 1998
General Commanding, 2000**

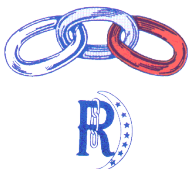


Franklin E. Layer of Idaho Falls, Idaho passed away on July 9th, 2013 at the age of 79. He was born on August 12th, 1933 in Normal, Illinois, to Elmer and Josephine Shomacher Lawyer. Frank married Elizabeth (Betty) Rankin in 1954. In 1967 Frank and Betty moved to Idaho in search of employment. They enjoyed 53 years of marriage until Betty's death in 2008, during which time they raised two children, Brian and Julie.

At the time of his death, Frank was a member of the Odd Fellows for 45 years but was most notably proud of his 32 years service in the Rebekah Lodge. He joined Bingham Lodge in Idaho Falls in 1977 by reinstatement after having been a member in Illinois for approximately 9 years. Brother Frank was a significant contributor in many ways to his home Lodge and the Order as a whole and was always an actively participant in his Lodge activities though he seemed to work mostly in the background. In addition to being very active in the Order, Frank was always active in the community. For several years Frank made "mountain man" presentations in full mountain man dress at several grade schools in the Idaho Falls area and was Regional Director of the Citizens Against Poaching organization for 25 years.

Frank was a man who lived his life living and breathing the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. It was in 2012, after living with a serious medical condition involving an aneurism for several years he was able to finally have the condition repaired. However, during the subsequent recovery period he suffered a condition causing kidney failure and his once robust health began to deteriorate from which he was never able to fully recover. At the time of his death Brother Frank was a mainstay of his Lodge and will be missed tremendously.

Submitted by Dan Sanow



RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Most of your lodges are still on recess, but that doesn't mean Odd Fellowship is on vacation. Remember, you have representatives going to Sovereign Grand Lodge on your behalf, so let them know what you would like to see done and then support them. Read your Journals, which are available to each lodge (you can also purchase them individually from the Grand Lodge) and talk with your representatives to Grand Lodge for information.

I will repeat what was published before about the maintenance of the lodge buildings with a word of caution. Please read what is taking place so you are not disappointed or misinformed on what the program is about. It is to help those that need it to bring their lodges up to a presentable building site and in that way bolster or increase the membership. There are limited funds available, so it is fairly strict for acceptance.

The Lodge Assistance Program has been completed as far as the Application Form and the procedure is concerned. Each lodge seeking assistance is to write a request to the Grand Lodge for the proper form and follow the instructions that will be included in a returned cover letter and application.

I apologize for any lack of communication that seems to fall by the wayside from my standpoint as I try to follow the rules and regulations for the good of the Order. I have tried to cover all the bases that concern the lodges and the membership, but a lot of it seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Maybe I'll just keep repeating it. I do catch a lot of flak from some people that have an idea that the office staff does nothing. This could insult me if I didn't know different and I also consider the source of the informational flak. I know that people hear and see what they want to, and they love to talk, even if they don't know what it's all about. This goes with the territory.

Does your lodge have a revised up-to-date copy of the Code? Does each lodge have by laws and does the Grand Lodge have a copy of that lodge's by-laws on file? Does each member realize that this is one of his/her responsibilities of the Order? It is also printed in the Code of General Laws as well as other pertinent facts that involve the membership in a lodge. Does the Grand Lodge have a copy of the lodge's deed on file ??

The 2012 Code of General Laws changes are available from the Grand Lodge office upon request and a remittance of \$3.45 per issue. Also, the Grand Lodge still has a stack of revised Constitutions/By-laws for your purchase. Have you checked the up-date on yours?

Committee Chairpersons, have you had a meeting? Do you even know who is on your committee? Have you checked the Directory for this information? Have you let the Executive Committee know what is needed or what ideas are forthcoming? If none of this is happening, then ask yourself, what good is that committee??

Kenny Averill,
Grand Secretary

White Bird Days 2013



On June 15, 2013, the annual White Bird Days was held. Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 put up a booth, selling Chief White

Bird fry bread. This was a wonderful money maker for us. White Bird Days had a red, white, and blue All American theme this year. We decorated our booth with a flag and banner thanking our local community for all the help they have given us throughout the years. We also decorated the front of the hall with flower baskets and an American Flag. The Salmon River Art Guild used the main hall for their exhibition, and the White Bird Rodeo Committee used the dining room and kitchen for their cowboy breakfast and Royalty Luncheon. A lot of fun was had by all, and many old friends met again.

The picture showing our booth stars, from Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13, Cheryl Cullin, Lydia Chrane, Darla Brumley, and Paula Prewett.

The committee chairmen for this event were Darla Brumley and Beth Plagmann.

Carolynn Jones Noble Grand



George McGaffick
Grand Master



I made my final lodge visit to Silver City where I am happy to report they brought in two new members. I am happy to say that during my year as Grand Master our order has brought in at least twelve new members here in the Treasure Valley and maybe more. Elsewhere in the state. I hope this trend will continue for many years to come.

It was with deep regrets that I was unable to attend the funeral for Frank Lawyer. Due to appointments on Friday and lodge business on Saturday, the trip was just not possible. I wish I could of been able to get to know the gentleman better. My regards go out to his family and Friends.

As I made my visits around the state, it bothered me that we as Oddfellows seem to find it necessary to talk about other members of the order in a negative way. This is not what our order was founded on. Remember our three links and the letters within.

On the lighter side, I hope all of you will be able to attend Grand Session this year. I realize that it is getting more expensive each and every year, but your input into lodge matters is very important.

Except for my home lodge of Caldwell, I hope that all of the other lodges are enjoying a two month break from your monthly meetings and are ready to get back to work in September.

IN FL & T
George McGaffick GM.



Elaine Beleyer
Assembly President



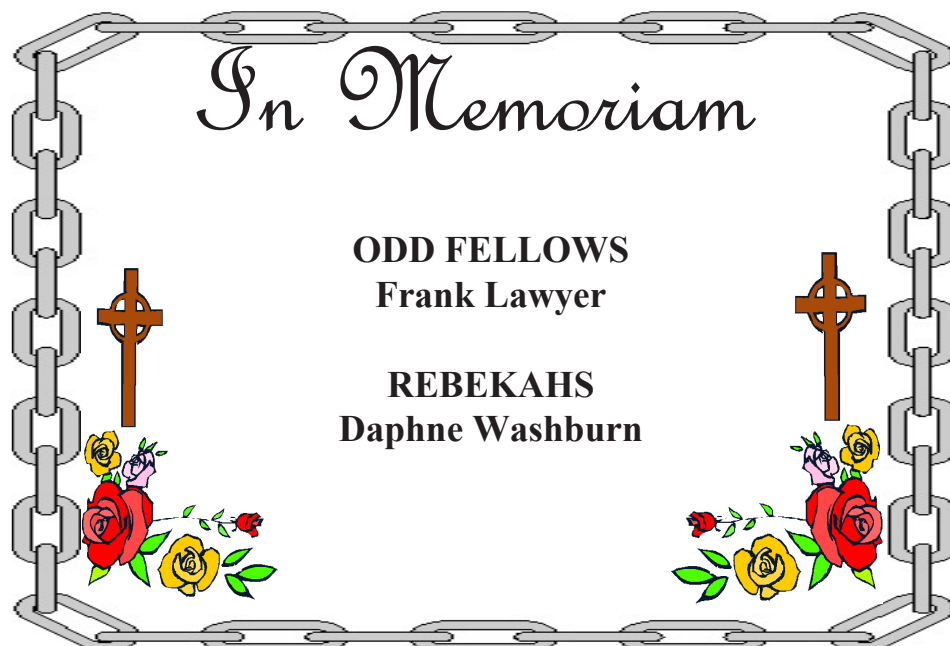
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hope you are all enjoying the summer recess and hot weather! I thoroughly am enjoying the heat but as you know I am always cold! I can't believe all my visitations are over! Where did all the time go? I have had a wonderful and awesome year thanks to each and every one of you! But, now all the hard work begins thank goodness for my home Lodge they have been very supportive and have helped me a lot. I have received most of the Lodge Deputy's reports and half of the DDP reports, if your Lodge or District has not sent theirs in yet please do so, so I can get my reports done.

If you still have any of my pins left, please send back to me, or if you have not sent in your money please get that in to the office. Thank you in advance for attending to this matter. Also, my daughter Judy who is doing the scrapbook still has not received very many pictures or items of interest, it would be greatly appreciated if you could get those in so she can get my book done!

On a sad note I lost a very dear friend in July and our Order lost a wonderful and very avid member, Past Grand Master Frank Lawyer, he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go to the family, extended family and the many Odd Fellows and Rebekah's that Frank's life touched. I know that the angels are watching over him and he is looking down on us with his love!

In FL&T
Elaine Beyeler
Rebekah Assembly President



Carnation 95 Meets Scholarship Winner



Alice Baillie, NG, Janette Weatherly, VG
Casey Rogstad, and Doryne Rogstad



Casey Rogstad
Scholarship Winner

At the last meeting in June, Carnation Rebekah Lodge No. 95 had the pleasure of meeting the scholarship winner, Mr. Casey Rogstad, of Timberlake High School in Spirit Lake, Idaho. He graduated from North Idaho College in May and was Valedictorian of his high school class in June. His grandmother, Doryne Rogstad, is a third generation Rebekah. She joined in Spirit Lake and is now a member of Carnation 95 in Post Falls. Casey had lunch with the Sisters and played his guitar for us.

Doryne was a piano teacher and taught at the college. He will be going to Whitworth College in Spokane, in the fall. It was a very enjoyable lunch time. He is working to earn more funds by mowing lawns and helping others in his town. He is an inspiration to all of us.

Submitted by Nancy Morris.

Caldwell Lodge #10 Presents Jewels

At a regular dinner meeting, Caldwell Lodge #10 presented the following Jewels:

Grand Master, George McGaffick, presented Past Grand Master, Brother Lee Moberly, with the Distinguished Service Award for his 50 plus years of service to our Lodge and Order. He was pinned by his wife, Virginia.

Sister Sharon McGaffick presented Brother Bob Weygandt, Past Grand Master, with the Odd Fellow Merit Jewel for his service to our Lodge and Community. He was pinned by his wife, Helen.

Brother Brad Bevins, Vice Grand of Caldwell #10, presented Brother Randall Wallace, (Grand Lodge Chaplain), with the Odd Fellow Merit Jewel for his service to our Lodge and community. He was pinned by his wife, Debbie.

Submitted by Kenneth Baldwin

Ada Lodge #3 Initiates 8



During his official visit to Ada Lodge #3, Grand Master, George McGaffick, helped with the initiation and 1st degree, given to seven new members of Ada Lodge #3 and one new member of Nampa Lodge #40.

Submitted by Sharon McGaffick

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Initiation



On May 29, 2013 a special meeting was held for the purpose of initiation. Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 initiated 3 new members to Royal Gem #13 and 1 member to Garnet Rebekah Lodge #120.

There were 20 members and guests in attendance to initiate the new members.

Featured in the picture are:

Conductor Janis Comrie Royal Gem #13

New Members: Royal Gem #13: Carol Fee,
Joyce McCool, and Anna Holden,

Garnet #120: Wilhelmina Miller Warden Beth
Plagmann Royal Gem #13

Desserts were enjoyed by all after the meeting.

Carolynn Jones Noble Grand

An Old Letter Scanned and Preserved

417 Jefferson street, Boise. Idaho. October 25th.1950.

To the Officers and Members of
Ada Lodge no 3, I.O.O.F

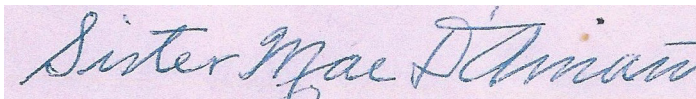
Dear Brothers-

A week ago a Mrs. Bowen and I went to Idaho City, she was to contact some old timer who could tell her of the early history of the City and about other items of interest. We met a George Kesner, naturally he asked if we had ever visited the I.O.O.F. temple there, neither of us had,so he took us thro it. We enjoyed it very much, every picture had a history we enjoyed hearing about. I told him I was a Sister Rebekah and asked him if he took the Idaho OddFellow, as so many know me by name ,and he said no, he used to get it a long time ago and enjoyed it. He is so proud of his Veteran Jewel.

This Brother takes such excellent care of this building and as proud of it as though it was his own, well any way.it seems to me that it would be a Brotherly act to send this. man the laaho OddFellow so he and his buddies could keep in touch with the outside world of OddFellowship. I understand there are about 5 of these old Brothers living up there. Couldn't you send it to him?? if not, let me know and I will send it to him, if we are going to do anything to add a little happiness to these old Brothers in their lone some lives, now is the time as we pass this way but once.

I have some of the past months ana I am going to sena them to him

Sincerely and Fraternally-



Submitted by Calista Newman

Unity #8 and Ada #3



Volunteers for the Idaho Food Bank



HonoredFathers

What a busy spring for Unity #8. In February, Rebekah Assembly President Elaine Beyeler, honored us with her official visit. President Elaine joined a select group receiving Unity's beautiful apron painted by Margaret Odle.

In March we were so fortunate to visit Pansy #37. This wonderful group of sisters and brothers welcomed us so warmly we had to go back for a second meeting.

What nice messages were shared by District Deputy President Jan Vander Berg and Lodge Deputy Pam York at their official visitations.

April revisited one of our old traditions, Go To Church Sunday. We heard a special message at the Collister Community Church. Then we were treated by our NG Virginia Buchanan—she prepared a scrumptious breakfast at our hall. What a great way to start the week.

Mother's Day poetry presented by Lyle Odle pleased all the ladies present; so did the jeweled book marks.

In May, Unity continued volunteering with the Idaho Food Bank. NG Virginia Buchanan, Stella Beard, Cheryl Guglielmo, Marjorie Howard, and JoDee Pola labeled baggies, bagged and boxed Almond Wheat cereal. We then enjoyed brunch at Denny's Restaurant; no one ordered cereal after processing so many pounds earlier. (see photo)

For Father's Day, we honored our fathers, Lyle Odle and Gene Pola. The history of Father's Day was presented with poetry to commemorate holidays was read. Each father received pliers to help with their honey-do projects. (see photo)

Don't forget the Odd Fellow's Summer Picnic on August 10th, 1 PM – 4 PM at the Municipal Park, 500 S. Walnut, Boise. Bring you covered dish and table ware and a big appetite.

Submitted by, Cheryl Guglielmo

Happy Birthday



**Smokey the Bear
turns 69 on
August 9th**

"Remember, Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!"



A Little History of Odd Fellowship in Idaho

During this year and next year the 150th Celebration Committee of Pioneer Lodge #1 will be putting articles and letters of the history of Odd Fellowship in Idaho, in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs News, to get you ready for a great Celebration on July 12, 2014. One of the most memorable writers during the depression who wrote about hope for our order was Presley F. Horne, Past Grand Secretary; many of the articles will be from his stories and correspondences. We also hope for you to share some of the history you or your family has witnessed, that you think should be part of the collection. We hope you enjoy this Beautiful story; it brought a tear to our eyes when we read it and we hope it will to yours.

Taking Up a Charter

Soon after I became Grand Secretary I set out for Van Wyck to take up the Charter of Peerless Lodge No. 74. The lodge had not reported for nearly five years, and the new Grand Secretary was full of youthful enthusiasm and a determination to wipe all dead lodges off the slate. It was an all-day ride on the train to Cascade, the nearest railroad point, and early the next morning I followed a muddy trail over the hill to the nearly deserted pioneer town of Van Wyck. The lodge building was still there, but its only occupants were pack rats, and it was most evident that no meetings were being held. I wandered up and down the street but could not find an Odd Fellow. Finally a small boy told me the postmistress was looking for me, and when I arrived at the post office I found Sister Goldie Lash, apparently the only member of the Order living in town. She had learned that I carried a commission from the Grand Master authorizing me to take up the Charter of this lodge, and she wasted no time to bringing up the subject. Abruptly she asked me if the Charter was to be recalled, and when I told her that my investigation seemed to justify such a course, she pointed her finger in schoolteacher fashion and said:

“Young man, let me tell you a few things you don’t know about Odd Fellowship in Van Wyck. You think because this lodge does not hold regular meetings that there is no Odd Fellowship here, but I want you to know there is.” Pointing to the open door of an adjoining room she continued, “In that room last winter my husband was confined to his bed for months with an illness from which he could not recover. It is true the Odd Fellows do not meet regularly in their lodge room, but not a day passed without one or more of them coming to see George and sitting for a few minutes by his bedside. Finally it became necessary for someone to be in constant attendance, and these Odd Fellows took turns in helping us through those long nights. And then the night came which was to be George’s last on earth. Two brothers were here that night, one seated on each side of the bed. George was unconscious most of the night, but along about four in the morning his eyes opened, he smiled, and spoke faintly, for his strength was rapidly going, and then occurred the thing which I shall never forget. Those two Odd Fellows reached their hands across the bed, clasping them over George’s hand, and one of them said, ‘George, we realize that you will not be with us much longer, and of course you know it too, so we want to promise you before you go that as long as we live your wife will not want for anything.’ A few minutes later George passed away with a smile on his lips because of the promise made to him by these brothers. The next day the Odd Fellows broke a trail through five feet of snow up to the old cemetery, and there under the pines George was laid to rest. Perhaps no ritual had been opened in the lodge room for several years, but these faithful brothers conducted the regular funeral service of Odd Fellowship for their departed member, and George was given the kind of funeral service he had desired.”

There were tears in Mrs. Lash’s eyes as she finished her story, and there were tears in my eyes, too and she concluded the interview by saying, “Don’t tell me that Odd Fellowship in Van Wyck is dead, for I know better.”

Thus from this Sister of the Rebekah Degree I learned another lesson in Odd Fellowship: that fraternity is not measured by the number of lodge meetings held in a year, but by the way we render assistance to those in need; that fraternity, unless embodied in acts of humanity, is but an empty name.

Was the Charter of Peerless Lodge taken up? Of course not, because the spirit of Odd Fellowship still lived in Van Wyck, and even though the fire of lodge activity was burning low, I knew it would blaze again, and IT DID. The old lodge was moved to the neighboring town of Cascade, and in due time lodge activities were renewed. Today Peerless Lodge No. 74 meets regularly in its own lodge building and has a good membership of earnest Odd Fellows. I wonder if any of them know that a Rebekah once saved their Charter?

May 1939

Beautiful Things In Life by Presley F. Horne

Submitted by Calista Newman



Amosette Banquet Theme



**Support Our Troops
Our true Guardian Angels**

REGISTRATION FOR GRAND LODGE SESSIONS OCTOBER 21-23

NAME _____

RANK _____

BRANCH _____

Pre-Registration _____ \$12.00

Registration at the Door _____ \$17.00

General Banquet Prime Rib _____ \$35.00

Salmon Wellington _____ \$30.00

President's Luncheon Lemon Chicken _____ \$20.00

Past President's Banquet Stuffed Pork Chops _____ \$27.00

Amosette Banquet Pasta Primavera _____ \$25.00

Historical Luncheon Beef Stroganoff _____ \$18.00

Lemon Chicken _____ \$20.00

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NW Association Banquet at SGL

I wish to order _____
tickets at \$43.50 American each for
Sunday Aug 18, 2013 in Schaumburg,
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Send checks to:

Vickie Beaver, 264 E. Ash St.,
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Ph. 541-259-2373. E-
Mail=dvbeaver@proaxis.com

Museum Workday Scheduled



Starting on June 19 there will be a workday at the
Historical Museum in Caldwell. After that there will be one
every month on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We
hope to see some of you there to help out. Remember
it is your Museum and we need to keep it up so we can
remain proud of our Odd Fellowship.



Announcement



To all lodges, IOOF, & Rebekahs send in the names
of deceased members by August 30th of this year to
Grand Lodge for the memorial at session.

COMING EVENTS 2013

AUGUST

07 HISTOR. SOCIETY

CALDWELL, 10AM

18-23 SGL

CHICAGO, IL

24 OWYHEE #2

SILVER CITY

SEPTEMBER

21 PIONEER 1/ROSE 18

IDAHO CITY

27 JOINT PLAN. BOARD

CALDWELL, 10AM



**Lodges, have you sent in your 2012 his-
tory report? Sister Virginia is waiting!!**

Lodge Building Sale

It is with a great deal of regret that Bingham Lodge in Idaho Falls announces, after 106 years, we have sold our Lodge Hall. The declining membership of the Lodge has forced us to recognize reality and take this necessary action while we have the resources to accomplish the task in a controlled manner. Fortunately, the deal came with a one year continued occupancy of the Lodge Hall so we have the opportunity to complete the task in a controlled and measured way. Many of the members around the state have been in our Lodge Hall and know it has many beautiful furnishings that we recognize other Lodge's around the state may need. On a first come, first serve basis, we would like to fulfill whatever needs of other Lodges we may be able to. Should any Lodge have an identifiable need you feel we may be able to fill you are encouraged to contact Dan Sanow at either sanow1@msn.com or on his cell at 208-716-1735 to discuss the need and if we have the solution available for you. This offer stands until September 30th when we will begin dispositioning the balance of our furnishings as opportunities avail themselves.

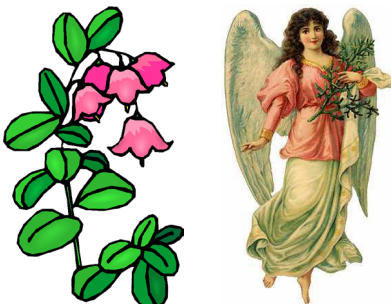
Submitted by: Dan Sanow, Trustee,
Bingham Lodge #14

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