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Mountain Home Lodges Participate in Parades



4th of July Parade
Glens Ferry



AFAD Parade
Mountain Home



Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 spent some of their summer hours this year building floats and participating in local parades to ignite enthusiasm for their lodges and have some fun in the process.

Members and family, decorated a patriotic-themed float for the city of Glens Ferry's Independence Day Parade. All participants joined together earlier in the week to decorate a flatbed trailer generously provided and pulled in the parade by Nick and Mandy Harlan. Symbols from both lodges decorated a large central board, around which members of the lodges sat during the parade. Everyone then gathered the morning of the 4th dressed in pullover shirts embroidered with their respective lodge(s) emblem, lined up, and added finishing touches to the float.

Information packets about the lodges and its programs, promotional items provided by SGL and candy were passed out or tossed to adults along the parade route. Members on the float also waved small, hand-held American flags and tossed out candy to excited children. Two large ceremonial American flags joined the Odd Fellow and Rebekah flags on each corner of the float, which unfurled beautifully in the light breeze. One memorable moment came near the beginning of the route as an older gentleman, likely a veteran, showed his patriotic spirit by standing at attention and saluting the American flag as the float passed. Adults and children along the sidelines waved and took photographs.

We were thrilled to discover that the write-up for the parade in the Glens Ferry Gazette featured a photograph of our float. The photo captured the entire float with its waving flags and the caption below described the Mountain Home lodge members as showing off their patriotism during the parade.

Our next opportunity came in September during the annual Air Force Appreciation Day parade in Mountain Home, the largest parade in Idaho. We were excited to create a float that fit the parade's theme: "Saluting Our Military - Our Heroes, Our Hope." And what better way to do that than to display the unique honor given to our Order, in the placing of wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Photographs of this year's annual pilgrimage decorated the float's central board along with wreaths, flags, and two members dressed in the men's and women's Patriarchs Militant uniforms.

Bags filled with information pamphlets, membership applications, and SGL promotional items were tossed to the excited crowd along with candy for the kids. The crowd seemed to really enjoy the float and its uniformed members as many took photos and waved excitedly as it passed. Although the float did not appear in the paper this time, it did receive 2nd Place in the Community Service category. Overall, members from both lodges thoroughly enjoyed these experiences and look forward to participating with their local communities in the future. Way to go Odd Fellows and Rebekahs!

By Kathryn Smith, Reporter

RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Well, here it is again. Time to be putting the finishing touches for the Grand Sessions in Moscow. In this time of economic slow-down and such, it is imperative that a closer-knit operation is needed to survive. Every member should be interested in the over-all operation of the Order. After all, it is one of the best organizations in the world. I hope to see Representatives from all lodges there. I miss your smiling faces when you are absent.

There are some changes in the Constitution and By-laws coming down the pike, so I would caution everyone to be alert if they do pass. I will try to keep you posted. The consolidation of the P.M. and L.A.P.M. And others is still up in the air. It is progressing.

There is an invitation for a Testimonial Dinner and week-end honoring SGM Robert "Bob" Smith on December 6th and 7th in Lincolnshire, Illinois available at the Grand Lodge office PR possibly in the paper for your convenience. Also, the Grand Lodge office has some information the 2014 SGL Communication held in Victoria, B.C..

So far this year it has been a bit confusing. Each committee was encouraged to get involved in their responsibility for duties. This has gone fine with the exception that said committees and special lodge projects forgot to include the Grand Lodge in their actions. When inquiries come in, the person answering the phone does not have a clue of what to answer. I am sure this is unintentional, but it needs to be rectified. Most everything involving the membership should come past the Executive Committee, otherwise the proper procedure unravels.

I have had some inquiries concerning Funeral Aid and defunct lodges that I will try to help clear up. To belong in the Funeral Aid Association, you must be a paid up Odd Fellow. The membership of a defunct lodge is given a withdrawal card from the Grand Mast/Grand Lodge. The membership has 1 (one) year to join another lodge or go into the Jurisdictional lodge. Just request this (along with your card) for admittance into either place.

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? 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

A Message From the SGL Public Relations Coordinator

Greetings!

Would it be possible if you could mail in a CD of photos of your lodge events and projects: handing out a scholarship, helping in the community, group photos of your members, participating in annual parade, brothers and sisters having fun, historical photos, etc.

We are gathering photos and/or of "Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in action" to use them to promote and educate the public about our Order and what we do. These photos or videos may be used in online promotional videos, music videos, magazines, IOOF Book, social media, etc.

If possible, please mail the original copies/best quality of the photos (To avoid being pixelated). If you can, please mail CD to:

Public Relations
c/o Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F
422 Trade St., Winston-Salem
North Carolina 27101 U.S.A.

We would appreciate if you would contribute.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Brother Louie
Public Relations Coordinator
Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.
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On Saturday, October 5, between 2-4 p.m., George McGaffick, Grand Master of Idaho will be hosting an open house to say "thank you" to all of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The get together will be held at the Caldwell Lodge, 511 North 16th. Caldwell, Idaho.

I hope all of you will be able to attend.



George McGaffick
Grand Master



As I write my last letter as your Grand Master, I am sorry in one way that my year has come to an end, but, I am also ready to turn everything over to David Deland. I am confident he will do the best job he can. I have enjoyed all of the visits that I've made to the lodges throughout this great state of ours. But, I am saddened by the decrease in membership and the closing of lodge doors. We must do something to bring in new and old members into our halls, but what? I am sorry to say I do not know how. I realize we have all tried to bring in new members with no success. Just because I have held the proud position of Grand Master does not mean I will ever give up working for the betterment of our Order. I am and will always be an Odd Fellow. Just think - no more calls from the Grand Secretary telling me that I have screwed up one more time!!!! May the good Lord bless and keep you until we meet again.

In F.L.T.
George McGaffick



Elaine Beleyer
Assembly President



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As I sit here and write this letter I wonder where all the time has gone? In one short month my term as President will come to an end, it has been a wonderful and happy experience and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. It has been trying at times with me having to work especially those days I got home at 1am and had to be to work at 4am, after driving 11-12 hours! I couldn't have done that without ALL your love and support which kept me going!

A heartfelt and loving thanks to Grand Master, George McGaffick, it has been a pleasure and honor to serve as President of Assembly, with you as Grand Master.

I hope everyone is getting ready for Assembly and have sent in registrations and made room reservations. Also, remember Presidents luncheon is on registration form and will not be sent out with letter from my Marshall Jan VanDenBerg.

Please remember if you have not sent in all your pin money or pins to the office please do so as soon as possible. I have received most of the reports thanks to all that got those in. Also don't forget the pictures or items of interest for my memory book! Judy has only received about 1/2 the lodges.

On a sad note; I have received some calls disturbing to me tattling on one another in the lodges or on what other lodges doing we need to remember what we stand for Friendship Love & Truth we are a fraternal order based on helping others, not bickering among ourselves! We are all Sisters and Brothers we need to come together and stop the dissension and become strong again! I love you all with all my heart and don't like to hear or see these kinds of actions!

May the Guardian Angels guide and show you the way and help us all to become strong and loving Order once again!

In FL&T
Elaine Beyeler
Assembly President



150th Anniversary Celebration Committee Pioneer Lodge #1

Before our story this month the 150th Celebration Committee would like to go over some of the ideas about the itinerary and what we would like to ask from you

Proposed Itinerary of the Celebration

July 8-10

10am-4pm Tours of Pioneer Lodge #1

July 11

12pm General meeting of volunteers and set up crew

1pm Potluck

2:30pm Set up and decorate

4pm Practice run through of Ceremony

July 12

8 am Pick up Sovereign Grand Master and I.A.R.A. representative in Boise/ Motel in Idaho City?

9/10 am Quick breakfast with leaders

10:45am Line up for parade

11 am Parade

12-2 pm Ceremony (Mixed Open Meeting)

2-5 pm Lunch/Dinner

2-5 pm Music/entertainment/games/tours (hopefully other historical buildings will be willing to open)/artifacts and information

5-9pm Dancing

This is just a quick overview of what we hope to have. The Sovereign Grand Master and his wife are planning to come and we have sent a letter to the IARA President asking for her to attend or send a representative. We still are in the process of inviting the Governor. We are still working on the menu of the Lunch/Dinner; once we have a set menu we will set a price on the meal and start selling tickets; we hope to have people willing to sell tickets all over the state so we can draw in potential members for all the lodges. We will be asking for people to sell tickets, once we have them made out. We plan on having live music for at least part of the time. We hope to have a coloring contest for kids and kids at heart, carriage rides, panning for gold, and much more. And of course we will have a lot of information about our Order.

We hope to have exhibits for each of the Lodges. Please send contact information including; name of contact person, phone, address and email address, city your lodge, encampment or canton is located, a picture of your members, a picture of your lodge in action (donating, volunteer work etc.) and a picture of the lodge building. Also a copy of any historical documents you think might be interesting to read. If you need your documents scanned please let the committee know. The sooner we receive this information, the more likely it will be used. Please do not wait till the last moment or our committee members will not be able to get everyone in. A tentative deadline will be set for February 15, 2014, but we will still accept things after that.

We are also accepting volunteers for putting on an open meeting most of the positions are still open we have parts for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampment and Militant. We hope to have all parts filled so that it will look good for the public. If you are not one for being on stage, we still will need help with set up and decorations.

If any lodge wishes to allow us to borrow their podiums and alter for the open meeting please let us know. Our podiums are all built for stairs so they will not work outside very well and we hope to have the lodge set up so that tourists can see what it is supposed to look like.

Please bring with you either regalia, degree robes, Encampment fezzes, and/or Militant uniforms; a banner representing your lodge, encampment, and/or canton; and if you want a decorated float or car.

The most important thing we want is You!!! This is both a party and a recruitment tool without the people in this Order neither will happen. Please let us know if you need or want anything at this party only together can we keep the links of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

We would like to thank Home Encampment #13, Bingham Lodge #14, Anna Rebekah Lodge #14 and Payette Lodge #22 for their donations to the event; also we would like to thank the Gissel family for donating Brother Eldro Gissel's photo album, portrait with his pins and the box cover of the painting he auctioned when he was Grand Master. Any other donations will be greatly appreciated. Also if you would like to get involved Pioneer #1 will be meeting after grand lodge on October 26 if you are not an Odd Fellow don't worry we can have an open discussion between meetings at 2:00 pm during potluck.

Any questions or comments call/email/mail

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Happy
Halloween!



New United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Executive Director

The UNP Board of Directors are pleased to announce Sister Janet Bruce of Idaho is the new Executive Director for the UNP for Youth program. Sister Janet has a long history with the UNP program. Appointed to the SGL IARA Joint Youth Committee in 1992 until 1998, this committee oversaw the program under the then leadership of Sister Mary Cook. In 1998-2002 Janet was appointed to the UNP Board of Directors, which incorporated the Educational Program and Tour Program. Sister Janet worked with Sisters Lori Witzack and Mercedes Miller while working in the SGL Headquarters office in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, preparing the current accounting package to run the two programs.

Sister Janet is a member of Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge No. 4 in Mountain Home and looks forward to working with all jurisdictions in providing this educational and once in a lifetime opportunity for young adults to experience world issues and our great fraternal organization.

Contact Sister Janet at unpinc@unpilgrimage.org or 888-247-4983 for more information on the UNP program.



Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78



Sisters of Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 made their annual corsages for Mothers Day for Mothers at Power County Nursing home and did sugar free candy bars for Fathers on Fathers Day all the residents seemed very happy with all their gifts.

On May 25th Sisters Elaine Beyeler, Kay Bammert and Alice Mayer did a memorial service for our departed sisters of Bingham #78 at the American Falls and Aberdeen cemetery's also placed flowers on Rebekah markers 10 in American Falls and 7 in Aberdeen.

In FL&T
Elaine Beyeler

FALL 2013 NORTHWEST ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

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COMING EVENTS 2013

OCTOBER

21-23	GRAND SESSIONS	MOSCOW
26	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY

NOVEMBER

1,2,3	NW ASSOCIATION	WASHINGTON
17	TURKEY DINNER	WHITEBIRD

Mountain Home Lodge #19 IPLAY Program Provides Its First Instrument!



Devin Vaughen & Kathryn Smith



Kathryn Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tippetts

Mountain Home Lodge #19 Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) is proud to announce that it has provided its first band instrument to a 7th grade beginning band student, Devin Vaughen of Mountain Home Junior High. Mr. Jerry Tippetts, Devin's band director, says that Devin is doing well with his new instrument and seems to be enjoying it a lot. William and Amber Vaughen, Devin's parents, were very thankful to the Odd Fellows for providing Devin the opportunity to receive the clarinet through IPLAY, and we at IPLAY were grateful to have their family participate in our first application process.

At our annual return-from-summer break potluck, Mr. Jerry Tippetts was presented with a Thank You card signed by all in attendance to show our appreciation for all he has done for our IPLAY program. All Mountain Home Junior High IPLAY applications were given and received through Mr. Tippetts, who has also agreed to inspect the instruments at the end of each semester to ensure it is being well taken care of.

To raise money for the cleaning and/or repairing of the instruments, members of Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4, put in many long hours this summer. Several yard sales were held in the IOOF hall, which also provided a chance for the local community to view the hall and become more familiar with the lodge. To attract more attention, Committee Chair, Kathryn Smith, sold items online, which resulted in a significant increase in funds raised. Through interest piqued by these efforts, a few applications to join the lodge have been passed out and we are hopeful they will be turned in for review.

Anyone interested in starting an IPLAY program in their local community can contact Kathryn Smith through Mountain Home Lodge #19 .

Submitted by Kathryn Smith, IPLAY Chair



Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110 Keeps Busy



Jean Floyd, Ronald McDonald, & Shirley Shropshire



Elizabeth



Jerome Cemetery

Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110 members, Jean Floyd and Shirley Shropshire cuddle with Ronald at the Boise Ronald McDonald House while donating baby quilts and 15 gallon baggies of pull tabs.

It was perfect timing for Ronald McDonald House resident Elizabeth, when she met Jean Floyd, who stopped by to donate the baby quilts.. The new mother chose identical Dora the Explorer blankets for her twin daughters Destiny and Jeri.

On May 26, 2013, a cold, windy Memorial Day, (pictured L-R) Wanda Bragg, Jim Weighall, Peg Roberson, Jeri Duncan, Shirley Shropshire, Wilma Bragg, and Ruth Harrison met at the lodge memorial stone for their annual memorial day service.

Nampa Lodge #40 Hosts Degree Ceremonies



Jay Eaton, Lori Ormsby, Tom Ormsby & Katheryn Smith

Receiving the initiatory degree in July were Jay Eaton from Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Lori and Tom Ormsby from Silver City Lodge #2. Katheryn Smith from Mountain Home Lodge #19 joined the new initiates and all four received the first degree.

Helping with the ceremonies were members from the following lodges: Pioneer Lodge #1, Silver City Lodge #2, Ada Lodge #3, Caldwell Lodge #10, Mountain Home Lodge #19, Payette Lodge #22, and Wilder Lodge #137.

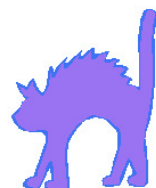
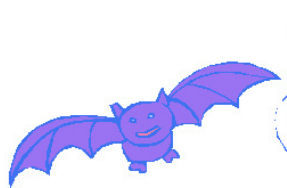


Degree Team with 3 New Initiates in Front

Those present included the Grand Master, 6 Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, Grand Secretary, and a Past Assembly President. Can you find them?

Everyone had a good time and after the ceremonies, refreshments were served by Marge Harlan and Sharon McGaffick.

Submitted by
Sharon McGaffick



News From Silver City



Tom and Lori Ormsby

During the meeting at Silver City in August, Lori and Tom Ormsby received the second and third degrees. The weather was so nice and the 13 members present all enjoyed a nice and comfortable meeting.

Submitted by Sharon McGaffick



Animal Shelter Receives Donation



Karrie McCutchen and George McGaffick

Caldwell Lodge #10 Member, George McGaffick, presents a check to Karrie McCutchen, "Front Deck Ambassador", at the Canyon County Animal Shelter. The donation will help with food and medical expenses for the dogs and cats at the shelter.

Submitted by Sharon McGaffick

The SGL - IARA Membership Program
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