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Civil War Nurse

July, 1939 Beautiful Things In Life by Presley F. Horne

At Fort Sumter the first Hostile Shot of the Civil War was fired, January 9, 1861. The next day, in Indiana, a girl named Alwilda Patton was married to a young man named Lindol Smith. Purely coincidental, of course, and yet my story is built around the Civil War and it seems fitting that the romance begin then.

Shortly after his marriage, young Lindol Smith enlisted in the 73rd Indiana Regiment, and in April, 1862, he was wounded and became critically ill with pneumonia. Upon receiving word of her husband's illness, Mrs. Smith left at once for Indianapolis, where she was stopped by the order that no civilians would be allowed within Union lines. She appealed to Hon. Levi P. Morton, famous statesman and afterward Vice-President of the United States, for assistance. Governor Morton was a personal friend, and he informed Mrs. Smith that in order to reach her husband she must enlist as a regular Union soldier. Her answer was typical of the woman: "Make out your papers, I will sign them!" And so, she became an enlisted "Union soldier" in order to be with her wounded husband. She served all during the war as a regular army nurse, and for several years afterward in the Union convalescent hospital at Indianapolis. The history of enlistment and service in the Union Army is a story of unflinching and heroic devotion to her country and her husband. Her hardships in the service were equal to the hardships of the men. Her marked ability made her Matron of the Gallatin, Tennessee, hospital, where she served until the end of the war. From Gallatin she and her wounded husband were transferred to the convalescent hospital at Indianapolis, and were among the last to be honorably discharged from the Union ranks. Have you read Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," which portrays so vividly the horrors of war, and the sufferings and heartbreaking experiences of those who lived in those never-to-be-forgotten days? We think of war as a man's job, and our grateful thanks have gone out, through the many years, to the men who enlisted and fought for their country. I ask you to pause and think of Alwilda Smith—a beautiful young woman, who enlisted as a soldier, who served throughout the war, who endured the same hardships and the same sufferings as the men—a life of patriotic service so unusual, so beautiful, that even now we thrill over the story.

After discharge from the army, the Smiths re-established their home in Indiana, and remained there until 1882, when they moved out west, finally settling in Moscow, Idaho. They both were charter members of Star Rebekah Lodge No. 15, which was instituted in July, 1890. When the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho was organized, in 1892, Alwilda Smith became its first President, and she was also the first President of the Women's Relief Corps in Idaho, and was one of the most active western workers for the cause of woman's suffrage. During the World War, despite her age, Mrs. Smith was one of the most active of Moscow women in the Red Cross.

Sister Alwilda Smith passed away a few years ago, at the age of eighty years, leaving the record of a long and useful life, devoted to the service of others. She was one of the foremost women leaders of the state, and was as faithful in her ministration of service to others in all the days of her life as she was in the trying days of the Civil War. The story of her life is a story of American womanhood.

In every Rebekah lodge room in Idaho there hangs a picture of a dignified, kindly, gracious, silver-haired woman—just the kind of face one thinks of in connection with "Mother's Day." It is the picture of Idaho's first Rebekah President—Sister Alwilda Smith. She is our beloved and outstanding character—and her memory is revered by the thousands of Rebekahs in Idaho. No other woman could so well have filled the place in our Order which she fills.

Submitted by Calista Newman

United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth

Want to spend two weeks interacting with UNEP delegates from around the world? Then consider submitting an application to be a tour leader on this two week educational program.

Don Harlan and Past Assembly President Nancy Morris have both been tour leaders.

Deadline for applications for Tour Leader or New York Staff

December 15

Application, declaration of sponsorship and full payment of fees to Vickie Jorgenson, Jurisdictional Chair (I will take care of forwarding completed applications to The Grand Master and Assembly President for approval.)

Fees: \$1,300.00 (plus airfare)

To find out more about this leadership opportunity and the qualities it takes to do this job go to www.unpilgrimage.org and click on the Jurisdictional link then on the Tour Leader link. Please contact me right away so we can discuss payment of the tour leader fees and transportation. This can be paid by the Jurisdiction, member's order or the member themselves.

United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth 2014 Deadlines

January 1 declare number of Delegates

Payment of 50% of delegate fees

(Nonrefundable deposit)

March 15 Final Payment of delegate fees

Submit two Registration packages

Fees: Full Two week tour **\$1,600.00**

New York tour only **\$1,300.00**

(Lodges will also be responsible for the cost of round trip airfare from Boise to Philadelphia)

We must receive your information and payments by the dates listed above in order to meet the deadlines specified by the Executive Director of the program.

Fees and forms are to be mailed to: Vickie Jorgenson, 751 Wilson Road, Weippe, ID 83553. (Make check payable to UNEP) Please send me an email or call so I know you are sponsoring a delegate.

Please include this topic at your next meeting and consider being a tour leader or sponsoring a youth from your community for this outstanding educational opportunity. Is there some way that I can assist you and your lodge in furthering this program?

Fraternally submitted: Vickie Jorgenson
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Fall is a busy time for Unity #8



Eloise and Jimmy Ogilvie recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

This year we were pleased to award two 15-year jewels to Joe Sirani and Margaret Hegstrom. Chairmen Margaret Odle and JoDee Pola prepared the traditional flower garden for our veteran members and presented an informative reading about the importance of this milestone. Joe Sirani entered after receiving the jewel from his wife Linda; how special to have two generations of Rebekahs in the garden—Margaret and Lyle Odle, Linda and Joe Sirani. Later that week Margaret Hegstrom was pleased to receive the pretty jewel from JoDee Pola.

Marjorie Howard presented a lovely program honoring Past Noble Grands. Each PNG was escorted to a fall garden by Gene Pola. They received crocheted scented sachets to remember the evening. Each shared when and where they served their first year as Noble Grand. Marjorie thanked all for coming and Brother Gene for his able assistance.

Unity #8 will present a plaque of appreciation to the selfless volunteers of Ada Odd Fellow Lodge #3, Unity Rebekah Lodge #8, and friends who donated over 400 labor hours to retrofit lighting in the Odd Fellow Building throughout 2013. Please join us on November 7th to honor them.

Unity #8 and Ada #3 are planning to hold a joint Christmas dinner, date and location to be determined. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary



150th Anniversary Celebration Committee Pioneer Lodge #1

It has been quite a busy month for our committee last month, I hope to go over a few things that we have gotten figured out and hopefully get a story in this month:

First off we have the tickets for the meal that will be after the meeting. It will be set up buffet style, everything will be open to the public. Our committee gave out ticket packets at Grand Session to people that were willing to sell the tickets, these packets are set up with information to post around town so that they can be sold to the public and members as well. If you were not at Grand Session and wish to sell tickets/pins please contact me. We will hopefully have the pins soon they were supposed to be shipped October 28th.

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 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.

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 Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4, Welcome Rebekah Lodge #17, Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #12, Mountain Home Lodge #19, Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 for their donations to the event. Also we would like to thank Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Caldwell #10 for offering their podiums and alters for the event. We have raised \$1785 for the event our expected costs minus the food is ~\$6000, we hope to raise most of this by ticket sales and pin sales so don't be discouraged if this seems like an unattainable goal it is attainable.

Any questions or comments call/email/mail

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Price List Buffet Meal/Pin

Adult Ticket and Pin package (Ages 13 & up).....	\$25.00
Adult Ticket (Ages 13 & up).....	\$20.00
Pin.....	\$7.00
Children Ticket and Pin package (Ages 5-13).....	\$20.00
Children Ticket (Ages 5-13).....	\$15.00
Ages 4 and under.....	Free with Adult



Proposed Itinerary of the Celebration

July 8-10

10am-4pm Tours

July 11

12pm	General meeting
1pm	Potluck
2:30pm	Set up and decorate
4pm	Practice run through of Ceremony

July 12

8 am	Pick up SGM and I.A.R.A. Rep. in Boise
9/10 am	Quick breakfast with leaders
10:45am	Line up for parade
11 am	Parade
12-2 pm	Ceremony
2-5 pm	Dinner
2-5 pm	Music/entertainment/games/tours/artifacts and information
5-9pm	Dancing

The SGL - IARA Membership Program
SPONSOR of NEW MEMBER

Sponsor Name _____
New Member's Lodge _____
Lodge Secretary Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Postal/Zip Code _____



NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted _____ Bro. ____ Sis. ____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Postal/Zip Code _____
Date of Birth: M/D/Y _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____

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January 1	December 18
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May 1	April 18
June 1	May 18
August 1	July 18
October 1	September 18
November 1	October 18

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Articles and pictures must be received by the Editor no later than the 18th in order to be published in the next month's issue. The Editor and Editorial Board reserve the right to edit all articles submitted for publication and do not hold ourselves responsible for views or opinions expressed by our correspondents.



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