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"Oh the Memories"

Though there was certain an element of melancholy in the air, Lily Rebekah Lodge #33 enjoyed the last meeting of their Lodge with a bit of flair and in a partying mood. Lily Rebekah Lodge was initiated on February 3rd, 1897, a month short of 116 years before the day it surrendered their charter. The officers in attendance included the Noble Grand, Deb Layton, Vice Grand, Marilyn Sanow, Warden, Jackie Bray, Chaplain, Kathy Pew, Treasurer, Dan Sanow, and Secretary, Verla Rae Mortensen. This day did not come easy but was one far more of trepidation and a sense of reality. They realized that to continue to be a meaningful part of this wonderful sisterhood they had to find another means of participating and most chose to become a part of another Lodge.

As was already said, the last day was surely a melancholy one, but when looking back at the days gone by and the events of the past, the memories bring many a smile and a sense of wonder, "why did it all change". Our resident and only historian of some of those days, 60+ year member Verla Rae Mortensen remembers some of those "smiles" of days gone by and some of the significant events and changes that were made. Idaho Falls

first hosted the Grand Sessions in 1915 and was also host for many Grand Sessions through the years after that. During those "early" years they were the talk of the town. The event always included a grand parade of decorated horse drawn floats that easily rivaled the 4th of July parades hosted by the city in current day celebrations. Those were the days when everybody who was anybody in the city belonged to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges. As the Lodge Secretary in the early seventies, Verla remembers reporting that an average attendance at Lodge meetings was "32", a far cry from the 6 at recent meetings. It was during that same time period events associated with the building required that the main entrance had to be moved from the front of the building to its current location on the side of the building. This resulted in the loss of a grand and beautiful marble staircase as the entrance into the Lodge. She also remembers the many opportunities to wear formals to various meetings and events and the ladies sitting around in the kitchen by the "new" electric stoves waiting for the bread to bake for the evening dinner party and the many square dancing parties hosted in the dining room on the "spring loaded" hardwood floor. During one of those parties one of the me dressed as a woman and was successful in getting a "pass" from an unsuspecting member of the Odd Fellows. "Oh the memories". That old tradition of dinners at the Lodge was the one thing that carried through the changing times of those days gone by. It was the year of Anna Breeze's term as Assembly President that Marilyn Sanow decided it was time for "one of those dinners at the Lodge". Resurrecting a menu from her grandmother's (who was also a Rebekah), recipe books, she prepared a multi-course formal dinner, served on the Lodge's finest china, in honor of Sister Anna's visit to Lily Rebekah Lodge. The dinner was such a success that she was persuaded to do it two more times. "Oh the memories," they do bring about such strong feelings and spontaneous ac

As with all Rebekah Lodges, Lily Rebekah Lodge was an important part of the IOOF experience in Idaho Falls and they were an invaluable supporter of the Odd Fellows and worked hard to establish and maintain themselves in an honorable manner. After all the work through the years, Lily Rebekah Lodge did end with a modest but healthy sum of financial resources. As a departing tribute to their sisterhood and its fraternal responsibilities to society, they took the opportunity to depart our community as a formal Lodge continuing to do what good for the community their capabilities allowed them to do. Allowing for an appropriate donation to their new home Lodge, Lily was able to make meaningful donations the Historical Society in Caldwell, our local Senior Citizens Center, the Rebekah Funeral Aid Fund, and our local Adventure Center. The Adventure Center cares for young and older adults who need care and assistance interfacing with society for various medical and physical reasons. The members of Lily Rebekah Lodge #3 are truly sad that this day has come but they look forward to continuing their IOOF experience in their new chosen Lodge home.

In Loving Memory ~ William "Bill" Junior Stephan 1927 ~ 2013





Bill was born on a farm near Jackson, NE, the 11th of 14 children of George and Lucy (Frye) Stephan. He attended schools in Dakota County, Nebraska until he left to serve his country during World War II in the Philippines. He was honorably discharged in 1947 and traveled through Idaho to return to Nebraska.

Bill met Jean Reed at the Caldwell roller skating rink and they were married Jan. 11, 1948. They were blessed with four wonderful children known to them as favorite eldest son, Chuck, favorite daughter, Charlene, favorite middle son, Clint, and favorite youngest son, Curt. Bill worked in construction as a carpenter foreman in Sioux City, IA for several years then went into sales work. The family moved to Denver, CO, then Seattle, WA and later to

Payette, ID where Bill enjoyed being a Cornwell Tools dealer for a rewarding 14 years. During these years, he owned and raced the "Cornwell Special", a 1953 Studebaker, at tracks in Idaho and Oregon. He and Jean parted with their race cars to sponsor and assist their three sons and their friends with racing motorcycles. Many miles were traveled in a motorhome with a trailer to races in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Utah.

Bill loved to travel with his family and has visited 49 states, Canada, Mexico and Europe. Many trips were traveled in the motorhome, riding motorcycles, planes or cars. In 1977, the Ontario Motorcycle Shop sponsored a Poker Run making the McCall loop and stopping at Banks. Bill signed up 84 riders to start the "Just for Fun Motorcycle Club, Inc." lasting for years with many reunions.

Bill was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for 43 years serving as Grand Master of Idaho 1981-1982, Grand Patriarch of Grand Encampment of Idaho 1994-1995, Department Commander of Department Council of Idaho 1997-1999, Quartermaster General of the General Military Council of the World 1992-1993. He is a retired Major General of the Patriarch Military Branch of the IOOF. Bill was a member of the American Legion John Webster Rhoads Post 33 in Payette for 30 years. He served as Post Commander, District No. 9 Commander, Idaho State Department Commander 2011-2012, Financial Officer Post 33, and District 9 Adjutant. He was very active in promoting the Payette County Veteran's Memorial Project. Bill enjoyed volunteering and playing music at the Payette Senior Citizen Center.

Bill was preceded in death by five brothers, five sisters and two granddaughters. He is survived by his wife Jean; son Charles & Linda of Prescott, AZ, daughter Charlene & Gordon Raistrick of Paris, TN, son Clinton & Kelci of Peoria, AZ, and son Curt & Carol of Yucca Valley, CA; six grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; brothers Roy of Deming, NM and Joe of Payette; sister Shirley of Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held, Wednesday, Jan. 8th at the Payette Methodist Church followed by Military Honors. There was also be a memorial service at the Payette Methodist Church, Saturday, Jan. 25th with interment service following at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd, Boise.

To honor Bill, donations may be made in his name to Payette County Veteran's Memorial Project, c/o Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, P.O. Box 730, Payette, ID 83661. Condolences may be made to Bill's family at www.shafferjensenchapel.com.



In Loving Memory Beulah Easton 1912 ~ 2014

Long time Rebekah, Beulah Easton, 102, passed away January 3, 2014. Sister Beulah joined Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110, Jerome, in 1945, and served as Noble Grand in 1955.

She and her husband George raised one son and five daughters. It was understood in the Easton household that each child would join "lodge" at the age of 18.

While Beulah was actively attending meetings, she was pleased and proud that four of her daughters joined her at the Jerome hall.

To those who remembered mom with contributions of calls, cards, monetary donations and/or attendance at her services, we thank you.



In F.L.& T. Shirley, Janet, Jean, Wanda and Wilma





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you well. Merna and I will be traveling to New Jersey in mid-February to visit our daughter Elsie.

On December 31 Payette Lodge lost PGM Brother Bill Stephan, he is being greatly missed by all our members. Bill was the third PGM to pass in 2013.

I am greatly aggrieved to announce to you that we have lost another lodge. I appealed in vain to reverse this decision. The members of Bingham Lodge #14 will be surrendering their Charter at the district 6 meeting.

The 150th Anniversary Celebration is coming along well. We hopefully had our first planning meeting in January on the 25th. They plan on having at least 1 meeting a month till the event. The closer we get to July the more busy it will get. Please contact the committee if you want to know about the meetings.

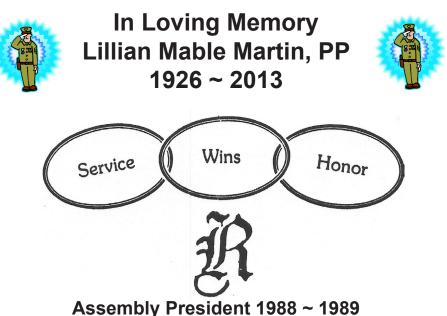
As January is the month for installations, I attended quite a few. I was quite glad to see a lot of Old and New members taking on new positions and responsibilities.

For visitations I will have visited Ada #3 and Caldwell #10 by the time you receive this paper. They are both lodges that I always enjoy visiting. In February I will be visiting Payette #22 on the 5th and Nampa #40 on the 20th. Also there are two district meetings that month, District #4 on the 8th and District #5 on the 22nd. I look forward to meeting with each of you as I make my visitations around the State.

In F. L. & T. David Deland Grand Master







Lillian was born February 14, 1926, to Calvin A. Martin Sr. and Marion (Arthur) Martin in Lewiston.

Lillian grew up in Lewiston with her two brothers, Ted and Calvin Jr.. She attended Webster school, the Normal Training School and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1944. Her college education included Northern Idaho College of Education and the University of Minnesota, with the results a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and a master's degree in library science. In 1953, Lillian enlisted in the U.S. Army, ending with a commission as second lieutenant. Thinking here Army career was complete, she re-entered civilian life, becoming a professional librarian, working in the states of Washington and later Oregon. But in May 1963, Lillian was recalled to active military duty and over the course of years was stationed in Germany, the Dominican Republic, the Panama Canal Zone, in the military district of Washington, D.C., Korea, and finally in Fort Ord, CA, at which time she retired as lieutenant colonel.

Lillian's life was active following her military retirement. She returned to Lewiston and was hired as library administrator at Lewis-Clark State College until 1981. She then became librarian at the Nez Perce Tribal High School until 1986. Retiring officially, she enjoyed numerous traveling adventures with family members or friends to places such as England, Ireland, Scotland, Alaska and Hawaii. In 2004, Lillian moved to the Royal Plaza Retirement Center and became involved with the people and activities there.

During the course of Lillian's life, she was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Soroptmist organization and enjoyed supporting many charities and other organizations.

Lillian is loved and appreciated by many and she will be missed. A celebration of her live was held on January 9th at the Royal Plaza.



Serve others as we Rebekahs obligated ourselves to do.





In Loving Memory Nancy Howard 1936 ~ 2014

Nancy Arbogast Howard, age 77, of Burley, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at here home.

Nancy was born in Burley, Idaho, on December 3, 1936, to Theodore Clyde Arbogast and Esther Lallman Arbogast. She joined her brother, Dick and sister Pat. Later she became an older sister to two more brothers, Ted and Gerry. Nan graduated from Burley High School in 1955. After graduation, she met and married Price Ray Howard. Sadly, Price died shortly thereafter. Price and Nan's only child, Rick was born after his father passed away. After Rick married Sue McCarthy, Nan was delighted to have grandchildren, Chris and Whitney, and great granddaughter, Maricela.

Nan met here longtime friend and companion, Jean Stelley, at Ore-Ida in 1974, and the two have been inseparable since then. Nan especially enjoyed trips to Louisiana to visit Jean's relatives, who took her frog gigging, fishing for crawdads and looking for alligators.

Nan began work at Ore-Ida in Burley, after which she worked for the J.R. Simplot Company for seven years. She then returned to Ore-Ida, later McCain's and worked there until her retirement.

Both of Nan's parents were lifelong members of the Odd Fellow's Lodge and Nan became a Theta Roe when she 13 years old. She then became a longtime member of the Rebekah Lodge until the Burley lodge closed. She held offices from Noble Grand down and enjoyed the chance to travel and meet fellow members at state conventions. One of Nan's greatest loves was spending time camping, fishing and hiking in the Pioneer Mountains. She spent many happy days at her family's cabin on the North Fork of the Big Lost River and the surrounding area.

Nan will be remembered for many things to many people. No family gathering was complete without her mayonnaise cake or potato salad. She loved Christmas and for many years was tasked with putting the lights on her parent's tree, which took hours. She loved trips to Disneyland, a water fight or making Christmas cookies with all of her nieces and nephews. She has a soft spot for cats and rescued and found homes for many over the years. She and Jean also enjoyed feeding the squirrels and birds on their property. Following her retirement, Nan spent many hours driving others to doctors' appointments, bringing meals to those not well or simply visiting to brighten someone's day.

Nan requested no funeral or memorial. As such, friends and family are invited to a celebration of her life to be held this summer. Details will be announced later.



In Memoriam Lyle I Odle 1927 ~ 2013



On Saturday, October 26, Lyle I. Odle peacefully returned home to the Lord with family by his side.

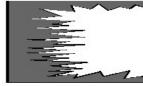
Lyle was born on Nov. 21, 1927 in Hill City, KS as the only child to Irvin G. Odle and Cora E. Swank Odle. After graduating in 1945 from Hill City High School, Lyle joined the Navy. Before re-enlisting, Lyle moved to Boise, Idaho where he worked as a union carpenter and

met the great love of his life, Margaret Shaffer. In 1950, Lyle re-enlisted and served in the Korean War. Returning from the war he married Margaret on August 19, 1951. In August, Lyle and Margaret celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. Lyle retired from Boise City as a City Inspector in 1990, but continued to give of his time and love to those around him.

When Lyle was not serving others he could often be found at home playing Spider Solitaire, building some new wood project, or in the mountains enjoying his humming birds, riding ATV's, or spending time with his friends and family. Lyle served as a trustee and was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge for over 70 years and a member of the Rebekah Lodge. He and Margaret traveled to Washington D.C. to pay respects to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier representing the Odd Fellows of Idaho. He also served as trustee for Pioneer lodge in Idaho City. He held many distinctive positions and served in many capacities in Encampment, and Canton. During the holidays, with Margaret (Nana Claus) by his side, Lyle brought joy to many children by playing Santa at the lodge, The City of Light, Hope's Door, and in Placerville Id.

Lyle will be greatly missed by his loving and devoted wife, Margaret, his three children, John Odle, Linda Sirani (Joe), and Steve Odle . His grandchildren, Melanie Dossett (Eric), Christopher McVey (Amber), Timothy Odle (Joanna), Misti Scarpa Odle. His great grandchildren Cody Dossett, Caitlin Dossett, Samantha Odle, Trynyty Scarpa, Isabella Odle, Rachael Odle, Serenity McVey, Lilly Odle, Sebastian McVey. Grandchildren and great grandchildren through marriage, Ireland Katherine and Michael , Sullivan Leslie (Chris) Trevor Niehoff, Chris, Sirani Chris (Jen) Sabrina, DJ, and Karsen. Cousins, nieces, nephews and other close loved ones, such as Jack McVey, Richard Davis and Sandy Banta. Preceded in death by his parents Irvin and Cora Odle.

A celebration of Lyle's life was held on Nov. 7 at the Boise IOOF hall. In lieu of flowers and plants please send donations to Life's Door Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



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