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District 7 Meeting



Jutta Callander, Sponser, Barbara Pettigrew , RA President,
& Joan Carter, New Member



Hat Day at Carnation Rebekah Lodge, May 13th

District 7, held at Carnation No. 95, in Post Falls, on May 3rd was full of interesting things. Our new member, Joan Carter, attended her first meeting as a member and then helped with the District Meeting. Joan is a lovely lady and we are so proud to have her as our sister. President, Barbara Pettigrew, made her official visit first and then we had the District 7 meeting. A wonderful lunch was had by all. President Barbara's message was very good. Then on Tuesday the 13th of May, we had a hat parade. Sister Nancy Michaels, read about each hat and what it stood for. Barbara Frazey wore her wedding hat, the one with the yellow feathers. We did have fun.

Submitted by Nancy Morris

Jerome Has a Mystery



These are photos of the large pictures that were in either end of the hall in Jerome.

We were wondering if anyone knows if there is history to them. Was there any significance to the lodges or were they purely decorative? Are they pictures of a particular area? Were they ever in another lodge room?

These are questions for which we are seeking answers. If anyone has any information, please contact:

Wanda Bragg, Secretary
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RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Summer and recess is here for most, but lets not forget that we are still in a moving organization and activities do not stop. Watch the sunburns!!

As I mentioned last month, there is indication that some members are not reading what the duties are of the position that is held.

I realize that a hardship is sometimes encountered when a person is asked to memorize their charge of duties at a meeting, but irregularities can be overcome and adjustments made, and we can, at the very least, TRY.

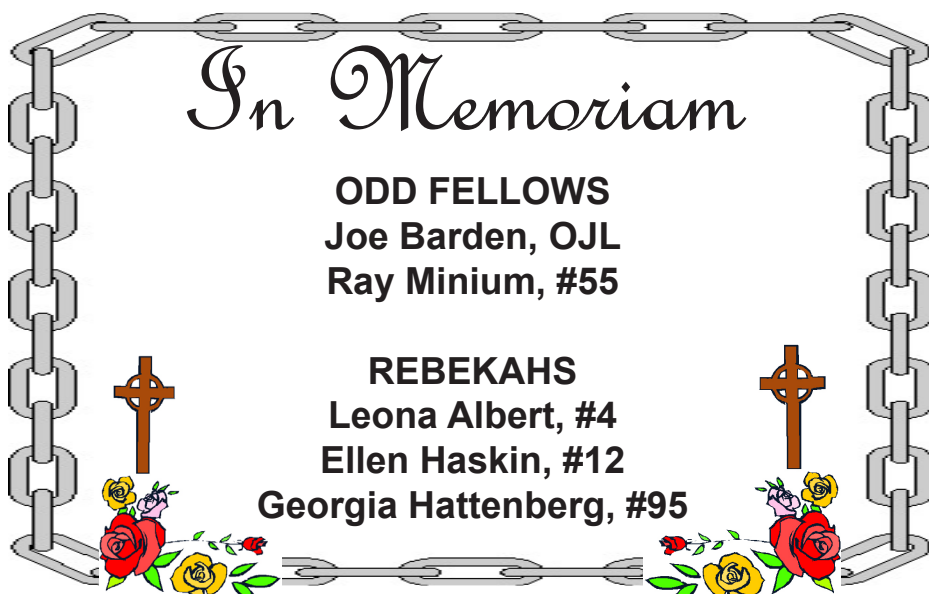
To **ALL desk officers**, I would suggest starting with Chapter V of the By-laws and the Code on duties of officers and procedures of a lodge.

To D.D.G.M.'s & Lodge Deputies, Article IV, Section 4 through Sections 8.

I realize that this is a repeat, and I also realize that a mistake was made on the month; it is October. Everyone please be aware of the REPRESENTATIVE'S ALLOWANCE when attending the Grand Sessions in October. Resolution Number 2, page 21. Just remember that September is the time to let Grand Lodge know who your Representatives are, so they can be put on the roster for roll call. (if they want to get any compensation for attending the Session.) Don't forget to include the name of your new lodge deputy who is selected at that same time in September.

The Grand Lodge has the new code inserts available, so you may put in your order anytime. The price this year is \$2.50 plus tax, which is 0.15 to total 2.65 each. Thank you. I would suggest that each lodge send in one order for those who desire them to save on postage. One copy has been sent to each lodge as usual.

In FLT,
Kenny Averill,
Grand Secretary



With Thanks

Though it's difficult to think of thank you when your heart is broken, it's so much easier when brothers and sisters are as kind as all of you have been. Thank you so much for the cards and phone calls I have received. To our many friends who have shown such caring and support.

Thank you seems inadequate but it comes from my grateful heart to all of you.

Love and Hugs, Pearl Barden



Thank You!

The Editor and Editorial Board would like to thank our members for their generous donation to the Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News.

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These donations help to keep our paper in the black and are greatly appreciated.

Wanda Bragg, Treasurer



Thank you!



COMING EVENTS 2014

AUGUST

06	HIST. SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
17-22	SOV. GRAND LODGE	VICTORIA, B.C.
23	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY

SEPTEMBER

20	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
26	JOINT PLAN BOARD	CALDWELL 10AM

OCTOBER

20-23	GRAND SESSIONS	BOISE
25	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY

New Fire Escape at White Bird IOOF Hall is a Community Effort



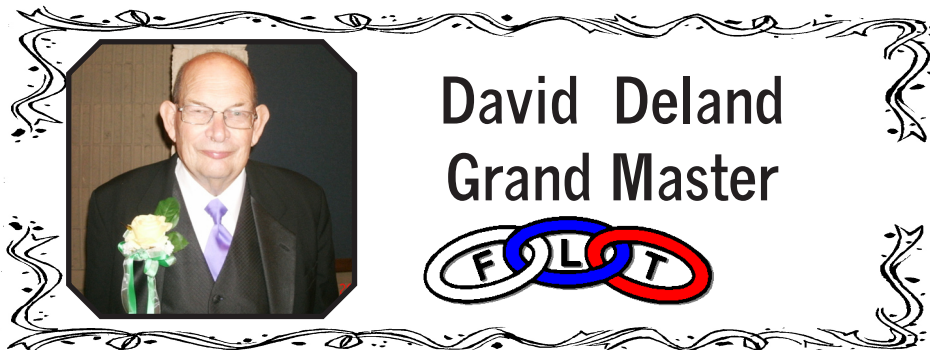
White Bird, ID – June 4, 2014: A new custom-built fire escape now adorns the outside front of the 108-year old IOOF Hall in downtown White Bird where members of the Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 meet twice a month upstairs in the historic wooden building that was originally constructed in 1906. The only way to the meeting room is to climb over 20 stairs in a narrow hallway, which is also the only way out. Typically between 10 and 15 members convene together for each meeting and should a fire occur, there is no quick escape route.

Several years ago Rebekah member, Mardell Edwards, contributed a generous donation to the White Bird Rebekahs for the express purpose of obtaining the much-needed fire escape. After much planning and volunteer effort, the new fire escape was installed last week and is a testament to community volunteerism and vision.

Local resident Rod Pilant volunteered his time and expertise to design and construct the metal fire escape. Then it took a team to lift the structure and securely attach it to the building. Idaho County Light & Power kindly provided the truck and crane, which was operated by ICL&P employee Greg Schumacher. Together Greg, along with the talents of local volunteers Tom, Todd and Thomas Cullin, moved, lifted and installed the escape.

The White Bird Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge is extremely grateful to everyone who's contributions helped to bring the fire escape to the IOOF Hall.

Submitted by, Anna Ousley



David Deland
Grand Master

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Wow July is here and gone and the 150th is behind us. We had a great time, but I am glad it only comes about every 50 years. I think everyone who participated had a great time. We had participation from members all over the state and two Representatives from Sovereign; Bob Smith SGM, Lady Debra LaVergne IALAPM president. Then from Northwest we had Patricia Fries Department Commander, Dan Mathews Department Adj., and Shirley Mathews President of the Oregon Rebekah Assembly. I was told that the parade we put on was larger than the 4th of July parade the week before.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the clean up, and set up of the event. To Trudy Jackson who furnished the delicious meal. And to my daughter Calista Newman who put the whole thing together.

Now I hope to coast the rest of the year and get caught up in home projects and get caught up in the shop.

Again I would like to thank all of you who participated in the 150th. As I tell people you only get out of an organization what you put into it.

In F. L. & T.
David Deland



WELCOME

To our new members

Bonnie Merrill
Royal Gem #13
David Livingston
Weva Murphy
Ivy #23
Joan Carter
Carnation #95



SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
SPAGHETTI FEED AT CALDWELL
HALL 6:00 P.M.
\$4.00 PER PERSON
COME AND ENJOY

Arthritis Chairman Message:

While looking on the National Arthritis Foundation site I found the following facts:

While many people mistakenly think of arthritis as an inevitable part of aging, or as nuisance aches and pains that afflict only the elderly, it actually strikes people of all ages. Two-thirds of people with arthritis are under the age of 65, including 300,000 children.

Arthritis can be severe, debilitating and even fatal. Annually, the disease causes about 44 million outpatient visits, almost a million hospitalizations and more than 9,000 deaths. Nearly 21 million adults report activity limitations due to arthritis. In fact, arthritis is a more frequent cause of activity limitation than heart disease, cancer or diabetes, and more than half of all adults with diabetes or heart disease also have arthritis.

While the Arthritis Foundation supports interventions for all types of arthritis and related conditions with information and other assistance, the organization concentrates on three forms of the disease:

Osteoarthritis (OA), a degenerative joint disease characterized by the breakdown of joint cartilage. It's the most common form of arthritis, affecting 27 million Americans, most over the age of 45.

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA), a systemic autoimmune disease that affects the entire body and is characterized by the inflammation of the membrane lining the joint, causing stiffness, warmth, redness and swelling. An estimated 1.5 million Americans have RA, which attacks twice as many women as men.

Juvenile arthritis (JA), which affects 294,000 American children and can cause joint swelling and pain, eye inflammation, activity limitations and growth problems.

The Arthritis Foundation also provides helpful information and tips about other types of arthritis, including (but not limited to):

Lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood and kidneys. It affects at least 239,000 Americans, eight to 10 times more women than men.

Gout, which affects an estimated 3 million Americans, causing sudden, severe attacks of pain, redness, warmth and swelling in some joints, often the big toe, and affecting more men than women.

Fibromyalgia, an arthritis-related condition characterized by general muscular pain and fatigue that affects about 5 million Americans, more often women than men.

Psoriatic arthritis, a type of chronic inflammatory arthritis associated with the skin condition psoriasis, affecting 2 percent of the U.S. population.

I found a magazine that the Foundation supports that may have some good ideas bettering your lifestyle if you are afflicted or know someone that is. Arthritis Today Magazine. You can find it at arthritis.org.

As everyone knows, Arthritis is one of our Orders projects. By donating to this, through our Assembly office, we can help in finding a cure. Let us and our Lodges all be generous!

In FL&T, Lydia A Chrane Arthritis Chairman

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Southeast Idaho Odd Fellows Have Been Busy

Idaho Falls - May and June 2014 were busy months for the Southeast Idaho Odd Fellows. On May 6, Jurisdictional Odd Fellow Deb Layton worked with the other members of the District 9 Odd Fellow Memorial Scholarship Committee reviewing 20 scholarship applications. Two high school students were selected. Lesly Rodriguez, a senior at Emerson High School, and Jessica Morales, a senior at Skyline High School. Each student will receive a \$5,000.00 scholarship.

Deb Layton and Tonya Bunnell (District 9 Education Foundation) traveled to Skyline and Emerson High Schools to present the letters announcing the scholarship award to both Lesly and Jessica.



Skyline Principal Jeff Sanders, Jessica Morales and Deb Layton



Emerson Principal Robin Busch, Lesly Rodriguez and Deb Layton

On May 21 Deputy Grand Master Dan Sanow (Jurisdictional Odd Fellow) and Verla Rae Mortensen (Ivy Rebekah #23) attended the Skyline High School Awards Ceremony. Brother Dan presented the official scholarship certificate to Jessica Morales.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel
Sanow & Jessica Morales



Deputy Grand Master Daniel
Sanow and Lesly Rodriguez



Brother Dan and Sister Verla Rae then attended the graduation ceremony for Emerson High School on June 2. Deputy Grand Master Dan presented Lesly Rodriguez with her official scholarship certificate.

To qualify for the scholarship, all applicants had to first financially qualify and then were evaluated on the basis of an adult recommendation and two personal essays. The adult recommendation is a personal testament that the applicant has demonstrated the drive and ability during their school years and personal lives it will take to transition from a high school student to the young adult it takes to succeed in a college environment. The essays included a detailing of their leadership experiences and community service activities to date and a research of Odd Fellow history and how they plan to use the principles of Odd Fellowship to give back to the community. The intent of the scholarship is to reach a category of qualified applicants who do not have the benefits of free grant money or the available financial backing of parents or sponsors.

This is the first year that the Odd Fellow Memorial Scholarship has been awarded. In 2013 Idaho Falls' Bingham Lodge No. 14 sold their lodge hall. In 2014 they turned in their charter. Bingham Lodge #14 was established in Idaho Falls in 1886. Throughout its long history, Bingham #14's Odd Fellows pursued service to the community. In accordance with a desire to continue their legacy of service, in 2013 the members established the Odd Fellows Memorial Scholarship using some of the funds from the sale of their building. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to Idaho Falls School District 91 graduates. Awards can only be used at an approved school or training program within the State of Idaho.

The scholarship is available to high school seniors graduating from Idaho Falls School District 91 as well as any Idaho Falls School District 91 graduate who is currently enrolled as a sophomore or junior at an accredited Idaho university or trade school.

Submitted by Dan Sanow and Deb Layton

Nampa #40 Gives Scholarship



Jaycee Blacker's intelligence, coupled with her hard work and determination, earned her the 2014 Odd Fellows' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The Scholarship was presented to Jaycee on June 18th by Sharon McGaffick the Noble Grand at the Nampa, Idaho Odd Fellows Lodge #40.

Jaycee graduated from Sky View High School in Nampa, Idaho on May 20, 2014. She was an active member on the volleyball and track teams. She was a dedicated student who excelled in her AP classes as well as an accomplished photographer. Ms. Blacker will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho in the fall of 2014. She plans to major in Elementary Education as well as pursue her interest in photography.

Submitted by, Sandie Chandler

Gem of the Mountains #5 Scholarship Award



Gem of the Mountain's #5 awarded the Bethel Wing Memorial Scholarship to a Middleton High School student, Whitney DeVore. She was raised by her single mother Renee. Whitney has been active in the sport of Rodeo ever since she was a little girl and has also been active in leadership events for the past 4 years, working within her community.

She will be attending Blinn College in Byran, TX. She is working on her associate pre-nursing courses. Then she plans to attend Tarleton State College for her Bachelors degree and to get other degrees as necessary to finally work in the field of Rehabilitation or Physical Therapy.

The members were all glad to have her and her mother attend our monthly fun night dinner in May. JoAnn McDonald, part of our Scholarship Committee presented her with a Certificate.

Submitted by, Georgia Wickham

Silver City Lodge



**A Lodge is not a building,
it is the People in the building!**



Bingham #78 Observes Memorial Day

Memorial Day was observed by Bingham Rebekah Lodge by placing a nosegay of flowers on the graves of members of Bingham #78 and Fraternity #6. The committees were able to locate twelve members at the American Falls Cemetery and six at Aberdeen Cemetery when they visited the week before Memorial Day. A brief prayer was given before the sisters began decorating graves.

The small bouquets were made by Noble Grand Kay Bammert. Sometimes they were attached to the iron Rebekah markers and sometimes put into the ground when the marker has been lost. If any lodges have markers they no longer want, Bingham #78 would be happy to have them. Call us at 208-226-5492.

Submitted by Anna Breeze

Bluebell Rebekah Lodge #72



Blue Bell Rebekah's Lodge No. 72 of Orofino, in honor of Arbor Day, donated and planted a beautiful rhododendron bush at the Clearwater Historical Museum on May 14th. Pictured are, on the left, Jean White, Rebekah's Noble Grand and Museum Director and new member to Rebekahs, Bernice Pullen. Photo taken by Jenny Nole.

Submitted by Jean White

Ivy #23 Initiates Two



On Saturday, May 31, 2014, Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 of Pocatello initiated two candidates. They were Weva J. Murphy, sponsored by Anna Breeze; and David J. Livingston, sponsored by Crystal Shepherd.

We were honored to have Deputy Grand Master Dan Sanow and his wife Marilyn in attendance to help with the initiation.

Members Present were: Shannon Vieth; Cathy Toussaint; Anna Breeze; Crystal Shepherd; Vicky Kent; Verla Rae Mortensen; Deborah Layton, Jacky Bray; Kathy Pew; Nola Shuler; and Darlene Fullmer.

Reporter, Shannon Vieth, N.G.

2015 Rose Parade Float

"Always Remember"



The Theme of the Tournament of Roses Parade this year is **"Inspiring Stories"**

The 2015 theme on and appreciate the allows us to reflect many people around us that elevate the human spirit by who they are and what they have done. "Inspiring Stories" pays tribute to those who have, persevered courageously, endured, accomplished much on behalf of others, loved unconditionally... and paid the ultimate price. We present "Always remember." Our float is striving to express the concept that "We seek to elevate the character of mankind" and recognize what they have ... and will accomplish.

Membership is available for the Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose float Committee See application on Website. Join us to help plan, work and present the Rose float.

The Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float, Inc.
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The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have participated in the Rose Parade since 1908, continuously since 1955



Collector's Pin and T-Shirts



Ancient Mystical Order in Idaho Promotes Friendship, Love and Truth

By Syd Albright

No one really knows how it all began, but its roots are in the Holy Bible and among its members were Wyatt Earp, once a deputy sheriff in Kootenai County, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and aviator Charles Lindberg. They all belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF).

Some say the Odd Fellows was founded in the Trade Guilds of the 12th and 13th centuries in Europe, or perhaps even earlier to ancient times. The History of the Society book says, “Although no formal records exist, historians have advanced the theory that an Order of Odd Fellows was established in 1452 by knights who were said to have met at the pub named ‘Boulogne-sur-Mer’ in London and formed a fraternity.” Other scholarship says the Order most likely started in the 1600s.

Aim of the Odd Fellows and their women’s group Rebekahs is to be Good Samaritans and help those in need, “to make the world a better place in which to live, seeking to improve and elevate the character of mankind.”

In Renaissance Era England, life was precarious—fraught with danger, little medical infrastructure, widespread poverty, almost no opportunity for social advancement and for most—especially the uneducated, lower-class elderly and handicapped—it was a life of unending toil and misery. Private and government social welfare programs were virtually non-existent.

Then came the emergence of benevolent—or “friendly”—societies, and Odd Fellows was one of them.

Its unusual name was derived because, “In 17th century England, it was odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and of pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind. Those who belonged to such an organization were called Odd Fellows.”

There was no ritual in the early lodges in England. They were social gathering places for workingmen and where aid and shelter was given to those seeking work—similar to today’s trade unions.

Several types of charitable societies started at roughly the same time, some focusing on social problems, while others morphed into insurance cooperatives and banking--the roots of savings and loan banks and credit unions. Odd Fellows initially concentrated on helping widows and orphans, covering burial expenses, visiting the sick and elderly, “relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan,” among other charitable acts. Today’s outreach is much larger and worldwide.

Odd Fellows came to America in 1819, organized in Baltimore by [Thomas Wildey](#) (first Grand Master, later called “Grand Sire”) and four members of the Order from England. In 1843, the American group set up a separate governing system from the English and changed the name to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Forty-five years later after arriving in America, the first IOOF lodge opened in Idaho on March 14, 1864 in Idaho City.

Through a training program (earning “degrees”), activities and by good example, they provide a framework for promoting personal and social development. The goal is “to improve and elevate every person to a higher, nobler plane; to extend sympathy and aid to those in need, making their burdens lighter, relieving the darkness of despair; to war against vice in every form, and to be a great moral power and influence for the good of humanity.”

Their mantra is friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity and universal justice.

“We are the family of Odd Fellowship, composed of Men, Women, and Youth (starting at age eight), believing in a supreme being, the creator and preserver of the universe, who have come together in our local communities having the same beliefs and values as others, that; Friendship, Love and Truth are the basic guidelines that we need to follow in our daily lives.”

Despite this altruistic purpose, the Odd Fellows are also targets of other benevolent organizations, including churches—due mostly to the group’s connections with the Freemasons. Their secret rituals, organizational structure and ceremonial apparel mirror similar benevolent societies that are better known for their Masonic roots such as the Shriners, Order of the Eastern Star, and Knights of Pythias.

William J. Whalen’s Handbook of Secret Organizations, mentions use of Masonic symbols such as skull and crossbones, scythe, scales, hourglass, coffin, all-seeing eye (on the One Dollar Bill), the three chain links—Friendship, Love, Truth—and others.

Odd Fellows members undergo secret rituals during initiation, and as they progress through the degree ranks of the society.

Members are required to believe in a Supreme Being who is described as the Creator and Preserver of the

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Universe, and the Bible is used—though one Lodge source says, “Odd Fellowship is not a religious institution.”

The Catholic Church has long forbidden its members, under Canon Law, to join Masonic organizations because of their quasi-religious practices, including having chaplains, altars, high priests and ritual services such as funerals. The Catholics—as well as many Protestants—oppose Masonic teaching that says Christianity, Judaism and Islam are all equal before God.

Protestant churches in America are not united in their stance towards Freemasonry. The Orthodox Church of America however firmly states: “It is forbidden for an Orthodox Christian to be a member of the Masonic Fraternity because many of its teachings stand in direct conflict with those of Orthodox Christianity.”

The early Mormon Church started out having close ties with the Masons, with Joseph Smith and Brigham Young being members of both. However, the relationship soured after 1844.

“Bad feeling between Mormons and Masons lingered for over a century,” says the LDS Endowment. “A Masonic lodge founded in Utah refused to admit Latter-day Saints until 1984; for its part, the LDS Church has enjoined its members against belonging to ‘secret societies’ since the beginning of the 20th century.”

Despite this opposition, Odd Fellows has survived and continues its charitable works today—counterbalancing philosophical differences—enjoying praise from numerous mainstream Christian sources for their Good Samaritan legacy, according to IOOF literature.

They were the first fraternal organization in the U.S. to establish homes for senior members and for orphaned children. Sadly, government regulations today have prevented the IOOF from providing senior and orphan care, as well as their historic cemetery and burial services. Nevertheless, they have adapted—taking up new benevolent causes.

Odd Fellows probably peaked in 1915, claiming 3,400,000 members. The Great Depression cut that in half and membership continued to decline to a low of a quarter-million in 1970, before bouncing back and doubling in the next 25 years (though auxiliary memberships may be included in the data).

There are more than a quarter million members in America today, with some 650 in Idaho, and more than 600,000 worldwide.

Late in the 1800s, steamboats were a major form of transportation on Lake Coeur d’Alene. Peder C. Sorenson from Norway built the first ship, called the Amelia Wheaton. He was later joined by fellow Norwegian Peter W. Johnson, an Odd Fellows member, and they built half the steamboats on the lake.

Pete eventually bought out his partner and branched out into the dredging business and lumber. The water between 3rd Street and Independence Point was too shallow for the steamboats, so Pete dredged it out. The silt was deposited where the Coeur d’Alene Resort now stands.

Pete Johnson became a wealthy man, served two terms in the Idaho Senate, and was Grand Patriarch of the Idaho Odd Fellows.

He and his wife Augusta, president of the Rebekahs, built a beautiful home at 622 Coeur d’Alene Ave., and looked forward to happy senior years. It was not to be. His wife died and his investments collapsed. Bills piled up and his friend H.W. Fintzel, also an Odd Fellows member compassionately paid the mortgage on his house, but eventually it was lost anyway. Shortly thereafter, Pete was destitute

Then another Odd Fellows friend originally from Switzerland stepped in to help, in the charitable spirit of the organization. “I haven’t much, but what I have I want to share with you. As long as Fred Ryser has a roof over his head, Pete Johnson will never want for anything.” He kept his word.

Odd Fellows claims to be “A world-wide force that stands for all that is noblest and highest.”

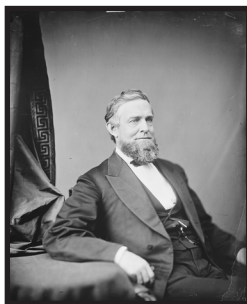
In these tumultuous economic, political and social times, we need the “noblest and highest.”

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British-born American philanthropist Thomas Wildey (1782-1861) brought the British Order of Odd Fellows to America in 1819.



Schuyler Colfax, U.S. vice president under Ulysses S. Grant, was founder of Rebekahs in 1851.



Historic Odd Fellows poster depicting the Biblical Jonathan and David.



Lithograph showing charitable works and historical images of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, 1898.



150th Anniversary Celebration of Odd Fellowship in Idaho

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends;

A lot has happened since we started planning for the 150th Anniversary Celebration. There were many additions, changes, and such up to the big event. So much work was put into it. I know it is not what anyone quite envisioned, but in my personal opinion it was above my expectations. I leave the decision of whether or not the 150th Anniversary was a success up to you...

The party started with a parade down main street of beautiful Idaho City. With the Sovereign Grand Master Robert Smith, His wife Janet and the IALAPM President Debra LaVergne riding in a horse drawn carriage in lead. We set the mood on the streets with songs of joy and much laughter.

The meeting was held under a large canopy with Brother Tom Ashley presiding. The Patriarchs Militant and the LAPM put on the flag ceremony. Among the visitors were Sovereign Grand Master Robert Smith, IALAPM President Debra LaVergne, the Pacific North West Department Council Commander Patricia Fries, Assembly President of Oregon Shirley Mathews, Grand Master David Deland, Rebekah Assembly Vice President Jean Reineke, Grand Patriarch, Battalion Commander and PNW Department Vice Commander George McGaffick. Many speeches were given on the good works in our order and how we have changed but still kept hold of our roots: Sister Vicky Kiele started off by reading the highlights of the 50th and the 100th anniversary celebration. Brother David Deland GM talked about how we started out taking care of the sick and distressed in Pioneer #1 and how we still care in new ways even now. I gave a speech on our close relationship with the foundation of Odd Fellowship in the Philippines and how they have re-kindled their flame. Sister Anna Breeze PP reported on the many organizations we have donated to. We received greetings from the Rebekah Assembly of B.C. and they apologized for not being able to be at the party, as many of their members were working in the good works of the order and were quite busy the whole of July. Brother Robert Smith SGM finished off the meeting by speaking on the great works of our order all throughout the world. The stories were both informational and entertaining to all. Of course the highlighted event was our young member from Mountain Home #19 Brother Don Harlan receiving a merit jewel for his tireless efforts in revitalizing his beloved lodge presented by SGM Robert Smith.

The dinner was perfect no less than to be expected of Sister Trudy Jackson and her wonderful crew of volunteers from the Community Club of Idaho City. I enjoyed every last bite and I am sure almost everyone else did to. She personally grew many of the vegetables so that we could keep everything within budget and put many hours into much of the organization of the party.

The music went off with a few hitches. We were glad to have our own Donnie and Pat Marvin and their band play for us. I was given the pleasure of a dance with our Grand Master David Deland and a few others joined in the fun.

People came from far and wide to hear the message of hope for our order and we even had many applications for membership to Pioneer #1 that day, and many others left with the thought of what a wonderful organization we really are. Even our own members seemed rejuvenated from attendance. This meeting is just the start of bringing us back into the world. We have sown the seeds now it is the time for you to take over and tend and nurture them. Will they grow from the success of this day or will they sprout and wither with no one to watch them? I leave the rest to you.

In F. L. & T., F. H. & C. and Universal Justice

Calista Newman
Odd Fellow Membership Chairman
Pioneer Lodge #1 150th anniversary committee member

Special Thanks to: Pioneer Lodge #1 and Rose #18 members for letting me represent them in this endeavor; My Mom who worked always beside me to the best of her abilities; Georgia Wickham who was willing to go any where with us to make the best celebration possible; Bob Wickham, Kathryn Smith, Marge, Don and Hannah Harlan for coming to our clean up slumber parties and cleaning up after the event; Joe and Linda Sirani for redoing the electricity in the lodge and helping with setting up chairs and benches; George and Sharon McGaffick for turning up to and helping at all the planning meetings; Alice and Mel Baillie for staying for clean up; My uncle Charlie; My Dad who for some reason weaseled out of much of the work as Chairman but labored intensively to put everything on; My husband Joe who as a non member worked tirelessly to help me; and many many others.

150th Celebration in Idaho City July 12, 2014



Many don't know what went into the planning and preparing for this event. Some went far and beyond the norm to pull it off. First of all the building needed a good cleaning and some repairs were done to make it all presentable to the public. The cleaning took 3 week-ends with people coming from Mountain Home, Payette, Nampa, Caldwell and Boise. It was hard work but much fun was had in the process. The next thing was to have someone willing to spearhead this and we had a wonderful and knowledgeable member that took this on, Calista Newman. She is to be commended for all her efforts. Without her, it would have failed.

The day started with a parade. Leading the Parade was The American Legion who carried our flags for us. The Sovereign Grand Master and his wife, Bob and Janet Smith and our IALAPM President, Debra Lavergne rode in an old

buggy.. We had 4 floats, one from Ada #3 & Unity #8 from Boise, one from Mountain Home #19 and Guiding Star #4 with their I-Play program being promoted. Pioneer #1 had their float with the Grand Master David Deland, Grand Scribe Merna Deland, Grand Patriarch George McGaffick. Leading Pioneer was the Rose #18 float which kept the parade lively with their LOUD rendition of the Rebekah Song and the Creeds. Two Corvettes were present. One carrying VP Jean Reineke and the other Past Everything Gene Pola who stood in for the Governor. There also was an old fire engine belonging to the City.

Afterwards we were taken to the Hall where a huge canopy had been erected and was set up as a lodge. Our Noble Grand was Tom Ashley and the flags were presented by members of the Canton, LAPM and Calista's husband Joe. We presented a mock meeting that was a mixture of all units of our order. Reports were given on what Odd Fellowship was all about. The high light was when Don Harlan of Mountain Home was awarded the Meritorious Service Jewel by his Lodge and the SGM Bob Smith pinned it on. His mother Marge Harlan and Fiance Katherine Smith were so proud. Approximately 90 people were there including several visitors from Oregon and the public.

After this we were ferried to the Community Center where a GREAT dinner was served to us by Trudy Jackson and her crew. The menu included Prime Rib, Salmon, fresh veggies, salads and rolls. Dessert was Rhubarb Cobbler and Trudy's famous Huckleberry Cheesecake. No one went away hungry. Thank you Trudy.

The Entertainment was our own Pat and Donnie Marvin with their band playing great old Country Music . We are so privileged to have them in the Order.

The next day the work was not done. Someone had to return to the Community Center and sweep and mop the floor. Thanks goes to the Grand Master David Deland and Melvin Baillie from Carnation #95, Post Falls. They volunteered to do this task. The rest of our small crew stayed at the Lodge, putting things away while waiting for the Canopy to be picked up.

Special Thanks to Bob Smith, Sovereign Grand Master and his wife Janet & Debra Lavergne, IALAPM President & to our wonderful crew: Calista Newman, David and Merna Deland, George and Sharon McGaffick, Marge Harlan, Don Harlan, Kathryn Smith, Georgia and Bob Wickham, Alice and Mel Baillie, Joyce Omland and her husband, Charles Deland and many others. Extra Special Thanks goes to Joe Newman, who without his energy and enthusiasm and patience with hot and testy Rebekah's was unparalleled Thanks also to all that donated and bought tickets and pins so we had the funds to do this in the first place. It was a total success!!!!

Submitted by Georgia Wickham



Happy Birthday Pioneer Lodge #1 - 150 years and still going strong

Mountain Home #19 & Guiding Star #4 Share Great Memories at the 150TH Anniversary Celebration



Kathryn Smith



Don Harlan & SGM Bob Smith



Don Harlan, Windy Osborn & Marlene Osborn

On July 12th, members of Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 shared many joyous and proud moments as they participated in the 150th anniversary celebration of Odd Fellows in Idaho. Starting off the day was a loop around Idaho City atop the lodge's float, featuring its newly painted sign. Then, during the lodge ceremony held at Pioneer Lodge #1, Brother Don Harlan was surprised as Sovereign Grand Master Bob Smith used part of his dignitary speech to call him up to the Noble Grand station. Not knowing what to expect, Brother Don listened as Brother Bob read aloud the many reasons why Mountain Home Lodge #19 felt he deserved the distinction of receiving a Merit Jewel. Brother Don was then further honored as SGM Bob Smith stepped down from the podium and pinned the Merit Jewel on him. What a rare and prestigious privilege! All members of Mountain Home Lodge #19 are very proud of Don and the hard work and dedication that he has shown to our lodge throughout his more than 10 years with us. Thanks to him, our lodge has gained the luxury of a talented handyman, awareness in the community through our participation in various parades (two of which occurred this July alone), and an enthusiastic young man who has put some pep back in the lodge's members.

After the ceremony, Brother Donnie Marvin and Sister Pat Marvin put their own pep in the celebration as their band, Country Sunshine, played at the celebration dinner. Fun was had by all as attendees swung to the music and enjoyed great food and even better company. In closing, Mountain Home Lodge #19 would like to thank SGM Bob Smith, for his generous and honorable participation in presenting Don Harlan with his Merit Jewel, Pioneer Lodge #1 for hosting such a wonderful event that brought so many members together from all around, Country Sunshine for their music at the dinner, Brother Don for his dedication to our lodge, and all the members who attended the celebration and helped to make it such a memorable experience for everyone.

In FLT,
Kathryn Smith, Reporter



Jay Eaton & Don Harlan
In a little Trouble



Kathryn Smith
Inside Guardian



Marlene Osborn & Kathryn Smith
Adding The final touches

Scenes From the 150th Celebration



Cleaning Crew



Camping out at Pioneer #1



Enjoying a break from cleaning



Spreading FL&T



Dinner before the big event



Enjoying the music
Marge Harlan, Don Harlan



Calista Newman



Fantastic dinner & music



SGM Bob Smith



Bud Worth with SGM Bof & wife Janet



Riding in style



A Surprised Don Harlan listens as
SGM Bob Smith reads his
accomplishments



Unity Rebekah Lodge #8



Pioneer Lodge #1



Pioneer Lodge #1 parade participants



SGM Bob Smith, Janet Smith & Debra LaVergne
Grand Marshalls



Members of Ada Lidge #3 and
Unity Rebekah Lodge #8



Bud Worth & Don Harlan



Trudy Shows off her wheels
to Bob & Janet Smith



George McGaffick with
Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23



Waiting for the parade to start



Kathryn Smiths promotes IPLAY



IPLAY
Instruments
Provided to
Local Area Youth

All The way from
Pocatello



Ladie of Rose Rebekah Lodge #18

ROSE
REBEKAH

#18



Tom Ashley opens the meeting



Presenting flags & banners



Pinned by the SGM



Debra LaVergne

Bob Smith

Dan Mathews



Enjoying the meeting



Windy & Marlene Osborn



Dignitaries



Pat Marvin & Jelene Baird



Vice Grand, Donnie Marvin
With supporters



Pat Marvin presents SGM Bob
With a special gavel



Posting of banners



Flag & Banner bearers



Great Turnout



Don Harlan gets
Salute from PM



Introduction of dignitaries

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PAST GRAND OFFICERS DINNER----- Roast Pork Loin ----- @ \$31.00 \$ _____
PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON-----Parmesan Chicken Breast----- @ \$22.00 \$ _____

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