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OUR NEW LEADERS

Grand Master ~ Dan Sanow

I am the oldest of six children raised by Ray and Ilene Sanow. I grew up in Marshall, a small farming community in southwestern Minnesota. My Dad worked at a commercial mink rancher most of his life and I started working for him in the summer months at eight years old. Three days out of high school I



left for the Navy boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois. After bouncing around to various Navy schools for a year and a half I ended up in Idaho where I finished my schooling and then stayed for another two years as an instructor. It was in Idaho Falls where I met a wonderful young lady, Marilyn Anderson, married her, and have shared a life together with her now for 45 years. Along the way, Marilyn and I have raised five children and I managed to get a college degree over a period of ten years taking night classes. After leaving the Navy after seven years of service we returned to Idaho. In the early years of our marriage we were quite the nomads. The Navy and the construction company I worked for caused us to move fourteen times in the first nine years of our marriage. After our third child was born we decided it was time to put down some roots, and did so, in Idaho. In getting to this point in my life I worked as a field engineer for a construction company, a quality engineer for an engineering consulting company, and finished my working career with the Dept. of Energy in Idaho Falls. I retired a little over seven years ago and have been thoroughly enjoying it. Two of my hobbies throughout my life have been hunting and gardening.

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Assembly President ~ Jean Reineke



I was born and raised in Boise, the youngest of three girls. I graduated from Boise High School in 1957. Later that year I married Chuck Reineke and moved to his farm in Melba and soon gave birth to two children. A totally new life for me.

I was widowed in 1978 after 21 years, again-a new life for me. I continued to work in the beauty salon

in Melba and retired in 2005 after 36 years of wonderful clients, many of whom became close friends. In 2006 I decided to sell the farm and now live in Meridian.

My daughter lives in Portland, OR., my son lives in Toledo, OH. His daughters live in Ohio and Michigan – much too far away for my tastes! My two sisters and their families live in Boise and near Melba.

In 1990 after the death of his wife, I became reacquainted with Fred Burdick. We had dated when I was in high school and he was stationed at Mtn. Home AFB. I was 16 and he was 17.

I joined Melba Rebekah Lodge in 1960, served as Noble Grand in 1964 and 2007, and as District Deputy President in 1971. Life's circumstances took me away from being an active member for several years, but retirement gave me the opportunity to again take part in my lodge. You never know how much you miss some things until you have them again. I so enjoy being part of this wonderful organization.

**I myself am entirely made up of flaws
stitched together with good intentions.**

Augusten Burroughs

Grand Master's Program

MOTTO

Make a Difference!

THEME

Reach out to others; look for opportunities in your community that your Lodge can get involved in and you WILL "Make a Difference".

EMBLEM

Bundle of Sticks



Alone, tasks may be unachievable
Together, achieving is not the task.



When trying to work a task with a single stick, the result is frequently a broken stick and a failed task. However, when you bundle several sticks together, you can form a much stronger tool and you will be much more likely to succeed in your task. Such is the dilemma facing Odd Fellowship. Let us work together and **"MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

PROJECT

Idaho Eye Program

GOAL

For all Lodges to be able to say:
"We made a difference!"

GUIDES

Constitution & Code of General Laws
Personal Integrity

COLORS

Soft Pastels

FLOWERS

Roses & Lily of the Valley

SONG

America the Beautiful

PRAYER

Prayer of St. Francis

DEDICATION

I dedicate this year to my wife and family, who have always supported me in my decisions related to Odd Fellowship.



Assembly President's Program

MOTTO

Wag More Bark Less
You can always tell which one is the happy dog!

THEME

Each of us has strengths and skills to share and when we fit our individual strengths together, we are invincible. Each of us are an essential piece of the puzzle.

EMBLEMS

Dragon Fly and Puzzle Piece



PROJECTS

Arthritis Foundation
Educational Foundation
Visual Research
United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth
Soup Labels and Box Tops for Schools

CHALLENGE

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists of its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.
We can each make a difference.

GUIDES

Books of the Order
Past Presidents

COLORS

Colors of Gerber Daisies

FLOWERS

Gerber Daisies and Lily of the Valley

SONGS

Morning Has Broken, Let There Be Peace on Earth,
You Can Make a Difference, Grand Old Flag, God Bless America, America the Beautiful, & Happy

WATCHWORDS

Perserverance, Friensship, Laughter, Grace, Courage, Wisdon, & Creativity

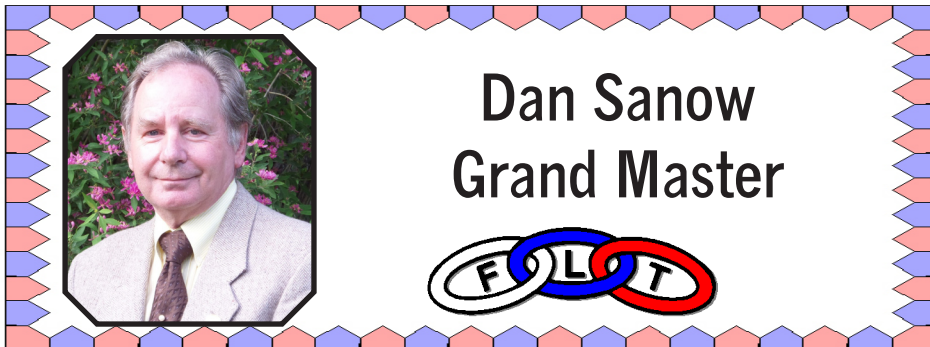
AWARDS

Most Miles Traveled (One to count, round trip)

DEDICATION

I dedicate this year to the memory of my mother, Kathryn Wait, who was a Rebekah, to my family, and to the members of my home lodge, Melba No. 105, who propped me up and encouraged me whin I faltered in my resolve these past two years.





Well the dust of the Grand Sessions has sort of settled and, for me, it is time to get on with the business of being a leader of this great organization. By the time you read this letter I will be well on my way to completing my first objective as your Grand Master; that being to visit all the Lodges as early in my term as practical. One of my main desires for the year is to improve the communications between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge. I view the visits of the Grand Master as an important part of that process.

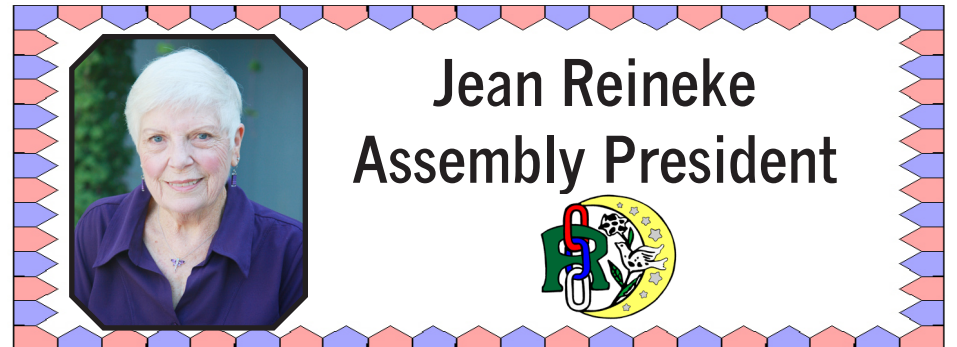
As you have either heard already, or will hear soon, my motto for the year is for every Lodge to "Make a Difference". There are many opportunities in every community where a Lodge can do something to improve the lives of other people or make your community a little better place to live. All we have to do is look around. There are opportunities everywhere. It is simply taking on an attitude that you can make a difference and the rest will be history. We are rapidly approaching that time of year when it is traditional to help others by giving. All you have to do is take that first step and the rest will be easy.

As we are approaching that time of year where giving is often on our minds, I would like to share a story about giving I encountered some time back. I doubt any of us could realistically accept the challenge offered by the little boy in the story but it does raise the point that most of us are in a position that we can easily share some of our blessings with the many less fortunate than ourselves.

Examples Make Great Gifts: At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember the turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I had only a dollar bill and either had to give it all to God's work or give nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give all I had to God. I believe God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today." As he finished, an awed quiet settled upon the congregation. Then just as he had seated himself, the voice of a little boy broke the silence: "I dare you to do it again."

I wish to thank all for giving me this opportunity to serve you as the Grand Master this year and wish you all many blessings in the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Fraternally, Dan Sanow, Grand Master



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It seems unreal to be writing to the Idaho Odd Fellow - Rebekah News. I am not sure how I got to this point, but I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

I look forward to a wonderful year of seeing old friends and making many new ones as I travel around this beautiful state of ours. I hope that together we are able to further the message of Rebekah Odd Fellowship to our communities and to the world. I feel that if more people understood all that we do, and what we are about, they would be more interested in joining with us.

As I get started with my program, I hope that you will all think about what you might do in your communities to share some of the many things we offer. From scholarships, our eye program and the opportunity to do so many other things in our home towns. Not to mention the chance to be a member of this wonderful organization.

One of my awards for this year is to the lodge with the most unusual community service project. Have fun. Think outside the box.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have ideas you wish to discuss. I am looking forward to working with each of you for a successful year.

In FL&T,
Jean Reineke
President



Grand Master ~ Dan Sanow

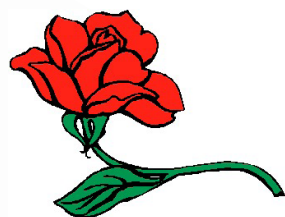
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However, being a natural "Mr. Fixit" guy, I especially enjoy wood working and almost always have a refinishing or wood building project in progress, so long as the temperature in the garage is cooperating.

Our youngest graduated from Boise State last spring and is currently pursuing her master's degree in hydrology. As one can imagine raising five children keep Marilyn and I busy but we have always recognized how fortunate we were and felt the need to express that in some manner. About 28 years ago we adopted a current love in our lives, that being volunteers at our local Soup Kitchen. We have been the co-directors for the Kitchen for most of that time and also serve on the Board of Directors. The Kitchen started very small in 1985 and served only ten to twenty guests on weekends. During those early years the Kitchen attendance grew steadily and quite rapidly to where it currently serves an average of about 135 people a day, seven days a week. There are about 800 volunteers each year that work at the kitchen. Marilyn takes care of all the volunteer scheduling, training, and public interface associated with the kitchen operations and I take care of everything associated with maintaining the inventory of food and supplies, the grounds and building maintenance, and all the general handyman stuff. Together we volunteer an average about 20 hours a week but we have always felt we have received much more from the work than we have given.

My history with the Odd Fellows has only been 30+ years and it was spent entirely with the Bingham Lodge until it closed last spring. I was introduced to the Odd Fellows by my father-in-law and immediately felt very much at home in the organization. Mostly due to the care and attention I was paid by the members in those early years. Maybe there is a lesson there for all of us. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Order because Bingham Lodge and Home Encampment were always doing things in the Lodge and in the community. Having lost my home Lodge now, I only hope is that I will not lose, in the coming years, the enthusiasm I have always felt for Odd Fellowship. I also hope I can bring my love of the Order to bear during the coming year and inspire all of the membership to either get involved with their Lodge and/or community or to expand the involvement they already have in place.

Fraternally,
Dan Sanow GM



Unity #8 Honors Outstanding Members

Veteran Jewel Night

Stella Beard,
Corlyss Peterson,
Margaret Odle, Pam York,
Marjorie Howard,
& Linda Clark



Pinning



Corlyss Peterson is
pinned by Linda Clark

On July 25, 1888, 126 years ago, the Degree of Rebekah was conferred for the first time for Unity #8. A fall Garden of Honor was prepared for our faithful member with six veteran members assembled. Marjorie Howard has belonged 69 years, Stella Beard 56 years, Margaret Odle 48 years, Linda Clark and Cheryl Guglielmo 37 years, Corlyss Peterson 22 years. Marjorie thanked Pam York for escorting the members to the garden and presenting them with a carnation and thank you note. We so appreciated the music provided by Corlyss. After the ceremony we learned that Sister Corlyss had never received her 15-year Membership Jewel. The following meeting, only seven years late, Linda Clark had the privilege of presenting Corlyss with her jewel engraved with her name and date of initiation. Linda expressed the heartfelt thanks for Corlyss' special contribution from all assembled.

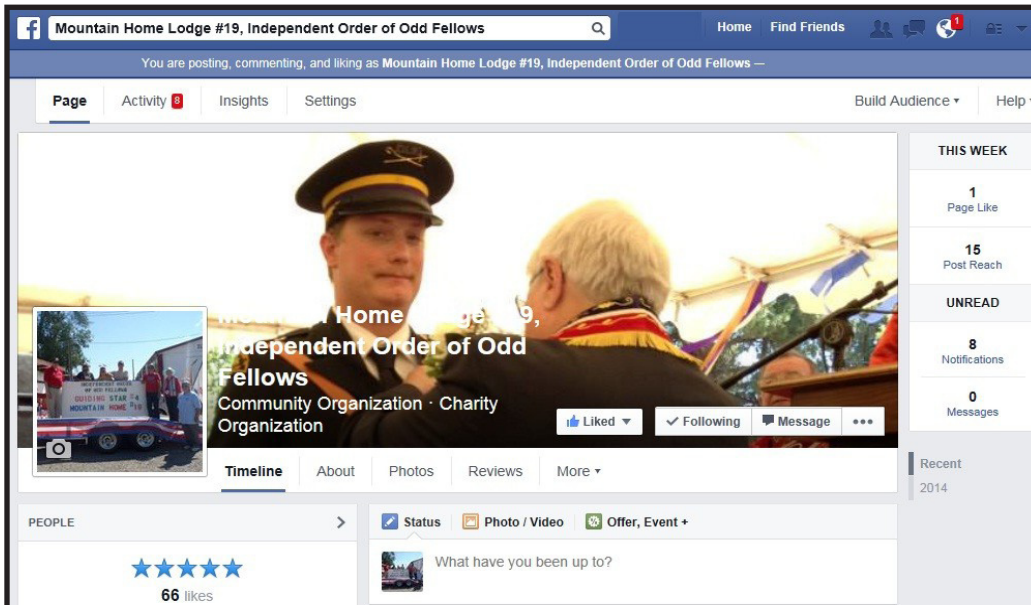
Pam York honored Past Noble Grands. The PNG Jewel is one of the most cherished jewels of the order. She presented each PNG assemble with a sweet scented gift. PNG attending were Marjorie Howard – NG in Minerva in 1948; Margaret Odle – Unity in 1973; Cheryl Guglielmo – Unity in 1982; Linda Clark – Unity in 1983; Pam York – Unity starting in 2004; and Virginia Buchanan – Unity starting in 2006.

On October 16th at 8 PM we will have a Halloween Fun Night. Everyone is welcome to share fun stories and donuts!

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary



News from Mountain Home Lodge #19 & Guiding Star #4



Mountain Home Lodge #19 Facebook Page



Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Prepare for AFAD Parade

This summer has been a busy one for the brothers and sisters of Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 as they reached out to members of the local community as well as members of lodges both locally and from around the world. Over the last couple of years, the lodge has brainstormed and come up with new ways to raise awareness of the lodge and boost membership. It is exciting to say that the hard work has definitely been paying off.

On June 9th, an open Facebook page was created for the lodge to help promote its activities. By joining other local Facebook pages, writing articles in the local newspaper, and reaching out to friends, family, (or just about anyone who will listen!), members have been able to promote the page and gain likes. The unexpected joy to this endeavor has been the wonderful feedback and likes from not only the community and local lodges, but from lodge members from around the world! Currently, the Facebook page has 83 likes and includes officers from Sovereign Grand Lodge, the President of the IALAPM, and IOOF or Rebekah members of lodges in the Philippines, Norway, Nova Scotia, and various states from across the United States to name a few. Yes, even Thomas Wildey himself has liked our page (it's true – visit our page if you don't believe me!). These members not only like our posts but also share them to help spread the word. Some of our shining moments have even been displayed on the Sovereign Grand Lodge's Facebook page thanks to these efforts. If you would like to visit our page, simply go to www.facebook.com/IOOFMountainHomeldaho/. Please leave us a comment and feel free to like us! We love the fellowship it has brought.

The Facebook outreach has not stopped with lodges. Members of the local community have taken notice of our activities including the parades we have attended and the various IPLAY fundraisers and events we have put on. In September, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs joined together for their annual "Return From Summer Picnic Potluck" and reached out yet again to the community through an open invitation to attend the dinner and get to know the members. Much to their delight, two enthusiastic ladies jumped in feet first and even filled out membership applications! They are currently awaiting their initiation on November 1st. It's great to see such excitement and energy just waiting to get in and get going!

Of course, seeing people face-to-face is the best way to truly socialize with one another, and so the Mountain Home lodges have continued to get out into the community by placing a float in the recent Air Force Appreciation Day (AFAD) Parade in Mountain Home as well as attending lodge meetings in Silver City and Idaho City. It's hard to beat getting together with beloved members of the other lodges and sharing stories and laughter over home-cooked food. These efforts have also drawn new members, as the Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 will be initiating a new member at their first meeting in November.

Please join us online and in person anytime!
In FLT, Kathryn Smith, Lodge Reporter

Turn your clocks back on November 2



Clearwater & Kooskia Rebekahs



The Clearwater and Kooskia Rebekah Lodges have added a new project to our services to the community. We presented the fifth grade students of Kooskia Elementary School, new dictionaries. This fall Unity #8 honored our outstanding members. Each one of them will have for their own. These books do not just contain definitions, but, a list of all of the presidents and a copy of our United States Constitution.

Jo Pillar, Vickie Kiele and Dixie Jackson gave out the dictionaries as representatives of the two lodges. We also aid our school students with our yearly scholarships to deserving seniors.

Submitted by,
Jo Pillar



Amosette Fun Night

If you attended the 2014 Amosette Night on October 20 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center, you gained new insight into your sister Rebekahs.

Many of those present spoke on the woman who most influenced their lives, as the theme was Honoring Women.

Pictures of famous women from all walks of life decorated the room. A contest was held to see how many could correctly identify all 23. Those who came closest were Vicky Kiele, Jean Reineke, Nancy Morris, and Jan VanDenBerg.

Dr. Linda Clark, a member of Unity Rebekah Lodge No. 8, Boise, presented a slide show on the lives of women from many countries.

The money collected from passing the hat totaled \$400.00, and was donated to UNESCO, (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Next years Amosette Night, to be held in Moscow, will be hosted by Jo Piller and associates. Plan to join her and enjoy the fun!

Submitted by Wanda Bragg,
Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who presented us with gifts at Barbara’s Garden of Hope Session. We had a great time! Hope you did too! See you next year.

Shirley, Jean, Wanda and Wilma



The Editorial Board sends many thanks to Sister Virginia Moverly, PP, and sister Ruth Harrison for their generous donation to the paper. We would also like to thank Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 for their donation in loving memory of Steve Frazey.

Thank You,
The Editor & The Editorial Board

COMING EVENTS 2014

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| NOVEMBER | | |
| 7.8.9 | N.W. ASSOCIATION | OREGON |
| 16 | TURKEY DINNER | WHITEBIRD 12PM |

A Note from the Editor

Sisters and Brothers,
At this years annual session, the Grand Lodge, with the blessing of the editorial board, has funded a pilot program which will enable us to publish the paper on a monthly basis for the next 12 months. Hopefully this will help with getting your articles published in a more timely manner and encourage you to send articles in more frequently for publication.
In addition, the left over papers each month will be mailed to public libraries instead of going in the recycle bin. So, if you have a library in your town, please send me the address so it will be on our mailing list.

Membership

Membership is always a hot topic. Not only for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, but for every other organization in our communities. Churches, charities, and civic organizations have the same problems we face. Yet the figures seem to be pointing to a plateau and gradual recovery in membership for many organizations. With effort we can once again become one of the growing organizations.

A common rule of thumb says that for every ten people we invite into our Lodge, one will join. That person might be the first or the last of the ten you contact, so take a look around you for those that would benefit from membership and also be an asset to the Order.

As those of you attending Grand Lodge sessions this year know, we are charged by the Grand Master to make a difference. For many of us, this will involve looking for acts of service that will affect our local communities and increase the public awareness of our Order and of the good things that we try to do in our communities.

This year will also be a test year for publishing the Idaho Odd Fellow and Rebekah paper every month. Most of you know the project also involves placing the paper in local libraries. It would help the editor and editorial board if you would inquire about the location of the paper in your local library.

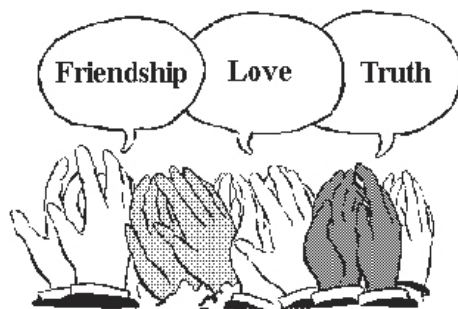
This is also the time to increase your Lodge's submission of articles. Let us all know what your Lodge is doing and what you are doing in your local communities. Patrons of the libraries will be interested in the local activities of your Lodge and this will provide an opportunity for you to explain the benefits of membership in our Orders.

Remember, we know how young a person has to be to join but we have not yet determined how old is too old. Reach out the hand of fraternalism and offer someone a chance to know the joys of belonging. I would remind you that according to Robert Putnam's research in his book *Bowling Alone*, belonging and participating socially reduces a person's mortality rate by one half of their peer group. What a great benefit to offer someone thinking about joining our Order.

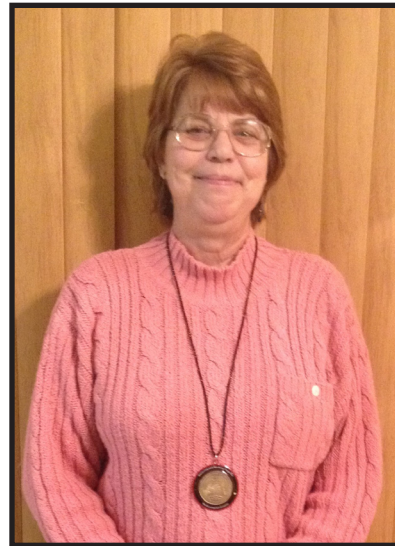
Remember that if you have problems or questions with membership issues or need help setting up degrees, there are people around the State ready to help.

Let's hear your comments.

Thank you,
Randall B. Wallace
wallacer@alaska.com
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Sister Marge Harlan Receives the Medallion Award at Grand Lodge 2014



Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 congratulate Sister Marge Harlan on receiving the prestigious Medallion Award during the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho's 2014 Grand Lodge Session! Sister Marge was very surprised as Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Danny Wood from Fort Worth, Texas honored her with kind words and presented her with the medallion.

Marge first joined Odd Fellowship as a Guiding Star #4 Rebekah 30 years ago and was one of the earliest women to become an Odd Fellow in 2001 by joining Mountain Home Lodge #19. Sister Marge is never content to sit still, however, and has also joined the Encampment, Canton, LEA, and LAPM, in addition to being an Associate Member of historical lodges Idaho City #1 and Silver City #2. She has served her lodges, as well as the Jurisdiction of Idaho, dutifully and holds the titles of Past District Deputy President, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho (2004-05), Webmaster of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho website since 2002, Editor of the Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News since 2007, and Administrator of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho Facebook page since 2010. Sister Marge has also received the Rebekah Merit Jewel.

Marge is a very active member in Mountain Home Lodge #19, participating in all of our events including parades, fundraisers, dinners, cleanings, and any sort of fun to be had. She currently serves as a trustee and has worked hard to get improvements made to the lodge including updating parts of the kitchen and bathrooms so that our hall can make a good impression on our guests and fellow lodge members. We are all very proud of her for receiving this award and are thrilled that all of her hard work and dedication is being recognized. Great job, Marge!

In FLT,
Kathryn Smith, Lodge Reporter

**Believing and Working Together
We Accomplish Dreams**



Membership

Greetings from the Grand Lodge Membership Chairman. I apologize for not having many articles from this office but I wore a lot of hats last year. As most of you know the main project I put effort into this last year was our 150th Anniversary Celebration to recruit new members. I think everyone that attended enjoyed themselves and we attracted many people from outside of the order. We recruited 1 new member to the order before the event and had a lot of people interested in joining. The importance of making our order known is very important for gaining members, the 150th anniversary brought in quite a few tourists, this is the first step. Now I ask you to share your experience with everyone you know to bring in new members.

“Make new friends, but keep the old, One is Silver and the others Gold”. Each member is precious whether they be new or old. Yes a member that has kept their membership active for many years is precious with experience, but so are brand new members with their new ideas and fresh eyes. We need to make both feel equally welcome to the order. I spent some time helping put on degrees for new members and talking with them. Together with the members of District 5 Odd Fellows we made gift bags for the new members and I gave them out where I was able to visit. I hoped to instill in the membership that keeping new members is equally as important as gaining new members and that they should treat them with understanding that new members do not know everything about the order, but they are intelligent and have feeling that can be hurt, by being treated like they are stupid and ignorant. Please cherish your members old, new and some where in the middle and try your hardest to listen to them remember we have two ears and one mouth for a reason.

In F. L. & T. Calista Newman, Membership Chairman

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