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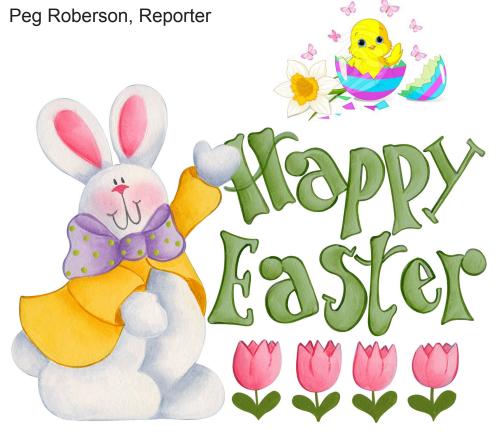
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Storm Cancels Installation



Jerome - Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110 scheduled their installation for January 12, 2015, but due to a large snowstorm, it was postponed until January 26, 2015.

Installed were: reading I-r: Wilma Bragg, Treasurer; Jean Floyd, Noble Grand; Geraldine Duncan, Vice Grand; Wanda Bragg, Secretary/Financial Secretary; Marguerite (Peg) Roberson, District Deputy President, installing officer.



Unity #8 Stays Busy



Boise - Mother Nature has been in her prime this spring, everything from 60 degree weather and tulip buds to snow on green grass. We just expect the unexpected!

In December the Children's Christmas Party was well received. Margaret Odle, Linda and Joe Sirani, and Glenn Schultz regaled babies and older children with a movie, candy, toys, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. To the children's delight they visited

Ada's Odd Fellow Hall, City of Light, Hope's Door, and Placerville. Such a rewarding way to close December.

Our installation of officers for Unity #8, Rose #18, and Ada #3 was January 6th. What a nice job done by the installing staff of District Deputy President Connie Evans. Noble Grand Margaret Odle warmly welcomed our new officers: VG Virginia Buchanan, Secretary Cheryl Guglielmo, Treasurer Linda Clark, Warden Pam York, Conductor Stella Beard, Chaplain Marjorie Howard, and Guardian Rose DeHaven. Our best wishes go the officers of the three lodges.

February continued the fast pace. We learned a lot at the District 4 Meeting and are looking forward to hosting everyone next year. Plans to make this memorable are already underway. Our Rebekah Assembly President Jean Reineke made her official visitation. We are so proud to include Sister Jean in Unity's apron membership for Assembly Presidents! NG Margaret Odle did a wonderful job painting the apron. Linda Clark and Corlyss Peterson continued to outdo themselves, this time with minions singing "Happy" to everyone's surprise. Pam York and members cleverly exemplified President Jean's emblem by fitting together wandering puzzle pieces to spell our "JEAN" with appropriate sayings. Refreshments concluded the evening.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

Just A Rambling Note from the Grand Secretary

Looks like spring is coming early this year. Hope every one has made it through the winter in good health. Things are going well in the office. Just as I feel I have a hang of things, then I find a another meeting that I am included in as being Grand Secretary. I think they forgot to tell me on purpose.

Thank you all of the Lodge Members for coming by and meeting with me, giving me support and sharing their knowledge of the working of order. I still have a few Lodges with reports out. If you are needing some help with your report please call. I will need them soon for Idaho's report to Sovereign Grand Lodge. Email or call me with any questions. The New Code changes have been mailed out to all of the lodges. If you have not Received one for your lodge, by the time the news paper comes out, please call me and let me know that you have not received them yet. Make sure your codes and general law book are up to date. If you think they might be out to date call me and i can help get you up to date. The Journal has been sent off to the printer, as soon as they are done from the printer I will be mailing them out to the Lodges. District meetings have started and I am looking forward to the seeing every one at the meetings. If You Have any Questions or Concerns Please don't hesitate to call my self or the Grand Master.

We are here to help Email for Grand lodge: grandlodgeidaho@hotmail.com or 208-459-2091

In F.L&T Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary



thank you!

Thank you to all the lodge members that attended the open house. We had a very good turn out. We had four people from the community showed interest in the museum. A very special thanks to every one that came and helped. A great deal of time and effort was spent on on the museum.

We will be working one the display cases. We need lodge pictures to fill a special wall. We need more pictures of Dead Horse Cave. We are working on a DVD and would like it to be as accurate as possible. So Please search thru all of your mementos and historical items: We are looking for some degree slides, and a working projector, Rebekah's degree banners or anything of interest please let us know. We are working on some exciting things coming in may.

Reported by Stephen Mann



The Editorial Board and Editor
Extend their thanks and sincere appreciation
for the generous donation received for our
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You're All Invited

Temple Encampmet No. 3 invites you to their annual fish fry at the Caldwell lodge hall on April 13th at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$ 7.00 per person.

This is the official visit of the Grand Patriarch, James Weighall. The meeting is open to all and we'd love for you to attend..

Sharon McGaffick



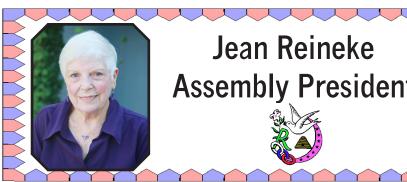
Dan Sanow Grand Master



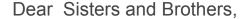
Last month I talked a little about spring and how it is a time for change. Well I would like to extend that analogy and continue talking about what I feel are exciting changes going on in Idaho and especially at the Grand Lodge level. It wasn't too long ago that I started looking seriously at the things that were being done at the Grand Lodge and the wide range of attitudes held about how they were done. Mostly because I finally said, "Okay, I will accept the nomination as Grand Warden." I realized then that there needed to be a lot of changes made if we were to survive. First and foremost I noticed a significant lack of communications between the Lodges and the members of the Grand Lodge executive committee and the little bit that I did see was laced with resentment. There was also a significant need for bringing the Grand Lodge into the twenty first century. I wanted to see this Order grow in Idaho. I took the job of Grand Master in hopes that I could at least start to change the way things are done in fulfilling that job's responsibilities and to change the attitudes the Lodges have about working with the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, and yes, even the Rebekah Assembly. We are a **FRATERNITY**! The definition of that word is "a group of people joined together with the same beliefs, interests, work, etc." Think "bundle of sticks".

Well, like I said last month; "things, they are a changing here in Idaho." I can by no means take too much credit for many of the changes that are in the works but I am very happy to see them happening. Those things that are changing are exactly what we need. The web site will enhance our communications, especially with the generation of people we need and want to join our Lodges. The Grand Secretary has been working day and night to upgrade and revamp the condition and presentation of the museum to the public and to actually get people to come and visit the museum. By the way, he will gladly accept any offers of help put forward. Lodges seemed to have started communicating a little more through the newspaper. The newspaper is being sent to several additional venues besides just the Lodges. Members of the Executive Committee have been and are continuing to develop ways to "give back" to the Lodges instead of the other way around. That is some of what is happening and there are more things on the way.

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Jean Reineke **Assembly President**



Here we are at Springtime! Most of us had a fairly mild winter, so spring is in a variety of stages. Spring is a time of rebirth, growth and freshness, as well as a new outlook on the world around us. I have visited many of the lodges in the southern part of the state, and will be heading north by the time you read this. I continue to be amazed by the beautiful and diverse landscape as I travel, but I must say the that the people are all the same-warm, welcoming, kind, happy and generous.

What a good time to think about rebirth, growth and a fresh new outlook on each of our own lives as well as our lodges. I think sometimes we become accustomed to the place we live and tend forget the beauty of our immediate surroundings. When I travel I see new and different beautiful landscapes and then, as I return back to my home I think I can appreciate where I live at just a little more. I can see familiar things with eyes of others a bit more clearly. Maybe this is how we should take a look at our lodges. Yes, there is beauty in the familiar, but maybe it is time to look at things with new eyes. What do the people we want to attract to our lodges see from the outside? Is it something they want to be part of? Is it a group that can make a difference in their lives and the lives of those they love, along with others in their communities? What are the things can we do to make that happen?

I am seeing and hearing about so many wonderful ideas that some lodges have been working on to help us grow and continue to make our order successful. From a holiday parade that ended in a community party to making and sending valentine cards to service men and women. From saving tabs and making baby blankets for the Ronald McDonald House, to collecting soup labels for education and the gift of dictionaries to a grade school. Great ideas! Keep up the good work.

Fraternally. Jean Reineke





Grand Master's Letter

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New things; good things really are starting to happen in Idaho. Yes, we are still losing a Lodge occasionally but we also have a new Encampment. We are starting to use "modern" communications to talk to the younger generation, the generation that will rebuild this Order. To keep this ball rolling the old wounds of the past need to be healed. We are a much different mix of members than we were twenty years ago. The way business is being done is different now. We all need to forgive, let the destructive attitudes from the past go, and every one of us needs to ask ourselves, "How can I move this Order forward and make it more successful and energetic?" I have a story that maybe will help us see a way to understand how we all can move that ball forward.

Fishing for Sins

A young boy and his dad were returning home from a shopping mall, and the boy had acted badly – running off, being uncooperative, wanting this and that, etc. He could tell his father was in a bad mood, and he tried to broach the subject of his behavior. "When we ask God to forgive us when we are bad," he asked, "He does, don't He?"

"Yes, He does," his father replied.

"And when He forgives us, He doesn't remember them anymore, right?" the son asked.

"That's right," said his father, growing more charitable. "It's like the song we sing at church, that God buries our sins in the deepest sea."

The boy was silent for a while. Then he said, "I've asked God to forgive me, and now I want to ask you to promise me something."

"What's that, son?" said his father, pleased at this display of contrition.

"I want you to promise that when we get home you won't go fishing for those sins, okay?"

One important lesson we should all learn from this is that forgiven sins stay forgiven — no fishing allowed.

Fraternally

Dan Sanow, Grand Master 2014-2015



April 26th

Commemorating the 196th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Activities from Melba #105

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 has been very busy since the first of the year. In January, we had our usual service project of making Caramel Corn for the Melba Auction. We had two large bags of popcorn, which we made into caramel corn, ending up with about 75 bags to be donated to the auction. We have done this every year, and it is a lot of fun.

In February we entertained President Jean Reineke on her official visit to our Lodge. We met for lunch at the Golden Corral and then had our meeting following. President Jean spoke on her "puzzle piece."

In March, we delivered dictionaries to the Melba Third and Fourth grade students. We had been doing this in conjunction with the Grange at Melba, but since the Grange closed we took on the project for ourselves. Last year we missed the third grade class, so we picked them up this year as fourth graders. This is a very rewarding project and the kids really like getting their "very own" dictionary.

As most of you know, Melba Rebekah Lodge donated their hall to the Melba Valley Historical Society for use as a museum, and so we are now meeting in the Nampa Odd Fellows Hall. Our physical, as well as our mailing address, is now 204-12th Avenue So., Nampa, ID 83651. The Post Office address at Melba is no longer accurate.

Because my own address is listed inaccurately in one place in the directory, I want to let everyone know that my address is now and has been for four years, 96 North Wedgwood Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83651. (Just so you know where to send your eye applications.)

Fraternally submitted, Jelene Baird, Publicity Chairman



Meet Nampa's UN Pilgrimage for Youth Candidate



My name is Cortni Chandler. I am 17 and currently a junior at Skyview High School in Nampa, Idaho. I am an athlete by heart. I compete in gymnastics, dance, and soccer. I've been a gymnast since the age of eight and I placed in the top five at the Idaho State Championships for six years. I am a current member of the varsity soccer team at Skyview. I have enjoyed being a prominent part of this team for 3 years. I've also had the privilege of joining the back to back state champions Skyview Blue Angels dance team.

I enjoy being enthusiastically involved in my high school. I'm an active member of the National Honor Society. With this group, I have participated in many large service projects such as Rake-Up Nampa, the Festival of Trees, and the Daddy Daughter Dance. I am currently pursuing courses in Engineering and Drafting. These courses are helping me reach my future goal of becoming a civil engineer with an emphasis in computerized drafting.

During the summer I enjoy boating, camping, and riding four wheelers. I love spending time outside with my family. My family is one of my greatest supporters.

I am honored to be given this amazing opportunity to go on the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. I am excited to learn and experience new things along with meeting new people. I plan to gain as much information as I can and grow as a young adult.



Boise - Unity Lodge #8 is so proud of our 38 year member. PNG Linda has always been active in the Order and is currently our lodge deputy and long-standing treasurer. And in March she received national recognition as one of the nation's outstanding school district leaders by Education Week. most respected national newspaper covering elementary education.

Dr. Linda L. Clark has taken to hearther great-aunt's philosophy: Make no small plans, for they have no power to stir the soul. Since 2004 Linda has been the superintendent of, the largest district in Idaho. Among the lowest funding in the nation for districts with more than 10,000 students, Linda has been able to leverage innovation to get noteworthy results. "We were first to do a lot of things." These include having the first computer lab in a school in the Northwest, being among the first principals to videotape teachers and to improve performance and employ the "continuous improvement" model used in business.



She 1) involve stresses communicate often. 2) evervone because everyone it takes make that vision successful. and 3) share successes help other people develop. to "What we're engaged in now is changing everything we know about teaching and learning almost from the ground up," Students take greater responsibility for their learning and problem solving. "When I go to those classrooms, I see every student engaged. They're not doing rote learning but analysis, synthesis, the higher-level thinking," Dr. Clark said. Linda as Superintendent of West Ada School District is a charter member of the Digital Promise League of Innovative School, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization authorized by Congress to spur innovation in education. Linda was invited to participate on a panel about empowering teachers when more than 100 superintendents met at the White House last year where President Obama launched a program to integrate technology for teaching and learning. Dr. Clark told the gathering: "Our secret sauce is our staff, our teachers," as they work to make strides under the constraints of a tight budget. "They're very dedicated, very hardworking." One example of innovations fostered by Linda, educators in West Ada are encouraged to apply for technology-innovation grants that will directly benefit their own classrooms. In 2009, Dr. Clark hired a part-time grant facilitator who helps locate available funding, write grants, and track results.

Another unconventional idea is partnering Idaho State University, West Ada's district headquarters, an International Baccalaureate high school, and a professional training center that shares a lunchroom, library, and other space in what was once a warehouse. Linda continues this theme by sharing a new elementary school with the YMCA and a local library. "They'll use our computer lab. We'll use the YMCA gym," Linda said.

Linda well deserves these accolades. She shares her heart with her students and community.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo

IPLAY Continues to Spread the Word and Grow





Mountain Home - On March 10th, IPLAY Chairman Kathryn Smith and Sister Janice Ausburn attended Mountain Home's Band Recruitment Night, hosted by Hacker Middle School and Mountain Home Junior and High Schools. The night featured performances of all 6th through 12th grade bands, followed by opportunities for interested students to try out the various instruments themselves. This event was a great opportunity to reach current and potential band students and their parents, and IPLAY was grateful to band directors Robin Milligan (6th grade band) and Jerry Tippets (7th-12th grade bands) for allowing Sister Kathryn time to give a presentation on the program. To IPLAY's pleasure, past instrument recipients Devin Vaughan (2013) and Clarissa Stowell (2014) played in their respective bands that night, and stepped forward during Sister Kathryn's presentation to help promote the program. Devin even offered to stand with IPLAY after the presentation and play his IPLAY clarinet while interested students and parents perused the information booths. What a great student IPLAY has in Devin! His dad reported that he is doing very well in band and receiving high marks in competitions.

Through her experiences with IPLAY, Sister Kathryn has realized that opportunities for publicity and growth can be found in all places. During District 3's meeting that following Saturday, Brother Don Harlan created a Power Point presentation featuring Mountain Home Lodge #19's events over the last year, which included IPLAY's efforts. Upon learning of the program, Brother Ralph Taylor of Hagerman Lodge #57 promptly went home and returned with a beautiful trumpet that he and Sister Virgie Taylor donated to IPLAY. A few days later, Sister Wendy Mastroeni met Sister Kathryn with another trumpet for the program that she had obtained from someone willing to donate it. What gracious and giving members we have in Idaho! Thank you so much Brother Ralph, Sister Virgie, and Sister Wendy for your support of IPLAY!

In F.L.&T., Kathryn Smith, Lodge Reporter

In Loving Memory

Evelyn Pearl Ensley August 15, 1917 ~ February 12, 2015





Evelyn Pearl Ensley, 97, of Wilder, died Thursday, February 12, 2015. Evelyn was born on August 15, 1917 in Ainsworth, Nebraska to Howard an Mamie Shaner. She was the 1st if 11 children. She graduated from Ainsworth High School, NE. She married the love of her live, Everett Ensley on December 12, 1936. They moved to Idaho in 1941, where their love of 78 years of marriage grew strong. Mom stayed at home raising their children while dad was in the U.S. Army-Air Corps for 4 years. It was a hard life, but mom was the kind of person that would never complain.

She loved gardening, attending to flowers and sewing. She also enjoyed rock hunting and finding those special rocks. Watching birds outside her dining room window was a favorite pastime of hers. She lost herself in her paintings, she'd say "wee, you just put the brush in your fingers and let God show you what needs to be painted, it's really that simple." She was a member of the Rebekahs for many years.

Evelyn was initiated into Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 75 at Wilder, February 15, 1965. She serves as Noble Grand, 1967, 1968 and 1984 and held other offices. As of February 15, 2015, she would have been a 50 year member.

Mom's greatest accomplishments and blessings were her children and grandchildren. She loved each and every one without conditions. Their family and friends celebrated 78 years of marriage on December 12, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Everett, three sons, a daughter, 13 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 33 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 18, 2015 at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell, Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37 conducted the Rebekah Rites. Burial followed at the Wilder Cemetery, Wilder, Idaho.



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1	13	ENC DEGREE RALLY	BOISE	
4	20	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK	
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2	27	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY	
JULY				
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1	18	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE	
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TO: All Rebekah Lodges in Idaho

As Rebekah Assembly Historian, it is my duty and pleasure to remind you that the Lodge Histories will be due as soon as possible in This includes _____ histories and any other years that you might know to be missing.

A special display case has been provided in the Odd Fellow's historical building in Caldwell. It is my duty to file the histories in the books provided by each lodge.

The histories should cover the time period from January 1 to December 31, $___$, and include the following:

- 1. Names of elective officers, including the lodge deputy.
- 2. Any honors, awards or appointments received by the lodge or a member during the year.
- 3. Paraphernalia or furniture acquired during the year.
- 4. Highlights of the year and a month-by-month log of events.
- 5. Membership totals at the end of the year. (Financial balance is optional).

Please use standard 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inch paper, typed on one side only. Leave a left hand margin wide enough to allow for punching.

Please send the bif history to my home address no later than June 30 bif, along with other years your lodge might be missing. If you need to know if your lodge is missing any reports, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally Yours,

Shakon M. Haffel Assembly Historian 4781 Anderson Wy Nam on Td 83/08/1

Secretary: After reading this letter in lodge, please give it to the Lodge Historian for their aid in writing the history. Thank you.

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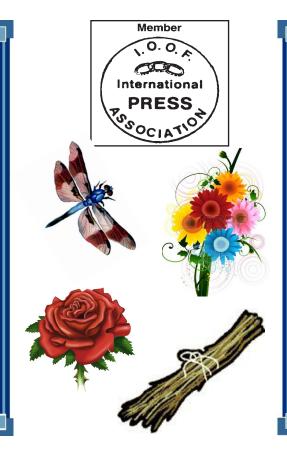
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