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District 1 Meetings

Progress 48



Sharon McGaffick, Cathy Toussaint, Mae Carlson, Jean Reineke, Vicky Kent, Anna Breeze, Shannon Veith, & Pat Christensen

Bingham 78



Alice Meyer, Kay Bammert, Wanda Hays, Jean Reineke, Shannon Veith, Anna Breeze, Vicky Kent, & Wava Murphy

Ivy 23



Vicky Kent, Anna Breeze, Kathy Pew, Shannon Veith, Wava Murphy, Cathy Toussaint, Nola Schuler, Jean Reineke, & Jackie Bray

District Meeting



Cathy Toussaint & Vicky Kent, PDDP

President's week started on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 with a No Host Dinner for President Jean Reineke was held at the Stockman's Cafe in Blackfoot for Progress #48. President Jean and her travelling companion, Sharon McGaffick were welcomed. There were six members in attendance, NG Cathy Toussaint; VG Shannon Vieth; Secretary Mae Carlson, Treasurer Pat Christensen, Warden Vicky Kent and Anna Breeze. Also in attendance were Wava Murphy from Ivy #23 and Sharon McGaffick from Gem of the Mountain #5. Our regular meeting was held afterwards in the same location, Shannon Vieth gave a presentation on the Gerber Daisy. President Jean spoke on the Dragon Fly. A wonderful dessert of Pink Lemonade Cupcakes was provided.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at a Special Meeting, President Jean Reineke and Sharon McGaffick joined the members and guests of Bingham #78 for their meeting at the Episcopal Church in American Falls. The seven members in attendance were: NG Kay Bammert; VG Vicky Kent; Secretary Shannon Vieth; Treasurer Alice Meyer; Chaplain Anna Breeze; Warden Wava Murphy and Associate Member Wanda Hays from Wendell. Other Guests were Jean Floyd and Peg Roberson from Syringa #110 and Cathy Toussaint from Progress #48. Many good ideas were given on Community Service by Jean Floyd and Peg Roberson. Shannon Vieth gave a presentation on the Postage Stamp and President Jean talked about the Puzzle Pieces and how Rebekahs must all work together. The Members and Guests travelled to the L&J Restaurant for lunch.

On Thursday, March 19, 2015 the members of Ivy #23 met at the Golden Corral for a No Host Dinner. In attendance at the dinner were Jean Reineke, Sharon McGaffick, Shannon Vieth, Anna Breeze, Nola Shuler, David Livingston, Vicky Kent, Cathy Toussaint, Wava Murphy, Jacky Bray, and Kathy Pew and her husband Floyd, who drives Kathy and Jacky from Idaho Falls so they can attend our meetings. After dinner we went to the lodge hall for a Special Meeting. Anna Breeze gave a wonderful presentation on the Dragon Fly and President Jean talked about how Rebekahs must change and adapt like the Dragon fly. A dessert of Individual Chocolate Turtle Cheesecakes was served.

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, concluded the week of festivities with District Meeting #1 that was hosted by Bingham #78 but held in the Ivy #23 lodge hall. Many informative things were shared by our Assembly Officers and members. NG Cathy Toussaint from Progress #48 presented her sister Vicky Kent also from Progress #48, with her Past District Deputy President's Jewel.

Shannon Veith, Reporter for District 1

Just A Rambling Note
from the Grand Secretary

Hope every one made it thru tax time and are in good health. We are still staying busy at Grand Lodge working on the Lodges' year end Reports for Sovereign Grand Lodge. There are a few Lodge Reports that I am still waiting on, so please send them in as soon as you can so we don't face a fine.

Just an update on the changes at Grand Lodge, The apartment downstairs has been all repainted and a washer and dryer have been installed.

Will be going out very soon and picking up the Donation's to fill the empty rooms, now that we have a nice clean place for the furniture to be arranged. We now have Two Conference Rooms with big tables downstairs all set up and ready to use. We have had a new Security system with cameras donated to us and we have gotten them up and running upstairs and downstairs. The journal is finally back from the printers and I am working on getting them mailed out. I Have also had some of the Lodges ask for Procedure's and Protocol manual's. I am also working on getting the most updated one's for our lodges to use, I hope they will be in soon so I can send them out with the journals. Remember just because we have always done it that way does not mean its the correct Odd Fellow way of doing it. I Hope I am working on Positive Changes for the order.

In F.L&T, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary

National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year. In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. The National Prayer Committee was formed in the United States in 1972. It went on to create the National Day of Prayer Task Force, with the intended purpose of coordinating events for the National Day of Prayer. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.



Historical Museum

Saturday May 23
11am ~ 4pm
920 Grant Street
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The Historical Society will be having an open House again in May. So set Saturday, May 23, for a good time. Time will be 11am till 4pm. We have some more changes, so please come and see.

We will be serving Hot Dogs that day. Any Body wanting to bring a side dish for the open house will be welcomed. Looking for a Good Turn out Again.

Also Watch Chanel 7, Tuesday May 19, Morning News. Odd Fellows will be sponsored on the Morning News.

Reported By Jeff mann

COMING EVENTS 2015

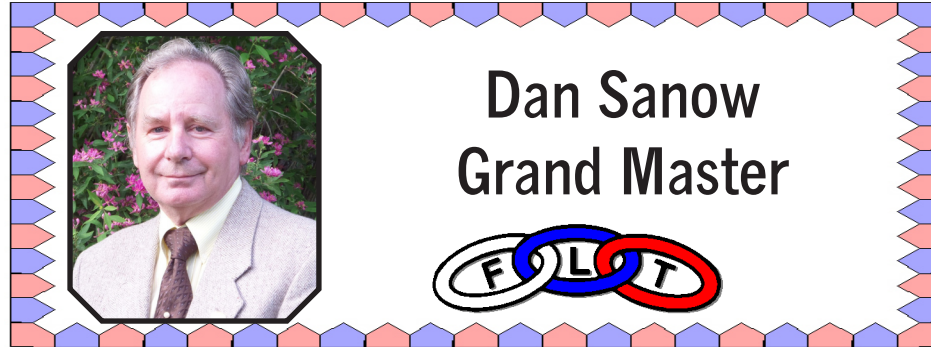
MAY

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| 02 | DIST 7 REB | POST FALLS |
| 02 | DIST 4 ENCAMPMENT | CALDWELL |
| 06 | HIST SOCIETY | CALDWELL 10AM |
| 09 | DIST 7 IOOF | CDA |
| 16 | PIONEER 1 & ROSE 18 | IDAHO CITY |

JUNE

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| 06 | DIST 2 | SALMON |
| 20 | FISH FRY | ISLAND PARK |
| 21 | BUCKAROO BRKFST | ISLAND PARK |
| 27 | OWYHEE 2 | SILVER CITY |





Well my District Meetings are rapidly coming to an end and this has caused me to look ahead and start preparing for Grand Sessions. A little early you say? It may be, if all one does is show up. As you already know, my motto for the year is "Make a Difference". So far that has been focused on the Lodges working in their communities. Lest we forget, we are also part of a great Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. We have a responsibility to make a difference within our Order as well.

I am sure there are several members who have ideas or at least a desire to see some changes to how some things are being done. The way to get those desires known and acted upon is to participate in the Grand Lodge process. Though I wish everyone could attend, I understand that is not really practical for some. The alternative however is make your presence felt with a **RESOLUTION**. Resolutions are a member's or a Lodge's means of introducing desired changes. If submitted they **WILL** be acted upon at the Grand Sessions. The best policy for getting them introduced is to have them submitted to the Grand Secretary by August 1st so they get published in the Advanced Journal and then they will automatically be introduced. Resolutions submitted at Grand Sessions require approval before they can be introduced. Considering most Lodges do not hold meetings in July and August that does not leave a lot of time or meetings available to get a resolution prepared and sent off to the Grand Secretary. I am encouraging all members and Lodges to take this opportunity to make a difference where you see a need for change. If a concern is not expressed, it can't be dealt with.

Since I have been talking about Grand Lodge participation, I would also like to remind all the elected officers and District Deputies of their responsibility to submit their reports to the Grand Secretary by August 1st as well. All who have been elected also have responsibilities to fulfill and part of that responsibility is our year-end reports. I am encouraging all officers to meet this responsibility so we can have a complete Advanced Report. An additional reminder to the District Deputies is to include in your reports the contributions the Lodges in your district made to their respective communities.

In addition to the Grand Sessions I have also been looking forward to the summer lodge activities. Here in Eastern Idaho we have the Island Park Fish Fry coming up in June. In the past it was well attended by members state-wide; not so much anymore. Understandably, we rarely see members from outside the immediate area anymore. I do encourage everyone, however to at least participate in activities in your area of the state. We are a fraternity and fellowship is our name. Make an effort to join with your other Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the up-coming summer activities and rekindle old friendships and renew the spirit of the gatherings of past years. Encourage non-member friends to join you. One may be surprised at just how much a friend will appreciate the opportunity to enjoy a day with you and your fellow Lodge members. Here is a story that sort of illustrates some of my thoughts on friendship.

Friends Don't Let Friends Eat Alone

Here's a great place to find words that are friendly and warm – a story of Winnie the Pooh.

One day Winnie the Pooh decided to go for a walk in the Hundred Acre Wood. It's about 11:30 a.m. in the morning, just before lunch – a fine time to go walking. Pooh sets off across the stream, stepping on the stones, and when he gets to the middle of the stream, he sits down on a warm rock and thinks about which of his friends would be best to visit. "I think I'll go see Tigger," he says to himself. Then he remembers that Tigger is in a bad mood. "Owl," he thinks. Then, "No, Owl uses big words, hard to understand words." At last, he brightens up. "I know! I think I'll go see Rabbit. I like Rabbit. Rabbit uses encouraging words like, 'How's about lunch?' and 'Help yourself to some more Pooh!' Yes, I think I'll go see Rabbit."

How many Odd Fellow or Rebekah events have you attended where food wasn't part of the agenda?

Fraternally, Dan Sanow, Grand Master 2014-2015



**Let us work together and
Make a difference**



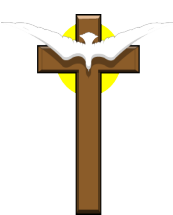
Mountain Home Lodge #19 Welcomes
Five New Members



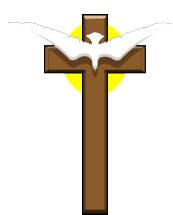
Doug Roby, Nancy Winkowski, Kathy Stocks,
Stephanie Nevling & Kyle Nevling

Mountain Home - Welcome new initiates of Mountain Home Lodge #19! On March 18th, twenty-two members from various Southern Idaho lodges gathered in FL&T to welcome five - yes FIVE! - new members into Mountain Home #19's open arms. We are so pleased to welcome (from left in photo) Doug Roby, Nancy Winkowski, Kathy Stocks, Stephanie Nevling, and Kyle Nevling. And a huge THANK YOU to Idaho's Degree Team (led by Deputy Grand Master Tom Ashley) for putting on a wonderful initiation ceremony, Membership Chairman Calista Newman for supplying our new members with goodie bags with lots of useful information, and to all of the surrounding lodges' members who came in support of the evening: Ada Lodge #3, Caldwell Lodge #10, Nampa Lodge #40, and Payette Lodge #22. Some traveled as far as 100 miles to be there and it was much appreciated! After the ceremony, even though the night was late and there were still many miles to travel home, everyone gathered together for refreshments and fellowship. Mountain Home Lodge #19 hopes to have such a fraternal gathering again within the next month or so when we will be initiating as many as another five members. What a blessed time for our lodge!

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



In Loving Memory
Lucille B. Harten
1917 ~ 2015



Our sister, Lucille B. Harten, age 97, of Chubbuck, Idaho, passed away peacefully while in the company of family members on Sunday, March 22, 2015. She had been a member of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 since October, 1953.

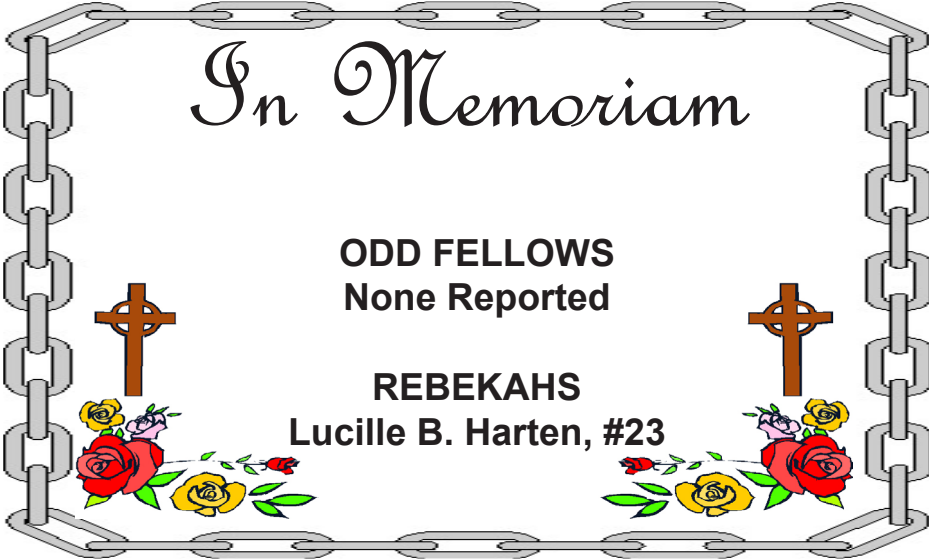
Lucille was married to Kenny Harten and after having six children, Lucille returned to school and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology and later a Masters in Paleontology. She is credited with discovering the largest ancient bison found on the North American continent, at the American Falls Reservoir. She served as Assistant Director of the ISU Museum, she kept books for her husband's aluminum company and was even a winner of the Mrs. Idaho Contest.

Lucille played the organ and piano at her church for 71 years, and she has also provided the music at many Lodge and District meetings. She also accompanied the Silver Chords for eight years.

Because of her poor health, she was not able to attend meetings as much as she would have liked, but when she did, her smile and music lighted up the hall.



In our thoughts you are always near.
Still loved, still missed, still very dear
But happy memories we keep forever,
Of days when we were all together.
In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain,
But in our hears your will always remain.



News From Unity 8



District Deputy President
Connie Evans and
Noble Grand Margaret Odle



Lodge Deputy
Linda Clark

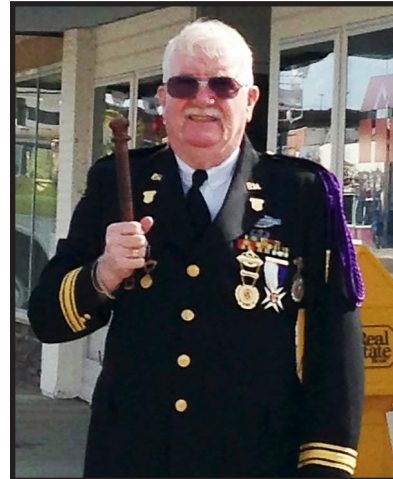
Boise - Spring has been busy. In March we were pleased to welcome District Deputy President of District 4 Connie Evans and our Lodge Deputy Linda Clark for their official visitations. DDP Connie presented an interesting history of the Idaho lodges. She challenged everyone to fit the puzzle pieces of our history with those yet to come. LD Linda shared a poem "The Puzzle of Life." "Am I in your puzzle or are you in mine?" How we proceed will determine the outcome of our lodge. Our Sister Linda has been true blue (Boise State Blue as well), but we felt she needed a little more orange. Each member presented Linda with a can of orange soda and appropriate saying.

We are so pleased with our new associate member, Sister Georgia Wickham. How appropriate as she has visited Unity so often.

In April our members scoured the lodge hall for an Easter egg hunt. Cries of excitement ensued.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

Pacific Northwest Department Council Provides Great Instruction for Cantons



George McGaffick
With Baton



Sharon McGaffick, Don Harlan
& Brig. Gen. Dan Matthews

Payette Lodge #22 hosted this spring's Pacific Northwest Department Council Meeting on April 10th, welcoming Patriarch Militant members from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Idaho. Although the meeting was a new experience for some, Brig. General Dan Mathews stepped in and offered friendly assistance in the executing of the commands, marches, and duties of the officers. During the meeting, Col. George McGaffick was presented with a baton traditionally given to those in his station; he was very honored to receive it. After the meeting's conclusion, Brig. General Allen Jackson joined Brother Dan in assisting some interested members in practicing their sword proficiency. Their instruction was invaluable and very appreciated by all! And thanks to Sister Merna Deland, no one went away hungry as everyone feasted on a delicious chili and corn bread lunch.

In Pax Aut Bellum,
Kathryn Smith, Mountain Home Lodge Reporter



BUDDY POPPY



The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

During the 1923 encampment the VFW decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home For Children.

Temple Encampment #3 Fish Fry



Grand Patriarch
James B. Weighall

Steven Mann,
Randall Wallace & Jeff Mann

Caldwell - In April, Temple Encampment #3 held its traditional fish fry dinner in honor of the Grand Patriarch's official visit.

Tom Ashley donated and prepared the fish and Randall Wallace was in charge of the baked potatoes. Somewhere along the line, coleslaw and biscuits were added, making for a very delicious dinner. And we can't forget the many delicious desserts.

This annual fund raising event served approximately 70 people. The dining room was filled and the lodge room had to be used to accommodate the hungry visitors. Members in attendance included, Brig. General Dan Mathews and his wife, Grand Patriarch James B. Weighall and his wife, several Past Grand Masters and a couple of Past Assembly Presidents, as well as family members and members of the community. All proceeds were donated to the local food bank.

24 were in attendance and enjoyed the open meeting of Temple Encampment, which followed the dinner. Grand Patriarch, James, made his official visit and enlightened us with his words of wisdom.

After the meeting, we found Steven Mann, Randall Wallace and Jeff Mann on kitchen duty. When they finished, the dishes were washed and put away and the hall was spic & span.

The left over potatoes were donated to Mountain Home Lodge #19, where members and guests enjoyed a baked potato bar after the initiation ceremony that following Thursday. Thank you Randall Wallace and Temple Encampment #3.

Submitted by Marge Harlan

Mountain Home Lodges Continue to See Great Growth



New Members of Guiding
Star Rebekah Lodge #4
Kathy Stocks &
Nancy Winkowski
With NG Donnie Marvin



New Members of
Mountain Home Lodge #19

Carin Berg
Eric Berg
Duane
Hughes
Doug
Hughes
&
Theresa
Bowman



On March 12th, Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 initiated two new members: Nancy Winkowski and Kathy Stocks (pictured with Noble Grand Donnie Marvin). These new ladies have already jumped on the Rebekah band wagon, volunteering to help out with an upcoming dance the lodge will be hosting in May. What great new members!

April 16th marked a momentous day for Mountain Home Lodge #19 as it initiated five new members into its ranks. What made this night so special, however, is that these new initiates joined the five new members that had just been initiated on March 19th! With everyone in such high spirits, the Lodge and State Degree Team decided to continue the new members' degree work and were able to give 8 of the new 10 members their First Degree of Odd Fellowship that same night. Not in a very long time have so many seats been filled by Mountain Home members, and everyone felt how blessed they were. To put this growth into perspective, if each new member attends the next meeting, the lodge's attendance will nearly double from that of only two months ago! We look forward with great excitement to the coming year and at how this growth will continue to benefit our community, the Lodge, and the Order as a whole.

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



Northwest Association Meeting

Host Committee



Merna Deland, Barbara Pettigrew & Georgia Whickham



AP, Jean Reineke & GM, Dan Sanow



NW Chair, Pam Ottis, British Columbia
V. Chair, Vicky Kiele, Idaho

Dignitaries



Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star #4 would like to extend a big GREAT JOB to Idaho's Host Committee (Georgia Wickham, Barbara Pettigrew and Merna Deland) for the Northwest Association meeting held April 10th-12th in Ontario, Oregon. It was wonderful to see so many people from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and, of course, Idaho representing Odd Fellow, Rebekah, Encampment, and Patriarch Militant lodges. So much information was shared between all members including ideas for membership, events, programs, and so much more. Even Mountain Home Lodge #19's IPLAY program received a chance in the spotlight as Sister Kathryn Smith reported on its progress. Two members from lodges in Idaho and Oregon even expressed interest in learning more about IPLAY and presenting the program to their own lodges for consideration. How exciting!

And what Odd Fellow event is complete without a little hilarity? The highlight of fun for the event came Saturday evening when the Host Committee snuck up behind unsuspecting attendees and entered them into a Hat Fashion show by placing a random (or not so random?) hat on each person's head. What great sense of humors our members have!

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

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