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Brigadier General George McGaffick Honored



Sharon & George McGaffick



Vice Commander Donnie Marvin, Brig. Gen. George McGaffick,
Maj. Gen. Dan Mathews, Col. Duard Fyffe, & Maj. Randall Wallace

The Idaho Battalion PM met July 11th at the Caldwell Odd Fellows Hall with 17 Patriarchs in attendance. The day started out mustering in Kathryn Smith and Georgia Wickham, the mustering team being made up of members of Columbia Canton #3 and Weiser Canton #16, who did a really nice job. The Battalion, with Brig. Gen. George McGaffick in command, welcomed visitors from Oregon and Washington; Maj. Gen. Dan Mathews, Executive Officer of the General Military Council and his wife Shirley Mathews, Past President of the Oregon Rebekah Assembly from Hillsboro, OR., and Col. Duard Fyffe, Deputy Commander of the Dept. Council Pacific North West from Olympia, WA.

Maj. Gen. Dan Mathews stated that there is a resolution for the Department Council to meet twice a year along with the Pacific Northwest Meeting for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. He also said there will be a lot of changes coming down from the GMC and Sovereign Grand Lodge this year that will affect the Canton's and LAPM's.

Lunch of homemade potato soup and sandwiches was served to the Battalion by Ladies of Columbia LAPM #3. They raised money from the fees for lunch and donated it to Weiser Canton #3. Members of Idaho Battalion discussed how they plan to participate with activities at the Grand Lodge Sessions this year and get us back into the public eye wearing our uniforms. Also discussed were ways to encourage other members of the order to join the Patriarchs Militant. New Officers elected were Col. (R) Donnie Marvin, Battalion Commander and Lt. Col. Tom Ashley, Vice-Commander.

After the meeting, a reception was held to honor Brig. Gen. George McGaffick, Commander of the Dept. Council PNW. He was presented a plaque commemorating his years as commander by the members and his wife Sharon was given flowers for all her hard work helping him. Other visitors from the Caldwell area also attended the reception. The next meeting of the Battalion will be held sometime at the first of next year.

Submitted by Pat Marvin



JUST A RAMBLING NOTE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

With the summer break well in swing this is a good time to read the Code of General laws or the big green book in the Lodge. There has been a lot of changes. One chapter, XXXVIII OFFENSES AND TRAIL CODE This has been changed at Sovereign Grand Lodge in 2014, this is only a part of what is Written. Sec 1: No member will be punished for an offence until charged are preferred, Trail is held and Trial Committee Reports, however, a member may be suspended pending trail if the charge directly involve the performance of the charged members office. Sec 2B: Offences of the law for Preservation for the order. (1) Offences. The following shall be deemed Offenses against the Order and shall be sited as specifications under the charge conduct of unbecoming an Odd Fellow. (a) Acquiring membership by misrepresentation. (p) Spreading false or malicious allegations or charges against a member. (i) shall result, after the Courts finding of the foregoing, in the Expulsion of the member from the order. Refer To part 1 Article I above Notice of expulsion. There is a lot more in this Chapter on Trail Procedure, Action after the Trail, Expulsion, Suspension. Funds of Lodges, Defunct Lodges , Funeral, cards and Lodge Procedures. There is at lot of good things in the Book, lots of rules we have to follow as a Odd Fellow. The Code & Bylaws in the book is how the Odd Fellow order was built one and is changed as Times change. Take Time to Read Our Codes and By-laws. Hope Every one is having a Good Summer Break. If you are on a committee the reports are Now Due for the Advanced Report for Grand Lodge Session.

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

CLARIFICATION

I am having this clarification published just to make sure nobody inadvertently tries to give me some credit where credit is not due. In the June 2015 paper, Brother Don Knicely graciously submitted an article regarding my Grand Master visitation to Banner Lodge. In that article he referred to my presentation of the \$500 dividend check given to all the lodges by the Grand Lodge. The wording used in the article "could" be misconstrued (if somebody really wanted to) to give me credit for the \$500 dividend donation to the Banner Lodge. I just wish to assure everyone that I used the same speech in every Lodge, including Banner #67, when making the presentation and I am sure that the members of Banner Lodge understood where and who the money came from.

Submitted by Dan Sanow, Grand Master

To Idaho Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Our paper Editor mentioned she would like to have a Masthead on the paper, consisting of pictures of individual Lodge Halls with a Historical caption or comment about that particular Lodge.

Thanks to George and Sharon McGaffick, I am forwarding pictures of the following Lodge Halls to Marge.

Wilder #37 2/19/1912	Wendell #131 2/17/1910
Jerome #129 2/17/1909	Nampa #40 4/17/1892
Caldwell #10 5/21/1884	Middleton #52/Consol1990
Payett #22 12/3/1887	Priest River #67 8/2/1901
Clearwater # 68 8/24/1901	Coeur d'Alene #34 3/9/1890
Craigmont # 76 7/1/1920	Council # 85 3/5/1902
Weippe #104 4/18/1915	Ashton #88 3/20/1906
Pioneer #1 3/14/1864	Owyhee #2 8/26/1867

If you have any facts or information on these halls, please forward those to her.

I think she is doing a great job as Editor and the Monthly issues of the paper have been well received.

Let's all continue to support her with information and news.

Thank You
Virginia Moberly
Chairman of the Newspaper Board

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FOR*

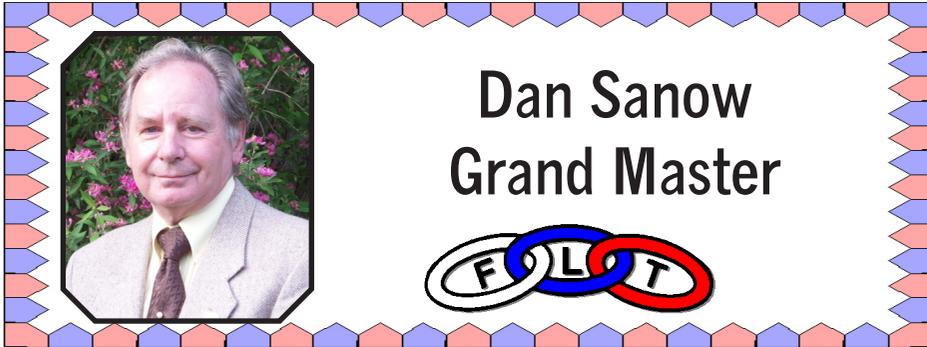
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**Dan Sanow
Grand Master**



Well I “hope” it is hot enough for everybody! So far this has been a very busy summer for me. Mostly, however, it has been filled with a lot of “hopes”. I have encountered several related to the many things going on in the Order here in Idaho. My greatest hope for Odd Fellowship in Idaho is that the many new ideas, activities, and programs that are being discussed, worked on, and implemented meet their intended goals. We have many talented and hard-working Rebekahs and Odd Fellows in Idaho and most are working hard to see our Order advanced. If you get the opportunity help, I encourage you to do so. You will find a great sense of satisfaction when you see your contributions at work.

Another important hope of mine is that as many members as possible will make an effort to attend the Grand Sessions. That is where each of us can really make a difference for the Order. Just by your attending and participating you will be making an important contribution to the Order. There are several planned new activities and programs scheduled to be addressed. Your participation in their approval or disapproval will be important to all members.

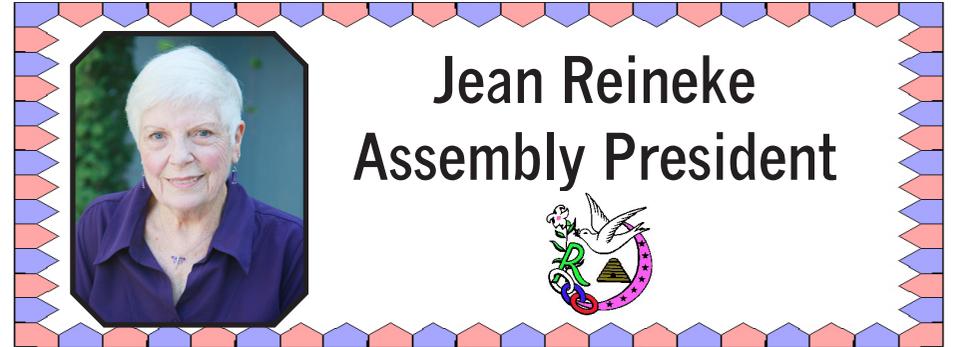
On a personal note, the hopes of my family have also been many. My family has been “hoping” for reports of successful treatments results for Marilyn. However, just as she finished her treatments, she developed a severe case of pneumonia and also had to get two stints put in due to blockages in her heart. She spent the last 6 days in the hospital. I am writing this from her hospital room. Being the trooper that she is, she is now rapidly getting better and I am “hoping” she will be heading home today.

Hope is a wonderful thing. It gives us many different strengths; it can make your life so much better; and it gives you the confidence that what is right will prevail. Following is a story of how hope can change not only your life but the lives of others as well.

Keep Your Hope Alive

Bob Ritchie is a former truck driver and ex-marine – not the kind of guy you’d expect to see in a hospital ward with a child on his lap. But Ritchie retired early and soon found that having nothing to do got on his nerves. So he decided to create his own volunteer job at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. There he makes beds, picks up toys, changes diapers

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**Jean Reineke
Assembly President**



Most of us have welcomed the change in the temperature since my last letter, I know that I certainly have. The flowers on my patio have really taken a beating but I am holding out hope that they will recover.

I am happy to say all of the District Deputy President’s Reports were received by the due date, and all but two Lodge Deputy Reports have arrived as I write this. I hope to have them before the Advance Report deadline.

I was happy to attend the reception for George McGaffick, Brigadier General Commanding Department Council PNW, in Caldwell on July 11. He was presented with an impressive plaque and they also honored Sharon with lovely flowers. It was a wonderful tribute to two very busy and active members of various branches of our Order.

Over the coming weeks I am looking forward to laying the groundwork for Assembly in October. There are many things to be done and it will be here before we know it. Please be sure to order your dresses if you have not already done so, and please be sure to let me know if you have any questions about that or anything else for that matter. I am happy to be available to you.

Enjoy the long days of August.....shorter cooler days are on the way.

In F. L. & T.,
Jean



Grand Master's Letter

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– whatever needs to be done. Bob started his volunteer work after his own hospitalization. A three pack a day smoker for thirty years, he lost a lung to cancer. During his recovery, he says, “my wife stayed with me the whole time. That’s when I realized how important it is to have somebody there.” Bob gets the most satisfaction sitting for hours rocking infants crying in pain. Next comes walking toddlers up and down the hall to work off their energy. While being around children with devastating diseases might not seem like the best place for a man battling cancer, Ritchie sees it differently. “Being here keeps my mind off my problems. These kids – they’re the real heroes.” Seeing children fighting for their lives gives Bob Ritchie what he needs to keep his own hope alive.

Fraternally,
Dan Sanow, Grand Master 2014-2015

WANTED OLD TRAILER

We are looking for a trailer to start up a cook trailer to help raise money for the Encampment or any other good cause for the order.

Call Jeff Mann at Grand Lodge 208-459-2091

WANTED ICE CREAM BOWLS & SPOONS

If you have some extras, call Jeff Mann at Grand Lodge. The Museum will be needing some before long.



208-459-2091



In Memoriam

ODD FELLOWS
None Reported

REBEKAHS
Laura T. Mitchell, #27



Mountain Home Participates in 4th of July Parade



Back: Tom Ashley, Don Harlan, Marge Harlan
Front: Bob Covert, Jay Eaton, Kathy Stocks & Doug Roby

For the 3rd year in a row, Mountain Home Lodges participated in the 4th of July parade in Glens Ferry. This year was especially great because we were able to add Home Encampment to our float. It was really nice to see the members in their purple fez and Encampment shirts. We’re happy that Tom Ashley and Bob Covert made the trek from Nampa to join us.

Much thanks to Don Harlan, Jay Eaton, Doug Roby, Doug Hughes and Marge Harlan for their hard work in getting the float ready. And To Kathy Stocks and the rest of the gang for applying the finishing touches.

Submitted by Marge Harlan

August 10th National S’mores Day

How to make S’mores

Ingredients:

- Chocolate candy bar
- Honey Graham Crackers
- Marshmallows

Instructions:

- Break off a square of Graham cracker
- Add a piece of Chocolate.
- Toast a big marshmallow over the campfire.
- Add the hot marshmallow.
- Top it with another graham Cracker.
- Eat , savor and enjoy!

Note: You can make S’mores in the microwave. Just put them together and pop them into the microwave on high for 15 to 20 seconds.

New Royal Purple Members



Back: Winthrop Osborn & Glen Schultz
Front: Marlene Osborn, Jay Eaton & Linda Hopkins

Boise - The Encampment Degree Team gathered at the lodge hall of Ada #3 in Boise on July 18, 2015 to confer the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees upon five new members.

Winthrop & Marlene Osborn, Jay Eaton and Linda Hopkins are part of Home Encampment #13 in Mountain Home and Glen Schultz is the newest member of Idaho Encampment #1 in Boise.

The degree team, led by Captain Tom Ashley, did a wonderful job and the candidates enjoyed their transition to the next step in Odd Fellowship.

The Encampment degrees are available to all scarlet degree Odd Fellows. It teaches the lessons of faith, fidelity and hospitality. These lessons are exemplified by practicing the Golden Rule: Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them. Through charity we strive to make the path of others a little easier. And we get to wear a purple fez!

Submitted by, Marge Harlan

Going Digital

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Local Lodge Members Show Support at IPLAY Luncheon



Mountain Home Lodge #19's instrument program, IPLAY (or Instruments Provided to Local Area Youth), geared up for another year of gathering instruments for Mountain Home early band students. To raise funds for the program, members of the lodge donated food items and hours of their time to put on a taco luncheon held Sunday, June 14th. Members also sought out donations of funds, food items, and raffle items from local businesses and community members to supplement their work, and it paid off. Thanks to generous donations from grocery stores, businesses, community members, and lodge members (thank you, Brother Tom Ashley!), IPLAY was able to put on a great lunch that was running at a profit before the first hungry lunch-goer stepped in the door. And who better to be the first in the door than a Brother? In fact, Brothers and Sisters from the surrounding lodges, including Ada Lodge #3, Nampa Lodge #40, Payette Lodge #22, Gem of the Mountains #5, and Pansy #37, all showed their support by donating funds, purchasing raffle tickets, and eating at the luncheon.

To entertain these guests, IPLAY's very first instrument recipient, Devin Vaughan, who will be entering the 9th grade this year, agreed to perform songs on his clarinet. Devin's opening performance was to play Happy Birthday for Sister Edith Bivins, who is turning 97, after which he continued to play songs for over an hour. He did a fantastic job and we are all very proud of him! While our other current recipients were unavailable for this fund raiser, they expressed interest in joining us at future events and we look forward to having them! Such great kids!

Mountain Home Lodge #19 would like to express a huge thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who attended the fund raiser. Had it not been for the support of these members, the event would not have been nearly as successful as it was. Excluding funds that are still being collected for a larger, ongoing raffle that will be drawn for at the end of the summer (see the photo!), IPLAY was able to raise \$450 for its coffers. This comes at an opportune time, as IPLAY is now functioning year-round and will be offering instruments on a monthly basis. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters for your support of IPLAY and our lodge!

In FL&T, Kathryn Smith, Lodge Reporter & IPLAY Chair.

Irrigation in Southern Idaho Sparks New Town, New Lodge



Wilder - With the coming of irrigation water in 1910 to the sagebrush lands west of Caldwell, the new settlers came to clear the land and level it for irrigation. A raw new town was struggling into life to provide necessities for the newcomers.

As in any group of people, there were some who were members of the I.O.O.F. Some of these Brothes transferred from their home lodges to Parma Lodge No. 55, and as the village of Wilder grew, they thought of organizing a local lodge. This effort was not only fraternal but civic as well, as Wilder was in need of a place where people could meet for social affairs and also needed places to house businesses.

Wilder Lodge No. 137 was instituted October 16, 1912 with ten charter members. The first class of twelve members was initiated soon afterwards. Construction of a Lodge Hall was soon started with mostly volunteer labor. The two-story wooden frame building was on a corner lot in the center of town, It had two large rooms on the ground floor for business rentals and the Lodge room on the second floor. It was completed in 1913.

Wilder Lodge, for many years, was the center of much of the social activity of the town and at its peak had more than one hundred members. In the middle 1930's, Wilder Lodge had on ot the best Third Degree and Drill Teams in the Northwest, and conferred the Degree at many Lodges in Southwest Idaho. In 1934 the Team was invited to the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Oregon, meeting in Pendleton, and received many honors.

During World War II many of our younger members drifted away ~ sone to military service, some to the coast for defense work, and some to a new irrigation project in Oregon. Many still retain their membership, but our Lodge lost much of its momentum during this period.

We lost our Lodge Hall in October 1971 in a disasterous fire that swept through a quarter block. But none gave up. In September 1973 we, jointly with our Sister Rebekahs, purchased a business building and within a short time converted it into a very nice Hall, complete with kitchen and carpeted Lodge room. The new stations and Altar were made of ash wood by members of both lodges.

Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 75 was instituted June 7, 1917 with eight charter members. The two Lodges, Wilder Lodge #137 and Charity #75 worked closely together thru the years. This is emphasized with the fact that 46 of the I.O.O.F. Brothers also held membership in Charity #75.

Our Degree staff was invited to present the Degree work at the Rebekah Assembly at Kellogg, October 1944.

Our Past Noble Grand Club was organized in May 1949, and is a vital part of our Fraternal organization.

Reprinted from The Idaho Odd Fellow, September 1976.

August 28th - Race Your Mouse Day

So, rev up your mouse, and let the race begin. But, wait a second... what kind of mouse are we talking about? Is it the computer mouse, and we're supposed to race it around the mouse pad? Well, the folks at Wellcat.com, who created this day, want you to race your mouse around the icons on your screen. They suggest you do so while waiting for "whatever it is you're waiting for to come up on the screen".

Let the race begin.....Happy Race Your Mouse Day!!

National Name Your Car Day Jalopy Jaunt

October 3, 2015

Mountain Home, Idaho



Come and have a fun time with us.

Choose your jalopy – any car, truck or SUV
Pick a theme & decorate the inside of the trunk, bed of
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Dress yourself up to match your theme.

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COMING EVENTS 2015

AUGUST

07	HIST. SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
16-27	SOV. GRAND LODGE	TEXAS
22	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY

SEPTEMBER

19	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
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OCTOBER

18-21	GRAND SESSIONS	MOSCOW
24	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY

NOVEMBER

6-8	N.W. ASSOCIATION	WASHINGTON
15	TURKEY DINNER	WHITEBIRD 12PM

**Watch for summer open house,
ICE CREAM SOCIAL.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE HAVING
A FUND RAISING RAFFLE.
watch for this fun things coming.**



**Well.. I'm never lonely. Because I have four
men in my life. I get up with Charlie Horse.**



**I spend the day
with Arthur Itis.
I dine with
Will Power,
And I go to bed
with Ben Gay!**

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