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KOOSKIA REBEKAHS AID FIRE VICTIMS



As you probably know, the Kamiah-Kooskia area was hit pretty hard by fires in the last month. Several of my friends lost their homes. The communities, with special fire fighters worked together to make things as easy as possible.

We moved here in 1970, and I have never seen anything as rewarding as this. Thanks to Brandy Schwab, we have pictures of a part of our Kooskia Rebekah Hall, where hundreds of pounds of clothing, food and other things needed to live, were distributed. We were glad that we could help out.

There are still many fire fighters here and people are rebuilding, cleaning property, and deciding what to do. There are still many areas of dangerous stages of possible fire and even another unit of fire fighters in large camps outside of Kooskia, as well as Orofino.

Many people came from other places. If you were in this group, thank you for any support you have given. The Red Cross is still here, of course, and will stay as long as needed. Thank you also, for prayers.

Jo Piller, Secretary, Kooskia Rebekah Lodge #64

Placement of the Pillars at the Museum in Caldwell



Just A Note From The Secretary

This year has gone right by here it is already time for Grand Lodge sessions. It has been a very busy year learning the secretary's job and the responsibility of keeping the office running smoothly. There have been some bumps along the way. I am sure I will have some more. I sure wish there was a manual left here for how to run the office it would make things simple. Kenny has quit coming to the office only when he has been asked to come and offer his knowledge of the order. I have had some members remind me in a helpful way, that I did not send out enough representative cards. Just one of my many learning curves I have had learning this job.

I have not seen all of the lodge members list and EIN paper back yet for Sovereign Grand Lodge. They are already due please send them back as soon as you can. So we are current with Sovereign Grand lodge requests.

I hope to see every one that can come to grand lodge as some of our members get older it is harder for them to come.

In F.L&T

Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary

Amosettes
More Wag ~ Less Nag

PRIZES Best Dog Costume
Most Beautiful Tail

Song: How Much is that Doggie in the Window

We will decide who has the most "WAG"
We need lots of doggy skits
I hope everyone gets "into the fun!"
My tail is beautiful ~ ha ha

Love Ya
Jo Piller

First Time Historical Society Ice Cream Social & Open House

October 10th from 12-5 pm

We will be serving some home made ice cream with coffee and drinks. We are also starting a fund raiser for the Museum. A Raffle for a Night in the Museum. We want to include all of the Lodges in the raffle.

This will include a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant and a gift card for a movie for two and if you live local or you are in the area a night in the Museum some of the members when they have stayed over night have said they heard someone walking around.

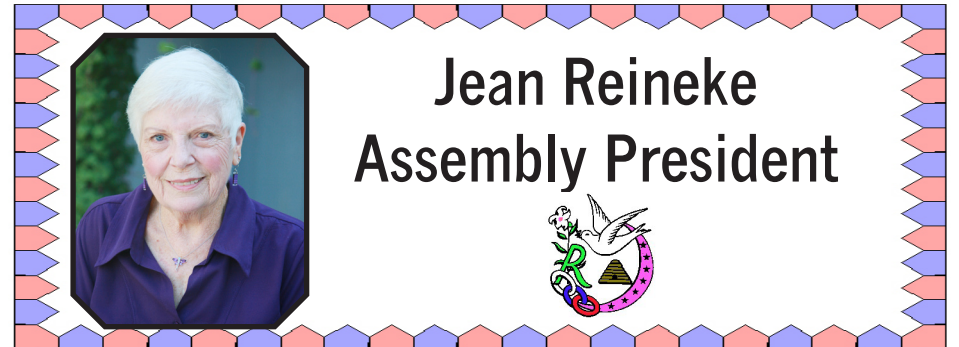
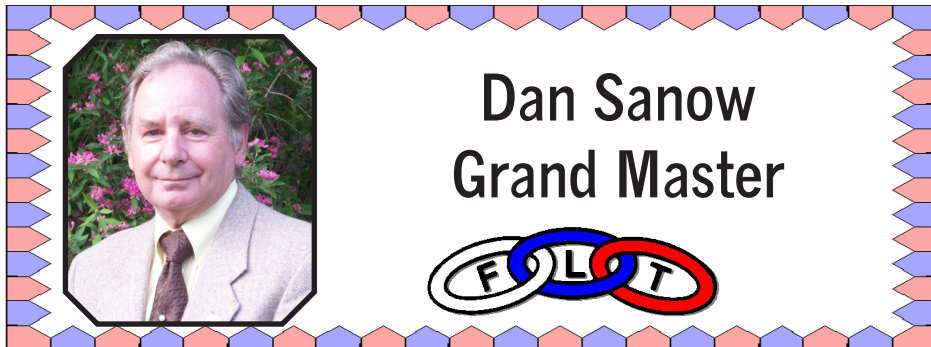
We will be having some home made ice cream. Please call Grand Lodge office for tickets, any Questions. 208-459-2091.

We are working on a few projects at the museum. We are still working on the big project, the pillars and new street lamp posts. This will be a nice display when we are done with it. We are also working on Wilder's old neon light getting it all cleaned up and repainted. Grand sessions are next month and we have new members dues cards to issue to our members, if you have a lifetime membership please let us know so we can get you a new one issued, also are membership dues are \$3.00 a year and still \$25.00 for lifetime. Hope to see every one at session and the historical luncheon.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR
LAURA MCANULTY**

**October 17, 2015
2:00 ~ 4:00 PM**

**Syringa Place
1880 Harrison Street North
Twin Falls, ID 83301**



Brothers and Sisters of the Order,

I first wish to say "thank you" to all of you. This has been a busy but satisfying year as your Grand Master. With the help of all of you, a lot has been accomplished in Idaho Odd Fellowship. There are, a few people, however I would like to acknowledge for their work on special projects during the year: James Weighall Sr., Marlene Osborn, Tom Ashley, Robert Weygandt, Kenny Averill, Jerry North, Ralph Collins and Jeff Mann all stepped up to go a little beyond the ordinary and I offer a special thank you to each of them. The list of actions the members as a whole have accomplished this year is long and many will be addressed further at Grand Sessions. I would also like to especially thank all members for your support of my Idaho Eye Program project and my program for the year. Thru this last year I heard told and read of several instances where the Lodges took my motto to heart and did "Make a Difference" in their respective communities. This is very encouraging and I appreciate the effort you made very much. This is what we are all about. This is what makes us a fraternity. Often we as individuals and as groups do these sorts of things without thinking. Sometimes we make a very conscience effort to do something nice for another person or organization. Sometimes it is just a part of us and other times it is a learned behavior. Regardless of how it is accomplished, we often never know how, or when, or even if it will make any difference in someone's life but it isn't supposed to be about us anyway. Following is one of my favorite stories and has been the inspiration for my year as Grand Master.

Random Acts of Kindness

As she stood in front of her 5th grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children an untruth. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. However, that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard. Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he did not play well with the other children, that his clothes were messy and that he constantly needed a bath. In addition, Teddy could be unpleasant. It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, making bold X's and then putting a big 'F' at the top of his papers. At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Fall is in the air, and along with it is the promise of cooler days, the welcome smell of smoke in the air that is not related to wildfires, crisp cool and foggy mornings with warm sunny afternoons. The leaves are beginning to turn their brilliant fall colors and before we know it, we will be watching for snow to dust the mountains. The circle of life continues...and with it, the hope of new life and growth after the tragedy of so many fires this year.

In a few short weeks we will gather in Moscow for our annual Rebekah Assembly. I won't lie to you....I am a bit nervous. I keep hearing that I should not worry, but I will be the one standing in the front of that room! I don't know how many of you are planning to attend, but I do hope that I have the opportunity to speak to each of you.

I do want to say thank you to all of you who have made this year one to remember. Four years ago I had no idea that I would be elected to this office. Being your Assembly President has been a great experience and I don't regret a single moment of the last three years. I have learned so many things about this fraternal organization and how truly wonderful you, the members, are. Your friendship, generosity and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten! I have enjoyed visiting your lodges and I have made so many new friends. I look forward to seeing you again and again.

Thank you again for a wonderful year. Let's go to Moscow with the idea of having the best Assembly ever!

In F L & T, Jean



Grand Master's Letter

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review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise. Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners...he is a joy to be around. His second grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is an excellent student, well-liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle.' His third grade teacher wrote, 'His mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest, and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken.' Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and he sometimes sleeps in class.' By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag. Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents. Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one-quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on, and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist. Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, 'Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my Mom used to.' After the children left, she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Instead, she began to teach children. Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and, despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her 'teacher's pets.'

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was the best teacher he ever had in his whole life. Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in life. Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he'd stayed in school, had stuck with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honors. He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he had ever had in his whole life. Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. But now his name was a little longer. The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD.

The story does not end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring. Teddy said he had met this girl and was going to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit at the wedding in the place that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom. Of course, Mrs. Thompson did. And guess what? She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. Moreover, she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together. They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, 'Thank you Mrs. Thompson for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference.' Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, 'Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you.'

For you who don't know, Teddy Stoddard is the Doctor at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines that has the Stoddard Cancer Wing. Warm someone's heart today; pass this along. You may make a difference in someone's life today; just 'do it'. Random acts of kindness I think they call it! The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the Grand Sessions. I do hope you are planning to attend.

Fraternally,
Dan Sanow Grand Master 2014-2015



Happy Halloween

HOST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN VICKY KIELE

As I am sitting here entering all of the registration information I have received I decided that I could no longer remain silent.

I do not know how many of you have ever tried to host one of these but believe me it takes a lot of work and a lot of cooperation from all of the lodges in Districts 6 & 7 to get it done.

We are very fortunate to have the University Inn in Moscow, the cost of this convention center depends on how many meals we sell. So far we are not doing that well. In order to keep your registration costs down we must sell \$6,700.00 in meals. So yes by only going to one of the events you are saving yourself money this year, but next year we will be looking to raise the cost of the registration fee. This fee covers, microphones, water, set up of rooms, entertainment, conference room rental fees, center pieces, table settings, registration space, programs and many other incidentals. The last two times we have held our Session in Moscow, the host committee has come out a little ahead, but not much towards next years Session.

So please when filling out your registration form, ask yourself is it really helping the order when I don't go to the General Banquet, Amos, Amosette or Historical Luncheon or am I just helping myself. Ask how you would feel if we had to raise the registration fee to \$25.00 or \$50.00 which I know a lot of other Jurisdictions have to do, or maybe just give up Sessions entirely.

In Friendship Love and Truth
Vicky Kiele, Host Committee Chairman

HAUNTED PLACES IN IDAHO

Boise Haunted Houses
Egyptian Theatre
Idaho State Penitentiary

Pocatello Haunted Houses
Idaho State University at Pocatello
Pocatello High School

Other Haunted Cities in Idaho
Idaho City Haunted Place - Pioneer Boot Hill Cemetery
Nampa Haunted Place - Pete's Tavern
Boise and Pocatello are the most haunted cities in Idaho.

Other real Idaho hauntings include the Joyce Building
and the Boot Hill Cemetery.

Love Thy Neighbor Day 2015



We had a great day of fellowship at our local Love Thy Neighbor day at the Blacks Creek Rest Area just outside of Boise on Labor Day September 7; we gave out several hundred cookies, cups of coffee and bottled water. And we raised over \$100.00 in donations. Pictured above are Brothers Kurt Lukesh, Glen Schultz, Dennis Niehoff, Sisters Stacy Morris, Melissa Schultz and Margaret Odle, all of Ada Lodge #3. Along with Brothers Tom Ashley and Little Bob from Nampa #40.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

Ada Lodge # 3 Newest Member



Glen Schultz, Melissa Schultz & Tom Ashley

Sister Melissa Schultz received her Initiatory and First degree at the Caldwell Lodge this past Wednesday. Pictured with her are Brothers Glen Schultz, Noble Grand Ada #3 and Tom Ashley Deputy Grand Master.

Submitted by, Glen Schultz



Halloween



Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

Moscow Lodge Begins with 13 Members in 1889



Moscow Lodge No. 31 was instituted July 1st, 1889 with thirteen Charter members. Governor William J. McConnell, the third Governor of Idaho being one of the Charter members.

The Lodge rented halls for meeting places until 1926. A building lot was purchased in 1906 and the basement and foundation was put in for the present hall in July 1917, but because of World War 1, the corner stone was no layed until April 1926. In May 1906, records show 47 members were initiated into the Lodge. Moscow Lodge No. 31 and Star Rebekah Lodge No. 15, moved to the new building July 1, 1926 and have since then occupied the second floor.

Moscow Lodge has been fortunate in having six members who have served as Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Idaho: Judge J.H. Forney, 1885-86, Frank E. Cornwall, 1898-99, William E. Heard, 1910-11, Pren Moore, 1921-22, Chris Hagan, 1927-28, and Fred Collins, 1952-53.

Moscow Lodge has also had as members five Grand Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment of Idaho and Four Past Department Commanders.

The debt on the hall was paid off in 1953 and the mortgage burned. The following lodges were consolidated with the Moscow lodge: Joel Lodge #78 in 1917, Genesee Lodge #30 in 1928 and Troy Lodge #39 in 1962.

Crescent Encampment No. 12 was instituted October 12, 1898 in Moscow with five Charter members. Headquarter Canton, Idaho No. 1, Patriarchs Militant I.O.O.F. Was instituted in Moscow, August 20, 1891 with seventeen Charter members. A Special meeting was called at Grand Lodge, October 12, 1891 when 19 members were mustered in. Since this is the year of our 50th anniversary in our hall a celebration is planned for this fall.

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Days To Celebrate in October

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/>

Mad Hatter Day

Always October 6th

Mad Hatter Day is a great day to be silly and celebrate silliness.

The Mad Hatter is a fictional cartoon character depicted in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The Mad Hatter is always acting silly. So, on Mad Hatter Day, it is only fair and fitting to act a little silly yourself.

Despite being a silly day, the selection of the date was actually quite logical. The Mad Hatter wears a top hat. On the front of the hat is a slip of paper with "10/6" written on it. The paper is believed to be an order to make the hat, and that it costs ten shillings sixpence.

Grab yourself a top hat, and have a a very silly Mad Hatter's Day!

Did You Know? In the 8th Century, mercury was used in hat making in a process called "carroting". Mercury poisoning drove some hatters crazy (mad).

Origin of Mad Hatter Day:

Mad Hatter Day was the brainstorm of a group of computer people in Boulder, Co. It dates back to 1986. Most likely a bit bored with bits and bytes, they got a little silly and created this quite special day.

Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day October 11

Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day is a great opportunity to show off your beloved Teddy Bear to work associates. Take your beloved Teddy Bear with you to work.

We think you know how to celebrate this day. Dress him up for the big event. Plan for a big day. Take your Teddy Bear on a tour of the workplace. Bring Teddy to lunch in the work cafeteria. If your boss allows it, let Teddy do a work-related project.

If this day falls on a Saturday, plan to spend the day with your Teddy Bear. And, cuddle up to him (or her) tonight.

Here's wishing you and your Teddy Bear a very Happy Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day.

Origin of Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day: Our research did not find the creator, or the origin of this day. However, we are so glad someone created this fun and cuddly day.

There is some confusion as to the actual date of Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day. October 11th appears to be the most common date to celebrate this day. Until we find the originator, we suggest you celebrate it on the October 11th.

Pacific North West Department Council Sessions

Friday, November 6, 2015 at 9:00am

Annual Session Meeting

Sword Spell Down

Sword Proficiency Exam

Yakima Conference Center

1507 N First Street

Yakima, WA

Phone: (800) 896-7966

Phone: (509) 248-7850

Specify: NW Odd Fellow/Rebekah Assoc.

REGISTRATION FOR GRAND LODGE SESSIONS OCTOBER 18 ~ 21

NAME _____

RANK _____

BRANCH _____

Pre-Registration	_____ \$15.00
Registration at the Door	_____ \$20.00
General Banquet	
8oz New York	_____ \$34.00
Cedar Planked Salmon	_____ \$34.00
Amos Banquet	
Meatloaf Buffet	_____ \$25.00
Amosette Banquet	
Meatloaf Buffet	_____ \$25.00
Past Grand Officers Banquet	
Baby Back Ribs	_____ \$27.00
Historical Luncheon	
Maifun Chicken Salad	_____ \$21.00

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to
Grand Lodge Host Committee and send to
Vicky Kiele PO Box 359 Kooskia, ID 83539

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King Bed _____ 94.99
2 Queen Beds _____ 99.99 plus taxes.

This includes breakfast every morning.
Reservations call 1-800-325-8765 or 1-208-882-0550,
please mention Odd Fellow/Rebekahs to get this rate.
Cut off for these prices is September 18, 2015

Fall 2015 Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association Meeting

November 6, 7, & 8

Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center

1507 N, First Street, Yakima, Washington

Phone: 1-800-896-7966..1-509-248-7850

Make Room Reservation Directly With The Hotel

Specify that it is For The Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association

Room Rates:

\$79.00 Double or Single

Cut Off for Room Block is Thursday, October 15, 2015

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (please copy if additional forms are needed)

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Prov. _____ Zip _____

Pre-Registration _____ @ \$15.00 Each \$ _____

Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$ 35.00 Each \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

OKTOBERFEST
(Costumes Optional)



Make Checks Payable in US Funds To:
Jennie Reed

PO Box 494, McCleary, WA 98557 Phone: 360-495-3573

Registration Deadline: October 23, 2015

Sovereign Grand Lodge Pins



\$4.00 Each - Available at the Grand Lodge office.

COMING EVENTS 2015

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

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 and Brothers,

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