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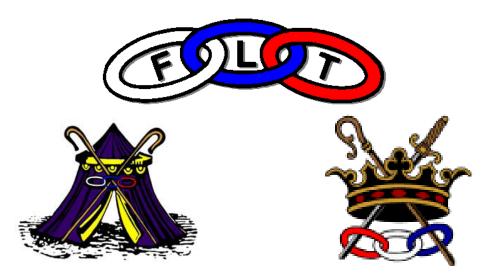
OUR NEW LEADERS

Grand Master, Tom Ashley



Grand Master Thomas Ashley was born in Redlands, California, on September 17, 1945. He grew up and graduated from high school in southern California. In 1964 he moved with his family to Sacramento, California and in 1966 joined the Air Force serving 4 years with one year in Viet Nam. After returning from the service he attended and graduated from California State University, Sacramento

with a degree in Business. Tom has three sons and nine grandchildren most living in Idaho. His grandson Brandon Ashley, a former UNP participant, is currently serving in the Marines and is stationed in Washington. Tom has previously served as Grand Master in 2004/2005 and has served on many committees and in various offices in the lodge and in grand lodge. He retired from the State of Idaho in 2010 where he worked with physically and mentally challenged individuals and he remains a guardian for one of his former charges. Tom's home lodge is Nampa #40 where he currently serves as Treasurer.



Assembly President, Georgia Wickham



I was born in Caldwell, Idaho on the 6th day of December, 1953 to Walter and Gladys Mc-Daniel. I lived in Nampa till I was 9 years old. We moved to Caldwell in 1962 when my Father became a Police Officer for the Caldwell Police Force. I have 2 sisters, Patricia Hurst of Silverton, Oregon and Mary Fields of Laurel, Montana and 1 brother, William

McDaniel of Boise, Idaho. I have 4 children, David Stewart of Nampa, Dennis Stewart of Boise, William Stewart of Kuna and a daughter, Jessica Frimml of Boise. Of these I currently have 15 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. I have been married to my husband and love, Robert Wickham for 26 years and reside in Caldwell.

I joined the Gem of the Mountain's #5 Rebekah Lodge on September 17, 1974 after my Mother, Gladys handed me a filled out application and told me to sign it. I was only 2½ months shy of my 21st birthday and really didn't know what it was, but I have never regretted it. Goes to prove. Mom always knows best. I moved to Ogden, Utah in 1977 and didn't attend for 7 years but after Mom passed away, I moved back to Caldwell and started back up. Dad had remarried by then to Ruth Childs and she was a very welcome and loved addition to the family.

I am an Associate member to several Lodges including Rose #18 in Idaho City of which I am their secretary. I belong to the Odd Fellows in Payette and both historical Lodges in Idaho, Pioneer #1, Idaho City and Owyhee #2, Silver City, I am an encampment member in Idaho #1 in Boise and recently joined the Weiser #16 Canton in Caldwell. I carry many associates in all of those branches. I am a Past Grand Matriach of the Grand LEA and am a jurisdictional member of the LEA. I am also Past

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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:

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Cut Off for Room Block is Thursday, October 15, 2015
PRE-REGISTRAION FORM (please copy if additional forms are needed)

OKTOBERFEST (Costumes Optional)



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Pacific North West Department Council Sessions

Friday, November 6, 2015 at 9:00am
Annual Session Meeting
Sword Spell Down
Sword Proficiency Exam
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COMING EVENTS 2015

NOVEMBER

6-8 N.W. ASSOCIATION 15 TURKEY DINNER

WASHINGTON WHITEBIRD 12PM





Tom Ashley Grand Master



I thank the members of the order for electing me to the position of Grand Master for the 2015/2016 term. I will do my best to live up to the responsibility that this office requires. We have experienced a great year under the leadership of PGM Dan Sanow. He truly exemplifies Odd Fellowship and has worked tirelessly to achieve his goal of "making a difference" for the order this year.

My theme for the coming year is working together. We are one order, all branches are part of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, and we must to work together as one to achieve the mission of Odd Fellowship which is to improve and elevate the character of mankind. We are not just Odd Fellows or Rebekahs or Patriarchs/ Matriarchs, we are one in spirit and purpose, and our goal must be to strengthen ODD FELLOWSHIP in Idaho.

We have a lot of challenges ahead of us in the coming years to build and strengthen the membership here in Idaho. New members with new thoughts and ideas are going to be a key to our success, however, we must give these new member's thoughts and ideas our consideration and support to encourage their growth and interest in the order.

Even though new thoughts and ideas are important, we must also not lose sight of our rituals and traditions. All branches of the order are important for our continued existence. Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampment, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, and Patriarchs Militant are all part of our tradition as an order and we must encourage new and current members to participate in all of these various branches of the order.

Let's all keep a clear vision of the goals and purpose of our order and especially exemplify and live by it's watchwords, "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH" and the scripture we repeat in all our meeting, "In as much as you would that others should do unto you, Do you even so unto them".

Until next month, Thomas E. Ashley, Grand Master

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Georgia Wickham Assembly President



What Will You Do With This Year That's So New?

As we start a new year
Untouched and unmarred,
Unblemished and flawless,
Unscratched and unscarred,
May we try to do better and accomplish much more
And be kinder and wiser
than in the year gone beforeLet us wipe our slates clean
And start over again.

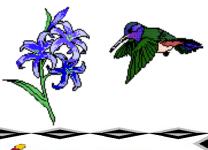
Helen Steiner Rice

I wanted to start my first letter with this poem as it really fits me. I feel we all need to start over at times. As some of you know, I have been dealing with the horrible accident my oldest Son, David had on his motorcycle September 11. By the time you read this he will be out of the hospital and starting the long road to full recovery. God was very good to us that night as his Angels were everywhere and let him survive. I am very humbled at this miracle.

As for Lodge business, I am looking forward to visiting all of you and can't wait for the District Meetings. I thoroughly enjoyed all of them last year. You really are All Star Rebekahs! Thank you so much for letting me serve you.

In F,L, & T,

Georgia Wickham Assembly President





Assembly President, Georgia Wickham

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President of The Department Association LAPM and am the secretary of Columbia #3 LAPM in Boise, the last remaining unit in Idaho, since we are now affiliated with the Pacific Northwest LAPM. I currently serve as the 2nd VP of their Department. As you can see, busy but loving it!

I am proud to be a member of this great organization and hope I do a good job this coming year. I can only promise my best effort. Thanks to all of you for being a POSITIVE Influence.

President's Program

"An entire sea of water can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. Similarly, the negativity of the world can't put you down unless you allow it to get inside you."

Theme

Motto

Be Rebekah All Stars

Love One Another

Emblems

Flowers

Humming Birds and Stars

Daisies & Lilacs

Colors

Watchwords

Hunter Green and Cranberry Love, Faith, Respect and **Tolerance**

Guides

Bible, Code of General Laws & Books of Our Order.

Scripture

For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and not that of yourselves: It is a gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast Ephesians 2: 8 & 9

Special Projects

Funeral Aid, Arthritis Foundation, Visual Research and Projects for your Community

Goals

To have better communication between orders, Encourage growth by positivity not negativity and promote the order whenever & wherever we are.

Songs

Tennessee Birdwalk You are My Sunshine

Patriotic: God Bless the U.S.A.

Idaho

Mansions Over the Hill Top **Iymns**:

> **Amazing Grace** One Day at a Time

Potluck Cancelled



Jerome - Usually on our first meeting in September, we the member of Syringa #110, have a potluck. Our membership is getting smaller as we all know. If each of us brought a dish, we would have way too much food, so we decided that on September 14th, we would go to Wendy's Restaurant. It worked out much better. Attending, (pictured above), were; Wilma Bragg, Wanda Bragg, Shirley Shropshire, Peg Roberson, Jean Floyd and Cleora Taylor.

We all had a relaxing meal and then went to our meeting at the Episcopal Church which is where we no meet at 1:00 PM.

Peg Roberson, Reporter

Home Encampment #13 Gaining Its Footing and Growing in Membership

Mountain Home's Home Encampment #13 has seen promising growth in its year so far. Members worked diligently over the summer months to raise starting funds for the recently reinstituted encampment. A large yard sale was held across the street from a high-traffic area park, and left over items were either given to those in need, donated to a thrift store, or sold online to raise more funds. In total, the members were able to raise \$300, which was added to funds donated by local resident Cliff Odenwalt. Mr. Odenwalt has generously made several donations this year, and Home Encampment #13 is very grateful to him, as well as its members, for their assistance in helping the encampment get on its feet. Furthermore, Sister Nancy Winkowski from Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 has signed on, bringing along loads of enthusiasm and great ideas! Exciting things are ahead for Home Encampment #13!

In F, H, & C, Kathryn Smith, Encampment Reporter

News From Unity #8



Marjorie Howard, NG Margaret Odle, VG Virginia Buchanan

We've had a busy fall.

Past Noble Grands were honored by Chairman Pam York. She welcomed all with a lovely poem. Our PNGs have stepped up to fill whatever is needed for our order, especially guiding our Lodge for their year(s) as Noble Grand. She presented each with a washcloth and body lotion.

VG Virginia Buchanan, chairman of Unity's Veteran Jewel Night, extended a warm welcome to our honored members assembled in the beautiful rose garden. Following a fitting reading, she thanked each for their contributions throughout the years.

Unity boasts a 70-year member, Sister Marjorie Howard. Marjorie became a third-generation Rebekah when her mother initiated her into Minerva #112 in Drewsey, Oregon. The legacy continued when her daughter Cheryl Guglielmo was privileged to present the 70-year Honorary Jewel. Marjorie thanked VG Virginia for the lovely pink azalea and program and Cheryl for the redrose corsage. Sister Marjorie has been a faithful member throughout. She has received the Degree of Chivalry, held local and state offices in both Oregon and Idaho, and served 15 years as treasurer for the Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News

We are so pleased Sister Barbara Pettigrew has become our newest Associate member.

On July 28th Dorothy Perry passed with Unity privileged to assist in her service. She was always full of fun and good suggestions. We will miss her.

Unity's Fun Night was a success with 17 persons attending. We were so pleased to welcome our Ada #3 brothers and sisters and guests to an evening of bingo and cards. Everyone treasured their white elephant prizes.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

Rose 18 Honors Member



Barbara Pettigrew & Maxine Dunbar

Barbara Pettigrew had the honor of presenting a 50 year Jewel to Maxine Dunbar on September 17 at Maxine's home in Boise. Maxine is a long time member of the Rebekah's and her current Lodge is Rose #18 in Idaho City. Maxine is a lovely lady and Barbara and Georgia Wickham, AVP had a wonderful visit with her. May we be honored to present a 60 year Jewel to her in the future!

Submitted by Georgia Wickham



It's About Time!

On September 19, 2015, we (Brother Don Harlan and Sister Kathryn Smith of Mountain Home Lodge #19) finally achieved the "Union Degree" after 9 ½ years of joint membership. The warm day and clear skies allowed us the opportunity to say our "I Do's" surrounded by God's natural beauty in Mountain Home's Legacy Park. We were very blessed and grateful to have so many Brothers and Sisters of the lodge show their love and support through their attendance and by sending cards. A big 'Thank You!' goes out to the members of Ada Lodge #3 and Caldwell Lodge #10 for their thoughtful cards, to all who sent gifts and cards, and to everyone who made the trip to Mountain Home – some after attending a meeting in Idaho City that same day! We have such a wonderful lodge family and we couldn't be more grateful. The wedding ceremony and reception wouldn't have been the same without you!

In F, L, & T, Don and Kathryn Harlan

In Loving Memory



Lee Moberly, PGM 1929 ~ 2015



Edward "Lee" Moberly, 85, Middleton, passed away Monday, September 28, 2015. He was born on November 11, 1929, in Caldwell, Idaho to Oscar and Alice (Lee) Moberly of Middleton.

Lee grew up on a farm outside of Middleton, riding his bike, hunting along drain ditches, and helping on the farm. During the summer his family lived in Prairie where his father worked for the forest service. When it was time for school to start, his parents brought Lee and his sister, Donna, back to Middleton to stay with his grandparents until his parents and younger sister Nancy came back in the early fall. He attended all 12 years of school in Middleton and graduated in 1947. Following graduation, he and a friend decided to enlist in the U.S.Navy. For the next nine years he served in the Pacific (Hawaii, Japan, and Korea), and was on the Battleship Missouri during the Korean Conflict. Stateside, he was stationed in San Diego CA, Astoria OR, and Kodiak, AK. During his service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal twice, the Korean Service Medal with three stars, the China Service Medal (extended), Navy Occupation (Asiatic), and a Letter of Commendation with Combat V.

He married Virginia Dee Pierce, another Middleton High School graduate, at the Star Christian Church on June 3, 1951. They shared almost 65 happy years together working, ranching, raising their family, fishing, camping, and exploring Idaho. Trips to Alaska to visit family and fish were also favorite vacations. Lee was a member of several branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was elected Grand Master of the State of Idaho in 2007. At the same time, Virginia was the President of the Rebekah Assembly. They travelled the length and breadth of Idaho during that year, visiting all the lodges in the state. He was the Middleton Post Master from 1957 through 1984, and knew every family in town. His knowledge of Middleton history was legendary and a lifelong interest.

A memorial service was held at Caldwell United Methodist Church on Friday, October 2, 2015.

In Loving Memory



Nadine Manning 1928 ~ 2015



M. Nadine Manning (87) passed away on September 10, 2015 at Hospice House of North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene, ID. She was born May 30, 1928 in Newell, SD, the youngest of five children born to George W. and Mary Edith Bennett.

Nadine moved with her family to St. Maries when she was 3 years old. She graduated as Valedictorian from St. Maries High School in 1946. She first worked as a bookkeeper for McLaughlin Motors and then as a telephone operator in St. Maries.

Nadine married Raymond Manning, a meat cutter for Mosley's IGA, on March 11, 1950. Together they had 3 children. In 1960 they opened their own custom meat cutting shop "Ray's Meats" in the building that is now the Red Barn. Nadine worked behind the counter and was a bookkeeper for the business. They sold the business in the late 1980's and retired.

Nadine was active in the 7-Star Rebekah Lodge in St. Maries for over 60 years and was a past Noble Grand of the organization. She also was a Bluebird/Campfire girl leader for several years.

Nadine enjoyed knitting and crocheting, gardening, cats, boating, bird watching, and dancing. Ray and Nadine often went to dances at the Kellogg Senior Center. They traveled annually to Weiser, ID to attend the Old-Time Fiddlers competition and to Butte, MT for several International Folk Festivals. The couple also enjoyed traveling to the Oregon Coast and they took frequent drives up the St. Joe. You seldom saw Nadine without Ray.

Nadine is survived by her sons Michael Manning of Chicago, IL, Wilson Manning of Lancaster, CA, and daughter Wanda (Jeffery Herbert) Manning of Medford, OR. Also surviving are grandchildren Erica Smith, Zachary Manning, and Jacob Manning, her sister Laurabelle Gossage of Federal Way, WA, and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of life was held on October 10, 2015 at the Community Presbyterian Church in St. Maries.

Weippe IOOF Lodge No. 104 Began in 1904 in Fraser

The beginning of our Fraternity in our area began October 19045 in the Fraser Community, about 8 miles from Weippe, with Milo George, Oscar Bennett, Chas. Lewis, E.D. Rousher, John Peckham P.G., Fred Judd and C.E. Perkins as charter members. They met in a hall over Friend Store and Post Office until it burned in 1911 or 1912. The Lodge moved to Weippe and the name was changed to Weippe Lodge #104. The charter was destroyed by the fire and a duplicate was issued in October 1923. We do not have information between 1912 and 1923. Lodge met in the rented Roos Hall until they began to have meetings in the new Community Log Building. In



1924 the Brothers wrote the Grand Secretary in regards to organizing a Rebekah Lodge.

White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60 was instituted January 6, 1925. Sister Margareidge, Assembly President, presided and a degree team of Bluebell Rebekah Lodge of Orofino assisted. Five Sisters petitioned for the charter and 18 members were initiated.

In 1930, Brother A.J. Warner deeded lots to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in return for lifetime memberships. In 1934 the Lodges voted to buy the Heywood Bunkhouse for the price of \$225.00 and to spend not to exceed \$10.00 to move the building. It is interesting to note the building was moved at the cost of \$16.10 plus \$1.00 for a broken chain. The move into the hall was in November 1934. Projects were started to finance building a 20x30 kitchen in the back of the hall and a 12 1/2 x 30' ante room in the front of the hall for \$240.00. This was done in 1937.

A Theta Rho Club was instituted May 1964 with 23 members and 28 Senior Sisters. This was an active Club with one of our members, Jennifer Bross serving as State Workshop President and Helen Jacobson serving on the Rebekah Assembly Youth Committee for 3 years. It was disappointing that in 1974 the girls voted to become inactive.

Over the years several improvements have been made to our Hall including electric heat, bathrooms, kitchen cupboards, a new floor finish and this summer we are putting in new windows. Our hall is owned jointly and the lodges work together on our improvements. And many community projects. Members that have served in state elective offices are Glen and Florna Jordan, Nellie Swarthout, Floyd Bowdish and Harmon Snyder.

The I.O.O.F. Lodge now has 41 members. The Rebekahs have 96 sisters and 7 brothers. We keep busy and continue to have good attendance at our meetings.





Veterans's Day honors all members of the Armed Forces who served this country valiantly, and in a very big way. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Veterans gave their time, and risked their lives for you and me. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice.

This holiday originally was called Armistice Day and was first celebrated in 1921. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veteran's Day, in honor of those who served and died from all wars.



Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Thanksgiving was also celebrated nationally in 1789, after a proclamation by George Washington. As a federal and public holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year.

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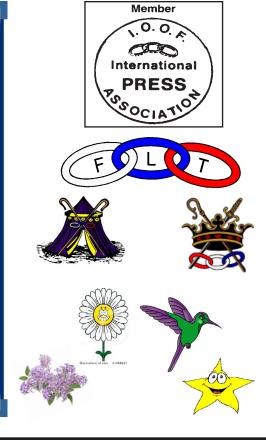
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