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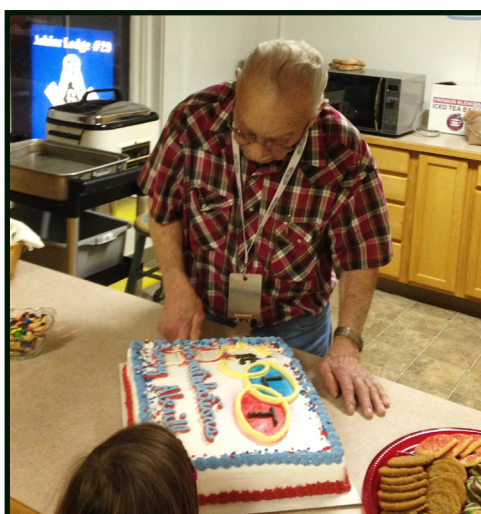
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Nampa 40 Activities



GM Tom Ashley



Kenny Averill Birthday Cake



Kenny gets pinned
by Helen



AP Sharon McGaffick & GM Tom Ashley

Nampa Lodge has had a very busy December this year. We had the Grand Master visit the first meeting, and a surprise Kenny Averill Birthday party and Kenny also received the Secretary Emeritus Jewel, this month. I feel this was quite a surprise to him. Kenny's adopted family, Helen Shafer, son in-law Dave Lincoln from Wilder 137. We had a great turn out for this celebration. Many members from Caldwell, Boise and Mt. Home lodges, even Vicky Kiele from up north, came to see this celebration.

We also had our annual Christmas party. We had a very good turn out again this year, it keeps getting better and bigger. Thanks to the Melba 105 Rebekah's for all there help and support, with helping decorate, cooking. It's nice to have a great group of people come out and have a good time,

We even had Santa Clause, Mrs. Clause and one of the elf's come to give out presents. Santa (Glen Shultz) he belongs to Nampa 40, Ada 3 his home lodge and Caldwell 10. Mrs. Clause (Connie Evans) Melba 105, elf (Cortni Chandler) Nampa's united nation pilgrimage candidate. Santa gave out a lot of presents supplied by Melba 105. We had a lot of good kids get some nice presents and one that got some coal. Stephen Mann our Deputy Grand Master and Nampa's financial secretary.

We had about 72 people show up for Christmas dinner, Nampa has also grown this year by 5 members we hope to keep this going. We are working getting a candidate for the UNP this coming year, we also are having some new interest in our school scholarship.

Submitted by Lodge Reporter



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Just a Rambling Note From the Grand Secretary

I hope this year has been good for everyone. If your lodge has not yet received the year end and election report by now, please let me know right away and I will get one out to you. Things have been busy at the Grand Lodge Office. Getting files reworked and getting wrinkles ironed out to make the operation of the office smoother.

We have also been working on ways to keep Grand Lodge expenses down, in updating some of the lighting and working with the furnace. We are already seeing some saving, the utility bills are starting to drop. Idaho power has dropped 20 percent and Intermountain gas dropped 40 percent. This is just the sum of the things we have been working on. We are still working on getting the outside doors all sealed up due to their age to keep the building more efficient and continue saving energy.

I have NOT received all of the membership rosters back, they were sent out early this year. If you have them lying around please get them filled and sent back to the Grand lodge Office. They are now over due to Sovereign Grand lodge.

In F.L& T
Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary

COMING EVENTS 2016

FEBRUARY

05	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
06	GROUND HOG FEED	CLEARWATER
13	DISTRICT 4 IOOF/REB	BOISE
19	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
27	DISTRICT 5 IOOF	BOISE

MARCH

12	DISTRICT 3	HAGERMAN
19	DISTRICT 1 REBEKAHS	POCATELLO
26	ENC. DISTRICT 6	MOUNTAIN HOME
26	DISTRICT 1 IOOF	ASHTON

APRIL

1-3	N.W. ASSOCIATION	BRITISH COLUMBIA
2	ENC. DISTRICT 6	MOUNTAIN HOME
9	ENC. DISTRICT 4	BOISE?
16	DISTRICT 6 REBEKAHS	KOOSKIA
16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
23	DISTRICT 5 REBEKAHS	NEW PLYMOUTH

MAY

6	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
7	DISTRICT 7 REBEKAHS	POST FALLS
14	DISTRICT 7 IOOF	CDA
21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY

Executive Meeting - Dec 4 2015

Officers and members Present:

GM Tom Ashley, DGM Stephen Mann, GW Marge Harlan, GS Jeff Mann, GT James Wieghall Sr, members Vicky Kiele, GC Randall Wallace, and PGM Jerry North.

Meeting opened 9:23 am. Tom Ashley called meeting to order.

Members sick: Marilyn Sanow having lots of pain in her leg, found out from Dr arthritis. Gene Pola going in to have cancer removed from nose. May Fogle found out she has colon cancer will be going in for treatment.

Order of Business

1: Change to tax preparer. We are looking for a new tax preparer. To have better fit with Grand Lodge.

2: Restructure Lodge Districts #4 & #5. There was a motion to move Ada #3 into district #4, 2nd and carried. GS will send out letter.

3: N/A

4: Travel allowance. Budgeted amount only: it was talked that all members need to make sure they stick to travel budget and not go over, unless authorized.

5: Rebekah proposal : GS will be working with Vicky to finalize.

6: Rebekah rose garden. Jeff Mann checked on helping where to put rose garden. Possible to put rose garden at the Caldwell Rose garden, with dedication to the Rebekah Lodges. After much discussion, the money will be tuned back to the Rebekah's to disperse back to lodge's.

7: Museum building update: the Grand Secretary is working on getting funds freed up for roof, Historical society is going to help with painting outside off building. Waiting on the weather to complete.

8: United Nation Pilgrim program: Don and Kathryn Harlan will be working on guidelines for the funding of the student's

9: New member's: Odd Fellow's to do Degree work, not obligate new members.

10: Finance Committee: the committee is working on a clearer picture for the budget.

Being no further business meeting closed 11:10 am

Jeff Mann Grand Secretary



ISO - Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 is looking for silverware.



Tom Ashley
Grand Master



This has been a busy month since our Grand Sessions in Moscow. I visited with lodges in Priest River, Coeur d'Alene, Salmon and Challis on my way home to Nampa.

Banner Lodge 67 in Priest River is in an original lodge building with the Lodge upstairs above a business. I met there with several brothers and we had a regular meeting with some discussion and instruction. Thanks brothers for meeting with me and buying dinner.

Coeur d'Alene lodge 37 was my next visit. This lodge has a very nice lodge hall on ground level. The building was purchased a few years ago and has been re-structured well for lodge use. It is a very attractive facility, representing the order well. I met there with several brothers and sisters during an open meeting which was followed by pizza in the dining room. Thanks brothers and sisters of the Coeur d'Alene area.

Salmon was the next stop and I met with one brother who showed me the lodge building and hall. This is Rocky Mountain Lodge #5 and was instituted in 1870, one of our historic early lodges. This building was sold in 2010 to a local organization that renovated and saved the building. It was restored to its original glory and is one of the best looking buildings in Salmon. This was one of the largest lodge buildings in Idaho.

A few miles down the road is Challis, my last visit on this trip. I met with many sisters and brothers of Custer Lodge # 21 for a great dinner at a local café and then went to the lodge hall for a meeting. The grand sessions were discussed followed by some instruction. Thank you sisters and brothers for a very enjoyable and fun visit.

I look forward to visiting all of the lodges and will be in touch with you to schedule a visit.

I am sure everyone is busy at this time planning their holidays but let's not forget others. Our communities need to know that we are here and care about those less fortunate than ourselves. Let our presence be felt and know.

Remember we are one order working together in unity. We are the **INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

In F L & T,
Tom Ashley. Grand Master



Georgia Wickham
Assembly President



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In 1977 my Mother Gladys McDaniel gave a little book to her good friend, Beulah Sims. It was called "Because We're Friends" One of the thoughts in it is as follows:

A Blessed thing it is for every man or
Woman to have a friend, one human soul
whom we can trust utterly, who knows
the best and the worst of us, and who loves
us in spite of all our faults.....

Charles Kingsley

As we just came home from Northwest it seemed fitting. What a wonderful group of friends from all over the Northwest our group of Odd Fellows and Rebekah in Idaho has a chance to add to their list of friends. I wish all of you could have been there to enjoy all the Love and Fun we all experienced. I am especially proud that of 5 Medallion awards given there, 4 went to Idaho members. We also received a few other awards and even Medals. I will not say more on this as others are writing articles on this. Just know that I am extremely proud of these STARS of the order. Keep up the excellent work.

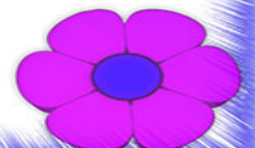
In F, L, &T,
Georgia Wickham, Assembly President



THANK YOU!

The Family of Lee Moberly wishes to express their thanks for all the cards, calls, flowers, thoughts, prayers, food and the numerous Memorial donations in Lee's memory. It was all appreciated so much.

Virginia Moberly





Tom Ashley Grand Master



Happy New Year! I can't believe that it is 2016 already. It seems like 2015 just arrived but here we are in a new year with new hopes and possibilities. My hope for the New Year is that we can grow as an order in spirit and truth and in membership.

The Christmas holiday is passed and there were lots of activities throughout the order in Idaho. Many lodges held parties with great attendance and much charity donations were made. This is the time of year we concentrate on giving but those less fortunate that ourselves need our consideration throughout the year. Let's remember what Odd Fellowship is all about.

Installations will be coming this month, so plan to participate and be installed into your lodge office. Ceremonies of installation can be impressive and worth your effort to attend. Some lodges do their own installations but district installations are usually open to the public and with much greater attendance.

Since my last letter, I have made visits to Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Nampa Lodge #40.

The Mountain Home Lodges are extremely active and have had great growth in membership and great community outreach programs that we can all learn from. Don Harlan is membership chairman for Grand Lodge and Kathryn Harlan is the membership chairperson for the Assembly and I am looking forward to them spreading the spirit of the Mountain Home lodges throughout Idaho.

I next visited Nampa Lodge #40, my home lodge, which is also active in the community. The Nampa Christmas party, held December 12th raised \$150.00 from a raffle as a donation to The Lighthouse Rescue Mission in Nampa and donated 74 gifts to the Marine Corps "Toys-for-Tots" program. During this visit to Nampa, a special award authorized at the last Grand Lodge session was presented to Brother Kenny Averill. He received the Grand Secretary Emeritus jewel for his many years of service as Grand Secretary and his service is still greatly appreciated. Following this award a surprise 90th birthday party was held for Brother Kenny. There was a large attendance for this meeting and it was greatly appreciated.

Let's continue to remember we are one order working together in unity. Have a good January.

In F L & T,
Tom Ashley, Grand Master



Georgia Wickham Assembly President



My Dear All Stars,

I hope all enjoyed their Holidays. Did you get everything you wanted? I got my favorite gift in September, a living Son so I am very happy!

This month is going to be busy as I need to get ready for my Visitations to start in February. Time is going to get away from me. As some of you know, I spent a good part of December ill with bronchitis and asthma. It really put me behind and I have to make up the time now.

Keep up the good work and remember to keep everyone informed of your doings in the paper.

I enjoy reading about the various activities going on around the State! This is going to be short, so stay positive and enjoy life. Love to all of you.

Georgia Wickham, Assembly President



Pansy Rebekah Lodge



Pansy Rebekah Lodge of Middleton has been busy lately with our community projects. Noble Grand Jan Van Den Berg, Lucille Overlin, Virginia Moberly and Laurel Finch met with Principal Meghan Eliason and Counselor Nola Barningham to present a check to Middleton's Mill Creek Elementary to help fund the book "7 Habits of Happy Kids" which they are placing in each classroom for resource purposes. We felt it worthwhile to assist them and they were very excited for the contribution for their project.

Then we traveled to Caldwell 's Lincoln Elementary where Principal Trish Stone accepted a check which they will use for supplies for the students at the time of their Lincoln Day celebration. They were very appreciative for the donation to their celebration.

Past President Virginia Moberly's daughter-in-law retired from Mill Creek Elementary and Laurel Finch's daughter is instructional coach at Lincoln Elementary.

Prior to November meeting, we shared a Thanksgiving potluck with good food and much fellowship. It was nice to visit and relax while catching up with each other.

At our December meeting we made our annual donation to Ronald McDonald House. Our donation along with contributions by those members present will be presented in the form of Winco gift cards to be used by the residents as needed.

We started making this December donation a few years back in lieu of a gift exchange at our Christmas party. We decided, as Rebekahs, we would make a difference by helping others as we promised to do at our initiation.

Wishing all a very blessed year ahead. Let's all make a difference this year.

Submitted by Laurel Finch
Secretary, Pansy # 37

Caldwell Lodge Instituted In 1884 With 10 Members



Caldwell Lodge #10 was instituted May 21, 1884, the first lodge to be instituted under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, with Brothers Montie Gwinn, George Little and C.O. Picard as charter members.

On that date 10 candidates were initiated and given the three degrees which were conferred by the Grand Lodge officers from Ada Lodge No. 3.

For the first four years the lodge meetings were held in rented quarters. Then in 1887 they built their own building at the corner of 7th and Main Street. They occupied this building until February 7th, 1923 when the present building, one of the outstanding lodge buildings in Idaho, was completed. The cornerstone for this building was laid September 28, 1922.

The building was constructed at a cost of \$55,500.00. \$28,100.00 was derived from the sale of their first building, donations and from the general funds of the lodge. Bonds in the amount of \$27,000.00 were issued. Many of these were purchased by members of the lodge. The last of these bonds were retired in 1945.

Brother J.O. Andres was noble grand when the building was dedicated, February 9, 1923.

In 1956 six rental offices were constructed on the east side of the building facing Kimball Avenue. Caldwell Lodge No. 10 celebrated the burning of this mortgage March 20, 1964.

Caldwell Lodge No. 10 is unique in that meetings have been held every Wednesday evening since its inception, May 21, 1884. This amounts to 4,786 meetings as of June 10, 1976.

Submitted in F.L.&T.
Ollie Symms, Noble Grand
William Ball, Secretary.

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**Winnie the Pooh Day
January 18th**



Happy New Year

Ada #3 Keeps Busy

Boise - Ada Lodge has had a good year this year. We have received three new members this year. It's nice to see some new faces in the lodge. Ada has had a busy December with degree work, our annual Christmas party with the help Unity Rebekahs we had a good turnout. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped with cooking, decoration and the cleanup, we had our own Santa (Joe Sirani) and Nana clause (Margaret Odle) Lyle and Margaret has been doing this for many years. With Lyle's passing his son in-law, Joe Sirani took over the part of Santa clause.

This Christmas we had the Italian American club join us, they put on a puppet show with their own form of Santa (Bafana) it was a very interesting learning about Bafana. They handed out homemade cookies and oranges to the children at the lodge. Ada lodge will also be taking some presents to the children at the city of lights in Boise and then before Christmas the members will go to Hopes Door, our old (home on the hill). To hand out toys and some candy to the children over there. Ada lodge has been doing this for several years now.

We also had the pleasure of awarding our long time member Joe Sirani with a Merit Jewel. Joe has learned about the Odd Fellows from his father in-law, Lyle Odle. Joe has always been there donating his time and his electrical knowledge to the lodge. Joe was very involved with the retro fit of the lighting in the Ada lodge and saved them thousands of dollars with his help. There was over 20 family members show up to see Joe receive this award, his wife Linda pinned the jewel. Looking forward to a great 2016

Submitted by Lodge Reporter

Progress Rebekah Lodge #48 Donates To The Community

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, Noble Grand Cathy Toussaint of Progress Rebekah Lodge #48 of Blackfoot presented an check for \$300. This amount was the proceeds from our Craft Sale that benefited the Bingham County Senior Center for their Meals on Wheels Program.

That same day, Cathy and Vicky presented checks to the Blackfoot Swimming Pool and SEICAA for their programs. Donations were also made to the Community Table, Dawn Enterprises, and many other organizations.

Submitted in F, L & T
Shannon Vieth, Reporter
Progress Rebekah Lodge #48

December Notes From Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, sisters of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23, Crystal Shepherd and Shannon Vieth were joined by Noble Grand David Livingston of Portneuf Odd Fellows Lodge #20 in delivering the hats that were made by members of both lodges to agencies in the community.

They were delivered to Aid for Friends, accepting the hats at Aid for Friends were BJ Stensland and Susan Thurm. The Salvation Army 'Secret Santa' Drive where Julie Christiansen accepted the hats. And to the Pocatello Veterans Home, where Activities Coordinator Carrie Leavitt accepted the hats. All of the recipients appreciated the donations.

This has been voted by both lodges for this to continue to be our yearly Community Service Projects.

Thanks to all of our members and non-members who have helped in making these projects successful and for their donations of yarn and time. I am sure that the people of Bannock County will appreciate these hats when it gets cold.

On Thursday, December 17th, the members had a very joyful potluck dinner before our last meeting of the year.

Shannon Vieth, Reporter

Attention Lodge Deputies

Greetings!

I would like to challenge all Lodge Deputies to bring to the 2016 Assembly Session at least one PNG (preferably more), who has never attended before and who will receive the Assembly Degree or a PNG who hasn't attended for a few years, to fill the "audience" chairs.

Lets support President Georgia with a room full of "new members". Be like the hummingbird, one comes and before long, there are several "attending".

Juanita Thomas, Lodge Deputy
Idaho No. 96

News From Idaho No. 96

What a year 2015 has been. One almost dreaded to hear the reports on “sickness and distress”.

This feeling all changed for our members on December 7th, when we made and delivered cheer plates to the local care center.

In fact, instead of us cheering them they actually “made our day”. The residents repeated, now we were all “stars”, after seeing our President’s star emblem. Our very own Jeraldine Duncan entertained with several Christmas songs. One lady told me “she really made the piano talk”. I know we came away with a little extra smile and grateful feeling. We also donated to the Wendell Elementary School’s “Angel Tree” project to help some boys and girls have a merrier Christmas.

We plan to end our December meetings by having lunch with the seniors in their new center. We had helped earlier with a fund raiser for them. We look forward to 2016 with installation of our new officers who are: NG, James Weighall; VG, Marguerite “Peg” Roberson; Sec., Lorraine McCloud; Treas., Juanita Thomas.

Happy New Year!

Submitted by Juanita Thomas

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Who?

Fraternal Greetings from your Odd Fellow and Rebekah Membership Chairmen! We are excited to begin our “Change the Trend” campaign with some handy advice on increasing membership. This month we are featuring tips on how to make your community more aware of your lodge’s existence. Many lodges started over 100 years ago, and yet we find that your average person still knows nothing of our organizations. If this is true for your lodge, then it is time to get out into the community.

To begin this change, each lodge needs to accept that their lodge is effectively new to the community. We have lost touch with the people around us. This does not mean, however, that you cannot emphasize your lodge’s history and traditions; it is simply a recognition that to the community you are a new addition. Take advantage of that – new is fresh and exciting. Many people are bored with their towns and are seeking something different to do. Help them realize that our lodges can offer new and exciting possibilities. Open your doors and welcome them inside by hosting events like game nights, meals, dances, etc. These are great ways to bring the community to you.

The most important thing to remember is that whatever event you decide to do, it must be tailored to raise awareness of the lodge. Ideally an event should bring people to the hall itself. Having them see the lodge, its history, and its people will stick in their minds. Don’t be discouraged if you don’t receive membership applications immediately. It takes time to spread awareness, but the more you do, the more people will remember you. It’s truly a rewarding experience and it will pay off in time. Be patient, be fun, be creative! We are all in this together, so ask your fellow lodges what they have done and keep at it!

In F, L, & T, Don and Kathryn Harlan,
Odd Fellows and Rebekah Membership Chairmen

Spouses Day and Military Spouses Day

Spouses Day is always on January 26th
Military Spouses Day is held on the Friday before Mother’s Day

Spouse’s Day is a time to enjoy and appreciate your better half. You can use this day as a prelude or warm up to Valentine’s Day, perhaps. But, its not as much of a gift giving event. Rather, use it as a time to show your spouse that you care and appreciate all of the things that he/she does for you and for the household. Over the long years of a relationship, its easy to take for granted the many things your spouse does. He/she’s always there. They do so many big and little things as a routine event. So, take today to notice and to say thanks. As for the “enjoyment” part of the day...we will leave that up to you to enjoy your spouse however the two of your desire....

Military Spouses Day is a day to recognize and honor the real backbone of the military..... the spouses of our soldiers. This day recognizes the contributions made by military spouses to the spirit and well being of soldiers and military communities. Where would military moral be without their spouses behind them?

- <http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/January/spousesday.htm>



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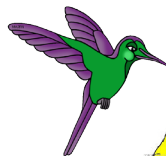
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