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Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Shirley and I wish to thank our fellow Idahoans for the honor of letting us represent you by laying of a wreath at the Tombs of the Unknowns.

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Honoring of Melba #105 Desk Officers



Sharon McGaffick , Connie Evans, & Jean Reineke

Nampa - In April, Melba Lodge #105 honored our Desk Officers, Sister Connie Evans (Secretary) and Sister Jelene Baird (Treasurer). We appreciate these Sisters' hard work and dedication to Melba. Without them, our meetings would not be recorded and our bills would not be paid. Sister Connie was escorted behind the alter by Sisters Sharon McGaffick and Jean Reineke and presented with a gift from the Lodge. Sister Jelene was unable to be at our meeting due to illness.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

District 9 Meeting at Priscilla #97 New Plymouth - April 23, 2016



Leona Horn, introduction committee, introduced Donnie Marvin, Alternate Rep to SGL; Merna Deland, Grand Scribe, Encampment; Vicky Kiele, Legislative Committee, IARA; Barbara Pettigrew, IARA Representative; Georgia Wickham, President, Rebekah Assembly; Sharon McGaffick, Warden, Rebekah Assembly; and Pat Marvin, 2nd Vice President LAPM, Pacific Northwest.

Submitted by Barbara Stone

Just a Rambling Note From the Grand Secretary

I have just finished the last of the district meetings in the Jurisdiction and have really enjoyed the camaraderie of the members. The hospitality was great, as was the food. The lodges will soon be going on recess, but that doesn't mean Odd Fellowship is on vacation. It's time to start on all of the reports for Grand Lodge session, reports are due back to Grand Lodge before Aug. 1 you can also email them. If you have not received a letter and you are on a committee please let me know, so I can correct it.

Remember, we have representatives getting ready to go to Sovereign Grand Lodge for Idaho. If you have any questions for them let them know.

I have not had many of the Lodge rosters come back, this is important to have them filled out with members information and current address, this helps with reports to Sovereign Grand Lodge. It also keeps our newspaper roster up to date.

I have heard that there are some concerns about how some of our associations and committees operate. Check with your committees they should have the answer. All of the committees should have had one or two meetings already this year. If they do not have an answer, give Grand Lodge a call between them and the Executive committee will get your questions an answer. If we are just talking about a problem without asking the committees this is how rumors can start.

IDAHO BATTALION #1 MEETING



The Idaho Battalion will hold their summer meeting on July 9, 2016 at the Boise IOOF Lodge Hall, 600 N Curtis, Boise, ID.



Meeting time starts with Mustering at 11:00am.

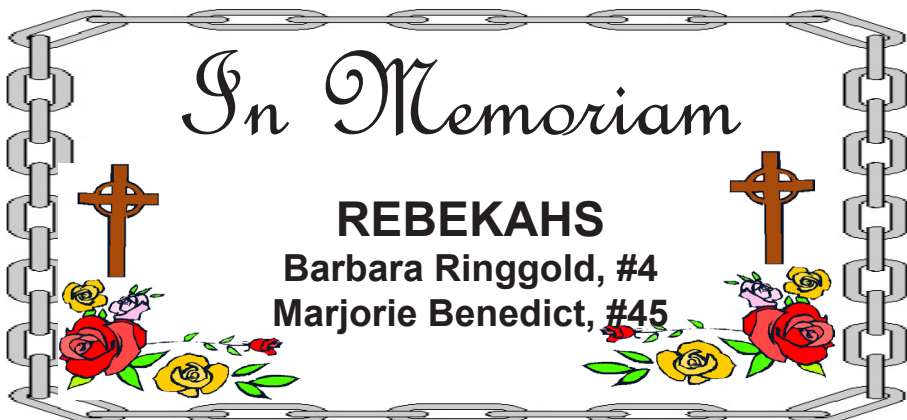
Luncheon will be provided by Columbia #3 LAPM at a cost of \$5.00.

Meeting to reconvene after lunch around 1:00 pm.

Dress attire is Class B.

It is hoped all Canton Members will be in attendance.

Col. (R) Donnie Marvin, Battalion Commander



Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly Plans

Burley - Greetings from your 2016 Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Host Committee. I know that you are all getting excited and can hardly wait to get on board with the flight of the Humming Birds to the Best Western Burley Inn, Burley ID. Dates are October 16 thru October 19th 2016. Sunday the 16th will start with Registration from 9am to 6pm, with luncheon and dinners and the Memorial Service.

Monday, Registration 8am to 4pm. Orientation, Grand Encampment, Amosette, Amos fun night and dinner, what an exciting evening. Tuesday the 18th, the Grand Lodge and Assembly, sessions start, Historical Luncheon, Officer installation and Banquet. Wednesday the 19th will be the closing sessions and then you are on your way home knowing that by attending you have made a difference in helping to keep our organization strong and growing. We can do so much working together as a strong and caring team. The cost for staying at the Motel is 89.99, of course +tax, at the Best Western and 69.99 at the Budget Motel right next door. Not bad at all so start planning and saving, we have the meals all planned and they sound really yummy! The form for Registration and the meals costs, will be forthcoming. Looking forward to meet and greet many of you at the sessions. I am really getting excited and I know that Grand Master Tom Ashley and Assembly President Georgia Wickham are doing their very best to make this a successful and educational session.

"GIVING" If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along and if every minute looked after itself and nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me, and we all stood alone in the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be! Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share; and want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care. It's giving and doing for somebody else---on all that life's splendor depends, and by this world, when you've summed it all up, you found in making friends.

(Anonymous)

Any questions or concerns let me know, don't know if I will have all of the answers but will try.

Connie Evans





**Tom Ashley
Grand Master**



**Georgia Wickham
Assembly President**

Dear Brothers and sisters,

This has been another busy month with lots of fun activities. Sister Georgia and I made our official visits to Pioneer Lodge No. 1 and Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 18 in Idaho City in a joint open meeting conducted by both Odd Fellow Noble Grand Kathryn Harlan and Rose Rebekah Noble Grand Calista Newman. Calista presented an object lesson with a ball of yarn to show how we are all tied together in Odd Fellowship. It was very effective. We had a good attendance and a great pot luck dinner prior to the meeting.

Sister Georgia, Grand Warden Marge Harlan, Deputy Grand Master Stephen Mann, Grand Secretary Jeff Mann, Bob Covert and myself all attended the district meeting in Challis. What a great group of members we have in Challis. Again we had an open meeting with much discussion. Thanks Challis for a great time.

As I write this I'm about to head for Island Park for the fish fry, district meeting and visit to the Ashton Lodge. I am looking forward to a great weekend.

Even though Lodges are now in recess for the summer, don't forget that there are summer activities to keep on your calendar. These activities are listed in the paper so check them out, however, plan to attend the IOOF picnic on Aug. 6 in Boise at Municipal Park. This is a joint event for all units of the order and will be a lot of fun with games and activities as well a pot luck picnic. Hope to see you there.

Remember we are all one order and will grow by working together.

In F.L. & T.

Tom Ashley, Grand Master

My Dear Rebekah's,

Welcome #17 in Cambridge was very well attended. PP Virginia Moberly came to add beautiful music to the meeting. Melba #105 was there to add to the fun. Thank you so much for that. Cheryl Riggins did a great job and what would they do without their wonderful Secretary, Irene Jeffries. They are selling their building and closing. This make me sad but good news of this is on the way. I have my fingers crossed.

On to Hiawatha #123 in Indian Valley. Wanna Belle Corriel is the Secretary there and always makes all feel welcome. They are holding the meeting in what was the store at one time below their Lodge Room. You can just feel the history in this old building. I recommend all that can, meet with these ladies at least once. You will enjoy it.

Priscilla #97 was next. I felt thoroughly spoiled there. Barbara Stone, PP Leona Horne, Leta Burt and their Noble Grand Ida Mae Martel did a great job and I especially loved their program on Stars. I learned a lot.

In Payette, Harmony #22's Noble Grand Merna Deland did a wonderful job. As most of you know, the Deland Family, David, Merna and Charles are moving to Corvallis Oregon. They will be greatly missed. Thanks to Jewell Dudley. I love my cozy blanket with GREEN Frogs.

What a wonderful day we had in Idaho City. Pioneer #1 Odd Fellow Lodge and Rose #18 Rebekah's held a Joint Open meeting for the Grand Master Tom Ashley and myself. Noble Grands Kathryn Harlan for Pioneer and Calista Newman for Rose did a great job. Tom and I had so much fun. Thanks to Bob Covert for providing the music!

On June 4th I held my last visitation and District meeting in Challis. Silver Leaf # 27 hosted. Their Noble Grand Jeanie Dionne did a fantastic job. She is a first timer and made the best Stroganoff. Yummy! Her Grandmother is PP Joanne Johnson. I really enjoyed my time there, so last weekend, I traveled back with GM Tom and visited at his District meeting there. What a great group those ladies are. Love you Linda Campbell.

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I want to thank all of you for all the Friendship and Love I felt as I did my travels. I still think of all of you as my All Stars

Friendship Is A Place
Friendship is a place
Where we feel at home
From the very start
Where kindness comes in smiles
and comfort soothes the heart
Friendship is a place
Where old and dear friends grow
And friends like you are treasured
For the thoughtfulness you show

With a Humble Heart and Great Love,
Georgia Wickham, AP

Honoring Our Veterans



Windy Osborn, Jay Eaton & Nancy Winkowski



Jay Eaton, Marlene Osborn, Windy Osborn, Nancy Winkowski & Ted Winkowski

On Veteran's Day, members of Mountain Home attended the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home. In memory of all deceased veterans, Windy Osborn placed an Odd Fellow wreath, Jay Eaton placed the Encampment wreath and Nancy Winkowski placed the Rebekah wreath.

Also present for the ceremony was Marlene Osborn and Nancy's husband, Ted 'Bear' Winkowski.

The members of Mountain Home was honored to participate in this annual event.

Submitted by, Marge Harlan



News From Kooskia 64

The month of April was very busy for the Kooskia Rebekah Lodge. Our state President was in our District and we tried to attend as many of her lodge visits as we could.

The Grangeville Ladies keep working, even though there are few of them and they rent out their hall. They held the District 6 meeting in our lodge and also gained a new member who was given the Rebekah Degree during the meeting.

We held our annual luncheon for the ladies of the valley, the Tuesday after Mother's Day, as usual. There were four ladies at our '90's' table. The new member of this group was Lorraine Crabtree. Mrs. Nuxoll's choir entertained the ladies. All ladies seventy years old or older, should register with the Kooskia Lodge. They are sent invitations and are welcome to attend this annual event.

All in all, we have had a full year. We gave Roberta Joy Lee her fifty year jewel as a member and enjoyed visiting all of the lodges in our District 6.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Pillar, Reporter

President Visits Pricilla #97



Introduction Committee, Betty Ball and Sandra Chandler with President Georgia Wickham on her official visit at Priscilla #97 in New Plymouth on May 16, 2016.

Submitted by Barbara Stone



Mountain Home Honors Our Dearly Departed



Don Harlan



Marlene & Windy Osborn

Members of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Encampment of Mountain Home placed Odd Fellow and Rebekah memorial flags on the graves of our deceased members. Marge Harlan, Marlene and Windy Osborn, Don and Kathryn Harlan, and a couple of friends placed flags on approximately 70 graves for Memorial Day.

Submitted by Marge Harlan



Craigmont IOOF Lodge Began in Chicago in 1905



On April 6, 1944, the Odd Fellows purchased a building on Main Street, after much remodeling it served as meeting place for the Lodges for many years. On July 1, 1971, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs gathered for the ceremonies to break ground for a new building at the same site of old hall. The building contained two large rooms for meetings, kitchen and modern facilities, which was a thrill for all Lodge members. The building was completed and the Lodges held their first meetings October 21, 1971. Due to the absence of brother and sister Harold Liedkies and brother and sister Ted Herricks, who were delegated and attending Grand Lodge Assembly, Vice Grand, Juanita Moe and Financial Secretary, Hannah Way, had the pleasure of acting as Noble Grand and Secretary respectfully for the Rebekah Lodge, the first meeting in the new Hall.

Down through the years the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have suffered a loss of members, therefore membership is small, but still hang on to keep the lodges alive with high hopes of increasing membership.

Twin City Rebekah Lodge No. 90, Mable Wamsley, Secretary
I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 76, Harold G. Liedkie, Treasurer

Youth Recognition Award



Independent Order of Odd Fellows Caldwell Lodge # 10 members from right Glen Schultz, Jeff Mann and Stephen Mann presented Kambree Austin of Middleton Middle School with a youth recognition award for fellowship, citizenship and being a wonderful student. She received a framed certificate, a gift and a monetary award to use however she chooses. She was nominated by her teachers to receive this award. We would like to continue to do this in the future if you know of anyone that would be a good candidate for this you can contact grandlodgeidaho@hotmail.com or 208-459-2091 to get more information or to contact a lodge in your area.

Submitted by Jeff Mann

SGL Community Ideas Part 3

Fraternal greetings from your Odd Fellow and Rebekah Membership Chairmen! We hope you continue to enjoy our installments of the SGL's 100 Community Ideas for building membership. Summer break is upon us, and that means people are looking for fun ways to spend with friends and family. There have been some really great ideas printed so far, and many more are to come, so keep looking for our articles for inspiration. Best of luck!

31. Work with other community groups to organize a downtown clean-up and beautification day.
32. Partner with a local charitable group to host a Texas Hold 'em Poker tournament at the Lodge.
33. Let a local community group organize a fund raiser at your Lodge - you provide the Lodge, drinks and a spaghetti dinner at no cost to them.
34. Allow city entities to utilize your hall for things such as committee meetings, community court, police-community meetings, etc. free of charge.
35. Sponsor a town or city event by contributing seed money. These events are sometimes small weekly festivals, farmers markets, and food fairs.
36. Permit local authorities to set up surveillance cameras at your building for use of law enforcement tactics or the monitoring of town events.
37. Assist other worthy non-profits to use your facilities for their luncheons or dinner events free.
38. Promote readings by book writers or poets and invite the public.
39. Promote the artworks of members or non-members and hold an art showing at the hall.
40. On an international level, involve your lodge in a Sister Cities Program. The national convention permits fraternal organizations to volunteer and promote their organization in presentation during its annual flag parade.
41. Attend a local sporting event (i.e. MLB, NFL, NHL, NCAA) with all of the members wearing fun t-shirts or shirts or jackets with IOOF logo.
42. Establish a Facebook page open to the public to comment, etc. Show the public our images and share our history and upcoming events.
43. Created a program at post-secondary education institutions that involve Brothers and Sisters from around the world providing on-site assistance to new students. This could include locating the nearest medical facilities, legal services, banking, professional counseling services, local Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges that could be used for study, etc.
44. Provide an after school program in the community for children when school is let out. Perhaps, as an Order, we should look to open facilities worldwide staffed by trained youth counselors.
45. Provide a program that takes homeless people in the community and allows them the opportunity to become a productive part of it by providing them an opportunity to work by keeping the city cleaner as they are given an hourly wage. It would be ideal to set up a national "clean sweep" program in every city or town that an Odd Fellow or Rebekah lodge exists. The program would require full time employees who would be involved closely with town or city representatives, business owners, and private individuals to coordinate work opportunities for the people within the program. As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs we would provide funds, job leads, tools and mentorship to the participants.

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

In Loving Memory

Barbara Ringgold
June 12, 1929 ~ June 10, 2016



Barbara June Ringgold, age 86, died peacefully Friday, June 10, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho, two days short of her 87th birthday. A viewing was held on Friday, June 17, 2016, and funeral services was at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Barbara June Kerr was born June 12, 1929, in Aberdeen, S.D., to Robert J. Kerr and Mary Rosette Smith Kerr. The family eventually moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Barb graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School.

After training as a Registered Nurse at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Neb., she married William Paul Ringgold on May 19, 1951, and lived in Long Beach, Calif. Barb went to work at Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, where daughter Paula Kaye was born in May 1952.

The family moved to Mountain Home in about 1955. Their son, Robert Allen (Bob), was born in 1956, and another daughter, Amy B., in 1964. Barb worked for the Mountain Home Police Department and the school district before being employed at the Elmore Memorial Hospital for many, many years.

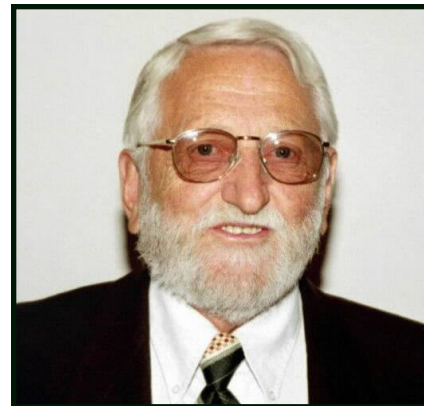
She was a lifetime member of the Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 and served her community for 60 years. She retired from Elmore Memorial Hospital in 1995 after 35 years in nursing.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Ringgold of Mountain Home; sister Beverly Janet Kerr Close of Arvada, Colo.; and grandson Jason Paul Allen of Salem, Ore.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Allen of Salem, Ore.; son Robert Ringgold of Mountain Home; daughter Amy Arnold of Simpsonville, S.C.; niece Sharon Coons of Littleton, Colo.; nephew Stephen Close also of Colorado; grandsons Nathan Allen of Keizer, Ore., and Aaron Arnold of Simpsonville, S.C.; granddaughters Amanda Harris and Alicia Arnold of Simpsonville, S.C.; and three great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

Barbara was much loved by her family and all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Ken Edwards
February 18, 1935 ~ June 10, 2016



Kenneth "Ken" Eugene Edwards, 81, of Plummer, Idaho passed away June 10, 2016 at the Hospice House in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Ken was born February 18, 1935 in Wallace, Idaho to Oscar and Cora Edwards.

As a child Ken moved with his family to Washington State where he attended and graduated from High School. He worked at various jobs throughout his life and owned several businesses including working as a banker, carpenter, and owned his own refrigeration business, and hot tar roofing business, lastly working as a yard foreman at an RV dealer.

Ken met Patricia Ann McMinimy in Post Falls, Idaho and they were later married in 1978. Together they moved to Alaska where they lived for 14 years. They eventually moved back to Idaho finally settling in Plummer, Idaho.

Ken was a past Grand Master of the Independent order of Odd Fellows in Idaho. He was also a member of the Eagles, the American Legion, and the local classic car club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and restoring classic cars.

He is survived by his loving wife Patricia of the family home in Plummer, Idaho; three children Donald, Ronald, and Linda; five stepchildren Kristin, Joseph, Robert, David, and Mike; and several grand and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held Tuesday June 14, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the Odd Fellows Hall 200 Railroad Ave. Post Falls, Idaho.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to Hospice House at 9493 N. Government Way Hayden, Idaho 83835.



COMING EVENTS 2016

JULY		
09	BATTALION MEETING	???
16	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
23	2nd DEGREE RALLY	IDAHO CITY
AUGUST		
05	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
06	IOOF PICNIC	BOISE 1PM
14-21	SOV. GRAND LODGE	RAPID CITY, SD
27	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY
SEPTEMBER		
17	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
23	JOINT PLANNING BRD	CALDWELL 10AM

OCTOBER		
17-19	GRAND SESSIONS	BURLEY
22	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
NOVEMBER		
4-6	NW ASSOCIATION	OREGON???
13	TURKEY DINNER	WHITEBIRD
DECEMBER		
03	#3 CHRISTMAS PARTY	BOISE 6PM
10	#40 CHRISTMAS PARYT	NAMPA 6PM



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