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Mountain Home Lodges Participate in AFAD Parade



All for One and One for All!

Mountain Home - On September 3rd, Mountain Home's lodges (IOOF, Rebekah, and Encampment) continued their participation in the annual Air Force Appreciation Day (AFAD) parade. This year's theme, United We Stand, brought out our creativity as the Parade Committee decided to dress the members as Musketeers. Sashes, hats, swords, and tunics were made, American flags were waved, and patriotic music was played as the members once again provided Otter Pops to the excited kids in the audience. Four local teens even volunteered to walk alongside the float and hand the treats out. As the float stopped for the judges, the members rose their swords in the air, shouting out, "All for One and One for All – United We Stand!" As fate would have it, "Proud to Be an American" was the track playing at the time and you could feel the patriotism beaming from the float. It was a beautiful day and great fun was had by all.

Kathryn Harlan, Lodge Reporter



News From Unity #8



Pam York, Margaret Odle,
& Joan E. Lyons

Jeff Mann, Glen Schultz (sponsor),
& Stephen Mann

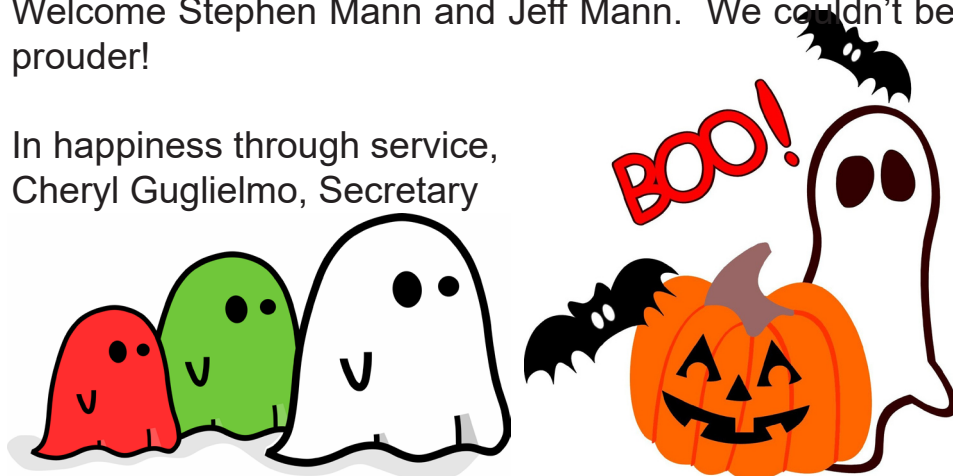
Boise - Unity #8 completed the spring term with a surprise—ant-free picnic. Eleven members gathered for a fun indoor picnic to compare notes for summer plans.

And now fall has started with a bang. Our first September meeting began as everyone caught up with the summer's events at a dinner at Sizzler.

Our next meeting we were so proud that four sisters received their Veteran Jewels. Margaret Odle continues her family legacy wearing her mother-in-law's 50-year jewel. Three sisters received their 15-year jewels: Irene Bauer, Joan E. Lyons and Pam York. Joan shared that she had promised her mother-in-law Opal Depner this milestone would be reached making this evening even more special. How wonderful friends and family could share this occasion.

Our newest members joined the same evening. Welcome Stephen Mann and Jeff Mann. We couldn't be prouder!

In happiness through service,
Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary



Just a Rambling Note from the Grand Secretary

This year has gone right by, it is time again for the Grand Sessions in Burley, Idaho. Committees and Chairpersons, have you had your meetings?

So far this year there has been some confusion. There have been several inquiries come in about how the Building Protection Association and Funeral Aid Association operate. I am sure this is unintentional, but it needs to be rectified.

Most anything involving any of the associations have been in place since Grand Lodge allowed them to become an association for the Odd Fellows many years ago. There are committees over them and members in place to watch over the funds and make sure they are handled correctly. They are not run by Grand lodge. They operate similar to a lodge. They have three members plus the grand secretary, there is a Chairman over each one of the associations. The Grand Master elects a member every year. With a 3-5 year term. If there are any questions about how they operate contact the chairman, otherwise proper procedure unravels. Every member should be interested in the over-all operation of the Order and know how they operate. The associations have been a part of Odd Fellows for many years.

By now, you have had a chance to read the Advance Report and let your Representatives know what your lodge desires. There are some resolutions coming that could affect the members.

Along these lines, if you have any small items that would be nice for goodie bags, you should get hold of the Chairperson or the Host Committee. I hope to see everyone at Grand Lodge this year.

Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary

COMING EVENTS 2016 ~ 2017

OCTOBER

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| 17-19 | GRAND SESSIONS | BURLEY |
| 22 | PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 | IDAHO CITY |

NOVEMBER

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| 4-6 | NW ASSOCIATION | OREGON??? |
| 13 | TURKEY DINNER | WHITEBIRD |

DECEMBER

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| 03 | #3 CHRISTMAS PARTY | BOISE 6PM |
| 10 | #40 CHRISTMAS PARTY | NAMPA 6PM |

JANUARY

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| 14 | DIST 4 JOINT INSTALL | BOISE |
| 21 | DIST 3 JOINT INSTALL | MTN. HOME |
| 28 | BATTALION MEETING | BOISE 10AM |

Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment & Rebekah Assembly Sessions October 16 ~ 20, 2016

REBEKAHS GOT TALENT! COME ONE COME ALL TO AMOSETTE NIGHT!!

Bring your skits, jokes, or whatever & let's see all the Rebekah talent!!!

Let's crank up the time machine and choose a dress from your favorite era.

Choose the Elizabethan Era, any of the war years-Revolutionary War, Civil War, Cold War, etc..you get the idea

The Space Age; The Wild Wild West; any decade (the 20's, 30's, etc) Computer Age.

Go back in history and choose your favorite time period or engage your imagination to project what the next historical era will be.

START NOW, THE CLOCK IS TICKING!!

Submitted by Jean Floyd,
Amosette Chairman

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Come Join The
FUN!



**Tom Ashley
Grand Master**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This will be my last letter to you as Grand Master and most of what you will read is contained in my annual report to the Grand Lodge. It has been a great year and I have enjoyed visiting the lodges in the state and meeting each of you. Thank you for all your courtesies and especially your efforts on behalf of the order here in Idaho.

I wish to thank the members for allowing me to serve as the Grand Master for this past year. My theme this year has been one of unity within the order and exemplifying the principles of our order, Friendship, Love, and Truth and the golden rule, to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

During the year I visited every lodge in the state. There were two combined meetings, Orofino, Craigmont, and Crystal Lodges meet together at Clearwater, and Wendell and Hagerman Lodges met together at Wendell, however, I did physically visit every lodge building even if we didn't meet there.

My project this year was to promote a Youth Recognition Program to help recognized and motivate youth in our communities for their efforts in public service. This program was presented at all visits to the lodges and several lodges gave awards in their communities. Another activity promoted this year was the Annual IOOF Picnic, hosted by Ada Lodge #3 and held at Municipal Park in Boise. We had a great turnout with over 50 members, friends, and families present.

In March Rocky Mountain Lodge #5, in Salmon turned in their charter and most of the Grand Lodge Officers attended the proceedings and conducted the closing meeting. Rocky Mountain Lodge #5 was the 5th lodge instituted in Idaho. This lodge was in existence for 146 years.

The Grand Lodge had numerous executive board meeting, well attended, to deal with administrative issues of the order. A representative of the Rebekah Assembly, usually the Assembly President, Georgia Wickham, was present at these meeting to further the unity and communications within the order.

The districts within the State have been revised to make them more geographically logical and agree with the Rebekah districts. Pioneer #1, Idaho City and Ada #3, Boise were added to Nampa #40 and Caldwell #10 as

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**Georgia Wickham
Assembly President**



Dear Stars,

As I write my last letter to you as President, I have many mixed feelings. I sincerely hope the Unity between the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs continues to grow. We really need to be partners instead of separate entities. Together we can accomplish anything.

I feel I was blessed to have Tom Ashley as my Grand Master. He has been an inspiration to me. We have also had a lot of fun together at meetings. We had a great joint reception. Thanks to Gem of the Mountain members for arranging that. You guys are great.

I attended IALAPM in South Dakota in August and managed to get in 1 day in at IARA. Wow, I am looking forward to next year when I can attend more of their session.

On October 3rd, Welcome #17, Cambridge will be consolidating with Priscilla #97 in New Plymouth. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a crowd to celebrate this union? So much better that surrendering a Charter any day.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Session. I hope all of you enjoy it and have a good time. I can't believe the amount of paperwork to be done. Between it and the restart of Lodge meetings I am swamped. I guess there is no rest for the wicked, at least until November.

It Must be October

“The harvest moon hangs round and high
It dodges clouds high in the sky,
The stars wink down their love and mirth
The Autumn season is giving birth.
Oh, it must be October
The leaves of red bright gold and brown,
To Mother Earth come tumbling down,
The breezy nights the ghostly sights,
The eerie spooky far off sounds
Are signs that it's October.
The pumpkins yellow,. big and round
Are carried by costumed clumsy clowns
It's Halloween - let's celebrate.”

- Pearl N. Sorrels

Fraternally,
Georgia Wickham
Assembly President



Grand Master's Letter

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District #4. Owyhee Lodge #2, Silver City was added to district 5 with Payette #22 and Council #85. District 1 was also changed to include Custer Lodge in Challis.

I also attended most of the district meetings. The last district meeting for district 1 was held in Island Park at the annual fish fry and included Ashton Lodge and Pocatello. The fish fry was well attended and certainly worth our time and effort to attend. Island Park is a beautiful area near Yellowstone National Park.

As Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge, I attend the Sovereign sessions held in Rapid City, South Dakota from August 14th thru the 19th. I am also currently serving as Grand Senior Warden of The Grand Encampment of Idaho, and Deputy Commander of the Idaho Battalion, Patriarch Militant.

Thank you to Deputy Grand Master Stephen Mann, Grand Warden Marge Harlan, Grand Treasurer James Weighall, and Grand Secretary Jeff Mann and all appointed officers for all their efforts this year on behalf of the order, and a special thanks to Sister Georgia Wickham for her good works as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho.

It is my hope that we will all keep focused on the principles of our order and live by these values. We are all members of the same order and must be one in spirit and in truth. We are Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Patriarchs and Matriarchs. We are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Thanking you again, in FL&T, Thomas Ashley, Grand Master

Historical Society Report

Caldwell - This year has been a busy year. We have had good attendance at our meetings. Lots of ideas and some complaints, so far a good year. Salmon Lodge #5 closed this year there were a lot of items brought back to the Museum (Historical society). We have sorted thru a lot of the letters, robes, hats and some furniture and other items. There were 10 nice cloth chairs 8 of best ones are in use in the Rebekah's office the others are in need of repair. We also received some nice Odd fellow pictures that will be hung up in the building along with the charter. There were some encampment items. The collars were given to Home #13 Mt. Home's Encampment. Some of the other projects that did not get finished due to low turnout of volunteers left over from last year.

Projects finished this year.

(1) Wilder's neon sign has been sanded down cleaned up and repainted, it will be hung in front foyer and be turned on at night.

(2) New electrical work for the displays in the Museum. The stained glass window at the back door is now lit at night, the front foyer has new electrical outlets and timer for the other stained glass window and neon IOOF sign

(3) The building was pressure washed, cleaned and repainted. We bought some used manikins and a few lady manikins so we can display more of the robes and uniforms. Also to show the public there are women in the order. We retrieved some nice items from Mullan #42 this lodge has been closed for many years, when a few of us were up north we made an appointment and went thru the old hall that is now a museum, we were surprised to learn that there was a closet of Odd Fellow and a few Rebekah's items left, we brought back everything that

would fit in the car, we have some nice old officer's sash's they came from Wallace #33 lodge when it consolidated with Mullan #42. What a great find for the museum new items that have not been seen in a long time. There were some old fez's Wallace 33 two 3 link fez's we hope to find some info on them, a couple of encampment fezzes from Mullan and Wallace lodge. There was an AMOS charter in the frame from 1929 Aztec #263. Jerry North also brought some items from Plummer lodge. We bought some more plastic storage containers for old minute books that we have received, the wooden shelves are very full in the store room down stairs.

(4) The two pillars from the Home on the Hill are still being worked on getting them to stand up straight and cemented in the ground. Refinish the broken concrete on the pillars and repaint them. Also add two cement base for the street lights that where donated to us. We are looking to have a sign made like the old sign that was between the pillars. We are hoping to have this project completed before fall if funds hold out.

(5) We have replaced most of the 4ft light fixtures with new LED bulbs including the Rebekah's and Grand lodge Office's and bathrooms to help cut cost at the building.

(6) We are hoping to have fund-raiser this year to help upgrade all of the toilets in the building, replace the old curtains in Rebekah's and Odd Fellow's offices.

(7) We have been working with the Caldwell Newspaper to get an article in the paper again and have a rededication for the building before the year is over.

(8) We are still looking for an old camp trailer to make a cook shack for some fund-raisers.

Submitted by Historical Committee

Melba Members Receive Merit Jewel



Connie Evans & Ursula White

Melba Lodge 105 presented Merit Jewels to two of their members, September 14, 2016. Sisters Ursula White and Connie Evans were recognized for their support and dedication to Melba Lodge. Both Sisters are always ready to do whatever it takes to keep Melba going.

Sister Ursula has been a member of Melba for 20 years. She has been Conductor, Warden, Inside and Outside Guardian. Sister Ursula is wonderful help in the kitchen and makes the most delicious homemade chicken soup. Our sister is also very active in her neighborhood, providing dinners and help whenever any of her neighbors are down and out. Sister Ursula is also a valued member of TOPS.

Sister Connie Evens has been a member of Melba for over 40 years, and has held all of the offices within the Lodge. Sister Connie has been very active in Assembly the last two years, Sister Jean's year doing her year book (which was no easy task) and Sister Georgia's year working on making Assembly a spectacular occasion for all of us. Sister Connie is also a Historical Trustee. Along with the responsibility of serving the Assembly, Sister Connie has been doing double duty for Melba, as our beloved Treasurer has been ill and Sister Connie has been working with her on the books. Sister Connie is also a valued member of the American Legion.

Melba Lodge 105 members are very proud and happy to recognize Sister Ursula and Sister Connie with the Merit Jewel.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Mad
Hatter
Day

October
6th



3rd Degree at Owyhee #2



Denise Benham #19, Paula Miller,
Michael Miller & Mary Craddock #22



Members enjoying lunch
before the meeting

Silver City - On 27 Aug 2016, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the meeting of Owyhee #2 in Silver City. I eagerly got up, picked up my passengers and headed off to see this historic lodge. Little did I know that there were some bumps along the way, mainly the last stretch of road which consisted of sand, gravel, and rock, some of them big enough to require avoidance. My thought as we arrived was that a horse and buggy might have had an easier time navigating the road. However, the scenery was beautiful, and when we went into the lodge building, it was history itself. We had a very nice potluck lunch, and then proceeded upstairs to the lodge hall, where we held our meeting and bestowed the 3rd degree on four worthy candidates. It was a gorgeous ceremony, framed by the backdrop of this historic lodge. In reflection, the bumpy road only prepared me for the beauty of seeing these four people receiving their degree. Next year, however, I am considering a hot air balloon, or maybe a helicopter for the trip.

Linda Hopkins, Noble Grand Mountain Home #19

Ada # 3 Celebrates Labor Day with "Love Thy Neighbor Day"

Ada Lodge # 3 and Mountain Home Lodge # 19 provided Coffee, Water, Juice and Cookies to weary travelers on their way home on Labor Day Sept 5th. A good time was had by all with lots of fellowship with travelers from all over the U.S. We even had a biker from New Jersey who had left home over a year before. Ada #3 took on the west bound lanes and Mountain Home #19 took on the east bound lanes. Ada #3 took in more than \$115.00 in donations. We wish to Thank Walmart Neighborhood Market for their donations of Water and Cookies.

Submitted by
Glen Schultz



Greeting From the Historical Society

Caldwell - We have received Permission from the Assembly President and the Grand Master of Idaho. We are needing Donations, items or money to help with the much needed upgrading of some of the projects at the Caldwell Historical building.

Projects needing upgraded are the toilets Rebekah's office, Odd Fellows Office and both down Stairs bathrooms. Curtains are needing replaced in both Offices upstairs and down stairs rooms. Items we can use some extra towels for bathrooms, full size bed sheets, bedding, and any lamps floor or table.

Display items are also needed and welcome, if you have anything of Historical value that would be a nice addition to the museum. Do you have a lodge member that has done good things for the order, let's get a display up for them, even if it only on loan to the museum.

Thank you
Your Historical Society



Mountain Home Lodges Participate in Love Thy Neighbor Day



Mountain Home - On September 5th, Mountain Home's lodges (IOOF, Rebekah, and Encampment) joined Ada Lodge #3 at the eastbound rest stop between Boise and Mountain Home to hand out free cookies and drinks to travelers during Love They Neighbor Day. The event is held twice each Labor Day and Memorial Day, with Mountain Home members having helped out for the past couple of years. From 10am to 6pm, members of all participating local lodges set up free refreshments outside and chat with travelers as they take a break from the road. Some recognize the Orders through family who were/are members, while others are learning about us for the first time. One lady even remembered our float in the Rose Bowl parade (and this year's kissing bride and groom!). This event is a great opportunity to help spread awareness for the Orders, socialize with one another, and has even resulted in new members. Come join us sometime!

Kathryn Harlan, Lodge Reporter

Reception for Our Grand Master & Assembly President



Georgia Wickham, Assembly President
Tom Ashley, Grand Master

Caldwell - Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5 wants to thank all who came out Sunday, September 18, 2016 to the Lodge Hall in Caldwell to recognize and thank our Grand Master Tom Ashley and our Assembly President Georgia Wickham.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



35 Years!!!



Rose DeHaven & George McGaffick

Caldwell - Sister Rose DeHaven, of Gem of the Mountains, received her 35 year pin from Noble Grand George McGaffick, at their meeting September 6, 2016. During the past 35 years, Rose has held the office of Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Treasurer, and Musician, Supporters, Warden and Conductor, Guardians and Chaplain. Easier to say Sister Rose has held all of the offices, except Secretary. Rose is also an Associate Member in several of the Lodges in the area.

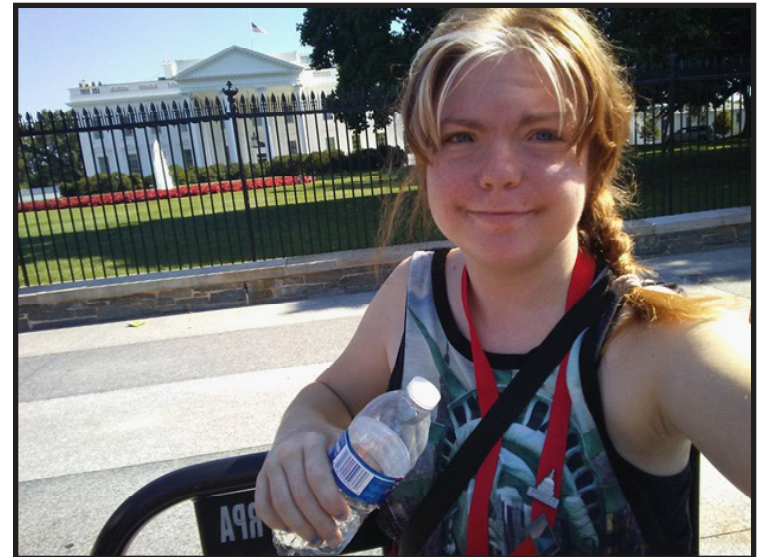
Submitted by Sandie Chandler



United Nations Educational Pilgrimage

By Emily Schultz Idaho Delegate

I left Boise Idaho on July 14th heading to Philadelphia, full of excitement and trepidations about the unknown. I had a 50 minute layover in Minneapolis that turned into a three hour delay due to maintenance issues. How exciting! I got to now fly in at night and found it to be really cool flying into Philadelphia seeing all the lights. I was the last one to join my group, meeting up with them at 10:30 at night. When I got to the airport my chaperone said, wait for the white van. I walk out to about 50 white vans within 20 minutes of waiting. Then two men waved at me and so I got into their van, then asked are you with the UNP? Kind of a funny story right? We talked about Skiing and told cool stories while heading to the hotel. Since I was the last one there my chaperone and I went to Philly's Diner together. Rebekah had a banana strawberry smoothie and I had a Belgian Waffle with cherries, strawberries, and



blueberries! Basically we talked about Snowboarding since it was on my mind all day. I showed her a video of a pro snow boarder named Scott Stevens and then my phone died. That was the end of my Philly tour.

The next part of our trip was the Washington D.C. tour. Where we went to Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Library of Congress, Pentagon Memorial, Supreme Court Building and the U S Capital. We had lunch at Union Station. My favorite part of the Washington D.C. tour was the Vietnam Memorial. One of the Odd Fellows members Bill Davey from Michigan and I were looking for a friend of his on the Vietnam Memorial that died in a hospital tent after a mortar rocket attack. We looked him up in the book and then found him on the Memorial wall. Bill told me his story and I will never forget. It was my most precious event of the trip.

The next stage on our tour was on to New York City! We went to Empire State Building, a musical on Broadway (Phantom of the Opera), and the United Nations Building. At the UN we had to prepare speeches. Topics to choose things that the United Nations wanted to improve throughout the world (about 20 items). I chose to talk about inequalities in education and Quality Education, and how we could make improvements. There were several very good speeches, some that even gave me chills!

We headed to Gettysburg PA and got to see the actual Gettysburg Battlefield. We went and watched a Presentation of how the Battle went down. After that presentation we viewed the actual battle of Gettysburg! We took a tour on the bus plus hiked parts of the Battle field. I talked to the tour guide about snowboarding and he pointed out a hill where they had the 2008 Winter X Games! An American snow boarder won a gold medal there. We were able to go inside a castle and see the amazing view from up top. I thought the battle field was beautiful and I would love to go there again someday.

Next we went on to Ottawa Canada, where we went to the Parliament Building. We toured the building and went to the top to look out onto the city. We got to see the Queens Chair where she sits when she is in town. She has not sat there since 1978. Went to the By Ward Market. It is like a mall. They had an area that was for performers where we saw a man juggle machetes, which you cannot do in the USA. We watched him escape from a straight jacket hanging above fire. The funny money they had, very colorful with the queen's picture on it.

Our last destination was Hersey PA. You'll never guess where we went while we were there. That's right Hersey World! We learned how to taste and eat Chocolate. We toured the factory from start to finish. I tried the Jr. Mint Milk Shake and it was soooo good! I also learned that Rees's Peanut Butter Cups, Twisler, Almond Joy and Kisses were all made By the Hersey Company.

We met a lot of great Odd Fellows and Rebekah's along the way! One Odd Fellow from New Jersey was making balloon animals and made me a Snowman. I want to thank Ada Lodge #3 and Nampa Lodge #40 for this fantastic once in a life time opportunity. I have grown as an individual and it has help me find myself and given me more confidence in the real world! I would encourage anyone to take advantage of this opportunity if given the chance.

Again, thank you very very much!

Emily Schultz



Idaho Rebekah Lodge No. 93 In Memory of Dalice Buchanon

On August 9, 2016, members of Idaho Rebekah Lodge lost a wonderful "Sister", friend and member when Dalice Buchanon passed away.

Dalice (Diane)(Schraff) Buchanon was born April 20, 1941, in Gooding, Idaho. She grew up between Pine and Boise, Idaho. Dalice was married in 1961 to Carl Edwards (later divorced) and had four children: Carla, Sandra, Hunter and Melinda. After moving from Grangeville to Gooding, she married Don Buchanon on July 4, 1981. She gained two step daughters, Mona and Dena and they have several grand children. Dalice and Don enjoyed spending time together especially attending craft bazaars where they sold crafts they made.

Dalice was a member of Gooding Marguerite No. 98 Rebekah Lodge and then transferred to Idaho No. 98, Wendell. A wonderful Rebekah for over 20 years. She held several offices including Noble Grand, several times! Anyone visiting Wendell Lodge Hall could see the art work that decorated our hall especially when the Presidents made their visits. Yes, we will miss her and her art talent very much.

Visitations for family and friends was held August 12th and a memorial graveside service was held Saturday, August 13th at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding with the Rebekahs assisting. Jean Floyd recited the Rebekah Creed as a special tribute.

The family recommended contributions be made to Idaho Rebekah Lodge No. 96 in Wendell.

Submitted by Juanita Thomas, No. 96, Wendell

Rebekahs Help With Luncheon

Wendell - Members of Idaho Rebekah Lodge No. 96 helped with the luncheon held for the memorial service of Richard Reeves, (husband of our member Yvonne Reeves), on Saturday, August 13th. We were assisted by Syringa No. 110 and Union No. 45 Rebekah members.

Submitted by Juanita Thomas, No. 96 Wendell



News From Syringa 110



Peg Roberson, Teresa Lara & Morgan Meyer

Jerome - Noble Grand Peg Roberson presented 'Clothing Protectors' (not bibs), to Teresa Lara and Morgan Meyer - both are employees of Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome.



Charlotte Merritt was pleased to accept 2 arm loads of School Bags from Shirley Shropshire. These bags were for the United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be filled with school supplies and sent to children who otherwise would have none.

Submitted by
Jean Floyd



CHILI FEED & Official Visit of the Grand Patriarch

November 21, 2016 @ 6pm
Cost is \$7.00 per person



Boise Lodge Hall
600 North Curtis #225
Boise, Idaho



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Syringa 110 Honors Desk Officers



Jerome - Noble Grand Marguerite "Peg" Roberson, (center), honored the desk officers of Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110, Jerome; Treasurer, Wilma Bragg, (left), and Secretary, Wanda Bragg, (right).

Submitted by Wanda Bragg

Photo by Assembly Photographer, Jean Floyd



Washington Battalion, PM

All Patriarchs Militants are Ordered to attend, if possible, the Washington Battalion Meeting:

Date: Oct 8, 2017

Place: Olympia Lodge
405 Columbia St. SW
Olympia, WA 98501-1036

Times:

8am - 11 pancake break

by Alpha Encampment with proceeds to UNEP

10am practice for Department meeting

We know that several Retired Generals and other guests will be present at the Department meeting which will be in conjunction with Dan's Testimonial.

11am Battalion Meeting

Dan Mathews
503 522 8730

general.dan.mathews@gmail.com

Idaho Falls Hosted Grand Lodge

Idaho Falls - The first meeting place of the IOOF of Bingham Lodge #14 in Idaho Falls was on the third floor of the Porter Hotel on Broadway. When Lily Rebekah Lodge #33 was intutued they also held their meetings there. The Odd Fellows built a new Odd Fellows Temple on the corner of Park Ave and A st. In the year 1907 the Odd Fellows and Rebekahsmoved into their new home, in which both branches of the Order have held regular meetings ever since.

The lower floor of the building was rented out to various renters. The upper floor has undergone three periods of reconstruction, one in 1928, one in 1948, and another in 1973 which changed the front door of the Lodge Hall to A St. and a ladies rest room and lounge refinished. A chairlift was also installed in the main stairway for the benefit of some of the older members. In the year 1892 an Odd Fellows home was contemplated by Grand Lodge to be built in Idaho Falls. In 1895 the building was started at a cost of \$8,500 on what is now Holmes Ave. Since it was never finished the building stood idle for several years. Bingham Lodge bought the property and sold it to Me. Martin for \$13,700, which was given to the Grand Lodge and it was held in trust until another home was build in Caldwell, this home is still in operation.

A meeting was held at the home of Pearl Morgan with co-hostess Pearl Jordan on Mon, Feb. 26, 1945 to organize a Past Noble Grands Club of Lily Rebekah Lodge #33. The membership was to consist of all Past Noble Grands.

Theta Rho was institutued April 19, 1947 by Effie Watkins, Past President of Rebekah Assembly of Idaho and Chairwoman of the Board of Control, Emma Smith, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly acted as Marshal.

Bingham Lodge #14 was instuted January 29, 1886 at Eagle Rock, Idaho by A.L. Simondi, P.G.M. In 1981 the name of Eagle Rock was changed to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Lily Rebekah Lodge #33 was instuted February 4, 1887 by N.C. Price, Grand Representative of Olive Branch Rebekah #94, Shelly which later consolidated with Lily Rebekah Lodge, February 3, 1938.

Odd Fellow of Bingham Lodge No. 14 of Idah Falls promoted another branch of Odd Fellowship known as the Encampment Branch on March 2, 1892, Home Encampment No. 13 was instituted by D.W. Figgins. Special Deputy Grand Patriarch.



SGL Community Ideas Final Part

Fraternal greetings from your Odd Fellow and Rebekah Membership Chairmen! This is our final article for the 2015-2016 term. It is our sincerest hope that these articles have given you many great ideas that your lodges can use to grow your membership through fun activities and events. Our final installment of the SGL's 100 Community Ideas for building membership will bring us to idea #85, but if you would like to have the final 15 ideas, just contact Sister Kathryn at kathryn.smith.ma@gmail.com and we'll get them right to you!

61. Annual "5K-10K Odd Run" for a cause. Lodge/GL organizes run to benefit a certain charity or someone in need.
62. Annual "Meal Program" for the homeless or at the home shelter during Thanksgiving or Christmas season: Members of the lodge prepare food packs and tour around their community to look for people on the streets and give them food. Or, lodges coordinate with local shelters and volunteer serving food for the homeless as well as sponsor the food served (if possible).
63. Annual "Sports Feast": Go to a basketball or tennis court or golf course to play sports to promote health to lodge members and prospective members or the community. Depends on the lodge members' sports interest. They do not have to be very good at a particular sport.
64. Annual Movie/Game Night: Lodge plays a movie of interest, a new movie or a game (baseball/basketball, etc.) at the lodge hall, a member's house or at the theater. Members prepare snacks, some drinks, popcorn and so on and just enjoy each other's company while watching a movie or a game.
65. Annual Dinner/Lunch for a cause: Lodge cooks food and invites people to go to the lodge for a good meal or some snacks or some beer. Any donation will be received and proceeds will be donated to a particular cause or charity.
66. Annual Mardi Gras party or dance at the lodge hall: Lodge organizes a party at the lodge hall for people to meet others in the community and just enjoy. Awards given to best dancer or best costume, etc.
67. Annual "Prospect Night" or "Open House": Lodge organizes open house at the lodge hall with invitations sent to various people at least a month or a week before. Food, snacks and drinks should be provided. There will be a video or Power Point presentation about the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, our history, what we do and what we aim to do. Brochures and application forms may be handed out.
68. Participate in any local parade or festival organized by the local city or town or help spearhead or organize the July 4th Parade or pumpkin feast in the town/city.
69. During town or city events, allow organizers to use your parking lot for a first aid station or for Porta-Johns.
70. If your building is being repaired or needs a new design, offer local mechanical drawing students or architecture students the chance to compete for a certain dollar amount scholarship or prize for the best design.
71. Establish a fund in your lodge for assisting individuals in the community who have dire issues and send a payment to that individual. Often, we read about a young cancer patient who cannot afford the bill, a loss in the family where the breadwinner has died, a fire where a family or individual loses everything, and so on.
72. Challenge each lodge member to do something good for someone out in the community on the day of a meeting and each member report such action or deed under Good of the Order.
73. As a lodge, join a local Historical Society to learn and share history with the community. Share the history of your lodge and the Order.
74. As a lodge, join a Chamber of Commerce to let the community know you take part in community interests. Often, those holding membership are included in a public listing. Let everyone see you are part of your community.
75. Hold a legal raffle (registered, abiding by state laws) and sell tickets in your community. Let the community know they are supporting a non-profit by purchasing tickets from the I.O.O.F.
76. Write an article on any significant historical facts of events concerning the lodge and submit to the media.
77. Volunteer to assist a local Veterans of Foreign Wars to place flag on tombstones of veterans.
78. The lodge may volunteer to clean up an old cemetery.
79. The lodge may volunteer services to assist in city events, as ushers and information personnel.
80. Organize a clean-up crew to clean up debris and other trash from shorelines, rivers, streams and creeks.
81. Invite the community into the hall to watch musicians of the lodge perform.
82. Invite the community into the hall to watch a chess tournament.
83. Invite the community into the hall to listen to poetry readings.
84. Invite the community into the hall to celebrate our 150th anniversary.
85. Invite the community into the hall for an open house.

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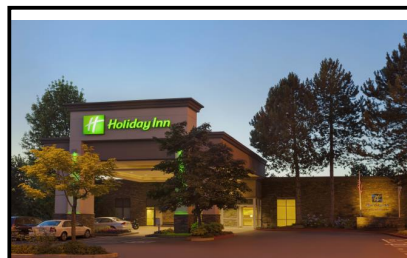
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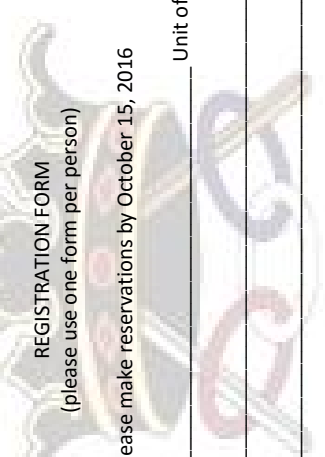
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REGISTRATION FORM
 (please use one form per person)
 Please make reservations by October 15, 2016

Name: _____ Unit of Order _____
 Highest Current or Past Title: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Thursday November 3, 2016

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| A bus trip to Multnomah Falls. The bus will load At the Hotel at 1:00 pm. | Free |
| BBQ dinner 6:00 pm. Bus leaves hotel 5:00 pm. | Free |

Friday November 4, 2016

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| Pacific North West Department Council Session at 9:00 am. | \$ 15.00 |
| Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting | \$ 40.00 |
| Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Banquet Chicken Marsala _____ Caraway Crusted Pork Chop _____ | \$ 50.00 |

Saturday November 5, 2016

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| Testimonial Banquet and Entertainment All American Buffet | \$ 50.00 |
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 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
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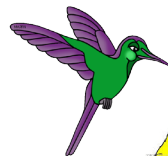
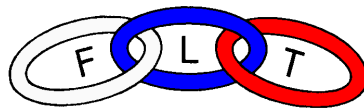
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