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## Initiation at Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Sister Ursula White (Conductor) with our new member Sister Cori Niehoff, along with Sister Sharon McGaffick (Warden).



Sister Jelene Baird introducing our Lodge Deputy Brother Bob Covert and assisting with the introduction Sister Sharon McGaffick.

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105's April 10th meeting was very busy. During this meeting we had initiation. We are very happy to introduce our newest member, Cori Niehoff. A big thank you to Sister Marge Harlan of Guiding Star #4, and Sisters Connie Schultz and Margaret Idle of Unity #8 for helping us do the degree work. Sister Kathy Coleman also a member of Unity 8 attended our meeting. After initiation, Brother Bob Covert, our Lodge Deputy, made his official visit and did the unwritten work and gave an inspiring talk. After the meeting, we had a great time eating cake and ice cream and visiting with our new member and visitors.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

#### Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37



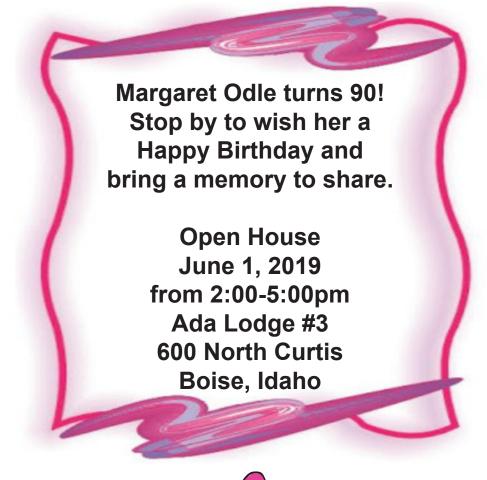
Jan VanDenBerg, NG; President Pat, Laurel Finch

Caldwell - Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37 entertained Assembly President, Pat Marvin, when she made her official visit to Pansy Lodge on February 12, 2019. President Pat and her husband Donnie were treated to lunch at Mr. V's prior to the meeting. She was introduced by Laurel Finch. Jan VanDenBerg, Noble Grand, presented her with a gift from the lodge. There were 19 in attendance which included Pansy members. The program was given by Virginia Moberly and Laurel Finch. We enjoyed the President's message. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Virginia Moberly









-Happy Cinco de Mayo-



# UNITY REBEKAH LODGE #8 INVITES YOU TO OUR BINGO GAME NIGHT!



June 21, 2019 7:00 to 11:00 P.M.

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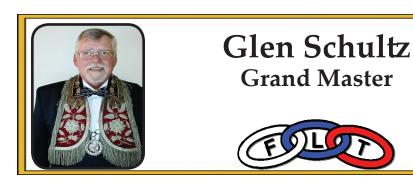


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Greeting Brothers and Sisters of the I have completed Jurisdiction of Idaho! most of my visitations, still have the northern lodges, that I'm looking forward to attending, and hope to complete them by the end of this month. I have really enjoyed visiting all the lodges that I have been too. You do find passionate people that care a lot about our history and the true meaning of Being an Odd Fellow. As I come away from each lodge, I find I have learned so much from them with Ideas of growing our membership. I then share the information I was able to learn from them with the next lodges I visit. I hope we all take advantage of these ideas and make membership a priority for all of us.

I was also able to attend and participate in the obligations and initiatory degree work that was performed at our Historic Lodge, Pioneer #1, in March. We had 14 new members go through degree work, all were a great bunch of people and will be an asset to the order.

Just want to remind everyone about our 200th Anniversary in North America on April 26th 2019. Let's celebrate these events, even if it's just a special day at your lodge. The Grand Lodge is hosting a BBQ in their parking lot on Saturday April 27th Noon till 4:00. Serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. They are asking everyone to bring a side dish. I hear roomers that there will be a surprise for us, so bring your family and friends, maybe a new member to take a tour of the museum and see our rich history. Should be a lot of fun and fellowship.



# Pat Marvin Assembly President



Greetings. I am sitting here with my schedule for the next month thinking that everything is going so fast I wish it would slow down. I am having a great time visiting with the Lodge's and all of the wonderful members and will enjoy the memories of this experience for a long time. We are now coming up on the 200th anniversary of our Order and what better way to bring awareness to us than celebrating this occasion. Take this opportunity to show your community who you are and what we do and then ask them to join with us in continuing to be a great civic charitable organization. Display that you are having a membership drive and have those applications ready to hand out, and don't forget to get the names of any prospects to follow up with them later. If you each bring in one new member, your Lodge Will benefit from the increase in fellowship more than anything else. With the warmer weather finally here make plans to go visiting our other Lodge's and get to know each other again. The more you visit with others, the stronger the bonds become across our jurisdiction and the more fun we have.

What do you call an old snowman? A puddle!

## Snowmen aren't forever



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#### **Greetings from Syringa #110**











Jerome - Members ended the year by delivering goody plates to shut-ins; supplies to Valley House and Voices Against Violence; clothes and toys to a local family; plus lots of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and Cover-up tops to a care center.

Our officers for the coming year are: NG, Jean Floyd; VG Beverly Weighall; Sec., Wilma Bragg; Tres., Juanita Thomas; Warden and Lodge Deputy, Gerry Milton; Conductor, Cleora Tayler; Guardian, Shirley Shropshire; Chaplain, Jim Weighall.

In January, we attended the joint (Dist. 3) installation held at the Wendell lodge hall. Thomas Wildey was the "guest of honor" at our January meeting with birthday cake and party hats. February we celebrated Valentine's Day with a program on over 100 year old Valentines.

We will be busy in March - hosting the District 3 meeting on the 9th and March 11th our RA President, Pat Marvin, makes her official visit.

A big shout out to two of our members, Jean Floyd and Shirley Shorpshire for perfect attendance in 2018.

Reporter - Juanita Thomas

What do you call a snowman in Hawaii? A Puddle.



#### White Pine Rebekah Lodge



Virginia Rood, Dawn Cloin, Kathleen Kingston VG, Christina Supak NG, Kaela Umphenour and Michelle Berreth.

Weippe - As February blew in we at White Pine Rebekah Lodge had the pleasure of initiating 4 new members to our group. They came to us from various sources – friendships outside of lodge, and our involvement in the local food bank and other community projects. We were all very excited and pleased to have these four women join with us in spreading Friendship, Love and Truth in our small community. Since initiation we have already put them to work helping with our various community projects. A Big Welcome to: Michelle Berreth, Dawn Clion, Virginia Rood and Kaela Umphenour.

We are busy getting things ready for Pat Marvin Assembly Presidents visit to our lodge on April 9 and putting together the finishing touches as hosts for our District Meeting April 13th. If you're in the area drop by and welcome our new members then join us for a fun filled time.

In F.L. & T. Vickie Jorgenson, Reporter



The Following was found on a yellowed sheet of paper in a Lodge History Book. Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37 felt it was very appropriate to honor the 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship.

Submitted by Virginia Moberly

#### THE THREE LINKS

By C.L. Erickson I.O.O.F. Home Caldwell. Idaho

Those are only just three links.
That I wear upon my coat.
Perhaps someone might ask of me.
What do those links denote?
I do not wear those links for style.
But of them I am proud to boast.
For all the keepsakes that I have,
I love those links the most.

The first link it does tell to me,
That somewhere I have a friend.
Who will stand by me when trouble comes,
And stick by me to the end.
And that is often worth to me,
Much more than gold can buy.
And to prove to him, my honesty,
I hope I will always try.

The second link it tells of love,
For God and all mankind
It is bound so closely to Friendship,
That we may always find.
A friend whose heart, is filled with Love,
Who will always condescend.
To help the traveler by the roadside,
And courage to him lend.

The last link that we have is Truth,
The greatest of them all.
It makes us think of God above,
Who does hear our every call.
It points to us our destiny,
When God shall bid us come.
And gives us Hope, that high above,
God has prepared a home.

The middle link it binds the two,
So that they cannot part.
For true Friendship cannot exist,
Without a loving heart.
United like that solid chain,
We may always hope to stand.
And be a friend to those in need,
And lend a helping hand.

#### **Dictionaries**



Brother Tom Ashley telling the 3rd graders about the dictionaries

Nampa - Nampa Lodge #40 distributed dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Lake Ridge Elementary. Lake Ridge has approximately 100 3rd graders and each child received his/her very own dictionary. This is the first year that Nampa Lodge #40 has done this, however, the school was happy for their 3rd graders and hope that we will continue this project. Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert, and Sister Sandie Chandler handed out the dictionaries.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

#### Melba Lodge #105's Living Legacy



Brother Bob Covert working on the whole where the tree is to be planted.



Job accomplished and now the tree is in its new home.

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 donated and planted a Yellow Magnolia tree to Melba's Park and Recreation to fulfill their obligation for the Living Legacy. With the help of the Park and Recreation Department, members of Melba #105 planted the tree Friday the 12th at the City Park of Melba. Those present were Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley, and Sister Sandie Chandler.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

#### Idaho Odd Fellow/Rebekah News

Miss your paper last month? Sorry it was not printed. The News Paper Board met the end of February, after the March issue had been printed. We made the decision to not print the paper for April, due to the amount of funds we collect from dues, does not cover the cost of printing 12 issues. We purchased a printer to reduce the cost of printing, which it has done, and we are saving \$121.33 per issues or \$1,456.00 per year. However, it still cost \$5,777.00 a year to produce the paper and we only collect \$3,438.00 from dues from all members. We do collect money each year from donations, but that money is not guaranteed. The board also elected to cancel printing for June and July, but will print August and September prior to our Grand Sessions in Moscow. At that time, we will ask the Grand Bodies what they would like to do. Such as go to all digital, print quarterly, bi-monthly, raise the subscription rate or close out the newspaper all together. Talk to your representatives and let them know what your lodge wants to do. We could even e-mail the paper and each lodge prints out a copy for the members to read. It's up to you. Thank you,

Idaho Odd Fellows Rebekah News Board Members

## Melba #105 Visit from Assembly President





Nampa - Assembly President, Pat Marvin, made her official visit to Melba #105 on February 13, 2019. To start the afternoon off, Melba #105 had a no host dinner at LaBaron's then ventured across the street to Nampa #40's Lodge Hall. There Sister Pat Marvin was introduced and presented with a corsage and gift from the members of Melba #105. Brothers Glen Schultz (Grand Master of Idaho), Jeff Mann (Grand Secretary and Grand Patriarch of Idaho), Donnie Marvin (Grand Treasurer of Idaho) along with Assembly Secretary Sister Vicky Kiele and Assembly Treasurer Sister Barbara Stone were present. We also had several appointed officers of the Rebekah Assembly.

We enjoyed Sister Pat Marvin's speech and the year book from her mother's year. Amazing how we have changed! Sisters Jelene Beard and Connie Evans along with Brother Tom Ashley accompanied by Brother Bob Covert on the piano sang several songs then everyone joined in. One of the songs was Frosty the Snowman, and low-and-behold, Frosty showed up! In total we had 9 members present from Melba; 2 members from Guiding Star; 3 members from Unity; and 1 member from Kooskia; and 3 from Priscilla; making a total of 18 members present.

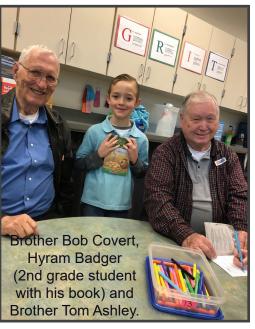
Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Picture 1: Sisters Jelene Baird (Introduction Committee), Noble Grand Connie Evans, Assembly President Pat Marvin and Sharon McGaffick (Introduction Committee).

Picture 2: Distinguish Guests: Sisters Jelene Baird (Introduction Committee and PAP), Barbara Stones (Assembly Treasurer), Vicky Kiele (Assembly Secretary, Brothers Glen Schultz (Grand Master), Jeff Mann (Grand Secretary and Grand Patriarch) and Donnie Marvin (Grand Treasurer), and Sister Sharon McGaffick (Introduction Committee and PAP).



#### Nampa 40



Looking for a fun day? Donate books to your local elementary school and deliver them. **Brothers** Tom Ashley and Bob Covert and Sister Sandie Chandler went to Lake Ridge Elementary School,

March 7, 2019 and helped with the distribution of the books that Nampa 40 donated to them. Our job was to make sure that they put their names in their books. One little girl wrote every letter of her name (first, middle, and last name) in a different color. All of the children were excited and happy to be getting their very own book to take home with them.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



#### **Grand Master's Letter**

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My current visitation schedule for May is, Orofino #64 May 11, Crystal #103, May 13, Coeur D' Alane #34, May 14, Banner #67 May 16, and Craigmont #67 May 17.

Remember to keep those members that are shut-ins in your mind and go visit them, I know they would love to see you!

In FL&T Glen A. Schultz, Grand Master of Idaho.



## **District 4 Meeting**



District Deputy President of District 4 Sister Laurel Finch presenting Brother Tom Ashley with his Past District Deputy President pin.



Noble Grand, Jan VanDenBerg of Pansy #37 accepting the District 4 Banner from Noble Grand Connie Evans of Melba #105.

Nampa - District 4 held their annual meeting February 16, 2019 at Nampa IOOF Hall in Nampa. Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 was the host. Registration started at 8:30 am, and then around 9:45 am those present Grand/Secretaryattended the Noble TreasurermeetingleadbyAssemblyPresident Pat Marvin and Assembly Secretary Vicky Kiele. Sister Vicky Kiele told us that next year the Annual Report will be done via the computer. Sister Vicky also addressed the form we receive from the State of Idaho and that we need to make sure that we respond to it. Sister Pat Marvin spoke on membership.

At 10 am Melba #105 opened the Lodge and after introductions and sick and distress the meeting was turned over to the District Committee which was Sister Jelene Baird, Chairman, and Sister Connie Evans, Secretary/Treasurer. Members from District 4 present were from Pansy 37, Unity 8, and Melba 105 (there were several present that are Associate Members of Rose), Guiding Star 4 and Kooskia 64. Melba 105 did a skit with hats. There were lively discussions during the meeting, especially when it came to the proper way to fill out a dues card (note: I am still confused when it comes to this). Pansy 37 invited the members of District 4 to Caldwell next year.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13

White Bird - Well, if April showers bring May flowers, then White Bird should be a burst of color in May. And that's a good thing, because on May 5th we will be having our annual Spring Fiesta Dinner. And this year it's actually on Cinco de'Mayo, so we're extra excited about that. We serve all Mexican food including chili rellenos, chicken enchiladas, homemade pork tamales, Mexican lasagna, South Western salad, rice,

beans and flan. It is usually a well attended event as the food has a great reputation of it's own. This year the proceeds will go toward support of our sacred Hall.

We have many other plans in the works too, including an upcoming visit from President Pat Marvin, and the dinner and entertainment that goes along with it. Our Easter Bake Sale is soon, and placing memorial flags for our deceased members before Memorial Day, then Pie in the Park on Memorial Day to accompany the local American Legion events as well as the presentation of Quilts of Honor and Quilts of Valor. I will be telling you all about it as we move forward into spring.

In FL&T Respectfully submitted by Mary Pedersen

# AFTER 92 YEARS UNMARKED GRAVE OF REMARKABLE BOISE WOMAN WILL HAVE HEADSTONE

This is an excerpt from the Idaho Statesman article on Corilla Robbins

Boise pioneer Corilla Robbins led a remarkable life. She crossed the plains from Missouri to Idaho, leading a team of prairie schooners with her husband and four children in 1876. She rode to Idaho City in Boise's first horse-drawn taxi.

In 1903, when the first automobile arrived in Boise, a roadster, she was the first woman to take a ride. When the first airplane arrive in 1919, naturally Robbins, then 73, was among the first to jump aboard the bi-plane and fly over Boise. "That was some ride," Robbins told the Idaho Statesman after the flight. "Believe me, I wouldn't have missed it for anything.



What Robbins didn't get when she died in 1927 at age 81 was a headstone. For 92 years, her grave in Pioneer Cemetery on Warm Springs Avenue has remained unmarked. Her husband Rube Robbins erected a 10 foot high pedestal that marks his grave, but left nothing for her.

Corilla was a prominent on her own and deserves recognition. She led the suffrage movement in Idaho, She toured Idaho establishing Rebekah lodges. She also cared for orphaned children in her home on Warm Spring Avenue, At age 79 Robbins was arrested for operating a maternity ("lying in") hospital in her home without a license. A jury found her guilty. She was fined \$50, equivalent to \$722 today. The conviction was overturned on appeal."

Doing a little research on my own, I found that Corilla Robbins was the third Rebekah Assembly President in the State of Idaho in 1895, and she was from Unity #8 in Boise.

Submitted by Jelene Baird, Past President

# Caldwell #10 Donates to the Caldwell Library Summer



In back from left Jeff Newell, Jeff Mann, Stephen Mann and Bob Weygandt. In front from left Elle and Fiona from library Noble Grand Mary Thorsen and Stewart Smith

Caldwell - Caldwell #10 donates 700 dollars to the Caldwell Library Summer Reading Program again this year. The lodge has donated to the Library Summer Reading Program for many years and hopes to continue to do so. The reading program is worthy cause to be a part of helping to educate the youth in the community. If you haven't been to the library in Caldwell for awhile you should stop in to see all the fun and exciting things they are doing.

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**Rhea Kroenche** 

November 24, 1943 To February 22, 2019





White Bird, Idaho - Our Sister, Rhea Smurthwaite Weems Kroencke, 75, died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 22, 2019, due to complications following surgery. Rhea was born on Nov. 24, 1943 in Cottonwood, Idaho, to parents William "Bill" and Lena Taylor Smurthwaite of White Bird. She worked at many different occupations during her life, and while working for Heckman Cattle Company in 1966, she met and married her best friend Johann "John" Kroencke. They were blessed with 47 years of marriage and 5 children before John passed away in 2014 due to cancer.

Rhea's service was at the White Bird Cemetery on March 1, 2019, with Sister Tammy Stone officiating. It was lovely, and included music that Rhea had requested. During the service, we Rebekahs honored our dear departed sister with a memorial speech and prayer, and then we each laid a flower on the bier for Sister Rhea.

Sister Rhea joined the Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge in White Bird in 1962. Though she was away for many years, she maintained her membership with us. When she and John returned to White Bird, she became an active member, fulfilling the office of Noble Grand twice. Rhea was a Sister Rebekah for 57 years.

To be a Rebekah signifies a desire to contribute to a kinder world through volunteerism and example. Sister Rhea was always ready to volunteer, whether by cooking, sewing, fundraisers, planning floats and many other projects. While Noble Grand, Rhea was instrumental in placing the beautiful Veteran's Memorial Monument in our City Park.

The service was followed by a well-attended community dinner for family and friends at the IOOF Hall. Food was provided by the Sisters and the community.

And here is A Message from Rhea:

We will miss you Sister Rhea. We already do.

Submitted by Mary Pedersen

#### **Joint Planning Board Notice**

At the last meeting of the Joint Planning Board, discussion of who is a voting member of the Board was brought up. Constitutions of our Grand Bodies it is stated that the Second and Third in Command and the Secretary of the Grand Body are the current voting members of the Board. The purpose of the Board is to determine specific dates on the current calendar year to help the upcoming Grand Masters, Presidents, and Grand Patriarchs determine when they make certain visits to Districts, certain other State Functions they must attend, etc. If they don't attend the meetings of the Planning Board, they will not have much of a say in those decisions as the Board only meets twice a year. Another topic discussed was the dates that Lodges around the state have functions they plan for various fund raisers, We encourage all Lodges to send announcements or a save the date notice themselves to the Newspaper for these functions so that everyone around the State can have an opportunity to visit and support these functions. The Planning Board does not determine those dates and will not be listing them in the upcoming dates posted in the Newspaper for the Planning Board.

Submitted by Pat Marvin, Secretary



#### **Carnation Living Legacy 2019**



Coeur d'Alene - On April 17, 2019, Bonnie Kemple and Shannon Vieth, members of Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 presented to Wendy Nau, Recreation Assistant at the Lewiston Veterans Home, 2 rose bushes to be planted in their rose garden to honor our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who have served our country.

They were appreciative of our gift and said that the residents had enjoyed the bush that we donated last year.

Bonnie Kemple, Reporter



# **COMING EVENTS 2019**

MAY 2019

3 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4 REBEKAH DIST 2

18 PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 27 LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

11 IOOF DIST 6

CALDWELL 10 AM

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**BLACKS CREEK** 

JUNE 2019

? ENC. DEGREE RALLY

**BOISE** 

22 OWYHEE 2

SILVER CITY

JULY 2019

13 IDAHO BATTALION

BOISE

AUGUST 2019

2 HISTORICAL SOCIETY 18-22 SGL/IRA SESSIONS CALDWELL 10 AM BALTIMORE, MD

24 OWYHEE #2

SILVER CITY

SEPTEMBER 2019

13 PLANNING BOARD

CALDWELL 10 AM

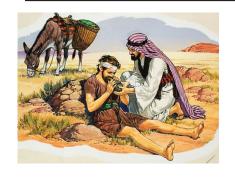
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