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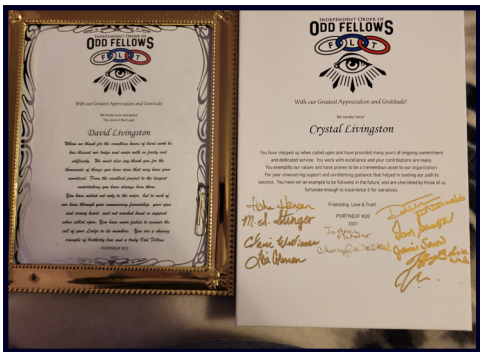
## News from Portneuf #20

Portneuf Lodge #20 brought in 4 more members in November. We now have 20 members and more applications to read this year. We have great plans to expand. I am happy to say our Noble Grand Dustin Irish-Webb has made an exciting outline of growth and expansion for 2022. Keep an eye out for our updates...we are expecting something fun every month.

Portneuf Lodge #20 had a fun joint party with the Rebekahs for Christmas. We had a Pot Luck, Secret Santa, and games with our members and their families. We enjoyed it so much we are going to make it happen at least one time a quarter.



As a part of getting our name out into the community Portneuf Lodge #20 has gotten into Annual Craft Fairs. We did November and December in 2021 and we are doing our first Annual Valentines Day Fair on the first weekend of February. We will be doing at least 4 a year. Hope to see you guys coming down. Our December Craft Fair was also a fundraiser for Toys for Tots and we were able to donate \$375.00 and about 10 toys. Very successful for the lodge and will be even bigger next year.



Portneuf Lodge #20 is excited to share the awards they have given to two of their members. Crystal Livingston was given recognition for all she does in the lodge. David Livingston was given a plaque of appreciation and a Merit Jewel. When these were presented Dan Sanow gave an explanation as to how important the Merit Jewel is. Crystal and David were very grateful.



We would like to say we had a great Birthday Party for Thomas Wildey on January 16th after our new officers were put into office. We had cupcakes and enjoyed each others company. Our officers are Noble Grand-Dustin Irish-Webb, Vice Grand-David Livingston, Secretary-Crystal Livingston, Financial Secretary-Cherryl Walker, Treasurer-Lisa Coleman. Dustin filled all of the appointed officers in their place also.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston



## Ramblings From The Grand Secretary

As I try to learn what is expected of me as the new Grand Secretary, it feels overwhelming. But little by little I am starting to grasp it. I'm sure it will be years before I get it all.

The executive board has been meeting regularly to see where we stand and what tasks have to be completed. We first wanted to get a grasp on the financial status and where all the funds are, (banks, investment companies, money markets) and see where we stand. So far everything looks great! Jeff and Donnie did a great job getting the money housed in one location and into separate accounts within that one location. It has been easy to find records and track payments. Thanks guys!

Due to covid over the past two years, most of our committees have fallen by the wayside. The executive board wants to get them going again. We need to know who is coming off, who was appointed, who is going to be appointed and so forth. Do not be surprised when asked to be on a committee.

The board has made a commitment to the Lodges of Idaho. That commitment is "What can the Grand Lodge do to help you". Be it for helping you increase your membership, filling out reports, building concerns, we will be there for you.

Glen Schultz  
Grand Secretary of Idaho

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I begin my year, I thought it was necessary to finalize President Cathy's raffle. I am happy to announce that I gave Sister Vicky Kiele \$195.00 to send to Alzheimer's Research in Sister Cathy's name. The Raffle winners were:

Comforter - Christina Supak - Warden RAI  
Garden Angel - Sharon McGaffick - PP RAI  
Dream Catcher - Louise Bishop

I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in Cathy's name to allow this generous gift to be given to research ways to help those who contact dementia and Alzheimer's.

In F,L & T,  
Deb Whitney, President, RAI



### Patriarchs and Matriarchs

We live in an unprecedented time. Covid is again on the rise, and hospitals are enacting emergency procedures. The economy is experiencing a high rate of inflation which is affecting our groceries, fuel, and amenities. Idaho is experiencing rapid growth, and the housing market here in the valley is at an all-time high with no end in sight. With all of this comes change. Change to our state, changes to our households, and change to our lodges and encampments. Change can bring uncertainty, and it can bring fear, but it can also provide opportunities.

Heraclitus said: "the only constant in life is change," but that doesn't make it easy. It doesn't matter if you are young, or old, rich, or poor, a leader, or follower; change is hard. As leaders, the burden falls on you all to help your lodge (or any organization) cope with change. Multiple books are written on this subject, but most use the term 'Change Management.' I like this term because if something can be managed, it can be controlled; there is no reason to fear what can be controlled.

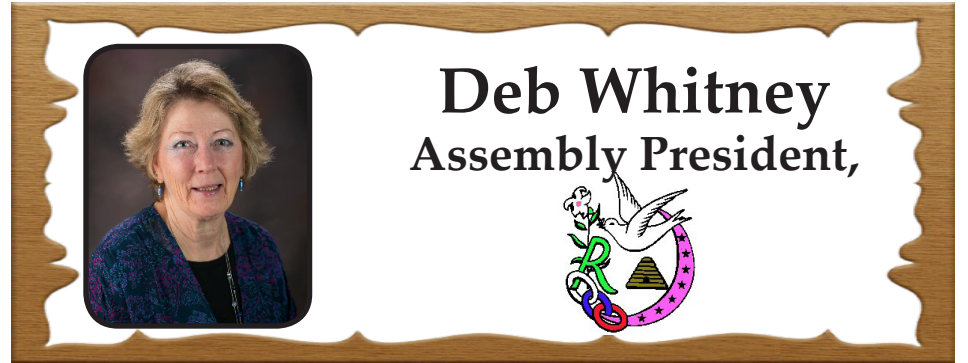
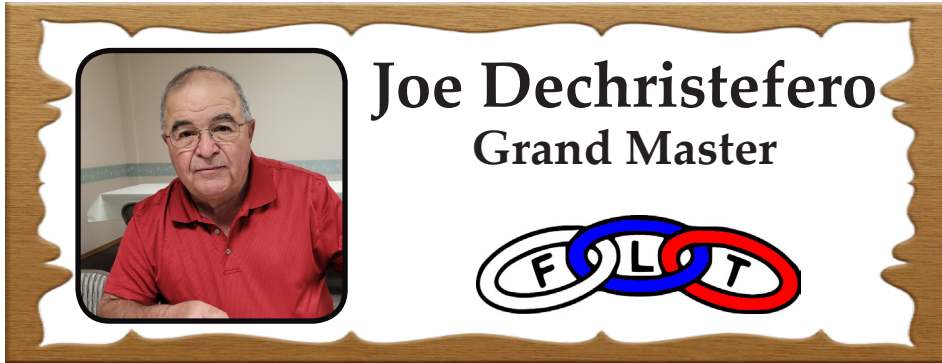
Most of us manage change as individuals, but as more people become involved it becomes very complex. In order to manage change within a group, you need two things: a common vision, direction, or action plan, and buy-in from your team. Often you will have a vision of what needs to happen, but so does everyone else in the room. This could end with everyone doing 'what is best for the organization', but with no common vision, members acting independently create chaos which leads to uncertainty, and again fear.

Communication is key to resolving these differences. Ideas need to be vetted out with full transparency and a detailed path needs to be chosen with everyone committed to that vision. Commitment is to understand, accept, and align with the plan. This is key to managing change, without this fundamental principle, organizations fracture into 'tribes' who work against each other causing strife and mistrust leading to an unhealthy and unproductive environment.

Our meetings follow Roberts Rules of Order, all ideas are heard, and everyone participates. The result is a path chosen by the majority of the group. But what of those who do not side with the majority?

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Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters!! Hope this addition of the newsletter finds you happy and safe!!

For those of you that are not aware, your New Grand Lodge Officers were elected and installed at a Special Sessions Meeting on 12/11/21 at Ada#3 Lodge, Boise, ID. Thirty plus of our Brother and Sisters participated in the nominations and installation.

Your current Grand Lodge Officers are: Myself Grand Master. Deputy Grand Master, Tom Ashley. Grand Warden, Bob Covert. Grand Secretary, Glen Schultz. Grand Treasurer, Marge Harlan. Your Grand Trustees are James Weighall, Don Harlan and one to be appointed.

It was my honor to step in and serve during the Grand Lodge vacancy from July –December 2021. I look forward to serving as your current Grand Master.

Now I would be remiss if I didn't voice a well deserved THANK YOU!! To our outgoing Grand Officers, Jeff Mann, Stephen Mann, Donny Marvin, Tom Ashley and Glen Schultz. Thanks immensely to You All for Your service!!

I'm sure 2022 will be a successful year because I will have the help and guidance of My Executive Board who have years and years of service in executive positions with Grand Lodge, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampment and Patriarch Militant.

Since 12/11/21, Your Executive Board has met numerous times and are making plans to promote communication, education, building upkeep, training to promote membership and other important areas.

Myself and The Executive Board have an open door policy and encourage your ideas and suggestions Be assured that if you or your lodge needs help we are here!! I'm looking forward to meeting up with you during my lodge visits.

Joe DeChristefero ,  
Grand Master of Idaho



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you all so much for allowing me to be your President. I have held many offices at Assembly. I'm so honored to hold this office and represent your great state and our fraternal order of Friendship, Love and Truth. I am looking forward to my visitations and meeting you all, it takes a village, and it will take us all to get through this year. I just want to say "Thank You" now to those of you who have agreed to be my officers, and a huge thanks to our secretary, Ms. Vicky, for her continued help and direction.

We have a problem sisters and brothers, our order is diminishing, we have lost 2 lodges just this past year and I fear there will be more. We need members, bring light to your organization and help our order survive. If you do get new members, help them be successful, don't put them in an office without instruction, help them to make sure they learn and are comfortable in their roles. I began as a Theta Rho girl and under the guidance of 2 wonderful leaders that made sure we understood our roles not only in the order, but in our community. This made my transition to Rebekah's so easy. Not everyone gets that however, please help new members to feel welcomed and answer their questions. Assist them with the secret work, passwords, working in and out of the lodge and help them maneuver the offices and floor work, we all need help now and then, provide that helping hand.

Again, Thank You to everyone for their trust in me, it will take us all to make this a great year.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Deb Whitney  
President, Rebekah Assembly of Idaho 21-22



## Grand Patriarch's Message Con't from page 2

Fortunately, Change Management Theory dictates that in a healthy environment, so long as a person's voice is heard, regardless of the outcome of the debate, they are likely to commit and therefore participate in the objectives of the chosen path. When done properly, the individual's concerns have been addressed or at least acknowledged and their ideas have influenced the plan, even to a minor extent. By voicing concerns, the individual engages with the ideas proposed within the forum, and in doing so becomes involved in the formation of the plan, even if it isn't the direction he or she would prefer, and in the end, the time, and resources they have spent give them the buy-in required for their commitment.

As you interact with your lodges and encampments over the next few months, I hope you will keep this principle in mind because if we fail to plan for change and direct it to our benefit, change will happen outside of our control.

In FH&C  
Don Harlan  
Chief Grand Patriarch

### Nampa 40 Odd Fellow's Doings



Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert with representatives from the Nampa Police Department



Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert with a representative from the Nampa Fire Department

Nampa 40 Odd Fellow Lodge has been busy. We handed out Dictionaries to approximately 64 3rd Graders at Centennial Elementary School in Nampa. This is the first year we have gone to Centennial. We learned about Ada 3 Odd Fellow Lodge and Unity 8 Rebekah Lodge and the snack boxes they gave to Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, acknowledging their dedication during these trying times. We decided to honor the Nampa Police Department and Nampa Fire Department with the snack boxes. This was our way of saying "thank-you!" for their dedication during these times of uncertainties. Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert and Sister Sandie Chandler delivered the snack boxes to both groups. Nampa 40 members attended the Christmas Dinner at Ada 3. Loads of good food and wonderful friendship!

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

### Just A Note From Your Secretary

Since it has been a while since I have talked or seen many of you I would like to let you know how things are going.

We are trying to move forward this year, by now your lodge secretaries should have received your packets containing the information for President Deb Whitney's officers and dates for visitations. This has been a very difficult couple of years for all of us. Including me! No I have not been in the hospital but my husband Terry has, he is doing much better now.

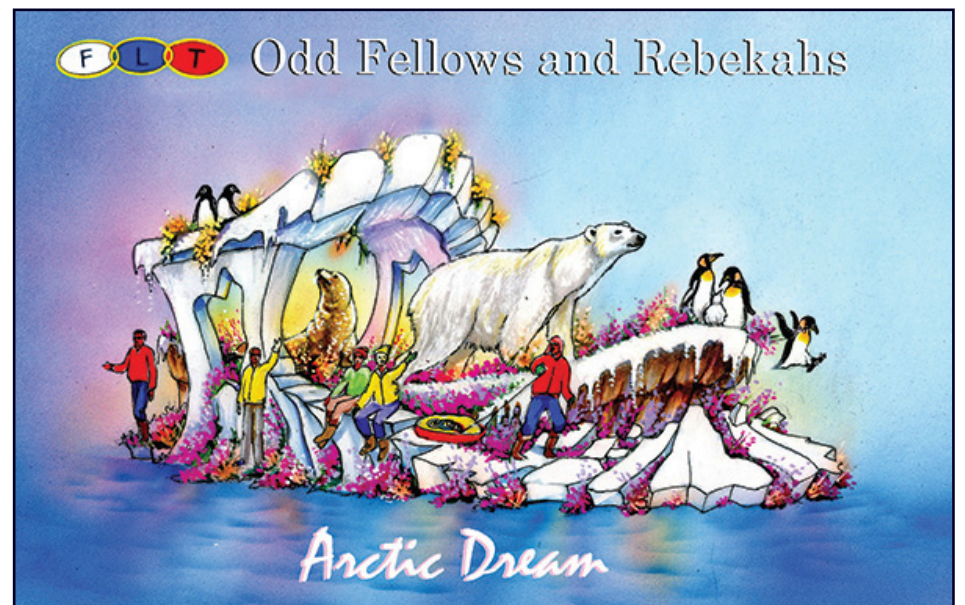
I apologize for things not getting out on time and for the mistakes made on your Annual Reports, hopefully we have those all straightened out.

I hope that by now all of you are holding regular meetings. Please Sisters and Brothers if you should have an Assembly Ritual or Assembly Jewel, and you are not one of Sister Deb's officers, please return them to this office ASAP. It would be nice if the newly appointed officers get to use them before Assembly (which will be held in Boise, in October). Congratulations to the new Assembly Officers and the new Grand Lodge Officers.

As always if you have questions don't be afraid to ask. Again, I am asking if it is not an emergency please do not call before 9am pacific time, after 5pm pacific time and not at all on the weekends because that is my time reserved for family and quilting.

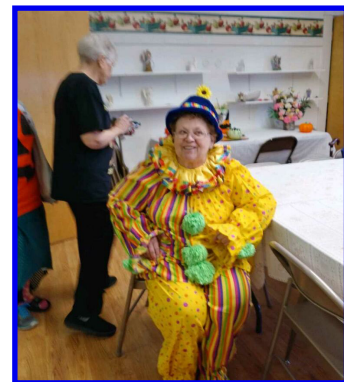
Well enough for now please remember Faith, Hope and Charity to all.

In Friendship, Love and Truth  
Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary



# DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

### Melba Rebekah Lodge 105



Melba 105 has been busy since our summer break. Once again, we distributed Dictionaries to the 3rd Graders at Melba Elementary in Melba. We also learned about the snack boxes that Ada Odd Fellow Lodge 3 and Unity Rebekah Lodge 8 did for Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise and decided this was a wonderful thing and decided to do the same thing for the employees of Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Nampa. Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert along with Sisters Sharon McGaffick and Sandie Chandler delivered the boxes with a big "thank-you" for their dedication during these hard times. In October we had a Halloween party. The members dressed up for the occasion. We had a Harry Potter (Brother Glen Schultz), a couple of hippies (Sisters Ursula White and Janie Clark), a Martian that captured Brother Bob Covert, a clown (Sister Pam York) a Grumpy (Sister Jean Reineke}, and a pumpkin clown (Sister Sharon McGaffick). The members were also given a pumpkin our first meeting of October to take home and decorate. The members did an outstanding job in decorating the pumpkins. Afterwards Halloween Bingo was played and enjoyed by all!

Submitted by Sandie Chandler and pictures by Janie Clark

### More News from Portneuf #20

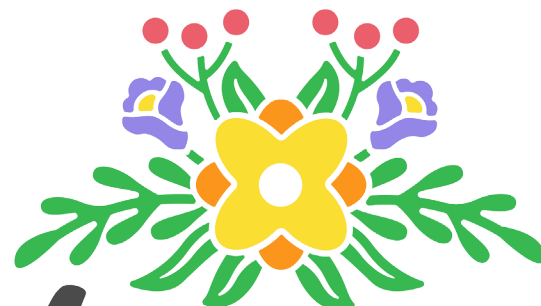


We are wanting to share with everyone we have a FaceBook page-IOOF Portneuf Lodge #20. We have a Twitter account @Portneuf20ioof an Instagram account is trying to be made with the same name. Please start checking us out at the end of February beginning of March. We will also have a .com page with our merchandise store.

The members at Portneuf Lodge would like to invite all of you to our District 1 District Meeting on March 26 at 10:00 am. Our Grand Masters official visit March 27th at 11:00 am. First Annual Founders Ball on April 30th with more details to come.

That is just the start of our plans this year.

Submitted by  
Crystal Livingston



# happy TWO DAY

# ♦2122122♦ TWO IS better THAN ONE

In  
Loving  
Memory



*Jo Piller, 89*

*April 6, 1932 - October 15, 2021*

On April 6, 1932, the world was graced with Jo Piller. Her full name was Betty Jo, but she didn't use her first name.

She was born to Jack and Betty McRoberts and grew up in Casper, Wyoming. When she was in high school, the family moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where she met and later married Roger Lillibridge on September 12, 1949. They had a son, R. Jay, and a daughter, Sheridan Anne. Jo worked as a nurse in Moscow, Idaho later working at Providence Hospital in Wallace. She subsequently went to college, earning her teaching degree at LCSC in Lewiston. While in college, she met Rod Piller. They fell in love and married on May 26, 1967. In 1970, they found their home in Kamiah where she taught fifth grade until her retirement. Jo was a Red Hatter, rarely missed her weekly Bridge day, bowled on a team, and was an accomplished seamstress sewing for friends and family.

Music was an important part of her life. She played the organ for St. Catherine's Catholic Church for 42 years. For many years, Jo was the pianist for the Kamiah and, later, Kooskia Rebekah Lodges, played piano for her District meetings, played when visiting Lodges, and for years played for the annual Idaho Rebekah Assembly during the Idaho Grand Sessions. She lived her life following the Rebekah Creed of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Jo led a full and happy life and was loved by many. She will always shine in our hearts.

In  
Loving  
Memory  
of



*Lucille Ellen Franklin*

*March 5, 1931 – November 3, 2021*

Lucille Ellen Franklin, 90, of Cambridge, ID passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at a Weiser, ID hospital. She was born March 5, 1931 on a ranch near Castle Rock, CO, the second daughter of P.H. "Dick" Clarke and Esther Benson Clarke. She joined a sister Lillian at home. Later a brother Ronald and another sister Dixie completed the family.

The Clarke family moved to Boise, ID where Lucille and Lillian attended the old Garfield Elementary School. They moved to Council, ID when Dick and Esther purchased a ranch north of town. Lucille earned spending money baby sitting and working in town at the Golden Rule store. She spent the money on a camera and film and took many of the family's photos.

Lucille married John "Johnnie" Franklin of Mesa, ID on May 14, 1949 at Cambridge, ID. They lived at the Mesa Orchards where their first son John Michael was born. When the Mesa Orchard Company went bankrupt, they moved to Council, ID where their second son Gary was born.

The Franklins moved to Cambridge in 1958, where Johnnie and Lucille opened their first store in what is now the Cambridge Museum. They did electric and plumbing work, sold appliances, TVs, radios, furniture, and electric and plumbing supplies.

In 1973 Johnnie, Lucille and son Gary purchased The Wilson Building and opened Franklin Electric and Plumbing. Lucille worked at the store for 40 years until a stroke forced her into retirement.

Johnnie was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and Lucille was a member of the Rebekah Lodge. They enjoyed attending lodge functions together. Lucille was a Rebekah for over 65 years. Johnnie and Lucille spent time together camping, riding trail bikes, driving forest roads and snowmobiling. Lucille was a den mother when her sons were in the Cub Scouts. She enjoyed reading and doing genealogy.

Lucille is buried next to her husband Johnnie and son Mike at the Council IOOF Cemetery.

LOVED  
JOHN 3:16

**Grand Master's Itinary**  
**Dates Subject to Change**

Feb 1	Ada #3	Boise
Feb 3	Nampa #40	Nampa
Feb 9	Caldwell #10	Caldwell
Feb 16	Payette #22	Payette
Mar 3	Mtn. Home #19	Mountain Home
Mar 8	Custer #21	Challis
Mar 14	Crystal #103	Clearwater
Mar 15	Coeur d'Alene #34	Coeur d'Alene
Mar 16	Banner #67	Priest River
Mar 26	District Meeting	Pocatello
Mar 27	Portneuf #20	Pocatello
Mar 28	Ashton #88	Ashton
Apr 16	Pioneer #1	Idaho City
May 19	Wendel #131	Wendel
Aug	Owyhee #2	Silver City

**Assembly President's Itinerary**  
**Dates Subject to Change**

Mar 12	Guiding Star #4 & District Meeting	Mountain Home
Mar 15	Progress #48	Blackfoot
Mar 17	Ivy #23 and Bingham #78	Pocatello
Mar 19	District #1	Pocatello
Mar 31	Unity #8	Boise
Apr 5	Melba #105	Nampa
Apr 8	Harmony #22	Payette
Apr 9	District #4	Payette
Apr 11	Sylvan #81	Clearwater
Apr 12	Whitepine #60	Weippe
Apr 13	Blue Bell #72	Orofino
Apr 14	Mizpah #12	Grangeville
Apr 20	Royal Gem #13	Whitebird
Apr 23	District #6	Weippe
Apr 26	District #7 and Carnation #95	Coeur d'Alene
May 7	District #2 and Silver Leaf #27	Challis
May 21	Rose #18	Idaho City

**President's Program**

**Slogan:** Remember our Fraternal Root's

**Watch Words:** Friendship, Love, and Truth.

These are the words our order is founded on, please keep these words in your Heart as you go through your daily life, if we practice it, it will happen.

**Emblems: Dragonfly** - keeper of dreams, enables your ability to adapt, overcome, be creative and leads us on our path of discovery,

**Blue Bird** - In loving memory of Theta Rho. The symbol of Love, Hope and Renewal, they represent happiness.

**Awards: 1:** For the lodge with the most new members

**2.** For the lodge that travels the most miles within the State of Idaho for a visitation or District meeting other than their own lodge or District Meeting.

**3.** To the lodge that can give the opening and Closing without using the rituals t the time of my visitation.

**Projects:** Support your communities, help the food banks and those less fortunate.

Support our Rebekah programs, Visual Aid, Funeral Aid, Pilgrimage for Youth. Encourage education in debilitating diseases within your lodge and community.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we pray you keep us in your loving arms, safe from the sins of the world. Help us keep our order strong, our hearts on the needs of our families, our sisters and brothers and on you, our maker and keeper. All this we pray in your name. Amen

**Scripture: Romans 12:10:** Be devoted to one another in love, Honor one another above yourselves.

**Biblical Character:** Rebekah

**Colors:** Blues and Greens

**Guides:** The Bible, Ritual, Constitution, Book of Instruction, Past Presidents for their knowledge and leadership, finally our Rebekah Executive Committee.

**Flowers:** I love All flowers for their beauty.

**Motto:** Live each day with Love; Love to Live each day.

**Songs:**

**Theme:** On the Wings of A Dove

**Patriotic:** God Bless America,

This land is your Land

**State:** Here we have Idaho

**Hymns:** Amazing Grace

All things Bright and Beautiful

**Fun:** If you're Happy and you know it

**Fraternal:** Blessed be the Ties that Bind

**Scrapbook:** Terrie Sanderson, P.O. Box 131, Troy, ID 83871

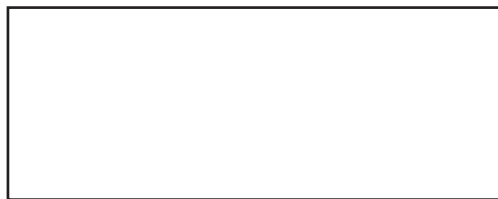
**Dedication:**

I would like to dedicate my year to my mom, Doris Hansen and Dorothy Heustis, these amazing ladies were my Theta Rho Advisors, they taught me about being a Rebekah, and have been my travel companions, sounding boards and friend. They will forever have my heart. Also to my husband Ken, for his patience and love. And my family, Tim, Lacey and Dan, my daughters in law and all of my grandchildren whose love I cherish more than they will ever know. Then to my home lodge, Carnation #95, for their love and support.

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