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### Nampa Lodge #40



Brother Bob Covert with Brother Tom Ashley talking to Principal Alanna Parsons the 4th graders and the bell.

Once again Nampa Lodge #40 gave Dictionaries to the 4th and 5th graders at Greenhurst Elementary in Nampa, Idaho. This was our first year of giving them books. Brother Bob Covert attended the original Greenhurst many years ago. Brother Bob always wondered what they did with the big bell that was outside of the old school and was happy to see that the bell still existed and is in the hall way of the new Greenhurst Elementary.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



### Melba 105



Our Art Work



The members of Melba Lodge #105, Back Row: Sandie Chandler and Georgian Wickman, Joe DeChristefero of Unity #8, Janie Clark, Tom Ashley, Jelene Baird and Sharon McGaffick. Front Row: Pam York, Connie Evans, Bob Covert and Ursula White.



Jelene Baird, Sharon McGaffick and Tom Ashley showing off their attires!

Melba Rebekah Lodge 105 had an UGLY Sweater/Shirt party. Can't really say the sweaters were ugly, but in any case it was fun and after we admired each other's sweater we had a craft project. We either colored or painted Christmas ornaments. No, we didn't get to keep our ornaments, but we did get an ornament for our hard work and participation. We had to stop our craft and venture across the street for lunch. Wish you all could have joined us!

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



On December 22, 2022, Challis Daughter, Lillian Black/MacFee, will celebrate her 100th Birthday.

Born in Challis in a small cabin on the river just south of town, Lillian was the first daughter of Ralph and Lilly Black who worked as farm hands and mining in the area. She spent the first decade of her life playing with her brothers, Junior and Dick, on the Salmon River and farm fields of the old Oster Farm at Holman and Thompson Creeks.

Then came the great depression. After eighth grade, Lillian, had to quit school and help the family by working in the Clayton Hotel. The depression also brought to Idaho...the CCC boys. One good looking and feisty Scotsman from New York caught her eye... and she and Scotty MacFee were married in 1939

down in Hailey. Like her parents, Lillian and Scotty worked the fields and Forest Lookouts in summer and in the mines during the winter.

Lillian and Scotty were finally able to buy a place of their own on the Salmon River at the mouth of Squaw Cr. They also bought and operated a store in Clayton for several years. In the cold winter mornings Lillian would open the store while Scotty drove the local school children to Challis. In 1953, Lillian joined and started her lifelong relationship with the Rebekahs.

In 1956 the Atomic Age was born, and Lillian and Scotty sold the store and moved to Blackfoot... for a job at the AEC for Scotty and School District for Lillian. They kept the property at Squaw Cr. and the family members continued to live there and/or in Challis for several decades.

Retiring in 1980, they left Blackfoot and moved to Wendell to care for her mother Lilly Black, continue their memberships in the Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, Grange and became official 'Snowbirds', wintering in Quartzsite, AZ.

Scotty left us in 2006 and Lillian now lives in Boise near family in a retirement facility called Salmon Cr. along with a few friends from the Challis area too. One of Lillian's proudest life-accomplishments has been... being a member of the Rebekahs for nearly 70 years and making so many friends through the organization.

The picture of Lillian shows her cooking chicken for family dinner at her daughter's river property...which happens to be on the old Oster Farm...the same fields she and her brothers roamed as children. Funny where life takes us...and back again.

If you wish to send birthday cards: 4890 Cloverdale Rd., #320 Boise, ID 83713



**January 9th, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was created to celebrate police officers. It's a day to thank them for the public service they provide and to show support. It is also a time to commemorate the officers that have died in the line of duty.**



Happy New Year! I can't believe that it is 2023 already. It seems like 2022 just arrived but here we are in a new year. My hope for the New Year is that we can grow as an order working together to promote and gain membership.

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

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

On December 15th, I, Deputy Grand Master Sandie Chandler, Grand Secretary Joe Dechristefero, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment Bob Covert attended and presided over the consolidation of Wendell Lodge 131 with Mountain Home Lodge 19. Grand Warden David Livingston and Assembly Warden Crystal Livingston were planning on attending but were to unable due to weather. James Weighall, PGM, attended the consolidation representing Wendell.

Other members of the Wendell lodge were also unable to attend due to weather. Thanks also to Pat Marvin, Assembly Treasurer, for acting as Grand Chaplain pro tem for the consolidation ceremony.

It is good to see these two Lodges joining forces but it also leaves us with one less Lodge in the state. This leaves us currently with 13 lodges in the state. Last time I was Grand Master in 2016 there were 20 Lodges and my first time in 2005 there were 28 Lodges. We have got to stop the bleed.

I gave out three applications today. Keep applications handy and hand out to friends and neighbors. We could all follow the example of Our Sovereign Grand Representative, Larry Ferguson, who attended our sessions in October and talk to anyone and everyone about the order and give out applications with contact information and follow-up with those people. We do lots of great works that others could, would, or should be interested in helping with. Get the word out on things you are doing in your communities.

On a much sadder note, Grand Patriarch, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary, Glen Schultz, passed away on December 20th. He was a good and caring person as well as being a great Odd Fellow. His family needs all of our thoughts, love and prayers at this time of sorrow. I'm sure his home Lodge, Ada 3, will be doing anything they can to help the family.

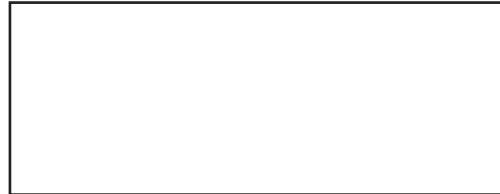
Let's continue to remember we are one order working together in unity to strengthen Odd Fellowship in Idaho. Have a good January.

In F L & T,  
Tom Ashley, Grand Master

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