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Priest River -
152,890 Idahoans
experienced food
insecurity in 2020,
which equates to 9%
of the population. This
is 1 in 11 individuals.

46,800 children experienced food insecurity in 2020, which equates to 11% of Idaho's children. The Odd Fellows Lodge Banner 67 is doing their part to battle hunger by donating 500.00 dollars to our local school lunch program. Lodge member Billy Mullaley seen here Breakfast and lunch add up quickly to roughly five dollars a day. This price can be burdensome to many families leaving these vital meals unattainable for many students. This donation is to bridge the gap so no child in Priest River Idaho goes hungry. Presenting the check to Principle Parker is lodge member Billy Mullaley.

Submitted by Billy Mullaley



Royal Gems Christmas Party 2022

White Bird - The Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 gathered for our annual Christmas party on December 21. This party is traditionally open to all the women in the area, and members spread the word, inviting friends to attend. The invitation was also shared on Face Book. The ladies in town were definitely feeling festive this year, we hosted nine guests, with eleven members attending! The dining room was festively decorated, and the wood stove made it toasty warm.

The party began with a Christmas craft; making dried orange and grapefruit slices into old fashioned ornaments as take home favors. A holiday guessing game then ensued, each lady guessing how many inches of holiday ribbon was stuffed into the jar. Member Barbara Lowe won the guessing game, and a box of Almond Roca, with her guess of 732 inches of ribbon! Lots of chatting, laughing, and refreshments. Everyone brought her favorite desserts, favorite finger food: cheese and crackers, sandwiches, dips and chips, veggies, dessert, cookies, candy plenty for all with treats to take home.

The highlight of the party was the gift exchange. As each party goer brings her gift

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Royal Gems Christmas Party 2022
 in, the gift receives a number and that number also goes in a basket. Then as the number basket goes around the room, each guest draws a number, and that corresponding gift is presented to her. There is always one very special gift that is handmade by one of our "Sister Sisters" the hand-braided rag rug! This year's lucky winner was Maggie Abbott. She won the coveted rag rug braided by Sister Carolynn Jones, and was absolutely thrilled!

In FL&T, Paula Prewett, NG

Schedule of GM Visits for 2023

- Mar 01**, Payette 22
- Mar 02**, Nampa 40 & Caldwell 10, at Nampa
- Mar 07**, Ada 3, Boise
- Mar 25**, Ashton 88 and Dist 1 Meeting
- Mar 28**, Custer 21, Challis
- Apr 18**, Crystal 103, Clearwater
- Apr 19**, Coeur D' Alene 34
- Apr 20**, Banner 67, Priest River
- May 20**, Pioneer 1, Idaho City
- June 24**, Owyhee 2, Silver City at Nampa

COMING EVENTS 2023

MARCH

- | | | |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 18 | REB. DIST 1 | POCATELLO |
| 25 | REB. DIST 3 & VISITATION | MTN. HOME |
| 25 | IOOF DISTRICT 1 | ASHTON |
| 23-26 | NORTHWEST | B.C. |

APRIL

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | ENCAMPMENT DIST 1 | BOISE |
| 8 | REBEKAH DIST 4 | NAMPA |
| 15 | PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 | IDAHO CITY |
| 18 | IOOF DIST 7 & VISITATION | CLEARWATER |
| 20 | IOOF DIST 6 | PRIEST RIVER |
| 22 | REBEKAH DIST 6 | WHITE BIRD |
| 25 | REB. DIST. 7 & VISITATION | COEUR D'ALENE |

MAY

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|------------|
| 3 | HISTORICAL SOCIETY | CALDWELL |
| 13 | IOOF DIST 3 | MTN HOME |
| 13 | ENCAMPMENT DIST 2 | MTN HOME |
| 20 | PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 | IDAHO CITY |

JUNE

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|----------|
| TBD | GI JOE BREAKFAST | MTN HOME |
| 17 | ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY | BOISE |
| 17 | GRAND ENCAMPMENT | BOISE |
| 24 | OWHEE #2 | NAMPA |

JULY

- | | | |
|----|------------------|----------|
| 15 | GI JOE BREAKFAST | BOISE |
| 29 | HOE DOWN | MTN HOME |

AUGUST

- | | | |
|-------|--------------------|------------|
| 2 | HISTORICAL SOCIETY | CALDWELL |
| 5 | ALL MEMBER PICNIC | BOISE |
| 21-24 | SGL/IARA | DES MOINES |
| 26 | OWYHEE #2 | NAMPA |

SEPTEMBER

- | | | |
|----|-------------------|------------|
| 8 | PLANNING BOARD | CALDWELL |
| 16 | PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 | IDAHO CITY |



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The months seem to be flying by and our lodge activities have kept most of us busy. The Planning Board met and a new calendar is out and will be printed in this paper. Please plan your lodge activities around scheduled events to prevent overlap and so that as many members as possible can attend your event.

My visitations are scheduled and are also printed in this paper. I look forward to seeing you all during these visits to your lodges. If your lodge has not confirmed my visit date please do so as soon as you can.

My focus this year, other than membership, is community involvement and especially with the schools in our communities. There are many needs at our schools that our lodges can help with. And there are many programs that a lodge can do to help further the literacy of our children, such as the Dictionary program and read-a-thons with prizes. Also with this participation we need to get recognition for our efforts and donations, not to brag about what we do but to be acknowledged in our communities for our efforts. With this community acknowledgement and awareness can come new members.

District four Odd Fellows just met on February 18. This is the largest district in the state with six lodges. The meeting was attended by representatives from all lodges (two by phone) and we heard reports from

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Hello Sisters and Brothers,

I suspect as you are reading this article, Grand Master Tom and I will be out in the State visiting with you, our brothers, and sisters. I hope you will all make the effort not only to attend your regular Lodge meetings but, especially come to our visits as Grand Master and President. And don't forget your District Meetings.

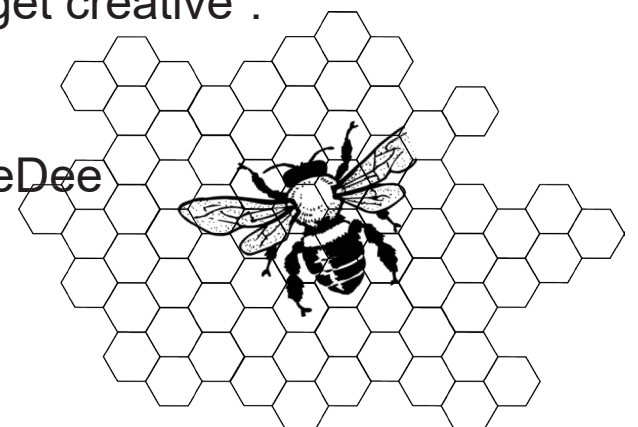
Secretaries, please make sure to let your members know when our visits are and, the District Meetings. This is not only a good time to meet your state officers but to meet and greet other Lodges in your District.

I hope all of you are thinking of ways to get your members to come back to your regular Lodge meetings and to get new members.

At a future meeting, perhaps if you don't have a lot of business to discuss at the next meeting you can announce to your current members (via email, texting, calling or Facebook) and anyone interested in joining, that you are having a Get-together Party with snacks and a few games. To increase our membership, we need to be seen and heard.

Like I have said before, "put your thinking caps on and get creative".

In FL&T,
President DeeDee



Grand Master's Letter

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each lodge on their activities this past year. Check the planning board calendar to see when your district meeting is scheduled and plan to attend.

Again, send in those articles and pictures of your lodge activities to the paper so we can all see what you have been doing'

Hope you're all well and look forward to seeing you soon.

IN FL& T.

Tom Ashley, Grand Master



What a Year at White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60

WOW as we say goodbye to 2022 and welcome in 2023 it's a good time to look back on the year that just slipped by. We celebrated and honored veteran members, recognized Memorial Day by honoring former members and veterans, awarded our annual scholarship, supported our local foodbank, held fund raising events and just had fun.

2022 was a year of celebrations with our lodge honoring 3 members for the many years they dedicated to furthering the work of Odd Fellowship. Sister Betsy Snyder, 75 years, Dolores Watson, 50 years and Margo Karn, 50 years. We were excited and pleased that our State Assembly President Deb Whitney was able to participate in the presentation of each of these veterans' jewels. Her presence added a special level of recognition for each of these members. Congratulations Sister Betsy, Sister Delores and Sister Margo for your combined total of 175 years of service. As the number of folks in the order has declined so has the length of time that our members are active. So it was a great honor to recognize these outstanding members and their commitment to the order.

We continue to be active and visible in our community though our work with the Idaho Food Bank. As the sponsor organization we host the monthly Weippe Mobile Food Pantry. This is a collaborative effort between lodge members and community volunteers. Through this monthly food distribution we are able to help our friends and neighbors. We joke about how bad the weather can be that one day of the month; we are either bundled up for near 0 temps, or roasting in the heat of the day. We may grumble a little but we're there smiling and serving our community and the folks are always very appreciative.

At our first meeting in January we installed our new officers for 2023. Our Noble Grand is Karla Beddingfield, Vice Grand Minnie West, Secretary Vickie Jorgenson and Treasurer Christine Brown. We all look forward to the coming year.

Respectively Submitted, Vickie Jorgenson, Reporter



I D A H O

National Idaho Day – May 17, 2023

National Idaho Day is celebrated every year on May 17. It celebrates the joyful day in 1863 when Idaho was recognized as the 43rd state by the union. Today, the state is best known for its industries, forest cover, and tourism. On this day, Idahoans celebrate the day by showcasing the Gem State’s treasured past, flourishing present, and promising future. Celebrations are led by the Idaho Historical Society and proud citizens of the state. Schools and universities, state agencies, and other organizations also join in the merrymaking!

HISTORY OF NATIONAL IDAHO DAY

National Idaho Day celebrates the momentous occasion when Idaho was declared as the 43rd state to join the union in the year 1890. Since then, the Gem State has witnessed a wave of miners, traders, and missionaries making their way to its cherished lands.

Idaho is a state known for its natural beauty. It is home to the Rocky Mountains range, Snake River, and some of the deepest river gorges in North America. Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve are some of the most visited destinations in the state by tourists and Idahoans alike. Hagerman’s Fossil Beds in Idaho is a vast lava field that was formed from prehistoric ancient volcanic activity. Paleontologists often flock to these fossil beds to study the well-preserved fossils of the yesteryears.

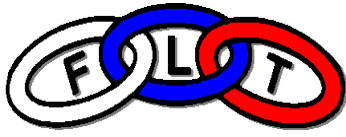
Idaho is also home to several modern-day inventions. Everything from lists of patents for improving printing presses to railroad technology comes from here! It was also in Idaho where Philo Farnsworth invented the necessary technology to bring the television to the mass market. In recent years, Idaho has gathered fame as a tourism and an agricultural state, and its commercial bases also include science and technology industries, which have become Idaho’s biggest pride.

Idahoans are proud of their state’s history and many achievements, and we can fully see why!

<p>March 4, 1863 Idaho is Born Idaho is created by President Abraham Lincoln</p>	<p>July 3, 1890 Idaho Gains Statehood Idaho becomes the 43rd state to join the union and, on this day, it is officially recognized as a</p>	<p>1910 Year of “The Big Blowup” The Great Fire of 1910 burns three million acres in North Idaho and Western Montana.</p>	<p>2009 The Olympics Comes to Idaho Idaho hosts the Special Olympics World Winter Games.</p>
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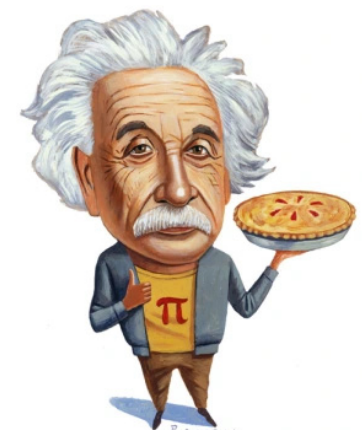
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