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## DDGM Visits Portneuf 20



Pocatello - Portneuf Lodge #20 had the honor of hosting our DDGM Dustin Irish-Webb on February 18, 2024. It was a blizzard outside and most of our members were unable to attend, however, we did have enough for a good meeting. He gave an amazing talk about the Valediction, memorization and reaching out in our community to all of gods creations. I think it was one of the best DDGM programs I have been to and a lot of members agreed. We had a luncheon after the meeting to catch up and spend time with our lodge family before people got back out on the roads. We really enjoy our time together. I have included 2 pictures. Hope to see all of you at our District Meeting and Grand Masters Official Visit on March 23, 2024 in Pocatello ID at 325 West Lander. The meeting will start at 11:00 with a Potato Bar lunch to follow. Registration is \$10.00.

Submitted By Crystal Livingston



Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13  
White Bird, ID

2/12/24: This is a quick article, no details yet. Right now, we have four applications for membership, as well as one returning member. Wonderful news for our Lodge! I'll keep you posted on the progress.

Sincerely, in FL&T  
Mary Pedersen



**Fish Fry**  
 March 30, 2024  
 AT 6PM  
 ADA LODGE  
 600 N. CURTIS  
 BOISE, IDAHO  
**TEXT TO**  
**208-860-9874**  
**BY**  
**MARCH 15, 2024**  
 YOUR NAME AND THE NUMBER  
 IN YOUR PARTY THAT WILL  
 ATTEND

## The Do You Know Corner From: The Grand Secretary

As Promised A Quiz To Test Your  
Knowledge

Answers Provided In Next Months Article

- 1.) Prior to meeting who prepares the lodge?
- 2.) What happens if the Brother or Sister doesn't provide the correct password?
- 3.) Reporting of Brothers and Sisters Sick or in Distress is based primarily upon the obligation and duty of every member "To" What?

DO SOMETHING for somebody today, Whatever may be your creed, There's nothing on earth that can help you So much as a kindly deed.

Remember what ever is worth doing is worth doing well!!

That old adage is also true when conducting Our Lodge Work!!

In FL&T



To all Rebekah lodges;

I want to thank all Rebekah Lodges who have donated to the Rebekah Funeral Aid. Without all of your support we would not be able to fulfill our obligation to bury the dead.

Thank you again for all of your support.

FL & T

Sharon McGaffick Funeral; Aid chairman

## COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### MARCH

9	REB. DIST 3 & VISITATION	MTN. HOME
16	REB. DIST 1 & OV	POCATELLO
23	IOOF DISTRICT 1 & OV	POCATELLO
30	ENCAMPMENT FISH FRY	BOISE

### APRIL

5-7	NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION	NAMPA
13	REBEKAH DIST 4	BOISE
15	ENCAMPMENT DIST 1 & OV	BOISE
20	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
27	REBEKAH DIST 6	WEIPPE

### MAY

1	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
4	IOOF DIST 3 & ENC. DIST 2	MTN HOME
18	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 VISITS	IDAHO CITY
22	IOOF DIST 6	PRIEST RIVER

### JUNE

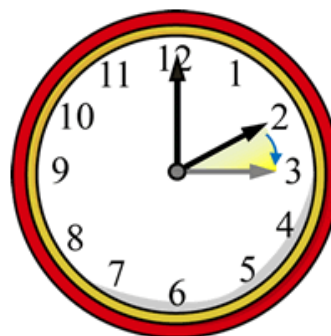
TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	MTN HOME
15	ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
15	GRAND ENCAMPMENT	BOISE

### JULY

TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
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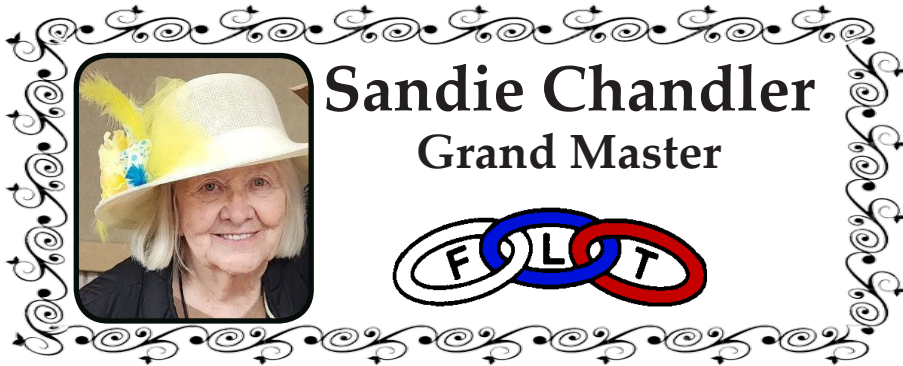
### AUGUST

7	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
15-22	SGL/IARA	PITTSBURGH, PA
31	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE



**March 10th, 2024**

Spring forward  
1 hour to extend  
evening daylight and  
reduce the need for  
artificial lighting.



Happy February,

Hope your February is going well. February we saw Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Super Bowl and President's Birthday. Hope the Ground Hog didn't disappoint you and you had a wonderful Valentine's Day. Did your team win the Super Bowl? I rooted for whoever had the ball.

I want to thank all of you who stepped up to be your Lodge Deputy. Overall it isn't a hard job as long as everybody remembers their obligation. Also, I want to thank the Deputy District Grand Masters, this is a little harder as you need to visit the other Lodges in your District plus your own Lodge. Some of you only have your own Lodge, but your Lodge should still invite you to speak that day and make it a special meeting for you. District 4 is our largest District, and Brother Tom Catlow of Nampa 40 is the DDGM and has five Lodges to visit.

I have started my official visits. I went to Nampa 40 for an open meeting. Before Lodge there was a wonderful pot luck dinner. Several of the Rebecca's from Melba 105 (my Rebekah Lodge) attended the pot luck and meeting. All of the Executive Members (Brothers David, Mike, Joe, and Tom and Sister Marge) were there. Sister Crystal Livingston Assembly Vice President and Sister Connie Schultz Assembly Warden, Grand Chief Patriarch Brother Bob Covert and High Priest of the Encampment Sharon McGaffick were also present. We even had some non-members attend, which is nice

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Dear, Sisters and Brothers,

I don't know about the rest of the state but my area sure has had some crazy winter weather. I don't recall a winter quite like this one. We hardly have any snow in the mountains unless something drastically changes. We are going to be in for a bad fire season I fear.

March is the month I have been most excited about. I finally get to start my visits. My March visits will be as follows: March 5, Official Visit Unity #8, Boise. March 9, District #3, and Official Visit Guiding Star #4, Mountain Home. March 16, District #1 and Official Visit, Ivy #23, & Bingham #78, Pocatello. March 27, Official Visit Melba #105, Nampa. I can't wait to get started and see all your smiling faces. We are going to have tons of fun!

March is also a busy month for our Order. Schuyler Colfax Birthday is March 23rd. I would like all Lodges to observe this day by reading something about him. He was an interesting guy and it's easy to find facts about him on the Internet.

March is also Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month. All monies raised should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretaries to be forwarded to the Arthritis Chapter in your State.

Vicky Kiele and I traveled to Caldwell in February for a Planning Board Meeting. This was the 5th one I have attended and I really enjoy being a part of it. It's always nice to see everyone and get some visiting in.

Idaho is hosting Northwest in April. I would

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## Grand Master's Letter

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and maybe they will think about joining us. Next I went to Ada 3 and they feed everyone at Chuck-a-Roma. Oh my, that is one place it is too easy to over eat at. After dinner we ventured back to the Ada's Hall. Again we had a Rebekah or two plus a non-member. The Executive Members weren't all there but Sister Marge and Brothers Joe and Mike were. Overall the meetings have been well attended. My next visit is to Payette 22 and then Caldwell 10. I am looking forward to visiting with both Lodges.

I still need a Grand Conductor. So, if you are interested in being the Grand Conductor, please let me know. Your main responsibility will be for you to attend Grand Sessions this October in Moscow, Idaho.

Please remember to send articles to Sister Marge Harlan at:

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In F L & T,  
Sandie Chandler, Grand Master of Idaho



## Assembly President's Letter

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like to encourage everyone to come. I really enjoyed going last Fall. I learned quite a bit and it was fun!

I'll be seeing all of you, and your Lodges soon. I can't wait!

Fun Fact: First Rebekah Lodge in Idaho: Alpha Rebekah Lodge No 1, Lewiston; instituted June 16, 1885.

In F. L. & T.  
Christina Supak  
Assembly President

## Nampa 40 Latest Doings



Tom Ashley, sandie Chandler (GM), david Livingston (DGM), Mike Miller (GW), joe DeChristefero (GS), Marge Harlan (GT, Crystal Livingston (AVP), Connie Schultz (AW), HP Sharon McGaffick, and GP

Nampa 40 was pleased to host our Grand Master (Sandie Chandler) February 1, 2024. Our Grand Master invited Sister Jelene Baird of Melba Rebekah Lodge 105 to speak on the Eye Related Program as Sister Jelene has served on this Committee for several years and knows what all one needs to do to get help. Our Grand Master spoke about our Scholarship programs, both Sovereign and Local. She touched on several other items, but wanted to express that we need FUN in our meetings. With that, everyone was given a little bottle of bubbles! Nampa 40's meeting had all of the Executive Committee present. Brother David Livingston (Deputy Grand Master) came up from Pocatello, and Brother Mike Miller (Grand Warden) came down from Payette. The Grand Secretary, Brother Joe DeChristefero, and Grand Treasurer, Sister Marge Harlan, were also present. We also had Rebekah Assembly officers, Sister Crystal Livingston Assembly Vice President, and Sister Connie Schultz Assembly Warden. Grand Encampment officers were also present, Grand Patriarch Bob Covert and High Priestess Sharon McGaffick. We had several non-member of the Order which was great to have them visit us. As always, our Melba Rebekah Lodge 105 came out to support us.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



## Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting

April 5, 6, 7, 2024

**NAMPA IOOF LODGE HALL**

204 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SOUTH

NAMPA, IDAHO 83651

**(208) 284-0070**

Suggested Hotel: Comfort Inn by Windham, 624 Northside Blvd, Nampa, Idaho 83687.  
Phone (208) 936-2005. Room rates +/- \$75 depending on requirements. Call for reservation.  
There are many other Hotels in Nampa if you prefer other accommodations.

PRE-REGISTRATION----- ONE PER PERSON PLEASE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(After March 20th \$20.00)

Saturday Box Lunch \$10.00

Saturday Banquet \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Hawaiian Dress

Menu: Turkey and dressing dinner with dessert

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: There are many restaurants in close proximity to the Lodge, if you prefer to eat lunch out.)

The theme for the banquet will be Hawaiian. Wear something Hawaiian and Join us for a great evening. There will be door prizes and prizes for the best Hawaiian outfits.

Friday evening Opening of Northwest Meeting.

Saturday meeting all day followed by banquet.

Sunday wrap up, memorial, closing.

Return Registration and make checks payable to :

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Mail to : 920 Grant Street

Caldwell, ID 83607

Please note "Northwest" in the memo.



## March 28, 2024



Vietnam War Veterans Day serves as a dedicated occasion for recognizing and honoring the U.S servicemen and women of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War. Exceptionally brave yet often underappreciated upon their homecoming, these veterans played crucial roles in a highly complex and controversial conflict that notably shaped American history.

## **Contemplations and Reflection for a deeper connection to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

Reflecting on these questions in the context of the moral teachings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs can provide a deeper understanding of their principles and help individuals integrate these values into their lives for personal growth and positive impact on the world.

### 1. Faith:

- What does faith mean to you, and how does it influence your decisions and actions?
- How does faith in a greater purpose or higher power affect your outlook on life and your interactions with others?
- In what ways can faith help individuals navigate challenging times and find inner strength?

### 2. Hope:

- How do you define hope, and how does it shape your aspirations and goals?
- Can hope serve as a driving force for positive change in the world, and if so, how can you contribute to that change?
- What role does hope play in your ability to persevere in the face of adversity and uncertainty?

### 3. Charity:

- What acts of charity have you engaged in, and how have they impacted your understanding of compassion and giving?
- In what ways can acts of charity, whether big or small, promote a sense of interconnectedness and empathy in society?
- How do you balance self-care with the desire to be charitable, and what does this balance mean for personal growth and the well-being of others?

### 4. Universal Brotherhood:

- What does universal brotherhood mean in a diverse and interconnected world, and how can it be fostered in your daily life?
- How can you overcome biases and prejudices to genuinely embrace the concept of universal brotherhood, recognizing the humanity in all people?
- In what ways can the principles of universal brotherhood lead to more harmonious and peaceful interactions among individuals, communities, and nations?

### 5. Justice:

- How does the pursuit of justice align with your personal values and ethical beliefs?
- In what situations do you feel compelled to stand up for justice, and how do you take action?
- How can the principles of justice contribute to a fair and equitable society, and what can you do to support these ideals in your community and beyond?

## Adopting a Pet

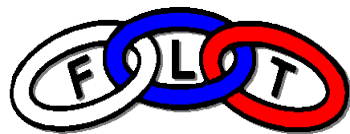


Pocatello - On December 9th, we had to put our 12 yr old Boston Terrier Lette down which was very heart breaking for both my husband and I. She had been with us almost 10 yrs. We had told ourselves over and over we were not going to get another dog because she was a runner and we didn't want anyone to have to witness her being killed by a car.

Well, after we were both home alone off and on for a couple weeks we realized we actually did miss having a dog around. At first, I was getting another Boston Terrier or even a French Bulldog but the more and more I thought about it I just couldn't heart having another "Lette" around. Talking with my husband he was very adamant he did not want a big dog. So I started my research and search. I found several puppies for sale but I just could not commit for some reason. Deep down inside I knew we needed to adopt and give a dog the love they may not have known humans can give. So a new search began. I started looking at the different shelters close to Pocatello and only found fairly large dogs or breeds that my allergies can't handle. I didn't want to have to add an allergy pill to my already daily medication list. I checked the shelter Facebook pages every couple of days and did find a few that would be perfect for us, but they were adopted or the families came to pick them up. The week of Christmas Snake River Animal Rescue had tagged CASPR aka Canines and Special Pet Re-homing out of Weiser, ID so I went looking. Almost gave up looking, then BOOM I found him a 10 month old Cockapoo with no special needs. I knew we couldn't afford to take one with special needs. I immediately sent in our application for adoption for little Boo aka Bode. I was starting to lose hope when I hadn't heard anything 2 days later, finally on Christmas Eve I received the phone call and set up a time for the adoption. We were set to pick up our new baby on New Years Eve, which happened to be exactly 10 yrs from when we brought Lette home. I knew this was meant to be, I knew he was meant to be my new fur baby. After his neutering surgery he was also finally able to get a good grooming and we found out how unloved he had been. He was completely matted to the skin in most parts of his coat, very scared of everyone and don't even try to just pick him up. He is pretty skinny and not gaining weight, so he has already met his new Veterinarian ( who mind you did his entire exam on the floor due to his nervousness). It is going to take some time with Bode to gain his trust and make him feel secure with himself again. He has a house full of toys that he gets to play with and doesn't have to share with anyone even though he tries to share them with his bearded dragon brother Frankie. He loves his comfy doughnut bed in the front room with a large window to people watch, his kennel makes him feel so secure at night he can just snuggle up with his stuffed mouse and goes right to sleep. He is spoiled with treats for going potty outside, for having to be home alone when we are away, sitting and waiting for his leash to go on car rides. At the end of it all he is such a snuggle bug and he is full of love to give. We wanted to share our fur adoption story with everyone because, Grand Master Sandy has a wonderful program. We wanted everyone to know how great this could be for you too.

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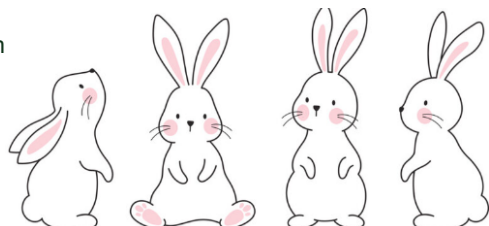
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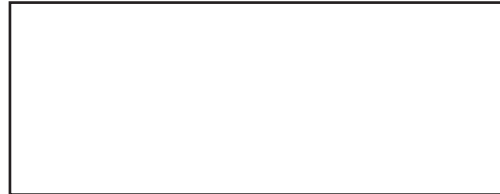
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