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## “The Hall”

Laurie Bonwell, Royal Gem #13  
White Bird, Idaho

As a child growing up in White Bird during the late 1950's, I had the pleasure of being involved with many community programs and projects. Each year we gathered at “The Hall” for Christmas programs, potluck dinners, card games, dances and many other functions. Since my mother was a member of the Rebekahs, I suppose I knew that the actual building was part of the I.O.O.F but I certainly can't recall giving it a second thought. To me it was just “The Hall”.

Now it is quite a few years later and believe it or not we still gather at “The Hall” for the same functions and a few more.

Our local Halloween party and Christmas program is held there each year as well as many a family reunion, wedding and reception, funeral and funeral dinner and the many fund raisers necessary for a small community. Most recently, the rummage sale and dinner for the final fundraiser to purchase new playground equipment for our school was held there. It was, as always, extremely effective and the community came through once more and the full goal was reached.

I am now a proud member of the Rebekahs along with two of my sisters living in White Bird. Not so many years ago there were barely enough active members to create a quorum for meetings. By getting out into the rest of the community and letting other women know exactly what being a Rebekah is all about, we were able to bring them into our Sisterhood. White Bird is pretty small so we recruited where and when we could, be it at the local church or the local bar and restaurant.

In the last 2 years we have increased our membership by a dozen women wishing to be a part of our organization, and have an additional 4 waiting to be initiated. We have been quizzed by Sister Lodges wondering how we have managed to recruit so many new members when other lodges are having to close due to lack of membership. Well, I can tell you that it has a great deal to do with the fact that “The Hall” is such a large part of our community.

When the Rebekahs sent out the word to the local area that “The Hall” was in need of repairs, the response was incredible. We had many offers of free material and labor. We were able to raise the needed funds through raffles and donations in a short period of time. We also gained many of our new members at that time. The thought being “If “The Hall” needs help, let's get it done”.

Now we have many active members and although we don't sponsor all of the functions that take place at “The Hall” most of us do participate in one way or another. I feel truly blessed to be a part of the Sisterhood of Rebekahs and a resident of a giving, caring community such as White Bird.

### MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we finish up the Christmas season and enter into a new year, let us remember the joys, blessings and friendships that have come to us because of our participation in the Orders. It is so easy to extend an invitation to a friend, co-worker, or relative when we remember the benefits of our participation for ourselves and our communities. I hope everyone has encouraged your lodge publicity representative to not only report on the news, but put in advance notice of your events. You never know when a member from another lodge will be driving through and want to visit. Have any of you considered joining a higher Order, or invited someone to join Encampment? Our basic goal is to stabilize our memberships and then work for growth. It will take effort from all of us.

By now I hope all of you have seen the new membership brochures. If not, please let me know and we will arrange for you to get a few. There are also pamphlets to help with new members so tell us what you need. And make your lodge a welcome place to invite new members and encourage members who have left the lodge to return. We will all benefit from a larger membership base. Don't waste an opportunity for publicity. If you have news that the local paper could use, please be sure they get it. We never know all of the things that encourage people to join.

Thank you so much for the feedback last month. Your suggestions are always welcome. Contact for the membership committee can be a phone message left at 208-585-2733 or an email to and please remember to put IOOF in the subject line. Happy holidays to all and best wishes for a great New Year. Remember, together we can do it.

Randall B. Wallace  
Membership Chairman

**THANK YOU!**

We wish to thank all who took time to come to the reception honoring our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We were very honored to receive so many of our Odd Fellow family, the cards and letters are very special to us.

We wish to send a very special THANKS to the committee, who did all of the work in setting the reception up, and making it the success that it was.

Frank & Betty Lawyer

### NAMPA



In November the Nampa Odd fellows and Rebekahs lodges celebrated the 100th anniversary of the lodge buildings construction with an open house, the community and neighboring lodges were invited to participate, there was a good turn out from the lodges. We were surprised to have a visit from Brother Vernon Woodman the only recipient to our knowledge of an 80 year odd fellow jewel, (Whom also is older than the building). In the past 6 years we have done extensive renovation work on the building, including Restoring the outside of the building painting and putting new carpet inside and remodeling the kitchen, to our knowledge we are the oldest original building owners in the city of Nampa. The open house committee would like to thank all those that helped make this an enjoyable event .

Submitted by  
Kevin Ashley

**WELCOME**

To our new members

**Shiela McBride-Haueter**

**Bea Johnson**

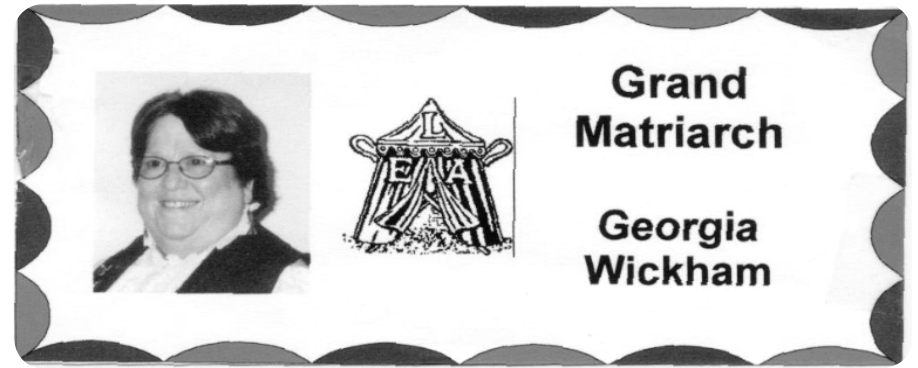
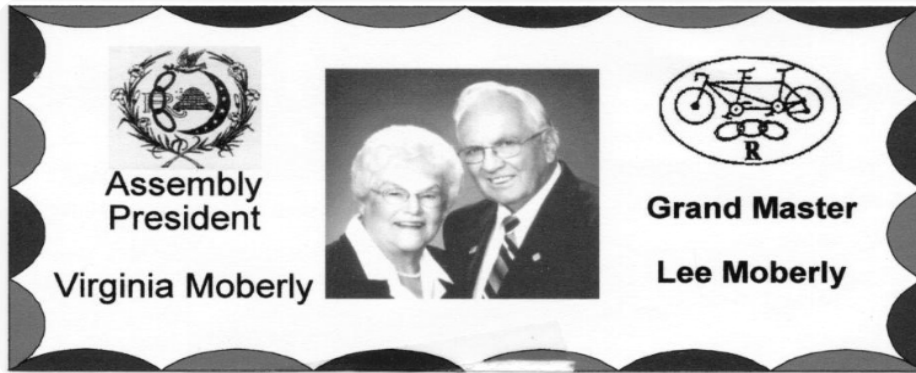
**Angela Willis**

White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60  
of Weippe

**Cheryl Kalenik**

**Julie Savaria**

Silver Leaf Rebekah Lodge #27  
of Challis



Greetings from the AP and the GM,

By the time you receive this, it will be too late to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but since most of the Installations will have been completed, we can certainly wish for you a Happy and Healthy Year ahead. We traveled to Idaho Falls for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank and Betty Lawyer. Idaho Falls went all out. The hall was nicely decorated, nice refreshments and live Music. Good job Idaho Falls. Congratulations to the newly installed officers and we wish for them a successful year ahead. We hope you pay attention to the messages from SGL and IARA regarding Membership. As they said, we are losing too many members and that results in losing entire Lodges. We encourage the new officers to try to make their meetings interesting so that present members will want to attend and invite their friends to join with them. We look forward to our visitations and visits with you personally.

*Lee Moberly*  
Grand Master

*Virginia Moberly*  
Assembly President

**TO ALL MEMBERS:**

Severla months ago, all lodges and members were notified to purchase the new inserts for the Charge books. I don't know how many of you did this, but, I am having inquiries that the new page inserts of 2005 do not fit the charge book and make any sense.

If you did not follow the correct procedure of replacing the original inserts, it will do you no good to try to fit the others in the proper place. This is the responsibility of each member to maintain and see that their charge book is up to date.

The original replacement should have revised 2003; published 2004 on the fly leaf. Let your secretary know just how many is needed. If you need replacements, have your secretary please contact me.

Thank You.

Kenny Averill,  
Grand Secretary

As you read this the Holidays are over. I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful time and Santa fulfilled all your Christmas dreams.

Congratulations to all the new officers and I wish you all a great year. Hopefully in the near future we will see some growth.

Fraternally,  
*Georgia*  
Georgia Wickham

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**



Pictured is Sister Bethel Wing, Treasurer of Caldwell #10 and Trustee of Gem of the Mountains #5 delivering food to Salvation Army Captain Luis Acosta.

Caldwell Lodge #10 and Gem of the Mountains #5 once again donated turkeys and the results of their combined food drive to the Caldwell Salvation Army. Over 150 pounds of food was collected by the Orders. Several turkeys were also added to the delivery. This is just one of the many public service projects in which the Caldwell Orders are involved. Feel free to visit any meeting night.

Submitted by Edith Bivens, publicity chair.

### RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

By now, your lodges have all received the forms for the Annual Reports and the election and installation of officers forms. I would encourage you all to make sure these get back to the Grand Lodge office in the time frame designated.

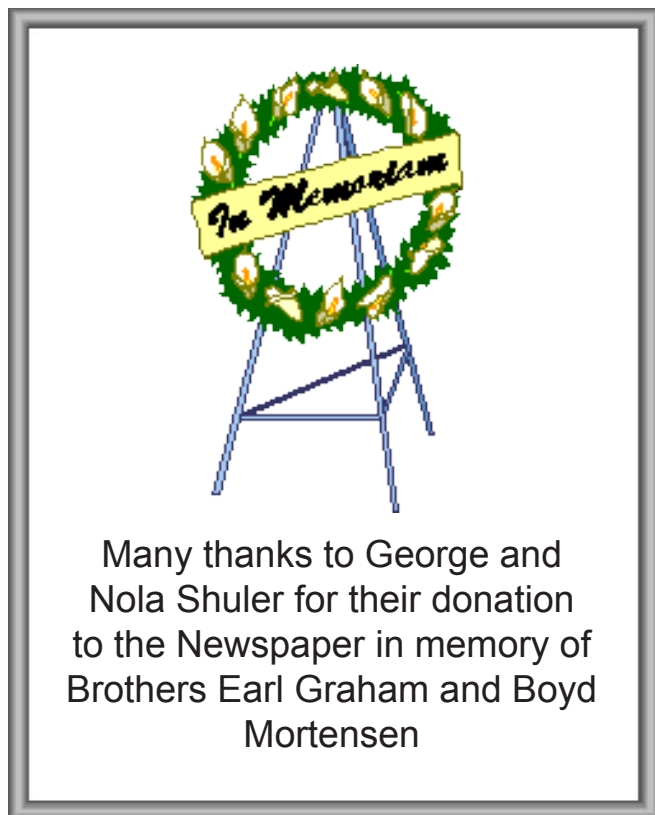
We need the information of the election forms so the Lodge Directory issued in the paper is correct and, as you have been informed many times before, the Annual Reports are your guarantee of you Internal Revenue Service classification. They are due here **no later** than January 31st.

The extension of the carport is completed; the sprinkler system has been overhauled and will be operating 100% in the spring. We are still working on the outdoor sign project and hopefully will have it completed by next summer.

Workers are still needed by the Historical Society for cataloguing and sorting of artifacts. Volunteers can contact Glenn Osborn.

Remember! Only you can increase the membership. **ASK SOMEONE.**

Till next time,  
Kenny Averill,  
Grand Secretary



### IDAHO REBEKAHS AND ODD FELLOWS

Sisters and Brothers of Idaho: District 10 is going to send one or two students on the National Historic Expedition in July, (Commonly known to us as the UN Pilgrimage). We are the only area representing Idaho in this wonderful adventure. As everyone knows expenses are very high. We will manage "this Year" to do the basics. However, if any of your lodges have a few extra dollars, it would be a tremendous lift to these students and our project for the coming years. Without help from others in the state this maybe the last year Idaho will be represented. The final decision will be made at the District 10 meeting in April. If you can find a little help for us please sent it to:

Vicky Jorgenson, Chairman  
P.O. Box 236  
Weippe, ID 83553

You have our very deep "Thank You" for any help that may come our way. God Bless All and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The UN Committee



We remember our handclasp together, our work and play in this Hall; And it's ever hard to understand why they had to answer God's call. But really down in the processes of our poor human mind; we know they have just gone before us, their place in Heaven to find. And though it seems to us down here, that dark is the light of their love, it is really burning forever in the Heavenly Kindom above.

### GUIDING STAR REBEKAH LODGE #4

Members, Family & Friends gather for a festive Thanksgiving Dinner



Barbara Ringgold, Windy Osborn, Jean Baldwin & John Kieffer



Del & Anner Frad



Jean Baldwin



Pat Marvin



Marlene Osborn & Fern Kieffer

Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 was very well represented in Lewiston at Assembly in October with nine members attending. Assembly President Jan Raymond conducted the meetings efficiently and interesting.

Our Regular meeting date in November fall on Thanksgiving so we met a week ahead of time and had our annual potluck dinner November 16, entertaining Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, their families and friends. The variety of dishes was in itself entertaining. Baked ham was furnished with salads, rolls, vegetables, and desserts being furnished by those in attendance.

We honored two of our members who hold elective grand offices. Brother Winthrop Osborn was elected as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho and Sister Patricia Marvin was elected as Vice President of the Grand Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Ringgold, Chaplain  
Guiding Star #4

### RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

This message is to inform, to encourage, and to try to alleviate any bit of confusion on what the Joint Jurisdictional Planning Board is all about. The "Board" is prescribed by Sovereign Grand Lodge in Article XXXI, Section 1 of the Code of General Laws.

At the Sessions of 2004, the J.J.P.B. was to replace the Committee on Future Locations of the Grand Sessions and was given the duty of scheduling the locations and general time of the future meetings.

The "Board" consists of all the members of the six (6) Executive Committees as per each Unit's Constitution, with the second and third officers of that particular Unit, or their designees, having the voting privileges.

The Joint Jurisdictional Planning Board CAN NOT change the Constitution or By-Laws of any Unit in the Order. Any change of the Grand Session timeframe comes from within that body. Some constitutions and By-Laws state that they will meet as the same time and place as their counterpart. Others set their own time. The J.J.P.B. DOES NOT dictate when and where the Grand Sessions take place.

A Lodge or District is asked if they will host the Sessions. On affirmation in writing of the willingness of that particular Lodge or District, then the J.J.P.B. issues a future schedule.

The Order is having a bit of a tough time of obtaining facilities at a reasonable rate for the Representatives and members to attend. Reservations are being asked for at least three (3) years in advance and the deposit and cost goes up each year.

At this time, there are limited funds available from the Grand Lodge for the committee to use as "start up" expenses. These funds are to be repaid at the end of the session from the proceeds of the host committee.

A problem is encountered somewhat because of the lack of members supporting the Grand Sessions by attending. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that with fewer people paying, the higher the cost. We realize that everyone wants to cut down on expenses, but is that saving of a few dollars really that important when you weigh the odds of the probability of losing Grand Lodge Locations?

This is a dilemma that we all have to face together and we trust that everyone will have some positive input. This is not a putdown on anyone, but instead is a message of encouragement for all members to rally around your Officers of every Unit and build our Order into a growing, vital thing that we all know that it can become. Thank you for listening.

The next meeting of the Joint Jurisdictional Planning Board is February 16, 2007 at approximately 1:30P.M. in the Historical Museum Building.

Kenny Averill  
Secretary, J.J.P.B.

We know life's never measured  
by how many years we live,  
But by the kindly things we do  
and the happiness we give.

### News - From the Newspaper

**Before I Forget:** It seems like an appropriate time to review the history of the Albertson's Partnership Program. This Program was originally started by Richard Miller, the Treasurer of the Newspaper. The purpose of the program was to be a fund raising project for the United Nation Pilgrimage (UNP).

Because the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs only have one joint checking account that can be used by both organizations, the money generated from this State-Wide program were deposited into the bank account. At the end of each year, financial report is published in the newspaper.

Every time a purchase is made at an Albertson's Store and the preferred card us used, a small percentage of the purchase price is returned and deposited into the joint checking account.

The United Nation Pilgrimage (UNP) is the only youth program sponsored jointly by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. So, the funds are accumulated and held in trust for the UNP. The funds are restricted for use for the UNP program. All requests for assistance have to go through the UNP Committee. At the present time, there is no UNP Committee. Also, there has been a general lack of interest in the UNP program. As a result, there has not been any disbursement of funds.

There needs to be an accumulation of \$1,400.00 to \$1,700.00 in the joint checking account before a meaningful disbursement can be made. This takes approximately 2 or 3 years depending on the deposits to the program.

A financial summary of the State-Wide Program follows:

Year	Amount
2003/2004	\$289.42
2004/2005	874.03
2005/2006	732.95
Total Deposits to-date	\$1,896.40
Total Disbursements to-date	-0-
Ending Program Balance 6/30/03	\$1,896.40

This program takes patience and a desire to help send young adults as delegates on the United Nation Pilgrimage Tour.

Richard Miller - Treasurer

## Just The Facts

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### TO ALL MEMBERS

**Dear Sisters and Brothers.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Editorial Board for the confidence they placed in me and the enormous support I have received from the members for my appointment as Editor of our fraternal paper. Following in the footsteps of Brother Earl is a tough job for anyone, especially a novice, like me. But I hope, with your patience and continued support, our paper will remain a valuable source of information and an important part of our Idaho Order.

For the next several issues, you will see some slight changes in the layout of the paper as I get my feet wet and try to figure out what I'm doing. The policies for submitting articles to the paper will remain the same as well as the dates for article submission. If you have any ideas for improvement or other changes you would like to see in the paper, now is the time to let us know. You can contact any member of the Editorial Board or me at the addresses and numbers listed in the 'Just The Facts' section. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Grand Lodge for their generous investment in The Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News. These added funds has brought the paper into the 21st century by allowing us to go digital and has enabled us to cut the cost of printing. Being computerized will also give us more flexibility in page layout and design, as well as making the job of Editor a little easier.

Again, thank you for your confidence and the support you've given me, Brother Earl is a very difficult act to follow, but I will do my best.

Fraternally,  
Marge Harlan, Editor



### THE IDAHO ODD FELLOW REBEKAH NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

ISSUE DATE	DEADLINE
January 1	December 18
February 1	January 18
April 1	March 18
May 1	April 18
June 1	May 18
August 1	July 18
October 1	September 18

**NOTICE:**

Articles and pictures must be received by the Editor no later than the 18th in order to be published in the next month's issue. The Editor and Editorial Board reserve the right to edit all articles submitted for publication and do not hold ourselves responsible for views or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

## NORTHWEST ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH ASSOCIATION

All members and their guests are cordially invited to the semi annual meeting of the Northwest Association to be held at the Shilo Inn in Nampa on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2007. This weekend of fun and fellowship will be hosted by Idaho and our own Grand Master, Brother Lee Moberly, will be the chairman. This informal meeting is open to everyone who wishes to attend. So fill out the registration form below and mark your calendars, let's make Idaho and Brother Lee shine with the spirit of Rebekah Odd Fellowship!



May I take this time to thank my Officers and the Assembly for the monetary gifts and the beautiful Clipper Ship presented during the Luncheon and Assembly. To all others who gave me gifts. There were some without names of the giver and I have no way to personally thank you, so I'll do it here in our newspaper.

Also, please let me take this opportunity to again give a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who served as my Officers and on my Committees this past year.

To those who gave me their encouragement, friendship, warmth and support in all I tried to accomplish in encouraging you to build your Membership, be involved in your Communities and to work for Youth through activities. For supporting my Presidents Fund for 4-H and Scout Programs, President's Pin Sales for in-house projects.

It was a very rewarding experience and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Now, I am taking time to relax a little before the year end.

May you all have a beautiful Holiday and a Great Year ahead.

In F. L. & T.,  
*Jan Raymond*  
2005-2006 Assembly President.

Registration  
Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association  
March 30, 31 - April 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Northwest Registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Saturday Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26.00 each U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Supreme \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registrations to Grand Lodge of Idaho, 920 Grant St., Caldwell, ID 83605.  
Registration should be made by March 15<sup>th</sup> Motel Reservations should be made by  
February 20<sup>th</sup> Make Motel Reservations directly to SHILO INN SUITES, 1401 Shilo  
Drive, Nampa, ID 83687-3065, 1-800-222-2244 or 208-465-3250.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

At this time each year we carefully look backward for a year and hope that the New Year will be more favorable. If we carry into the New Year courage and faith we will have a good start. Courage to walk into the storm and faith that our Heavenly Father will see us through will lift us above the shadow of doubts and fears. With the cooperation of our fraternal sisters and brothers we will find enjoyment in working together and joy in accomplishments.

# SCENES FROM ASSEMBLY

## ASSEMBLY OFFICERS



Vicky Kiele, Secretary, Juanita Thomas, Warden Jan Raymond, President, Virginia Moverly, Vice President, & Leta Burt Treasurer

## OUT OF JURISDICTION GUESTS BROUGHT KINDRED HEARTS TO SHARE



## THE GRAND LODGE GANG



Pat Edwards, Ken Edwards, Pat Marvin, Donnie Marvin & Richard Proulx, SGL Warden



IARA Past President, Judy Geer presents Marge Harlan with *Sandi's Angels* award

## A SAILOR'S DREAM



Barbara Pettigrew, Laura Inglehart, Vicky Kiely & Ellen Platt



Gladys Hensley shows off her hubby's Meritorious Service Jewel