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Progress Rebekah Lodge #48 Welcomes President Georgia Wickham



Cathy Toussaint, Shannon Vieth & Georgia Wickham

Blackfoot - On March 15, 2016, the officers and members of Progress Rebekah Lodge welcomed Georgia Wickham, President of Rebekah Assembly of Idaho and her travelling companion Past President Barbara Pettigrew.

The group met at the Homestead for a great dinner then retired to the Bingham County Senior Center for our meeting.

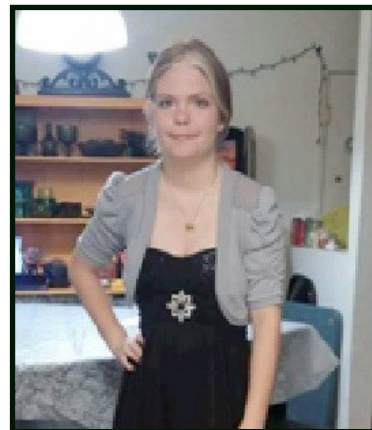
Shannon Vieth, Vice President of Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, and a member of Progress Rebekah Lodge #48, gave a short program on the 'Banding of Hummingbirds' that takes place on the Rudeen Ranch in Aberdeen. Sister Georgia did not know that we had this type of activity in the area. Shannon also read a poem on 'A True Rebekah' that reminded her of Sister Georgia.

Cathy Toussaint, Noble Grand presented President Georgia with a corsage; and gift of a cup and wall hanging for President Georgia to display her pin collection.

Those present at the dinner and meeting were Cathy Toussaint, Shannon Vieth, Mae Carlson, Pat Christensen, Wava Murphy, Vicky Kent, and Anna Breeze. After the meeting we enjoyed a dessert of Triple Chocolate Bundt Cake and Mini Lemon Bites. A good time was had by all.

Cathy Toussaint, Reporter

Ada #3 and Nampa #40 Co-sponsor Candidate for 2016 UN Pilgrimage



Boise - Nampa Lodge #40 had secured a position for the 2016 United Nations Pilgrimage in hopes of having a candidate. Ada Lodge #3 had secured a candidate in hopes of having a position. The two lodges combined their efforts and are CO-Sponsoring this year's Student. Emily Schultz is in her junior year at Borah High School. And will turn 17 May 6, 2016. She got very excited after she attended Courtney Chandler's presentation of her 2015 UNP, held at the Ada Lodge this past December. She has not stopped talking about it ever since. Emily is the Grand Daughter of Glen Schultz PNG of Ada #3 and associate member of Nampa #40. Ada #3 is excited about sponsoring a student for UNP this year as it has been about ten years since the last time they participated, and hope to do so again each year.

Love Thy Neighbor Day(s) Set For Ada Lodge #3

Ada #3 has chosen Monday May 30, Memorial Day and September 5, Labor Day for their Love Thy Neighbor Day event. We will be at the I-84 Rest stop 10 miles south of Boise from 10:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M. We will be handing out Coffee, water and juice with our Cookies. This was such a fun and easy to setup event that everyone in the Lodge wanted to do it more than once this year. Ada welcomes any lodge that would like to participate to come and join them. Last year Mountain Home lodge 19 took the south bound lanes and Ada took the north bound lanes. Nampa #40 came and helped hand out cookies on both sides. Fun was had by all.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

Just a Rambling Note from the Grand Secretary

I would encourage all members to review the new Changes in the Code of General Laws so they will be aware of what is going on with the new changes, on that same thought, does your lodge have a revised and up to date copy of the Code? Does each lodge have current by-laws for your lodge? Now is a good time to look them over and see when they were last up-dated and does the Grand Lodge have a copy on file? The 2015 Code changes are available from the Grand Lodge office.

I Have not received all of the Annual Reports that were due at the end of February 2016. Please get them to avoid a fine. As per the SGL code.

District meetings have already started, I am looking forward to the upcoming meetings over the next few months and the opportunity of hearing what the lodges have been doing over the last year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you. The Historical Society have been upgrading the lighting in the building, it is a lot brighter with the new led lights. I have been working with the historical building trustees, getting some of the breaker boxes replaced.

In F.L.&T - Jeff Mann Grand Secretary



DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE IDAHO EYE PROGRAM

As chairperson of the Idaho Eye Program I am getting concerned about the "LACK OF ACTIVITY" this year. The Eye Program is a wonderful way for all of us, individuals and/or Lodges, to "make a difference" in our communities and help a person in need in the process. If you are aware of anyone in need of glasses or an eye exam or someone who may need some eye surgery, the eye program is perfect way to help them out. The eye program will assist individuals with as much as \$300 for glasses and eye exams and up to \$1000 for necessary surgery related problems if they qualify for assistance. There is no cost to you or your Lodge and you have everything to gain. Look around you; be sensitive to people's needs in your church, your circle of friends, and your various acquaintances. This is a great program for getting attention for your Lodge and maybe generating some interest in Odd Fellowship in your community. You or your Lodge can request the necessary forms by calling me at 716-1735 or sending me an email at sanow1@msn.com

Submitted by: Dan Sanow

COMING EVENTS 2016

APRIL

1-3	N.W. ASSOCIATION	CHILLIWACK, BC
09	ENC. DISTRICT 4	PAYETTE
11	ENC. FISH FRY/GP VISIT	CALDWELL?? 6PM
16	DISTRICT 6 REBEKAHS	KOOSKIA
16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
18	DISTRICT 7 REBEKAHS	POST FALLS
23	DISTRICT 5 REBEKAHS	NEW PLYMOUTH
30	ENC. DISTRICT 6	MOUNTAIN HOME

MAY

06	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
07	DISTRICT 5 IOOF	COUNCIL
14	DISTRICT 7 IOOF	CDA
21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY

JUNE

04	DISTRICT 2 REB	CHALLIS
11	DISTRICT 2 IOOF	CHALLIS
18	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
19	BUCKAROO BREAKFAST	ISLAND PARK
25	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY

JULY

09	BATTALION MEETING	???
16	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE

Grand Master's Lodge Visits

May 09	Orofino 64	Orofino
May 10	Craigmont 76	Craigmont
May 11	Crystal 103	Clearwater
May 21	Pioneer 1	Idaho City
June 17	Portneuf 20	Pocatello
June 20	Ashton 88	Ashton
June 25	Owyhee 2	Silver City





To our new members



Betty Baldwin
Cathy Chmiel
Darla Davis
Kooskia #64

Ted Sellitti
Crystal #103





**Tom Ashley
Grand Master**



**Georgia Wickham
Assembly President**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

March has been a very busy month with visits and meetings. Sister Georgia and I have attended many of each other's visits and it has been great seeing so many of you at the meetings. I was able to attend the district meeting in Jerome and made visits to Wendell and Hagerman Lodges on the 17th and hopefully Council on the 23rd.

Most of the Grand Lodge officers went to Salmon on March 16th for the unfortunate business of closing their lodge. Rocky Mountain Lodge #5, Salmon, Idaho was the fifth lodge instituted in Idaho on January 1st, 1870. It is always sad to see a lodge close especially this one after serving the order and the Salmon area for 146 years. The closure was due to reducing membership, funding, and lack of interest in the community. The Lodge building was built in 1905 and has been and is being restored for community use by the Lemhi County Humane Society who purchased the building from the Lodge in 2010. The façade has been restored to its original glory and is one of the best looking buildings in the city of Salmon and it will always be known as the Odd Fellows Building.

My visit to Caldwell Lodge #10 has to be rescheduled due to me getting the krud that was going around. I hope to have a date for that visit soon.

Canton Columbia and Canton Weiser have cosponsored a youth Cadet Corps (pilot program) to be formed at Mt. Home. This program will be for young people in the area to motivate them in community service work and to just have some fun. This program is being organized by Don and Kathryn Harlan of Mt. Home Lodge 19 and they are both members of the sponsoring Cantons.

Past Grand Master Dan Sanow's program last year was to make a difference in our communities. I hope all of our Lodges are continuing to do this. This was not just a program for last year but one we need to be doing all the time. Make a difference means service, to our Lodges, to our families and friends, and to our communities. Being involved in our communities helps improve our communities and gives our order visibility. Let our communities know who we are and what we do and stand for. We have many great programs to help community members in need. Make those programs available.

Each of us are representatives of Odd Fellowship, be an example of who we are and what we stand for so others will be interested in the order and what we do.

Let's all live by the watchwords of our order, Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Tom Ashley, Grand Master

Dear Stars,

What fun I have been having in all my meetings. I had long wanted one of Unity's Aprons and was not disappointed. Margaret Odle did a fantastic job with it. Corlyss Peterson's piano playing is wonderful! Melba #105 put on a cute skit with my Tennessee Birdwalk and we had some delicious soup. Ursula White makes the best chicken noodle. Union #45 in Hagerman is always fun. They are a great bunch and very active in their community. Syringa #110 in Jerome showed everyone how not to behave in Rebekah School. What a lot of fun that skit was. Wilma and Wanda Bragg, Jean Floyd and Shirley Shropshire, thanks for the laughter. Idaho #96, another great meeting with Brother James Weighall presiding. The decorations were beautiful. I was told by a little (Tennessee) bird that they were made by Sister Dalice Buchanan. Good job. Guiding Star #4 made me feel so welcomed and the night was one skit after another. Kathryn Harlan, as a first time Noble Grand, I was very proud. You were great! Pat and Donnie Marvin thanks for the music. Jay Eaton surprised us with a wonderful voice singing my Mansion's Over the Hilltop! Wow!!

The District Meeting for District #3 was very well put on by the Committee led by Wilma Bragg. I loved the initiation they did and thank our Assembly Warden, Sharon McGaffick for being the candidate. We really need to put on more of these.

Tomorrow I head east and am looking forward to more fun and games.

Just a stanza from our Grand Master Tom Ashley's song.

Are you havin' any fun?
What you getting' out o' livin'
What good is what you've got
If you're not, havin' any fun?

See you next month

Georgia Wickham, Assembly President

IVY REBEKAH LODGE #23 INSTALLS 2016 OFFICERS



Georgia Wickahm & Wava Murphy



Boy Scout #320

Pocatello - On March 17, 2016 the officers and members of Ivy Rebekah Lodge were served a delicious Salmon dinner that was prepared and served by Boy Scout Troop #320 that is sponsored by Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 and Portneuf Odd Fellows Lodge #20. The meal was delicious and the Boy Scouts received a well done from all present.

Noble Grand, Wava Murphy, welcomed Georgia Wickham, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho to our 'Special' Meeting in her honor.

After the honors of the degree were given, Noble Grand Wava Murphy presented President Georgia gifts of a corsage and Hummingbird Sun Catcher.

Honors were also given to Shannon Vieth, Vice President of the Idaho Rebekah Assembly; Barbara Pettigrew, I,A,R,A, Representative; and Crystal Shepherd, District Deputy President for District 1.

Also introduced were appointed officers Cathy Tous-saint, Assistant Conductor; Anna Breeze, PPRA, Honor Guard, Vicky Kent, Choir; and Crystal Shepherd, Secretary's Page.

Sisters Crystal Shepherd and Shannon Vieth presented a program on 'The History of our Robes' that was written by PPRA Anna Breeze.

The members present were Wava Murphy, David Livingston, Crystal Shepherd, Anna Breeze, Cathy Tous-saint, Vicky Kent, Shannon Vieth, Jackie Bray, Kathy Pew, Darlene Fullmer and Nola Shuler. Our guest from Pansy #37 was Barbara Pettigrew.

After the meeting we enjoyed a delicious dessert of Hawaiian Custard cake and good fellowship.

Wava Murphy, Reporter

Celebrate Arbor Day



Plant A Tree

Grand Master Visits Ada Lodge #3!



Our Grand Master Tom Ashley made his official visit on February 16. We started with Dinner at the Golden Coral, came back to the lodge where Tom not only inspired us with his words

but he and Georgia lead us in Songs of joy. We loved their rendition of "Are we having any Fun". We followed up with fellowship and cake. Sister Margaret Odle designed the cake. Thank you Tom for a fun evening!

Submitted by Glen Schultz

President Visits Union 45



Wilma Bragg, Georgia Wickham & James Weighall



Georgia Wickham & James Weighall

President Georgia Wickham made her official visit to Union #45 on March 1, 2016. Lunch was at the Snake River Grill. Several members from other lodges were in attendance. This was the only regular meeting in the valley, since the other two were special meetings. We all enjoyed the message from President Georgia.

Peg Roberson, Reporter

Arbor Day is a great time to think about trees and Idaho's forests



National Arbor Day is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April. The customary observance is to plant a tree. On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted.



"Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."

J. Sterling Morton

Perfect Attendance



Laura Englehart & Pam York

Caldwell - Congratulations to Sister Laura Englehart and Sister Pam York of Gem of the Mountain #5, for perfect attendance for 2015. Sister Laura has been a member for 65 years, and Sister Pam became an Associate member in April of 2015. We applaud their dedication to Gem of the Mountain #5.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



BINGHAM REBEKAH LODGE #78 PRESIDENTS VISIT



Am. Falls - On March, 2016 the officers and members of Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 welcomed Georgia Wickham, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho for her official visit.

Anna Breeze and Alice Mayer gave a presentation on Stars. A gift and corsage were presented to President Georgia by Noble Grand Kay Bammert.

The members present were Kay Bammert; Vicky Kent, Shannon Vieth, Alice Mayer, Anna Breeze, and Wava Murphy. Our guests were Cathy Toussaint from Progress #48; and Barbara Pettigrew from Pansy #37.

After the meeting, we all adjourned to a local restaurant for a lunch.

Wava Murphy, Reporter

NEWS FROM MELBA 105



Brother Tom, Sisters Connie & Sharon with props



Sister Georgia in her bird costume

Sister Georgia with her cake



Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 has been busy this year. In January, we made Caramel Corn for Melba's yearly auction. The kitchen crew consisted of Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert along with Sisters Ursula White and Sharon McGaffick. The corn mixers and baggers were Sisters Connie Evans, Georgia Wickham, Barbara Pettigrew and Sandie Chandler. In February we signed Valentine cards for the VA patients. Thanks to Sister Connie Evans for delivering them. In March our Assembly President Georgia Wickham made her official visit. The members of Melba made some outstanding soup and sandwiches that were enjoyed before the meeting. Our entertainment was based on the "Tennessee Bird Walk." Sister Connie Evans dressed Sister Georgia up as a bird, then we all sang the song, with Brother Bob Covert on the organ. Our props represented different parts of the song.

After the meeting, we enjoyed cake and drinks and good friendship. It was wonderful to see Sisters Jan Raymond and Laura Englehart from Gem of the Mountains, and Sister Pam York from Unity.

Submitted by Sandie Chapman



Sister Georgia's Official Visit to Gem of the Mountains #5



Rose DeHaven, Georgia Wickham & Pam York



Pam York & George McGaffick



Edith Bivins

On February 16, 2016, our Rebekah President, Sister Georgia Wickham, made her Official visit to Gem of the Mountains #5. Sister Georgia was introduced by Sister Laura Englehart (Past President) and Brother Tom Ashley (Grand Master) to Noble Grand George McGaffick and the members and visitors. Sister Georgia was given the Honors and escorted to the station of the Noble Grand.

Since Sister Georgia is also the Treasurer of Gem, she elected to return to her place in the lodge so she could help take care of the business of the Lodge. Sisters Rose DeHaven and Pam York were in charge of the program and Sister Rose told interesting facts about the Humming Bird, and Sister Pam read an interesting story that touched on Sister Georgia's program. Sister Pam presented Brother George the banner for District 4, as Gem of the Mountains will be hosting the 2017 meeting. Our 97 years young, Sister Edith Bivins, honored us with her presence. After the meeting cake and coffee was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Sandie Chapman



News From Unity 8



Margaret Odle, Glen Schultz, Dorothea Johnson, Connie Schultz

Boise - Unity celebrated the winter season. We presented silk poinsettias to our shut-ins; their visiting was a gift far greater. Our members shared Thanksgiving meal without the dishes, the only way to cook.

We will miss our Sister Margaret Hegstrom who passed November 27th.

About 40 children were welcomed by Nana Clause Margaret Odle and Santa Claus Joe Sirani at the Ada Children's Christmas Party. This year the Italian-American Club included a puppet show. Afterwards members and guests shared a Christmas meal to celebrate the season.

What a nice turn-out for the District 4 joint installation held at the Boise Odd Fellow Temple. Noble Grand Virginia Buchanan has an exiting year planned for our lodge. Unity also is pleased to welcome our newest members, Connie Schultz, Glen Schultz, and Dorothea Johnson. We are so lucky.

Unity hosted the 2016 District #4 meeting. What a privilege for the members of the District to perform the Rebekah Degree for Barbara Olin, Gem of the Mountains #5 and Connie and Glen Schultz of Unity #8. Our newest members were presented a toy goat to remember their "riding the goat!" What a fun afternoon filled with good information and fellowship.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo



Riggins Garnet Rebekah Lodge 120 Began in 1948



Riggins - On July 10, 1948, State Assembly President, Lillian Hughes, with her Grand Officers and members of surrounding Rebekah Lodges gave birth to a new lodge in the state of Idaho, and town of Riggins. It was named Garner, for the garnet stones found along the bars of the Salmon River, and numbered 120. Seven sisters and one brother were listed as charter members and that evening, twelve more were initiated. Hazel Spickelmire was elected as first Noble Grand.

Like my healthy baby, Garnet grew rapidly and by Mar. 15, 1949, she had thirty-eight members, of whom three were brothers and five Past Noble Grands, and she had her own drill team.

It was about this time, that Sister Della Flynn, a charter member, made the scarves for each of the stations depicting the four emblems, the Bee Hive, the Moon and Seven Stars, the Lily and the Dove. Through the years, Sister Della had contributed much to Garnet's growth. She made the beautiful Rebekah flag with all the emblems embroidered by hand, which is always displayed at all our meetings. One of her greatest contributions to our lodge is the importance of memorizing the charges. At age 92 years plus, she can still give all her charges.

Through the years, eight Decoration of Chivalry jewels have been given and we are now trying to give one each year to a worthy member. Sister Olive Looney is our only sister to receive the Veteran Jewel of 50 years, but other sisters received their 15 year jewels as that become due.

Garnet has done many note worthy things both inside and outside the order. She assists the Odd Fellows financially with all their needs and contributes to all worthy fund raising affairs in the community. Garnet helps toward the support of the Home on the Hill and always supports the State Assembly President's project.

Though the years many of Garnet's members have been asked to work on the floor of the State Assemblies.

Now, for this Bicentennial Year of 1976, Garnet has become almost a mature woman at the age of 28 years. She can boast of eighty-one sisters and seven brothers as paid up members, and twenty-seven Past Noble Grands.

Fraternal submitted by Carol Davis, Historian for Garnet Rebekah Lodge #120.

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In Loving Memory Kenneth Lyle Baldwin

Oct. 28, 1923 - Feb. 25, 2016



Kenneth L. Baldwin, 92, of Caldwell, Idaho passed away at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Kenneth was born on October 28, 1923 to Guy and Ruth Baldwin, in Caldwell, Idaho. He lived in Payette, Idaho from age 3 through 6 years old and then attended school in Caldwell, graduating from Caldwell High School in 1941. After graduation he attended N.Y.A. School in Weiser, Idaho and learned the carpentry trade. He went into the army and served from 1944 to 1946. He served in Europe under General Patton and received a Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge. He married his sweetheart back home, Bernice Mason, on July 29, 1945 while he was on leave and then finished his tour of duty. Upon returning home, he joined the work force, working for Carl Hanson from 1946 to 1952 and then worked for himself doing floorcovering until his retirement in 1994.

In between raising his family and work, he was an active and supportive member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge #10 and the Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5, retaining membership of 50 plus years. He was extremely proud of his membership in his beloved Order.

In Kenny's world, Sunday mornings were "Pancakes at Grandpa's House", with his children, grandchildren and various animals, including the friendly squirrels that populated his yard. He was chief pancake maker and continued this tradition right up until the Sunday before he passed.

Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Karen Nall of Caldwell, ID and her children, daughter, Jeri Lee Nall (Rob) of Caldwell, ID; son, Dustin Nall of Caldwell, ID; son Rick Baldwin (Cammy) of Middleton, ID and their children, son, Cody Baldwin of Boise, ID and daughter, Shelby Baldwin of Middleton, ID and great grandson, Chance Nall of Caldwell, ID.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Bernice Baldwin; sons, Gary Baldwin and Ron Baldwin and his son-in-law, Jerry Nall.

The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at West Valley Medical Center for their unwavering care and kindness to the family and Kenny in his last days. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Odd Fellows Scholarship Fund or to the charity of your choice.

A Funeral Service was held Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.



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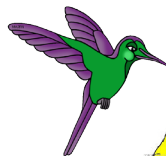
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