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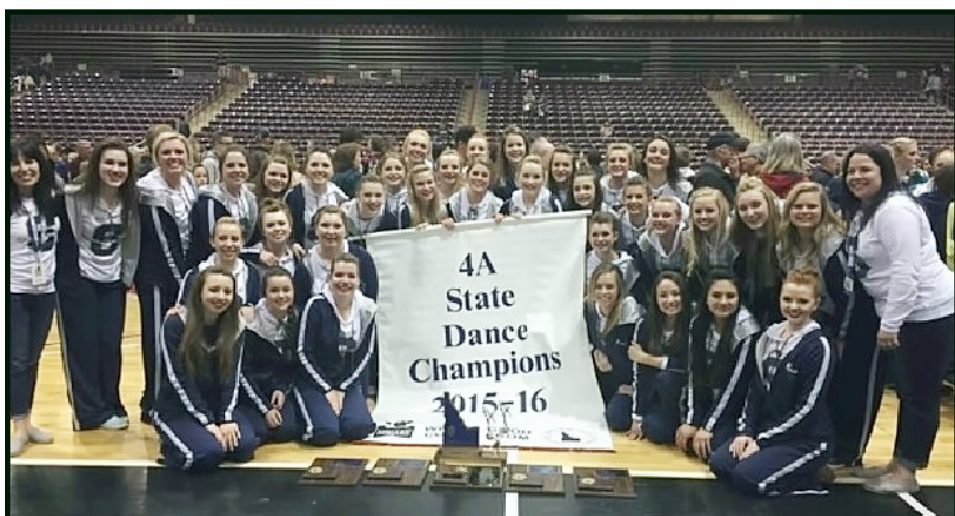


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Blue Angels Dance Team



Nampa - The Blue Angels would like to thank you, Nampa Odd Fellow Lodge #40, again for your support for this past year. We had a spectacular season. Here is a brief summary of what we accomplished as a team this year.

To start off with, we won our fourth straight Idaho State Championship in the 4A division. To break it down even farther, we got 1st place in every competition we competed in and we got 1st place in every dance category that we competed in. Yes, that means we went the entire year with nothing but 1st place finishes. It was a perfect season. Just when you thought there could be nothing else to accomplish, we achieved more. We also won the 4A Academic Championship. What does that mean you ask? It means that, as a team, we finished with the highest grade point average of all the 4A division schools. We had a team grade point average of a 3.8. To understand the numbers, a 4.0 is straight A's. Pretty impressive. So to think about how important your contribution is, you help us to be the best we can be, thank you and we hope to have your continued support.

Skyview High School, Blue Angels Dance Team
(through Sandie Chandler)

A Surprise for Ellen Platt



Weippe - Here is a picture of Joyce Stewart pinning Ellen Platt with her 65 year pin. Also pictured is Christine Brown. It was a surprise to Ellen because Christine and Joyce snuck Ellen's pin to have the number changed. Taken March 22nd 2016 by Christina Supak White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60

Submitted by Christina Supak

Musical Fingers



White Bird - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 is proud of our Brother Bob Covert. Brother Bob ventured to White Bird's official visit of our Assembly President, Georgia Wickham, April 6, 2016. While there, Brother Bob livened up the Lodge by playing the piano. It is always a treat when we have a Musician in the house, and Melba #105 is proud of our Brother.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

COMING EVENTS 2016

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
23	2nd DEGREE RALLY	IDAHO CITY

AUGUST

05	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
06	IOOF PICNIC	BOISE 1PM
14-21	SOV. GRAND LODGE	RAPID CITY, SD
27	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY

SEPTEMBER

17	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
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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

Assembly President's Lodge Visits

May	05	Welcome 17	Cambridge
May	11	Hiawatha 123	Indian Valley
May	16	Priscilla 97	New Plymouth
May	19	Harmony 22	Payette
May	21	Rose 18	Idaho City
June	04	District 2	Challis



Syringa Rebekahs of Jerome Began in 1914



Following the institution, an initiation was held for forty-six candidates. The degree of Rebekah was conferred by the staff of Margurite Rebekah Lodge No. 98 of Gooding.

After the meeting, a banquet was served at the old North Side Inn, which was prepared and served by the chef, Tennel.

In 1936, the Odd Fellows purchased the old Victory Theatre, which was one of Jerome's oldest landmarks, having been built in 1910. It was on the corner Avenue A and Adams.

This was the lodge hall until on April 10, 1943, the entire structure was destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$200,000.

The members of the two lodges began to rally following the total loss and by 1949 were housed in their brand new hall just East of South Lincoln on Ave. B. This is where the Rebekahs meet today.

There are six brothers and ninety-two sisters belonging to Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110 today. We have taken in seven new members the past year, five by initiation, one by reinstatement and one by transfer.

Officers for 1976 are: Noble Grand, Annie May Hart; Vice-Grand, Pearl Utter; Recording Secretary, Katherine Rolfe; Financial Secretary, Shirley Shropshire; and Treasurer, Elsie Andrews.



Tom Ashley
Grand Master



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With April here, we are enjoying some good weather, at the moment. This month has not been quite as busy as March but still with much activity.

My visit to Council Lodge #85 included installing the new officers for this year. Their new officers are, Jim Camp, Noble Grand, Charles Lively, Vice Grand, Jed Lakey, Secretary, and Shawn Stanford, Treasurer. With guests there eight members present at the meeting. My thanks to the Council Lodge for the great dinner before the meeting.

On Wednesday, April 20 will be my visit to Caldwell Lodge #10. This meeting was rescheduled due to illness. One of the perks of being Grand Master is visiting all our lodges in Idaho. Any time you can visit another lodge, take advantage of the opportunity. It is good to visit will other members and learn how other lodges conduct their meetings. You might pick up something you can use in your lodge while meeting new people.

Ada Lodge #3 and Nampa Lodge #40 are sponsoring a delegate to the United Nations Pilgrimage program this year and we hope to be sponsoring more candidates in the coming years. There is a UNP fund available to help any lodge, Odd Fellow or Rebekah, to send candidates. The age requirements for the candidates is to be either 16 or 17 at the time of the trip and to have at least one year of high school remaining. This is a great educational opportunity for young people and it is really a trip of a lifetime for anyone lucky enough to participate.

Ada Lodge #3 is hosting an IOOF Statewide Picnic on August 6th, 2016. This will be a great time for all members of all branches of the order to get together for a great time. This event will be held at Municipal Park in Boise and will start at about 1:00 PM. For those of you that remember, this is somewhat reminiscent of the old 'Home-on-the-Hill' picnics of the past. Watch for more on this in future papers.

Let's keep each other in our thoughts and prayers and respect and treat each other as we want to be treated. All branches of the order working together in unity will strengthen this order for all of us, our friends and neighbors, and our communities. Let's make a difference.

In F.L. & T.,

Thomas Ashley, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Idaho, IOOF



Georgia Wickham
Assembly President



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well and having lots of fun! I know I have. My visitations have been wonderful. So many Stars we have in Rebekah's.

My meeting with Progress #48 was well attended. Our VP Shannon Vieth is a very crafty lady. I loved everything she made for me. Bingham #78 in American Falls meets in a beautiful old Church. Everyone needs to visit them and see this building. I applaud Kay Bammert and Alice Mayer for not giving up after their troubles. They are very special ladies. Ivy # 23, Pocatello had the best Salmon Dinner, made by the local Boy Scouts that meet in their building. It was absolutely delicious. Crystal Shepherd, Daughter of our PP Anna Breeze is their new secretary and did an outstanding job. It's not an easy job, especially when you have such experienced shoes to follow in. Wava Murphy, a 2 year member, signed the Rebekah Creed for us and we almost quit reciting to watch her. What a great Rebekah. We need more of her in the Order.

District Meeting in Blackfoot initiated 2 members. One for Bingham #78, Jessica Lage and the other for Progress #48, Marti Moore. Welcome! I am sure you will be great assets to those Lodges. We had a good time. I, of course, being my graceful self decided to test the floor for hardness and found it to be plenty hard. The most pain was to my dignity.

I attended Northwest in Chilliwack, Canada. As this was my first time going to that country, I was very impressed. The Host Committee did a great job, being first time hosts. I know personally that is a very large job for anyone. Sister Vicky Kiele as Chairman did us proud.

Last but not least, Royal Gem #13 in White Bird. Everything was wonderful. This is the first time in years we have had a crowd like that. After 15 PNG, we still had a bunch of NG's in waiting. Our Sister Sisters, Lydia, Linda, Lisa and Dee are a joy. Lydia is of course, is PP Lydia Chrane. They sang my "You are my Sunshine" and had an added verse I will use in this month's letter. It was written by one of their newer members and I am sad to say, I didn't write down her name. So Sorry.

**"We'll always love you and hope you're happy
And we hope you feel the same.
So day to day dear, we'll grow together
In honor of Rebekah's name."**

Fraternally, Georgia Wickham A.P.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO IVY REBEKAH LODGE #23

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 Toussaint, 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 Toussaint, 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



WELCOME
To our new members

Marti Moore
 Progress #48

Jessica Lage
 Bingham #78




PROGRESS REBEKAH LODGE #48 HOSTS DISTRICT 1 MEETING



Bingham #78 with New Member Progress #48 with New Member

Blackfoot - On March 19, 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 to our District Meeting held at the Bingham County Senior Center in Blackfoot.

Our committee, Wava Murphy, Vickie Kent and Shannon Vieth, decorated the meeting room with 'Gold Stars' one for each lodge in the state and floral arrangements of Lilacs & Daisy's for each station. They also decorated the dining area with pictures of all attendees, star coasters and floral arrangements like those in the meeting room.

Honors were given to Georgia Wickham, President Rebekah Assembly; Shannon Vieth, Vice President Rebekah Assembly; Barbara Pettigrew, I.A.R.A. Representative; Vicky Kiele I.A.R.A. Legislative Committee & Assembly Secretary; Sharon McGaffick, Warden Rebekah Assembly; and Crystal Shepherd, District Deputy President for District 1.

Also introduced were appointed officers Cathy Toussaint, Assistant Conductor; Anna Breeze, PPRA, Honor Guard, Vicky Kent, Choir; Kay Bammert, President's Page; and Crystal Shepherd, Secretary's Page.

All of the members of District 1 were in attendance. Our guests included Vicky Kiele, Sharon and George McGaffick.

We had a very informative meeting and after lunch had the opportunity to initiate two new members; Jessica Lage for Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 and Marti Moore for Progress #48. We welcome these two sisters into our fraternity.

Our Chairman, Shannon Vieth, thanked all for attending and for all of the help from the sisters in District 1; "They made everything possible".

Submitted in F. L. & T
 Cathy Toussaint, Reporter



Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Principle Sherry Ann Adams & Superintendent Andrew Grover with Melba members
Barbara Pettigrew with great-grandson Joshia Pettigrew

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 delivered dictionaries to Melba Elementary School's 3rd graders, April 4, 2016. Melba has been doing this for the last 13 years. First they were doing it with the Grangers in Melba, but the last few years, they have been doing it on their own. Members who attended were, Sisters Jean Reineke, Sharon McGaffick, Barbara Pettigrew, Sandie Chandler, and Brothers Tom Ashley and George McGaffick. Sister Barbara told of some of the neat things the 3rd graders would find in their dictionaries, and reminded them to be sure and put their names in them, as the books were theirs to take home and to use. It was a special treat for Sister Barbara as her great grandson, Joshia Pettigrew, was one of the 3rd graders who received a dictionary.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

PROGRESS REBEKAH LODGE #48 DONATES TO COMMUNITY GARDEN



Shannon Vieth, Mayor Paul Lomis, Cathy Toussaint, & Vicky Kent

Blackfoot - On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, Noble Grand Cathy Toussaint of Progress Rebekah Lodge #48 of Blackfoot presented a check for the Community Garden to Blackfoot Mayor Paul Loomis. This donation is to be used to sponsor two scholarships for local gardeners.

With Noble Grand Cathy Toussaint were Vicky Kent, Warden and Shannon Vieth, Vice Grand of Progress Rebekah Lodge #48. This is the second year that the lodge has donated to such a worthwhile cause in our community. Noble Grand, Cathy said "We are always looking for ways to participate more in the Blackfoot area."

Marti Moore, Reporter



Greetings from Idaho No. 96 Rebekah Lodge



James Weighall
& Georgia Wickham



Georgia Wickham & Juanita Thomas



James Weighall
& Wanda Bragg



Wanda Hays, Dalice Buchanan, Lorraine McCloud,
Shirley Shropshire & Peg Roberson

Wendell - We were busy the month of March attending lodges in our district for the official visits of R.A. President Georgia Wickham. Members of Idaho No. 96 served a delicious meal (special cake included) before the meeting.

President Georgia was welcomed and presented gifts before her message. We were happy to have special guests attending also, they were each given a special cake recipe called The Hummingbird Cake.

On April 4th, we were honored to have Wilma Bragg, DDP, make her official visit. She was presented a gift by Noble Grand, James Weighall.

An interesting program on the Rebekah Emblems was presented by Lorraine McCloud. Noble Grand, Weighall presented the desk officers, secretary, Lorraine McCloud and Treasurer Juanita Thomas with gifts and thanks.

Submitted by Juanita Thomas, Reporter

Syringa #110 Stays Busy

SYRINGA NO 110, Jerome, entertained their Lodge Deputy, Wanda Bragg in February when she made her official visit, and hosted District Meeting of District No.3 on Saturday, March 5. Vicky Kiele, IARA Legislation Committee Member and Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho; Georgia Wickham, President of the Rebekah Assembly; Shannon Vieth, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly; Sharon McGaffick, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho; and Barbara Pettigrew, IARA Representative and Past President were our out of district guests. They were welcomed and received the honors. We were pleased that some of the Odd Fellows joined us in the afternoon, including Grand Master Tom Ashley, Grand Secretary Jeff Mann, and Grand Treasurer James Weighall.

On Monday, March 7, President Georgia Wickham made her official visit at a special meeting. A total of 20 were present to enjoy President Georgia's message.

Wilma Bragg, District Deputy President of District No.3, whose home lodge is Syringa, made her official visit at our regular meeting on March 28, 2016. She reported on the information shared by our president and secretary at the schools of instruction that preceded the district meeting.

Lodge Deputy Visit



Sister Wanda Bragg, Lodge Deputy, is greeted at the altar by Noble Grand Marguerite "Peg" Roberson while making her official visit in Jerome.

DDP Official Visit



DDP of District No. 3, Wilma Bragg, accepts a bouquet of tulips from Noble "Grand Marguerite "Peg" Roberson while making her official visit.

District Meeting of District No. 3



Receiving the honors at the district meeting of District No. 3 were: Vicky Kiele, Barbara Pettigrew, Georgia Wickham, Shannan Vieth, Sharon McGaffick and Wilma Bragg

President Georgia's Official Visit



Receiving the honors are: VP Shannon Vieth, AW Sharon McGaffick, GT & GP James Weighall, IARA Rep. & PP Barbara Pettigrew, And DDP Wilma Bragg



President Georgia accepts a gift from Syringa 110, presented by Noble Grand Marguerite Roberson



Wanda Bragg, Jean Floyd & Shirley Shropshire, Students at the School of Instruction, perform a skit during President Georgia official visit

Submitted by Jean Floyd, Assembly Photographer



Happy Mother's Day !



SGL Community Ideas Part 1

Fraternal greetings from your Odd Fellow and Rebekah Membership Chairmen! The next few months we will be sharing with you a list of 100 Community Ideas generated by Sovereign Grand Lodge. This list was created to help lodges find ways to better participate in their communities. We are confident that using these ideas can help raise awareness for your lodge and thus build your membership.

1. Participate in Adopt a Highway. For those not familiar with this, your organization agrees to pick up trash along a section of the highway at least quarterly and you get your name on a highway sign that says "Adopt-A-Highway" and the organization's name.
2. Sponsor a booth at your county fair/fall and spring festival of your hometown and provide free water and have handouts about your local lodge.
3. Put together snack packs/ travel size toiletry items to be given to families of patients in ICU at the hospital all the while working as a volunteer at the hospital. Remember to include information about your local lodge with the items.
4. Volunteer at your local library to provide tutoring to at risk students in the local schools. We have a program here called CAPS (Children Are People) that provides this type of help. Our local Lodges provide school supplies on an ongoing basis.
5. Open your lodge hall for use of community functions.
6. Sponsor a "Make a Difference Dinner" and invite those within your community who have "made a difference".
7. Have an Open House at the lodge hall and invite the community to come and learn about the Order.
8. Sponsor a local Scout Troop/Youth Sports Team.
9. Provide an activity packet to include coloring books, crayons, puzzle books etc. to be given to children in the local hospital. Remember to include information about your local lodge.
10. If your community has a Volunteer Fire Department sponsor a fundraising event to help raise funds for equipment.
11. Participate in several parades, city and/or community, every year. If there are no parades, organize one to celebrate various holidays (St. Patrick's Day, Christmas, etc.).
12. Become a docent for your historical society and specialize in fraternal organizations.
13. Partner with Habitat for Humanity.
14. Partner with Keep America Beautiful and serve on a regular basis.
15. Sponsor a community Thanksgiving, Easter, New Year's Eve, etc. event every year.

In F,L,&T, Don and Kathryn Harlan, Membership Chairmen

President Georgia Visits Unity #8



Georgia Wickham
& Margaret Odle

Boise - On February 18th Unity welcomed Rebekah Assembly President Georgia Wickham with a "Hip, Hip, Hooray!" for her official visitation. Our sister had an inspiring message that everyone is her "all stars." She and Grand Master Tom Ashley even sang a duet confirming the unity of our order. All members circled Sister Georgia and read collected good wishes written on "A Rebekah Star." Vice Grand Margaret Odle presented Unity's President's apron which she had so beautifully painted. President Georgia was not surprised as she has been hinting ever since elected Warden that she really wanted to join the elite Apron Brigade.

The following meetings were the official visitations of District Deputy President Barbara Pettigrew and Lodge Deputy Linda Clark. Sister Barbara was welcomed with a glowing star wand and poem. Sister Linda, visiting on St. Patrick's Day, received green shamrocks as well. We were so pleased to share this evening with our shining stars!

Unity is proud of their community outreach this period. A nice scholarship has been present to Boise State University. Remembering the Boise Veteran's Cemetery for Living Legacy is appropriate with several members interred there. And on May 30th Ada Lodge #3 with help from Unity #8 will observe Love Thy Neighbor Day by offering coffee and cookies at a freeway rest stop. Everyone is invited to help.

Submitted by Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

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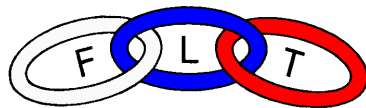
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