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Need a Musician?



Once again Brother Bob Covert of Melba #105 shared his musical talent. On May 16th he was the Musician at Priscilla #97 in New Plymouth when Assembly President, Sister Georgia Wickham, made her official visit. Then Brother Bob attended Gem of the Mountains #5, in Caldwell, regular meeting, May 17th, and once again provided music since Sister Rose DeHaven, Gems Musician, broke her wrist. On May 21, Brother Bob graced us with his musical abilities when Assembly President George Wickham and Grand Master Tom Ashley made their official visit to Idaho City for a joint official visit.

So, if you need music, Brother Bob is the guy to call.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

BINGHAM REBEKAH LODGE #78 DONATES A TREE TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Am. Falls - As our Living Legacy Program for 2016, Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 of American Falls; Noble Grand Kay Bammert, Vice Grand Vicky Kent, Wava Murphy, Anna Breeze and Alice Mayer; all of Bingham Rebekah Lodge presented to St. John's Episcopal Church a Maple Tree to replace a tree that had died. Not pictured is our photographer, Shannon Vieth.

Wava Murphy, Reporter

Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 Donates to Veterans Home



Pocatello - On Monday, May 2, 2016, Noble Grand Wava Murphy of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 of Pocatello presented to the Activities Director Carrie Levitt; a rose bush to be planted in the Rose Garden of the Veterans Home in Pocatello, Idaho in memory of all of our Odd Fellow Brothers and Rebekah Sisters who have served our country.

With Noble Grand Wava Murphy were David Livingston, Vice Grand of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23, Anna Breeze, Treasurer and Shannon Vieth, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho. The lodge is very pleased to donate again to the rose garden to help maintain it's beauty for our service members. This has been our ongoing Living Legacy project for the past 6 years.

Wava Murphy, Reporter

Just a Rambling note from the Grand Secretary

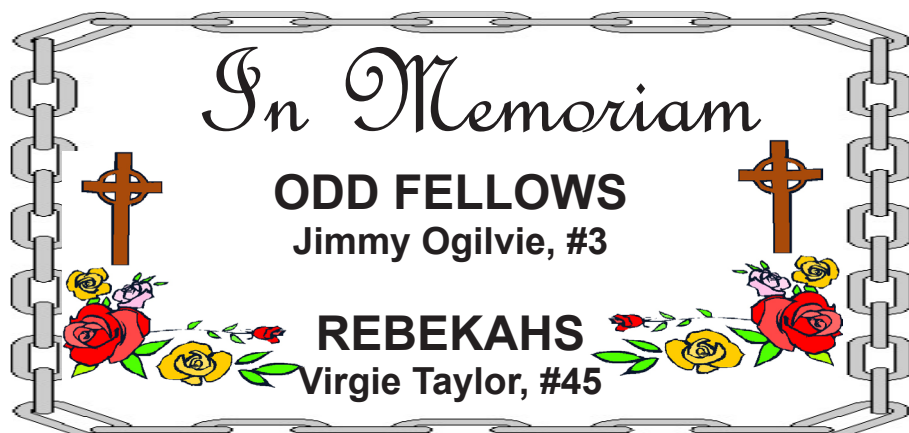
There have been questions and some confusion on the dues break down mostly the historical building funds that is collected for the historical building. Odd Fellows pay \$1.50 per member this came to \$195.00 collected for this year. Rebekah's just raised historical building this year to \$1.50. It takes \$11,241. To operate the historical building for a year this includes, city water/sewer/trash, power, gas, insurance and irrigation. It would cost more on the utilities if we had a caretaker living in the building.

Sovereign Grand Lodge dues are \$18.50 per year. For this year we paid Sovereign Grand Lodge \$4107.00 for Odd Fellow Dues, Odd Fellow Members only pay \$12.50 per year. This year's dues collected was \$2737.00 Grand Lodge picks up the other \$6.00 per member. The Rebekahs also pay a portion for their members. With Sovereign Grand Lodge getting ready to raise their dues up to \$24.50 this coming 2016 session.

Grand lodge and the Rebekah Assembly has also has picked up a \$5000.00 shortfall in Newspapers budget. Odd Fellows member pay \$6.00 and Rebekahs have been paying \$5.50 per member for the 12 issues per year. The Newspaper board had a meeting the first of April if they lost both Odd Fellows and Rebekah Assembly help with their shortfall they would have to raise the newspaper to \$12.00 a year per member. Both of Executive Committees Odd Fellow and Rebekah meet with the Newspaper Board last month. The newspaper will be working on cutting costs. The newspaper has stopped mailing out the extra papers. The printer has a 1000 minimum with only 600 being mailed out to our dues paying members. So this year at sessions will both bring again a resolution to help the newspaper out of there shortfall.

Without Grand Lodge and the Rebekah Assembly helping out our members' dues would be have to be \$38.00 per member for this coming year. \$24.50 going to Sovereign Grand Lodge \$12.00 to the Newspaper and \$1.50 to the Historical Building. Some of the other jurisdictions dues are \$45.00 and higher. Idaho has one of the lowest dues in the order.

Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary



Grand Master's Lodge Visits

June 17	Portneuf 20	Pocatello
June 20	Ashton 88	Ashton
June 25	Owyhee 2	Silver City

Assembly President's Lodge Visits

June 04	District 2	Challis
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COMING EVENTS 2016

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
23	JOINT PLANNING BRD	CALDWELL 10AM

OCTOBER

17-19	GRAND SESSIONS	BURLEY
22	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY

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Tom Ashley Grand Master



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This has been another busy month with many visits and much traveling. The weather really cooperated and there was much beautiful scenery to be seen here in Idaho. Spring is a great time to travel.

My visit to Caldwell Lodge #10 was well attended, including the Rebekah Assembly President, Georgia Wickham. There were many officers of all the grand bodies present and I thank the Lodge for the honors given my office and also for the refreshments after the meeting.

On May 11th I visited with Orofino Lodge #64, Craigmont Lodge #76, and Crystal Lodge #103, at the Crystal Lodge building in Clearwater. We had a great meeting with all three lodges represented. Thanks to the members for a great home cooked lunch. Crystal Lodge's building is well maintained and is used for community activities as well as lodge use. On Ground Hog day, the lodge puts on a Ground Hog feed, serving homemade sausage, eggs, and pancakes, last year, to over 400 people. Below is a picture of those in attendance.



Top row, left to right. Tom Hutchinson of Craigmont, #76, Jan Stroble, Jean White and Lee Thornton of Orofino. Tom Ashley, Grand Master, & Jimmy Hunter of Clearwater Crystal # 103.

Bottom row, left to right. Bobby Gribble, Jim Fuller, Noble Grand, David Bishop, Ted Sellitti of Clearwater and Robert Covert, Nampa #40.

The following day, we traveled to Orofino and toured the Orofino Lodge building and learned some of the history of the lodge there. This is one of our few remaining historic buildings in the state.

On Saturday May 14, we attended the District meet in Coeur d' Alene, which was attended by about 12 members. Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 in Post Falls



Georgia Wickham Assembly President



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

April was a very busy month. What fun and wonderful Fellowship I have had. You have all been so wonderful to me. After checking into our room in the Lewis and Clark Motel, Barbara and I went to Sylvan #81 in Clearwater. Dixie Lynn, Noble Grand, made us feel like we were the stars and Mary Bishop did a wonderful job as their Secretary. What would those Ladies do without her? I enjoyed visiting with their men in the kitchen. They do all the kitchen work so the Ladies can have a successful meeting.

White Pine #60 in Weippe was wonderful. Again, all those Noble Grands in waiting. I especially enjoyed visiting with PP Ellen Platt. She has so much love for this order. You are lucky to have her there.

Our next stop was a wonderful lunch the next day at a wonderful Bed and Breakfast, The High Country Inn. We then went to Bluebelle #72 in Orofino. Jean White and Lee Thornton allowed me to be useful and fill the Chair of Chaplain. I really enjoy helping out.

Kooskia #64, home of our Secretary Vicky Kiele and PP Roberta Joy Lee was a meeting filled with love. What a great group of Rebekahs. Their newest member, Betty Baldwin, filled the chair of the Chaplain and did a very good job. She is going to be a great asset to their Lodge.

I met with the Ladies of Mizpah #12 in Grangeville. Twila Hornbeck made me feel very welcome along with all the other beautiful Sisters there. Thanks for the great lunch.

District #6 held their meeting in Kooskia, with the Grangeville Ladies in charge. They did a great job and I felt very privileged to be the Conductor for the Initiation. Welcome to Mizpah's newest member, I wish I had remembered to write down your name. So sorry about that. All in all, it was a very successful week.

Our next stop was the combined District #7's meeting and President's meeting at Carnation # 95 in Post falls. Jeanette Weatherly, Nancy Morris and Doris Hansen, all Past Presidents welcomed us with open arms. It was so nice to see Connie Lambert and Rebecca Rhodes again. Rebecca came from Oregon, where she now lives. Thanks so much for that!



Grand Master's Letter Con't from page 3

has sold their building due to operating costs and will be moving into Coeur d' Alene Lodge #34 after recess in September. I know that this will be a great benefit to Coeur d' Alene Lodge to have a Rebekah Lodge back in their building. Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 moved into the Nampa Lodge building a while back and it has been great having the Rebekah's back again.

Later on the 14th, we drove through Craigmont and saw the outside of the Lodge building there but were not able to go into the Lodge.

On May 21st, there will be a combined open meeting for the Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President's visit to Pioneer Lodge #1 and Rose Rebekah Lodge #18 in Idaho City. This meeting has been well publicized and a large crowd is expected. More on this event next month.

As well as my visits, I have attend President Georgia's visits to Welcome #17, Cambridge, and Priscilla #97 in New Plymouth. President Georgia and I have been attending as many of each other's visits as we have been able to.

President Georgia's message and mine are very similar in that we are both promoting the watchwords of our order, Friendship, Love, and Truth, as well as tolerance and respect for others. We all must encourage unity in what we say and do within the order. The Odd Fellow Benediction, the Rebekah Creed, and the Encampment Perspective all are guides for our benefit and to further and promote the ideals of Odd Fellowship.

Remember we are Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Patriarchs and Matriarchs, Chevaliers and Lades. We are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In FL&T.
Thomas Ashley, Grand Master



Gem of the Mountains Honors Their Desk Officers



On May 3rd, Sister Laura Englehart recognized Gem of the Mountains #5, Secretary (Sister Sharon McGaffick) and Treasurer (Sister Georgia Wickham). Sister Laura shared kind words about both our Sisters, and presented each of them with a token of appreciation.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Picture: Sisters Sharon McGaffick, Georgia Wickham, and Laura Englehart

Assembly President's Letter Con't from page 3

District #5 held their meeting in New Plymouth hosted by Priscilla #97. Assembly Treasurer Barbara Stone calls this her home, along with Past President Leona Horne and Past Treasurer Leta Burt. Ida May Martell was NG and did a great job.

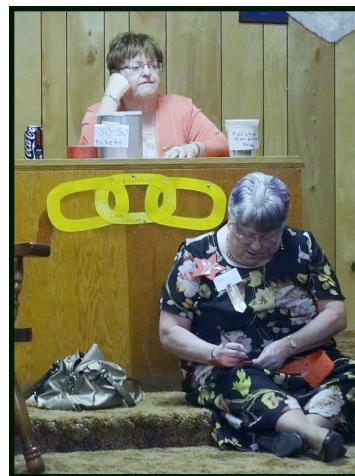
I have no poem for you this month but I will leave you on a high note, in the key of C, Ruthie Harrison.

In FL &T,
Georgia Wickham, AP



Georgia Wickham, Idaho State Rebekah President with officers from Clearwater Sylvan #81. Dixie Lynn, Noble Grand, Mary Bishop, Secretary, Georgia, and Patsy Hunter, financial secretary. Georgia, being Georgia ☆

Submitted by, Dixie Lynn



Officers getting the work done at the Kooskia, Idaho Rebekah District meeting in April 2016....at Kooskia, Idaho. Photo by Dixie Lynn, Noble Grand, Clearwater Rebekah lodge # 82

Submitted by, Dixie Lynn

Go To Church Sunday



Jerome - Sisters of Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110, Jerome, met at the Jerome United Methodist Church on April 10, for Go To Church Sunday. Seated (l to R) are Shirley Shropshire, Gerry Milton, Lily Davis, and Peg Roberson. Standing are Wanda Bragg, Wilma Bragg and Jean Floyd.

Submitted by Wanda Bragg



Ada lodge #3

Boise - We want to recognize Margaret Odle, she has always been very involved with community service, volunteering with church members, calling and checking on people making sure they are doing well or if they need to get to an appointment she is right there to help. Margaret volunteers an average of twenty to thirty hours a week. We know when Ada lodge needs help both Margaret and Virginia are very willing to help where ever they can.

Our UNP candidate is getting really excited as it is getting closer to leaving, we look forward to get her report when she gets back.

We lost one of our older members on May 6 Jimmy Ogilvie 95 years young and a long time member.

Our first Memorial Day, Love Thy Neighbor Day with Mt. Home and Nampa lodge sharing one side of the rest stop this time, Labor Day we will have both East and West bound rest stop just out of Boise.

REMEMBER to Keep August 6th open for 1st Annual Picnic Odd Fellows and Rebekah's. Last year we had good turnout. This year we are inviting everyone to attend. Boise Municipal park site #1 12 O'clock bring a side dish or dessert.

Submitted by Jeff Man
Lodge Secretary

SGL Community Ideas Part 2

Fraternal greetings from your Odd Fellow and Rebekah Membership Chairmen! We hope you enjoyed our first installment of the SGL's 100 Community Ideas for building membership. Sharing these lists at your lodge meetings can be a great way to start conversations and get the gears turning toward opening your lodge and its members to your community. If you weren't sure about what was offered last month, here are an additional 15 ideas to help you on your way. Best of luck!

- 16. Have a Haunted House or a (people and/or pet) "Best Costume" contest for Halloween every year.
- 17. Sponsor Blood Drives several times throughout the year.
- 18. Sponsor/hold a talent show every year at your local fair or at an annual picnic, etc. ensuring that it happens every year.
- 19. Hold an annual "Hero" banquet to honor a local hero(es).
- 20. Have a gift wrap booth at the mall every year at Christmas and/or Mother's Day or other important holiday.
- 21. Work with your local "Welcome Wagon" (or create one) to welcome those who move into your city/town with maps, lists of recommended barbers, etc.
- 22. Participate in a "Safety Break" for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, etc. serving refreshment at rest areas on your interstate highways.
- 23. Hold BBQ, homemade pie/ice cream, etc. contests.
- 24. Contact county social services to be put in touch with the local foster families network, and host a dinner at the Lodge for foster families.
- 25. Organize a "Breakfast with Santa" at your Lodge for community children and their families.
- 26. On the anniversary of your Lodge's charter, open the Lodge up to the community for tours, snacks, and refreshments.
- 27. Work with 10-20 local restaurants and wineries to display their wares and samples at your Lodge in a "Taste of _____" for the community.
- 28. Sponsor a local softball, soccer, or baseball team.
- 29. Invite local musical groups to perform at the Lodge and open it up to the public.
- 30. Get a screen and equipment and show classic movies at the Lodge for the community - classic movie night.

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



Syringa Rebekahs Work Hard



Jerome - The flower bed at the Jerome Episcopal Parish Hall received long overdue attention on April 14th. With rakes, pruners and lots of trash containers, we pruned the roses, clipped the iris, and raked the residue from the marigolds that bloomed last summer. The before, during and after photos are courtesy of Jean Floyd.

The "during" left to right participants are: Wilma Bragg, Wanda Bragg, Janet Weis, Jean Floyd and Shirley Shropshire.

The "after" sisters, back row left to right Janet Weis, Shirley Shropshire, Wanda Bragg and Wilma Bragg. Front row are Jean Floyd and Peg Roberson.

Submitted by Wanda Bragg

Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 Honor Brothers & Sisters



Am. Falls - On Monday, May 16, 2016; the sisters of Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 honored our departed members by placing flowers on the graves of the Brothers and Sisters in American Falls and Aberdeen.

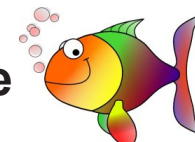
The pictured site in the American Falls Cemetery is of the parents of Sister Patricia Christensen of Progress #48.

The sisters from Bingham Rebekah Lodge were Noble Grand Kay Bammert; Vice Grand Vicky Kent; Alice Mayer, Wava Murphy and Shannon Vieth.

Wava Murphy, Reporter



Island Park Fish Fry Time



The Annual 2016 Island Park Fish Fry is scheduled for the weekend of June 17th, 2016 at the Buffalo Run RV Park (208) 5587112.

This has been an "ODD FELLOW TRADITION" for many years (started back in 1969). We have had significant increase in local attendance but we are still looking for more participation from across the state. Please come try it out, it will never be the same without you!

The campground is a full service RV park and campground. It also boasts five cabins currently available (with all the usual "necessities") and they accommodate 6 people. The cabins include one double bed, a hide-a-bed, and a set of bunk beds. To get a look at the cabins and the campground itself you can go to their web site at www.buffaloruncampground.com and select "Features".

Also, for those who wish the more traditional comfort, there are motel accommodations just a half mile from the campground at the Angler's Lodge, (208) 5589555.

Early campers can plan on a no-host potluck dinner on Friday evening. The Saturday Night Fish Fry is also a potluck with deep fried fish and scones provided, and there will be the usual "Buckaroo Breakfast" on Sunday morning. Donations are gladly excepted to help defray costs.

We want to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to the late Frank Lawyer and our friend Dan Sanow. You kept the tradition alive and going for many years with your work and devotion. Thank you so very much for the time you gave to support the Fish Fry. We would also like to graciously thank Bingham #14 and Home Encampment #13 for their countless years of dedication and support of this wonderful I. O. O. F. experience. In 2013 the deep fat fryers and pancake flippers were turned over to local Oddfellow Lodge #88. Lodge member David Goebel continues to spearhead the operation with help from his fellow lodge brothers.

We are looking for all you Idaho campers to help us continue to rebuild that Odd Fellow Island Park tradition. We hope you will come enjoy the Fish Fry, the fellowship, and all the acquaintances from across the state in that same manner the founders Frank Markham, Floyd Hensley, and Amil Johnson envisioned back in the 70's and 80's. For questions about the weekend or the event do not hesitate to call David Goebel at (208) 652 7979 or cell (208) 390 7177 or send an e-mail to David.Goebel@fallriverelectric.com



Historical Society

Just an update on what we have been working on at the museum. We have a lot of projects that we have been working on big and small ones. We are still working on the pillars to get them straight and cemented in the ground, also the pillars will have two street lights that will go behind them and be illuminated. We are getting closer to getting the Wilder #137 IOOF sign finished it has been repainted and new vinyl I.O.O.F letters, just a little more work with the neon and it will soon be hanging up in the front foyer. We had new electrical outlets installed for the sign and other stained glass window so they can both be lighted at night. We are working on getting a light at the back door so the stained glass window so it will be lit, just like it was when it was in Silver City's lodge. We had new led 4 foot LED lights replaced in the building and LED in bathrooms. We have 6 new Staff at the Museum (mannequins) they just stand around and never leave they are very happy to be there and watch over the museum. We have received some boxes from Salmon Lodge #5 that we will be sorting thru for display. We also just received more boxes from up North, Wallace Lodge #33 and Mullan lodge #42.

We are also working some events for the museum for this year. We want to invite any member that has not been to the Museum for a long time to come and see what has changed or items you have not seen out on display. If there are any members or a Lodge, that would like to have any items on display or a tribute to a lodge member. They could be put on loan to the museum with that purpose in mind. This would help keep our displays fresh and different. We are hoping to do a fund raiser this year to help support some of the other projects at the museum. Big projects that we are hoping to get funded, the parking lot is in need of resurfacing, sky lights fixed or capped off. We'd rather have them replaced to keep natural light in the Museum. New Paint will be on the building soon and hope to have new roof on the building. We are always looking for help with these projects. The new Volunteers in the museum just stand around looking happy. Also we'll need names assigned to our new workers.

Submitted by Bob Historical Society Mannequin.

One flag, one land, one heart,
one hand, One Nation, evermore!



Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly Plans

Burley - Greetings from your 2016 Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Host Committee. I know that you are all getting excited and can hardly wait to get on board with the flight of the Humming Birds to the Best Western Burley Inn, Burley ID. Dates are October 16 thru October 19th 2016. Sunday the 16th will start with Registration from 9am to 6pm, with luncheon and dinners and the Memorial Service.

Monday, Registration 8am to 4pm. Orientation, Grand Encampment, Amosette, Amos fun night and dinner, what an exciting evening. Tuesday the 18th, the Grand Lodge and Assembly, sessions start, Historical Luncheon, Officer installation and Banquet. Wednesday the 19th will be the closing sessions and then you are on your way home knowing that by attending you have made a difference in helping to keep our organization strong and growing. We can do so much working together as a strong and caring team. The cost for staying at the Motel is 89.99, of course +tax, at the Best Western and 69.99 at the Budget Motel right next door. Not bad at all so start planning and saving, we have the meals all planned and they sound really yummy! The form for Registration and the meals costs, will be forthcoming. Looking forward to meet and greet many of you at the sessions. I am really getting excited and I know that Grand Master Tom Ashley and Assembly President Georgia Wickham are doing their very best to make this a successful and educational session.

"GIVING" If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along and if every minute looked after itself and nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me, and we all stood alone in the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be! Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share; and want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care. It's giving and doing for somebody else---on all that life's splendor depends, and by this world, when you've summed it all up, you found in making friends.

(Anonymous)

Any questions or concerns let me know, don't know if I will have all of the answers but will try.

Connie Evans

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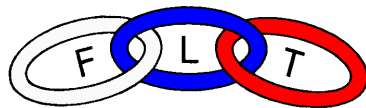
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