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## Silver Leaf #27 and Custer Lodge #21



Challis - The members of Silver Leaf and Custer Lodges displayed this team tee shirt to Marge Harlan, GM Tom Ashley and the other officials visiting from the Grand Lodge of Idaho on Friday, June 10, 2016. It was given to the two IOOF Challis Lodges by the new Challis Mackay Baseball team organized last summer by Ryan Millick, grandson of Bill Millick, a long standing member of Custer Lodge. The two Lodges each sent a \$100 donation to the team

at start-up and Silver Leaf members are donating an additional \$25 per month for the next two years to the organization to give them a bit of necessary cash. The shirt is going to be framed and hung in the Hall, so all members and visitors can admire it.

Submitted by Linda Campbell



## Gem of the Mountains Scholarship

Caldwell - Meet Megan Wilson who is a 2016 graduate of Middleton High School. Megan is Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5 recipient of this year's scholarship. Megan has accumulated more than 300 hours of community service in the last two years. Such community programs as the Blood Drive, Christmas Drive, and Teens Against Tobacco Use (T.A.T.U.) are just a few of the programs she has been involved with. Megan will be attending the University of Idaho this fall and will be majoring in Business Economics.



George McGaffick & Megan Wilson



Members with Megan Wilson

Megan was honored at the "Fun Dinner" hosted by Gem of the Mountain and Caldwell Odd Fellows the last Wednesday of June. Ten members of both groups were present and had the pleasure of meeting Megan and her family.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## JUST A RAMBLING NOTE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Summer recess is here I hope everyone is having a good summer break. I hope to see everyone at the Boise picnic, it will be a good time for everyone that makes it to the picnic. Ada lodge has done a lot of preparation, I hope to see everyone at the picnic.

Lodge Secretaries: I have only seen a few of the membership roster returned, remember this helps in making sure when there are communications we have correct and current address for our members, please send them in as soon as you can. This helps keep Grand lodge and the Newspaper roster current, it also helps keep their costs down.

I have not seen many committee reports come in yet they need to be in Grand Lodge Office now. So I have enough time to get the Advanced Report put together and sent out in September for your lodge representative. Remember you can e-mail in the reports. Check with our Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative he will be going to Sovereign Grand Lodge session August 14-21, it sounds like there are some changes coming this year for members. I encourage our members to stay involved in their community, as that is where we will find new members to bolster the membership. **REMEMBER ASK ONE TO BE ONE.**

F.L&T  
Jeff Mann: Grand Secretary



### COMING EVENTS 2016

**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

**NOVEMBER**

4-6	NW ASSOCIATION	OREGON???
13	TURKEY DINNER	WHITEBIRD

**DECEMBER**

03	#3 CHRISTMAS PARTY	BOISE 6PM
10	#40 CHRISTMAS PARYT	NAMPA 6PM

## I.O.O.F PICNIC

The IOOF picnic is scheduled August 6, 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Municipal Park site #1 in Boise Idaho off of Warm Springs Ave. on Walnut. We are having games for both kids and adults. Bump and Jump, washoos, corn whole, Bocce ball, horse shoes and more! We even have a fun quiz for the adults. Ada Lodge # 3 is providing the main dish (chicken) and drinks. Please bring a side dish and join us for some great fellowship see old friends and fun! See you there!

## REBEKAHS! COME ONE COME ALL TO AMOSETTE NIGHT!!

Let's crank up the time machine and choose a dress from your favorite era.

Choose the Elizabethan Era, any of the war years-Revolutionary War, Civil War, Cold War, etc..you get the idea  
The Space Age; The Wild Wild West; any decade (the 20's, 30's, etc)  
Computer Age.

Go back in history and choose your favorite time period or engage your imagination to project what the next historical era will be.

Enjoy your summer preparing your Amosette costume.

### START NOW, THE CLOCK IS TICKING!!

Submitted by Jean Floyd, Amosette



Tom Ashley  
Grand Master

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This year seems to be going by very quickly. Not long from now we will be in Burley for Grand Sessions.

On July 18th was District 1's district meeting and fish fry in Island Park. Both were well attended and the food was great. Island Park is a beautiful area just west of Yellowstone and well worth the trip for other members in the state to visit. This event is held at Buffalo Run RV Park which has good facilities and they also have cabins for those not wanting to camp. This is a great activity to support and keep going, so make plans to attend next June. Thanks to the members who plan and make this activity possible.

My next visit was to Ashton Lodge. They have a well maintained original building that helps various charities in the community with a community run thrift store in the downstairs store. We had a nice dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a meeting in the lodge hall. Thanks Ashton members for everything.

Following Ashton, I met with Sister Anna Breeze in Pocatello and toured the lodge building there. Pocatello is another original building in very good condition with business rental space in the downstairs that helps support the Lodges there.

Another fun event was the Silver City, Owyhee Lodge #2 meeting on June 25th. This was my official visit to this lodge. We had a great pot luck before the meeting and an entertaining meeting. Owyhee # 2 is one of our historic lodges in historic Silver City, and if you have never been there you need to go just to experience the trip. It is always a lot of fun.

The Idaho Battalion of the Patriarch Militant held its annual meeting at the Ada 3 Lodge Hall in Boise on July 9th. This meeting was well attended with Lt. General Dan Matthews, from Pacific Northwest Department Council also attending. Col. Donnie Marvin is the current commander of the Idaho Battalion.

EVERYONE PLEASE REMEMBER August 6th is the 1st ANNUAL IOOF PICNIC IN BOISE HOSTED BY ADA LODGE #3. The picnic will be at 12 NOON AT MUNICIPAL PARK FOR ALL BRANCHES OF THE ORDER. This will be a pot luck with the entre provided so please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. See you there.

Tom Ashley, Grand Master



Georgia Wickham  
Assembly President

Dear Stars,

It has been an interesting summer so far. In June I was privileged to participate in an Initiation in Indian Valley. Barbara Pettigrew, Merna and David Deland accompanied me and we managed, with their members to do a credible job. Just goes to show, if you want to get things done, it is possible, no matter how small the crew. We had a blast doing it too.

Bob and I traveled to Riverside, CA to spend time with his Son, Mark. We spent the 4th and got to know our Grandbaby Adalynn Rose who just turned 1. What a cutie. She had just learned to walk and we had fun keeping up with her. It was the first trip we had taken for fun in a long time. Just what we needed.

I am looking forward to attending the IARALAPM meeting next month. I understand that we will be in town with many bikers. Several years ago I had gone through S.D. during the same time of year and am very grateful we have a room. Last time we were forced to sleep in the car at a convenience store in a storm. Not much fun then.

A great big thanks to the Grand Lodge Secretary, Jeff Mann. Such an honor to have the Museum painted in my Colors. The Green is a little light but it's the thought that counts. Thanks Jeff. You made me feel very special.

I have received most of my Lodge Deputies and DDP reports. Those I haven't received I am sure are just delayed due to the Post Office. I expect them any day now.

It really has been a slow summer so I am out of things to say. I know some of you had a chuckle over that.

In F, L & T,  
Georgia Wickham, AP



### News From Caldwell 10



Caldwell Lodge #10 Members Noble Grand Jeff Mann Vice Grand Glen Shultz and Treasurer Stephen Mann Photo courtesy Randall Wallace donating to the Summer Reading program Youth activities supervisor Fiona at the Caldwell Library. The Caldwell Lodge has been donating to this program for many years.

Submitted Stephen Mann



### A Night at the Theater



Bob Covet & Tom Ashley



Members & Family

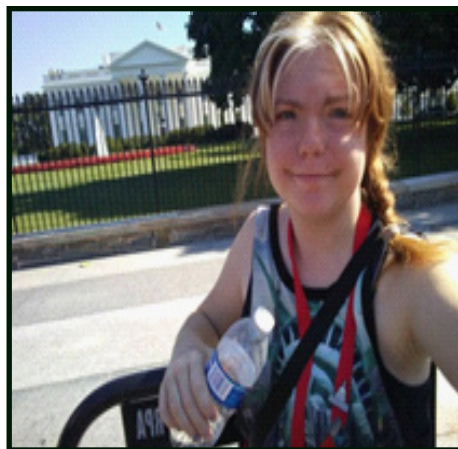
Glenns Ferry - In July, members, along with family, attended the Glenns Ferry Opera Theater. In lieu of a summer picnic, the members of the Mountain Home lodges have opted to attend the historic theater in Glenns Ferry; where the food is good, the atmosphere is wonderful and the plays are great.

This fun filled evening began with a delicious dinner, and plenty of good conversation, followed by "A Murdered Mystery". The amateur actors made us laugh and scratch our head for clues. After the play, we were able to meet the actors and let them know how we liked the show.

Everyone, all 20 of us, had a wonderful time and we're looking forward to doing it again next year.

Submitted by Marge Harlan

### UNP Delegate Ada 3 and Nampa 40



Boise - Our UNP delegate Emily Schultz at the White House. She is experiencing some wonderful opportunities as she crosses the country. Meeting new friends and learning all about the history of our nation. She says she is very much honored to have this opportunity. Be sure you have some fun along the way Emily! She was sponsored by Nampa Lodge # 40 and Ada Lodge # 3.

Submitted by Glenn Schultz



### Gem of the Mountains #5 Round Table



George McGaffick, Lillian Hoadley, & Sharon McGaffick

Caldwell - Once again the Round Table Gem of the Mountain Lodge #5 recognized Gem of the Mountain's three shut-in members this past June 2016.

Sister Sandie Chandler, and Sister Sharon and Brother George McGaffick took the goodie bag to Sister Lillian Hoadley. Sister Lillian was in good spirits and had recently moved in with her son and daughter-in-law. She was excited that her granddaughter and family were moving into her old home where she had raised her family.

Sister Sharon and Brother George McGaffick delivered Sister Betty Stewart's bag of goodies to her and had a nice visit.

Once again, Sister Georgia Wickham's husband, Bob, delivered the goodie bag to Brother Joe Franklin. Thank you, Bob, for delivering this to Brother Joe.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## Ada Lodge #3

Boise - Our June was a busy month getting ready for our annual Odd Fellows Veterans Night. We had a many lodge members recognized: Both Virginia Buchanan and Margaret Odle have been Odd Fellows for 10yrs plus, Joe Sirani 19yrs, George Burgess 25yr, Gene Blessing 50yrs his father-in law Glenn Chaney PGM inspired him to join.

Most of our members are getting close to 10yrs. We are also busy getting ready for the annual Picnic there we have invited all of the Lodges to attend this year, we are hoping for a large turn out this year. We are also working on next year, an idea that is being looked at is moving it around this way we can get everyone involved in a summer event. Looking forward to many more Picnics to Come.

Submitted by Picnic Committee

## Royal Gen Rebekah Lodge



White Bird Royal Gem Lodge has had a busy Spring. We hosted President Georgia Wickham the first of April. We had 23 for dinner and 21 for the lodge meeting. A rousing song wrote to the tune of You Are My Sunshine was sung during the Silver Drill. A night of laughs and fellowship.

We held our annual Easter baked sale with the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund. We gave \$250 scholarships to two seniors in our local area.

Our Cinco de Mayo dinner was the last of April and we were able to buy 120 new (used) chairs for the Hall with the proceeds. After setting up for the last funeral service we realized that we were really short of good chairs and were thankful to find ones in the Seattle area. Luckily one of our member's husband was there for business and hauled them home for us.

We decorated the cemetery with Rebekah and Odd Fellow memorial flags on Memorial Day. We are in the process of buying some greatly needed new ones.

White Bird Days was this weekend and we made a float and were in the parade. We also won the Best Organization! Great fun.

All in all, I guess we are ready for a summer break.

In FL&T,  
Lydia Chrane, Reporter

## Grand Master Visits Custer #21



Challis - On June 10, 2016 our Grand Master, Tom Ashley, made his visit to Custer Lodge #21 in Challis, Idaho. With him he brought Marge Harlan, Editor for the Odd Fellow and Rebekah newspaper and Grand Lodge Warden; Robert, Covert, Grand Lodge pianist; Georgia Wickham, Assembly Representative to the IOOF Museum in Caldwell and Idaho Rebekah Assembly President; Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary; and Steven Mann, Deputy Grand Master. Some of the Lodge members (both Odd Fellow and Rebekah) took the Grand Lodge Officials to dinner, then back to the Lodge Hall to have an open meeting. After Grand Master Tom's update on Idaho Odd Fellows, Jeff Mann presented each person present with a Manual of Instruction and a sample breaking the ice card to be used to introduce potential new members to brief information about the Odd Fellows organization. He and Tom also presented a number of new or recycled ideas for getting potential new members interested in joining the Lodge, and described several of the things they had tried in the Nampa and Caldwell Lodges during the past year to get people into the refurbished (changed displays and generally tidied up) IOOF Museum in Caldwell.

Pictured (not in order) are some of the people who attended the meeting: Madge Yacomella, Georgia Wickham, Andrea Humbird-Stout, James Savaria, Julie Savaria, JoAnn Johnson, Tom Ashley, Robert Covert, Linda Campbell, Steve Mann, and Jeff Mann. Linda Curtis slipped out just prior to the picture being taken. Marge Harlan was, of course, behind the lens of the camera.

Submitted by Linda Campbell



## SGL Community Ideas Part 4

Fraternal greetings from your Odd Fellow and Rebekah Membership Chairmen! We hope you continue to enjoy our installments of the SGL's 100 Community Ideas for building membership. Summer break is coming to a close soon, but that doesn't mean we need to stop planning fun events! With so many ideas being printed so far, each lodge is bound to find something to fit their needs. Here's the next 15!

**46.** Provide a daylong session for the low income, homeless and forgotten people in our communities. The program would require the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to enlist the volunteer services of optometrists, dentists, doctors and financial councilors, etc., all of which are potential members. It would be our job to attract and secure these volunteers. We would also be responsible for securing the facilities, providing refreshments and meals for all participants. Donations for this are easily found from local businesses; the volunteers can come from anywhere.

**47.** Have a program that offers people travelling to medical facilities a place to stay with low cost meals while they are in treatment. It would be ideal to partner with senior homes and secure several rooms for those receiving outpatient treatment or for their accompanying partner. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs would be responsible for booking the rooms and orientating the people to the city and the facility. Most senior homes have kitchens that provide meals at modest prices to residents, so the addition of 2 or 3 more is easily accommodated. If these people do not have the means to pay for rooms or meals, we could cover it.

**48.** Lodges should establish a small or large "Oktoberfest" or better yet "OddFest" where the community is invited to enjoy foods normally enjoyed at Oktoberfests, like sausages, boiled potatoes, etc. along with a selection of beer, soda, and more. Grand Lodges could promote this annual event across the nation. SGL could encourage all lodges to participate on a selected date.

**49.** Establish a regular fishing trip on a charter boat where the lodge pays the fee for parents and children. Free for non-members.

**50.** Firefighters or U.S. Marine Reserve Toys For Tots Program. Request one of their barrels for Odd Fellows, guests and tenants to contribute Christmas gifts.

**51.** Share information of Odd Fellows History on Public Broadcasting Station.

**52.** Lodge members can volunteer to assist in food line or serve food at dining hall.

**53.** Lodge members can give blood and set up for a blood drive at the lodge hall.

**54.** Create a small Odd Fellows Museum in your Lodge displaying regalia, costumes, books, medals, etc. and invite the public in to visit around the time of the anniversary of your Lodge's charter.

**55.** Create a tri-fold brochure, which talks about the Order and your Lodge - a great item to give potential new members.

**56.** Build a float for your local community parade.

**57.** Sponsor a local youth sports team.

**58.** Generate a press release on your Lodge during the anniversary of your charter, emphasizing what your Lodge does for the community.

**59.** Annual "Odd Fest", a la "Oktoberfest". Lodge/Grand Lodge organizes a day or a week of music, food, talent-sharing and fundraising in a certain community to benefit a certain cause or charity. At the end of the day or week, lodge or GL turns-over raised funds to the beneficiary.

**60.** Annual "Oddventure": Lodge/GL organizes a hiking/touring/camping/gun training lessons or whatever "interesting outdoor event" that members and prospective members want to participate in.

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



## Grand Sessions ~ Update

Everything is setup and looking good for the October sessions at the Best Western Plus in Burley. Your meeting times and events will be in the program and meeting room assignments when you reister on Sunday, October 16th starting at 9:00 am, in the CC Foyer.

I hope that those planning on attending will really consider and support the Luncheons, Dinners and Banquet by attending them. We do the very best to make it as resonable as possible. Just think you won't have to leave the motel and maybe loose your parking, fight traffic and you will save time and be too late for meetigs and you will be enjoying the comradely and company of many new and old friends and have a fun time. It was good to hear that some of you do read the articles and passed my test(:' Please note, I have put the room rates, phone numbers and deadlines for the motels on the registration form.

Thank You  
In F.L.T. Connie Evans  
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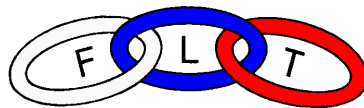
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