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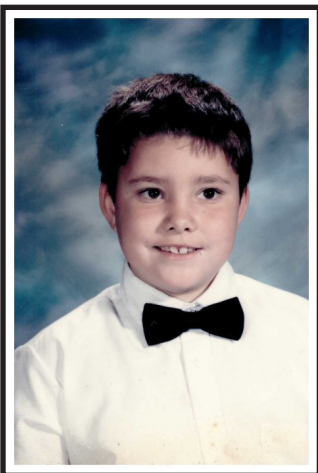
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MEET OUR NEW 2016 ~ 2017 LEADERS

Grand Master, Stephen Mann



Stephen Mann was born and raised in Nampa, Idaho in 1989 by Jeff and Cathy Mann. He has three siblings, starting with his older brother Kenny, his younger sister Kiara and his youngest sister Amanda. He was the youngest child for 13 years before his younger sisters joined the family with them being formally adopted in June 2013. His grandparents Sam and Tay Munden who also lived in Nampa were a big part of his childhood with many a weekend spent at their house.

During his years in high school he was involved in the annual community sale that was formally put on by Mercy Hospital. Which is now put on by the Boys and Girls Club. Which for people who may not know was where there was a classic car that was restored to be given away at a raffle with a few other items or trips that were also raffled away. With all the proceeds being given back to the community. After high school he worked Landscaping which he still works to this day.

He joined the Odd Fellows 11 years ago in Nampa #40 right after he turned 16, but he had been introduced to many of the members before he joined attending the dinners that the lodge had before the meetings. When he first joined he could remember plenty of times when there was more than one person running for office in the lodge. It was interesting to see that many people coming to the meetings. It was in 2010 after his maternal grandfather Sam passed away on Monday and his brother passed on Thursday from his injuries sustained from a motorcycle crash where someone ran the red light. Following those events he found the importance of the lodge with the members from my lodge being able to perform the

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Shannan Vieth, Assembly President



I am dedicating this year to my husband, James Vieth; my mother, Muriel (MA) Bell; my mother-in-law, Janice Vieth and to Adelaide Welch. These people were instrumental in my being a Rebekah in California and for giving me this opportunity to serve our Order.

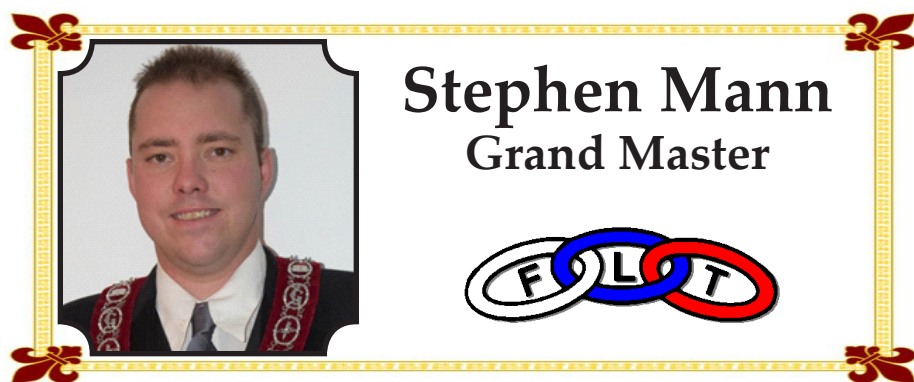
I was born in Montpelier, Idaho in August 1943. My family lived in Pocatello until I was 4. My father was transferred to Salt Lake City where I grew up and attended school. I was active in Girl Scouts, school and church, and especially dancing.

When I was 18, I married and moved to San Diego, California where I had my first two boys. I returned to Idaho Falls for a short time and then returned to the San Francisco Bay Area where I lived for the next 25 years. I had a daughter and another son. I worked at almost all of the electronic companies in the area, IBM, EPRI; and for DOE and Bakersfield Jr. College when I lived in Bakersfield, CA. I have 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

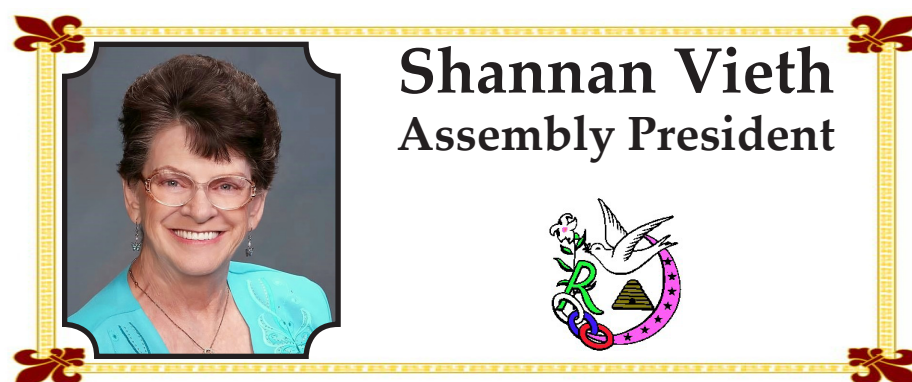
I joined Josephine Rebekah Lodge #14 in San Jose, CA in 1978. At the time of my mother's passing, she had 29 years as a Rebekah in California and Idaho. My mother-in-law, Janice Vieth, was also a 29 year member in California. I met my husband, James at a Rebekah meeting in 1979 and we were friends first. My husband had 33 years in the Odd Fellows and 14 years as a Rebekah in California; and joined Portneuf Odd Fellows #20 and Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 when we moved to Idaho.

I am proud of the work that we have done for our communities in the Rebekah lodges that I am a member of (Bingham #78, Ivy #23 and my Home Lodge, Progress

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Stephen Mann
Grand Master



Shannan Vieth
Assembly President

Dear members,

It has been an exciting time being Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, being able to travel to the various lodges for District meetings. Meeting people that I haven't met before. It will be a great year as Grand Master and my official visits should be starting very soon.

I want to welcome my newly elected officers Deputy Grand Master Marge Harlan from Mountain Home #19, Grand Warden Glen Schultz from Ada #3, Grand Treasurer Donnie Marvin from Mountain Home #19. I want to thank all of my appointed officers for accepting the offices to which they were appointed. I would also like to thank our Sovereign Grand Representative Danny Wood Past Sovereign Grand Master. It was also nice to see Dan Mathews General Commanding and all of the members that attended our sessions. The Grand Sessions in Fort Hall next year is going to be an event that I hope everyone will be able to attend.

I hope very much that every lodge in the jurisdiction is remaining in good health and keeping Odd Fellowship alive in Idaho. I hope that everyone is ready for the holidays and all of the lodges that have Thanksgiving events planned this month, have all the preparations in place.

With the holiday season shortly upon us I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgivings. This will be an interesting year moving forward in the Order and letters should be going out for my Official visits soon. I have a quote from Nelson Mandela "It always seems impossible, until it's done." I hope that everyone will see that most things are not impossible and that we just take everything one day at a time. With those words, I hope that everyone is ready for the holiday season.

In F.L.T., Stephen Mann, Grandmaster



I am proud and humbled by the confidence that my Sisters and Brothers have in me by giving me the Honor of serving as Assembly President for the next year.

I would like to thank all of the Past Presidents for giving me encouragement and suggestions these last three years. Also to my Sisters and Brothers in District 1, I could not have achieved this position without your support and love. Again, 'Thank You All'.

I am looking forward to travelling all over the state visiting old friends and making new. I will be going to parts of our beautiful state that I have never been to, and will be taking lots of pictures so I can keep the memories alive.

My projects are Education, Funeral Aid, Vision Research, and Arthritis. My 'Special' Projects are Mental Health Awareness, Childhood Cancer and Hearing Impaired. These last three have affected my family and friends and are very dear to my heart.

I have a deep interest in the history of our Order and our state and would appreciate seeing any artifacts or written history of your Lodges and communities when I visit.

I would like to carry on what PPRG Georgia Wickham and PGM Tom Ashley have started, 'Working Together'. I know that in my District this has improved the participation in the lodges and the fellowship. Let us all work together in putting the name of our Order into the communities we live in and in the process we may be able to increase our membership.

This first letter is short, but they will be longer (not too long) in the future.

Dedication

I dedicate this year to my husband, James, my mother, Muriel (MA) Bell and my mother-in-law, Janice Vieth.

All of these people have inspired me to be a good Rebekah and combined, have more than 100 years in the Order.

And specially to all of my Rebekah Sisters in District 1, who have helped me these past 3 years.

Grand Master, Stephen Mann

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services at both funerals. After that hard time, he began coming to lodge every meeting, rarely missing a meeting and eventually making his way through the chairs to become a Past Grand. Having attended Grand Lodge before as a third degree member and as the current Noble Grand of Nampa Lodge. The following year he took the Grand Lodge degree in Boise and later that day he was nominated by Kenny Averill to the office of Grand Warden. It wouldn't really be until later that he would fully understand the gravity of the office he had just accepted. What a great learning experience it was for him. He is very much looking forward to a great year leading the entire order



Assembly President, Shannan Vieth

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#48), and also my Odd Fellow Lodge, Portneuf #20.. I also enjoy crocheting, cooking, sewing and most any craft except knitting.



News From Unity #8



Marjorie Howard, Barbara Pettigrew, Cheryl Guglielmo, Jelene Baird, Pam York, Georgia Wickham, Margaret Odle

Boise - Unity #8 honored our Past Noble Grands in an October garden of fall flowers and leaves. Marjorie Howard welcomed seven sisters with a tribute. The success of our order reflects the notable contributions of each PNG. Each is a shining Rebekah star saying, "Yes I can and you can too!" A corsage with PNG gavel lapel pin will continue to celebrate the evening. We were honored when Idaho Rebekah Assembly Past President Jelene Baird was not only our guest but also joined Unity's garden. Each sister shared memorable moments from their terms

Nine members of Unity will attend the upcoming Rebekah Assembly. Visiting with old friends will be so nice. See you there.

Everyone is invited to our next meeting on October 20th. Wear your best goblin outfit and join the fun.

In happiness through service,
Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

Boise #1 Encampment Chili Feed



Boise #1 Encampment is having their 2nd annual Chili feed on Monday November 21st at the Ada Lodge in Boise Idaho. This is our fund raiser for the year and really need a good turnout.

Cost is \$7.00 for all you can eat Chili, Corn Bread, and Salad.

It will also be the official visit of the Grand Patriarch. Come join us at 6:00 P.M. for fun and fellowship. We'll have cake!



Come Join Us For Dinner!

Where: IOOF Hall - 155 N. 3rd E. in Mountain Home

When: Thursday, Nov. 17th, 6:30pm

Potluck items welcome but not required. Help us welcome our community into our hall with a free turkey dinner!



RSVP Needed - Call 208-371-7401



COMING EVENTS 2016

NOVEMBER

4-6	NW ASSOCIATION	PORTLAND, OR
13	TURKEY DINNER	WHITEBIRD
17	COMMUNITY DINNER	MTN. HOME 6:30PM
21	ENC. CHILI FEED	BOISE 6PM

DECEMBER

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

Grand Encampment Officers



From left to right, Guest, Junior PSG Master Danny Wood, Grand Senior Warden Bob Covert, Guest General Commander DMC, Dan Matthews, Past Chief Patriarch, Gene Pola, Grand Chief Patriarch Tom Ashley, Grand Treasurer Jerry North, Grand Scribe Merna DeLand and Grand Junior Warden Jeff Mann. Congratulations to all of you. We have a Great Encampment team!

Grand Lodge of Idaho Elects Officers at the 134th Grand Sessions



Above from left to right, Donnie Marvin Grand Treasurer, Jeff Mann Grand Secretary, Glen Schultz Grand Warden, Marge Harlan Deputy Grand Master, Stephen Mann Grand Master. We would like to wish them well in their new positions and give them our full support for the coming year. Congratulation to all of you!

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