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Melba Rebekah Lodge #105's Activities



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Submitted by Sandie Chandler



Read Across
America

March 2



**"You're never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child."**
-Dr. Seuss

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

The yearend reports should be all be in by now. Some of the members list did not get filled out fully and will be sent back to the secretaries. This is important that we have current addresses for our members. It also helps keeping the newspaper mailing list current and more important it keeps Sovereign Grand Lodge happy.

I see we have a lot of veteran Odd Fellow Members Oliver Ader 72yr John Jorgenson 60yr, Ashton 88 Randall Wallace 45yr Bob Weygandt 45yr Ralph Collins 33yrs Caldwell 10 Orville Hartman 70yr and both of his boys John and Bill Hartman coming up on 25yr and 30yr from Parma 55 Fred Wise 33yrs and we have some other members in Nampa that are getting closer to 25yrs. Gene Blessing 50yr George Burgess 25yr Ada 3 Jerry North 44yr Coeur D Aldene 34

Submitted by Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary





District Meeting for District 3 is on March 11 in Mountain Home instead of March 4th.

**Registration is at 9AM
Lunch will be a baked potato bar served by the Rebekahs.
\$1 registration fee.
\$7 Lunch**

Please join us for good food & good fellowship

In Memoriam

REBEKAHS
Pauline Dillon, #17
Naomi Ralls, #107



COMING EVENTS 2017

MARCH

04	BATTALION MEETING	BOISE 1PM
11	DIST 3 JOINT MEETING	MTN. HOME
18	DIST 1 REB MEETING	POCATELLO
25	DIST 1 O.F. MEETING	POCATELLO

APRIL

01	DIST 4 ENCAMPMENT	BOISE
7-9	NW & DEPT. COUNCIL	POST FALLS
10	ENC. FISH FRY-GP VISIT	CALDWELL 6PM
10	DIST 7 REBELAH	CDR
15	DIST 6 REB MEETING	KOOSKIA
15	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12:30
22	DIST 5 REB MEETING	PAYETTE
29	DIST 6 ENC MEETING	MTN. HOME

MAY

05	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
06	DIST 2 REB MEETING	CHALLIS
13	DIST 7 O.F. MEETING	CDR
20	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12PM

JUNE

17	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
18	BUCKAROO BRKFAST	ISLAND PARK
20	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
24	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY 12PM

JULY

08	BATTALION MEETING	CALDWELL 10AM
22	2ND DEGREE RALLY	IDAHO CITY 12PM

AUGUST

04	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
12	IOOF/REB PICNIC	BOISE 12PM
20-24	SGL SESSIONS	ST. LOUIS, MO
26	OWYHEE	SILVER CITY 12PM
26	3RD DEGREE RALLY	SILVER CITY 12PM

SEPTEMBER

16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12PM
22	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL 10AM

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Odd fellow Custer Lodge #21
meets 2&4 Tuesday @3pm

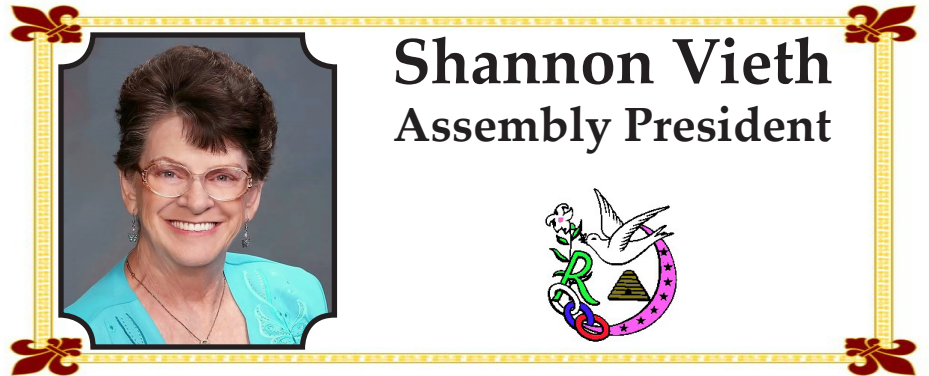
Rebekah Silver Leaf lodge #27
meets 2&4 @1pm

UNP committee Linda Clark
email llclarkboise@gmail.com

If there are any more corrections please let me know so they can be corrected



Stephen Mann
Grand Master



Shannon Vieth
Assembly President

Dear Members,

I'm sure that everyone is doing well now that the weather has changed. I know that the extreme winter weather we had in the valley changed some of the plans that I had on making visits. I hope to see everyone at district meetings that are coming in the future months and I hope that all my District Deputy Grand Masters have informational meeting planned. I will have attended the District meeting for District 4 in Caldwell. As I have said before I plan on attending as many District Meetings as I can.

I look forward to making some more official visits in the near future and look forward to seeing all the members of the various lodges. I'm sure that the members are thinking of ways that they can stay active in the community and finding new ways that they can get new members into the lodge. Everyone should remember to check in on some of our less active members that have been unable to attend lodge even if it's just a phone call, but a visit to their home would be much appreciated.

I know there are a few members that still need some of the degrees. I know that we will be doing initiatory degree in the month of March. If you know anyone who needs the degrees to get them initiated this would be a good time to do so.

Also, if people are going to go to Northwest this year which will be held in Post Falls this April 7th through the 9th you need to have your registration turned in by March 10th. The lodges should have received the registration forms to fill out and turn in.

I hope that all the members stay active in their lodges and we continue to think about the member who are unable to make it to lodge.

In F.L.T. Grand Master Stephen Mann

Mother Nature cooperated with me when I made my visitations to District 4 in February, only rain NO snow. I had a great time at the District #4 Meeting and all the lodges in the District participated: Gem of the Mountain #5, Pansy #37, Melba #105 and Unity #8. The exemplifications were informative and funny at the same time. Job well done District 4.

I picked the wrong time to TRY to lose a little weight. The food at each lodge was fantastic; especially at Melba, where they had a Pot Luck with a lot of my favorite foods.

There were two programs that stood out. First was Melba #105. They took my program and made it into a 'rap' song. It was very funny and make me happy. Kudo's go out to the three Sisters who performed the skit. They were Sandie Chandler, Connie Evans and Georgia Wickham.

And then there was Unity #8. Their musician played ALL my songs throughout the evening. The Past Noble Grands present (20 of them) gathered around the altar while the Chaplain read my Altar Prayer 'Serenity'. They put on a 'Parade of the Aprons' and gave me an apron that had all of my program on it, this is something that I will cherish forever.

I feel very fortunate to have had all the elected officers present at most of the meetings. And I am looking forward to my visitations in March. They will be to Districts 3 and 1.

Shannon Vieth, Assembly President

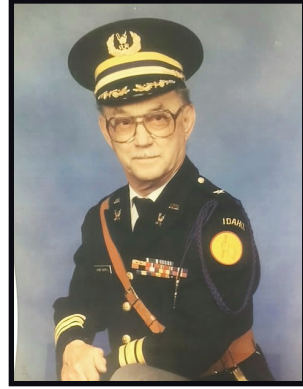
Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, **March 13, 2016** at **2:00 AM**. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.



Saint Patrick was a gentleman
Who through strategy and stealth
Drove all the snakes from
Ireland
Here's a drinkee to his health!
But not too many drinkees
Lest we lose ourselves and
then...
Forget the good Saint Patrick
And see them snakes again!

Historical Corner



Caldwell - The new toilets installed in the bathrooms. We found a nice group of items in Idaho falls last month, in the antique store under the old Bingham #14 Lodge. They had 13 museum plates and several Rebekah tea cups, creamer and sugar bowl. We also purchased several old odd fellow historical pictures, Idaho Falls retirement home. Payette Odd Fellows came across some interesting blue prints, a map of Odd Fellow cemetery in Emmett and some Odd Fellow, Rebekah flag holders for the graves.

As most of you know we had the drain pipe freeze up and the water made its way in the building through the office down to the conference room, kitchen and to one of the back bedrooms. They came in and tested the old floor tile and at first, they said it looked ok, but further tests found it is asbestos and has to be removed. The walls and ceiling are getting the moisture dried out, as soon after we can start on repairing the damage. We are hoping the weather gets better. We have a group of volunteers ready to get the pillars straightened up and a new sign built to go up between them. We are still looking for the old car that was in the picture sister Sharon McGaffick shared with us.

We have a new guy that showed up for museum work. He was a General in the Canton. Boy, is he a sharp looking volunteer, all decked out in his uniform. Most of us know him as Brother Kenny Averill. Kenny has given me all of his Odd Fellow items. We are working on a shadow box to hold together his items for display. We are working on a spring open house again and we will keep you informed of this.

Submitted by museum volunteer

Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5



Caldwell - Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5 started off the year with Pam York District Deputy President of District 4 installing the 2017 officers of Gem. Noble Grand installed was Sister Rose DeHaven, Brother George McGaffick as Vice Grand, Sisters Sharon McGaffick as Secretary and Georgia Wickham as Treasurer.

Gem of the Mountains held the District Meeting for District 4's Rebekah Lodges. Lodges from District 4 attending were Gem of the Mountains #5, Unity # 8, Pansy #37, and Melba #105. Rose #18 is also part of this District; however, the members of Rose counted for the other Lodges. Gem of the Mountains opened the meeting and turned it over to DDP Pam York. Rose #18 will host 2018's District meeting.

The Assembly President Shannon Vieth made her official visit to Gem the following Monday. We had several distinguished guests along with Sister Shannon, Sister Sharon McGaffick Assembly Vice President, Sister Pat Marvin Assembly Warden, Sister Vicky Kiele Assembly Secretary, Sister Barbara Stone Assembly Treasurer, and Sister Jean Reineke IARA Representative. Also attending the meeting was Sister Georgia Wickham who holds the title of DAP PNWLAPM (if you wish to know what all this stands for, please ask Sister Georgia).

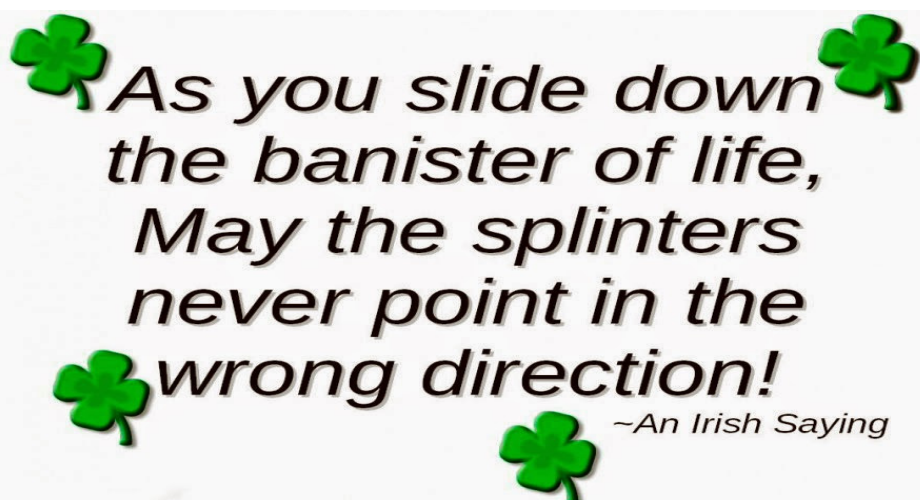
Sister Pam York gave a talk on the butterfly and several songs of the Assembly President were sung.

A big thanks to Sister Virginia Moberly, Past President and a member of Pansy #37, for playing the piano for us. Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Pictures: Distinguish guests at District: Chief Patriarch Tom Ashley, DAP PNWLAPM Georgia Wickham, District Deputy District 4 Pam York, Assembly Treasurer Barbara Stone, Assembly Secretary Vicky Kiele, Assembly Warden Pat Marvin, Assembly Secretary Sharon McGaffick, Assembly President Shannon Vieth, Deputy Grand Warden Jeff Schultz, Grand Master Stephen Mann, IARA Representative Jean Reineke. Past President Laura Englehart did the introduction. Back ground people are members of Unity #8 who attended the meeting.

Distinguish guests at the Official visit: Sisters Georgia Wickham, Pam York, Barbara Stones, Vicky Kiele, Pat Marvin, Sharon McGaffick, Jean Reineke, and Sister Laura Englehart Past President and Introduction person.

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News from Carnation #95

Coeur d'Alene - Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 had a busy 2016 year. After much discussion it was decided to sell our lodge in Post Falls and move to Coeur d'Alene. We were fortunate that Kootenai County needed more room for their license department and since we were just next door they bought the building. It was hard to leave the hall and Post Falls as many of the members had been there for over 60 years.

Coeur d'Alene is the center of our range of members with some from Kellogg, Plummer, Hayden, Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene. So we moved in with the Coeur d'Alene Odd Fellows and that moved helped both the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. We had a joint Christmas dinner with Santa and the works. Their kitchen is smaller than ours but we had a wonderful time. With the money we received from the sale we were able to help the United Nations Pilgrimage for the Youth, the Idaho Eye Program and the Idaho Odd Fellow/Rebekah paper. We plan to have some scholarship in 2017. As we move into the 2017 year we will hold installation of the new officers: Joann Slusher Noble Grand, Alice Baillie, Vice Grand, Barbara Frazey Secretary, Janette Weatherly, Financial Secretary and Nancy Morris, Treasurer. We lost one of our very favorite members, Jutta Callander, who moved to Maryland with her husband to be near family. She made all our cakes and wonderful dinner dishes. Now preparations are made for Northwest in Post Falls on April 7-8-9. We hope to see some of you there and the President will visit Carnation 95 on Monday April 10th for her official visit and District 7 meeting. We hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and the New Year is looking bright.

Submitted by Nancy Morris



Top Events and Things to Do

1. Visit a nursery and purchase seeds or plants.
2. Start your Spring cleaning.
3. Plan your flower beds and garden.
4. Put away winter clothes and prepare summer clothes.

Spring Begins History

Spring traditionally marks the end of winter and the beginning of a season that signifies longer days and warmer temperatures. The first day of Spring is also known as the Vernal Equinox. This marks the day that the Sun's path is directly over the equator. This day also contains equal amount of day time and night time. This day typically occurs each year on March 20, and on March 21 on some years.

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 Garnet, 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 the first Noble Grand.

Like any healthy baby, Garnet grew rapidly and by March 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 Mood 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 receive their 15 year jewels as they 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 contributions 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 projects.

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

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

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

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Ladies Auxiliary to Patriarch Militant Begins in Boise

Boise - Columbia #3 Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant was instituted April 25, 1927.

Affiliated with Canton Columbia #3, First Battalion, 2nd Regiment, First Brigade, Department of Idaho for and in consideration of much authority promises this Auxiliary to be governed by the Constitution and By Laws of the Department of Idaho.

Subjects of the General Military Council of the Patriarchs Militant and the Sovereign Grand Lodge of I.O.O.F.

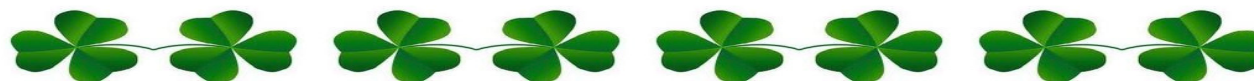
Petitioners were Pearl H. McClurg, Henrietta Wright, Frances Crosson, Mary Ruckholz, Emma O'Leary, Ella Buchholtz, Marie Johnson, Loretta V. Emerson, Mabel Hugg, Frances Leonard, Rose Mill, Sophia Burkholz, Mable Tiger, Sadie Johnson, Anna M. Creasy, Ella Hutchings and Laura Thurston. The Department Commander was A.F. Joham and the Adj. was C.D. Rush.

Lady Irene Hamilton received an appointment of Assistant to the Sentry in 1946, to the International Association; this started her climb for the highest office as President in 1950.

We have been honored to have several of our ladies as Association President, currently our Lady Frances McNeal Yardley is the Vice President, she will bring us more honors by filling the president's chair. Our Ladies, Irene Hamilton, Ruby Drake and Jean Markham, have been waving our colors at International Association meetings and we feel sure more will join the ranks of the distinguished Ladies in the service of our branch of the Order.

Currently the Auxiliary count is 57 members, in the Ladies Auxiliary: 26 in Canton Columbia #3. We have 51 Past Presidents on PP list since the beginning in 1927. We work very diligently trying to perform the duties for which this auxiliary was formed.

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Odd Fellow/Rebekah Northwest Association

Room Amenities

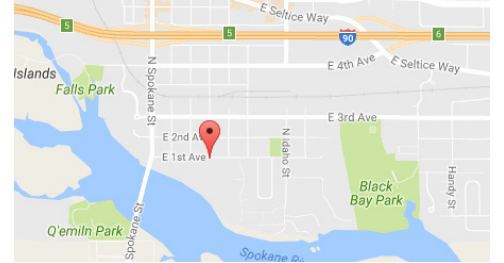
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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Coffee/tea maker | Room service (limited hours) |
| Private bathroom | Desk |
| Premium bedding | Pay movies |
| In-room climate control | Blackout drapes/curtains |
| Hair dryer | Iron/ironing board |
| Refrigerator | Microwave |
| Turn-down service | Free toiletries |
| Free WiFi | Television Cable TV |
| Rollaway/extra beds (surcharge) | Connecting/adjoining rooms |

Where to Eat

Buffet breakfasts are available for a surcharge.
Mallards - This restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
 Guests can enjoy drinks at the bar.

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SATURDAY LUNCH (Roasted Turkey Club Sandwich) \$27.00 _____

GENERAL BANQUET (Herb Crusted Pork Loin) \$36.00 _____

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