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# **Progress #48 Living Legacy**



Blackfoot - On Thursday, March 16, 2017 our members, Cathy Toussaint, Vicky Kent and Rebekah Assembly President Shannon Vieth presented a check to Blackfoot Mayor Paul Loomis as our Living Legacy Program.

This donation will be used to sponsor two scholarships at our Community Gardens for local gardeners. This is the third year that our lodge has donated to such a worthwhile cause in our community.

Mayor Loomis extend his thanks for our lodge's continued support of this worthwhile community project. While we were leaving, another member of our community was there donating a load of compost for the Community Garden. It was a great day for the Blackfoot Community Garden.

Cathy Toussaint, Reporter Progress Rebekah Lodge #48 Blackfoot, ID



# **Unity #8 Off To A Great Start**



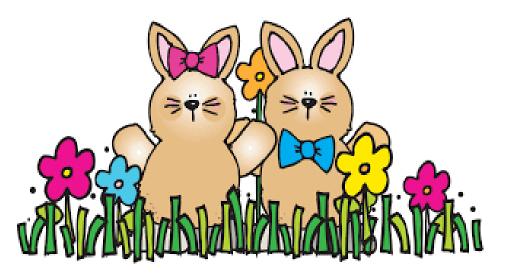
Margaret Odle & Unity's President's Apron

Boise-As usual Unity has been busy this spring. The enthusiasm of our new officers, NG Margaret Odle and VG Connie Schultz is contagious. With the privilege to demonstrate the Chaplain's charge at District #4 meeting, Unity's exemplification received praise for including the Warden to open the Bible; during recess, demonstrating the improper charge brought both gasps and laughter when a telephone book replaced the Bible.

We honored Idaho Rebekah Assembly President Shannon Vieth

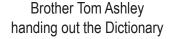
in a special meeting this February. Our entire staff of officers welcomed nearly every elected officer and several appointed officers to our hall. What a grand evening. As usual NG Margaret Odle out did herself painting Unity's traditional apron. Our Assembly Warden Pat Marvin even joined in the apron drill. Twenty-nine members and the most adorable guest, Miss Alice Harlan, enjoyed President Shannon's message.

In happiness through service, Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary



# Visit to Melba, Idaho







L to R: Tom Ashley, Sharon McGaffick, Betty Doser, Ursula White, Georgia Wickham, Jean Reineke, Jelene Baird, Bob Covet & George McGaffick.

Melba Lodge #105 spent a fun day in Melba. First we met at the "Two-Hole" for lunch. This establishment has different types of sodas, i.e. Cream Soda in a bottle. After lunch we ventured to the new Elementary School to present Dictionaries to the 3rd graders. Brother Tom Ashley gave a presentation of the different things you could read about. Melba #105 has been doing this for a lot of years, first it was a joint effort with several other Melba organizations, then the last few years, Melba #105 has done it alone. Melba Elementary has approximately 62 3rd graders. The Librarian informed us that her daughter, who is now a Senior at Melba High School, received the Dictionary when she was a 3rd grader. After delivering the Dictionaries, we ventured over to the Museum. At one time, Melba #105 held their meetings in this building, so the building holds many fond memories for a lot of our members

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



Dear Rebekah Lodges,

Please **DO NOT** send your Lodge report to me, as I resigned as Assembly Historian.

Thanks, and in FLT, Sandie Chandler

#### **ARTHRITIS CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

I hope many readers have now subscribed to the Foundation's Official Magazine, ARTHRITIS TODAY. If you missed the address, give me a phone call at 208-237-1669 and I will send it to you.

In the January/February edition was a short article that Japanese scientists have discovered the feel-good hormone, oxytocin, is produced in our brains, and may also relieve pain. The article suggests: gazing into your dogs eyes, cuddling a baby, and listening to soothing music really does relieve pain. It's worth a try.

At your Rebekah District Meeting, Assembly President Shannon Vieth will have cards announcing the Foundation Helpline at 888-391-9389. I hope you will take one. It's a resource line where you can speak confidentially, one-on-one, with a trained counselor about your unique Arthritis needs. They want to help you.

I also want to suggest you make a motion in your lodge to send a contribution to the Arthritis Fund. Make your checks payable to the Idaho Rebekah Assembly. and mail it Assembly Secretary Vickie Kiele. She will forward it to the proper address.

And did you know the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows have a responsibility to this great Arthritis Foundation? Take a look at the "CODE", Chapter XLIV- pg. 2, Section 6. Let us support this undertaking. This year is the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Foundation "improving the lives of people with Arthritis." While much has been accomplished, the work is not done.

Submitted by Anna Breeze, Arthritis Chairman

COMING EVENTS 2017				
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		
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SILVER CITY 12PM



Dear Members,

I hope that everyone is doing well and that everyone is staying active in lodge. We recently had the planning board meeting and set the dates for most of the activities for the coming year. We moved a few things around for the next year to make it easier for the Assembly President to make visits to the lodges before the District meetings. We also confirmed that the Grand Sessions will be in Boise for the 2018 Sessions and that the contract was written up for the 2019 Sessions to be held in Moscow. It was voted on by the committee to accept the contract in Moscow for the 2019 Sessions.

I have made a few visits this past month. With the first visit at Ashton #88 and during this visit I was able to give John Jorgenson his 60-year jewel. I was happy to give him the jewel. The next visit was at Coeur d'Alene #34, it was an enjoyable night it would have been even better if it wasn't snowing. My last visit was to Banner #64 in Priest River it was good to see their building and all the members up there.

I would like to put a quote in for this month just to remind the members of staying humble. "no matter how big your house is, how recent your car is, how big your bank account is, our graves will be the same size -unknown." This is a quote I'm sure some of you have seen and even if you have it's good to read it again. I feel that it ties in a with Odd Fellowship pretty well for the things that we should be doing.

I hope that you are keeping members that aren't attending lodge in mind or that you are visiting with them to see how they are doing. I also hope that the trustees of the lodges are doing their best to make sure that their lodges are being maintained. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

In F.L.T.
Grand Master Stephen Mann





Dear Sisters and Brothers;

When you read this I will be on my way to Northwest in Post Falls and then on the Districts 7, 6 & 5. I will have a very busy month ahead of me; but I am looking forward to seeing all of my friends.

I had a great time in District #3. The Sisters and Brothers gave me a warm welcome and the individual lodges stood out with the Pot Luck's and the skits they performed.

Of 'Special Note', Idaho #96 in Wendell presented me with two pieces of Rebekah China that I will always cherish.

Guiding Star #4 marched in to "Little Brown Jug" and then started dancing. It was great. A big thank you to Sister Marlene Osborn for playing all of my songs.

And finally, Syringa #110 gave me a "Bird Feeder" made from Rebekah China, I have wanted one of these since I first saw them at Assembly in Boise.

In my home District, District #1, they surprised me with the presentations and the dinners. I want to congratulate them on a "Job Well Done".

In F. L & T. Shannon Vieth, Assembly President

#### To All Lodges;

I have appointed Sister Jelene Baird as my Historian. Please send her your Lodge Histories (if you have not already sent them in) to 96 Wedgewood Drive, Nampa, ID 83651.

A "Special Thanks" goes out to Sister Sandie Chandler for the work she did as Historian. Your service to our Order is greatly appreciated.

Shannon Vieth, President

### **Update on Amosette Plans**

Start thinking about your favorite movie actress form the 1930's thru the 1960's. This goes along with our President Shannon's theme "The Good Old Days".

More information will follow. Cathy Toussaint, Chairperson

# **District 1 Meeting**



Pocatello - On Saturday, March 18, 2017 District One held their meeting. We had the honor of having the following members as guests: Georgia Wickham PPRA and President of the Pacific Northwest LAPM; Grand Treasurer, Donnie Marvin; Warden of the Rebekah Assembly Pat Marvin, (she is also Vice President of Pacific Northwest LAPM); Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly Sharon McGaffick; Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly Vicky Kiele; District Deputy President Cathy Toussaint; and of course our President of the Rebekah Assembly, Shannon Vieth.

We were served a wonderful lunch that was prepared and served by the members of Boy Scout Troop 320.

We had three presentations of Veteran's Jewels. David Livingston pinned Crystal Shepherd with her 20 year Jewel. She joined in 1997. Then Vicky Kiele pinned our President, Shannon Vieth with her 30 year Jewel. She first joined in 1976 at Josephine #14 in San Jose, CA. And finally Anna Breeze pinned Darlene Fulmer with her 60 year Jewel that had belonged to her grandmother Carri Shipp. A great day for Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23.

Wava Murphy, Reporter



On Earth Day, enjoy the tonic of fresh air, contact with the soil, and companionship with nature! Walk through the woods in search of emerging wildflowers and green moss. Go outside, no matter what the weather!

The most common practice of celebration is to plant new trees for Earth Day.



# **Meeting of District #3**



Mountain Home - On 11 March 2017, I arrived at the Mountain Home Odd Fellows Lodge Hall shortly after 0900. Having only had one cup of coffee, I immediately tried to sign in on the wrong sheet. Fortunately, Don Harlan was behind

the desk and corrected me before I made a complete idiot of myself. I then walked into the main hall in search of something, not sure what, and found the most delightfully decorated room I have seen in a while. The hall was decked out for St. Patrick's Day, with leprechauns, shamrocks, and even shamrock lights on a tree at the front of the hall. There were green napkins, and even a word scramble to match the theme of the hall.

At a little before 10:00, the Odd Fellows went up to AJ's Restaurant, leaving the main hall to the Rebekah's for their meeting. Both meetings went on until around 1200, at which point the Odd Fellows vacated AJ's and came back to the lodge hall for lunch, which was provided by the Rebekah's. It was a surprisingly simple but very filling and interesting lunch meal of baked potatoes with a wide variety of toppings, including chili, the traditional butter, sour cream, bacon bits, and a very diverse selection of vegetables. All in all, a lovely lunch, made even better by the company.

The Odd Fellows portion of the meeting being over, I went home while the Rebekah's finished up their meeting. I honestly cannot say as to what time they finished, but I am sure that they accomplished a great many things.

The Odd Fellows portion of the meeting was attended by Grand Master Stephen Mann. Also in attendance were representatives from Mountain Home #19, Ada #3, Nampa #40, and Wendell #131.

The Rebekah's meeting was attended by Assembly President Shannon Veith from Progress #48. Also appearing were representatives from Guiding Star #4, Syringa #10, Union #45, Idaho #96, Gem of the Mountain #5, Silver Leaf #27, and Kooskia #64.

Our district meeting was also attended by a potential future Rebekah and/or Odd Fellow in the person of Alice Harlan. Who, as I discovered, can demolish a plate of scrambled eggs and pancakes with great gusto and glee. Thank you to all who came and helped make this district meeting one to remember. I look forward to next year's meeting.

Linda Hopkins Mountain Home #19 PR Committee

# Founders Day ~ April 26



**Thomas Wildey** 

Thomas Wildey, founder of Odd Fellowship in North America, was a man of immense vitality, humor, and warmth.

Thomas Wildey was born in London, England, January 15, 1783. He was left an orphan five years later - and the Odd Fellow pledge to "Educate the Orphan" sprang from his personal childhood experiences. At the age of 14, Wildey went to live with an uncle. After he had 9 years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the Odd Fellows in 1804.

When restlessness brought Thomas Wildey to America in 1817, the British were still unpopular in the States because of the War of 1812. In that year Baltimore was suffering both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. An outgoing personality, Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore; he requested them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn.

On April 26, 1819, Wildey and the four men who responded to the advertisement formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to achieve

philanthropic goals. Other Englishmen who were Odd Fellows had grouped in the states along the Eastern Seaboard, and Wildey gathered them all into the newly formed fraternity. He traveled widely to set up lodges in the most recently settled parts of the country.

At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 42 states. http://www.ioof.org/IOOF/AboutUS/ThomasWildey.aspx?WebsiteKey=0821b3e8-a923-4637-a253-d71db741e0c1



# Odd Fellowship in Idaho



In the year that Idaho became a territory, Odd Fellowship had its beginning under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

By 1873 the Oregon Grand Lodge had chartered six lodges in Idaho, and they were all successful and prospering. In 1877 the six lodges had increased in membership to 214. Scarcity of money and dull times were factors in lodge membership, and many brothers planned to join the Order when the mining season was over. Each lodge was so isolated that the distance was too great to receive much advantage from the Grand Lodge of Oregon. A Grand Lodge was badly needed in the Territory of Idaho.

In 1879 a petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge in this Territory had been submitted, when unanimous approval was secured, the Grand Sire was authorized to issue a Warrant for a Grand Lodge in this Jurisdiction. Duplicate charters, dated April 25, 1879, were issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to take the place of charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon to the six established lodges in the Territory of Idaho.

Through the years, however, Odd Fellowship has labored hard and long to improve its organization. Many times the constitutions of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges needed to be revised or amended. With the changing conditions, new legislation was needed. Effective in Sovereign Grand Lodge on the first of January, 1925, was the change in the age status for membership. Eighteen-year-olds were allowed to join the Order, and Idaho immediately fell in line with this new policy. In October, 1945, the Grand Jurisdictional Lodge was legalized. This new law enabled members of defunct lodges to pay their dues directly into this Jurisdictional Lodge, thus protecting their membership in the Order. Three brothers soon became members of this Jurisdictional Lodge in Idaho. In 1952 a Commission for the Advancement of Odd Fellowship was a unique organization that was increasingly successful in its efforts to ferret out the weak spots in the Order and apply effective corrective measures. In other fields of endeavor the Subordinate Lodge has legislated and strived to attain the best for its organization.

One of the proudest and happiest years of Idaho's members was the year of 1928-the year when Frank Martin became the Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the world.

Then, again, in 1955 the Brothers of all Branches of the Order were just as proud and happy when Margaret Watts became President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

It is this Branch of the Order that has paved the way for all other Branches. There could have been no other Branch had it not been for the Subordinate Lodge, which later organized the Grand Lodge and the Sovereign Grand Lodge. From such beginnings came the Encampment, Patriarchs Militant, Rebekahs, and the Ladies Branches of the Encampment and Patriarchs Militant, as well as the Youth organizations.

#### Lewiston IOOF Lodge Begins Before Grand IQdge of Idaho



LEWISTON-The institution and organization Lewiston Lodge No. 8 at Lewiston, Idaho April 26, 1881 sponsored by a small group of local men, began before the Grand Lodge of Idaho was instituted in state of Idaho. The Grand Lodge of Oregon organized the first nine lodges of Idaho. Lewiston No. 8 was eighth. Colfax Lodge No. 14, Washington came Lewiston to institute lodge April 26, 1881 traveling from Colfax in a hack, the popular mode of traveling at that time.

After the lodge was instituted the following named officers were elected; Brothers Norman Buck, Noble Grand, W.B. Cooper, Vice Grand, S.G. Isaman, recording secretary, and L. Rowley, Treasurer.

Tuesday night was selected as the regular meeting night (and to my knowledge of the last 53 years has met on Tuesday night.

The first meeting was held in the Masonic Hall. The meetings were held at various places until the present building at 609 Main Street was built. Plans and specifications for the new lodge hall, a brick 36 by 80' was read, accepted and a contract let for the sum of \$3,782.56. This structure was begun in 1890 and completed in 1893. And meetings have been continuous ever since.

It is interesting to note how the SCENE now the property of the lodge was secured. Some of the brothers felt they should have a real SCENE, as the lodge to this time had been without one. They robbed a grave, cleaned the flesh from the bones and dried them, then fastened the bone joints in the proper manner, so this SCENE is really from a human being. It is said that the corpse was a man by the name of Peebles who was an outlaw.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho was instituted November 13, 1883 and by that institution this lodge was cut from Washington and placed under the jurisdiction of Idaho.

It was first noted on March 18, 1884 a member was expelled from the lodge membership for appropriating money of the lodge for his own use.

June 5, 1885 a committee of Rebekah Degree petition for establishing a Rebekah Degree was read and sent to the secretary of the Grand Lodge. A meeting was called Jue 16, 1885 for the purpose of organizing the Rebekah Degree.

The lodge paid a bill to the cemetery committee \$116.67 for lots in the cemetery for lodge members use. March 27, 1888, one hundred cemetery deeds were printed.

It was certified October 27, 1892 by a Notary Public, Lewiston Lodge No. 8, I.O.O.F. was incorporated, that the purpose it was formed was for benevolence and charity, in the city of Lewiston, Idaho, that the term is to exist fifty years after the date of incorporation and that the number of trustees shall be three.

Gateway Lodge No. 111 was instituted April 18, 1905. Lewiston Lodge No. 8 conferred the degree on a class of forty-seven. Lewiston Lodge No. 8 donated its old robes to Gateway No. 111. Gateway consolidated with Lewiston No. 8 January 1, 1915 with eighty members.

March 15, 1932 the Washington Water Power Company leased the lower floor of the Odd Fellows building and is in the same location in 1976 although at the present time is building at a new location on Main Street.

Because of gas rationing, January 1943, the lodge decided to meet only two nights a month, the second and fourth Tuesdays and are continuing the same nights at the present time. At the same time terms of office were changed from six months to a year.

C.P. Hinkle (Charles Porter) was recording secretary of Lewiston Lodge No. 8 from January 1, 1908 to December 31, 1945 and it is to him we owe credit for keeping history of his lodge up to the time of his death in 1946.

Three members of Lewiston Lodge No. 8 attained Grand Lodge offices: Calvin A. Martin, Grand Patriarch 1947-1948; Horace A. Bradshaw, Grand Master, 1955-1956; Glenn W. Jordan, Grand Patriarch, 1963-1964; Harmon Snyder now serving as Grand Treasurer-Patriarchs.

The Odd Fellows Hall was badly smoke damaged by the fire that destroyed the Hotel Idaho January 9, 1976.

Compiled by Marion Martin in memory of Calvin A. Martin, a 60-year member of Odd Fellowship.

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# **Odd Fellow/Rebekah Northwest Association**

#### **Room Amenities**

Coffee/tea maker Private bathroom

Premium bedding

In-room climate control

Hair dryer Refrigerator

Turndown service

Free WiFi

Rollaway/extra beds (surcharge)

Room service (limited hours)

Desk

Pay movies

Blackout drapes/curtains

Iron/ironing board

Microwave

Free toiletries

Television Cable TV

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.

Pet-friendly rooms can be requested by contacting the property at the number on the booking confirmation

# Red Lion Templin's Hotel on the River 414 E 1st Ave Post Falls ID 83854









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Pre-registration fee, per person (All Units) \$15.00 \$20.00	
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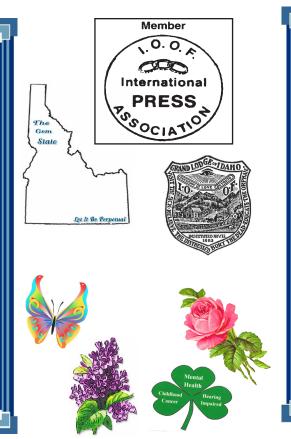
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