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Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 Donates To St. John's Episcopal Church



American Falls - For our Living Legacy Program for 2017, Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 of American Falls Lodge presented to St. John's Episcopal Church a check to help with the landscaping.

Pictured in front of the tree we planted last year are Noble Grand Kay Bammert, Vice Grand Vicky Kent, Wava Murphy, Anna Breeze and Alice Mayer; all of Bingham Rebekah.. Not pictured is our photographer, Assembly President, Shannon Vieth.

Wava Murphy, Reporter

Update on Amosette Plans

Start thinking about your favorite movie actress from 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

Ivy Rebekah Lodge Living Legacy



Pocatello - District Deputy President, Cathy Toussaint and Rebekah Assembly President, Shannon Vieth; represented Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 when the lodge presented a rose bush to Carrie Levitt, Activities Director, at the Idaho Veteran's Home in Pocatello.

This has been the Living Legacy program for Ivy for many years and the resident's at the home have commented on how much they enjoy the flowers each year.

Cathy Toussaint, Reporter

Mountain Home Gets New Sign



Mountain Home Lodge #19 is pleased to share the news that, after a year of debate and discussion over size and design, we have finally acquired a new sign that has been proudly installed on the back of our lodge hall. It is visible from the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot and drive-thru, so will hopefully catch the attention of some of the people of Mountain Home.

Submitted by Linda Hopkins

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I would like to thank all of the Lodge Secretaries who took the extra step and submitted their Lodge's annual report in a timely manner.

Our Annual Report has been filed with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and it shows a loss in our membership. We need to work a little harder on getting new members and possibly work on getting some of our members reinstated as active members. Contact those who have been dropped for non-payment of dues and see if they would like to become active members again.

Thank you to all of the District Deputy Grand Masters who have turned in the District reports. All of the district meeting have a good turn out and good discussion, it was good to see the members that came out to the meetings. In my travels this year I found out that we have some members that have reached 25yrs to 50yrs in the order. Please let Grand Lodge know about their milestone and let's honor them for their service.

We just lost Oliver Ader he has been a member for over 70yrs Oliver's home lodge was Riggins Lodge until it closed and has been in the jurisdictional lodge .

If you are on a committee and you have not had a meeting yet, it's getting time to have one before sessions, contact your chairperson.

We will be testing some of our cooking skills on a grill or two at thew Museum, maybe a pancake dinner like Wilder Lodge use to have. We will be mailing out letters to the lodges on the updates.

In F.L&T Jeff Mann GS

COMING EVENTS 2017

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

Arthritis Chairman's Note

I recently found an old ad torn from a magazine. Not mentioning its sponsor, it is succinct in its list: "10 Steps to Pain-free Joints." Lets see if you are doing them?

1. Practice good nutrition. Maintain a normal weight.
2. Exercise regularly
3. Pace yourself. Don't overdo.
4. Avoid repetitive motion such as hammering or stirring.
5. Use Biomechanics. Don't hunch or slouch. Use carts or ask for help.
6. Alleviate stress. Take deep breaths and count to ten.
7. Eliminate foods that may trigger your arthritis.
8. Pamper yourself. Do things you enjoy.
9. Take your medications and supplements as prescribed.
10. Keep the right attitude. Count your blessings, and PRAY.

Submitted by Anna Breeze



Greetings From Idaho No. 96

Wendell - On March 6th, we were honored to be hostess to our Rebekah Assembly President, Shannon Vieth. She reminded us of some proper ways we should do things in our meetings, take up passwords, not silver drill, etc..

Noble Grand James Weighall, presented President Shannon with tow pieces of Rebekah dishes (china).

16 members and guests enjoyed a salad bar and ham lunch, preceding the meeting.

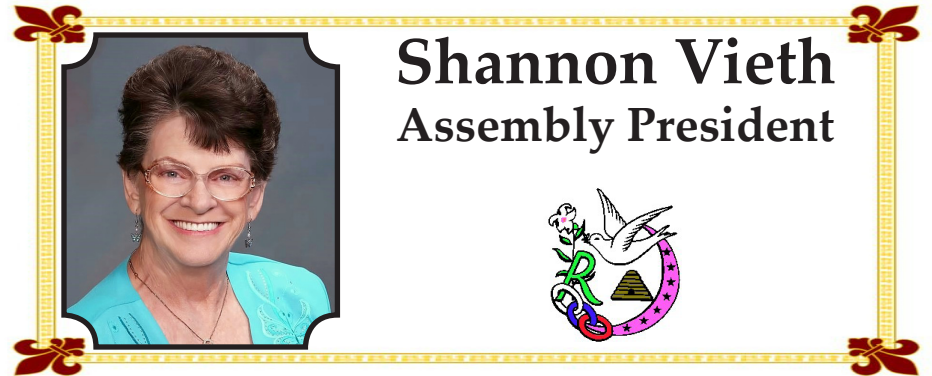
Those introduced by Sisters Wanda and Wilma Bragg, (introductory committee, pro tem), were: Sharon Mcgaffick, Vice President Rebekah Assembly, Pat Marvin, Warden Rebekah Assembly, Donnie Marvin, Grand Treasurer, Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly; Lorraine McCloud, Juanita Thomas, Barbara Pettigrew, and Georgia Wickham, and District Deputy President, Marguerite (Peg) Roberson, and of course, President Shannon Vieth.

Our lodge appreciates the help from our lodge sisters from other lodges when we need them!

Submitted by Juanita Thomas

Star Wars Day

Star Wars Day is May the Fourth, because of a famous quote from the hugely popular science fiction series blockbuster is "May the Force (Fourth) be with you"



Dear members,

I know that the past month has been a very busy month with all the goings on in the order and I know there are many events planned in the near future that will keep everyone busy. I'm sure that everyone who attended the Northwest Association had a good time and that there was a lot of information learned at this time.

I hope that everyone is taking care to see that members who aren't feeling well or have been unable to attend lodge meetings and that they are seeing that they are doing well. You should remember to get out and visit with them and see if they need anything. We should also keep in mind that there have been a few members that have passed away and we should keep their families in our hearts and minds.

We should be thinking of ways that we can stay active in the community. I know there are things that are being planned for this very reason. If you haven't heard there are plans in the works for a G.I. Joe breakfast. This event is in the planning stages by Noble Grand Joe DeChristefero of Ada #3. This breakfast will be set up like a field camp and they will be serving all of the old military staples. This will be a good way to get our name out in the community. There was a letter sent out to the lodges that are in the vicinity Boise so if you need any further information or you were looking for some way to help you could attend a meeting in Boise on the First and Third Tuesday at 7:30.

Keep in mind to take care of the members that are unable to attend lodge and make sure that we are visiting with them. Also remember that we should be thinking of new ways to get members and that the newer members should be allowed to bring their ideas to the lodge.

In F.L.T.
Grand Master Stephen Mann

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

When you read this I will have been to Northwest in Post Falls and then on to Districts 7, 6 & 5; I have had a very busy month. I saw many friends and made new ones.

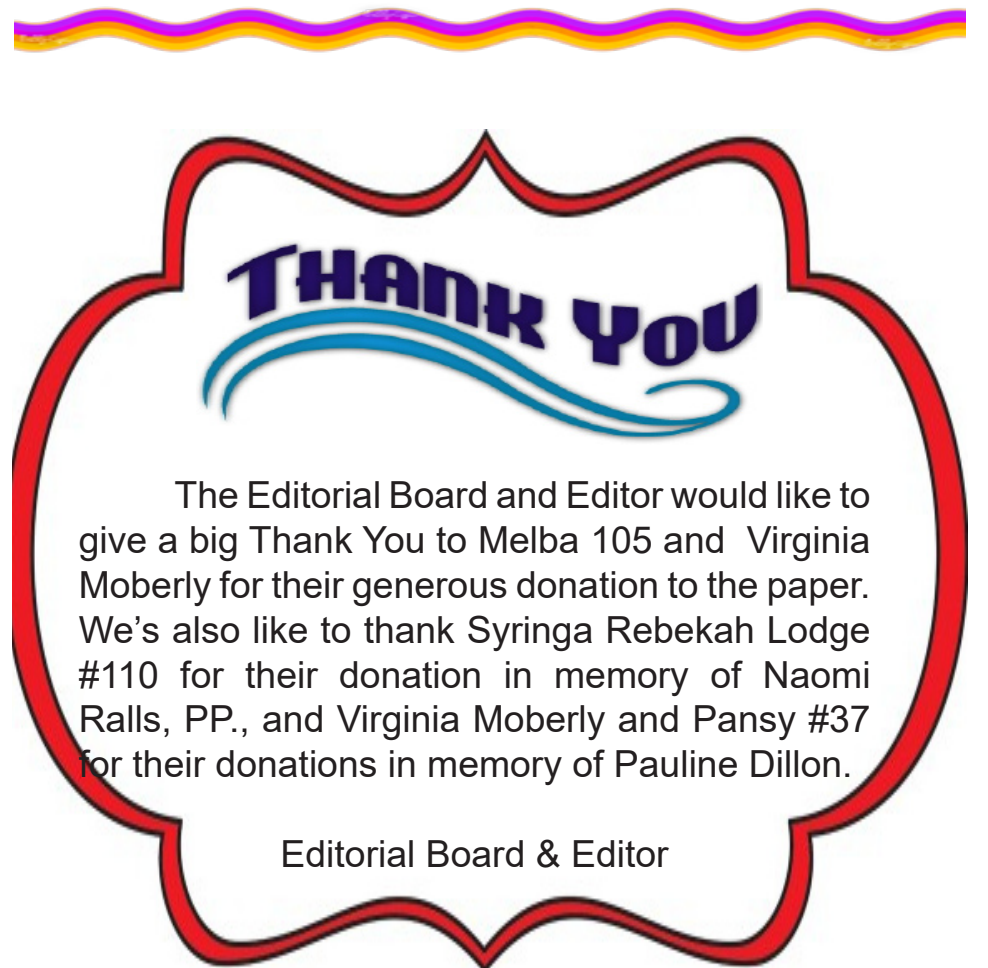
I had a great time in Districts #7, #6 and #5. The Sisters and Brothers gave me a warm welcome and the individual lodges stood out with the Pot Luck's and the skits they performed.

The sisters at White Pine #60 did a skit to 'Little Brown Jug' that was really cute. The sisters at Bluebell #72 had many new and exciting ideas for getting their community involved, and their ideas are working.

I really enjoyed the fellowship and presentations in District #5. It was nice to finally put faces to the names I have heard over the years. Thank You District 5 for making me feel welcome.

These three Districts are really active in their communities and I congratulate you.

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



Degree Work



Members from Nampa #40 Caldwell #10 and Ada #3 helped put on the degree work this past month. They did an excellent job. Thank you, from left to right, Ralph Collens, Randel Wallace Corie Neihoff, Stephane Mann, Stewart Smith, Glen Schultz, Joe Dechristeferro and Dennis Niehoff. What a great team to work with. We did 1st, 2nd and third. Fun was had by all and we ate Pizza after.



Our newest members, Matthew Kelly 2nd and 3rd degree Caldwell #10, Cory Neihoff 3rd degree, Ada #3, Connie Schultz 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree Ada #3, Glenn Lovell 1st, 2nd and 3rd Nampa #40 and Pay York 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Pioneer #1. Everyone had great time and gained lots of knowledge that maybe forgotten, unless you help with the next workings or read you book over and over. Thanks for coming and gaining more knowledge of our order! Pizza was good as well!

Submitted by Glen Schultz



Happenings at Pansy 37



Jan VanDenBerg, Noble Grand & Lucille Collins, Lodge Deputy

Middleton - Lucille Collins, Lodge Deputy made her official visit on March 28, 2017. The lodge members met for lunch prior to the meeting. Lucille gave the unwritten work in a very commendable manner and then shared the following message with the lodge and interesting history on flower names. Light refreshments followed the meeting.

Pam York, District Deputy President of District No. 4, from Unity Rebekah Lodge No. 8 of Boise, made her official visit to Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37 on April 11, 2017. She gave the unwritten work followed by an informative message on 'Children suffering from Cancer'. Her visit was proceeded by a luncheon and followed by light refreshments.



Pam York, DDP



Virginia Moberly & Laurel Finch

Laurel Finch, Secretary of Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37 of Middleton is shown presenting a \$100.00 check to Virginia Moberly, Board Member of the Lee Moberly Historical Museum in Middleton. This donation represents our participation in a community project.

Stories submitted by Virginia Moberly



The Golden Crown of Rebekah Oddfellowship

By Edna Depew P.P., Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Odd Fellow

There was a faint knock at the Door of Life. Then it grew harder and more insistent. Opening the Door, the Angel of Life saw a man standing there with a Woman by his side. Her face was pale and questioning, but her eyes held a sparkle of expectant hope. "We have come to offer our help in aiding mankind on Earth," the woman said eagerly. "We, the Women of the Earth, wish to help our Brothers in their good work," the woman chimed in quickly. However, we need your help to sway the minds of those Brothers who oppose our plans; only you can make them understand the good work Women can do to help them advance the principals of Friendship, Truth and Love.

The Angel of Life answered slowly, "Yes I can help you; I can give you the Gift of Understanding, to take back to Earth to your Brothers in Odd Fellowship. Turning to the Woman. he added softly, "I will make sure that they welcome you and your efforts, so that in the years to come they will bless the day you became one of them. Blessed will be the name of Rebekah, but you must pay the price."

"Pay the price?" asked the Woman; but we have no money, nothing but our eagerness to help and to share with our Brothers their trials and tribulations. With our strong hands and willing hearts perhaps we will be able to help lighten the load of all mankind in years to come, all over the world. This is all we have to offer, but no money. "It is not money I want," said the Angel. "Yet I must be paid. You must be prepared to give to me a great deal of your time at the bedside of the sick and dying. You must learn to tenderly cool the fevered brow of your Brothers and Sisters of the world. To close the eyes of the dead, and have words of comfort for the mourner. I will need some of your health also, to share with others, when the vigils are long and tiresome."

"In the beginning there will be hardly enough time for all the things you must do. You will grow weary, and discouragement will beset you often. I will place in the heart of your Brother the words and deeds he will need to help you and encourage you on the pathway you must trod. For those first few years I will demand most of your time. You must give also not only the time but a great deal of yourself, energy, and sacrifice much of your comfort in the long quest ahead of you in your desire to help your fellow man. You must be prepared to lose much of your peace of mind and most of all give up a large portion of your heart; are you willing to give up all these things?" The woman hesitated not a moment. Eagerly she handed these priceless possessions to her Brother, who in turn placed them in the keeping of the Angel of Life. Placing the hand of the Sister in that of her Brother's, the Angel bade them gently, "Go my children. The hearts and minds of your fellowman shall be opened to receive you. Patience and understanding I will place in their hearts. Friendship, Love and Truth shall be your guide." Eagerly the Sister turned with her Brother, tears of happiness and gratitude flowed down her checks, as she started back to Earth; but before she had fully turned, the Angel of Life laid a restraining hand on her arm. On her head the Angel reverently placed a Golden Crown. In amazement, the Sister asked its meaning.

"This is God's gift to you," the Angel said softly, "this is the Crown of Rebekah Odd Fellowship. It shall be your everlasting reward for the sacrifices you will make in the name of Rebekah. It shall never tarnish, but will shine down through the ages as others follow in your footsteps until it will out shine the brightest stars in the Heavens."

So, we would like to believe Rebekah Odd Fellowship began among the Angels, for our work through the years has been heaven inspired and performed by sisters dedicated to the cause of helping our fellowman wherever he is in need throughout the world. Many earnest efforts were made to bring into communion with the Order, the wives and widows of Odd Fellows.

Submitted by Virginia Moberly



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

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