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## White Bird Rebekahs Have Been Busy



NG Janis Comri, AP Shannon,  
& VG Beth Plagmann



Doug Plagmann with the  
Living Legacy Bush



Spring Fiesta with Servers Barb Lowe & Betty Plagmann



White Bird - The White Bird Rebekahs have had a busy spring. We hosted our President Shannon at a dinner on April 19th. We had a good meeting and an enjoyable evening! Our entertainment committee passed out American flag pins and we all sang God Bless America, during which they "waved" pictures of local "over the mountains, over the prairies, over the rivers!"

On April 23rd, our sixty plus year member, Roberta Robie, turned 100. A card signed by all of us was sent to her in Salmon, Idaho, where she resides now.

We held our Easter bake sale with the proceeds going to our scholarship fund. We were able to give two scholarships to seniors in our community this year. A very nice reception was held for them on May 5th, where we presented Emily Kernutt with her award. The certificates will be presented at Class Night on May 25th to Emily and Frankie Zumwalt. This is the 8th year for this project and we have given \$3500 to our seniors so far. Grandma Lydia Chrane is very proud of Emily! Frankie is the grandson of our late member Ann Zumwalt.

On May 13th we held our annual Spring Fiesta dinner (formally Cinco de Mayo). As usual, we had a good turn out and made some significant money for our general fund. We are very fortunate in our community and the support that they give us for all our doings.

For our Living Legacy this year a local gentleman had a large forsythia bush that he wanted out of his yard. Thanks to the American Legion, this was dug up and replanted in our local park. Sister Maggie Abbott gets many kudos for keeping it watered! A donation was given to the Legion for all their work on this.

Memorial Day we placed our fraternal flags at the cemetery. Monday the American Legion held a ceremony at the city park where, along with their flag ceremony, five Quilts of Valor were presented to local veterans. We provided and served refreshments.

Fraternally submitted, Lydia Chrane, Reporter



## Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in the order. All of the District meetings are done for the year. District 6 did not have one this year, due to Lee Thornton moving away to Arizona. We are looking for a replacement District Deputy Grand Master for district 6 if you know someone that qualifies for this position please call Grand Lodge Office or contact the Grand Master.

Going to the district meetings, I have heard that several of the lodges are having an Odd Fellows Veterans night to honor the members that have over 25yrs. As I was going thru some of the member's records and talking with some of the members at the District meetings I found Crystal Lodge #103 most of their members have over 25yrs and up to 58yrs. Ada Lodge #3 has a 50 yr. Nampa lodge #40 has 30yr two 35yr and a 70yr. Caldwell Lodge #10 has two 45yr. Ashton Lodge #88 60yr. I know the other lodges have members getting close to 25yrs plus years in the order. Please let me know of any members that have over 25yrs so we can get them recognized. For the members that have less then 25ys Grand Lodge has 5yr, 10yr, 15yr 20yr pins. Just call Grand Lodge to let me know what members and we will get them sent out.

Remember that the merit jewel is a lodge jewel, I had the honor at District Meeting of presenting a Merit jewel to Crystal Shepard of Portnuef #20 that the Grand Master awarded to Crystal Shepard for her hard work in the Portnuef Lodge.

Remember with summer break coming, if you are on a committee you are need to have a meeting soon so check to see who is the chairman on the committee. Also, Ada #3 Lodge will be having their annual picnic coming up with everyone invited. Also, Ashton will be having their annual fish fry at Island park. I hope we have great turn out to both activities.

May was a tough month with losing Marilyn Sanow wife of our past Grand Master Dan Sanow. PGP Charles Deland passed away, PGM Kenny Averill had a stroke. We also have several other members with family medical issues and some just with age. Let's keep them in our thoughts.

See you down the road at the summer actives.

In F.L&T Jeff Mann GS



The Editorial Board and Editor would like to give a big Thank You to Welcome Rebekah Lodge #17 for their generous donation to the paper.

Editorial Board & Editor

## Update on Amosette Plans

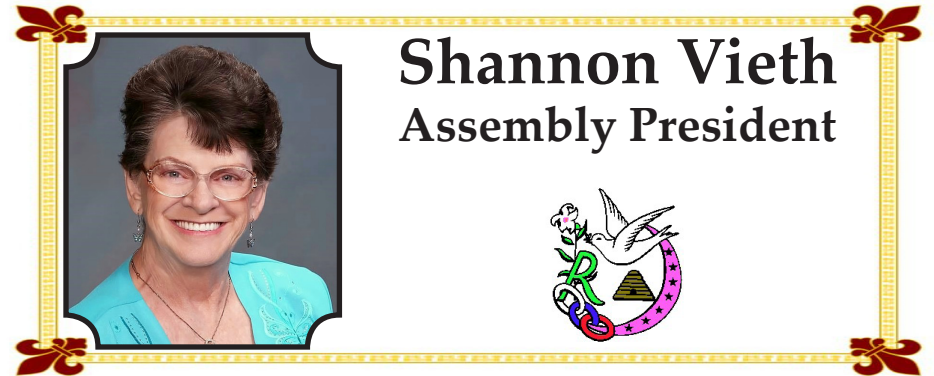
Start thinking about your favorite movie actress from the 1930's thru the 1960's. This goes along with our President Shannon's theme "The Good Old Days".

You can dress as the person or your favorite character that they played. Some suggestions are: Doris Day as Annie Oakley, Joan Crawford as Mildred Pierce; Greer Garson as Mrs. Miniver or Judy Garland in Wizard of Oz.

Amosette Committee  
Cathy Toussaint, Chairperson

COMING EVENTS 2017		
<b>JUNE</b>		
17	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
18	BUCKAROO BRKFAST	ISLAND PARK
20	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
24	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY 12PM
<b>JULY</b>		
08	BATTALION MEETING	CALDWELL 10AM
22	2ND DEGREE RALLY	IDAHO CITY 12PM





Dear members,

With most all the lodges in the state getting ready to recess for the summer months we should remember that there are still things that we can do to stay active in the community. I know that some lodges have a picnic during the recess. There are also lodges that have a social night separate from their lodge meetings. These are both examples of good times when you can bring people from outside of the order to see some of the fraternity between members.

The Island Park Fish Fry is coming up on June 17th. It is a good time and it's nice to see some new faces that you may not have seen before. There will also be a yard sale on June 10th for Ada #3 and Unity #8 in Boise at the Boise lodge hall. If you have any items that you would like to donate for the yard sale you can bring them to the lodge for the yard sale. I'm sure it will be a good time and hopefully it will become an annual sale that we can have to raise funds for the lodges and meet new people in the community who might just become new members as well.

I would like for everyone to hear this story about two brothers that is a very interesting story that some of you may have heard or read before. There were once two brothers that worked for the same construction company and they had built many fine and beautiful house over their entire career. When both the brothers decided that it was time that they should retire their boss asked them if they would just build one more house each and then they could retire.

The first brother didn't want to do this, but the second brother convinced him. The first brother not wanting to build his last house with any amount of care just threw the house together, not taking the usual care that he would normally take building any of the other houses he had built. He cut corners, used inferior materials and did the bare minimum. This was one house he wasn't proud of when he was finished, but it was complete. The second brother on the other hand built his house as fine as all the others if not better because this just may have been the best house he'd ever built. After this they went to their boss to tell them that the houses were completed and they were ready to be sold. As soon as their boss heard, he told both the brothers that they would get to have the

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Dear Sisters and Brothers;

When you read this I will have been to District 2 where the Sisters in Challis gave a great presentation and the food was great as always; and then I will go on to attend the Sessions in California at the invitation of I.A.R.A. President Joyce Link.

I would like to thank all of the Sisters and Brothers who made me feel so welcome at all of my visits this year; I enjoyed every one of them. You all have done a fantastic job in your lodges. Keep up the good work.

When I went to the California Sessions I had a wonderful time. I met many old friends, put faces to names from friends on Face Book and made many new friends. I learned a lot from seeing how the other Jurisdictions put on their Sessions.

A reminder, if you were asked to work on the floor for the Sessions in Fort Hall, you should have already turned in your dress forms (they were due by May 15th) in order for guaranteed delivery in early September 2017. It is not to late, but the delivery date may not be until the end of September 2017.

Another reminder, if any of the lodges have pictures of when I made my visits, PLEASE send them to Vicky Kent at P.O. Box 1064, Blackfoot, ID 83221. She is working hard to get my scrapbook together. Thanks in advance.

All of my Sister's and Brother's on the Host Committee are working hard to make sure that our Sessions in Fort Hall are a big success.

A few concerns I have heard about Sessions this year are completely unfounded. The Sho-Ban Hotel is only three years old, so it is still new. The food that I have had there has been great and the service has been excellent. I have spent many years in the hospitality and food service industries and this hotel is one of the most professional I have seen. I know everyone attending the Sessions in October will have a great time.

If you have any restrictions on your diet, i.e. Diabetic, Gluten Free, etc., PLEASE make sure that you note this on your registration form so we can accommodate your needs. Get your registrations in as early as you can so the Host Committee can make sure everyone has what they need to ensure a Great Sessions.

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



## Grand Master Visits Nampa 40



Tom Ashley, PGM  
& Stephen Mann, GM



Stephen Mann, GM

Nampa - Nampa Lodge #40 was honored to have Grand Master Stephen Mann make his official visit, May 4th, 2017. The evening started with dinner at LeBaron's Honkers in Nampa. Then we went across the street to our Lodge Hall to hold our meeting. We were honored to have Sister Marge Harlan (Deputy Grand Master), Brother Jeff Mann (Grand Secretary) and Brother Glen Schultz (Grand Warden) and other distinguished guests from other branches of the Order. This was an "open" meeting so we had members from Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 and Brother Stephen Mann's mother and sisters. Different Odd Fellow Lodges that were present to listen to our Grand Master were Ada Odd Fellow Lodge #3, Orofino Odd Fellows Lodge #64, and Silver City Odd Fellow Lodge (hopefully I listed all Lodges present). It was nice to see so many of Nampa 40's members, such as the Hartman's (Orville, John, and Bill), Sister Sharon McGaffick, as it has been some time since they have made it to our meetings. Brother Stephen Mann spoke on getting our non-active members to become active again, and getting new members into our Order, and the importance of all the Orders to work together.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



## GM Letter Continued

house that they built to keep. The moral of this story is that you should build your house like you are going to live in it or to do your best in everything you do.

I hope that everyone is keeping the members who have lost loved ones or know of anyone who is not feeling well to check and see how they are doing. Give them a call, send a letter, go and visit with them.

In F.L.T.

Grand Master Stephen Mann

## Gem's April Doings



Rear: Pam York  
Front: Sharon McGaffick & Georgia Wickham

Caldwell - Gem of the Mountains #5, was busy during the month of April. We started the month out by honoring our Desk Officers, Sisters Sharon McGaffick (Secretary) and Georgia Wickham (Treasurer). Sister Pam York presented both Sisters with a token gift. Our District Deputy President of District 4, Sister Pam York, made her official visit, and the following meeting our Lodge Deputy, Sister Georgia Wickham made her official visit. For the "Living Legacy," Sisters Sharon McGaffick and Georgia Wickham, and Jan Raymond, along with Brother George McGaffick presented a check to the Veteran's Garden in Caldwell. Our yearly scholarship information went out to Caldwell High, Canyon Springs High, Vallivue High, and Ridgeview High School and the committee will be picking one candidate the first part of May, and then our winner will be invited to a pot luck dinner, May 31, 2017 at the Caldwell Lodge Hall.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



## Melba Rebekah Lodge #105's Doings for April



Sister Pam York, District Deputy for District 4, Brother Bob Covert, Melba #105 Lodge Deputy, and Noble Grand of Melba #105 Tom Ashley.

Nampa - On April 26, 2017, Melba Lodge #105 hosted their Lodge Deputy, Brother Bob Covert, and District Deputy President for District 4, Sister Pam York. Before the meeting a pot luck luncheon was held. Melba members and guest had fried chicken, and several different salads, and then after the meeting dessert was served. Both Brother Bob Covert and Sister Pam York did an amazing job in delivering the Unwritten Work. Brother Bob Covert talked on how well the members of Melba #105 worked together, and Sister Pam York spoke on dealing with children who have cancer.

Other activities for April: we gave a donation to Melba Elementary to assist them in shrubbery and the likes. This donation satisfies the "Living Legacy Program." We also donated to the Odd Fellow/Rebekah paper. Several of our members have been attending President Shannon's official visits. Several of our members also attended the Grand Master, Stephen Mann, official visit to Nampa Lodge #40.

Submitted By Sandie Chandler

## District 6 Encampment Meeting



GP Tom Ashley & Don Harlan



Don Harlan

Mountain Home - On April 29 2017, mostly bright and early, Home Encampment #13 of Mountain Home was pleased to welcome the Encampment members of District #6 to the Odd Fellows Hall in Mountain Home for their annual district meeting. There were refreshments and coffee waiting for all participants, and the meeting got underway at around 10:00. DDGP Marge Harlan was suffering from a cold or something, and was having a hard time talking above a whisper, so she asked Kathryn Harlan to run the meeting in her stead. As with most meetings of this type, we opened, reports were read, various officers gave short speeches, things were discussed, we elected our DDGP for next year (James Weighhall of Colfax # 20 who will host next year's meeting), Marge gave a very nice presentation on the fez that we wear and a few surprising facts about our membership cards. Grand Patriarch, Tom Ashley presented Patriarch Don Harlan, with a Past Grand-Past Chief Patriarch Collar. The members of Home 13, presented Don with an engraved encampment mug for his year as Chief Patriarch. There were a total of 11 members present, 10 from Home #13 and 1 from Colfax #20. We look forward to next year's meeting which will be held in Wendell.

Linda Hopkins, Senior Warden, Home #13

## International Widows' Day History

International Widows' Day serves to recognize widows and their unique situations worldwide. It is estimated that there are over 245 million widows worldwide, nearly half of which live in extreme poverty and are subject to cruel violence.

International Widows' Day was declared by the United Nations and first celebrated on June 23, 2011 in an effort empower widows and help them to regain their rights, which have long been ignored and violated.

It is estimated that 7 to 16% of all adult women in the world are widows. For many women, becoming a widow does not just mean the heartache of losing a husband, but often losing everything else as well.



# INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS' DAY

## 23 June

## Members of Carnation #95 Stay Busy



Pat Edwards, PP, pinning  
Neva Moore



Barbara Frazey, Norma Fencl,  
Nancy Morris & Doris Hansen



Irma Conner, Joann & Everett  
Slusher



Joan Carter, Penny Miller  
& Dee Hancock

Post Falls - On April 7-8-9, 2017, Idaho had the honor of hosting the Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association in Post Falls. We had a good turn out and good Visits with our Brothers and Sisters. All four jurisdictions were present. Everyone had a good time. Our own, Marge Harlan was elected Vice Chair and will have Northwest again in 2019. Our youngest visitor was Don and Kathryn's daughter.

On Monday, Carnation 95 had the honor of President Shannon Vieth's making her official visit. We had 29 present. We had visitors from Hope Lodge in Spokane also. As President Shannon had asked for the history of lodges, we gave the history of Carnation 95, having been a lodge for 107 years with several years consolidating with Naomi 16, 92 of those years in Post Falls.

We also had District 7 meeting. Along with the history, we presented 8 members with their veteran jewels. Neva Moore was absent but received her 70th jewel later, Doris Hansen received her 60 year jewel. Nancy Morris received her 50 year jewel. Irma Conner, who was Grandmother of the year in Kellogg and who is 94, received her 40 year jewel, Everett and Joann Slusher were presented with their 30 year jewels, Norma Fencl also received her 30 year jewel, and Barbara Frazey received her 20 year jewel. Each jewel was attached to a heart reminding us they are the heart of our Carnation Lodge.

We have also initiated a new member, Penny Miller of Rathdrum, who is a cousin to our Noble Grand Joann Slusher.

Submitted by Nancy Morris, PP



## Island Park Fish Fry Time



The Annual 2017 Island Park Fish Fry is scheduled for the weekend of June 16th, 2017 at the Buffalo Run RV Park (208) 558-7112.

This has been an "ODD FELLOW TRADITION" for many years (started back in 1969). We have had significant increase in local attendance but we are still looking for more participation from across the state. Please come try it out, it will never be the same without you!

The campground is a full service RV park and campground. It also boasts five cabins currently available (with all the usual "necessities") and they accommodate 6 people. The cabins include one double bed, a hide-a-bed, and a set of bunk beds. To get a look at the cabins and the campground itself you can go to their web site at [www.buffaloruncampground.com](http://www.buffaloruncampground.com) and select "Features". Also, for those who wish the more traditional comfort, there are motel accommodations just a half mile from the campground at the Angler's Lodge, (208) 558-9555.

Early campers can plan on a no-host potluck dinner on Friday evening. The Saturday Night Fish Fry is also a potluck with deep fried fish and scones provided, and there will be the usual "Buckaroo Breakfast" on Sunday morning. Donations are gladly excepted to help defray costs.

We want to give a heart-felted "Thank You" to our friend Dan Sanow. You kept the tradition alive and going for many years with your work and devotion. Thank you so very much for the time you gave to support the Fish Fry. We would also like to graciously thank Bingham #14 and Home Encampment #13 for their countless years of dedication and support of this wonderful I.O.O.F. experience. In 2013 the deep fat fryers and pancake flippers were turned over to local Odd Fellow Lodge #88. Lodge member David Goebel continues to spearhead the operation with help from his fellow lodge brothers.

We are looking for all you Idaho campers to help us continue to rebuild that Odd Fellow Island Park tradition. We hope you will come enjoy the Fish Fry, the fellowship, and all the acquaintances from across the state in that same manner the founders Frank Markham, Floyd Hensley, and Amil Johnson envisioned back in the 70's and 80's. For questions about the weekend or the event do not hesitate to call David Goebel at (208) 652 7979 or cell (208) 390 7177 or send an email to [David.Goebel@fallriverelectric.com](mailto:David.Goebel@fallriverelectric.com)

Submitted by David Goebel



## Grand Sessions & Assembly in Fort Hall

This issue should have the Registration form for our Assembly & Grand Sessions to be held in Fort Hall, ID October 15-18, 2017.

If you have any dietary requirements, or special needs, please let us know when you send in your registration so that the Committee can make sure that your needs are met.

Remember, cutoff date for making Hotel Reservations and Registration is September 30, 2017.

Please send your registrations to:

**Cathy Toussaint**  
**Host Committee Secretary**  
**P. O. Box 1064**  
**Blackfoot, ID 83221**

Fraternally,  
 David Livingston  
 Host Committee Chair



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