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## Mountain Home Members Enjoy Parade



Mountain Home - Saturday, 9 September 2017, I arrived at our position in the parade lineup in time to help with finishing touches on our float and prepared to walk the parade route minus a hat, silly me. The day was bright and sunny, and if there was a breeze, it was not really noticeable. The parade was kicked off by a fly-over of three planes from Mountain Home Air Base, and it wound its way through the downtown area and back down to the reviewing stand at Carl Miller Park. The crowd, as usual, was large and enthusiastic as we walked by. After the parade, the Mountain Home members went to where our booth was set up and began selling snow cones, cold sodas, and a few smaller items. The snow cones were a big hit on a hot day, and business was brisk. We raffled off a chaise lounge that had been donated by Wal-Mart. There was music, food, and best of all, good company and companionship during the afternoon.

Submitted by, Linda Hopkins



## Portneuf Odd Fellows Lodge #20 and Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 Share 125th Anniversary

Pocatello - On October 10, 1892 the first Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, which is the organization at the state level, was held in the Hall at 325 West Lander in Pocatello. We have continuously occupied this building for 125 years. We also have hosted Assemblies in 1902, 1922, 1926, 1948, 1951, 1974 and this 2017. This year's Assembly-Grand Sessions will be held at the Shoshone-Bannock Hotel in Fort Hall from October 15th to 18th.

Portneuf Odd Fellows Lodge #20 was instituted in the 1880's before the lodge building was completed. Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 was instituted October 10, 1892 by Frank R. Willis, GM.

Portneuf Odd Fellows have been honored to have Jack Henderson in 1966; Frank Hough in 1985; Matt Breeze in 1998, he also held many offices in the Grand Lodge of Idaho; and Dan Sanow in 2015 serve as Grand Masters of Idaho.

We are very proud to say that two of our current members have served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho; Anna Breeze in 2002 and Shannon Vieth this year.

Both Portneuf Odd Fellows Lodge #20 and Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 have been active in a quiet way in our community. For many years they have made hats and donated them to for the Veterans Home, Aid for Friends, Salvation Army at Christmas to help keep our community warm during the colder months.

The Portneuf Odd Fellows have supported Boy Scout Troop #320 for many years, allowing them to use our hall for their meetings and councils. (Con't on page 2)



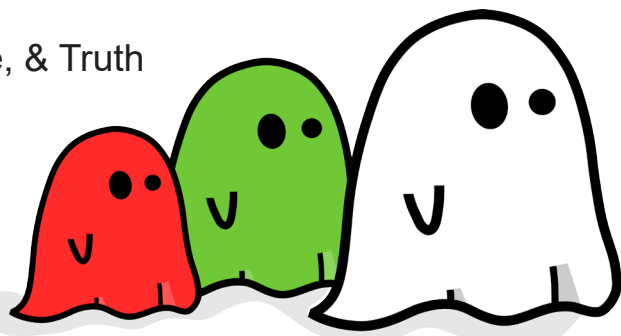
## Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

October is here already and Grand Lodge Session are just a few weeks away. I look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Lodge Session. Idaho will face some very important decisions. In October, each year, we elect our next leaders. This October, we shall decide when our dues will be increased due to SGL has increased our dues ten dollars over the next two years. We will recognize certain members for their efforts in the Order.

The reason your lodges receive the Advance Proceedings weeks before the Grand Lodge session. These reports and documents are to better prepare your lodge representatives. This month every lodge has an opportunity to be heard. This member wishes every member would attend our Grand Lodge Session. I would hope your lodge representative will read over the documents provided to the lodges and discuss the advance report with the lodge members.

The youth pilgrimage will be going thru a lot of changes this coming year. The Odd Fellow Rebekah Newspaper is looking in to doing their own printing in house to help save our members some money. I look forward for a peaceful and positive session, I wish for peace and harmony amongst the membership of this Order and make it a more suitable organization for the future. I want all of you to put matters in to perspective. I would like to challenge all of our members to bring in a new applicant to your next lodge meeting to submit an application for consideration. When was the last time you introduced a new applicant to the lodge? I know we always ask this challenge and I know I am preaching to the choir and all of you are working diligently to get your lodge new regular members. We need to turn our downward membership around in Idaho's Odd Fellows membership is getting alarmingly low in numbers. There are so many avenues of interests to be created by new members. Some members enjoy giving within the community. Some members might enjoy fund raising for a local cause or helping other lodges. Others, might enjoy preparing a meal for a group. There are so many things any lodge or member can try, but we need to try something. Try going to other lodge see what is working for them, Open your lodge doors to the community. Expanding Idaho's membership is key to our success. There are countless ideas to try.

In Friendship, Love, & Truth  
Jeff Mann GS



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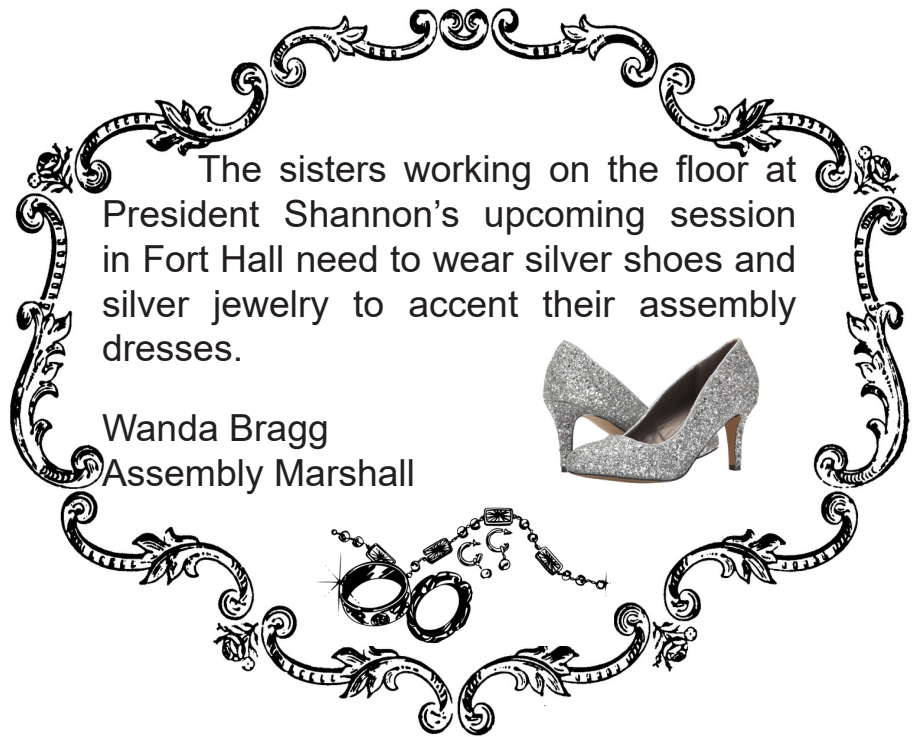
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They also supported the 'Warming Hut' project at the local Baptist church, donating funds to District 25 School District to help children that do not qualify for subsidized lunches to have meals. This is our contribution to 'No Child Goes Hungry'. They have also donated to the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen that was run for many years by one of our members who lives there.

Portneuf Odd Fellows also support other branches of our order by allowing them to use the Hall at 325 West Lander for their meetings and fund raisers.

Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 has planted roses at the Veterans Home in memory of our members who have served our country. We call this our Living Legacy, . 'Plant a tree for those who come after me'. For many years we volunteered at the Veterans Home in the Canteen.

Crystal Shepherd, Shannon Vieth and Anna Breeze reporters



The sisters working on the floor at President Shannon's upcoming session in Fort Hall need to wear silver shoes and silver jewelry to accent their assembly dresses.

Wanda Bragg  
Assembly Marshall

### COMING EVENTS 2017

#### OCTOBER

15-18	GRAND SESSIONS	FORT HALL
21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12 PM

#### NOVEMBER

3-5	NORTHWEST ASSOC.	YAKIMA, WA
12	TURKEY DINNER	WHITE BIRD
16	THANKSGIVING	MOUNTAIN HOME
20	ENC. CHILI FEED	BOISE



**Stephen Mann**  
Grand Master

This will be my last letter as Grand Master. It has been an interesting year with all the travels that I have made around the state. Meeting new people and seeing old faces along the way. All together it was a good year. I urge the members to go and visit some of the other lodges nearby or lodges that aren't so nearby, maybe another jurisdiction or just on the other side of the state. It will open a window to how other lodges operate. I also know that the lodge will welcome you in.

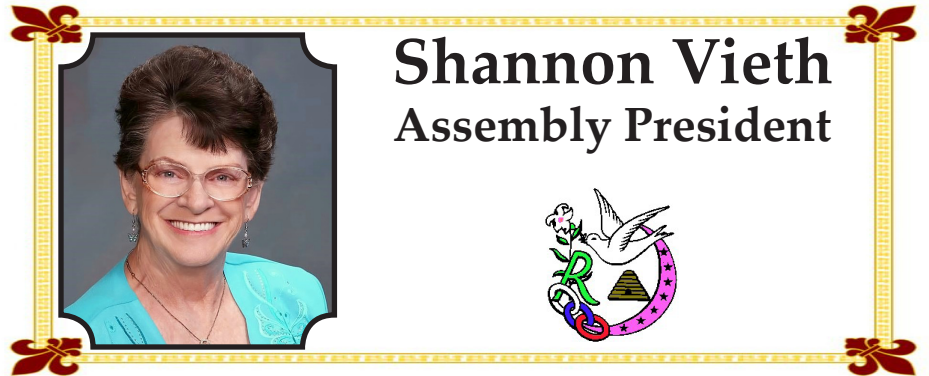
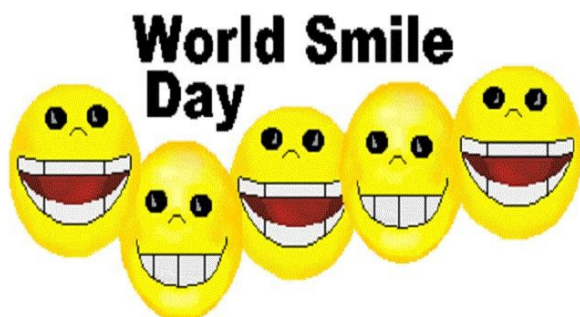
I would also like to tell the members that this year at the annual Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions there was an increase in dues of five dollars a year for the next two years. I'm informing the membership because I know that not everyone will hear about it otherwise. There were also some other things that came up during Sovereign like the new optional initiatory that is a table degree that is available to the members who have limited mobility or that meet somewhere besides their lodge hall. The new degree should be available as a digital copy shortly. It was nice to go to Sovereign and hear about our Past Sovereign Grand Reps. that attended sessions prior to my going.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone that is able to attend the Grand Lodge Sessions this year. I hope that everyone that can attend will attend because it is when we decide what is going on for the ensuing year in jurisdiction. If you haven't turned in your registration yet you may have to pay a few more dollars as registration ended on September 30th.

I'm going to finish this letter out with thanking everyone who supported me this year. I would also like to thank all of the Past Grand Masters for all of the support that they gave to me. I hope that everyone is doing well and that I meet many new people at sessions this year.

In Friendship, Love and Truth  
Stephen Mann Grand Master

**On October 6,  
a day devoted  
to smiles  
and acts of  
kindness**



**Shannon Vieth**  
Assembly President

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

I can't believe how fast this year has gone by and that this will be my last entry as President to the newsletter.

I have attended all of the lodges in the state and even went to Grand Sessions in California, where I had a great time and learned how another Jurisdiction works.

My visits were very informative and I really enjoyed the Pot Lucks that were prepared. What my husband used to say "You never go away hungry when the Rebekah's are cooking" is so true. I was trying to keep my weight down, but that didn't work out.

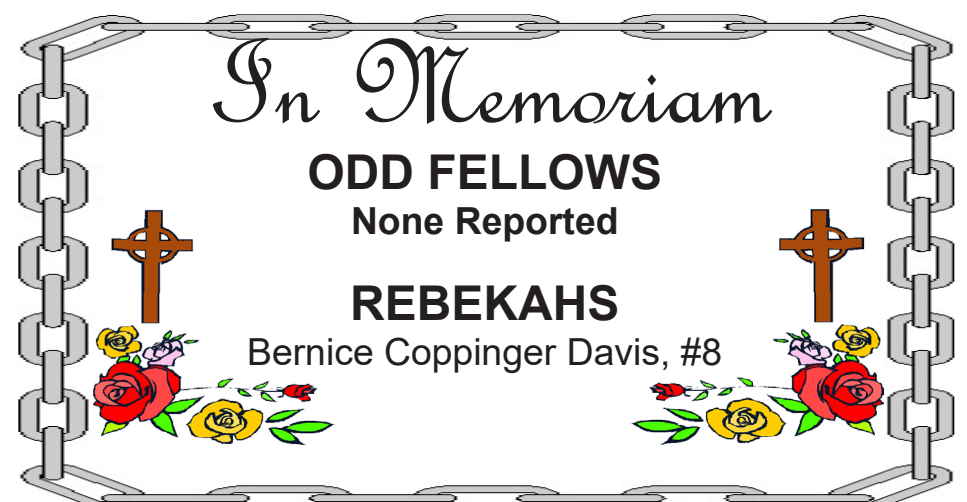
I appreciate that Rose #18 for changing the date for my 'Official Visit' on September 16th. The food was great, as always, and the fellowship was outstanding.

At this time I would like to thank all of my Sisters and Brothers across this great state for the warm reception of my theme and especially my talks. Most were on Mental Illness. This is my 'Pet' Project as I have this disease. I can say that if you take your medications, see you doctors and counselors and follow the plan that you and they have put together, you can be a productive member of society and most people will have no clue.

I am putting the finishing touches to my program for Assembly. All of us in District 1 are working hard to get things ready for all of you that are planning on attending the Assembly/Grand Sessions in Fort Hall.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for the confidence that my Sisters and Brothers have in me by giving me the Honor of serving as Assembly President for this wonderful year.

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



# Fall 2017 Northwest Registration Form

## Deadline October 2, 2017

Fall 2017 Northwest

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting  
November 3,4,5th  
FairBridge Inn & Suits

1507 N, First Street, Yakima, Washington  
Phone 1-509-248-7850

Make Room Reservation Directly With The Hotel.  
Specify That It Is For The Northwest  
Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association

Room Rates:  
\$79.00  
Double or Single

Cut Off for Room Block Is Thursday October 19, 2017

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**  
(Please Copy If Additional Forms Are Needed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15 Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35 Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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