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MEET OUR NEW 2017 ~ 2018 LEADERS

Grand Master, Marge Harlan



I was born on January 22nd in Fresno, California. My dad was in construction and as a child, my family traveled a lot. By the time I was 12, I had been in every state in the western half of the U.S., except Oklahoma.

In the early 1970's, I moved to Idaho and in 1980 I married Don Harlan, an Idaho native, and we had two sons, Don and Nick. My family has grown to include two wonderful daughters-in-law, Kathryn and Amanda and two beautiful granddaughters, Hannah and Alice, whom most of you know. I am proud to say; Don and Kathryn are members of the Order and Hannah and Alice are in training.

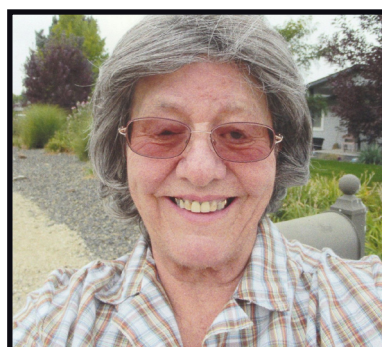
My Odd Fellow life began 32 years ago, when Sister Anner Frad asked me to join the Rebekahs. I was initiated into Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 on March 14, 1985 and I have been a member ever since. In 2001, I joined Mountain Home Lodge #19, IOOF. Today, I can honestly say that I am a member of every branch of the Order including LEA and LAPM and just for fun, I am a member of Amos, Amosettes, and the Muscovites.

I have probably held every office in the Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges. I am a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, serving in 2004-2005. I am a Past President of Columbia #3, LAPM, Past Chief Patriarch of the Encampment and current District Deputy Grand Patriarch for District 6 Encampment. I am Captain of Canton Columbia #3 and Vice Commander of our Idaho Battalion. To say Odd Fellowship is a way of life, would be an understatement for me.

I have thoroughly enjoyed these last couple of years going through the chairs of the Grand Lodge and am looking forward to serving as your Grand Master.

Marge Harlan

Sharon McGaffick, Assembly President



I was born and raised in Caldwell Idaho. Back in those days Caldwell was not very big, so we had just four schools in the whole town. Because of this, I went all twelve years with the same student body. Funny how back then if you did not belong to a certain group you were not spoken too, but after fifty years you are said to be the best of friends to people you do not really know! Anyway, I joined Theta Rho when I was fourteen and at the age of eighteen went into Rebekahs. So for the next 34 years I attended one, yes one meeting. But in 2002, something inside of me said "Sharon, you need to start attending Rebekahs again and so I listened to my heart and have never regretted getting involved.

After high school, I attended BJC {BSU} for one year and then figured out I really did not like the sight of blood, so I dropped out of the nursing program and moved to San Jose, Calif. where I attended Business College and figured out that was what I should have studied in the beginning.

At the time I was living at the YWCA and attending dances at FT. Ord, which is where I meant George. Knowing each other for 4 1/2 months and only seeing each other 16 times, my family had doubts that we would stay together, but we have, for almost 46 years.

Having lived in California, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana and Panama. George retired from the military and we settled down in Nampa. I retired from the Boise School District after 28 years, during which time I also worked for the Boise Parks and Rec..

We are the parents of two wonderful children, Steven, who passed away in 2009 and Phyllis, who is a registered nurse at St. Lukes in Meridian.

Sharon McGaffick

News From Unity #8



Matthew Kelly and sponsor
Glen Schultz



Jeff Mann, Joe Sirani,
Linda Sirani & Connie Schultz

Boise - Unity #8 is sad to report that our Sister Stella Beard, member of 59 years, passed on September 26th. She was a frequent Noble Grand, Past Matriarch of the LEA, and willing supporter of our Order's activities. We shall miss her.

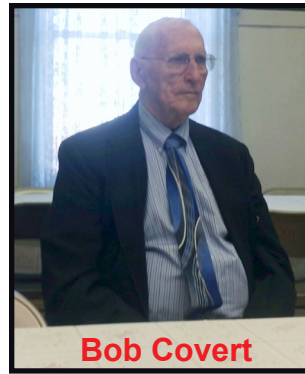
Unity began the fall just right. Our newest member is Matthew C. Kelly. The initiation was more special because Myrna and David Deland, Tom Ashley, and Bob Covert Jr. assisted. Welcome to our Order!

Veteran Jewel Night honored two sisters. . Pam York will present Judy Cryer her 15-year Membership Jewel as Judy could not attend. Surrounded by her family, Joe Sirani pinned Linda Sirani with the 50-year Membership Jewel.

Please join us October 12 when Past Noble Grands will be honored.

In F L & T,
Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Bob Covert

Nampa - September came before Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 could blink an eye. Like most of you, our first meeting in September we did recommendations for Lodge Deputy and Representatives for Assembly. Brother Bob Covert was our recommendation for the upcoming year. Brother Bob held this position last year and did a great job, and Melba 105 knows that he will do a great job again. Sisters Jelene Baird and Jean Reineke will be our voices for the upcoming Assembly sessions. The members are also busy getting ready for another busy year. Hopefully we will be able to do caramel corn for the town of Melba's yearly auction (the weather kept us from doing it last year). Plus we are ordering dictionaries for Melba Elementary School and hope to deliver them in the near future. We are looking forward to attending Nampa Odd Fellow Lodge #40 to listen to Alex Ashley (Brother Tom Ashley's grandson) presentation on his trip to Washington DC and vicinity this summer. At our upcoming October meeting we will be hosting Miekenna Namzer, the young lady we sponsored to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program in Boise. Miekenna will do a presentation on the doings of this program. All of this will be old news by the time you read the Newspaper, but that's ok, as you will have an idea of what Melba 105 is doing, and hopefully a follow-up next month or thereof.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Gem of the Mountains Lodge #5

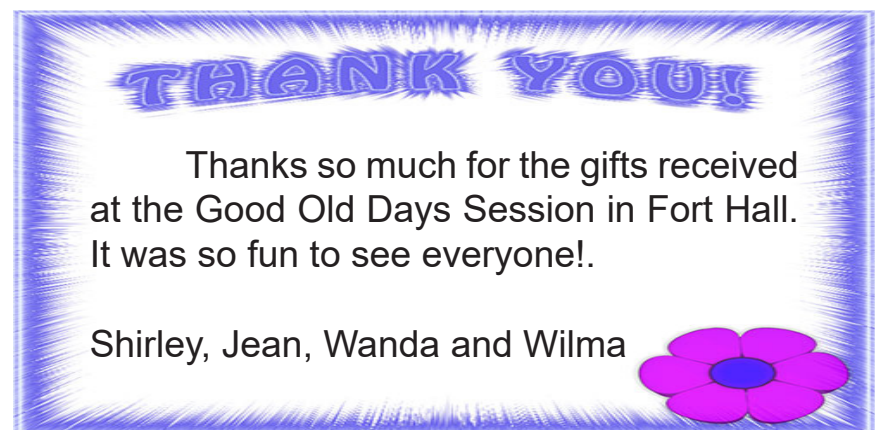
Caldwell - Gem of the Mountains Lodge #5 is back in full force from having the summer months off. We started up in September anxious to see our Brothers and Sisters. First thing we did were recommendations for Lodge Deputy. Hands down, Sister Georgia Wickham was re-recommended as she did a wonderful job last year. Then we did recommendations for

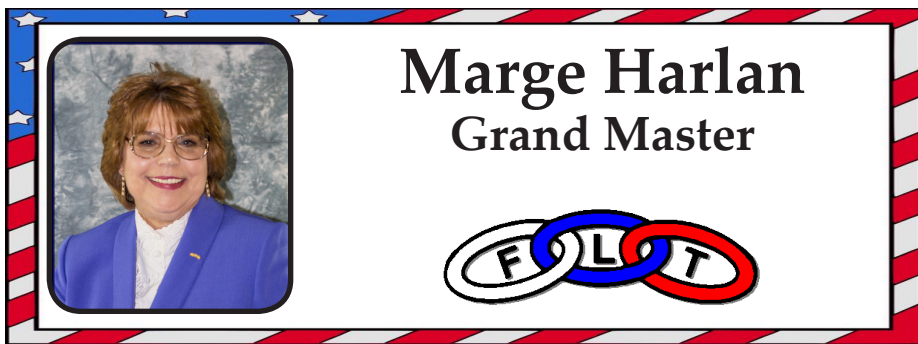


Georgia Wickham
& Tom Ashley

District Deputy President of District 4 as it is Gem of the Mountains turn to hold this distinguish position. Brother Tom Ashley was recommended to be the DDP for District 4. Now we will wait and see if our incoming Assembly President agrees with our recommendations. Representatives for Assembly were also nominated. We were also saddened this summer of the passing of Brother Kenny Averill, a dear friend and a terrific member of our Order. On a cheerful note, Sister Edith Bivins celebrated her 99th birthday. Gem of the Mountains Round Table (which is a group that meets the 4th Monday of the month, and at one time was for Past Noble Grands, but now is for anyone who would like to just get together with each other, for more information please contact any member of Gem of the Mountains) honored Sister Edith and Sister Laura Englehart who turned a young 95.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler





Marge Harlan
Grand Master



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very proud and honored to serve our Order as your Grand Master and I am very excited and looking forward to this coming year. Thank you brothers and sisters for your faith in me. I would like to thank my Officers and Committee Members for their willingness to serve our Order and taking on the many responsibilities of these positions. I look forward to working with you.

I am also looking forward to working with President Sharon and Grand Patriarch Bob and wish them both a wonderful and fruitful year.

My theme is ***'Let's live the dream and make 2018 the best year we've ever seen'***. My aim is ***'To achieve a closer cooperation and mutual understanding among all our branches'***. I hope I can count on you to help make these objectives possible.

With the exception of the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Mountain Home, my visitations won't start until February. Hopefully, in my travels around our jurisdiction, I will get to visit with each and every one of you.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!
Marge Harlan, Grand Master



COMING EVENTS 2017

NOVEMBER

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



In Memoriam

ODD FELLOWS

None Reported

REBEKAHS

Eloise Ogilive, #8

Stella Beard, #8

Anita Stephan, #22



Sharon McGaffick
Assembly President



Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I just got home from Assembly. It was a long four hour trip. Too bad there isn't more to see between Nampa and Pocatello besides dessert. People have said that Wyoming is worse, so I guess I should be thankful for what we have.

Assembly was great. The hotel was very beautiful and everyone who worked there was very friendly and helpful. It is too bad that more of you could not have attended. I think you would of had a good time. The meeting rooms were just the right size, the meals were nicely presented and very good except for the coffee, which always seemed to be cold! Our room was a very good size and the shower was huge! I hope that the ones of you who were able to attend had as good a time as I did.

Shannon, you did a wonderful job this week. You really went all out on the items you made. If only I could be that "crafty". I know that you are in the process of moving, but you will return for some lodge meetings and of course the Planning Board. You will be missed.

Georgia, what can I say about the seating drill you did for me, except "Thank You" once again. The "bee" you made will look so cute in our lodge hall. You always do such a good job on your projects.

Vicky-sitting next to you was an experience, not only for me, but also for you sitting next to me. The next few, months should be interesting.

Finally, to everyone else who was there this past week, thank you again for allowing me to be your new Assembly President. I promise to try my very best, but please remember. I am only human and I will make mistakes. I also have a terrible time with names, but I do remember faces,

I hope everyone had a safe trip home and a safe Halloween. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

Sharon McGaffick,
Assembly President



BEE Active in Lodge
BEE a Friend to All

BEE the best Rebekah You Can Be

Altar Prayer

May the winds of God blow softly
May the winds of God blow true.
May they bring today,
from far away
The gift of God's love to you.

Just A Rambling Note From the Grand Secretary

I would like to thank the members for re-electing me as your Grand Secretary. I want to thank and congratulate our new Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master Marge Harlan of Mt. Home 19, Deputy Grand Master Glen Schultz of Ada 3, Grand Warden David Livingston of Portnuef 20.

Rebekah Assembly Lodge Officers, President Sharon McGaffick Gem of Mt. 5 Vice President Pat Marvin of Guiding Star 4, Warden Kathy Toussaint of Bingham 78. This year in Assembly we had a gentleman run for the first time. George McGaffick did get a lot of votes for being the first gentleman to run, which was great.

Grand Encampment Grand Patriarch Bob Covert Home 13, Grand Senior Warden Jeff Mann Temple 3, Grand Jr Warden Marge Harlan Home 13. Marge is the first woman being elected to work towards Grand Patriarch.

This year's sessions were well attended. It would have been nicer if we had a larger turnout for members. Remember that everyone should come to Idaho Grand Sessions, this is where things are decided that effect our order and our lodges. As most of you have heard SGL has raised the yearly dues that we have to pay to them. This year Idaho's dues where increased to \$30.00 per regular dues paying member of subordinate. There will be a break down in the December year end packet.

This year was a first in many that revenue from meals and registration could not pay for sessions. We came up short \$1,080.00. So, the Grand lodge, Rebekah Assembly and Grand Encampment made up the shortfall. Something most of the members may not be aware of, when you see the prices of the meals, people say "that's a lot of money for lunch or dinner". A portion of the cost of the meals help pay for the rooms we hold sessions in, If we didn't add this extra cost to the meals we would have to charge a lot more for registration. So, I hope this explanation helps our members understand why the meals are priced the way they are. So next year I hope members take this into considerations and choose to add these meals to their registration.

In F.L&T Jeff Mann GS

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