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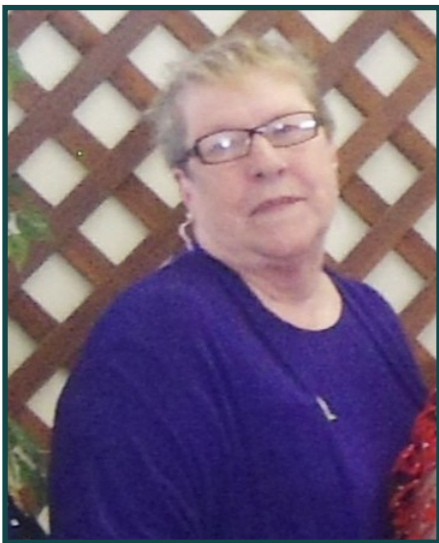
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## Kay Bammert Honored at Rebekah State Convention



Sister Kay Bammert, was honored at the annual Idaho Rebekah Assembly held at the Shoshone Bannock Hotel and Event Center in Fort Hall. On Tuesday, October 17, she was presented the REbekah Merit Jewel by the sisters of her local lodge, Bingham #78, for service beyond the call of Rebekahs and Odd

Fellows. The jewel was pinned on her by her husband, Paul Bammert.

Kay Bammert was initiated into Bingham Rebekah Lodge #78 in American Falls on October 9, 1983, and has now served that lodge thirty-four years. She has filled every chair in the lodge and served as Noble Grand many times. To people in American Falls, she is "the Rebekah Lady."

She has filled many, many appointive offices in the Assembly during the past years. But her selfless merit goes beyond the lodge.

Every week she goes to the Power County Nursing Home to shampoo, perm, or set the hair of the residents there; so they will be "pretty for their families to visit on the weekend." Kay is a professional hairdresser, but this she does without pay and sometimes at her own expense.

She is president of the Pink Ladies at the Hospital and serves in the gift shop they have. She serves one day a week at the Food Bank doing whatever needs to be done. At Christmas, she is Mrs. Santa and visits with Santa, taking a treat and cheer to "shut-ins". Kay is the person who locates "needs" in the community for the Bingham's community service projects.

Submitted by Anna Breeze

## Melba Lodge #105



Sister Ursula White, Brother George McGaffick, Sister Connie Evans, Brother Bob Covert, and Sister Georgia Wickham waiting for the third graders.

Sister Jelene Baird, Brother Tom Ashley, and Sister Sharon McGaffick preparing to hand out the dictionaries



As reported in November's paper, the Dictionaries arrived for Melba Elementary third graders. Melba #105 delivered them the first part of November and as always this is a fun trip for us. Before delivering the Dictionaries we met at Buck's restaurant in Melba. Good food and good company! Melba Elementary has approximately 66 third graders, but we delivered 108 Dictionaries in case any new third graders arrived and also a few for the Library.

Elections of officers were held. This upcoming year Sister Georgia Wickham will be Noble Grand. Sister Georgia has held this office several times, but this will be her first time to be Noble Grand for Melba #105. Sister Connie Evans will be our Vice Grand, and our desk officers will remain the same, Sister Sandie Chandler as Secretary and Sister Jelene Baird as Treasurer.

We decorated the Nampa Hall for Nampa Odd Fellow's Christmas party the 9th of December. The presents for the children were bagged and placed under the tree. Our Sister Connie Evans played Mrs. Clause for the evening and read "The Night Before Christmas" as the children waited for Santa to arrive.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## JUST A RAMBLING NOTE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

I want to congratulate all of the newly elected officers, I hope your lodge has elected some new faces for the desk officers. Sometimes it's hard to get any member to take over the secretary or treasurer positions.

January will be a busy month. Everyone should have had their lodge elections by now and sent in the form for the new lodge officers. I have had a few of the election reports sent in, remember this information is used in the lodge directory that is published in February newspaper. It's important if a member wants to come and visit your lodge.

Installation of officers will be starting this month. After installation we start in on district meetings. I am looking forward to seeing everyone attend last year I seen many new faces at the meetings. Let's keep up the good work, keeping members active.

The yearend report is also due by the end of January. We have been working on a new yearend report that would be emailed out to the lodge secretaries, but it has some bugs that need worked out, if you need any help with the lodge report please let me know.

In FL&T  
Jeff Mann GS

## Funeral Aid

There have been several questions on funeral aid requirements. The most asked question has been, if an Odd Fellow member is moved to Non-contributing member status in an Odd fellow lodge due to their health and they have been moved into a to a care facility. Checking the funeral aid regulations. If an Odd Fellow member is moved to a Non-contributing member they are considered a member in good standing as per the code of general law, but the member will still need to pay their funeral aid assessment to stay in good standing with funeral aid Also the member needs to make sure if there are any changes with their address, phone number and their beneficiary it is current with funeral aid. If you have any questions please contact me at Grand Lodge Office or email [grandlodgeidaho@gmail.com](mailto:grandlodgeidaho@gmail.com)

Jeff Mann, Funeral Aid Secretary

## Historical society

In November we tried something different at the museum we hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner. We set up both conference rooms to sit any and all people that showed up for dinner. We had two large tables in the hallway set up with food buffet style. There were three turkeys cooked with lots of other food and desserts. We had 35 people show up for dinner with only six of us being members the rest of the people came to have a nice dinner. It was nice to have people outside of the order in the building.

We are still working on a cook shack our first trailer got miss at the Caldwell lodge, but we have found another trailer not as nice as the first one, but with a lot of work it should do a good job. We look forward to continuing to find new and interesting ways to get people into the museum.

Submitted by Jeff Mann

### COMING EVENTS 2018

#### JANUARY 2018

13	DIST. 4 INSTALLATION	BOISE
20	DIST. 3 INSTALLATION	MOUNTAIN HOME
27	BATTALION MEETING	BOISE

#### FEBRUARY 2018

4	GROUND HOG FEED	CLEARWATER
9	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL 10AM
10	DIST. 4 IOOF	BOISE
17	DIST. 4 REBEKAHS	BOISE
24	DIST. 5 IOOF	PAYETTE

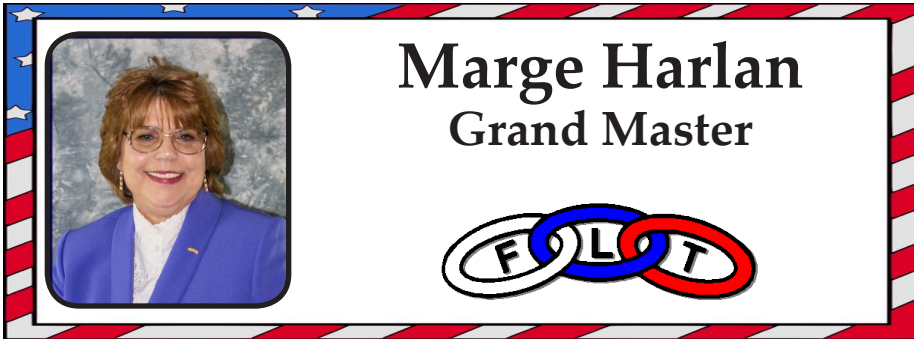
#### MARCH

10	DIST. 3 JOINT MEETING	WENDELL
17	DIST. 1 REBEKAHS	AM. FALLS
24	DIST. 1 IOOF	CHALLIS?
31	DIST. 4 ENCAMPMENT	CALDWELL

#### APRIL

6-8	NORTHWEST/PNW	CHILLIWACK B.C.
9	DIST. 7 REBEKAHS	COEUR D' ALENE
14	DIST. 6 IOOF/REB.	KOOSKIA
14	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12PM
28	DIST. 5 REBEKAH	INDIAN VALLEY
28	DIST. 6 ENCAMPMENT	WENDELL??





Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I had a wonderful Christmas and I hope you all did too. December was the month for giving and it was so great to see and hear how our members were reaching out to our communities and spreading Friendship, Love, and Truth to those in need.

I was excited to attend Nampa 40's Christmas party. Each year seems to be a little more special than the last. Santa and Mrs. Clause was the featured attraction and the kids were not disappointed. The food and fellowship were fantastic, of course.

With January here, it's time to get back to work. This month will be busy with installations. Congratulations to all of the new officers! I wish you a very fruitful year. As you make plans for the coming year, don't forget to add in a little fun and remember to recognize and honor your members who work hard all year.

Annual reports will soon be due. Secretaries please send your report in on time. Contact the Grand Secretary if you have any questions concerning your report.

In honor and memory of the father of American Odd Fellowship, don't forget to celebrate Thomas Wildey Day on January 15th.

Marge Harlan, Grand Master

Brothers and Sisters

As you read this paper, the Holidays have come to an end. I hope everyone had a lovely time with family and friends during the most joyous time. So far, we have had just a small amount of snow which is fine with me. I do enjoy all the snow in the mountains tho. They really look pretty

I was able to attend the annual Christmas party put on by Nampa Lodge # 40. Once again I got to help purchase the toys for Santa to give out. I do hope that all of the children who received a gift from Santa enjoyed their present. I also enjoy getting to the lodge early enough so that I get to carve the turkeys. Not only do I get to taste the food before hand, it also keeps me out of trouble in the main dining room!

By now, every lodge should of held elections. and sent in the necessary papers to our Assembly secretary. I also hope the new Noble Grand has had a chance to figure out who will be the lodges Staff Captain. Each lodge must have this position filled for the 2018 year.

I need to get busy and start writing my programs. I am looking forward to February and the start of my visitations.

Sharon McGaffick, Assembly President

**Has your lodge, encampment, or auxiliary, adopted the Non-Discrimination Policy for the I.O.O.F.?**

### A Milestone For Two Faithful Syringa Members



Jerome - The members of Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110, Jerome, enjoyed surprising Sister Beverly Weighall and Brother James Weighall when they recently received their veteran jewels, completing fifteen years of membership with us.

Submitted by Wanda Bragg

### Assembly President's Program

**Guides**  
Past Assembly Presidents  
Code of General Laws  
Rules of Instruction

**Flowers**  
African Violets  
Rose of Sharon  
Flowering Cactus

**Scripture**  
Psalm 133:1  
How wonderful it is, how pleasant,  
when brothers and sisters work  
together in harmony.

## Ada #3 Children's Christmas Party



Boise - Ada Lodge #3 had its' annual Children's Christmas Party December 3, in Boise. The kids received a gift from Santa and a bag of candy from Nana. Everyone had a great time. This was followed up with a potluck Ham dinner, with lots of food from attendees. Santa played by Brother Joe Sirani and Nana played by Sister Margaret Odle.

Submitted by Glen Schultz



## Nampa #40 Annual Christmas Party



Nampa #40 had its annual Christmas dinner on December 9,. Melba Rebekah's #105 did a wonderful job of decorating and preparing a turkey feast. Then Nana (Sister Connie Evens) read a Christmas poem to the children, with a visit from Santa (Brother Glen Schultz) All the kids got to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas got a photo and a gift. Everyone had a great time!

Submitted by Glen Schultz

## Gem of the Mountains #5



Sister Pam York presenting Brother Tom Ashley the District 4 Deputy suitcase.



Sister Laura Englehart presenting a little gift to Sister Rose DeHaven.

Caldwell - October and November are gone, and Gem of the Mountains #5 has been busy. The Lodge Hall has been decorated for Christmas; the District banner was presented to Brother Tom Ashley, 2018 District Deputy President for District 4. Sister Pam York, District Deputy President for 2017 did the honors. Gem of the Mountains honored Noble Grand Rose DeHaven with a pot luck dinner. Sister Rose DeHaven has served as Gems Noble Grand several times. Elections of officers were held, and Associate member Pam York will serve as Noble Grand. Brother George McGaffick will remain as Vice Grand, and Sister Georgia Wickham will be Secretary and Sister Sharon McGaffick will be the Treasurer. This will be Sister Pam York's first time as Noble Grand of Gem of the Mountains, and we are anxious for her leadership.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

# In Loving Memory of

## Stella D. Beard

1927 ~ 2017

Our beloved sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed peacefully into the loving arms of Our Heavenly Father, September 26, 2017.

She was born November 23, 1927 to Harry and Dorothy Stewart in Buhl Idaho.

Stella enjoyed many years with the Rebekah Lodge, holding numerous titles.

She also enjoyed her employment cooking for the Forest Fire Fighters on Bowels Mountain in Northern Idaho.

Stella is survived by her children; Edward Beard of Newport, Or.; Pamela York of Boise; Elizabeth Cole of Boise and Dawn Thomas of Hanahan, SC.

Eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; a brother Johnny Stewart (Elizabeth) of Lewiston, Idaho and a sister Margaret Ann Stewart of Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, a brother Don Stewart, a son John Beard and a great grandson Christopher Wood.

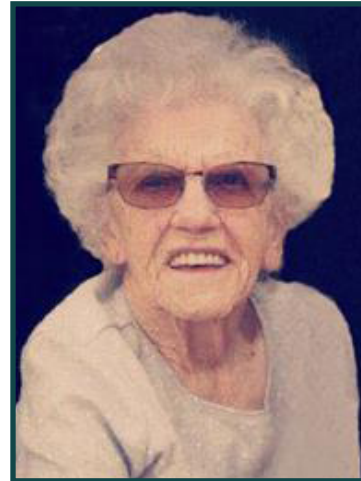
The Family would like to extend a very special "Thank You" to the staff of Hyde Park Ashley Manor for the loving care they gave to Stella until she found her final rest.



# In Loving Memory

## Lois Eloise Ogilvie

1923 ~ 2017



Lois Eloise Ogilvie was born June 7, 1923 in Little Rock Arkansas. She passed away October 9, 2017, at her home in Meridian. Eloise was married to her husband, Jimmy, for over 75 years before he passed. She joined Rebekahs in Riggins, Idaho and transferred to Purity when they moved to Treasure Valley. After Purity disbanded, she transferred to Unity 8. She was also a member of LEA and LAPM, holding various leadership positions in all. Eloise left a legacy of compassion, generosity, love, peace and strength to all.

### Closing Prayer: -

We have lighted the candle of service,  
That we who have gathered here,  
May think of our needy people,  
And help give them comfort and cheer.

Many envy, hate and malice,  
Just wither before its flame,  
And the eternal fires of God light up,  
Our hearts in the Father's name.

May all who came to this meeting  
With hearts over burdened with care,  
Go forth with the burden lighten  
And peace find a dwelling place there.

And as the light of the candle goes out,  
And as the work of the day is over,  
May all who go out from this place today  
Be permitted to meet once more.

And now Dear Lord, just one more prayer  
Before the close of this day:  
Please bless our loved ones at home and abroad:  
And bring them back safely to stay.

Amen.



## 2018 Grand Sessions



Boise - Sessions will be held at the Boise Odd Fellows Temple this year and the host committee is hard at work, trying to make the 2018 Sessions one to remember! History will come back to life as we bring back some of the lost features of the past. Like the old panorama photo of the group that attended sessions. The men and women in full military dress uniform, the ladies and gentlemen dressed in their distinguished formal gowns and suits, out front of the building for a group photo!

This Session marks the 136th Grand Session of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, the 125th Session of the Rebekah Assembly, and we will also be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Ada Lodge #3, the oldest active non-Historical Odd Fellows Lodge in the State of Idaho. Many activities around this celebration are planned, among them is to end Sunday evening after the Church Services with a 150th Welcome and Opening Ceremony complete with flag presentations of each lodge in the State of Idaho as well as the State and Country Flags of those present represented. More ideas are in the works.

New ideas for this Session that have also been discussed include having the Amos and Amosette banquet combined, (the ladies always have so much fun with their program and the men's is very boring without the Amos property that had been stolen) and to have a Joint Officers Seating on the last day - just to make it feel a little more special and so families don't have to choose which one to watch!

We have more ideas we would like to add to this session and welcome your thoughts, questions, and ideas as well. We will be sending out this blog each newspaper cycle and with fliers as to where we are in the planning process and to answer your questions. If you have any ideas of something you enjoyed from past sessions please feel free to contact the host committee addressed to:

"2018 Host Committee" 600 N Curtis RD, Ste. 225, Boise, Idaho. 83706

Or contact our Co Chairs: Glen Schultz 208-871-7893 and Pat Marvin 208-409-5535

## Grand Master's Program

### Watchwords

Participate - Promote - Perpetuate  
The success of our Order depends on you and me.  
We can either save it or bury it!



### Motto

TANSTAFI

There Ain't No Such Thing  
As a Free Lunch!

### Theme

Let's live the dream and make 2018  
the best year we've ever seen.

### Emblems

Bow Know of Friendship  
Fishing Pole  
Star & 3 Links  
Elephant



### Colors

Gem Stone Colors

### Guides

Valediction of Odd Fellowship

### Scripture

Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not be weary in well doing:  
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.  
As we have therefore opportunity,  
let us do good unto all men,  
especially unto them who are of the  
household of faith.



### Flowers

Dandelion  
Sunflower



### Songs

**Religious:** Help Somebody Today  
Put Your Hand In The Hand  
Old Rugged Cross

**Patriotic:** God Bless the USA  
Idaho Sucks (by Gene Galloway)

**Fun:** Whistle While You Work  
Hammett (by Hector Pecktor)

### AIM

To achieve a closer cooperation and mutual  
understanding among all our branches.



# MEMORIES

President Shannon



Memorial Service



Honor Guard



Out of State Dignitaries



Passing of the Banner



Flag Tributes



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Past Grand Masters



Gotta Bee a Rebekah Thing

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