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## Wendell 131 Gets a New Old Sign



James Weighall, Sr. & Stephen Mann

Wendell - Wendell Lodge receives a new sign for Wendell Lodge. Wendell lodge has not had a sign on their building for some time. Grand Patriarch Bob Covert suggested that a sign that has been hanging in the stairway of Nampa Lodge #40 should be put back to work, this sign originally hung on the front of Wilder Lodge #137 building, before the Wilder building was signed on over to the new owners. The sign and a several other misc. items were removed and brought to the museum. The large wooden sign went to Nampa Lodge where it was hung inside the building in the 2nd street entrance. With the help of PGM James Weighall, PGM Stephen Mann the sign was put up on the front of the Wendell Lodge hall. This will put the sign back to good use and help everyone who drives by the building read that there is an Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodge inside.

Submitted by Jeff Mann

## Caldwell Odd Fellows Lodge #10 Donates to Caldwell Library Summer Reading Program



Stephen Mann, Angela Rodriguez, Glen Schultz, Jeff Newell, Fiona May, Marina Rose, Randall Wallace, Stewart Smith, Bob Weygandt, Mary Thorsen and Fred Wise

Caldwell - Fiona May and Marina Rose from the Caldwell Library explain their summer reading program to Caldwell Odd Fellows Lodge #10. How important it is for the youth of Caldwell. Fiona also explained how the kids have to read so many hours to receive books and other prizes. Caldwell Odd Fellows has supported the Caldwell Library with their summer reading program for many years. Marina was also on hand to let us know that the summer reading program was also available to adults. They had to read more hours than the youth reading program to earn different prizes, but that it was nice for the parents. The library is also having all sorts of outreach to the community. Noble Grand Jeff Newell presented a \$500.00 check to help with their summer reading program buying new. Fiona thanked Caldwell Odd Fellows Lodge #10 for their donation. It is just in time for the start of their summer reading program. Caldwell Lodge hopes to continue doing this for many years.

Submitted Stewart Smith

*National Library Week*



April 9 - 15, 2017



## Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

District meeting are halfway over. It was good to see the members in the other districts. I am looking forward to the last few district meetings, up north and in Payette. The joint district meeting went well in Wendell, it sounds like this district is going to try it again next year.

I what to thank the lodges that have sent in their by-laws with the new NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY, there are still a few lodges that have not sent them in you need to send them in soon, the Grand Master is on the compliance committee will be making her visit to your Lodge in the next few months and will be checking on the progress. Has your lodge gone thru the lodge hall and checked for any UNP pamphlets this also needs to be completed soon. I will be sending out a letter to follow up and you need to sign it and send it back so we are in compliance. This request is ordered by Sovereign Grand Lodge if you have any questions Please contact the Grand Lodge Office 208-459-209 or email gandleidaho@gmail.com there is a deadline and we need to have all of the lodge By-laws up to date. This is very Important. I do have a template of the by-laws if you need help with the lodge by-laws.

Remember to send in your District meeting reports and your lodge reports, if you could not attend District Meetings.

In FL&T, Jeff Mann


### Island Park Fish Fry June 8, 9, and 10, 2018

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2018 Annual Odd Fellow Fish Fry is being moved back one week from June 15, 16, and 17th to June 8, 9, and 10, 2018.

Sincerely,  
David and LaDawn Goebel

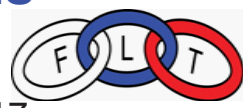


<b>COMING EVENTS 2018</b>		
<b>APRIL</b>		
9	DIST. 7 REBEKAHS	COEUR D' ALENE
9	ENC. FISH FRY	CALDWELL
14	DIST. 6 /REBEKAHS	KOOSKIA
21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12 PM
28	DIST. 5 REBEKAH	INDIAN VALLEY
28	DIST. 6 ENCAMPMENT	WENDELL
<b>MAY</b>		
4	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
5	DIST. 2 REBEKAH	CHALLIS
10	DIST. 7 IOOF	PRIEST RIVER
12	DIST. 5 IOOF	PAYETTE
19	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
28	MEMORIAL DAY	REST AREA BOISE
<b>JUNE</b>		
8-10	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
9	BUCKAROO BRKFST	ISLAND PARK
9	ENCAMPMENT RALLY	CALDWELL
23	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY 12PM
<b>JULY</b>		
14	BATTALION MEETING	BOISE
15	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
21	2ND DEGREE RALLY	IDAHO CITY
<b>AUGUST</b>		
3	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
4	IOOF/REBEKAH PICNIC	BOISE PARK
19-23	SGL/IARA SESSION	BALTIMORE, MD
25	3RD DEGREE RALLY	SILVER CITY
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
14	PLANNING BOARD	GL OFFICE 10AM
15	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
14-17	GRAND SESSIONS	BOISE LODGE



### SAVE THE DATES

SESSIONS  
October 14, 15, 16, 17






### SAVE THE DATE

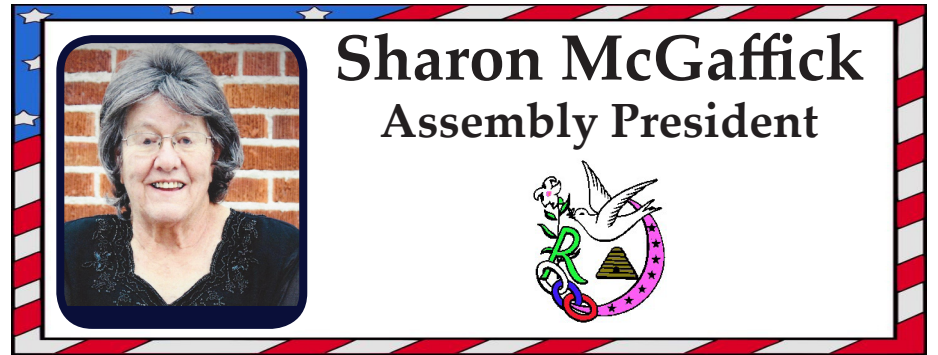
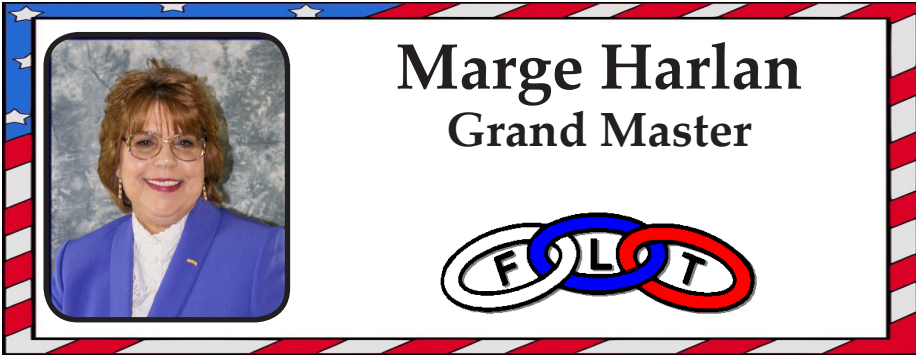
**ADA #3 150th  
Opening Ceremony  
& Lodge Flag Parade  
October 14, 2018**



Friday, April 13, 2018

## Happy Birthday Thomas Jefferson





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hopefully, spring has finally sprung and we'll start seeing more sunshine.

I attended President Sharon's visit to Idaho 96 in Wendell as well as her official visit to my home lodge, Guiding Star #4. She had a great message for the members at both lodges.

I attended the meeting of District 3 in Wendell. This was a joint meeting with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The meeting was great and ran smoothly under the direction of DDP, Peg Roberson and DDGM, James Weighall. We had a great attendance and I look forward to another joint meeting next year.

Our Grand Patriarch, Bob Covert, has been making his official visits to our Encampments. I was able to attend his visits at Home 13 in Mountain Home and Temple 3 in Caldwell. If you have not heard his talk, I urge you to do so. He has a wonderful message.

I'm looking forward to my official visit to Payette 22 on the 21st March, then I'm off to Chilliwack, British Columbia for our Northwest Association Meeting. Then I will be visiting Caldwell 10 on the 28th of March.

April 26, 2018, is the birthday of our Order. We will be celebrating 199 years of Odd Fellowship in North America. Hope you something special planned.

In F.L.&T.

Marge Harlan, Grand Master

### Syringa 110 Members Share Birthdays



Jerome - Syringa No. 110 members, Wilma and Wanda Bragg (who share their birthday with everyone else born on March 17th), present baby quilts to Shelly Jensen, Sr. Director of Nursing, St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospital in Twin Falls.

The quilts, made by Sister Jean Floyd, were given to the the first two babies born on St. Patrick's Day.

Submitted by Wanda Bragg

Photo by Jean Floyd, Assembly Photographer

Hello

First, I want to say that I am sorry about not having a letter in the paper last month. For some reason my keyboard locked and I was not able to type. A simple phone call to my computer man solved the whole problem.

I have really enjoyed the visitations that I have made. The decorations have been beautiful and the food has been great, but whenever have we attended a Rebekah event when the food was not the best? The two District meetings have been well attended and I have enjoyed the programs that the different lodges have presented telling about the history of their lodge.

I hope that your lodge has sent in their yearly donation? They were suppose to be in by the end of Feb., but I know that some of us were just a little bit late . I say that because both my home lodge and my associate lodge were both late. Also, have you remembered to send in your money from the sale of the "Bee" pin and any left over pins to the Assembly secretary and finally, do not forget the money received from the sale of "The Book of Instructions" Yes, the members were to be charged \$2.00 for a new book, so I hope that your lodge secretary was charging for them and not just giving them away.

Everyone, have a lovely Easter, and I am looking forward to all of the meetings that I will be attending during the month of April. I sure hope the weather stays nice.

In F. L. & T.

Sharon McGaffick  
Assembly President



## The 2018 Degree

In the 1890's, times were changing. Industrialization was sweeping through the United States. New technologies changed the way we made money, and even the definition of adulthood. People felt lost, displaced, out of sync with new definitions of success. Fraternal orders like Odd Fellows thrived because their rituals and initiations helped to frame a new way of life and to make meaning for people in a changing world.

In 2018, times are changing. The information revolution is everywhere. New technologies are changing the way we work, the way we earn, the way we eat and sleep. It is changing the way we grow up, and how we define adulthood. A new generation is growing up, exactly like the old one. It's a generation struggling to find meaning in a world which seems to have no good place for them. Odd Fellows can help, and just as it was in the 1890's a big part of that is our ritualistic work.

What is old is new again, and no words better summarize our feelings about the 2018 degree. We have brought back the old poetry and presenting the timeless message of Odd Fellowship while speaking to the struggles of young people who are trying to find their place in a world that is changing the rules almost daily. But while many solemn changes may pass before us, one thing is eternal, unchanging and constant: in the practice of Friendship, Love and Truth, can be found the best safeguard against the ills of life. Forget it not!

In addition to our new 2018 degree there is a new short form known as the "Feast of Odd Fellowship". The short form was designed especially for small lodges, lodges that no longer have a building, lodges whose members have mobility issues, and lodges that, for whatever reason, find ritual too difficult. If your lodge more frequently has meetings in the social hall than the lodge room, or if you prefer dinner installations to the regular form, then the Feast of Odd Fellowship was written with you in mind.

The short form preserves a sense of ceremony and drama, and truly embodies the message of the Initiatory degree. At the same time, it requires no floor work, can be held around any table, and is designed for a team of five. That means that if you can make quorum, you can do this degree. It allows even the smallest lodge to personally welcome and honor its candidates with a ceremony befitting the dignity and importance of the lodge they are about to join.

The 2018 degree and the Feast of Odd Fellowship have been approved for use by Sovereign Grand Lodge at the 2018 sessions in St. Louis, MO. To get your copy, contact the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge. If you require further advice or instruction, the authors of these degrees are happy to discuss them with you and are further willing to travel to your lodge to assist your degree team in learning the new degrees, schedule permitting, in return for reasonable assistance with travel costs. You can reach the authors, Linnea Bredenberg and Michael Greenzeiger at lbredenberg@gmail.com and greenzeiger@gmail.com respectively.

Sincerely Linnea Bredenberg



### Funeral Aid

There has been some confusion on funeral aid and how a member signs up for funeral aid. This is not automatic. Many years ago, when you joined the lodge each new member was given a funeral aid application. Over the years this practice has fallen by the way. The Grand Master should also have extra applications with her on her lodge visits.

So how do you join funeral aid? First fill out a funeral aid application and mail it back to the Grand Lodge, where you will be put on funeral aid. There is no sign-up fee. There are assessments when three members pass away, \$15.00 per assessment. Requirements are you have to be an Odd Fellow in good standing with your home lodge. You have to be current with funeral aid. Odd Fellow funeral aid pays \$500.00 upon the death of a funeral aid member. There is a prorate with your age and the amount of time you are a funeral aid member. There is a break down is on the funeral aid application.

If you have an older member that is on funeral aid already, and they are changed from a regular member to non-contributing member and they are considered good standing with their home lodge. They still have to pay the funeral aid assessment to be current with funeral aid. There is not a non-contributing to funeral aid.

If you have any questions you can call the Grand Lodge Office or any of the funeral aid committee members Randall Wallace, Bob Weygandt, Tom Ashley, the Rebekah's also have their own funeral aid. Please Contact Vicky for more information.

Submitted by Jeff Mann, Funeral aid

## Pansy Rebekah Lodge #37



These history facts about Pansy Rebekah Lodge No. 37 were portrayed in the picture. This was presented at the District No. 4 meeting held in Boise on February 17, 2018.

Caldwell - Pansy Rebekah Lodge was instituted January 19, 1900 and it was quite an occasion when our 100th birthday anniversary was celebrated February 20, 2000.

It was well attended by many Pansy members and guests. It was a double special celebration as it was Past President Hazel Robinsons' birthday. There was a card shower for her and 2 beautifully decorated cakes to celebrate both occasions.

Pansy Lodge has met in at least 4 different locations. We now meet on our 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, except July and August, in the Caldwell Lodge Hall and we have appreciated being able to do that but we still say we are Middleton.

Grand Masters have been Wm Bill Rhodenbaugh, Lester 'Bet' Wallace and Lee Moberly who shared the year with his wife Virginia who was Rebekah Assembly President. We were the first husband and wife team and still have the distinction. Margaret Lemon Watts became an International Rebekah Assembly President and was born in Middleton.

Pansy Assembly Presidents have been Hazel Robinson, Carolyn Hancock, Lillian Martin and Barbara Pettigrew. Our Lodge has been proud of many Assembly Officers and Assistants and have been awarded and earned many Jewels.

We have supported all Rebekah Projects including the Living Legacy. When it was pertinent we were very supportive and generous to the Home on the Hill. Community Projects have included assistance to local Schools for projects not funded by the Schools. We have made donations to the Lee Moberly Museum to help with completion of the building and future projects. We provide Gift Cards at Christmas to the Ronald McDonald House for their guests immediate needs and delivered by our Lodge and many comfy blankets have been made by one of our Sisters but given in the Lodge name.

Newsletters are sent to all members twice a year and Cheer Baskets with visits are delivered on special occasions. Frequent cards are sent to Shut-ins.

Our Lodge originated the local Easter Egg Hunt and sponsored and learned a lot over the 28 years we did it. Many experiences and stories to tell. For many years, we worked with the Middleton Odd Fellows on selling renowned Corn Dogs. Grab Bag Bingo was another project. We assist with Funeral Services for the deceased and provide food if needed for the families. Once a year we have Go-To-Church Sunday with a dinner or picnic afterwards.

Submitted by Virginia Moberly



### About Arbor Day

In 1854 J Sterling Morton moved from Detroit to the area that is now Nebraska. He and other pioneers noticed a lack of trees, which were needed to act as windbreaks to stabilize the soil and to give shade from the Sun. Morton planted many trees around his own home and encouraged others to do the same.

On January 4, 1872, he proposed a holiday to plant trees on April 10 that year. This was known as "Arbor Day" and prizes were awarded to the counties and individuals who planted the most trees on the day. About one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. In 1885, Arbor Day became a legal holiday and was moved to April 22, which was Morton's birthday. In 1989 the official state holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. All states in the US now have an official Arbor Day, usually at a time of year that is has the best weather conditions for planting trees.

## Past Grand Stewart Smith



Stewart Smith & Jeff Newell

Caldwell - First time Noble Grand long-time member Stewart Smith reached the rank of Past Grand. After serving the Caldwell Lodge #10 for the year of 2017 we awarded Stewart with a Past Grand Certificate in a nice frame and as always a Past Grand Jewel, but as not always in recent years we had the jewel engraved with his name and his years of service to the Caldwell Lodge. Caldwell Lodge hopes that Past Grand Stewart remains a member of the lodge for many years to come and that he is able to help wherever he can.

Submitted Noble Grand Caldwell #10 Jeff Newell

## Grand Sessions 2018



Bring your collar to the sessions this year for our joint group photo. We can look just like they did in the early days, everyone wearing their collars and regalia, for the group photo. We will have some extra here, but please try to bring yours.



Submitted by Glen Schultz

## Grand Patriarch Visits Idaho Encampment #1



Boise - The Grand Patriarch Bob Covert (little Bob) made his official visit to Idaho #1 Encampment on March 19th. He shared with us some great ideas on attracting new members. Pictured above are Patriarchs Joe DeChristefero, Donnie Marvin, Tom Ashley, Bob Covert and Jay Eaton. Along with Matriarch Pat Marvin, Georgia Wickham, Sharon McGaffick, and Marge Harlan. We had cake and coffee following Bob's words of wisdom.

Submitted by Glen Schultz



The first National Secretaries Week was organized in 1952 in conjunction with the United States Department of Commerce and various office supply and equipment manufacturers. The Wednesday of that week became known as National Secretaries Day. As the organization gained international recognition, the events became known as Professional Secretaries Week® and Professional Secretaries Day®. In 2000, IAAP announced that names of the week and the day were changed to Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of the modern administrative workforce. Many work environments across the world observe this event.

Administrative Professionals Day is an observance but it is not a public holiday in the United States.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/administrative-professionals-day>

## *Founder's Day Proclamation*

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees  
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety – nine years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

Therefore, I, John A. Miller Sr., Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

That the month of April be declared **Odd Fellows Anniversary Month** throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That *April 26, 2018* be known as **Founder's Day** throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 199<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encourage to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: *Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.*

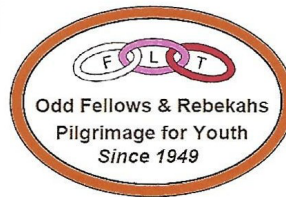
Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2018 and of our Order the 199<sup>th</sup> year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ John A. Miller Sr.  
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary



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March 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

First, I would like to thank all of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampments, LEAs, Cantons and LAPMs that have worked very hard to remove all reference to the old incorporation name, United Nations reference, and logo from your websites, constitutions, by-laws and other paper work. Please keep updating your websites.

Second, the Board of Directors has been working very hard to update the Incorporation and Program. We have changed the name of the Corporation to "Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Inc." The Program name is "Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Program". We are incorporated in the state on North Carolina, U.S.A.

Third, the most exciting news...we are back and starting to make plans for a Tour in 2019. There is a lot of work to be done yet, but the planning process has begun.

The Board of Directors met in February, working in 6 groups for several hours with a working lunch. The groups met later in the day to share each other's ideas and concerns. With continued work by the Board, you will have a great tour in 2019.

The Board of Directors will meet on May 5, 2018. If you have any suggestions or concerns, just email us at our new email address:  
[pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com](mailto:pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com).

Friendship, Love, & Truth,  
Faith, Hope, & Charity,  
and Universal Justice,

Rodney Metoyer, Chairman of Board



## The SGL - IARA Membership Program *SPONSOR of NEW MEMBER*

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Member's Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Secretary Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## *NEW MEMBER*

Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. \_\_\_ Sis. \_\_\_

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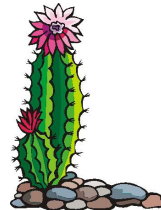
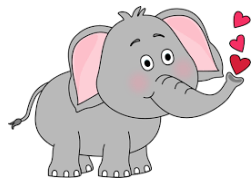
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