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Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Welcomes New Members



White Bird – The Rebekah Gems happily instructed three new members through the mysteries of the Rebekah Degree on 3-21-18. Our new members are Margaret M. DeSantis, Charlene Hinkley, and Katherine Buck. The installation went beautifully with guests Vicki Kiele and Dixie Jackson each

playing their part in our ritual. Our attendance numbered 18 that evening.

After the meeting, Dianne Crea and Janis Ann Comrie provided desserts and drinks to all members. They had prepared Rocky Road Mousse, Strawberry Shortcake, Coconut Bites, and Cream Puffs, along with coffee and lemonade, for our enjoyment. And we were indeed delighted. It was a fun evening to get dressed up, take part in our ritual, enjoy good food, and welcome new Sisters!

Submitted by Mary Pedersen

Progress #48 Rebekah Lodge of Blackfoot Idaho



Financial Secretary, Cathy Toussaint, Suzanne McNeel, and Noble Grand Wava Murphy

Blackfoot - Cathy Toussaint (Financial Secretary) and Wava Murphy (Noble Grand) presented a check for the Community Garden to Suzanne McNeel at the Blackfoot Court House. They were very appreciative of our gift to the Community Garden. This will help the people and families in need to have a garden to grow and reap the harvest of their labor and reward.

Reported by Wava Murphy



Elephants and P53 Genes

From the Huntsman Cancer Foundation



Most healthy people have two copies of the gene known as “p53.” But people with only one copy of the gene have a 100 percent lifetime risk of cancer. When Dr. Joshua Schiffman, an investigator at Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI), learned that elephants have 40 copies of the gene, and that they almost never get cancer, a new study was born.

“What we’ve found is absolutely amazing,” said Dr. Schiffman. “These extra copies of the elephant P53 seem to protect the cells from cancer by eliminating any type of cell that develops any type of mutation that could go on to become cancer. What we’re trying to do is actually develop a medicine at HCI based on the very protein that is protecting the elephant from cancer, and figure out if there’s a way to deliver this to people, so that one day maybe we can start to protect people from cancer.”

Submitted by Anna Breeze

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

The 2017 code updates will be sent out soon. They got lost in shipping on the way to Idaho. Check your code of general law or the big green book, please let me know if your code of general law is not up to date. So far, the District meetings have all gone well, with one more up north this month. Remember to send in your completed reports. Has your District Deputy Grand Master made their lodge visit yet? If you are on a Committee have you had a meeting this year yet?

Has your Lodge gone thru the lodge hall and checked for any UNP pamphlets? they have to be destroyed, this should have been done by now?

HAS YOUR LODGE UPDATED YOUR LODGE BY-LAWS & CONSTITUTION WITH THE NEW NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE? this should have been completed and sent in to Grand Lodge by now. This is a mandate from SGL if you have not please call me so we can get this corrected. Your lodge is in jeopardy of being non-compliant.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the Mothers.

In FL&T, Jeff Mann



**Bob Covert
Grand Patriarch**

Dear Members:

It has been my pleasure to visit all the Encampments in Idaho and meet the members around the state. I thank you for your hospitality and welcome at each of my visits.

My message seems to have been well received and I sincerely hope that it makes a difference. I have been promoting the idea of increasing our visibility in our communities and being active as members of the Order in community events that help others. My main message is **PROMOTE ! PROMOTE ! PROMOTE !**

If our order is to continue, this is what we must do and one way of increasing our visibility and identity is to wear our Encampment Fez's when we are in public representing any branch of the order. The public will remember seeing the fez's and this identifies us and our Order.

Don't forget that Friendship, Love, and Truth are stronger when supported by Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Thanks again for allowing me to be your Grand Patriarch for 2017-2018.

In F, H, &C,
Robert Covert, Grand Patriarch

COMING EVENTS 2018

MAY

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

JUNE

8-10	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
9	BUCKAROO BRKFST	ISLAND PARK
9	ENCAMPMENT RALLY	CALDWELL
23	OWYHEE 2	SILVER CITY 12PM

JULY

14	BATTALION MEETING	BOISE
21	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE

3	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
4	IOOF/REBEKAH PICNIC	BOISE PARK
19-23	SGL/IARA SESSION	BALTIMORE, MD
25	3RD DEGREE RALLY	SILVER CITY

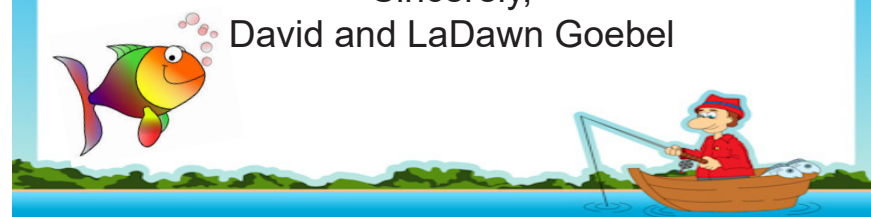
SEPTEMBER

14	PLANNING BOARD	GL OFFICE 10AM
15	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY

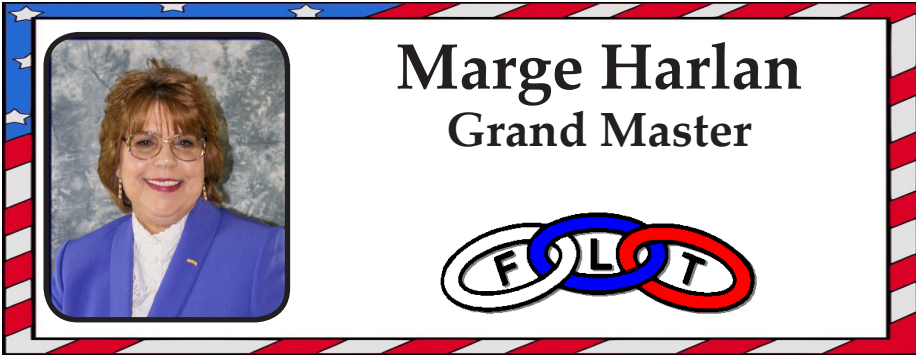
Island Park Fish Fry June 8, 9, and 10, 2018

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



Cinco de Mayo



Marge Harlan
Grand Master

I am so glad to see that spring has finally sprung. These warm sunny days are refreshing and invigorating. As we enjoy this warmer weather of spring, I hope it motivates you to you share with others the projects and activities that your lodge is working on. Be sure to add in a few social events that are open to non-members and let them see what a wonderful group of people we are.

My visitations are going very well. Since my last letter I have made an official visit to Payette 22, Caldwell 10, Ada 3 and Wendell 131. It was great visiting with the members of these lodges and I appreciate their many hospitalities and wonderful meetings. You have made my visitations a pleasure. Thank you!

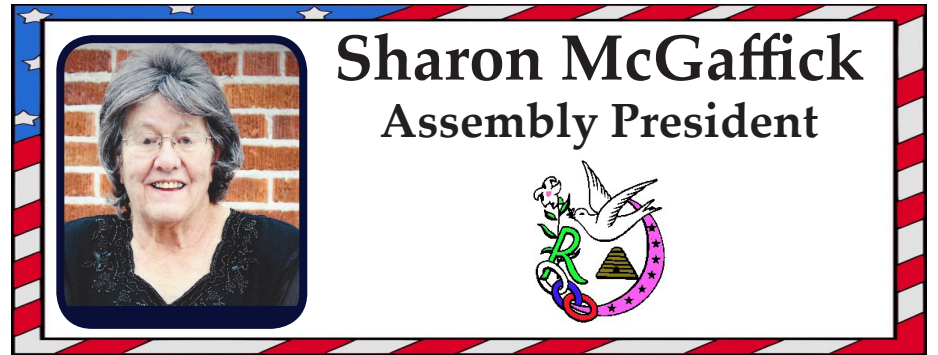
I also attended the meetings of Pacific North West and the Northwest Association in Chilliwack, BC. Both were great meetings and I am looking forward to the next meetings in November at Hood River, Oregon.

May is 'Visual Research' month. This is a very worthy project of our Order and could be a great PR program for your lodge. Remember, it has benefits that are available to members as well as non-members. Your donations are very much appreciated and ensures this project will be around for a long time.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms! May your day be as wonderful and perfect as you are.

Marge Harlan, Grand Master

*Happy
Mother's Day!*



Sharon McGaffick
Assembly President

Hello

My visitations are almost over, but I have had a great time the past few weeks. Everyone I have had the pleasure to meet and talk to are true Rebekahs. We had snow in eastern Idaho and rain up North but there was always someone there to drive us to my meetings. As always, the food has been outstanding, but when do we ever go to a Rebekah meeting where the food was not the greatest.

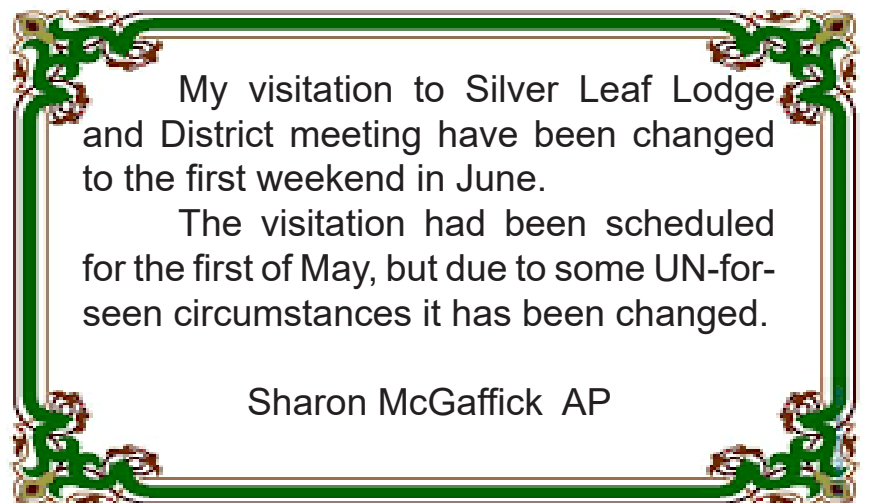
My thank-you cards will be late in getting to all of you, but I will get them written and sent.

I have received all but one District installation report, so I want to thank everyone for getting them in on time. I also want to thank the lodges for making their yearly in-the-order donations.

With the warm weather, the flowers and grass are growing like crazy and it is time to get busy on yard work. Everyone have a wonderful Mother's Day

Sharon McGaffick AP

In Practicing Friendship, Love and Truth, a "smile" and a "hello" is all it takes to make someone's day a brighter day



GI Joe Breakfast

Boise - Fellow Brothers and Sisters, Ada Lodge #3 will be holding a fund raiser on Saturday the 21st of July 2018 at the Ada # 3 Lodge Hall that will support the Treasure Valley Ronald McDonald House and also the ongoing membership missions of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

But before I explain the meat of this notice let Me introduce Myself. My name is Joe DeChristefero and I'm currently Warden of Ada Lodge #3. I have been a member of Ada Loge #3 since 2008 and recently served two terms as Noble Grand.

The Fund Raiser that I will briefly explain below has been a huge success for other organizations in other locations through out the United States. I was a participant and planner of a number of these Fund Raisers in Missouri when I lived there.

The Fund Raiser I want to promote with Your help is called the GI JOE BREAKFAST. This Breakfast is set up in the style of a Military Field Kitchen with Tents and Camouflage Netting and all the mouth watering breakfast entrée's the old soldiers loved and their non-military spouses and friends heard about. Did You non-military individuals ever hear about S—T on a Shingle? Now You will have Your chance to taste it. "COME HUNGRY".

This Fund Raiser is not only fun to participate in but fund to plan. More information on ticket availability cost and times will be forthcoming in this newspaper and through Your Lodge. I hope You will join Me so We can make this a rousing success and generate some much needed funds for the Ronald McDonald House and much needed public exposure for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Thank You
Joe DeChristefero



Spring is Busting Out All Over at Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13

White Bird – March included the search for Scholarship recipients. Several students were located and applications were mailed out. Three new members were installed on 3-21. The Bake Sale that will fund our scholarships was held on 3-31 and was fantastic! So many delectable baked goods. Our Sisters are incredible bakers! We made more money on this Bake Sale than on any previous one. President Sharon McGaffick visited our lodge on 4-4 and we all had such a good time! A separate article will be written about that event.

On 4-28 we are going to have our annual Spring Fiesta Dinner. All Mexican food, it is sort of an April Cinco de'Mayo. It's usually a well attended event as the food has a great reputation of its own. Additionally we will have our annual raffle drawing at the dinner. We have four amazing prizes to be awarded to the winners: A have-to-see-it-to-believe-it extra large queen sized quilt in Rebekah colors, created and donated by Sister Kelly Rosenbaum; beautiful framed cross stitch created and donated by Sister Laurie Bonwell; hand crocheted rug created and donated by Sister Carolynn Jones; and His and Hers pillow cases (4 altogether) created and donated by Sister Dee Dee Hallquist.

On Memorial Day we will share the town center park with the local American Legion. Quilts of Valor and Quilts of Honor will be awarded to some of our Veterans. After that moving ceremony, the Rebekah's will be serving Pie in the Park to extend the party. We always have a good time with this event.

Other things besides Rebekah events have been taking place in Our Sacred Hall as well: Yoga classes are held two days a week, the Joe Wilson Sausage Feed took place on 3-18, Rodeo Queen tryouts were held at the hall on 3-24 - Kaylee Page of Kooskia was awarded the honor, and the American Legion holds monthly meetings in the Hall.

Submitted by Mary Pedersen

NOTE: If you enjoyed this article about our activities, please remember we would very much enjoy hearing about you too!



Grand Patriarch, Robert Covert District 4 Encampment Meeting



District Deputy President, Lois Makes Official Visit



DDP Lois Clark & DDGM James Weighall

Wendell - Lois Clark, District Deputy President, District #3, made her official visit to Idaho Rebekah Lodge #96 on February 5, 2018. Visitors from Syringa Lodge also attended.

Noble Grand, James Weighall presented here with a paper weight with the Rebekah emblem in it.

Submitted by Peg Roberson

Happy Cinco de Mayo



David Deland

Happy
80th
Birthday!



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NEW MEMBER

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ARMED FORCES DAY Saturday, May 19, 2018



On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense", which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/armed-forces-day>

Memorial Day Monday, May 28, 2018

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that, from 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday. All non-essential Government offices are closed, as are schools, businesses and other organizations. Most public transit systems do not run on their regular schedule. Many people see Memorial Day weekend as an opportunity to go on a short vacation or visit family or friends. This can cause some congestion on highways and at airports.

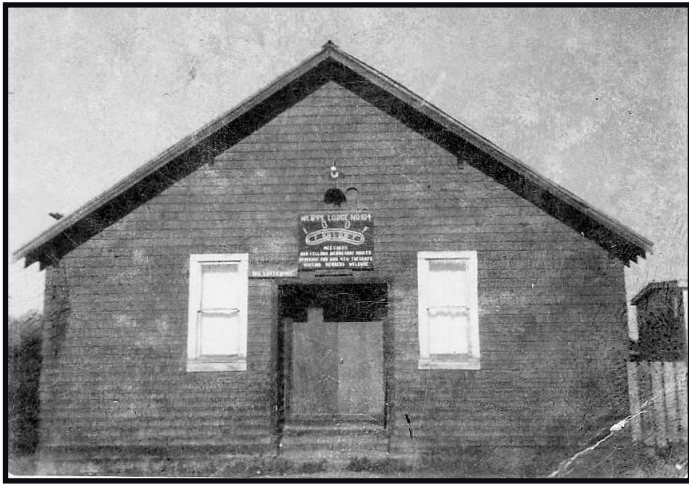


Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

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



A look back at Odd Fellowship in the Weippe/Pierce area



White Pine Rebekah Lodge # 60 was instituted January 6th 1925 by President Maude Margaridge of Moscow – the degree staff was made up of members of Bluebell Lodge #72 of Orofino, ID. Five Sisters petitioned for the charter and 18 members were initiated. Having been a member of another lodge Ruth Plank was our first Noble Grand.

In 1930, Brother A.J. Warner deeded lots to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in return for lifetime memberships. In 1934 the Lodges voted to buy the Heywood Bunkhouse for the price of \$225.00 and to spend not to exceed \$10.00 to move the building. It is interesting to note the building was moved at the cost of \$16.10 plus \$1.00 for a broken chain. The move into the hall was in November 1934. Projects were started to finance

building a 20x30 kitchen in the back of the hall and a 12 1/2 x 30' ante room in the front of the hall for \$240.00. This was done in 1937. We don't know the exact date of this picture but this is what the lodge hall looked like after the addition of the anteroom in the front of the building. If you've ever visited our lodge the entry is now on the right side of the building and has a ramp that did away with the front steps.

A Theta Rho Club was instituted May 1964 with 23 members and 28 Senior Sisters. This was an active Club with one of our members, Genevieve Bross serving as State Workshop President and Helen Jacobson serving on the Rebekah Assembly Youth Committee for 3 years. It was disappointing that in 1974 the girls voted to become inactive.

In September 1976 The I.O.O.F. Lodge had 41 members and the Rebekah's had 96 sisters and 7 brothers.

On June 20th 1992 the Rebekah's gained 18 members from Pierce to our lodge by consolidation.

Members from the Weippe/Pierce Rebekah lodges that have served in state elective offices were Florna Jordan, Nellie Swarthout and Ellen Platt.

Over the years many improvements have been made to our Hall including electric heat, bathrooms (with handicapped access), kitchen cupboards, a new floor, updated windows, new metal roof, and a new stove and refrigerator. Our hall was owned jointly and the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's worked together on improvements. In 2007 the few remaining Odd Fellows signed their share of the building over to the Rebekah's and surrendered their charter. That charter was allowed to remain in our lodge as a historical document. Since that time the Rebekah's of White Pine # 60 have worked hard to maintain this old building and keep Odd Fellowship visible in the Weippe and Pierce communities.

Vickie Jorgenson, Reporter

Aileen Rebekah Lodge No. 62 Began in 1903 with 22

Glenns Ferry - Aileen Rebekah Lodge No. 62 was organized in 1903 by Assembly President Theoda Mobley and five sisters from Guiding Star #4 of Mountain Home.

The name "Aileen" was chosen because they thought it a pretty name.

Josephine Robertson was the first Noble Grand with 22 charter members.

Meetings were held the first and third Monday evenings which has continued for the succeeding seventy-three years.

The first regalia cost \$99 and the hall rent was \$37 per year. Bessie Stein was the first Degree Captain and held that position for eighteen years.

On Sept. 13, 1907, the hall and contents were burned, even to the piano on which they still owed \$10. However, they secretary had taken the minute book home so we still have our original minute book. Now they had to work harder than ever to make us the \$10 owed besides buying another piano.

In 1909 the Noble Grand moved to Shoshone temporarily, but came back each meeting night by train. Ida McGinnis lived 11 miles out of town, but came in each meeting with her horse and buggy. Mary McDonald came 20 miles and never missed a night as Noble Grand. With all these hardships the Lodge furnished a room at the then now IOOF home, room no. 9, honored with a brass plate.

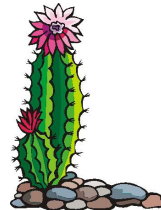
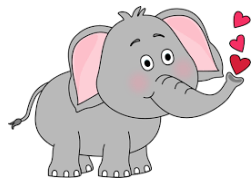
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