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Pioneer Lodge No.1, Idaho City, Idaho



Grand Master Marge Harlan
Pinning Merna Deland



NG Joe Sirani, Trudy Jackson and
GM Marge Harlan

Idaho City - At our meeting on May 19th, Lodge Merit Jewels were presented to two very deserving recipients. The first one was given to Sister Merna Deland for all of her diligent work at and on behalf of Pioneer Lodge No 1 and for all the work she has done for our Order and in her community.

The second Merit Jewel was presented to Sister Trudy Jackson, a regular member of Pioneer Lodge No 1, for all the work she has done promoting the Lodge in Idaho City and for her very much appreciated efforts on behalf of the Lodge getting our city water and sewer rates reduced to a level the Lodge is able to afford.

Also making the awards special was our Grand Master, Marge Harlan, presenting them. Sister Marge was making her official visit to Pioneer No 1.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Idaho City wish to extend an invitation to all members of the Order to join and /or attend Idaho City Lodge meetings which are held in April, May, September, and October each year. It is fun to meet in this historic building, have a pot luck dinner and fellowship with each other. Check the calendar in the paper for scheduled dates.

Reported by Tom Ashley, Pioneer Lodge No. 1

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Awards Scholarship to Graduating Senior



White Bird - The Rebekah Gems awarded an educational scholarship to Jaycee Marek at a dessert social in our Hall on May 2nd, 2018. She attended with her Mom, two Grandmas, her little brother, and 2-month old Catherine. Thanks go out to all the Sisters who organized the event, provided various and delicious desserts, and set up the coffee and punch, and the dining hall so beautifully.

Jaycee sounds like she knows exactly what she wants to do educationally: To begin with, she graduated high school a year early. Jaycee has already completed six courses toward her nursing degree and is working through four more at this time. After she completes the remaining two years of nursing school, she will additionally go into forensics. This double major will make her very desirable to employers which could lead to many options for her. The future looks bright for this young lady, and we're pleased to have even a small part in it.

Submitted by Mary Pedersen

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Assembly Officers

Have you ordered your dresses yet?

Lodges - Make sure you send in pictures for the President's scrapbook!

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

I have not seen any written correspondence from many of the lodge secretaries. To your lodge in compliance with the mandates from SGL

1: Has your members gone thru the lodge hall and REMOVED any items with UPN on them?

2: Has your lodge bylaws been up-dated with the NEW non-discrimination clause, also remove any wording pertaining to the UNP in your by-laws or constitution?

3: I need your lodge treasurer and secretary to check your EIN number with your bank. We came a crossed a lodge that was using someone else's EIN. I have the EIN numbers in the office that have been filed with the IRS.

4: this needs to be done before JUNE 31, 2018 this has been mandated from SGL if this is not done, there will be fines. All of this information has to be sent back to SGL.

If you have any Questions Please call office 208-459-209 cell 208-573-2538 or email grandlodgeidaho@gmail.com.

In FL&T
Jeff Mann GS

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both of my home lodges, Nampa No. 40 and Kooskia No. 64 for their very generous donations to help my Grandson, Dalton Halliday, for making his trip to attend a Stem Program this summer. I can't thank you enough for making his dream a reality. I am proud to say that these two lodges have not lost sight of what being a member of this order means. Dalton will be able to attend seminars in leadership, technology, and electronics. For a young man with a learning disability this is a tremendous opportunity to achieve college credits and learn how far he can really go.

Again thank you so very much.
In F, L & T Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary

COMING EVENTS 2018

JUNE

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

JULY

??	BATTALION MEETING	BOISE
21	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE

AUGUST

3	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
4	IOOF/REBEKAH PICNIC	BOISE PARK
11	ENC. DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
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

OCTOBER

14-17	GRAND SESSIONS	BOISE LODGE
20	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY

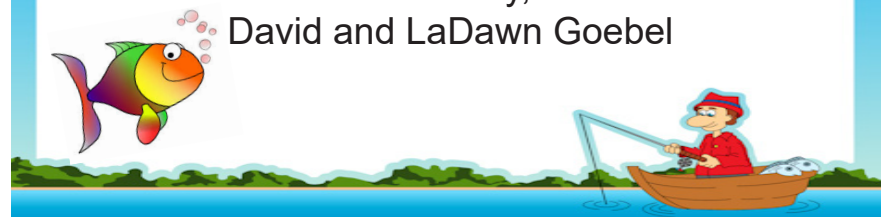
NOVEMBER

2-4	NORTHWEST/PNW	HOOD RIVER, OR
11	TURKEY DINNER	WHITE BIRD
15	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MOUNTAIN HOME

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



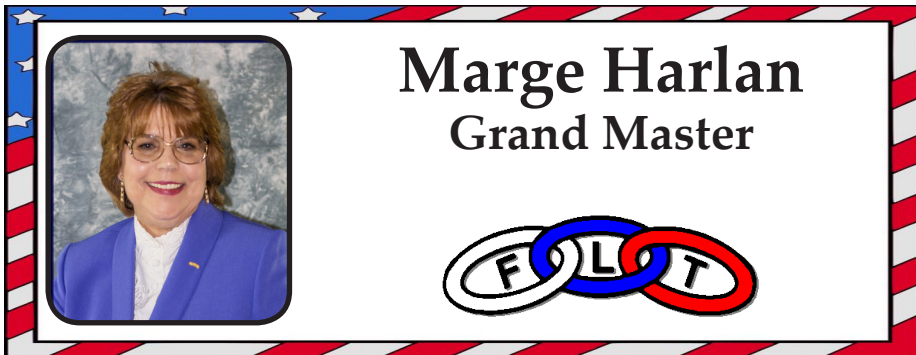
WELCOME

To our new members



James Alldrin
Jeff Dugger
Bernice Pullen
Orofino #64





Marge Harlan
Grand Master



Dear Brothers and Sisters

I have had a wonderful time traveling across our state and visiting with the members of our lodges. In May, I visited Nampa 40, Orofino 64, Crystal 103, Coeur d'Alene 34, Banner 67 and Pioneer 1. I attended the district meetings of District 7 at Priest River and District 5 at Payette.

I am very pleased with how the members of these lodges are working together for Odd Fellowship and I thank each of them for their hospitalities, kindness and warm welcomes that I and my traveling companions received.

While at Orofino 64, I had the pleasure of assisting in the initiation of three new members; James Aldrin, Jeff Dugger and Bernice Pullen. These three will be a wonderful addition to the membership of Orofino 64. At my visit to Coeur d'Alene 34, Dan Lyson was reinstated, he will be a great asset to Coeur d'Alene.

In Idaho City, I had the honor of presenting Merit Jewels on behalf of Pioneer 1, to two very dedicated members; Merna Deland and Trudy Jackson. Trudy was unable to attend the meeting so a small delegation showed up at her restaurant to present her the jewel.

I attended the Grand Sessions of Oregon at Seaside. I had a great time and seen a lot of friends, even some from Washington. I also participated in the Muscovite initiation ceremony, being one of the bears. Those receiving the degree included our President, Sharon McGaffick, Assembly Secretary, Vicky Kiele and George McGaffick.

Don't forget to celebrate Fathers Day on June 17th and Flag Day on June 14th.

In FL&T
Marge Harlan, Grand Master.



Grand Master's Award Program

1. To the Lodge with the highest percent gain in membership.
2. To the Lodge with the most community involvement projects.
3. To the Lodge with the best publicity program.

Please get your info to the Grand Master by July 1, 2018.



Sharon McGaffick
Assembly President



Dear Brothers and Sisters

I just returned from Oregon where I attended their annual Rebekah Assembly. How interesting it is so see how other jurisdictions work. Along with Vicky, George, Georgia and the Grand Master Marge we were able to get in some sightseeing while there.

With only two visitations left, I am now trying to start with some of the Assembly business that needs to be done. I am thankful for Georgia, Vicky and the past Assembly Presidents' journals for the help I am getting. A person would not think that a book could help with planning a meeting, but it really does.

The order forms for your Assembly tops was suppose to be in by the end of May, so I hope that most of you have sent them. If not ,please do so as soon as possible. It you need a dress form please let me know. Also, if I have ask ed you to be one of my officers and have not told you what your position will be, please let me know. At this time I still have four members I need to get a hold of.

I have been told that you can not kill iris's or tulip's, but I think I have! None of the ones that we have planted have shown life, but on the other hand, my dandelions and weeds are growing wonderfully!!

May you all have a safe Memorial Day, stay healthy and BEE-happy and I will talk to you the end of June.

IN F.L.and T
Sharon McGaffick AP

Memorial Day Proclamation

Office of the Sovereign Grand Master
To all Units
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Greetings:

This Memorial Day let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us.

*As we mourn their loss let us reflect on Psalm 23:
... 'Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul' ...*

Therefore, in accordance with our laws and customs, I, John A. Miller Sr., by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows do hereby proclaim that, Tuesday the 12th day of June 2018 to be Memorial Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

All Units of Odd Fellowship shall hold appropriate observances in memory of our departed members.

New Members of Orofino 64



Jeff Dugger, GM Marge Harlan
James Alldrin & Bernice Pullen

Orofino - Grand Master, Marge Harlan, Past Grand Master, Tom Ashely and Grand Patriarch, Bob Covert had the pleasure of helping to initiate 3 new members for Orofino Lodge 64 during the Grand Master's official visit on May 5, 2018.

To All Officers and Special Committee Chairpersons:

Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Warden
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Grand Trustees
Grand SGL Representative
Arthritis
District 91 Education Idaho Falls #14
Eye related program
Finance sub Committee
Historical Society
Historical Building Trustees
Membership committee
NW Odd Fellow Representative
Newspaper Editorial Board
Newspaper Editors Report
Newspaper Audit
Surplus Property
Youth Pilgrimage Committee
Web Committee

It's that time to send in your reports for publication. For the advance journal. Please include a financial statement or cost.

The deadline is July 31, so the Advance report can be out to the lodges in time for the lodge and lodge representatives can review it in September.

In F.L.&T
Jeff Mann Grand Secretary

It's Time For The 39th Annual Island Park Fish Fry

Island Park - The Annual 2018 Island Park Fish Fry is scheduled for the weekend of June 8th, 2018 at the Buffalo Run RV Park (208) 558-7112. Yes, you are reading correctly, the date has been changed to the second weekend in June this year due to a scheduling conflict for David Goebel, chairman of the event.

This has been an "ODD FELLOW TRADITION" for many years (started back in 1969). We have had significant increase in local attendance but we are still looking for more participation from across the state. Please come try it out, it will never be the same without you! The campground is a full-service RV park and campground. It also boasts five cabins currently available (with all the usual "necessities") and they accommodate 6 people. The cabins include one double bed, a hide-a-bed, and a set of bunk beds. To get a look at the cabins and the campground itself you can go to their web site at www.buffaloruncampground.com and select "Features". Also, for those who wish the more traditional comfort, there are motel accommodations just a half mile from the campground at the Angler's Lodge, (208) 558-7955. Early campers can plan on a no-host potluck dinner on Friday evening. The Saturday Night Fish Fry is also a potluck with deep fried fish and scones provided, and there will be the usual "Buckaroo Breakfast" on Sunday morning. Donations are gladly excepted to help defray costs. We want to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to the late Frank Lawyer and our friend Dan Sanow. You kept the tradition alive and going for many years with your work and devotion. Thank you so very much for the time you gave to support the Fish Fry. We would also like to graciously thank Bingham #14 and Home Encampment #13 for their countless years of dedication and support of this wonderful I.O.O.F. experience.

Local Ashton Odd Fellow Lodge #88 has been carrying on the tradition since 2013 and we are looking for all you Idaho campers to help us continue to rebuild that Odd Fellow Island Park tradition. We hope you will come enjoy the Fish Fry, the fellowship, and all the acquaintances from across the state in that same manner the founders Frank Markham, Floyd Hensley, and Amil Johnson envisioned back in the 70's and 80's. For questions about the weekend or the event do not hesitate to call David Goebel at (208) 652- 7979 or cell (208) 390- 7177 or send an email to David.Goebel@fallriverelectric.com

Submitted by LaDawn Goebel



Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Welcomes Assembly President Sharon McGaffick



White Bird – April 4, 2018 - It was a lovely spring evening, not too much rain and wind, and we were eagerly awaiting Sharon's arrival. We were all dressed in our best and were looking fine! The Hall had been cleaned by volunteers Beth Plagmann, Margaret DeSantis, Jennifer Eslinger, and Mary Pedersen. Dee Dee Hallquist and other sisters covered the tables with lace tablecloths, flowers and decorations, while Janis Ann Comrie, Dianne Crea and Beth Plagmann had been cooking up a savory storm.

When all guests and members were present, we went round the buffet tables and filled our plates with two kinds of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and onions, seasoned asparagus, cheesy broccoli, green salad and a selection of pies. We then stood at our places and a prayer of thanks was given by Sister Sharon for our bounty.

After dinner, we trooped up the stairs to our sanctuary, which had been delightfully decorated by our sisters with some of Sharon's favorites: bees, bee hives, dogs, outhouses, a flowering cactus and flowers.

In addition to our regular fun meeting, a skit was given by all the members for the entertainment of the guests. We all sang a modified-to-fit-Rebekah's version of "How Much Are Those Doggies in the Window" complete with barking, howling, wagging "tails" and handmade dog ears on our sisters. Since Sister Sharon is our 'Big Dog,' she received the biggest dog ears! As well, each of us had a large framed picture of our dogs to hold up and wave too! After the song, Sharon was informed that none of the pictured dogs were for sale because, they are all well loved and cared for Rebekah dogs.

Sister Sharon let us know that she wants all of the sisters to join hands and take part in the "Circle of Friendship" around the alter. Every member counted off. We were all delighted and have continued with the practice.

Our attendance that evening numbered 21. We had eight guests including Assembly Officers President Sharon McGaffick, Secretary Vicki Kiele, Treasurer Barbara Stone, and Outside Guardian George McGaffick. Among us were 12 Past Noble Grands.

All in all, a very entertaining and satisfying evening was enjoyed with some of our Sisters from out of town.

Submitted by Mary Pedersen

Congratulations to Dalton Halliday



Dalton was nominated by Ms. Julia Moore at Culatesac school to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF) this is an Envision program for middle school to be held this summer. Dalton was selected by Ms. Moore for his academic potential and interest in science, technology, engineering and math. This program curriculum brings STEM to life, in a way that no textbook can, there will be many different STEM professionals with keynotes from a former astronaut and using the latest technology to help overcome the challenges associated with colonizing Mars. Dalton will be getting hands on experience, using cutting edge technology, and examine the ethical frontiers of the 21st century science. In addition, Dalton will learn important skills to help him succeed in college and life. Dalton will attend many workshops to learn more about the options available to him in high school and how the decisions will impact his future college admission process. He will also create a personalized success plan to help Dalton prepare for the academic challenges and career opportunities that lie ahead. With help and support, from Nampa Odd Fellows lodge #40 Kooskia Rebekah Lodge #64 and Caldwell Odd Fellow Lodge #10 Dalton will be able to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF) STEM this July at the San Francisco State University.

Submitted by Jeff Mann

Assembly Presidents Visits White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60



On April 10th Assembly President Sharon McGaffick made her official visit to White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60. The lodge hosted a dinner in her honor with our regular meeting to follow. We had a total of 17 sisters and one brother attend this special event, with 12 of those being past noble grands. Sister Christine Brown made a set of 8 bee placements. The 8 quilted placements had separate and unique saying such at the one shown "I believe in making wishes".

This went along very well with President McGaffick program to us talking about her Motto – Bee Kind, Bee Loving, Bee Forgiving, Bee Joyful, Bee Compassionate and Bee a Rebekah. She concluded her message with a couple of humorous stories that had the lodge hall in gales of laughter. It was a fun night and one that brought new and lasting friendship and allowed us all time to share and enjoy the benefits gained by membership in this great fraternal organization.

The District 6 meeting was also held at our lodge in Weippe on Saturday April 14th. The host lodge was Bluebell # 72 but due to their building problem the Sisters of White Pine offered up our lodge and lent a helping hand in accomplishing the task of hosting District. White Pine (Weippe) sits at one end of the District and Royal Gem (White Bird) sits at the other. So the road to either end of the District can be a long one. Schools of instruction were held at 9 am with the meeting to follow. We had 24 attend the meeting which made for a good size friendship circle while Vice Grand Christina Supak recited the Alter Prayer. The reports from each lodge symbolized just how active and diverse we all are in our work in the local communities where we live. We all enjoyed the information provided on the founding of each of the lodges in our District.

It was especially humorous when we were visited by Earthquake Ethel (Jan Stroble, Bluebell # 72) with her explosive device. All of the lodge stories had their own individual characteristics but the bottom line theme in them all was the desire of our founding members to support and carry out the fraternal philosophy – Friendship – Love – Truth.

Respectfully submitted – Vickie Jorgenson, reporter

I am sure over the years, I am sure you have heard make your son or family an Odd Fellow or Rebekah

Many years ago, I joined Nampa Lodge due to Dean Baird and Sam Munden both two longtime friends and Odd Fellow members. Sam being my father in-law. They invited me to several Odd Fellow outings the one I remember the most was the camper club breakfast held at Bob Covert's house this is where my family was introduced to Odd Fellow and many members, Tom Ashley, Kenny Averill and many others, what a Great time was had out there that day. Of course, I joined the Nampa Lodge shortly after, what a Great group of people. As years pasted my oldest son Kenny joined the lodge as he became of age and later Stephen also joined when he turned of age. I liked the idea that both of my sons joined the Odd Fellows on their own and voluntarily. They both seen a Great Order and good people.

I have gotten much comfort and satisfaction as Stephen has become good member and worked his way thru the chairs in the Nampa Lodge. Kenny Averill was also very instrumental in helping many members including both myself and Stephen to work our way into the Grand Lodge and becoming better members. Kenny Averill put myself and Stephen on anther path to learn more about how the order works.

I am very proud that Stephen is an Odd Fellow but I am glad he belongs because he believes in it , rather than (he was made to become a member) then in 2014 Kenny Averill nominated Stephen as Grand Warden the to the becoming The Grand Master of Idaho Thanks to Brother Averill also Special Thanks to Brother James Weighall Sr for always taking the time to talk with Stephen and helping him with any issues, James has always been great for giving ideas on help when other issues have come up. James will always be part of our Odd Fellow family and Brother.

So, as I go to lodge meetings I know I always have Stephen to go to lodge with me and I enjoy going to meetings, it has become a family ritual. There are other members that are becoming great members and part of our Odd Fellow Family. I hope that both of my girls will join when the time comes.

So now off of my Averill soap box. I would like to correct an over site on my part.

Due to the Streets in Nampa being all torn up by the Nampa Lodge and poor parking in down town Nampa I would like to invite everyone to the Caldwell Lodge hall on June 16, 2018 we will be having a reception for our Past Grand Master Stephen Mann and a BBQ that day. Please R.S.V.P

In FL&T, Jeff Mann

2018 Annual Grand Sessions of Washington Yakima, Washington

**2018 Annual Grand Sessions of Washington Registration
22-27 June 2018- Yakima, Washington**

PLEASE PRINT **Make as many copies as needed**

ONE form per person please

Name: _____ (Highest current or past Title) (Unit of the Order attending)
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Emergency Contact: _____ Name and number
 Email: _____

Saturday, June 23:
 6:00 PM Theta Rho Banquet (Adults only, Girls Use Theta Rho Registration Form) \$28.00 \$ _____
 "Bit of Italy" (Chicken Cacciatore)

Sunday, June 24:
 4:00 PM Past Presidents Meeting/Banquet (Please circle one) \$ _____
 (Grilled Chicken) **OR** (Pork Loin)

Monday June 25:
 7:30 AM Grand Master's Breakfast (Healthy Start) \$15.00 \$ _____
 7:30 AM President's Breakfast Buffet (Healthy Start) \$15.00 \$ _____
 6:00 PM All Branch Banquet (Please circle one) \$30.00 \$ _____
 (Sliced Beef Sirloin) **OR** (Chicken Cordon Blue)

Tuesday, June 26:
 7:00 AM TaNaMaKa Breakfast Buffet (Country Buffet) \$15.00 \$ _____
 8:00 AM IOOF Representatives Breakfast Buffet (All American) \$15.00 \$ _____

Wednesday, June 27:
 7:30 AM Rebekah Representatives Breakfast Buffet (All American) \$15.00 \$ _____
 4:30 PM ENC/LEA Dinner Installation (Please Circle one) \$30.00 \$ _____
 (Sliced Beef Sirloin) **OR** (Chicken Cordon Blue)

Registration must be post marked by June 1st, 2018:

Late Registration after June 1st, 2018:

Chaperones, Advisors, and Assistants attending Theta Rho Assembly **ONLY!** \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

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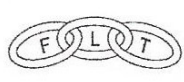
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NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted _____ Bro. _____ Sis. _____

Name _____

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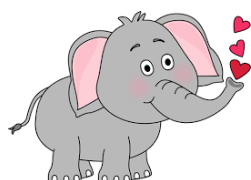
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