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Nampa - It's that time again to show your Christmas Spirit. Nampa Odd Fellow Lodge #40 are inviting you to join us for a festive evening of fabulous food and friendship on December 8th at 6:00 PM. Instead of collecting toys for a toy drive, we will be collecting funds to purchase new books for a local Nampa school. These books will be purchased and donated to the wonderful kindergarten kids so each one can have a Brand-New book to take home and share with their family. Come and join in the fun and support our local students!

Submitted by, Sandie Chandler

COMING EVENTS 2018

DECEMBER

2	CHRISTMAS PARTY	ADA 3 - BOISE
8	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA 40 - NAMPA

JANUARY 2019

12	DIST. 4 JOINT INSTALL.	NAMPA
19	DIST. 3 JOINT INSTALL.	MOUNTAIN HOME

FEBRUARY 2019

3	GROUND HOG FEED	CLEARWATER
8	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
10	DISTRICT 4 IOOF	NAMPA
16	DISTRICT 4 REBEKAH	NAMPA
28	DISTRICT 5 REBEKAH	NEW PLYMOUTH

MARCH 2019

9	DISTRICT 3 JOINT	JEROME
16	DISTRICT 1 REBEKAH	BLACKFOOT
23	DISTRICT 1 IOOF	ASHTON
29-31	NW ASSOC & PNW	IDAHO



October 30, 2018

Sharon McGaffick
Rebekah Assembly of Idaho
4781 Anderson Way
Nampa, ID 83687

Dear Sharon,

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to you and the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho for your wonderful fundraising efforts and your generous gift of \$805. Thank you for sharing our passion and supporting our mission of giving life to final Dreams.

Because of generous gifts like yours, over the past two decades, more than 30,000 terminally-ill adults found inspiration, comfort and closure. Dream Foundation receives no state or federal funding relying solely on private donations. Your compassion allows us to continue our important work.

Helping our Dreamers embrace what matters most is a tremendous gift. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Jackie Waddill
Donor Relations Manager

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Always and Forever



David is 51 and from Wilmington, Ohio. David's Dream is to take his fiancée and their five kids to see Niagara falls for a long weekend. "Pancreatic cancer has put my priorities in order. I have wanted to take my kids to see the Niagara Falls. It would be a Dream come true to enjoy such a magnificent sight with my two kids, soon-to-be wife, and her three kids. It has been on my heart for a couple months wanting to do this trip." Additionally, while there, David dreams of marrying his fiancée in front of the falls.

With the help of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, Dream Foundation provided accommodations for the family, a check to help with transportation, and a whole wedding ceremony at a point looking over Niagara Falls. A trolley for their transportation to and from Prospect Point, flowers for the bride and groom, and photographers to capture the event were also included to make the day a special one.

The Mayor of Niagara officiated the ceremony, and after the event, the trolley took them back to the hotel where the General Manager opened up the dining room to host their reception. There, they enjoyed cake and champagne to celebrate the evening!





Greeting Brothers and Sisters of the Jurisdiction of Idaho! What a wonderful time of year. I hope everyone had a great day of giving thanks, and did not eat too much turkey dinner! As we move on into December, I know there are a lot of activities happening throughout the Jurisdiction. Try and remember those that are less fortunate, and make some of your lodge activities focused around them. Provide a gift giving event for a shelter. Have your lodge work in a soup kitchen or at a food bank. Make gift baskets for a senior center. Donate books to a local school or library. And don't forget your own lodge members that are shut-ins and can not get out for the holidays. Do this while wearing your Odd Fellows or Rebekah collars, hats, jackets and fezzes. Let your local news know of your events and get your names out there showing support of your community. Who knows you might even get a new member, and I know you will feel all warm and fuzzy inside for making someone smile.

My first official visit will be at my home Lodge Ada #3 in Boise on December 4, at 7:30 P.M. I will be able to try out my message on them, and they can help me get it right before I go onto my next visit. I would like to invite anyone who would like to attend, to come and join us. I will be visiting Caldwell #10 on January 9th 7:30, Wendell #131 on January 17th 7:00 and completing January at Payette #22 January 23rd 7:30.

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday and Merry Christmas!

Glen A. Schultz, Grand Master of Idaho



Hello and Happy Holidays

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Dinners with families and the community. I missed the dinner held in Weippe due to some other commitments, so I hope they had as successful a Thanksgiving dinner as they have had in the past. Also, Mountain Home was unable to have their dinner, but next year should be even better than before.

This month is when we give back to our members and the community thru our Christmas Dinners and parties - bringing our members together and thanking them for a wonderful year of Friendship and all they have done for our Order. I hope the Noble Grands will be looking back on our meetings and activities to see who was naughty or nice, perhaps to reward with an award (Hint, Hint). Here is a little thought I ran across: "Let us all think positive. Let us all work together with an open mind. We are all part of a great organization so let us be friends and keep it that way." So, thanks again to all my friends, you are so appreciated.

In closing, I bring this to you. "It takes something more than presents to make the season bright, something more than Santa Claus and trees with sparkling lights, something more than candle glow and music in the air....It takes the very special warmth of loving hearts that care. Have a Very Merry Christmas!" – Pat

Where do Snowmen go to dance?
Snowballs?

Happenings at White Pine Rebekah Lodge

Shelby Bird a local Timberline High School student presented handmade aprons to the members of our as part of her Senior Project. The aprons came in various styles with lots of fun colors many of them with matching hot pads. Each apron is embroidered stating "Rebekah Lodge #60". The aprons are worn to help identify us and our members when providing service in the community .



l to r Dolores Watson, Vickie Jorgenson, Shelby Bird, Christina Supak, Christine Brown

We owe a big Thank You to Shelby for her beautiful gift to our lodge.

On October 18 we received a request from the Idaho Food Bank asking us if we could assist them by sponsoring the food bank. We agreed to take on this job for the month of October and gathered up as many volunteers as we could to distribute the food using the parking lot of the local Senior Center. Then on October 23rd the food truck arrived and off loaded 10 pallets of food along with a pallet of frozen turkeys. As we handed out the food we heard many folks say Thank you and at the end of the day we all agreed that this was a project worth taking on as an organization.

Now we are in the process of looking for a location where we could continue this program for the winter months. Because the food is delivered on pallets we are unable to get it into our building without hand trucking so we are looking at any suitable location in our community that has large rollup doors. As many of you know that live in small rural communities a project like this can be quite a challenge and building are few and far between. Projects like this are why our organization was founded. It is our we hope we can locate a suitable building and continue to offer this needed program.

On November 3rd the White Pine Rebekah Lodge held a fund raiser for our Timberline High school Scholarship. We had a rummage sale a baked food sale and a soup bars. After spending the day before sorting a pricing all the rummage sale items we opened for business at 9am. The baked items where numerous and yummy and the soup smelled delicious. With the support of the local community we raised a total of \$400 with half of that going towards our annual scholarship. We plan on holding additional activities to add to the coffers for our scholarship.

In F. L. & T Vickie Jorgenson, Reporter

**Merry
Christmas**



Melba #105



Brother Bob Covert being introduced as Melba #105's Lodge Deputy. Brother Bob Covert was escorted by Sisters Ursula White and Sharon McGaffick.



Halloween creators were left to right: Ms. Butterfly flying over the pumpkin, Ms. Autumn with her colorful leaves, the Princess of the Island, and Ms. Pirate of the Sea. Behind and guarding these ladies is BATMAN!

Halloween creatures once again visited Melba #105 at their meeting October 24th. We also welcomed our Lodge Deputy (Brother Bob Covert) who will protect us and keep us on the right road to Friendship, Love, and Truth. Be assured, there is no one better than Brother Bob Covert to do this. We will be delivering Dictionaries to the 3rd Graders at Melba Elementary School in Melba very soon. This is a project that we, the members of Melba #105, look forward to every year. The month of December you will find our members working with Nampa Lodge #40 in preparing the dinner for Nampa's Christmas party. Another fun thing we do. Look forward to pictures of both events in the up-coming months.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler



Annual Rebekah Thanksgiving Dinner Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13

The Gems in White Bird had an amazing turnout for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Bingo on November 11, 2018. Our folks baked 10 turkeys and served over 200 people. We were honored to have Past Assembly President, Sharon McGaffick, and her husband George, attend to play bingo and enjoy dinner. Thank you to all who helped, in any way, and all who attended. You make us great!

Submitted by Mary Pederson



2018 Assembly & Grand Sessions



President's Luncheon



Memorial Service



Presentation of President's Scrapbook



A Special Gift From Hubby



Special Guests



A Gift for the President



Special Guests



Intro IARA President Patty Heighton



A Visit to the Grand Encampment



Grand Patriarch, Bob Covert



Grand Encampment

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Quite a Catch



The Traveling Trophy



Going on a Safari



A Gift From Idaho



Yummy!!



The Monkey Family



Grand Master & Assembly President



Endangered Species



Safari Animals



Dignitaries Visit Grand Lodge



A Visit From Patty

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