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## Meet Your Grand Lodge Officers For 2018-2019



Boise - Congratulation's to Idaho's 2018-2019 Grand Lodge Officers

From left to right. New Grand Warden Joe Dechristefro Ada #3 Deputy Grand Master David Livingston Portneuf #20 Jr Past Grand Master Marge Harlan Mt. Home #19 Grand Master Glen Schultz Ada #3 not pictured Grand Treasurer Donnie Marvin Mt. Home #19 & Grand Secretary Jeff Mann Nampa #40



Exchange of the Grand Master Banner

Submitted by Jeff Mann

## Mountain Home Odd Fellows Donate School Supplies



Mountain Home - On 29 October 2018, Kathryn Harlan and Linda Hopkins made a short road trip to North Elementary in Mountain Home. In the parking lot, we rearranged 4 boxes of school supplies, some of which were donated and the rest purchased with the proceeds of the fishing game played at the reception for Grand Master Marge Harlan. North Elementary was very pleased with the donations and said that they would be put to good use. Some of the items included were pencils, erasers, crayons, glue, construction paper, Kleenex, pencil boxes, folders, and paper. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the game and allowed us to assist this school with its supplies for the year.

Linda Hopkins, PR Committee

## Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

I hope everyone had a good holiday and you are all in good health for the New-Year. By now your lodge should have received the year-end report. We are doing something different this year. We have had many members ask about getting the yearend report emailed. The yearend report has been emailed to all of the lodge that have email on file. I have also sent out a paper copy of the report to all of the lodges. Please call or email if you have not seen your year-end report yet.

I have to share with you how Odd fellowship works. I received a call last month from PGM Gerald Poarch in California, inquiring about a member from the Orofino area, that was in the San Diego area visiting a family member in the hospital in California, on the way their they had some car trouble. Being a lodge member, this member contacted one of the local lodges in California. Gerald Poach contacted the Grand Lodge of Idaho to check on the status of membership. The San Diego Rebekah Lodge helped with a few nights of lodging and also some financial help, then the Costa Mesa Lodge #29 reached out and also helped with some funds. The members in California got know what it is like to help a lodge member from another jurisdiction that they didn't know personally. This is what our order is about.

REMEMBER TO SEND IN THE ELECTIONS REPORT THEY NEED TO TURNED IN BEFORE JANUARY 15 WITH THE CORRECT INFORMATION FOR THE FEBUARY DIRECTORY. You can also email them back. to grandlodgeidaho@gmail.com

In F.L&T

Jeff Mann Grand Secretary

## Membership

Our Sovereign Grand Master, Douglas E. Pittman, has given all members a challenge for membership, "If every member would just get one new member - it increases/changes - your lodge, your jurisdiction and Our Order by 100%." He also suggests the way to increase our membership is through community involvement and public awareness.

I know that the most asked questions I have received in all the years I have been a member are: "Are you still around?" or "Who are you, and what do you do?" Most people do not even know who we are and if they do, they do not know that we are still active.

My suggestion is to have a member in charge of getting your up coming events into the local news paper; on your radio and television stations; and on to Social Media (most will do this as a Public Service announcement). This way the public will know that we are still 'alive and well', and you may get someone who is interested. The key is to be seen and be seen often.

If you need help, please let me know and I will do my best to give you the help you need.

Shannon Vieth, PP  
RA Membership Chairman  
623 E. Nebraska Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99208



A big THANKS!

The Editor and Editorial Board would like to offer our appreciation and thanks to Jelene Baird and Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 for their generous donations.



**Glen Schultz**  
Grand Master

Greeting Brothers and Sisters of the Jurisdiction of Idaho! Happy New Year! I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas, and thought of those that could not be with their family. The men and women that are in service to our country.

January brings with it, lots of activity such as Installation of officers. Your District Deputy Grand Master should have already sent out their schedule of events for your installation. DDMG, please provide me a copy of dates and times. If your lodge performs the installation yourself that is ok, but please inform you DDGM and send me or the Grand Secretary your schedule as to when you will be installing your officers. Remember even if you have been installed into that office in the past you must be re-installed again. I hope you all put some of your newer members advancing through the chairs. Give them new responsibility and it will make them a stronger, more excited member.

Some of my official visits for January have changed dates and times. Here are the current and hopefully correct times. 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 16th 7:00. Then February visits, as scheduled right now (subject to change) are; February 7th Nampa #40, Dinner at 6:00pm followed by an open meeting at 7:30. February 20 Payette #22 at 7:30, then Mountain Home February 21 7:30 and completing February with Council #85 on the 27 at 8:00.

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**Pat Marvin**  
Assembly President

A Happy New Year of Friendship Love & Truth.

With all of us looking at a piece of clean white paper to fill in with all our accomplishments at the end of this year, what will yours say. I sincerely hope it includes doing and giving what you can to help others, following thru with that intention of good deeds, remembering our less fortunate neighbor, furthering our community spirit and adjusting and fine tuning that great attitude and enthusiasm to guide our lodges and members in our ideals. Lets all leave out the same old same old and try something fresh.

Have you made it a point to invite our absent members to lodge, or tried something new and interesting at lodge meetings? What better resolution can we have than making our Lodge meetings something we like to go to.

Thru the years many ideas and instructions have been tossed our way to help us accomplish the goals of increased membership and improved Lodge meetings. Some work and some not. I can't say that anything I write in these letters will make any difference, but I will be sincere in trying. Being a third generation Rebekah and Odd Fellow has its benefits in information and ideas to pass along to others. Even so, I see the same thing in our Lodge as elsewhere, declining membership. The one observation I do have is that the awareness by the community of our Order has greatly declined.

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## Grand Master's Letter

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Remember to keep membership in your minds at all times. Ask folks if they are interested, let them know what you do for your community. You might just find someone with the same likes as you who want to help out their community. we have to try new things. Just get one!

Glen A. Schultz, Grand Master of Idaho

## Assembly President's Letter

(Con't from page 3)

You can't attract new members if they don't know you are there. Let's be bold and put your name back out there. What are your ideas?

Good Luck and I'll see you soon. Pat  
What do snowmen call their offspring?  
Chill-dren

## Photos from Northwest



Troutdale - Michelle Jones, President IALAPM, presenting the Medallion Award at the Pacific North West Department Association meeting in November to Lady Georgia Wickham, outgoing President, and Lady Pat Marvin, incoming President.

Submitted by Pat Marvin

## Ada Lodge #3 Donates \$500.00 to the Boys and Girls Club of Ada County



Boise - With the sale of coins this past year we have added to the amount and made a donation to this awesome charity. They run their program and facility with donations form the community. We are proud to be a part of that community! The lodge members pose for a photo opt above left, they when we presented the check to the organization, we got to take it with one of the kindergarten classes.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

## COMING EVENTS 2018

### 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     |

## Melba #105 Delivers Dictionaries



Picture: Left to Right: Brother George McGaffick, Sisters Ursula White and Sharon McGaffick, teacher Ms. Perry, Sisters Jean Reineke and Jelene Baird, and Brother Tom Ashley.

Nampa - On November 14, 2018 Melba Lodge #105 once again delivered Dictionaries to Melba Elementary 3rd graders. The 3rd graders were thrilled to receive their very own Dictionary that they were allowed to write their name in and allowed to take it home. As always, the 3rd graders were fascinated to learn that the longest word is 1,909 letters and it is not supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, and there are pages dedicated to weights and measurements, multiplications, and even a page showing sign letters. Brother Tom Ashley pointed out these exciting pages to them. Members of Melba enjoy attending the delivery of the dictionaries each year. After we delivered the dictionaries, we ventured down to Buck's Restaurant. Those members attending were Sisters Jelene Baird, Sandie Chandler, Sharon McGaffick, Jean Reineke, and Ursula White, and Brothers Tom Ashley and George McGaffick.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



## White Bird Brings Light to the Night



Photo courtesy of Sister Maggie Abbott

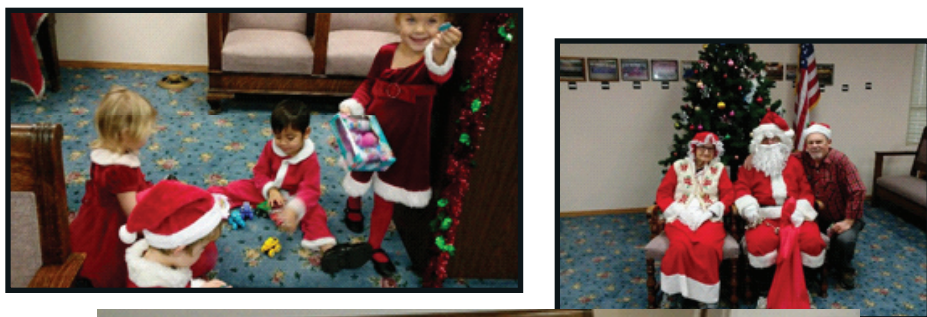


Photo courtesy of NG Beth Plagmann

White Bird – On Saturday December 15th, the town of White Bird turned out for a special Christmas event. There was a cookie contest and exchange down at the Parks and Rec Building. The Rebekah's participated in a lighted Christmas parade that circled through our town. That's our float in the pictures. NG Beth Plagmann got that ball rolling and put it together. Our Sister Barbara Lowe was instrumental in putting the parade together for the Chamber of Commerce. The Rebekah's also worked together to gather and wrap items for the First, Second and Third place prizes for the parade. After the parade, chili and cornbread, hot dogs, coffee, cookies and hot chocolate were served downtown by the Chamber of Commerce, and there were fire-pits burning to keep the enthusiasts warmer. And after all of this, incredible fireworks were shot off (courtesy of a local businessman), right over the town! It was an amazing event, something we have a lot of in our little town, and we were pleased and honored to participate.

Submitted by Mary Pedersen

## Santa and Nanna Claus Visit Ada Lodge #3 & Unity #



Boise - Santa Claus comes to town! He stopped in for a visit at the Ada Lodge #3 and Unity #8 to hand out gifts to the kids. The kids could choose from the many gifts off the table. As you can see there were many to chose from. We had about 20 kids to sit on Santa's lap. One of our oldest kids Donnie Marvin even got to take a photo with Santa. We had a Ham dinner after the kid's party with about 50 who attended. Great fellowship was had by all!

Submitted by Glen Schultz

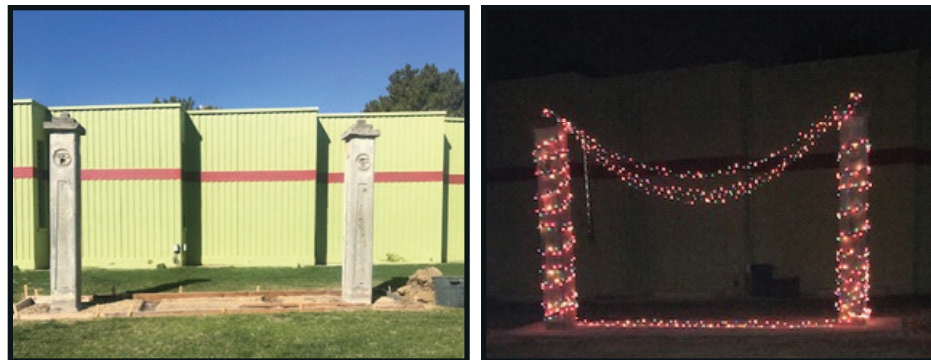


## Feast of the Epiphany - Three Kings Day



Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were the three kings(also known as the Three Wise Men) who saw the star over Bethlem when Christ was born. They followed it to find the Christ child on January 6th. They brought the Christ child gold, frankincense and myrrh.

## Come and see the Christmas Lights at the Museum



Caldwell - The Pillars are now Standing up Straight with a new cement pad poured around them. We are in need of some donations to help with the cost of having a new sign made that went between the Two Pillars. The original arch sign that said Odd Fellow Home, was made out of steel.

Caldwell Lodge #10 has already offered to help with a donation to help with the cost of building a new sign, we have looked into having a metal sign built, they want a lot of money to build a sign made out of metal. We are also looking into some other types of signs. Lets all help restore this piece of our history. We still need to repair some of the concrete that over the years has cracked and fallen off, especially around the three links and the Rebekah R on the face of both pillars. Once we have repaired the damaged concrete, we will be sealing both of the pillars. So, we can preserve this piece of our history and will be around for many years to come.

Thank you to our member that finished getting the pillars straightened and got them ready to be cemented into the ground. Remember volunteers wanted. Please contact Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly or a member from the Historical Society how to help donate to this project.

Submitted by the Historical Society



## Kooskia Rebekahs Graciously Present Financial Gifts to Numerous Local Organizations

One of the Clearwater Valley's oldest organizations invoke a whole lot of goodwill this Christmas Season by presenting local organizations with much needed financial support.

The Kooskia Rebekah Lodge No. 64 donated more than \$8,000.00 to the following organizations:

Kooskia and Kamiah Food Banks; Animal Ark; ICARE, which helps people in the valley with cancer; Idaho and Lewis County 4-H programs; Kooskia Youth Recreation Organization and Kamiah Youth Recreation Association; the following Quick Response Units, Tahoe, Clearwater, Lowell and Glenwood/Caribel; and the Senior Citizens for trays when delivering meals to shut ins. This spring they will also be giving 2 scholarships, one to each Kooskia and Kamiah High Schools.

We are also planning on restarting our Senior Ladies Luncheon to be held the Tuesday after Mother's Day, this program was first started by one of the extension clubs in the area and when they were no longer able to continue it was picked up by the Rebekahs. This is a free luncheon for all Senior Ladies 70 years young and older in the upper Clearwater Valley.

Submitted by Vicky Kiele



White Bird – I know the event will be over by the time you read this newsletter, but just wanted to say how excited we are for our upcoming Christmas Party, December 19, 2018. It seems as though we are going to have perhaps more guests than we have room for. That's pretty thrilling for us! We will make it work, in our usual good-natured way, and all will have fun. I'll report next month on the results.

Happy New Year Everybody!

Submitted by Mary Pedersen, Royal Gem Lodge #13

### News From Ivy 23



Pocatello - This is a photo of Wava Murphy and Anna Breeze delivering nearly 50 warm winter caps to the Idaho State Veterans Home. The caps were made by Ivy Rebekah Lodge #23 and Portneuf #20 IOOF.

About one hundred fifty caps were delivered to the Aid for Friends Homeless Shelter and the Salvation Army.

Submitted by Anna Breeze

### News From Ada 3



Boise - Ada lodge #3 Santa and Nana Clause visited Hope's Door December 20th to deliver presents to 20 children there. All of the children were happy to take a photo with Nana Clause. Pictured Stephen Mann, Jeff Mann, Joe DeChristefero, Margaret Odle and Linda and Joe Sirani.

Submitted by Stephen Mann

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