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## News From Progress Lodge #48

## Three More Members Added to our Ranks



Blackfoot - Progress Rebekah Lodge #48 met on June 25th, 2019 to decorate flowers at the Odd Fellows/Rebekah cemetery.

Attending members were Rita Jennings (VG, Lodge Deputy & Staff Captain), Mae Carlson (Sec.), Cathy Toussaint (VP), Patricia Christensen (Treas.), and Wava Murphy (NG) (taking pictures). Afterwards, at our meeting we enjoyed Root Beer Floats and each got a red rose for their 2019 Birthdays. Would have had blueberry cake, but Wava left it at home!

Submitted by Wava Murphy  
P.S. The cake was hum-good!  
Sorry Progress #48 Sisters

(l-r) Dolores Watson, Kaela Umphenlour, Loni Bower, McKinlie Murillo, Jose' Murillo

Weippe - The members of White Pine Rebekah Lodge initiated three new members on May 28th. This initiation resulted in us gaining two additional sisters and a brother.

We welcomed these new members with open arms. What a wonderful year we have had so far and the growth of our lodge membership has been overwhelming. Since taking on the role of sponsor organization for the local food bank we have reached out and connected with many individuals and groups within our local community. This visibility has really paid off by allowing us to talk with folks about our organization and invite them to join with us in the work of our order.

In F. L. & T.  
Vickie Jorgenson, Reporter



## Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

I hope everyone is in good health, it has been a busy year, if you have not heard by now, we had two of our lodge turned in their charter. It's sad that we are losing lodges due inactive.

**HOW TO GET NEW MEMBERS? Ask!**

Many of our membership will not ask, because when they do, the prospect asks 'what do you do?' 'Well, we meet on Monday evening, open with the Pledge to the Flag, have a prayer, read the minutes of the last meeting, pay the bills, maybe a Good of the Order, close, have refreshments and play cards, then we are home by 9:00 p.m.' 'What was the purpose of this meeting?'. Without answers, few are asking. So the membership needs to be:

Educated in the principles

Mentored in the Ritual

Trained in the workings of the lodge and the programs of the Order

Then the members will be comfortable in asking Prospective Members—but if not comfortable in this process, there is a Prospective Members Program, Contact your Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly Remember Ask Someone.

REMEMBER, it's that time of year for everyone to be having their committee meeting and sending in their committee reports. I will be sending out letters to the committee chair person.

In F.L&T, Jeff Mann GS

Frosty the Snowman said he'd be back again someday – we can too!

Assembly President Pat Marvin

Jeff Mann  
Grand Patriarch



Dear Patriarchs:

The year is almost over, it's been my pleasure to visit the Encampments in Idaho. I want thank you for your hospitality and welcome at each of my visits. My message was a continuation of my Predecessor Bob Covert, I sincerely hope that we are making a difference in our community. We need to be promoting the order increase our visibility in our communities and being active as members of the Order in community events that help others. With our shrinking membership we need to stay active.

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

In F.H&C , Jeff Mann, Grand Patriarch





**Glen Schultz**  
Grand Master



Greeting Brothers and Sisters

I have completed my visitation to all Lodges in the state of Idaho. What a great state to live in. Not only for the beauty of the state, Bold mountains, thick forests, beautiful valleys and even Large bright yellow fields of canola, shows off our state of Idaho! But most of all the members we have throughout Idaho. I had a great time fellowshipping with the members, who shared with me, ideas of increasing membership and community involvement. I got to meet new faces and visit great lodge halls.

Here we are in the summer months, where most lodges are shuttered in July and August. But don't let that detour you from having events in your community! Put a float in your local parade, set up a booth at the fair to show the history of the Odd Fellows and your lodge. Do fund raising for your special charity that you sponsor. Advertise your event in your local newspaper, or on your community event calendar. Keep applications at each of your events ready to give out.

Our 2019 Sessions will be in Moscow, Idaho this year, October 13, 14, 15 & 16. Should be a good time, and I would love to see every lodge represented. Remember each lodge is afforded two representatives. Make your vote count for the good of the order. I hope to see you all there!

In FL&T  
Glen



**Pat Marvin**  
Assembly President



Greetings again, and hope you are having a great summer. I can now say that I have been able to visit all the Rebekah Lodges here in Idaho. I wasn't sure I would get to see our Friends in Indian Valley, but we made it. What a wonderful celebration for them. You have all made my visitations memorable and I thank you so much for everything we did together. I have been a Rebekah for a long time and was able to participate in a lot of activities throughout the State thru those years, but this year will be the best for me, thanks to you.

Please remember to send pictures or memories for my scrapbook to Lois Clark. She has a lot of plans for them and is anxious to get them in.

I think the most important thing I learned from this experience was that communicating effectively within your Lodge not only brings the members closer together, but also helps the Lodge keep their activities going and the membership from declining. For those of you with small memberships, this becomes even more of a challenge and I can see that this has been a part of the reason for the decline of our membership. I know that I kept harping on the fact that you need to sit down and figure out how to get in more members, and some of you will totally ignore the suggestions that were made. Please, make this a priority instead. You cannot see what it is like here in Idaho in the other Lodges, but I did, and the decline of our Order is not acceptable. We need to get back in there with our positive attitudes and get going again.

## Letter to the Editor

June 24, 2019

Dear Editor and Board Members of Idaho Odd Fellow/Rebekah News, I am writing in response to your article in the May, 2019 edition of the Idaho Odd Fellow/Rebekah News regarding the continuation of the newspaper.

I believe it is important to continue the newspaper so Rebekahs and Odd Fellows may stay connected to each other and know what our brothers and sisters throughout the state are doing. It is our bond to each other.

You offer several alternatives for printing the paper. I'd like to respond to each of them:

**1. All digital:** Not everyone has access to a computer or cell phone, so they would have to rely on others for their paper.

**2. Print quarterly:** A possibility. However, some future plans may not get into the paper. Such as, fund-raisers or community projects.

**3. Bimonthly:** A good alternative. It would be easier to have a special section for upcoming events and still accommodate what has been achieved.

**4. Raise subscription rates:** Many organizations are already strapped for money and having each member pay more could be a hardship for many.

**5. Close out the newspaper altogether:** Doing so would disconnect the Rebekahs/Oddfellows and we would lose the camaraderie of being a Rebekah/Oddfellow.

**6. E-mail to each lodge:** This would put the cost of the paper, ink and postage for members no longer able to attend meetings on individual organizations which could be very expensive for large organizations.

Of the alternatives, I like the Bimonthly one best. Also, I don't think we need a July and August edition since we don't meet then. Everything for those months could be in the June and September issue. This would cut the publishing costs down to five issues or approximately \$1556.00 which is in the paper's budget.

In F. L. & T.,  
Margaret (Midge) Lorkowski  
Rebekah Lodge #96, Wendell, Idaho

P.S. I read my letter to my Rebekah Lodge in Wendell and afterward they unanimously agreed with me.



## April News from White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60



Christina Supak, Pat Marvin and Kathleen Kingston



Christine Brown & Christina Supak  
 Vickie Jorgenson, Christine Brown



Christine Brown, Dawn Cloin, Dolores Watson, Kathleen Kingston, Christina Supak



Weippe - This month has been a busy one - on April 9th we were honored to have Pat Marvin Assembly President make her official visit to our lodge. We started the evening out hosting a dinner in her honor followed by our regular meeting. President Pat's message that night really rang home for us she stressed the importance of remembering we are a civic charitable organization. During her visit to our lodge she talked about the historical aspects of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah describing their role in caring for people in the community before public services came in to being. Our creed back then was to care for the sick, assist the widow or orphans and bury the dead. These charitable acts have been replaced by public service agencies that provide those services when needed. So in keeping with our charitable work we now step up and help in whatever way is needed by our members or in our local community. President Pat stressed the importance of being visible and active in our local communities.

Because of the outrageous weather we were having – mud slides and road closures it was decided that we would delay our District Meeting until the 20th. That was another fun filled day. The schools of Instructions were shared with all of us sitting through a discussion from President Pat Marvin on becoming a Noble Grand for the first time with some other very useful handouts, and Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary talking about our annual reports going electronic. District Meeting was opened a little after 10. Joanne Scheltze agreed to man the piano for this meeting which was really appreciated and helped with our singing. It's always fun to hear what the other lodges have been doing over the past year. The exemplifications provided lots of good information and laughs. We had an especially good time with our topic of using social media to get us out into the public eye. We started with a historical account of how communications has evolved over the years.

Under the Good of the Order we presented Sister Christina Supak with a merit jewel. We awarded this jewel to Christina in recognition for her service both within the organization and the community. During the past couple of years Christina has volunteered to take on the chairman role for many of our fund raising activities. She is also an active volunteer spending countless hours working at the Hilltop Senior Meal Program. This award recognizes her active involvement in lodge and her outreach activities in the community.

In recognition of Earth Day and in keeping with the Living Legacy members our lodge planted a couple of Lavender plants at the Weippe City Park on April 22.

So you can see that we have moved out of the snowy (hibernation) weather of winter and hit the ground running with lots of fun filled activities.

In F. L. & T. Vickie Jorgenson, Reporter

## Living Legacy at Idaho City



Idaho City- Beth Wilson, a new member at Pioneer #1, shows off a picture of the Sugar Plum tree they planted in the Naylor Park in Idaho City in honor of our Living Legacy Program.

## Banner Lodge #67



Priest River - Dave Bauer from Banner Odd Fellow Lodge #67 presents two \$300 scholarships to Max Bombino and Jordan Painton both graduated from Priest River Idaho this year. The Banner Lodge has sponsored the scholarships for several years, to help the kids continue their education.

Submitted by Don Knicely

## 200-year Celebration Held at Odd Fellow Museum Just a Few Pictures



I want to thank everyone that came to the celebration and the Museum, here are just a few of the photos of the shenanigans that happened. GM Glen Schultz, AP Pat Marvin, GP Jeff Mann, even the Assembly Secretary Vicky Kiele & Grand Secretary where caught horsing around. Thank you, Caldwell #10, for sponsoring the photo booth. Lots more people and members got their picture taken.

Submitted Bob Manikin

## 200-year Proclamation with Governor Brad Little



Caldwell - Governor Brad Little presents the proclamation for the 200-year celebration to Caldwell Odd Fellow Lodge #10. Left to right NG Mary Thorsen, PGM Stephen Mann, Governor Brad Little, GM Glen Schultz, GS Jeff Mann.

Submitted by Stephen Mann

## Melba Lodge #105



Sister Laurel Finch giving us words of wisdom while Brother Bob Covert looks on



Sister Virginia Moberly, at the piano, gracing our meeting with melody



Sister Jan VanDenBerg helping as a desk officer

Nampa - District Deputy President of District 4, Laurel Finch, made her official visit to Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 April 24, 2019. Melba's members were happy to treat Sister Laurel to lunch at LaBaron's and then enjoyed listening to Sister Laurel's talk. Sisters Virginia Moberly and Jan VanDenBerg joined us at this meeting for Sister Laurel. As always, we put both of them to work, Sister Virginia Moberly relieved our Vice Grand (who was acting as Noble Grand as our Noble Grand Connie Evans was sick) Bob Covert of wearing the Noble Grand hat along as the Musician hat. Sister Virginia wore the Musician hat very well and as always, did wonders on the piano. Sister Jan VanDenBerg sat in as our Treasurer for the day as Sister Jelene Baird was enjoying her daughters. All in all, it was a good day and enjoyable meeting.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## Melba Rebekahs Honor the Deceased



Melba - Once again, the Rebekah and Odd Fellow flags flew over Melba Cemetery in honor of our deceased members on Memorial Day. Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 thanks Sister Jelene Baird and Brother Bob Covert for putting our flags out, and Brother Tom Ashley and Sister Sandie Chandler for taking them down.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

**WELCOME**

*To our new members*



Loni Bower  
McKinlie Murillo  
Jose` Murillo Jr.  
White Pine #60



### Sisters & Brothers

Just a friendly reminder that your reports were due in this office by July 15th. Please get them in ASAP or they will be left out of the Advance Report. If you don't know what report I need just let me know and I will be glad to tell you.

Vicky

## News From Syringa #110



Jerome - Members of Syringa No. 110 were hosts for the Dist. No. 3 Joint Odd Fellow/Rebekah meeting. Everyone enjoyed a lunch fit for a Grand Master and a President as both Glen Schultz and Pat Marvin were in attendance. It was one of the few days it didn't snow, so no Frosty, but we did have a snowman "cheese-ball" for our president. An informative meeting was held with several of the officers of both branches of our Order.

We were happy to have President Pat make her official visit on the 11th and enjoyed her message. Members and guests enjoyed having lunch at the Caddy Shack preceding the meeting.

She was presented gifts from the lodge and Past President Juanita Thomas.

We have honored both our Lodge Deputy, Gerry Milton, and our District Deputy President, Wanda Hays.

The desk officers, Wilma Bragg, secretary, and Juanita Thomas, Treasurer, were honored for doing our duties!

When you read this article we will have recessed until September. I Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

How many of you are missing our lodge newspaper? Keeping up with everyone make my long days enjoyable.

Juanita Thomas, Reporter



Always August 17th

National Thriftshop Day is a day for a real bargain.

A "Thrift Shop" is an old term for stores that sell items deeply discounted merchandise. It's not always the highest quality, but the price is right. You know these stores better today as discount department stores and dollar stores.

Watch for sales and specials today at Thriftshops in celebration of National Thriftshop Day. If you are a store owner, create a sale around this special day, and watch your August sales sizzle!



## 2019 Odd Fellow Memorial Scholarship Presentation



Faith Katseanes  
And  
Dan Sanow



Family of Faith Katseanes  
And  
Dan Sanow



Idaho Falls - On Monday, May 13th, PGM Dan Sanow had the pleasure of presenting the 2019 Odd Fellow Memorial Scholarship to Idaho Falls High School graduating senior, Faith Katseanes. Faith will be attending the University of Idaho in the fall and will be pursuing a degree in theatrical arts. The recipient of the second 2019 Odd Fellow Scholarship was a former graduate of Idaho Falls High School, Addyson Barnes who is currently enrolled in the University of Idaho. Addyson is majoring in Chemical Engineering with a minor in math.

The Odd Fellows Memorial Scholarship program was established in 2014 with the closing of the Idaho Falls Bingham Lodge. The program grants two \$5000 scholarships each year. One scholarship goes to a graduating senior of an Idaho Falls District 91 school and a second to a former graduate of an Idaho Falls District 91 school who has not previously received one. Should there be no applicants for the former graduate scholarship a second graduating senior is then selected. The selection process is aided by the District 91 Education Foundation Idaho School District 91 with the final decision being made from the "unidentified" qualified applicants by PGM Dan Sanow. The program was established with a \$100,000 donation from the sale of the Bingham Lodge building and will last as long as the invested donation funds last to support the scholarship program.

Submitted by Dan Sanow

### NATIONAL WAFFLE DAY

The first United States patent for a waffle iron was issued to Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, New York on August 24, 1869. In honor of this anniversary, National Waffle Day is observed each year on August 24th.



### COMING EVENTS 2019

**No new updates  
received  
for our calendar**



2019

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## VJ Day

Date When Celebrated :

August 14th - Japan surrenders

August 15th - Surrender announced to the world

September 2 - Ceremony and formal signing of surrender



VJ Day marks the end of WWII, and the cessation of fighting against Japan. It is called “Victory In Japan Day or “Victory Over Japan Day”.

### **The confusion over three dates:**

There is some confusion over what date is V-J Day. You can consider any (or all) of three dates as V-J Day. President Harry S. Truman caused some of this confusion.....

On August 14, 1945, the Japanese government cabled to the U.S. their surrender. This is the date of most modern observances.

On August 15, 1945, news of the surrender was announced to the world. This sparked spontaneous celebrations over the final ending of World War II.

On September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was held in Tokyo Bay aboard the USS Missouri. At the time, President Truman declared September 2 to be VJ Day.

Regardless of which day you view as VJ Day, World War II was finally over.

### **A Little VJ Day History**

The war in the Pacific was hard fought and bloody. The tide had definitely turned, and the U.S. military was fighting island by island towards Japan. Resistance was fierce. Casualties on both sides were high.

The U.S. had developed the atomic bomb. The U.S. government was anxious to end the war, and stop the loss of American lives.

On August 6th, 1945, the United States military dropped an atomic bomb over the city of Hiroshima, Japan in an effort to force Japan into an immediate, unconditional surrender. Instead of immediately surrendering, the Japanese government debated what to do. So, the U.S. dropped a second atomic bomb on August 9, 1945 over the city of Nagasaki, Japan. On August 14, 1945, Japanese Emperor Hirohito cabled the U.S. to surrender, and agreed to the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

On August 15, 1945, news of the surrender was announced to the world. World War II was finally over. Hostilities ended.

On September 2, 1945, the Japanese formally surrendered aboard the U.S. battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. President Truman declared this to be V-J Day.

Did You Know? The battleship USS Missouri was chosen for the formal surrender ceremony, as she was named after President Truman’s home state.

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