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Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



White Bird - After a few days of baking, we Rebekahs were ready to meet a little after 8 AM on Saturday, April 9, 2021, to deliver our baked goods to the Annual Easter Bake Sale. We had three tables completely covered with deliciousness, but it was never all there at one time. As soon as someone set something on the table, someone else was snatching it up! Sometimes even before it got to the table. Our Bake Sales are always a wonderful free-for-all. Our community turned out to support us in these times of few fundraisers, and we raised \$1,000 for our Scholarship Fund. And every last goody sold. Amazing! ❤️

Thank you to all who helped.
It was a Beautiful Thing... HAPPY SPRING,
(or whatever this is), EVERYBODY! 😊

In FL&T
Respectfully submitted by Mary Pedersen

Progress #48 Living Legacy



Blackfoot - On June 1, 2021 a check was given to the mayor of Blackfoot, ID for the City Community Garden. Since the mayor was in a meeting, Sara, a staff member accepted the check from Wava Murphy, NG of Progress #48. This will Help the community to have a garden for growing vegetables and other food sources.

Submitted by Wava Murphy

AMOS/AMOSSETTE BANQUET MONDAY OCT 19TH



In Honor of President Cathy Toussaint
we are going to have a

Pajama Party

“DREAMS”
are the subject of discussion.
What were your dreams in life
as young adults thru today
and how did that end up.

Dress up in pajamas and have fun!

Submitted by Shannon Vieth PP

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

What a crazy year this has been with COVID, The Grand Master resigning.

It's that time of year again Grand Lodge session is coming closer. **ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:** It's that time to get your reports ready and sent in for publication for the advanced journal. The deadline is August 30, 2021 so, the advanced report can be sent out to the Lodges before session and the lodge representatives can review before session do to covid I know reports will be small this year. Remember to send in financial report. DDGM please remember to send in your reports and who has been elected for the coming year

Looking forward to seeing everyone at session this year and I hope everyone is in good health.

In F.L&T
Jeff Mann GS

Request for Pictures

We are trying to put together a scrap book for Cathy Toussaint's year as President.

If you have any pictures of her visit to your lodge or the visits of President Pro-Tem Deb Whitney, please send them to the following address.

**To: Marti Moore
1927 E Fourth Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202**

This book will be turned over to Cathy's family as a reminder of her year as president.

Thank you so much.



SAVE THE DATES:

IDAHO GRAND SESSIONS

OCTOBER 17 THRU 20, 2021

BOISE, IDAHO, RED LION DOWNTOWNER

LIVE AND IN PERSON!!

NO ZOOM!

2021 Idaho Grand Session

Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

Red Lion Downtowner

1800 Fairview Ave. Boise, Idaho 83702

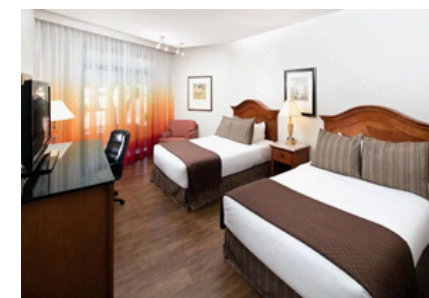
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Rates: Single and Double \$94.00 Triple
\$104.00 Quad \$114.00

BREAKFAST INCLUDE IN ROOM RATES!

Use group: **INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS-REBEKAH'S**

Please provide the Hotel with the following information: Arrival and Departure dates, Room type (King or Queen) Number staying in room and any special needs requirements. Cut-off date for these rates is September 26, 2021. After this date, the hotel will not honor our group rate.





Joe Dechristefero
Grand Master, Pro Tem



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Hallelujah! as we open up lodge functions again!! Hope your all safe, healthy and active!!

Missed a lot of you at the Fish Fry. Those that attended had a great meal and shared fellowship. Thank You to our Grand Secretary and Grand Warden for the delicious fish and fries. Also thanks go out to all that brought Pot Luck items.

Hope you all were able to attend the Museum Rededication and the I.O.O.F picnic.

Now, Let's all get moving and send in our Sessions Applications (see enclosed) The Sessions Committee is working hard to plan a great sessions while keeping the cost down.

On the 19th of June I was a member of the Degree Team that performed Pioneer #1's 1st and 2nd Degree. The function was a success and all in attendance shared a Great Meal and fellowship, Thanks to Mt Home Lodge for the Main Dish and all others that provided salads and desserts.

Would you all agree that as brothers and sisters we all try to serve each other and non-members when we can. I'm sure the answer is yes!! but some time we tend to forget how simple needs can make a great impact on the less fortunate. We're all lucky to have a roof over our heads, clothes on our backs and food in our belly's but do you realize how small items like socks can

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Deb Whitney
Assembly President,
Pro Tem



Dear Rebekah Sisters and Brothers ,

I would like to send my sincere thank you to for the honors given me at my visits, the dinners and the friendship, completing Sister Cathy's visitations. I was especially excited that I was able to go to Idaho City, what a fun day, and great traveling companions, I am so sorry that I was not able to visit District 1 and 2, I hope we are able to meet next year. As you likely know, Assembly will be in Boise, October 17-20, 2021. I hope all sisters and brothers that were asked to be at Assembly are able to attend, I will be in contact to make sure. If you were asked and do not have a form to order your top, please contact me, 509-336-1549, or 208-835-5671 and I will get one out to you.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Debbie Whitney, President Pro Tem



Grand Master's Message

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impact the homeless. Until Merna Deland informed me of this need I had no idea!! I'm sure all of us (Male & Female) have socks that we never or rarely wear. Let's gather up all the socks we can and forward them to ADA#3 at 600 North Curtis, #225 Boise, Idaho 83706. Let's set a Goal to have them in by Sessions. If You want you can bring them to sessions with you and I will make sure they get distributed properly.

Enjoy summer break and hope to see you at Sessions!!

In FL&T

Joseph DeChristefero, Grand Master

Ready for the Fish Fry



Caldwell - Our first fish fry turned out well, we had PGM Stephen Mann cooking the fish and fry's. He did several dry runs with cooking the fish so it turned very well for the day of the fish fry. We want to thank everyone that came out and made it a success, we had some Great fellowship time with everyone. Even our Mr. Peanut donation jar did well. We are going to try a breakfast in the near future see if can pull a buckaroo breakfast off French toast, eggs and some kind of meat. So, look for more information. The next time we are hoping to have the van repainted for the next cookout.

Submitted by Jeff Mann

Hole in One



Caldwell - A couple of months ago I came into this, with the golf ball still stuck in the window. How crazy the golf ball went thru both the Plexiglas and into the stained-glass window. We checked at the golf course to see if anyone might know anything, no luck there. Then finding someone that repairs stained-glass is far and few and then we found several places that repair, they are booked out for 6 months to a year, we found a retired man that took interest in our project and was happy to help with the repair. He came removed the window placed a board over the hole, he had to order several pieces of the glass, he replaced the Plexiglas with Lexan and curved it, said will stop a 22 bullet. So, we should be good. Want to Thank him for all of his work then only charged us for materials. He said it was his way of helping out and paying it forward.

Submitted by Jeff Mann:

Let's Clown Around!!!
International Clown Week
August 1 - 7



News From Portneuf Lodge #20



Pocatello - First I would like to say hello from Portneuf Lodge #20. I know some of you thought we fell off the face of the earth but we are still here going strong. Some of the activities we have done are—a joint Living Legacy project with Portneuf #20, Ivy #23 and Bingham #78 was done. We had members from all lodges plant 2 bushes at the Marshall Public Library.

We were a focus article in the Idaho State Journal. I have included the link for anyone interested https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/meet-the-odd-fellows-a-hidden-gem-of-the-pocatello-community/article_2e07ea45-d27b-5f9b-9a5e-5914a4276466.amp.html

Our Downtown district has an Art Walk the first Friday of every month. We are opening our doors to the public with a lot of different ideas flowing in and people coming in from the street to find out more about who and what we are.

We have some new members coming in to both Portneuf #20 and Ivy #23. We have planned the initiations on August 7th for Ivy and August 8th for Portneuf. We have invited members from Boise to come and help and are expecting a good turn out.

We are participating in local parades. We tried for the July 4th parade, but due to our truck and trailer falling through, we did not get to do this one, but we are doing 3 parades in 2021.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston



Marlene Osborn Honored by Guiding Star #4



Mountain Home - At our meeting in June, the members of Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 honored our valued member, Marlene Osborn, by presenting her with an engraved piano. Sister Marlene has been our musician since she was initiated way back in 1984. She plays the piano for us at every meeting, our special occasions and has been known to play her music at other lodges.

Submitted by Marge Harlan.

Loving Memory

*Cathaleen JoAnn
Toussaint
1946 - 2021*

Progress #48 Honors Veterans For Memorial Day

*Cathy Toussaint
late Assembly Rebekah of Idaho
Feb. 1st, 2021
Cathy Toussaint's funeral
1946 - 2021
Rebekah Evergreen Service
Funeral director put the
evergreens back on casket at
cemetery.*



Cathaleen JoAnn Toussaint, 74, of Blackfoot, passed away, Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Portneuf Medical Center.

Cathaleen was born November 14, 1946 in Pocatello, Idaho to Joe P Gonzales and Bonnie Lofquist.

Cathaleen has lived in Idaho, Washington, Wyoming, California, and Oklahoma. She spent most of her life in Idaho and Oklahoma graduating from Blackfoot High School.

Cathaleen worked as a sales associate for Walmart.

Cathaleen was president of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho. She enjoyed knitting, and watching movies.

She is survived by her children, Angel Gonzales, Albert Ramos, Luis Ramos (Holly), Laurie Kroeker (Robert Jones), and Sean Dunn; siblings, John Mena and Vickie Kent; 22 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bonnie & Angel Soto; daughter, Rebecca Ramos; and granddaughter, Monica Kroeker.

A graveside service was held at the Grove City Cemetery.

Blackfoot - Rita Jennings placed a Cross Wreath in honor of our Veterans circle representing Progress #48. This Memorial Day services at the Blackfoot Cemetery touched everyone's feelings and thoughts of our veterans giving their lives for our freedom



Rita Jennings and Wava Murphy decorated the grave of our late Rebekah Assembly President, Cathy Toussaint. A grave monument was not yet installed at her grave site, but a marker with Cathy's birth year (1946) and death (2021) was placed temporarily.

Submitted by Wava Murphy



2021 Grand Sessions - Jurisdiction of Idaho

October 17th thru 20th, 2021

Headquarters - Red Lion Downtowner - Boise, Idaho

Registration Information: (one form per person)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City & Zipcode: _____

Please Check All Sessions you will be attending:

Grand Lodge..... Title: _____
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 Rebekah Assembly..... Title _____
 Home Lodge: _____
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 Home Encampment: _____

Make checks payable to Host Committee and mail to:

Host Committee
 Ada Lodge #3
 600 N Curtis Road
 Boise, ID 83706

Fees:

Session Registration Fee by 10/01	\$20.00	\$
Late Fee after 10/01	\$25.00	\$
Presidents Luncheon: Choose One X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Bacon Avocado Sandwich	\$24.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Ceasar Wrap	\$24.00	\$
Past President and Grand Officer Banquet	\$28.00	\$
Amos/ Amosette Banquet - Pajama Party	\$28.00	\$
Historical Luncheon	\$24.00	\$
General Banquet: Choose One X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Breast Cordon Blue	\$38.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	\$44.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Balsmic Glazed Salmon	\$38.00	\$
Total		\$

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