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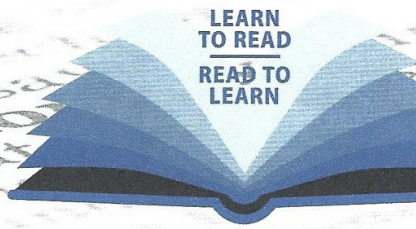
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## THE Dictionary Project



READING MAKES A COUNTRY GRE

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### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DICTIONARY PROJECT By Mary

The Dictionary Project was created **25** years ago to improve literacy in South Carolina which was ranked **50th** in the nation in reading comprehension. Since then more than **33,700,000** people have received a dictionary in all **50** states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean Islands, Peru, the Philippines, Afghanistan, Nepal and throughout Africa through our organization to help them learn and understand new words.

On average **95%** of our income is used for program services; providing dictionaries to students who are learning

the English language. Our educational system is the primary generator of income for present and future economies. Schools are the driving force of our economy, not the stock market.

For most of last year, community fundraisers such as galas, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and crab boils were cancelled. We stayed at home and tried to connect with each other on Zoom. Everyone agrees it wasn't as much fun as personal gatherings. Schools were closed so many children did not receive dictionaries. As the schools opened, most of the schools prohibited extra activities

which included volunteers providing the students. In spite of these **632,480** children received dictionaries by caring and dedicated people.

Like most nonprofit organizations, the Dictionary Project's revenue is **60%**. We hope to turn that so that **100%** of students are able to enjoy the benefits of a dictionary this year! As we continue, please take good care of yourself and those around you.

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 has been participating in this Project for about 20 years. First in partnership with the Melba Grange until their demise and then for the last 10 years on their own.

The Dictionary Project is a great literacy program that gives 3rd graders each year a personal dictionary of their own. These are not just dictionaries, they also have interesting and useful information such as: the longest word, multiplication tables, state capitols, roman numerals, and much more. The kids are always excited to receive these and it creates in them

an interest in words, their meaning and just in reading itself. The schools and teachers really like the program as well.

This is an inexpensive outreach program that any lodge can participate in. This program started in the order with Melba Rebekah's to 3rd graders at Melba Elementary, but has grown to include Lake Ridge and Endeavor elementary schools by Nampa 40, Payette Elementary by Payette 22, and Idaho City Elementary and Lowman Elementary by Pioneer Lodge 1 in Idaho City. This is an educational program that reaches our communities in a positive way and gives us more exposure within our communities and to the general public.

For those Lodges that may be interested in this program, see the Dictionary Program information following this letter.

In F L & T,  
Tom Ashley, Melba Rebekah Lodge 105

## State Wide IOOF Food Drive

To All Idaho Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges Encampments – Canton

Last year’s State Wide Food Drive was a real success. Idaho Encampment #1 is asking all lodges to do it again.

Collect non-perishable food for the Holiday Season and donate to YOUR local food banks or someone of YOUR choice. How many pounds of food did you collect? Contact us or send in the form so we can add up how much our State of Idaho cares for those in need. If you already have food drives going for your community or donate dollars to someone, we ask you also let us know and we will add your efforts on to the totals reported.

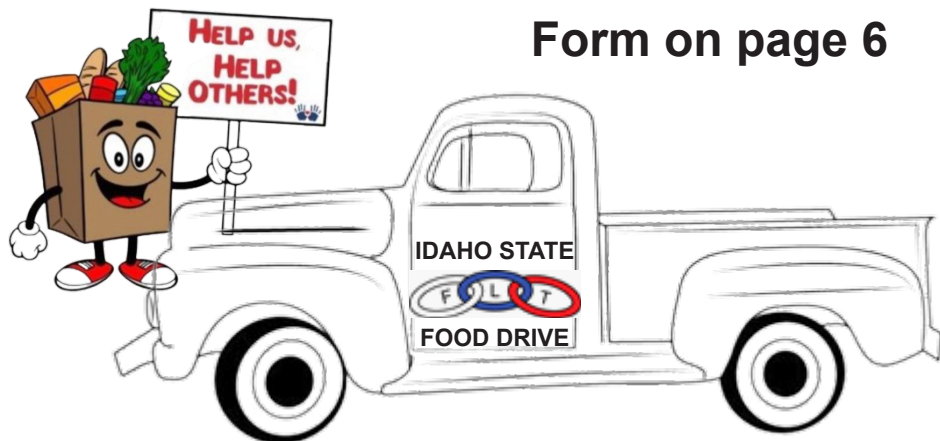
Have fun collecting items – maybe ask your neighbors, your church, or your fellow workers to help. Put a Food Collecting Box in your Hall or the businesses around your Hall. Go door to door.

**Send In Articles and Pictures to The Newspaper. The GOAL: 100% Participation.**

This project was started to bring back the statewide unity we had with the Amos Food Train that collected food for our Home On The Hill. Let’s show that we all care together.

Thank you for helping us with this project. In F H & C – The Members of Idaho Encampment #1

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### Important information for those of you who may be thinking of having a delegate for the 2022 Pilgrimage

- Delegate eligibility: 16-17 years old who have at least one year of high school left. {Exception for the 34 delegates from last year even though they may be 18}
- Tour dates: July 9-22, 2022
- Cost per delegate: \$2,000.00
- First deposit of \$1,000.00 is due on or before Jan. 1, 2022
- Delegate applications and second half of fee is due on or before April 1, 2022
- All applications and forms can be downloaded and printed from website: <https://ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com>
- All applications are to be sent to the Jurisdictional Chairpersons, who will check each application to verify that everything has been completed and then will sign each application and forward all applications to the Executive Director.
- All fees and applications are to be sent to Leonard Bolton, Executive Director,  
6223 Six Mile Road  
Danville, WV 25053
- Please read the updates on the website homepage.

Tour route:

July 9-	Philadelphia
July 10-15	New York City
July 15	Boston
July 16	Burlington, VT
July 17	Ottawa, Ca
July 18	Niagara Falls, Ca
July 19	Gettysburg
July 20	Washington DC
July 21	Philadelphia
July 22	Philadelphia {fly or drive home}

- Please stress that this is an educational tour and that everyone must give a 3 to 5 minute speech.
- The winner of the speech contest will win a \$2,000.00 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.
- COVID vaccinations are highly recommended. If your delegates are not vaccinated then they must have a negative COVID test within 24 hours of the beginning of the trip.



# Joe DeChristefero

## Grand Master, Pro Tem



### Biography

**Joseph DeChristefero - Born: October 2, 1946**

#### Education:

Associate Degree in Golf Course Management 1996  
Master Degree In Human Resources 1994  
BSBA 1974

#### Current I.O.O.F Positions:

Grand Master of The Idaho Grand Lodge:  
June 2021 to Present (Previous Grand Master Resigned)  
I.O.O.F Lodge Ada #3: Chaplain 2019-Present  
Rebekah Lodge Unity #8: Caplain 2012-Present  
Encampment Idaho#1: Inside Sentinel 2021-Present  
Canton Columbia#3: Captain 2021-Present  
GI Joe Breakfast Chairman: Present  
2021 Sessions Chairman: Present

#### Previous Positions:

Deputy Grand Master of The Idaho Grand Lodge:  
2019 to June 2021  
Grand Warden of The Idaho Grand Lodge:  
2018 - 2019  
I.O.O.F Lodge Ada #3: Member Since 2008, Moved  
Through the Chairs and served as Noble Grand

#### 2016 Thru 2018

Rebekah Lodge Unity #8: Initiated 2019  
Encampment Idaho #1: Initiated 2018, moved  
Through the Chairs and was Chief Patriarch 2019  
Canton Columbia #3: Initiated 2018, Moved  
through The Chairs to Captain 2021

#### Ultimate Goals:

Serving My Fellow Men and Women and  
Fellow Brother and Sister Odd Fellows.  
Serving The Grand Lodge of Idaho in any  
Elected or Appointed Position.

#### Greatest Achieiment:

Married to My Soul Mate for 49 Years.  
Serving My Country in The US Army.  
Serving My Fellow Odd Fellows

## Grand Encampment 2021-2022 Grand Officers



Marge Harlan: Scribe, Bob Covert: High Priest, Joe DeChristefero, Junior Warden: Glen Schultz, Senior Warden and Don Harlan, Grand Patriarch.



Marge Harlan receives her Past Grand Patriarch Jewel for Don Harlan

Kathryn Harlan pins Don Harlan with his Grand Patriarch Jewel



## Unity Rebekah #8 and Ada Lodge #3 Built Snack Packs For Saint Alphonsus Hospital



Boise - The group got together on a Friday evening and built 11 Healthy snack boxes for one of our local hospitals. We put a label on each item, (65 in each box) indicating who we are and how to contact us. Kathy Colman suggested we do this as the staff of the hospital needed a pick-me-up type snack to help get them through the day. After words we enjoyed pizza and fellowship. We plan on doing it again for Saint Luke's Hospital.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

## Saint Alphonsus Staff Loves The Snack Boxes



Boise - Nancee Bakken, of Saint Alphonsus Foundation writes; "I wanted to say THANK You and share some of the photos of our staff receiving the amazing snack boxes. I just love that you took the time to place individual stickers on the items. That means a lot. Everyone was so excited and jumped right in. The variety provided something for everyone! Thank you again."

Ada Lodge #3 and Unity Rebecka's #8 had a great time building and delivering these boxes to the Foundation.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

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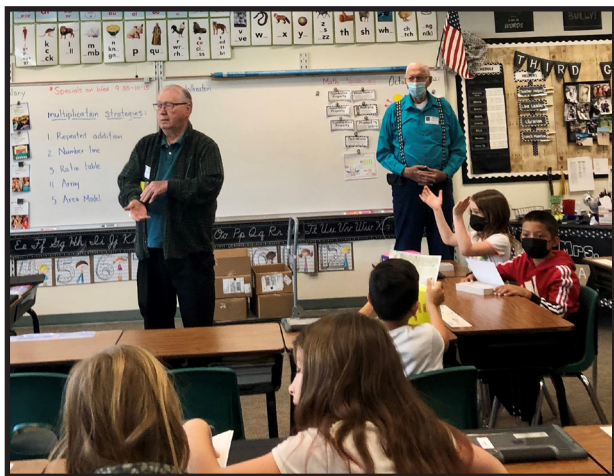
## Ada Lodge #3 Donates To Boys And Girls Club of Ada County



Boise - Left, left to right is Amy from Boys and Girls Club, Joe Sirani, Margaret Odle, Connie Schultz and Glen Schultz, all members of Ada Lodge #3 of Boise. This groups help at risk kids in the county, giving them somewhere to get off the streets and participate in activities, until their parents get off work. Many of the kids live in a single parent low-income family. This is one way we help out our community and the less fortunate.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

## Nampa Odd Fellow Lodge #40



Brother Bob Covert watches and listens to Brother Tom Ashley

Brother Tom Ashley telling one of the 3rd grade class at Lake Ridge some of the things they can find in their Dictionary.



Nampa - Once again Nampa Odd Fellow Lodge #40 gave Dictionaries to the eighty-four 3rd graders at Lake Ridge Elementary. This year we were able to meet with the 3rd graders. Lake Ridge has 3 classes of 3rd graders, in the past we meet with all of the 3rd graders at one time, however do to COVID we met with each class separately. Brother Tom Ashley told them different things they could find in the Dictionaries, like the longest word, multiplication table, and how to sign the alphabet. It is amazing how these children who can handle the internet with no problem are thrilled to receive their very own Dictionary. Brother Bob Covert and Sister Sandie Chandler accompanied Brother Tom Ashley to Lake Ridge Elementary.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler

# IN LOVING MEMORY

## Elizabeth Irene "Betty" Ball June 30, 1924 - August 28, 2021

New Plymouth - Betty Ball of New Plymouth, Idaho passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Emmett Gardens Assisted Living. Betty was born June 30, 1924, in Boise, Idaho, the daughter of Elizabeth and Cyrus Smith. Betty went to school and graduated in Boise. After graduating, Betty met Harvey G. Ball, the two fell in love and got married June 24th, 1948. Betty and Harvey had four wonderful children; Randy, Al, Laura and Matt Ball.

Betty and Harvey relocated their family to New Plymouth, Idaho in 1968. Betty spent many years as a teachers aid for the New Plymouth school district. Betty was an active member of the St. James Episcopal Church in Payette and also the Congregational Church in New Plymouth. Betty enjoyed meeting with her friends every week to play bridge and have lunch. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge group, where she often traveled for meetings and special events.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, sister Louise, husband Harvey, youngest son Matt and son-in-law Walter Johnson.

A graveside service was held on September 7th at Park View Cemetery in New Plymouth.



The purpose of **WORLD KINDNESS DAY** is to highlight good deeds in the community because **KINDNESS** is the common thread that unites us all. **NOVEMBER 13**  
<http://theworldkindnessmovement.org/>



## Membership

### THIS IS IMPORTANT TO US ALL.....

Just to let you know, my name is Bob Covert and I have been assigned as the new **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN** for the new term by Grand Master Decristefero.

I have been a member of the order for over 25 years and in that time I have witnessed a drastic decline in our membership and lodges in the state.

We constantly hear about the need for membership, membership, membership. It has been a recurring theme with all new Grand Masters for years, however, it has never been more critical than now. Currently we have only 13 lodges, including the two historical lodges, and not all of these lodges are very strong and active. If we are to save our order in Idaho, this subject of membership is more vital now than it ever has been in the past. As all businesses know, it is vital to promote and market their product. We have a great product to promote that in general we usually do not. Our product is the principles and goals of the order, learning how to treat and care for each other, community service and just socializing with like-minded brothers and sisters.

We have so much to offer, but the problem is that the public doesn't have a clue who we are (IOOF?) or what we do. Marketing is the first step in community awareness. And In this 21st century, the key of awareness to our target audience is social media. I know this is a foreign concept to a lot of our members but in today's world, it is a necessity. Social media platforms are constantly being used by businesses to promote their products and services, and who's to say that we can't use the same channels to promote our order. Being active on social media such as Facebook or Twitter could get us in direct contact with a large number of people who might support what we are doing. Tailor our message to those we wish to interest, in activities such as literacy programs, community youth activities, and health and public service programs, that our lodges promote and currently participate in. To attract new members, I think, this is where we start. I will have more ideas to promote our order in future paper, but for now, I will close with this thought: We have a great order that will survive if we all support and promote what we have to offer. Let's do it.

Bob Covert, Membership Chairman

### STATE WIDE IOOF FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO:

IDAHO ENCAMPMENT #1  
C/O 600 North Curtis Ste. 225  
Boise, ID 83706

LODGE, ENCAMPMENT OR CANTON NAME:

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POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED OR \$ DONATED:

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## Thanksgiving is the first official U.S holiday



At the request of both houses of the U.S. Congress, George Washington proclaimed the first official Thanksgiving Day as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer. There was a lot to be thankful for the fledgling, young democracy. The proclamation was made on October 3, 1789, declaring November 26, 1789 as Thanksgiving Day. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day to be the last Thursday in November. Then in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the U.S. Congress made it a national holiday, and set the date for Thanksgiving Day as the fourth Thursday in November.

<https://www.holidayinsights.com/tday/index.htm>



## Celebrating the Christmas Holiday



Ah! Christmas, the biggest holiday of the year. Christmas has both a strong religious and traditional meaning. It has a certain feel, all to itself, that you usually do not feel at any other time of the year. It creates within us, a sense of kindness and concern for fellow man. At no other time are we more generous and giving. It creates a sense of family and belonging.

Everyone comes home for the Christmas holiday. It is a time of family and giving. It is truly a time that comes but once a year. Christmas is celebrated in most countries around the world!

<https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/december.htm>



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