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Guiding Star #4 Hosts President's Visit and District 3 Meeting



Guiding Star #4 presenting a special painting to President, Deb Whitney



NG Lois Clark, Sec. Pat Marvin, Deb Whitney, AP and Vicky Kiele, Asm. Sec. at District #3 Meeting

Our Assembly President, Deb Whitney, made her official visit to Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 on Saturday, March 12th, at the Mountain Home Lodge Hall. The lodge members enjoyed her presentation and presented her with a gift for her travels, a personal gift from the Noble Grand, Lois Clark, and a picture painted just for her from Janice Ausburn. Members also presented a program on the "Programs we support in our

Order". Can you guess what the programs were: Donnie Marvin had dark glasses and a blind man's cane, Karen Christensen was pulling a suitcase around, Marge Harlan had on a graduation cap, Nancy Winkowski was using a cane to get around, and Noble Grand Lois Clark was carrying a sorry looking potted tree. (See answers below) Afterward, the Lodge hosted the District #3 Meeting. Sadly, Mountain Home is the last Lodge in the district now, as our last co-member, Idaho #96 turned in their charter last October. Everyone enjoyed the exemplifications throughout the meeting. Good thing most of us had our Phones turned off. Marge Harlan sure wanted to call all of us during the meeting! Door prizes were also enjoyed by all. Our Visitors included Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary, and Past Presidents Doris Hansen, Jalene Baird, Georgia Wickham, Sharon McGaffic, and Pam York (DALAPM). A potato/salad bar luncheon was served afterward and nobody went home hungry.

(Answers: Visual Research, The Pilgrimage for Youth, Educational Foundation, The Arthritis Program, and The Living Legacy Program.)

Submitted by Pat Marvin

HAPPY EASTER

Ramblings From The Grand Secretary

Well, it a busy time of year right now, trying to compile all of your yearend reports. I am still missing a few lodges reports for the year ending 12-31-2021. You know who you are! Please get them in as soon as possible.

District meetings are starting to happen, which is a great time to hear new ideas everyone has regarding membership. There are a few lodges that are starting to gain members which it GREAT! We need to hear from those lodges to see what is working for them and try to implement those ideas to our lodges. I know not everything works the same in all lodges. What works for you may not work for me but sharing those ideas with each other may help us in the long run. These are open meeting and all are welcome to come and share their ideas.

One of the commitments from the Grand Lodge this year, is helping your lodge with membership drives. So, if you need our help, give us a shout and we maybe able to come help you hand out fliers, provide you support, operate the pop corn machine, or even sit in the dunk tank. (Tom Ashley wants that one) Whatever you need from us, we are here for you.

The newspaper is going to monthly again. So much gets lost or forgotten with the current schedule so this will be a good way to get your planned activities back in the paper. Several lodges are starting to donate money to the newspaper to help it return to monthly issues. If you would like to help, consider donating to the Idaho Odd Fellows / Rebekah news.

The planning board met and we are putting your coming events schedule back into the paper as well. That way you can plan

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2022 Idaho Grand Session

Hotel Reservation Information

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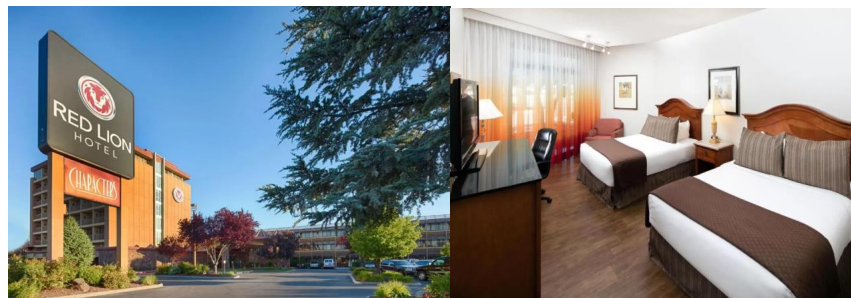
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Grand Master's Itinary Dates Subject to Change

May 21	Pioneer #1	Idaho City
Aug 27	Owyhee #2	Silver City

Assembly President's Itinerary Dates Subject to Change

Apr 2	District #4	Payette
Apr 5	Melba #105	Nampa
Apr 8	Harmony #22	Payette
Apr 11	Sylvan #81	Clearwater
Apr 12	Whitepine #60	Weippe
Apr 13	Blue Bell #72	Orofino
Apr 14	Mizpah #12	Grangeville
Apr 20	Royal Gem #13	Whitebird
Apr 23	District #6	Weippe
Apr 26	District #7 and Carnation #95	Coeur d'Alene
May 7	District #2 and Silver Leaf #27	Challis



Patriarchs and Matriarchs

You can accomplish far more together than you can individually. As leaders within our lodges, we must provide a culture that increases member participation, planning, problem-solving, and decision-making to better serve our communities. From a business standpoint, the better the culture, the more engaged team members become, and the happier they are with their duties. I expect we will see the same results within our lodges.

What kind of culture would you expect to see within our lodges? Indeed, you would expect our members to be helpful, respectful, and trustworthy. Our oaths are an excellent guide to how we should behave, but there is a lot of grey area, so each lodge has a life and culture created and fostered by the individual members within the lodge, so no two cultures should be the same.

As with everything in life, there are always opportunities for improvement. When it comes to a lodges culture, I encourage you to take some time to speak with your members and list two or three things you would like to start, stop, or continue doing to help improve your lodge culture. Start with making sure the lodge is aligned with our order's core values and the oaths we have all taken.

As I wrote in the previous article, change is hard, but there are a couple of crucial points to help. First, "be the change you want to see" -Gandhi. Culture change only happens from the top down; if you as a leader are actively living the change, those who follow you will do so. Second, change happens slowly, forgive mistakes and relapses, but don't give up. Finally be consistent and deliberate in talking with your lodge about the culture you are trying to foster and why it is essential.

In FH&C
Don Harlan, Chief Grand Patriarch
Grand Encampment of Idaho



Ramblings From The Grand Secretary

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your vacation schedule around an event that's planned in Coeur d Alene, #34 & Carnation #95 or a fishing trip in Yellowstone near an event in Ashton, # 88 on your way to Jackpot Nevada stop in and get you grand kids finger printed in Wendell #131, Thanksgiving dinner in White bird Yum! Lots of things to do in IDAHO!

Everyone seems to like the new Directory pull out. However, we have found that some of the information we had for names of the Secretaries and phone numbers were wrong. So, we are going to update the directory and print a new one. If you see any incorrect information, please let us know.

Session planning is taking place. It will be at the Red Lion Downtowner in Boise. October 16 – 19 2022. More information to follow.

Glen Schultz, Grand Secretary

Hello everyone,

After consulting with Shirley, Vice Chairman and others on the executive of our Northwest Association, it was decided to once again postpone our meeting, this time until Spring 2023. There is so much uncertainty about cross border travel that it was felt to be the safer choice for all of us. It was a disappointing but unanimous decision.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding, it is much appreciated.

On behalf of the Chairman Carol Briggs and Secretary Donna Thompson.

Pamela Ottas, Northwest Canadian
Treasurer.

Important announcement and request to all Lodges and members:

For some time now the Editor and newspaper Board of have heard from Lodges and members, that many are not receiving the newspaper at their home address and that those who only wish to receive the newspaper electronically are not. We are now taking steps to correct this.

We are asking all lodge secretaries to send to the Editor an updated mailing list for those wishing to receive the paper publication. Furthermore, we also ask that you indicate if you would prefer a traditional paper copy or an electronic version; and if electronic, please update your correct and preferred email address. The Editor and members of the board very much want this ongoing issue to be resolved and corrected.

We know how important it is to our readers to receive all available information, notifications, and happenings within our jurisdiction. It is our duty to keep everyone connected and informed, through this publication. It is most important for those members who have no other contact with the Order, outside the newspaper.

Let's all do our part, and make this a great new start to an important and integral resource for all of us.

In F.L. & T.

Dustin Irish-Webb

Chairman, Newspaper Board



Mountain Home and Wendell Host Grand Master's Visit



**Grand
Master Joe
DeChristefero
with a Special
Cake**

The members of Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Wendell Lodge #131 enjoyed a joint visitation from Grand Master Joe DeChristefero on March 3rd at the Mountain Home Lodge Hall, with a potluck dinner enjoyed by all. Joe presented his program to the members and others in attendance at the open meeting, introducing his Grand Lodge officers and other State Officers that were present. The Lodges each presented Joe with a gift for his traveling. Mountain Home's Noble Grand, Donnie Marvin also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Lodge Secretary, Linda Sue Hopkins, for her constant vigil of calling all of the members every Wednesday to check on them and communicate Lodge information at the same time. She has been doing this since the Covid-19 caused the Lodge to go dark and continued on after the members started coming back to the meetings.

Submitted by Pat Marvin

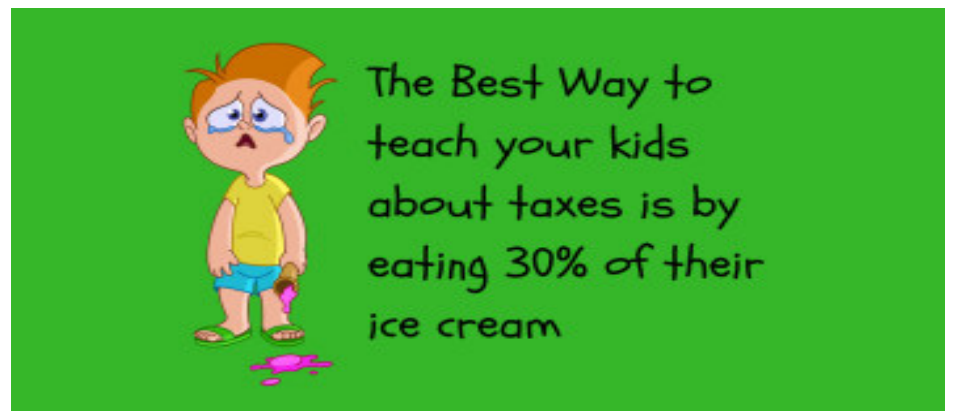


Grand Master Visits Mountain Home & Wendell



On 3 March 2022, it was the pleasure of Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Wendell #131 to welcome Grand Master Joe DeChristefero to our hall for his official visit to both lodges. The evening started with a potluck dinner, with a large variety of food, including turkey, stuffing, salad, mashed potatoes, a hashbrown casserole and of course a cake for the Grand Master. After dinner, Donnie Marvin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Linda Hopkins, signed by himself and the previous Noble Grand for calling all the lodge members over the past two years and keeping everyone up to date on news of interest to them. The Grand Master explained his program geared toward membership and fund raising to help children and the homeless. There were several out of town visitors from other lodges that also attended and a great time was had by all.

Submitted by Linda Hopkins



Grand Officers for 2021-2022



This years Grand Officers for 2021-2022, Pictured above are Center Grand Master Joe Dechristefero, to the right Deputy Grand Master Tom Ashley, and Grand Warden Robert Covert. To the far left is Grand Secretary Glen Schultz and Grand Treasurer, Marge Harlan. Wish them well in their new endeavors.

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Great news from your editorial Board
The newspaper will once again print monthly papers for your enjoyment.

Send in articles of all your important events, so we can see what you are doing and remember to send pictures.

Guiding Star #4 Initiates New Members

A Welcome to our new Members:

Karen Christensen and
Janice Ausburn

We also welcome back

UNITY REBEKAH LODGE #8 INVITES YOU TO THEIR BINGO GAME NIGHT!



MAY 7, 2022 6:00 TO 11:00 P.M.

BINGO

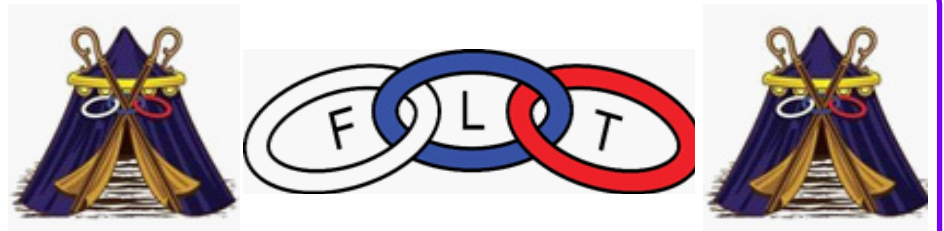
\$2.00 ADMISSION, \$.50 PER CARD OR 3 FOR \$1.00 PER GAME.

\$1.00 50 50 RAFFEL, GAME PRIZES AND FUN!

FINGER FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

Bring a nonmember friend for a free raffle ticket.

PROCEEDS GO TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ADA COUNTY.



IT'S BACK!!! ENCAMPMENT FISH FRY!!
Idaho #1 and Temple #3 are teaming up to bring you the annual Encampment Fish Fry!

Saturday April 2, 2022

**5:00 to 7:00 PM At Ada Lodge Hall
600 N. Curtis RD.**

**\$10.00. Fish, Baked Potato, Cold Slaw
and Cake!**



April Daily Holidays and Observances 30 Days of Celebration

April 1: April Fools' Day, International Fun at Work Day.
April 2: World Autism Awareness Day, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, National Ferret Day.
April 3: National Find a Rainbow Day, World Party Day,
April 4: National Hug a Newsperson Day, International Carrot Day, Tell a Lie Day.
April 5: National Dandelion Day, Read a Road Map Day.
April 6: National Siamese Cat Day, National Walking Day (first Wednesday), National Bookmobile Day.
April 7: National Beer Day, National No Housework Day.
April 8: Draw a Picture of a Bird Day, Zoo Lovers Day.
April 9: National Name Yourself Day, National Unicorn Day, National Winston Churchill Day.
April 10: National Hug Your Dog Day, National Siblings Day, Golfer's Day, National Farm Animals Day.
April 11: National Pet Day, National Submarine Day.
April 12: National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, National Licorice Day, International Day of Human Space Flight.
April 13: National Scrabble Day, International Plant Appreciation Day, National Peach Cobbler Day.
April 14: International Moment of Laughter Day, Look Up at the Sky Day, National Dolphin Day.
April 15: National Laundry Day, World Art Day.
April 16: National Stress Awareness Day, Save the Elephant Day, Husband Appreciation Day (third Saturday).
April 17: National Cheeseball Day, International Bat Appreciation Day, National Haiku Poetry Day.
April 18: National Velociraptor Awareness Day, National Columnists Day, Patriots Day (third Monday).
April 19: Wear Pajamas to Work Day, National Garlic Day.
April 20: Chinese Language Day, National Look-Alike Day, Volunteer Recognition Day.
April 21: National Kindergarten Day, National D.A.R.E. Day (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).
April 22: Earth Day, National Jelly Bean Day.
April 23: National Picnic Day, World Book and Copyright Day, National Lover's Day, National Take a Chance Day.
April 24: World Laboratory Day, Skipping Day.
April 25: World Penguin Day, National Zucchini Bread Day, National Hairstylist Appreciation Day.
April 26: National Pretzel Day.
April 27: National Prime Rib Day, Morse Code Day, Babe Ruth Day, National Tell a Story Day.
April 28: National Superhero Day, National Kiss Your Mate Day, Take Your Daughter and Son to Work Day* (fourth Thursday).
April 29: International Dance Day, International Shrimp Scampi Day, National Zipper Day, National Arbor Day (last Friday).
April 30: International Jazz Day, National Honesty Day, National Raisin Day, National Mahjong Day.

COMING EVENTS 2022

APRIL		
2	REBEKAH DIST #4	PAYETTE
2	ENCAMPMENT DIST #1 AND FISH FRY	BOISE
9	ENCAMPMENT DIST #2	MTN. HOME
16	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
23	REBEKAH DIST #6	WEIPPE
26	REBEKAH DIST #7	COEUR D'ALENE
MAY		
4	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
7	REBEKAH DIST #2	CHALLIS
21	PIONEER #1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
28	IOOF DIST #6	PRIEST RIVER
30	LOVE THY NEIGHBOR	BLACK CREEK R.A.
JUNE		
18	ENCAMP DEG. RALLY	BOISE
25	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY
JULY		
16	G I JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
AUGUST		
3	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
6	ALL UNITS PICNIC	BOISE
14-18	SGL/IARA	WINSTON-SALEM
27	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY
SEPTEMBER		
9	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
17	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
OCTOBER		
16-19	GRAND SESSIONS	BOISE
22	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
NOVEMBER		
4-5	NORTHWEST/PNW	TBA
13	THANKSGIVING DINNER	WHITE BIRD
17	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MTN. HOME
DECEMBER		
10	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA



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