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## News From Portneuf 20



All of the present members of Portneuf including new ones

Pocatello - We have all heard how important it is to get new members and to retain them. I hear there are lodges working on this goal. Portneuf #20 is so excited to share we have brought in 5 new members in April. Sydney Dayhuff, Lyndarae Floyd, Evan Davis, Christen Arnaud and Chrissy Farnsworth. They are all so excited to be involved in this amazing fraternal order. We are happy to show them the way. We usually meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Our meeting starts at 11:00 am but we have a social breakfast most meetings that starts at 10:00 am. Please feel free to come and join us at any of our meetings.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston

Pocatello - It was Portneuf #20's privilege to hold the 2022 District Meeting for District 1 on March 26th. We did not have a large turn out, but it was amazing fun. We had great messages given and received. We are looking forward to next years District Meeting for District 1 being held in Ashton.

Portneuf was honored to have Grand Master Joe DeChristefero and all of the executive committee to our lodge for his official visit March 27th. There was a pancake breakfast to start the day off and everyone really enjoyed it. We held an open meeting and all of the members getting initiated in April were able to come and hear his great message about membership.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston



## **IOOF Educational Foundation Scholarships**

I am the Director of The Educational Foundation, IOOF. You are probably aware that each year we offer thousands of dollars in scholarship money to deserving students most of whom are related to members of the Order. During the Covid pandemic the applications for the scholarships was decreased due to many reasons, some of which related to the pandemic. Basically, these students were not attending school in person and their academic experience was not as comprehensive as during normal times. We want to make contact with students who are related to members of the Order to make sure that they take advantage of the opportunities we offer.

You can help! Will you please use whatever methods you normally use to inform your Lodges and members about anything related to the Order that is important – emails, notices to Noble Grands, newsletters, your fraternal press, etc.

Just let them know all that the students need to do is logon to the SGL website [ioof.org](http://ioof.org), click “Our Programs”, then click “Educational Foundation”. There the student can view the applications for our many educational assistance programs. They can fill out the application online, print it and send it to us with the requested supporting documents. You could play a huge part in assisting a deserving student pay for their education with the assistance of The Educational Foundation, IOOF.

The deadline for the scholarship applications. It is May 15. Please let your members know this important deadline.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
R. Kenneth Babb, Director

## **2022 Idaho Grand Session**

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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**

May 7	District #2 and Silver Leaf #27	Challis
May 21	Rose #18	Idaho City

### **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.*

## White Pine Rebekah Lodge member Sister Barbara Snyder earns a 75 Year Veterans Jewel



Plans for presentation of Sister Barbara Snyder's 75 veterans jewel were underway when the lodge received word that due to health reasons Sister Barbara would be moving from Lewiston within the next week or so. With this last minute rush only a couple of members were able to travel down to Sister Barbara's home in Lewiston to do the presentation. On March 2nd Sister Christine Brown and Sister Vickie Jorgenson, were met by Idaho State Rebekah Assembly President Deb Whitney, who did the honors of pinning the jewel on Sister Barbara at her Lewiston home. To a Rebekah the Veterans Jewel is the most cherished of all Jewels. It can be worn only by those members who have had continuance membership. It was a special day for Sister

Barbara who has recently become blind and is moving to the Boise area to be near family.

Sister Barbara was initiated into White Pine Rebekah lodge in November of 1945. At the time she was brought into lodge her mother was also a member. Sister Barbara was just 18 and married. Some years after her initiation Sister Barbara told her mother she was going to leave the Rebekah's because all of the members were older. With tears in her eyes Sister Barbara's mother asked her to please stay and to promise she would continue to be a Rebekah member. Her mother told her that someday she would cherish the visits and friendship of her sister members. She has honored that promise and at the age of 95 she continues to be a faithful member of our lodge.

Let's step back and take a look at White Pine Rebekah lodge in 1945. We had a large and active membership for such a small community. Back then the lodge would have an average of 30 plus members at each meeting. The annual dues were \$3.00, they held a penny drill and the officer served for a period of 6 months. Members back in 1945 spent years committing to memory officer duties, the Rebekah Decree, Installation of Officers and more. I can remember watching in sheer awe as Sister Ellen Platt did all of these things and it never ceased to amaze me as she stood there reciting from memory the various parts of the Rebekah Decree. Today we work hard to commit to memory the unwritten work (which has been shortened from the original work) along with our charges; some members accomplishing more than this but times have definitely changed.

Lodge was a family affair with mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters and our neighbors all working together as members in accomplishing the good of the order. In 1945 there was a large presence of men who belonged to the Odd Fellow arm of this fraternity. The two groups worked together and were active in their community. During the year of 1945 the two groups held a carnival for the school kids and a dance at our community hall. Between these two activities they raised a total of \$300 which was quite a sum of money. In December of 1945 a Banquet was held for Assembly President Grace Baird which included a total of 81 members and guests. I doubt this number came about from distant travel; it was the result of there being so many more lodges with higher memberships in our surrounding areas.

Congratulations to Sister Barbara Snyder for completing 75 years of membership.

## Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Picture: Sisters Jelene Baird, Ursula White, and Janie Clark. Sister Jelene presented Sister Ursula with her jewel and Sister Janie escorted Sister Ursula.

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 recently presented Sister Ursula White with her 25 year jewel. Sister Ursula has and is a dedicated Rebekah. Many years ago, Sister Ursula was an Associate member of Colfax Rebekah Lodge until they gave up their Charter. Sister Ursula has held the offices of Inside and Outside Guardian, and Warden and Conductress. You can count on Sister Ursula to work for the good of the order.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

## Healthy Snacks



Dax Chandler receiving the snacks from Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley

Nampa - Nampa High School recently received two boxes of healthy snacks from Ada Odd Fellow Lodge #3. The staff greatly appreciated Ada for thinking of them to receive these snacks. Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley Associate members of Ada delivered the boxes to the Assistant Principal, Dax Chandler of Nampa High School.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler

## Anna Breeze

Pocatello - Our Grand Master asked each lodge to send in articles from our members. Bingham discussed it and wanted our first one to be about/from Anna Breeze. She joined Bingham #78 at 19 in 1950 when her boss Betty Davis invited her. She is still a member of Bingham and also Ivy #23 and Portneuf #20. Her mom told her that her grandpa was a member of the Odd Fellows. She met her soon to be husband Matt Breeze at a lodge activity. She has held every office in the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows except Treasurer. She has been Lodge Deputy, District Deputy President and in 2002 she was Rebekah Assembly President. She enjoyed going to all of the lodges and meeting all of the members at the time. She is sad to see how many lodges we have lost. She is still active in some planning of activities and was able to go to the meal for RAP Deb's visit. She is proud of the local lodges and happy to still be a part of it. Her message to everyone is...You have to attend to stay interested in the lodge and what we stand for. That is when you enjoy it the most. Get your friends and family interested in the lodge and coming to activities. You will both benefit from it.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston

## Ivy 23 & Bingham 78



Pocatello - Ivy #23 and Bingham #78 had a joint meeting for RAP Deb's official visit. We did an initiation of 1 new Ivy member. It was beautiful and fun. Everyone played a part in the program from officers to Bible Characters to reading of the parts. We did not get the kinds of pictures I was hoping for but we did get a few. What a great experience.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston

Pocatello - Hey everyone I just wanted to put a quick message in the paper. I have the honor of being District 1's District Deputy Grand Master. I have planned my visits and they are Portneuf Lodge #20 May 16th at 11:00 am and Ashton #88 June 13th at 7:00 pm. Please get a hold of me if you are interested in coming to either of these. My contact information is 208-380-1164 or email me at my personal lodge email of [crystallivingstonioof@gmail.com](mailto:crystallivingstonioof@gmail.com). My message may not be amazing but it will be interesting and hopefully fun.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston

## Rebekah District 1 Meeting



**Gifts - pillow from Progress, necklace from Bingham, flower from ivy and a cutting board**

Pocatello - District 1 Rebekah District Meeting on March 19 was just great! We had representatives of all 3 local lodges and members from many others. We had awesome swag bags and T-shirts given to each person here. We had amazing messages given from everyone speaking. We enjoyed a great lunch and each others company. We are looking forward to next years being thrown by Bingham #78

Submitted by Crystal Livingston

Pocatello - I am District 1 District Deputy President and I am honored to have the job. I want to announce the meetings I have set up so far. I will be visiting Bingham #78 on May 16th and Ivy #23 on May 26th and am still waiting to schedule Progress #48. I would like to invite you to come to any of these meetings.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston



## Behind the Scenes of the Rose Parade

Pasadena, CA - As I took my first steps into the barn, I looked like a kid in a candy shop. The sight was breathtaking! Inside one of two float barns in Pasadena, CA, I was amazed at all that was happening before me. The building, as you can imagine, is HUGE! My first thought was: lions and tigers and bears, OH MY! The crew chief for the IOOF Rose Parade Float suggested that Steve and I take a tour of the barn before beginning our day of work. In addition to the lions and tigers and bears, there were owls, penguins, zebras, ostriches, snakes, fish and fire-breathing dragons, to name a few of the many animals. Everyone of them was fashioned out of Styrofoam and steel and was in the process of being covered by seeds, leaves, flowers, bark and other organic material. Every inch must be covered!

We took a tour of the "flower shop." From the rainbow of roses, imported from Ecuador and other areas of the world to the exotic flowers imported from Taiwan, South America, and Hawaii, to grasses, dried material, seeds and food, the flower shop was spectacular. These items were all lying in wait for volunteers to place them on their floats.

The remainder of the day and next few days (and evenings) were decorating days. What a process! Fern is attached onto the areas where the roses will be. Roses are stripped of their leaves and thorns, cut to consistent lengths, and placed individually in water vials. All delicate flowers (roses, iris, orchids, etc.) are handled individually and placed in the water vials, which then get "stabbed" into the styrofoam on color-

coded areas of the floats. Pampas grass was added to the polar bear on "our" float, making the most realistic fur that you can imagine! Seeds, cranberries, lentils, blueberries, lemons, limes, brussel sprouts and beans of all shapes and colors were added where designated. Rice was placed in large blenders and made into powder. Some of the leaves were steam-pressed. The process was an art form developed from years of experience.

New Year's Eve was the day for staging and judging. Eight to ten judges spent 5 minutes per float, scrutinizing the quality, consistency, and placement of the elements.

When a float was complete, those volunteers went to other floats to help. It was an awesome display of comradery, teamwork, and fellowship.

The float drivers left about dark, driving 8 hours to the parade route, then slept under their floats until it was time for action. At 5 a.m. on New Year's Day, Steve boarded the bus for the grandstand, and I boarded the bus for the floats. Let's just say, traffic was a nightmare!

My fifteen minutes of fame riding on the float took about 6 hours! At the end of the route is Victory Park, where the floats are displayed for onlookers to view. After 3-4 days, the



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floats are returned to the barns where they are disassembled. Themes are developed, ideas are shared, and by March, final plans are made for the next float. We can't wait for the next time we can participate!



The three-links were made of beans, blueberries and cranberries on a powdered rice background.

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



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## COMING EVENTS 2022

### 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
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### 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

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