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Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Easter Bake Sale



White Bird - After a few days of baking, we Rebekahs were ready to meet a little after 9 AM on Saturday April 16, 2022 to deliver our fresh goods to the Annual Easter Bake Sale. We had five tables absolutely stuffed with treats ... these pictures were taken before a great deal of the bounty arrived. We decided not to open the doors until 10:00 sharp, and when folks were pounding on the doors: We Opened to a Mad Rush! I swear, most of it was gone in the first 17 minutes! Our community always comes out to support us and we, of course, love them for it. This year we raised almost \$1,000 for our Building Repair Fund. How Wonderful!

Thank you to everyone who baked, helped, and participated by buying and making donations. We do so appreciate you!

In FL&T. Respectfully submitted by Mary Pedersen



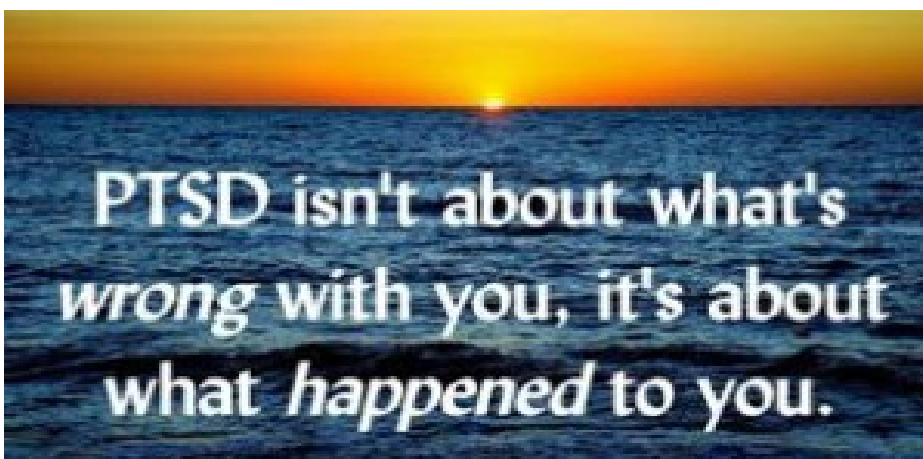
Ramblings From The Grand Secretary

Well, it is that time of year for the reports of the committees to be turned in by July 2022. In time for the advanced journal, please all committee chairs have your reports indicate the meeting time you have met, activates you completed, and any plans for the future, and list your new officers for the year. Having this information in the advanced journal gives all your lodge representatives knowledge ahead of the Grand Sessions so they can participate and ask questions. This all goes for the Grand Officers elected or appointed.

I want to thank those of you that have offered to help me in my time of need. As I go through Chemoradiations therapy. I have good days and bad day. I will continue to do my best, when I can. I also want to thank you all for your prayers and well wishes. It carries me through the bad days, but I will get through this.

In FL&T

Glen Schultz Grand Secretary of Idaho



Just A Note From Your Secretary

Just a reminder to all to please get your District Deputy and Lodge Deputy reports in to President Deb as quickly as you can after your last meeting in June.

If you did not get your Annual Report in on time, please remember there is a \$10.00 late fee, plus \$1.00 for every day you are late.

I am looking forward to attending IARA with Sisters Pat Marvin and Marge Harlan. We always seem to have a good time and learn new things to bring home. If you have any concerns about what is happening at Sessions, please contact your representative at this time I do not know who is going to represent Grand Lodge, the Rebekah Rep is Sister Pat.

I would like to thank the lodges for there hospitality that was extended to me during your District Meetings.

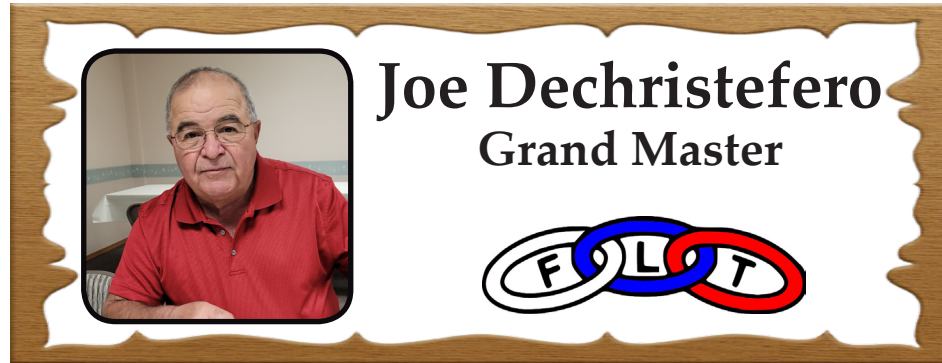
Well enough for now please remember Faith, Hope and Charity to all.

In Friendship, Love and Truth

Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary

COMING EVENTS 2022

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



Hi Brothers & Sisters!! Hoping you and your families are happy and well!!

Besides normal Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampment and Canton meetings My February was very busy but very Rewarding!! It started with My Grand Master visit to my home lodge Ada#3 on 2/1/22 and Nampa #40 on 2/3/22. It continued with a planning meeting on 2/4/22 at the Grand Lodge followed by My visit to Payette #22 on 2/16 and District #4 meeting on 2/19/22 at Nampa Lodge. The Month ended with my visit to Caldwell #10 on 2/23/22 in Wilder and an Audit Committee meeting at the Grand Lodge on 2/25/22. Also on 2/11/22 and 2/25/22 I met with Your Grand Lodge Executive Committee to conduct important Grand Lodge business.

Again, along with normal IOOF regular meetings my hectic but Rewarding schedule continued in March with a trip to Mt. Home Lodge to meet with Mt. Home #19 and Wendall #131 for a joint Grand Master visit on 3/3/22. It continued on 3/14/22 thru 3/16/22 with My visits to Crystal #103, Coeur D' Alene #34 and Banner #67. On 3/24/22 I enjoyed a Break while in attendance at Unit #8 Lodge for the Rebekahs Assembly President Deb Whitney's Dinner and visit. Great Job as always Deb!! My March ended with District #1 meeting on 3/26/22 followed by My Grand Master visit to Portneuf #20 on 3/27/22 in Pocatello. After My Grand Master visits to Ashton#88 on 3/28/22 and Custer #21 on 3/29/22. I returned to Boise to sleep in my own bed. OH BOY!! Even though I had a Great and Rewarding time in February and March there's no place like home!!

Thanks go out to My Executive Committee Tom Ashley (Deputy Grand Master) Bob Covert (Grand Warden) Glen Schultz (Grand Secretary) who accompanied me on the majority of my visits. Your Grand Treasurer Marge Harlan could not travel with us since she was busy working on the Grand Lodge accounts and budget for upcoming sessions in October.

I want to pass on My Heartfelt Thanks to all My Brother & Sisters that Honored Me with Lunches and Dinners during My visits and let me share my message with them.

God Bless and FL&T, Joe DeChristefero, Grand Master of Idaho



Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 White Bird, Idaho



Assembly President's Official Visit

NG Paula Prewett, Sisters Mary Pedersen, Dianne Crea,
Cheryl Cullin, Barbara Lowe, Susie Ray & Becky Augustus



Pres. Deb Whitney, Vicky Kiele, Assm. Sec. & Roberta PP Lydia Crane & NG Paula "Dee Dee" Hallquist, Assm. V. Pres.



Welcome visitors from Grangeville



PP Lydia Crane
& NG Paula

White Bird - Our Assembly President, Deb Whitney, visited our Lodge on 4-20-22. We had a great lunch and then moved to the Hall for a meeting. At lunch, Deb was presented with a lovely wrist corsage (see picture). The meeting included a song and sort-of-a dance (If You're Happy and You Know It) and everybody decorated themselves with blue birds on their person. It was FUN! President Deb received a delightful necklace and earring set featuring a dragonfly, as well as a blue-feathered 'crown' to wear during the meeting. It was fun, it was silly, it was meaningful and worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,
in FL&T, Mary Pedersen

REBEKAH FUNERAL AID NOTICE

Just wanted to let you all know that starting June 1st 2022 the beneficiary amount will be increasing to \$400.00. Thanks to the many donations the Funeral Aid Association has received.

This however will also mean we are raising the Assessment amount to \$25.00. This decision was made to ensure we can continue the beneficiary amount for many years to come.

I also would like to welcome the new members we received from District 1 and District 4.

In F. L. & T.

Vicky Kiele, Funeral Aid Secretary

2022 Idaho Grand Session

Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

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Quad \$117.00**

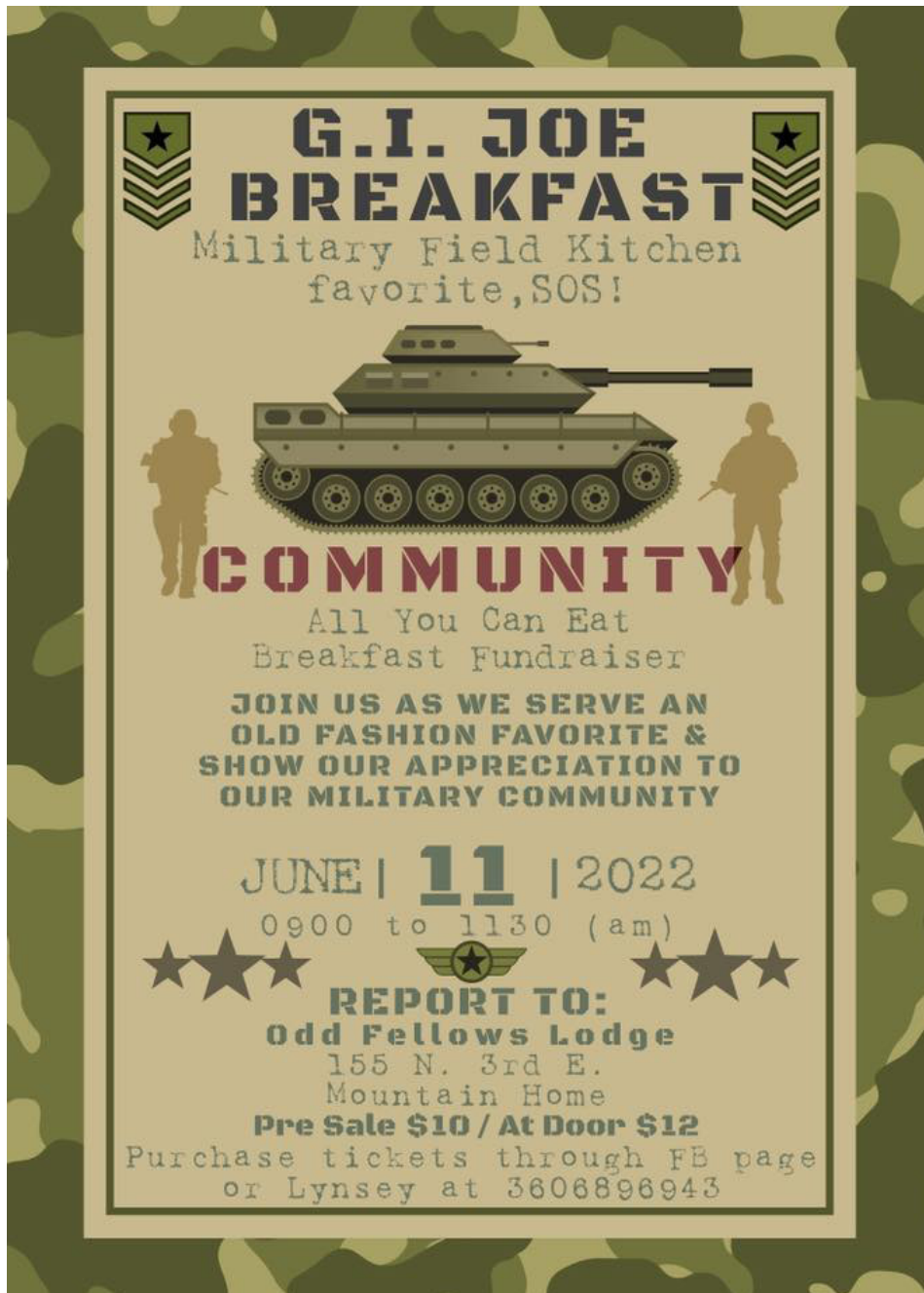
BREAKFAST INCLUDE IN ROOM RATES!

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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 27, 2022. After this date, the hotel will not honor our group rate.



Home Encampment #13



OWYHEE LODGE NO. 2 SILVER CITY

JUNE 25TH MEETING

Due to construction of a new front porch and stairs in the lodge building in Silver City, the June 25th meeting will be held at Bob Covert and Tom Ashley's house in Nampa. The address for the meeting location is:

**111 Palmer Drive
Nampa, Idaho 83686**

There will be a pot luck meal at 12 noon in the back yard and the Lodge meeting will follow.

The Noble Grand will provide the main dish which will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish for everyone to enjoy.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Hamlet Hoedown. Presented by Guiding Star #4 Mountain Home - August 27th from 10am to 9:30pm

Mountain Home - Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 is planning their first annual major charity fundraiser. **Hamlet Hoedown** will take place on August 27, 2022 at Richard Aquirre Park, (behind the hospital). There will be lots of old-fashioned games to play, horseshoe tournament, square dancing and much more. Plenty of laughs and good fellowship. Come on down and play with us as we raise money for the Heart Foundation, Funeral Aid Program, and the Arthritis Society. We are also asking everyone to bring non-parishable food for the food bank. Everyone should be receiving a packet of information in the mail very soon. Can't wait to see all of your smiley faces.

For more information, contact Nancy at 208-599-0518 or Lois at 208-590-1308.

Yours in FL&T
Nancy Winkowski

Unity 8 Host Bingo Night



Tom Ashley and Joe Dechristefero called most of the numbers with help from our sweet sales girls who kept everyone in cards. Thanks for the help. We raised a little over \$500.00 for a charity this year. Poor Bob Covert and Sharon McGaffick didn't win one game, then there were several of us that won up to three times. It was a lot of fun! Fun prizes, good snacks and drinks were all provided. Let's do this again next year.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

D-Day the final tribute, for the last time veterans and world leaders, commemorate the invasion that rescued Europe from Nazis.



Let's remember the brave men, British, commonwealth. Canadian, American, and European who left these shores and never came back, for their sacrifice, we will be forever in debt. - Unknown

Melba Petitioned for Charter in 1920

Melba - In 1920, six members of IOOF, holders of withdrawal cards of various lodges, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Idaho for institution.

Oct. 15, 1920 at 4 PM, Thomas Buckner, Grand Master of Idaho, called the petitioners together in a suitable room on the second floor of a frame building on the corner of Broadway and Second St. for the purpose of instituting Melba 105.

In 1925, the Odd Fellows purchased the former Gardiner Hotel from Carrie Rex for a lodge hall. Remodeling, taking out of partitions and other improvements makes it the present Melba IOOF hall.

The Melba Rebekah Lodge No. 105 was instituted on Dec. 11, 1920.

Melba Theta Rho No. 56, was instituted in 1973 by Assembly President Elimor Huff and Janet Markham, president of the Idaho workshop.

In 1925, the Rebekahs purchased a coal stove for the ante room, used, for the cost of \$3.00.

These days we are quite modern, with a furnace, electric lights and plumbing. Flowers for the sick were geraniums which we could purchase for .50. The money was raised with 'penny drills' for the flower fund, netting from 110 to 150 per evening.

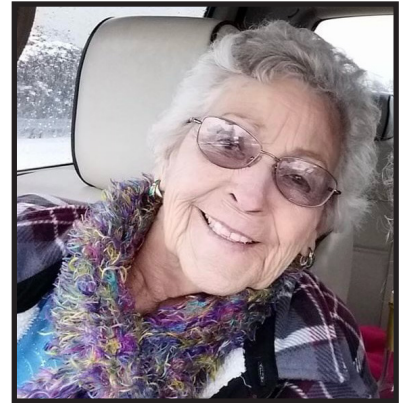
The IOOF hall, purchased in 1925, a former hotel, has been remodeled since the early years. The lodge room has lowered ceilings, paneled walls, new drapes, new desks and stations, filing cabinets, new memorial boards. New satin robes have been made for degree work.

Our dining hall has been completely remodeled and paneled.

The Idaho Odd Fellow - September 1976

THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF MARY ANN FORD

Mary Ann (Peterson) Ford, age 87, passed away peacefully on Friday May 6th, 2022 surrounded by the laughter of family members reminiscing of her life at her daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Jim Shemwell's home in Emmett, Idaho.



Mary Ann was born on April 29th 1935 to Ellis and Bessie (Williams) Peterson in Cambridge, Idaho at the family's home. She graduated Cambridge High School in 1953. The day after graduating she married Lawrence Edward Ford in Cambridge. Her oldest daughter was born 1954, Janice Ann. Her son, Lawrence Edward Jr. was born/died 1957. Youngest daughter was born 1959, Suzanne Marie. Lawrence and Mary Ann purchased and managed the Cambridge Market and also in the early years they worked on the Ford family ranch. Lawrence and Mary Ann always had the coffee on for friends and family to stop by and visit. When Mary Ann was 28, her husband had a tragic accident and their life changed. She spent years taking excellent care of him until his death in 1982. After his death Mary Ann saw a need for home health and hospice care in her community so with the help of several friends they started their own. She and Lawrence commercial fished for several years on the Oregon Coast and she also worked at the cannery. After her husband's death, she worked at the Idaho State Tax Commission, served on Cambridge City Council and worked at Lorton's Drug Store. She was a member of Cambridge Assembly of God and a member of the Rebekah Welcome Lodge #17 for over 75 years.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence; infant son Lawrence Jr.; daughter Jan Bonner; parents Ellis and Bessie Peterson; sister Carol Dick; brother Larry Peterson; father and mother-in-law George and Ellen Ford;

Mary Ann's life was well-lived. She experienced many ups and downs and preserved always with the Lord at her side. She was known as GG, Murr, Auntie and held many titles that she took seriously. This amazing woman was an example of love, grace and strength. Her kindness, smile and sweet spirit will stay with us forever. She was a devoted wife & caretaker to Dad/Grandpa Ford; a great mother who raised two strong, independent daughters; who then went on to raise her strong granddaughters and great granddaughters. She had a love for adventure & travel, spending time at the Oregon & Washington coasts, Hawaii and Mexico with her family and went on a couple of cruises with her good friends, Pauline Dillon and Mary Wiley. The trip to Fort Benning GA and watched her great grandson graduate from Basic training/AIT was a very special trip to her. She had countless adventures in her RV. GG loved watching the boy's sports and cheered them on. She always attended the grandkids/great grandkids events. She loved her home-away-from-home ("her happy hill") the Brownlee Summit Cabin and be surrounded by family and friends. You could drop by anytime, and she'd welcome you with open arms and an ear to listen or pray with you.

It is with great sadness she's no longer with us, but we are rejoicing that we will see her again. There is a huge void but we are thankful to know she is in heaven and that the dementia no longer has a hold on her.

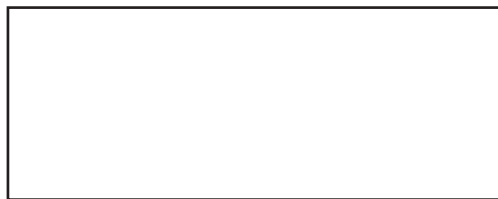


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