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## 2022 IARA Sessions



Busy with Committe Stuff



Pat Marvin & Vicky Kiele



Pat Marvin & Ron Hanson



Pat Marvin & IARA President

The trip to Winston-Salem for our International Meetings this year was much enjoyed by me and the others who were lucky enough to go. Spending time with Vicky Kiele and her granddaughter Zoe was a blast as well as meeting people from all over Canada and the United States. I worked on the bills and resolutions committee again, and though nothing changed as far as Idaho was concerned, it was interesting that they made updates as to how the International Officers fulfill their duties. As far as the changes that SGL made, most of what was presented was taking the word LAPM out of everything and making the LAPM ritual a historical ritual. It's sad that we have lost our LAPM degree. I will miss not going next year and hope our new representatives will enjoy it as much as I did.

Submitted by Pat Marvin, IARA Representative

## Combined AMOS & AMOSETT Banquet



Join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

This year's theme is pajama party!

Dawn you favorite P. J's and get ready for some fun!

Starts at 6:00 pm Monday October 17 in the Selway/  
Sawtooth room. - No host bar.

Dear Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Idaho:

It is with deep humility, if elected, that I again take on the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho following our Sessions in October. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. The more participation of members we have, the stronger our order will be.

As of now, I don't have all of my appointed officers selected. I will be contacting you in the near future to fill those positions.

The main reason for this article is to request all of you who have been asked to presently serve on the various committees of the Grand Lodge this year to please remain on those committees. The Grand Lodge Executive committee worked diligently to get the committee assignments re-organized this year and we are happy with the results. The goal is to have the various Grand Lodge committees function as intended, and that the many functions and activities of the Grand Lodge be delegated throughout the membership, so all members feel a part of whatever of good we accomplish as an Order. If you do not wish to continue on any given committee, just let me know.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and if you have questions about what committees you may be on, please check the directory that was published in the Odd Fellow Rebekah Newspaper.

Thanks again and see you all at our Grand Session in Boise on October 16th.

In FL&T.

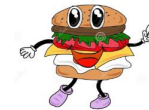
Tom Ashley, Deputy Grand Master

## **Summer Burger Mondays**

### **in the Park**

**Vet's Park, White Bird, 10 am - 1 pm**

Starting July 18, 2022



Created and Served by Polly and Les Fischer !! ☺

**\$5.00 donation requested for hamburger or cheeseburger plus a bag of chips**



**Weather permitting -- All summer long!**

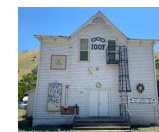
**Profits benefit the Royal Gem Rebekah's efforts to put a new roof on the Hall, plus paint the building and do exterior work.**

**NOTE: No burgers on the Second Monday of each Month**

### **Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13, White Bird, Idaho**

This summer, a couple of our community members decided to help out the Rebekahs by having a weekly barbecue for everyone, to add to the Royal Gem Rebekah's "Save the Hall" fundraiser. This couple is Les and Polly Fischer. Other community and Rebekah members wanted to get in on the action. To that end: Several community and Rebekah members donated the hamburger, buns, cheese, onions and chips. Then all proceeds were donated to the Royal Gem Rebekahs. Also, several community and Rebekah members helped work the stand, and provided a delicious dessert to go with the burgers. They were able to do this on six Mondays and sold out every single time long before the cutoff. They raised more than \$3,000 for the Royal Gems "Save the Hall" effort. Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped, and ate the fantastic food. It was 90°F almost every Monday, and was most uncomfortable for everyone. We so appreciate their efforts.  
Respectfully submitted, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen

## **Help Us Save the Hall: Royal Gem Rebekahs Fundraiser!**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022, White Bird  
GRANDMA'S PLACE - 260 DEER CREEK RD (Old Mill Site)**

**Dinner and Dance, \$10 donation per person  
Open to the public at 5:30 - Dinner from 6:00 to 8:00**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cowboy Beans, Salads,  
Desserts, Lemonade and Water Available**

**Music by Joaquin, Verna & Dave, 7:00 pm**



**Bring your own chairs and coolers**



**This event is part of our fundraising efforts to raise money to put on a new roof, do exterior work, and paint the building.**

**Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13, White Bird, Idaho**

The kickoff this summer to raise funds to repair our building was the above event. Burgers and Music, just the way we like it. The band ended up having Covid, but audience members got out their guitars and provided the ambiance. Later on a DJ brought up some of his equipment and got folks up and dancing. The food was great, as always. The local Fire Department donated the hamburger, and Rebekahs provided salads and desserts and some beverages. And this event raised more than \$4,000. Our community is simply the best. We can always count on them for support.

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen

## Don Harlan Grand Patriarch



### Patriarchs and Matriarchs

Good afternoon. October is here, and fall is just around the corner. This year has been hot, with Boise breaking records in August for 21 days over 100 degrees. The previous record was 2003 at 20 days. Fortunately, the weather is changing, and it won't be long before we miss these summer days.

Today I would like to discuss how we represent our lodge in our daily lives. I suspect this is something we don't spend much time thinking about, but with social media and the world's problems, companies and organizations that don't manage this subject can be put at risk. Only a few decades ago, how we as individuals represent our organization was insignificant. Our views and opinions were not likely to make the nightly news or breach into the public beyond our relatively small social circles. Today, however, we can post our thoughts online and reach more people's feeds than we could have ever dreamed possible; this can and will be traced back to our organization.

How does this put us at risk? Worst-case scenario, imagine a topic trending on social media feeds, and a member of our organization contributed to that feed with an opinion you do not share. Later that feed is tied to something big, and our group is then associated with that viewpoint or movement. This scenario could lead to litigation or being 'canceled,' which means being ostracized from social platforms. Our lodges are not

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## Deb Whitney Assembly President,



Dear Rebekah Sisters and Brother,

I want to tell you it has been my privilege and honor to be your President. I want to thank all of you for your love and support not just during my travels, but throughout the years. I love being a Rebekah and I could not think of a better bunch of people!

I hope you are back to having meetings, they are so important, we have to keep your order going.

There are a couple of reminders for you:

**1.** If you have not sent in your enrollment for Assembly, please do that soon, our Host Lodge is working hard to make this happen for us and I look forward to seeing you all.

**2.** Because we did not meet last year, but we voted, we have to install officers. Please make sure you come early on Sunday, October 16th, we will be having Installation of Officers before the President's Luncheon.

**3.** Be sure to bring the top you bought for Sister Cathy's Assembly, the Burgundy one with the Rebekah Symbol, we will wear those on Monday Afternoon to honor Cathy.

I know it is difficult to make the trip to Assembly each year, but I love seeing all my friends that I had not seen for a year. I can't wait to see you all!!

In F, L & T,  
President Deb



*Live Each Day with Love:  
Love to Live Each Day.*

## Grand Patriarch's Letter

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in a position to defend themselves if this occurs, which could cause our organization to collapse.

Another risk involves our recruiting efforts. A prospective member will do some research before joining our organization. The easiest thing they can do is go over our social media feeds; looking at our feeds gives a quick and easy way to see if Odd Fellows is a reputable organization to join. So many posts on the web are full of hate and vitriol, be careful and understand you are representing our organization with each post.

Last thoughts, we are an odd organization where everyone comes from different backgrounds and professions. This diversity is one of the ways we differentiate ourselves from other organizations; it defines and strengthens us. Without diversity within our organization, we cannot improve who we are. I believe this is why we are non-political and non-sectarian and why we are restricted from engaging in improper debate within our lodges. Lead the cause and be the change you want to see. We have made mistakes in the past, but today is bright, and tomorrow we can do better.

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



### COMING EVENTS 2022

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

## I.O.O.F. Annual Picnic



Boise - The picnic was held on August 6 at the Kristine Armstrong Park in Boise. Fun was had by all. Fried Chicken and great potluck dishes were available. Everyone won a door prize. Guests were from as far away as Denmark. Alex and Lonnie RYTE, from Denmark paid us a visit as they were in town, on their way to Seattle. We played a trivia game that was fun and very challenging. Mark your calendars for next years event August 5th 2023. It is always held on the first Saturday in August. Don't miss out!

Submitted by Glen Schultz

## Gift From Carnation



White Bird - We have had an ongoing fund-raiser this summer, to raise money for a much needed new roof, new wood stoves, paint, repairs, handicapped accessible bathrooms, as well as other improvements. Our Hall is important to everyone in our community.

State President Deb Whitney attended our regular meeting on September 21, 2022. She brought with her a gift from Carnation #95: A greatly appreciated, incredible gift of funds to contribute to our cause.

Thank you so much Carnation #95!

In FL&T, your Sisters at the Royal Gems #13  
Respectfully submitted by Mary Pedersen

### Ada Lodge #3 Donates to Local Head Start Program



Boise - Ada Lodge #3 held its annual G.I. Joe Breakfast this past summer and we were able to provide our charity, Friends and Families of Head Start, \$3200.00 this year. We are excited to help educate the youth of our community. Pictured above from left to right are Margaret Odle, Joe Dechristefero, Tom Ashley, Connie Schultz, Joe Sirani and Bob Covert. In front of Bob is Jessica Hansen from the Head Start program. She said “We are so grateful to folks like you, to help keep our program funded. The money will go a long way to support our students and programs” Thank you all very much!

Submitted by Glen Schultz

### Official Visit From Our Department Commander Pacific Northwest



Boise - Shirley Mathews, Department Commander for Pacific Northwest came for her official visit to Idaho. She and her husband Major General Commander Pacific Northwest retired, Dan Mathews, both challenged us to increase our membership, which will help keep our dues from increasing. Picture above from left to right are Pat Marvin, Tom Ashley, Dan Mathews, Shirley Mathews, Joe Dechristefero, Sharon McGaffick and Glen Schultz. We went out to Chuck O’ Rama’s for dinner, as you can see, we all stuffed ourselves.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

### Pioneer #1 Drapes Charter



Idaho City - Pioneer Lodge had our meeting with fourteen members present and had the draping of our Charter for Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth, who became an honorary member of our Order by resolution at the 2017 session of Sovereign Grand Lodge. Lovely fall day with a yummy meal shared by all.

We voted to sponsor a young family who’s husband had a stroke. Next meeting in October

Submitted by Trudy Jackson

## **The Joint Youth Committee**

The Joint Youth Committee met September 9, 2022. The Committee decided that there will be one committee for the Pilgrimage and the Joint Youth. This committee will consist of The Grand Lodge Secretary and the Assembly Secretary, two (2) Odd Fellows and two (2) Rebekahs. The purpose of this committee is to help promote our Youth. The committee will be open to suggestions from the Lodges in Idaho on how we can promote our Youth.

### **Ways the Committee can help:**

If a Lodge is sponsoring a Delegate for the Pilgrimage, this Committee is willing to pay the Delegate fee to Sovereign for one (1) Delegate per Lodge. However, the Committee is willing to listen to other ways we might be able to help you send a Delegate.

We have received the following information for 2023's Pilgrimage:

"Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It is once again time to start the selection process for delegates that will be attending the 75th Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. The tour dates are July 1-July 13 and begin and end in Philadelphia.

The cost for this year's tour is the same as last year, \$2,000.00. This year we had 85 delegates representing 23 jurisdictions. The speech contest winner this year ended in a tie and therefore it was determined that each winner would receive \$2,000.00 scholarships. The winners were Amy Pham (Ohio) and Sophia Cox (Oregon). Congratulations, to both scholarship winners.

Our future is our youth. The vision statement on the opening page of our website says: Gateway to the Future Standing on the Foundation of the Past. This program epitomizes the very fabric of our Order in promoting friendship, love and truth. The best recruitment tool we have is right in front of us: The Pilgrimage for Youth Program. Please be a part of our future growth and promote and sponsor a delegate!!

### **IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR 2023:**

Tour Dates: July 1-13, 2023

Delegate fees: \$2,000.00

First deposit due: January 1, 2023, (\$1,000.00)

Final payment due along with delegate application: April 15, 2023

Staff and Tour Leader applications due by November 1, 2022

Tour Leader fees: \$1,600.00 (if selected)

Delegates must be 16/17 years old and have at least one year of high school remaining to be eligible. All applications, payment forms and donation forms can be downloaded on our website: [www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com](http://www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com)."

If a Lodge sponsors a Delegate to the Pilgrimage, with or without the Committee's support, the Delegate form needs to be sent through the Committee.

Send your forms to Sandie Chandler, 1316 E Desert View Way, Nampa, ID 83686 and I will pass them on to the other Committee members. The forms need to reach me at least one week before Sovereign Pilgrimage Committee needs them. Any questions please call 208-442-4413 or email me [sandiejocxx@aol.com](mailto:sandiejocxx@aol.com).

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



## Grand Sessions - Jurisdiction of Idaho

October 16-19, 2022

Held at Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 Fairview Ave, Boise, Idaho

### Registration Information:(one form per person)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Check All Sessions you will be attending:

Grand Lodge.....  Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Rebekah Assembly.....  Title \_\_\_\_\_

Home Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Encampment....  Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Encampment: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Make Check Payable to: HOST COMMITTEE

Mail To:

Ada Lodge #3

600 N Curtis Road

Boise, ID 83647

### Fees:

Session Registration Fee\* \$15.00 \$

(\*After October 1st \$25.00)

### President's Luncheon -- Choose One

Turkey Club Sandwich \$25.00  \$

Ham & Swiss Sandwich \$24.00  \$

### Past Presidents/Grand Officers Dinner -- Choose One

Herbed Chicken \$41.00  \$

Tri Tip Beef \$46.00  \$

### Amos/Amossett

Baked Potato Bar \$33.00  \$

### Historical Luncheon

Ham & Swiss Sandwich \$25.00  \$

### General Banquet -- Choose One

Sage Rubbed Pork Loin \$43.00  \$

Pan Seared Salmon \$45.00  \$

**Total** \$

**Motel Information:** Red Lion Downtowner -- See Registration Information listed in this paper.

You must use the group code ODDF1016 when registering.

1-208-344-7691

## 2022 Idaho Grand Session

### Hotel Reservation Information

Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel

**Red Lion Downtowner**

**1800 Fairview Ave. Boise, Idaho 83702**

**1-208-344-7691**

**Rates: Single and Double \$97.00 Triple \$107.00**

**Quad \$117.00**

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



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