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## Thanksgiving at Mountain Home



Lots of Fellowship



Kathryn Harlan with Jeannie Floyd showing off her winnings



Pat Marvin pinning the Merit Jewel on Lois Clark



Pat Marvin, Crystal Livingston, David Livingston, Tom Ashley & Sandie Chandler

Mountain Home - On November 17, 2022, Mtn Home Lodge was pleased to once again host our annual Thanksgiving dinner. A head count showed that we had 65 people attend, many of them lodge members from many different lodges, as well as a fair number of community members and friends from the Mountain Home area. Grand Master Tom Ashley made this his official visit to our lodge and spoke about how all the different lodges, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampment

and Patriarch Militant work together to help our communities and our fellowship. The Rebekahs presented Lois Clark with a Merit Jewel for all the work she had done and continues to do, both in the lodge and in the community. A 50-50 raffle was held and Jeanne Floyd was the winner of \$130+, I can't remember the exact amount. A great time was had by all and the food was delicious.

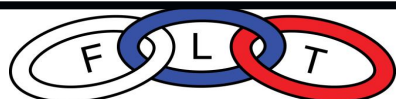
Submitted by Linda Hopkins, Mtn Home #19 Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to say "Thank You" at the top of my lung, I am so happy and thankful to each and every one of you who made this years Assembly happen! The host committee did an amazing job, each and every officer, our special guests from Sovereign Grand Lodge and the list goes on. I am still sending thank you's for the wonderful and personal gifts I received. Without all of you, it would not have been the same. My heart is full and I have to say I am so very blessed to be a Rebekah. and have so many wonderful Brothers and Sister's.

I hope those Sisters that were not able to attend are feeling better, I hope that you all had a Great Thanksgiving and I wish you all a wonderful and merry Christmas season and Happy New Year!

God's Peace to you all.  
Deb Whitney



NAMPA LODGE No. 40  
ADA LODGE No. 3 and  
MELBA REBEKAH LODGE No. 105

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[YOU ARE INVITED](#)

Dear Friends and Family:

This year, Nampa Lodge #40, Ada Lodge #3 and Melba Rebekah #105 are combining forces and having their annual Christmas party together. The dinner will be held Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Nampa Lodge Hall. We will be serving roast turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, and gravy. We ask those in attendance to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Santa will arrive during the evening and ALL children, 12 and under, will be given a present. Please call 208-442-4413 (Sandie; sandiejocxx@aol.com) or 208-465-7513 (Sharon; msmac\_27@yahoo.com) and give us an idea of what your child likes. We would like the child's name and age also. Please no request for clothes. We need this information by [December 1, 2022](#). Child must be present to receive gift.

We will be taking donations to purchase new books for Lake Ridge Elementary in Nampa. The more we raise, the more books we can purchase for the wonderful elementary kids so each one can have a Brand-New book to take home and share with their family.

We will also be doing a *White Elephant Gift Exchange*. If you would like to participate, please bring a gift.

We have had great times in past years, so please come and join in the festivities. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Nampa Lodge #40, Ada Lodge #3, and Melba Rebekah Lodge #105  
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## ANNUAL CHARITY FOOD DRIVE

In this season of giving, we as Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and Patriarchs, as in past years, we are in remembrance of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please donate generously to our annual Order-wide food drive.

All lodges are asked to receive from members' non-perishable or canned food items to be donated to charities in your local area.

Report your donations to the Odd Fellow Rebekah News.

We will tally total donations and report our success in this holiday season of giving.

Let's all show our support for those people in our communities who can use our help and donate generously.

## COMING EVENTS 2022 ~ 2023

DECEMBER		
10	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA
JANURARY		
7	DIST. 4 JOINT INSTALL. 10:00 AM	NAMPA
FEBRUARY		
3	JOINT PLANNING BRD 10:00 AM	CALDWELL
18	IOOF DIST. 4	NAMPA
MARCH		
11	REB. DIST 3 & VISITATION 9:00 AM	MTN HOME
13	IOOF DIST 7 & VISITATION	CLEARWATER
18	REB DISTRICT 1	POCATELLO
25	IOOF DISTRICT 1	POCATELLO
APRIL		
1-2	NORTHWEST	BRITISH COLUMBIA
1	ENCAMPMENT DIST 1	BOISE
8	REBEKAH DIST 4	NAMPA
15	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
22	REBEKAH DIST 6	WHITE BIRD
25	REBEKAH DIST 7/PRES. VISIT	COEUR D'ALENE
MAY		
3	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
13	IOOF DIST 3	MTN HOME
13	ENCAMPMENT DIST 2	MTN HOME



Dear Lodge Members,

I hope everyone had a good thanksgiving and are looking forward to a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas and New Year.

The Thanksgiving dinner put on by Royal Gem Rebekah's in Whitebird was very good as usual and I think it was attended by everyone in the surrounding area. They had a huge turnout, and I'm happy that several of us from the Grand Lodge were also able to attend. I'm sure everyone in attendance appreciated the Rebekah's efforts.

My first official visit was to Mountain Home Lodge No. 19 on Thursday, November 17th for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. This was another well attended event put on by the Mountain Home Lodges. The food was great and evening was even more special for Lois Clark, who received a lodge merit jewel from Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge No 4 for all her work in the Lodge and community. She was very surprised and appreciative of the award. I also thank the lodge for the gift and card I was given following my presentation.

Sadly on Friday November 18th, I went to Council to sign the closing papers on the sale of the Council Lodge building. This was my original home lodge and it was sad to see it go. Along the same lines, we recently re-listed the Orofino Lodge building with a national commercial realtor with hopes of selling that building.

On Sunday November 20th, I, the Deputy Grand Master, Sandie Chandler, and

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Holidays Greetings my Subjects (I have been reading a historical book and just thought I would throw that in. I hope all of you are settled in for Winter and the Holidays!! While I was not there, I hear The Royal Gem Rebekah's Annual Turkey Dinner and Bingo was a success this last weekend. I also heard we had Grand Master Tom Ashley, Bob Covert and Sandi Chandler attend from Nampa Lodge. After not being able to have this Annual event for the last two years it was great to have the community, surrounding areas come together again and the out of towners also.

Be sure to wear your regalia proudly to events. I am planning to wear my President's jewel to Thanksgiving Dinner with my children and their families here in Washington. We are also planning the Annual Nana's (that's me) Crafty Night and I think gnomes are on the menu again this year.

White Bird will also be having their Christmas celebration on December 10th. The Pleasant View Baptist Church is putting on a Program, there will be hot dogs, chili, and hot chocolate in the Park, Christmas Parade and fireworks. Come and join in the fun.

I hope all of you will make the time and effort to get together for your Lodge meetings, although sometimes the weather is not helpful but do try. We need to try and keep our enthusiasm for our Lodge meetings and not let participation fade away. Don't forget your

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## Grand Master's Letter

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Grand High Priest, Bob Covert, traveled to Pocatello's Portneuf Lodge No.20 for another official visit. As well as my visit to the lodge, we conferred the third degree on two new lodge members. Following the lodge meeting, it was our privilege to institute a new Encampment in Pocatello, Ridgley Encampment No. 2. The lodges in Pocatello are doing great things and growing in numbers and in the principles of Odd Fellowship. And a big thanks for the thoughtful gift and card from the Lodge, it is much appreciated.

After installations in January, I will be visiting the lodges in Boise/Nampa and southwest Idaho area. My visits to Northern Idaho will be in April and I will be visiting Ashton Lodge in May.

Please remember to always practice the Golden Rule while enjoying the holidays with family and friends.

In F.L. &T.,  
Tom Ashley, Grand Master



## President's Letter

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members and others that may not be able to get out to meetings and/or out to enjoy the festivities. The Royal Gem Rebekahs usually have a little Christmas get-together on our last meeting in December and invite all of the town ladies to bring some kind of a little gift, maybe a snack if desired. It is usually a fun time for all of us.

As a closing note, I hope you all enjoy the Holiday Season and had a Wonderful Thanksgiving.

In FL&T, President Roberta/DeeDee

## Happening at Nampa Lodge 40



Nampa Lodge #40 and Ada Lodge #3 with our new members, (back row: Sister Georgia, Brothers Joe D., Bob, and Tom A., center row Brothers Joe S., Glenn, Stewart, Sister Yolanda, Brother Tom C., and Sister Sharon) with our new members Brother Josh Warden and Sister Linda Sirani.



Our contact person, Gracie Greeley, of Centennial Elementary.



Brother Tom Ashley talking to the 3rd graders at Lake Ridge Elementary.

Nampa - Nampa Lodge 40 is happy to introduce to you Nampa 40's new member Josh Warden and Ada 3's Linda Sirani. They received the Initiatory Degree and are looking forward to receiving the rest of the degrees.

Nampa 40 donated dictionaries to Centennial Elementary and also to Lake Ridge Elementary both in Nampa. Brother Tom Ashley gave his presentation to approximately 100 Lake Ridge 3rd graders. Nampa 40 also attended the Grand Sessions in Boise and proud to announce the Grand Master (Brother Tom Ashley) and Deputy Grand Master (Sister Sandie Chandler) are from our Lodge.

Preparations are being made with Ada Lodge #3 and Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 for Nampa's annual Christmas party. Hope everyone marks their calendar for December 10, 2022 to attend our Christmas party at 6 pm at Nampa's Lodge.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler

## Update on the Pilgrimage for Youth (PFY) for 2023

“The PFY Board met on Nov. 5 and approved the following for this year's tour:

- The tour dates will be July 1-14. The end date was changed from July 13.
- Covid vaccinations are required.
- Proof of a Negative covid test 24 hours before the tour starts on July 1,
- Students will also test for covid on the last day in New York before they leave on the road trip.
- We will not be able to go to Canada this year. Last year we were not able to see anything in Ottawa because of construction on Parliament Hill. When the construction completed, we will resume our tour to Canada. We will still view Niagara Falls from the American side and take the Maid of the Mist to the Horseshoe Falls.
- Passports will not be required for our American students this year.
- We will be adding a day in Boston.
- We will be changing some things on the physical form. Remember, do not get a physical until after Jan. 15.”

The above information is from the Sovereign Board Committee. Please let me know if your lodge hopes to send a delegate to the PFY this year as Sovereign is planning on making reservations for rooms and buses soon. You do not need to send me names at this time, just a number ([sandiejocxx@aol.com](mailto:sandiejocxx@aol.com)).

Also, remember the first payment to Sovereign is due on or before January 1, 2023. The Delegate applications and second half of fee is due on or before April 1, 2023. Also, all applications are to be sent to the Jurisdictional Chairperson (Sandie Chandler, [sandiejocxx@aol.com](mailto:sandiejocxx@aol.com)), 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.

### Holidays & Observances

December 2022



 Christmas Lights Day - 12/1

 Candle Day - 12/3

 National Cookie Day - 12/4

 Christmas Card Day - 12/9

 Gingerbread House Day - 12/12

 Christmas - 12/25

**Parade**



## Melba Doings



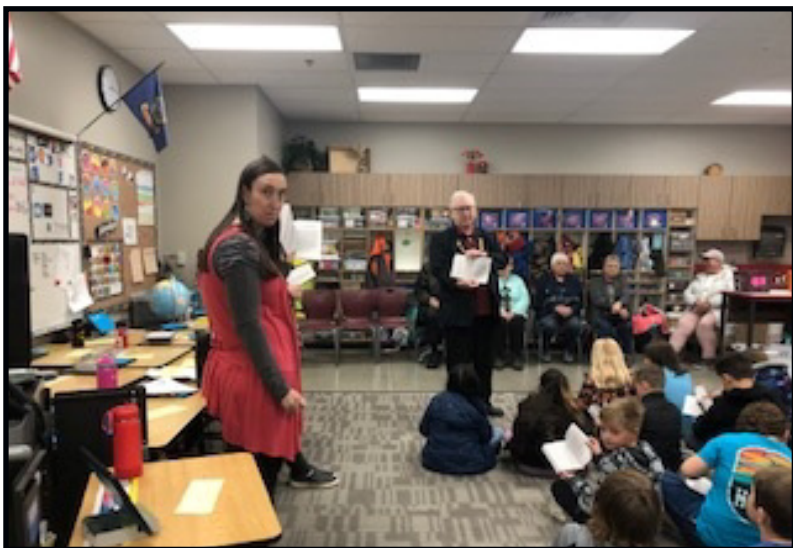
Halloween contestants, Sister Judy, Brother Bob, Sisters Pam, Janie, Georgia, Sandie, Sharon and Jelene.



First place winner, Sister Judy as the Eagle



Third place winner, Sister Sharon as the clown



Brother Tom Ashley talking about the Dictionaries

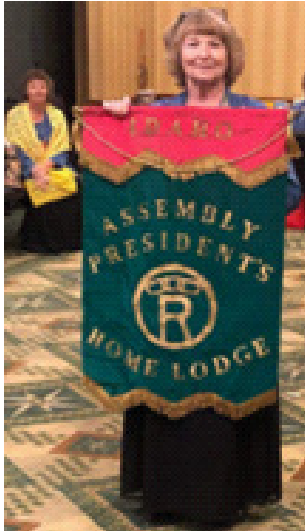


Melba members, Brother Bob Covert, Sisters Pam York, Ursula White, Janie Clark, and Sharon McGaffick listening to Brother Tom

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 was busy the months of October and November. Several of our members attended Odd Fellows and Rebekah and Encampment's Sessions in Boise. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the socializing. Not only did we have Sessions, we also held our annual Halloween party. Sister Janie Clark did a wonderful job organizing the party after our meeting. Sister Janie held a contest for the best dressed lady, Sister Judy won the contest as she was an Eagle, Sister Sandie took 2nd and was some sort of a monster, and Sister Sharon took 3rd as a clown, Brother Bob took first as I am not sure what he was, but he was the only man who dressed so he won by default. After the costume judging, we all enjoyed the treats Sister Janie brought along with "Halloween" Bingo. We also visited Melba Elementary where we visited the 3rd graders. Once again we distributed dictionaries to them, and Brother Tom Ashley told them and showed them where different things were in their books. Things like American Sign Language, the longest word in the English language (the word consists of 1,909 letters). Afterwards, we ventured to Buck's for lunch! Now we are gearing up for the upcoming Christmas party which is opened to everyone and their friends and family, plus our own Christmas party where we will be wearing "ugly (?) shirt, sweater, or whatever (come join us, December 14 at 11 am).

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler

## White Bird Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



Whitebird - November 13, 2022: Last Sunday we celebrated Thanksgiving in our little town in the usual way: We put on a Big Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community, complete with Bingo (very popular), our local Library selling their calendars for 2023 (full of local history and pictures), and a raffle for a gorgeous quilt made by Sister Kelly Rosenbaum, a beautiful afghan made by Beverly McCool, and two sets of luxurious pillow cases made by Sister (and State President) Dee Dee Hallquist.

We served about 176 people, some who stayed for dinner and some who took it to go. This year folks seemed inclined to eat at the Hall and then stay and play some more bingo, or visit with friends and family. It was heartwarming to all. We served turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon, numerous delicious salads, and endless pies! Everybody left feeling stuffed as a turkey themselves!

We had three special guests from the Nampa lodge who heard we had some good cooks here, and made the trip for the event. They were, Sovereign Grand Master Tom Ashley, Bob Covert, and Sandie Chandler. Thank you for coming!

Thanks to all the Sisters and community members who worked the event, donated food for the event, bought raffle tickets and played bingo. We live in an amazing place!



Respectfully submitted in FL&T by  
Mary Pedersen



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