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## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



Almost time to begin for the littles



Sister Barbara Lowe  
serving up the food



Sister Darla Brumley organizing  
the baskets

White Bird - The Easter Bunny came to town on 4/8/23! While not a Rebekah event, some of our Sisters worked the party, and Sister Darla Brumley put it all together, as she does every year. The crowd this year was bigger than ever! Hot dogs and beverages were available and much appreciated. The kids were organized into age groups to be fair to the littles. After the 'hunt' was done, there was a nice raffle. Lots of folks had a really good time that day!

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T  
Mary Pedersen

## IOOF Banner Lodge #67



Priest River - Odd Fellows, Rodrigo Silveira & Billy Mullaley handing out Atlases to the 5th grade classes at Idaho Hill Elementary and Priest River Elementary. It is our lodges annual contribution to our community. It is such a thrill to see and hear the children engage in conversations with each other, on what country they have found right away. We also contributed to the Priest Lake Elementary and this year we included The House of the Lord. We hope the children keep these atlases with them so they can read and study about other places in the world.

Submitted by Billy Mullaley



*Idaho 1 and Temple 3 Encampments*

**ANNUAL**

**FISH FRY**

**Boise Lodge Hall**

**600 N Curtis #225**

**Boise, Idaho**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**6 PM**

**Donation**

**\$10 per person**

**This is the annual fund raiser for these Encampments. Please come, join the fun and bring your friends and family**



**Theme: Turning the Corner**

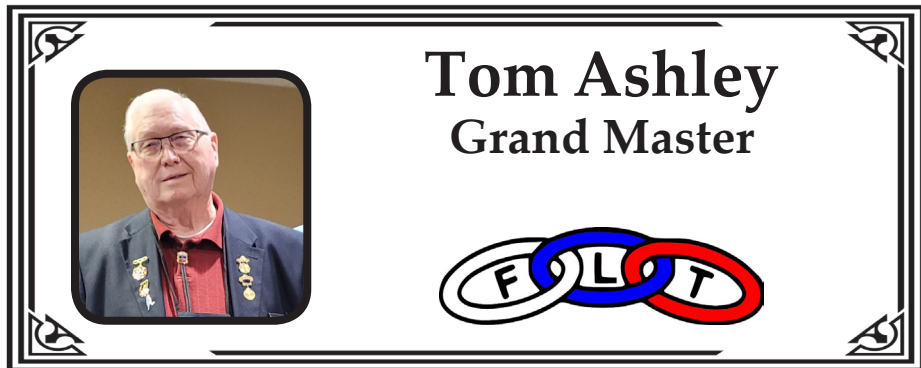
“Turning a corner means rising above - alone, or with family, friends and community. This year, as we turn the corner together, we share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring.”

[www.OddFellows-Rebekahs-RoseFloat.org](http://www.OddFellows-Rebekahs-RoseFloat.org)

Greetings all Rebekah Lodges:  
I would like to remind everyone to get your Living Legacy Forms back to me by May 1st so your Lodge can receive credit for participating.  
Thank You, Christina Supak  
R.A. Vice President

<b>COMING EVENTS 2023</b>		
<b>MAY</b>		
3	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
13	IOOF DIST 3	MTN HOME
13	ENCAMPMENT DIST 2	MTN HOME
20	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>JUNE</b>		
TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	MTN HOME
17	ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
17	GRAND ENCAMPMENT	BOISE
24	OWHEE #2	NAMPA
<b>JULY</b>		
15	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
29	HOE DOWN	MTN HOME
<b>AUGUST</b>		
2	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
5	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE
21-24	SGL/IARA	DES MOINES
26	OWYHEE #2	NAMPA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
8	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
15-18	GRAND SESSIONS	BOISE
22	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
4-5	NORTHWEST/PACIFIC NW	TBD
12	THANKSGIVING DINNER	WHITE BIRD
16	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MTN HOME
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
9	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA

**A Bit of Wisdom for Today**  
Make peace with your past, so it won't disturb the present.  
— Author Unknown



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May has arrived and hopefully better weather in Idaho. The entire Grand Lodge Executive board travelled to northern Idaho in weather from snow floor to trees blooming. All in all though it was a great trip. I have not heard much sick or in distress so most of our members are doing well.

On our trip north, the officers that went were, myself; Sandie Chandler, Deputy Grand Master; David Livingston, Grand Warden; Joe Dechristefero, Grand Secretary; Marge Harlan, Grand Treasurer; Crystal Livingston, Assembly Warden; and Bob Covert, Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment.

Our first visit was on April 18th, with Crystal lodge 103 in Clearwater. This was my official visit and also Dee Dee Hallquist, Assembly President's official visit to the lodges there. The Lodge put on a great lunch which we all appreciated, and was well attended by lodge members. (picture below).



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today I want to write about one of our three links - Friendship.

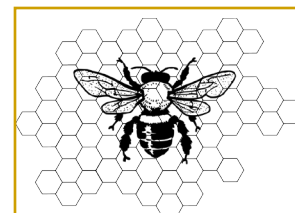
"Friendship is like a golden chain that ties our hearts together." I wonder if we mostly just mouth those words and don't really think about what they mean and how to apply them to our lives and our interactions with our sisters and brothers. We should consider our Lodge sisters and brothers part of our precious family and friends.

What does it mean to be a good friend? When you see someone at meetings or on the street and you ask "how are you?" is that just what you say and don't really mean it and therefore, don't pay attention to what and how they answer? I know I am guilty of this, are you? We need to really listen and make sure there isn't something we can do to help make their day and/or life better.

Maybe some of those members who always pay their dues but don't come to meetings feel like nobody cares what's going on in their lives and it doesn't matter if they come to Lodge or not. Reach out and try to see how they are doing and try to find out why they don't come to meetings.

As I said before, have a get-together and personally invite those members and anyone that might be interested in joining. I'm sure we could all use a simple social event to enjoy our "friends."

In FL&T,  
President DeeDee



## Grand Master's Letter (Con't from page 3)

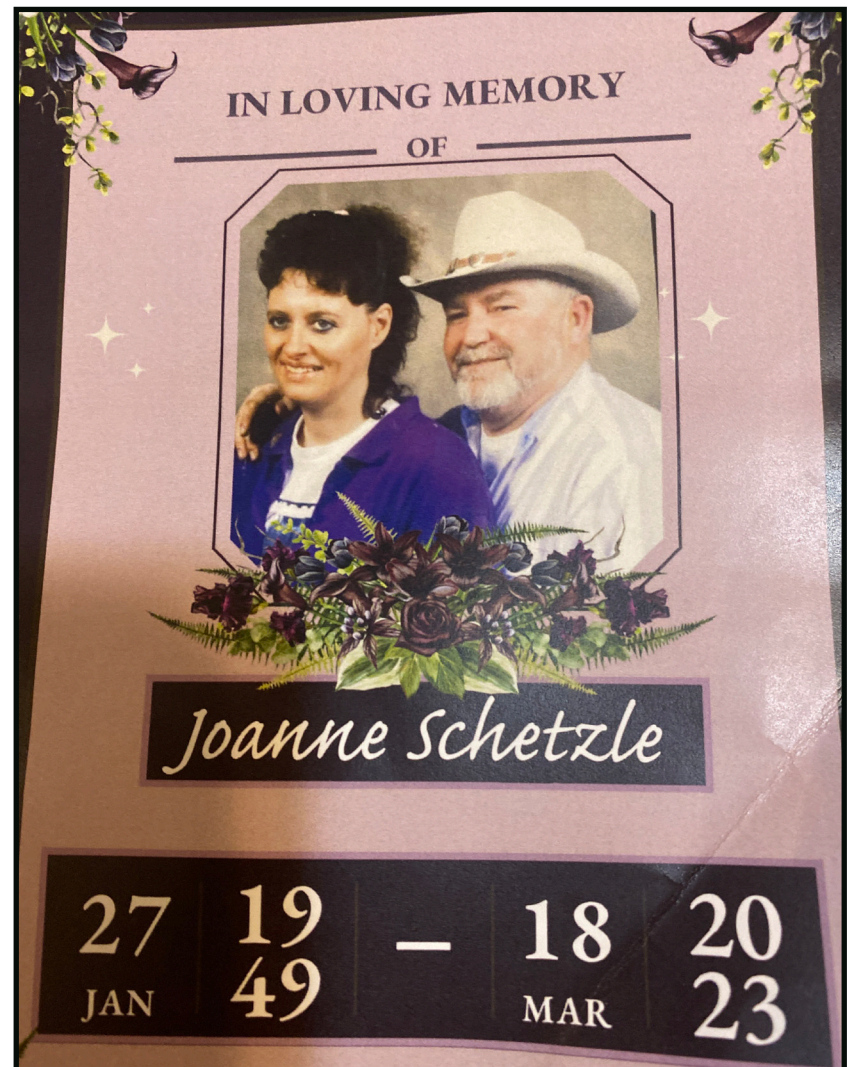
From Clearwater we travelled to Coeur d'Alene for my visit to Coeur d'Alene Lodge 34 on April 19th. The Lodge hosted us with a lunch at Elmer's Restaurant. It is always great to see old friends from this area. We are hoping to see them all at sessions in Moscow this year.

Our next Lodge visit, April 20th, was at Banner Lodge 67 in Priest River. This lodge treated us to a fantastic dinner and refreshments at the lodge. The lodge had a great turnout with both old, new, and prospective members. I have an outline of things to talk about at my visits but this lodge was doing most for my suggestions already. This lodge is growing and is getting new and prospective members. During our meeting, we were also able to confer the 3rd Degree on four members. It was a great positive evening with the members of Priest River.

One of my suggestions and hopes is the we not only make a difference in our communities but that we also get recognition for what we do in and for our communities. The more exposure we get, the more we will attract others to our order.

Let's all remember the watchwords of our order, Friendship, Love, and Truth, and let them not be unmeaning word on our lips but the sentiment of our hearts.

IN FL&T,  
Tom Ashley, Grand Master



Dear Sisters, it is with a sad Heart that I tell you Sister Joanne Schetzle suffered a massive heart attack on March 18,2023, she was 74.

Joanne was the youngest of 3 sisters, she and her husband Larry were both from Culdesac, married and raised their families there. Besides being a Rebekah and Grandmother and Great Grandmother, she was on the City of Culdesac Council, she was on the Library Board, volunteered and the Trift Center in town and according to a sweet lady was responsible for keeping Culdesac streets weed free, pulling all she found. She also played piano for her church and at the school when needed.

Joanne will be so missed by all that knew her. Rest in peace my friend!

In FL&T,

Deb Whitney, Jr. PP



## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



White Bird – On 3/19/23, the American Legion Post #152 and the 3 Rivers Chapter of Legion Riders sponsored the 16th annual St. Paddy’s Day Sausage Feed at our Hall. This is a ‘do not miss’ event in our community. Hotcakes, sausage, eggs and beverages are served. The sausage is really something special. They do this to help support community organizations who have small operating budgets, and who provide key volunteer or charitable services to the White Bird community. This support includes the Rebekahs, Medical and Relief, the Library, our burgeoning Quick Response unit and others. Sisters worked the event along with community members and Rodeo Royalty. The Old Time Fiddlers entertained. The Legion made a generous donation to the Rebekahs for letting them use our Hall.

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen

## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Living Legacy



White Bird -- On 4/8/23, our local American Legion was at work beautifying the Veteran’s Park in town. In addition to cleanup, the Legion planted some new trees. For our Living Legacy donation this year, the Gems

decided to pay for one of these beautiful trees. We donated \$50 toward the \$80 purchase, and two Sisters personally donated the rest. Pictured here are Sister Cheryl Cullin and NG Paula Prewett, with the young tree between them.

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T  
Mary Pedersen

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White Bird - On 4/8/23 we had our annual Rebekah Easter Bake Sale! It takes a lot of work and willing hands to do all the baking and all the set up, and is worth it. Community members also bake for us to sell. The end result is that people here count on us to make their Easter goodies. They stop at the Bake Sale on their way to the Easter Egg Hunt. That Saturday was a very busy day for us. And so much fun!

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen



Sisters Cheryl Cullin and Linda Smith getting things ready for the Bake Sale



Sisters Cheryl Cullin and Dianne Crea are raking in the dough (pun intended!)



Sisters Linda Smith and Lydia Chrane taking a short break



Another satisfied customer!



We had separate sections for pies, cakes, breads, cookies, brownies

### History and Origin of Mother's Day

In the United States, a form of Mother’s Day has been celebrated since the early 20th century. It was started as a religious observance by Ana Jarvis. She promoted the first worship service to honor mothers. The first formal Mother’s Day in the U.S. was not until 1908.

## From the Grand Lodge Parliamentarian

When Grand Master Tom asked me to be his Parliamentarian, I suddenly had a sinking feeling in my gut. A dozen things ran through my mind. None the least of which was “I have never had that job before” and “I’m not really sure I am qualified.” Then, to make matters worse, he asked me to write an article for the newspaper about the Parliamentarian. Some days it doesn’t pay to get out of bed.

It has taken a bit of research and reading but I have been able to put a few thoughts together to settle my nerves about the job and hopefully provide some useful information to the newsletter readers.

One of the first, and primary aspects of Oddfellow and Rebekah meetings is that they are governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The second is that the Parliamentarian is usually “seen and not heard”. The sign of a well conducted meeting is when the Parliamentarian speaks only when asked to rule on a question or action but does not have to interject himself/herself into the conversation. Other very important aspects of the job are that the parliamentarian must be completely “impartial” and know the rules. The Parliamentarian does not make motions, debate, or vote, except by ballot. The rules take precedence in governance and include the Constitution, Bylaws, and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. As a Parliamentarian, you need to sit back, observe the ‘big picture’, make sure all the moving parts are doing their job and doing it correctly. When, and if you see something that is not being done correctly you have the responsibility to see that what is being done incorrectly is stopped, the issue is explained, and a correction as necessary is made.

Overall, I have decided that being selected to be Grand Master Tom’s Parliamentarian is a good thing for me. It appears, to me, to be an opportunity to broaden my experience as an Oddfellow and give me a chance to get a deeper understanding of the content in our governing documents and how they impact our lodges and the lodge’s activities.

I am looking forward to this new task as an Oddfellow, though a bit tentatively, but, as in the past, every new task I have ever had as an Oddfellow turned out to be rewarding. Hope to see you all at the next Grand Lodge meeting in Moscow.

Dan Sanow, Grand Lodge Parliamentarian



**We are blessed to have a nation of brave men and women who have sacrificed greatly for our country. Our great nation celebrates and commemorates their memory on Memorial Day in honor of their courage and service.**



## U.S. Armed Forces Day 3rd Saturday in May

Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and the newly created Space Force. The day honors all people currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. This includes the men and women who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserve components.

Armed Forces Day is simply a day to salute sharply all of the men and women in all branches of the military, who protect you and our country. They are often upon at a moment's notice to perform a risky and perilous mission for freedom and country. They train diligently both physically and mentally. So, they are prepared to prevail in any mission they face.

### History and Origin of U.S. Armed Forces Day

Just how did it all begin? Well, each branch of the military had its own day of celebration. But, on August 31, 1949, then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military celebrate this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.

### There are six branches of the U.S. Military

**Army** – Created in 1775, the Army is the oldest branch of the military.

**Air Force** – The National Security Act of 1947 created the Air Force.

**Navy** – Founded on October 13, 1775, the U.S. Navy is the largest and strongest in the world.

**Marine Corps** – Created on November 10, 1775. The marines focus on aggressive offensive operations.

**Coast Guard** – Created on August 4, 1790, the Coast Guard provides maritime security.

**Space Force** – The newest branch of the military was officially established on December 20, 2019.



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