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Years of Membership Award



Ashton - We were in Ashton on June 3rd for District 1 District Meeting when the Grand Master presented some of the members in our area with awards. I'd like to highlight Jamie Sanow of Portneuf Lodge #20. He received his 30 Year Jewel which was pinned on by his dad. His dad Dan Sanow sponsored his membership to Bingham Lodge #14 in 1990 when he was 18. He got his 2nd Degree when they were still doing it at Dead Horse (what an experience that must have been. Wish we could still do it like that!) He joined Home Encampment #13 in 1995 when it was still in Idaho Falls and Canton # in Idaho Falls in 1996. He was the last Captain before closing their doors when one of the members passed away. He transferred his membership to Portneuf Lodge #20

in 2017 and is a great asset to his current home lodge. He has held most positions in all of the Lodges except Secretary and would rather not "to much work" . He is currently the Flag Bearer in Portneuf Lodge and the Chief Patriarch in Ridgely #2. When asked what he thought about getting his jewel his response was "It's about time!" (it's only 3 years late lol) He also wants to encourage everyone to join all of the branches of the Order.

Submitted by Crystal Livingston, Secretary



New Encampment

It is with great pleasure and honor we announce Ridgely Encampment #2 has been re-instituted!! How exciting it is for our area to have another Encampment active and growing. We joined Home Encampment #13 to start with and then we petitioned to have Pocatellos original name and number reinstated. We had 8 members transfer to start the Lodge and then we acquired 2 associate members and we have added 2 more members to the books since we got going so we are 12 members strong and have high expectations to continue the growth. We meet once a month on the 4th Wednesday at 7 pm. We always start with a meal at 5:30 before hand so let us know if you want to come and we will let you know where we will be eating, Come check us out!! We would love to see you.

Submitted by
Crystal Livingston, Senior Warden

Full Moon

The next full moon is the “Super Buck Moon” on July 5, 2023. According to the Old Farmer’s Almanac, the full moon that we see in July is called the Buck Moon because the antlers of male deer (aka bucks) reach their peak growth this time of the year. Bucks shed and regrow their antlers each year, regrowing a larger set with each passing year.

In 2023, the July Buck Moon also happens to be one of biggest full moons of the year, called a supermoon. This has to do with the egg-shaped orbit that the moon makes around Earth, and how one moon per year is closest to Earth than any other. In 2023, that will happen in the month of July—making this month’s Buck Moon a supermoon—as well as both full moons in August and September.

COMING EVENTS 2023

JULY		
15	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
29	HOE DOWN	CANCELLED
AUGUST		
2	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
5	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE
21-24	SGL/IARA	DES MOINES
26	OWYHEE #2	NAMPA
SEPTEMBER		
8	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
OCTOBER		
15-18	GRAND SESSIONS	MOSCOW
22	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
NOVEMBER		
4-5	NORTHWEST/PACIFIC NW	TBD
12	THANKSGIVING DINNER	WHITE BIRD
16	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MTN HOME
DECEMBER		
9	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA



2024 Rose Parade theme: Celebration of music.
IOOF Float theme. All we need is love

What some Odd Fellows/Rebekah members do when they are not doing Lodge work.





Dear Lodge Members:

Well theoretically summer is here, even though the weather may think differently. Most lodges will go dark for the months of July and August, but activities are still on the calendar, so look at the calendar in this paper for events. Silver City's Owyhee Lodge No. 2 will hold its first summer meeting on June 24th and their next meeting on August 26th. Both meetings will be held in Nampa.

On July 15th at 9:00 am, Ada Lodge No.3 in Boise will hold its annual GI Joe breakfast fund-raiser with proceeds going to Head Start of Ada County. This has been very successful in the past so come out and support Ada 3 at this event.

August 5th will be the annual IOOF order wide picnic at Kristen Anderson Park in Boise. The activities will be from 9 am to 2 pm at the park pavilion. Entree will be provided. Please bring a side dish as the rest of the meal will be pot luck.

The District 1 meeting was held in Ashton on June 3rd. The meeting was well attended by the members of both Ashton and Portneuf lodges. It was also my official visit to Ashton and all Grand Lodge Officers were there. That might be a first... I thank Ashton Lodge for putting on a great meal after the meeting.

Keep looking for ways to make your Lodge visible and recognized in your communities. Most lodges do great work in our communities but a lot of the time what we do is not recognized. By being more visible

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Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Other than my visit to Idaho City (which has been postponed until September) I am done with my visits to your Lodges and the District Meetings. I have enjoyed seeing and meeting all of you and am looking forward to seeing you at Assembly Sessions 2023 in Moscow in October.

Now, in between gardening and other things going on here at home, I have been getting my Assembly positions assigned and you should have received a note letting you know what position I would like you to fill. I hope you will all be happy with where I have placed you and if you do not receive a note about the position I have chosen, please contact me. And, if for some reason you cannot come to Assembly or do not feel comfortable with the position, I have chosen for you, please let me know. You should have my email address and/or phone number for texting or calling me (which is faster than email). Also, any of you who are thinking of attending and did not get an order form for my top please contact me and I can send you one.

Most of us should have had our last Lodge meeting before the summer recess, but remember, Odd Fellowship aka being a Rebekah does not end just because you have no meetings until the first of September. There are many activities where you can show and be proud that you are a Rebekah.

In FL&T, President DeeDee

Grand Master's Letter

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others may be interested in what we do and this can only help our membership grow.

We are all interested in what other lodges are doing, so please submit letters about your lodge activities and accomplishments to the paper. We can all grow from learning what your lodge is doing and finding successful.

Have a good summer, stay safe, and exemplify the principles of our order.

In FL&T,
Tom Ashley, Grand Master



Past Noble Grand Appreciation

Pocatello - Usually we try to acknowledge all the hard work a noble grand puts in to their year in January. However, this has been a crazy year for Portneuf Lodge #20. So better late than never, our Lodge presented PNG Dustin Irish-Webb with an engraved gavel for his 1 ½ years of service. He has done an amazing job for Portneuf, added new programs to our agenda, brought the lodge into the community spot light with parade participation and many other activities, initiating a new Mentor Program and increased our membership. We just don't know how to thank him enough for all of his hard work.



Submitted by
Crystal Livingston, Secretary

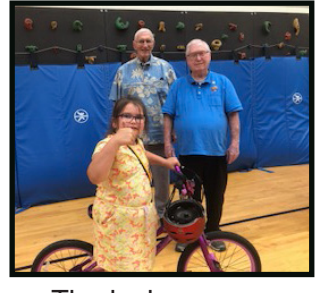
Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40



The Centennial Elementary happy winners of the Books-for-Bikes program



The lucky young man from Lake Ridge Elementary with Brother Bob and Tom



The lucky young lady from Lake Ridge Elementary with Brother Bob and Tom

Nampa - Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40 also does the Books-for-Bikes program. Centennial Elementary and Lake Ridge Elementary are the schools that Nampa supports. We issued two bikes (one to a girl and one to a boy) to each school. The winners were very happy and surprised to learn they were chosen to receive a new bike and helmet.

Those attending the presentation at both schools were Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert along with Sister Sandie Chandler. Brother Tom Catlow helped choose the bikes and helmets.



Lake Ridge students choosing their books.



Lake Ridge teachers receiving the check for the books!

Nampa Lodge #40 presented a check to Lake Ridge from the Christmas Party of 2022. Those who attended, your donation to this project allowed Lake Ridge Elementary to purchase a book for every Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grader a book of their very own. Lake Ridge sends the appreciation for supporting this project.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 Bikes



Greenhurst Bike Winners



Melba Elementary winners



Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley and Sisters Jelene Baird and Sharon McGaffick

Nampa - Once again Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 honored two students from Melba Elementary School in Melba, Idaho for being the lucky winner of a new bike. Sisters Sharon McGaffick, Jelene Baird and Sandie Chandler along with Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley presented the bikes in Melba. Melba Rebekah Lodge also presented two bikes to students at Greenhurst Elementary in Nampa, Idaho; this was the first year for Greenhurst. We are happy that Melba and Greenhurst work with us to encourage the students of these schools to read.

Here are the basic guidelines Melba Rebekah and Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge give to our schools. However, the schools may determine their own guide lines.

Books – For – Bikes A Motivational Reading Program

This program is intended to encourage your students to gain reading skills and abilities at their various grades and learning levels.

When a student accomplishes any goal specified by their teacher, a ticket should be put into a drawing for that student. The more reading skill goals reached by the student, the more chances each student will have of winning.

All students at your school are eligible and should be encouraged to participate.

At the end of the school year, two names will be drawn; a girl and a boy, and the winners will receive a new bike and helmet for their reading accomplishment during the year.

It is our hope that this program will help to encourage literacy and an interest in reading among your students.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

NATIONAL POSTAL WORKER DAY JULY 1

National Postal Worker Day on July 1st recognizes postal workers all across the nation and encourages us to show our appreciation. Thank the numerous men and women who work consistently and diligently to deliver all of our mail. These employees suffer some of the harshest working conditions, yet continue to persevere six days a week.



Melba's Memorial Flags



Once again, our Odd Fellows and Rebekah flags flew over the cemetery in Melba, Idaho in memory of our departed Brothers and Sisters. Thanks to Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley for going out to

the cemetery and hoisting them up to the sky for all to see. Then the following Tuesday, Brothers Tom and Bob along with Sister Jelene Baird went and took them down.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



White Bird, 5-26-23: A group of our Sisters, and a few non-members, got the Rebekah and Odd Fellow flags planted at the cemetery Friday morning in preparation for Memorial Day in White Bird. Thanks to all the helpers, the cemetery flags were done in a little over half an hour...and a big thank you to Darla and Bonner for putting up all the flags on the fence...looks great!

The American Legion has a very moving ceremony at the cemetery, followed with the presentation of Quilts of Valor by the Pinehurst Quilters in the Veteran's park. Then, of course, there is Pie in the Park! Community ladies, among them Rebekahs, provide all the desserts and the Rebekahs provide coffee, lemonade, plates and forks and so forth. This year all the money donated at Pie in the Park will go to the Pinehurst Quilters to support their work in making quilts for our Veterans.

Respectfully submitted, in FL&T.
Mary Pedersen

News from Harmony



Brandon Aldridge, CEO of Payette Healthcare of Cascadia, Mary Cradduck, Keelee Preston, Sage Preston, Jean Stephen and Carol Stephen

Payette - This year for her Living Legace project, Vice Grand, Keelee Preston, choose to plant 4 shrubs (2 lilace, a forsythia and a caragana pea bush), at the Payette Healthcare of Cascadia. Also money was sent to the Owyhee Watershed to help with reseeding in areas that had been burnt.

Submitted by Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22

Portneuf/Ivy/Bingham Living Legacy Project



Pocatello - On May 11 after the ground was workable the 3 local lodges went in together to plant a non-fruit bearing flowering plum tree. Very beautiful and it was planted at the new local Kidney Center. Portneuf had 2 members present Community Outreach Chairman Chrissy Farnsworth and Sanju Chowdery (pictured below) Ivys Treasurer David Livingston (pictured below) and Bingham's Noble Grand Lisa Coleman (pictured below) They found a beautiful spot that the tree will thrive in. We also included a picture of everyone together.

Submitted By: Crystal Livingston
Secretary (all 3)

2 More Awards



Ashton - District 1 has gotten out of recognizing our officers when they have accomplished a job (we are now working on this) At District Meeting in Ashton Grand Master Tom Ashley presented both David Livingston and Crystal Livingston Past District Deputy Grand Master pins. Crystal has had the honor of holding this position 4 times and David has held it twice. The best part about this award is the pins once belonged to Crystals dad Past Grand Master Matt Breeze. What a touching moment to see them passed down in the family.

Submitted by Lisa Coleman



News From Caldwell 10

Caldwell - Our April 6th meeting was highlighted by a presentation by two members of the Caldwell Public Library. Edder Rodriguez is a youth services assistant, who presented the need for funds to sponsor their summer reading program. Our donation is used to purchase summer reading prize books for kids. The funds helped full the shelves with books taht kids in the community can reand and take home. The funds also provided library cards for an entire family rather than individuals. The check for \$1,500.00, was greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Fred Wise

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