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White Bird, The American Legion 3rd Annual OC Abbott Memorial Golf Tournament, (and 5th year of this great event) was held September 16, 2023. Our Sisters Maggie Abbott and Mary Pedersen are essential to making this tournament work every year. There were prizes for every team and an auction, and swag bags for every player. But the thing we want to address in our Rebekah newsletter is that the Rebekah's provide salads and desserts for this event every year. And did again this year.

This is a nice turn of events because the American Legion recently purchased wood for the winter for our Hall, and brought it in and stacked it for us as well.

Respectively submitted, in FL&T,
Mary Pedersen ~

PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION FOR 2024

"Greetings Brothers and Sisters

It is once again time to start the selection process for delegates that will be attending the 76th Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. The tour dates are June 29-July 12 and begin and end in Philadelphia.

This year we had 75 delegates representing 23 jurisdictions. The speech contest winner this year was Claira Luzmore from Wyoming who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Second place ended in a tie between Ayana Ray Mejorado from Wyoming and Madeline Drummond from Alberta. Both will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations to all the scholarship winners.

The Pilgrimage for Youth Board met on August 18, in Des Moines, IA and set the dates of June 29-July 12 for the 2024 tour. Also, several changes were made to the program:

- Delegates Fees will be \$2,100 for 2024. This is the first raise since 2017. The total cost this year was \$2,740 per delegate. The difference in cost is made up through generous donations from our lodges, individuals and sponsors. A huge thank you to all who support our program.
- All fees are to be made at one time instead of two deposits. This year we had (7) delegates drop out in the month prior to the start the tour. Tickets, Restaurant contracts, etc have to be ordered well in advance and are non-refundable. We lost several thousand dollars because of this. There will be no refunds! If a student drops out after the deadline to submit their fee and applications then you have time to replace them.
- All delegates must start the tour on the beginning date and stay with the tour until its end date.
- Tour Leader fees have been set at \$1,200.

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR 2023:

Tour Dates: June 29-July 12, 2024

Delegate fees: \$2,100.00

All Delegate fees and Applications are due by Feb. 1, 2024

Staff and Tour Leader applications due by November 1, 2023

Tour Leader fees: \$1,200.00 (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.iofpilgrimageforyouth.com.

All fees, applications and donations are to be sent to: Leonard Bolton, Executive Director, 6223 Six Mile Road, Danville, WV 25053."

Please send a copy of the paper work you send to Leonard to the "Youth Pilgrimage Committee" 1316 E Desert View Way, Nampa, ID 83686. We must be kept in the loop!! Please let us know if we can be of any help!!!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



THE DO YOU KNOW CORNER

From: The Grand Secretary

EXAMINATION

Question: Who Orders the Examination of members present

Answer: Noble Grand or Vice Grand in the absence of the Noble Grand

Procedures: When addressed by the Noble Grand the Warden and Conductor will arise and face the Noble Grand. Having received their instructions to examine those present, they will turn toward each other and advance until they meet, then face toward the Noble Grand.

The Warden will then advance to Noble Grand and receive from Him or Her the passwords. He will then return and receive the passwords from the Conductor. They will then proceed to examine all those present, beginning with the supporters of the Noble Grand. The Warden will examine those on the right and the Conductor those on the left of the Noble Grand.

In conducting the examination of the members, the Warden and Conductor take a position one pace in front of the Brother or Sister to be examined. That Brother or Sister rises, steps over to the officer and communicates the passwords as instructed in the ritual. The Warden and Conductor so proceed until all present have been examined. The officer reaching the inner door will proceed to the anteroom and examine any who may be there.

NEXT MONTH: Examining members without the necessary Passwords.

Remember: "If a Thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well" That old adage is also true when conducting our lodge work!!

In FL&T



Greetings Sisters and Brothers. Here we are in the midst of October and Fall has arrived. Mother Nature is making many changes with the bright red, orange and gold leaves now showing up on our trees and we too, are in the midst of a new set of Officers for our Sisterhood and Brotherhood with our Assembly Session being completed. I hope those of you that were able to come had a good time, learned something, and enjoyed yourselves.

Sisters and Brothers, we are still going to have to work hard and diligently to be able to get and keep enough members so we can keep our Lodges open and functioning. Remember "try to think outside the box". Get creative so people know we exist and are out there doing good things. Plant a tree, make a big deal out of it, get your name in the local paper. Organize a Food Bank, or help in your local one, they usually can use extra help. Start a Pinochle Club, or maybe a Cribbage Club. How about a monthly Potluck Tea Party for the Ladies in your area. Organize a trash pickup on some of your streets, be sure to wear something that says you are a Rebekah.

I want to say, I have enjoyed being your President this last year. Seeing all our Lodges in the state and meeting many new, to me, members and reconnecting with others that I hadn't seen since last Assembly. I cannot Thank You enough for all that you have done for me. This past year has been an experience I will treasure. Again, Thank You to all of You!

In FL&T, President Roberta/DeeDee

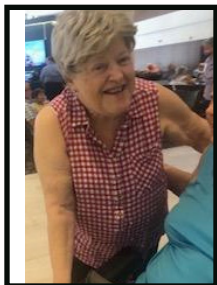
Sovereign Grand Lodge 2023



Merna Deland & Deb Whitney



Deb Whitney, Merna Deland & DeeDee Hallquist



Idaho was well represented at the Sovereign meetings held in Des Moines, Iowa in August. Sister Merna Deland represented our Odd Fellows; Sister Sandie Chandler represented our Encampment, on the IARA side Sister Deb Whitney Jr. Past President and IARA Representative along with Sister Vicky Kiele Idaho's Assembly Secretary and Idaho's Assembly President Roberta Hallquist (Dee Dee). Sisters Merna and Deb presented our state flag Sunday evening. Sister Merna was on the Odd Fellows "Drawing of Seats" committee and Sister Sandie was on the Odd Fellows Finance Committee. Rayta Atwood of Hayden, Idaho sponsored by Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 of Hayden, Idaho was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from the Ingstrom At Large. Miss Atwood is attending the University of Idaho and her major is Psychology.

In the Odd Fellows/Encampment meetings, there is still a push to do away with Encampment and Rebekah's. It has not passed yet, but the last two years there were bills presented to do this. The push is to make us ONE order, not three. There are also bills wanting to change the Rituals. Again, nothing has passed, but there are those that want to make HUGH changes to our Ritual.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



GRAND SESSIONS – JURISDICTION OF IDAHO

OCTOBER 16-18, 2023

Held at University Inn Moscow, ID 1516 Pullman Road, Moscow, Idaho

Registration Information ((one form per person	Fees:	Mark Choices
Name: _____	Session Fee: \$15.00 _____	
Address" _____	(After Oct. 1st \$25.00)	
City: _____	President's Luncheon- \$28.00 _____	
Please Check All Sessions you will be attending	Spring Chicken Salad W/dessert	
Grand Lodge.....: _____ Title _____		
Home Lodge _____	Past Grands/Presidents Banquet	
Rebekah Assembly.....: _____ Title _____	Tiger Prawn Scampi w/dessert \$35.00 _____	
Home Lodge _____		
	Historical Luncheon: \$25.00 _____	
Make Checks Payable to Grand Lodge Host Committee	Amos/Amosette Banquet w/dessert	
Mail To:	\$35.00 _____	
Vicky Kiele, Secretary	General Banquet – Choose One w/dessert	
PO Box 350	Chicken Cordon Blue \$40.00 _____	
Kooskia, ID 83539	Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin \$40.00 _____	
	Baseball Cut Sirloin \$40.00 _____	

Motel Information: Prior to September 14, please visit [Reservations](#) or call 208-882-0550 x 0 and mention the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. When using the link please confirm your arrival and departure dates at the top of the first page. If making reservations after the 14th please call the hotel directly

Room Rates: DOUBLE/QUEENS \$129.00 SINGLE KING \$119.00 PER NIGHT
 Room rates listed do not include 8% Idaho state taxes or 5% surcharge
 Deluxe hot breakfast is complimentary for hotel guest 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Monday-Friday

COMING EVENTS 2023

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

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