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## Grand Master Sandie Chandler



I have been told “you need to do a BIO!” Oh my, this is not an easy task, but here goes. I was born in Safford, Arizona many years ago. I grew up in the Globe/Miami, Arizona area and graduated from Globe High School. I attended college at Eastern Arizona College and also Front Range Community College in Colorado. I worked for DOC/OAR/NOAA/ESRL/GSL for 31 years. I am married and have been for 50 years. My husband (Paul) is not a member of the Order, but he supports me 99.9%. I have one son, Dax, and his wife’s name is Sandi. Dax and Sandi have given us three grandchildren, two girls Cortni and Carissa, and one boy Camden. They have all helped me with different projects that I have been involved with over the years. We lived in Lafayette, Colorado for 30 plus years and this is where I learned about our great Order. I joined Welcome Rebekah Lodge 72 (unfortunately Welcome ended up merging with Rose of Sharon #29 in Fort Lupton, Colorado). I am still a member of Rose of Sharon 29. We had decided to move to Nampa, Idaho where our son and  
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## Assembly President Christina Supak



I was born in Clarkston Washington July 29, 1975. I was raised in Pierce Idaho primarily by my Grandparents Kenneth and Valdi Bullock and my Father James Reynolds. I have 1 older Brother and 2 younger Sisters. I attended School in Pierce and later at Timberline. I'm grateful I was able to grow up in a small town. We joke that every kid in Pierce knew how to swim, roller skate, and ski because those are the main activities there. My Dad spent countless hours taking me fishing. Mostly at Campbell's Pond and later Hunting.  
I joined White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60 in Weippe Feb 2013. I spent many years as Secretary before deciding to go through the chairs. I'm extremely active in my Lodge if there's an activity going on you can bet I'll be there helping in some way. I received my Merit Jewel in 2019 during a District Meeting we were hosting when Past President Pat Marvin was visiting.  
My Husband Cory and I have been married 21 years. I have 2 Sons from a previous marriage Connor Marshall 30,  
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## Grand Master's Bio

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his family were but before we moved here we found ourselves living in Las Vegas, Nevada for two years, then in Kingman, Arizona for a couple of years. Once moving here, I became an Associate member of Gem of the Mountains (which has merged with Melba 105) plus I joined Melba Rebekah 105 when they moved to the Nampa Hall. I belong to Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40, Home #13 Encampment, and Columbia #3 Canton. I am also an Associate member of Kingman Rebekah #12 and Kingman Odd Fellows #8.

## Assembly President's Bio

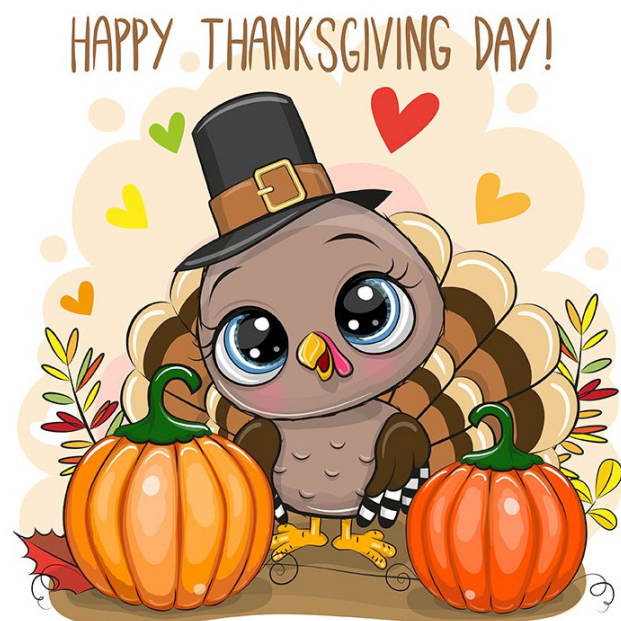
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and Tyler Marshall 29. Cory and I have 2 Daughters Alyssa Supak 22, Marissa Supak 21. We also have 3 Grandchildren.

We have lived outside of Weippe now for 12 years. We both grew up in Pierce and have no desire to live anywhere but on that Mountain.

Cory has worked all over the United States which has given me plenty of opportunity to travel with him and see places I never would have otherwise. I Love that I can just jump on a plane or drive to wherever he is.

I can't wait to get to Visit every Lodge this Spring and get to know everyone better.



## THE DO YOU KNOW CORNER

From: The Grand Secretary

### EXAMINATION

**Question:** What happens if the Brother or Sister doesn't provide the correct password.

**Answer:** The examining officer will report this to the Noble Grand.

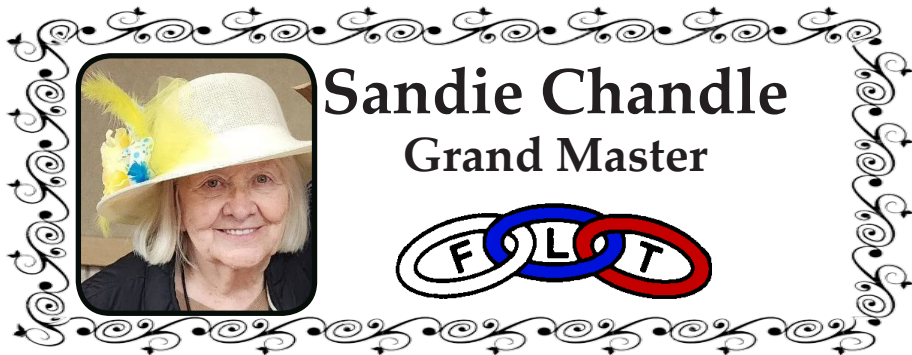
**Procedure:** The Noble Grand will proceed to satisfy himself or herself that the brother or sister is entitled to the passwords, whereupon the Noble Grand will personally communicate the password or cause it to be done by an examining officer; or if the brother or sister be from another jurisdiction and has proved to be a member in good standing, the Noble Grand may instruct the examining officer to "pass the brother or sister". If the Noble Grand is in doubt, he or she may appoint an examining committee to retire with the brother or sister and make a satisfactory examination.

NEXT MONTH: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Remember: "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well"

That old adage is also true when conducting our lodge work!!





GREETINGS! Hope everyone who attended our sessions in Moscow, Idaho had a safe and enjoyable ride home. Our IARA Representative Vice President Mira Pittman is enjoying herself in Kingman, Arizona. There is a big difference between Moscow and Kingman.

I want to thank the Odd Fellows of Idaho for electing me to be the Grand Master of our great order. I thank all of you who graciously accepted an appointed office. Plus, I greatly appreciate all who stepped up to be on the many different committees. I know you are all busy people and I am so happy you are willing to take on the challenge of the committees. I will soon be sending out emails to all of you who are on the committees letting you know who else will be working with you. I know you all will do a wonderful job.

We all know we need to increase our membership and get our members to support our Lodges. These are ongoing concerns. I feel every one of you will do your best to help our order grow.

We all have special projects, mine this year is to support your LOCAL Humane Society. Please reach out to them and see what they need. Checking the web site here in Nampa, ours need blankets, toys, food, treats and volunteers. I would like to know what each Lodge does. Please let me know what you do to help our fur friends or feather friends or whatever your Humane Society takes care of.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers, As I sit here writing my first letter to the Odd Fellow Rebekah Newspaper, I'm thinking about how quickly the last 2 years have gone. It's been an honor to have this opportunity.

I've learned a ton about the Order, and I've had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful people. I've almost visited every lodge. I think there's only two I haven't had the privilege to visit. That will all change this Spring as I will have the Honor of visiting each Lodge as your Assembly President. Seeing all the different Lodges and how they all operate has been my favorite part of the last 2 years. I bet it was really something when we had over 100 Lodges. I wish I would have been around to see them. As it stands right now I will visit 12 Lodges. We still got 12! Let's figure out a way to hold onto those 12!

As your President I will do my very best to represent this order to the very best of my ability. If you have any suggestions, or ideas, or anything you would like to talk to me about, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm excited to work with each and everyone of you in this coming year, and hopefully have a ton of fun while doing it.

My theme this year is "Shoot ForThe Moon and Even If You Miss, You'll Land Among The Stars."

My motto is. "Progress Not Perfection." I Love them both because to me they mean "JUST TRY" as long as we all just try we will do great things. It's going to be a great year!

In FL&T Chistina Supak, President

## Grand Master's Letter

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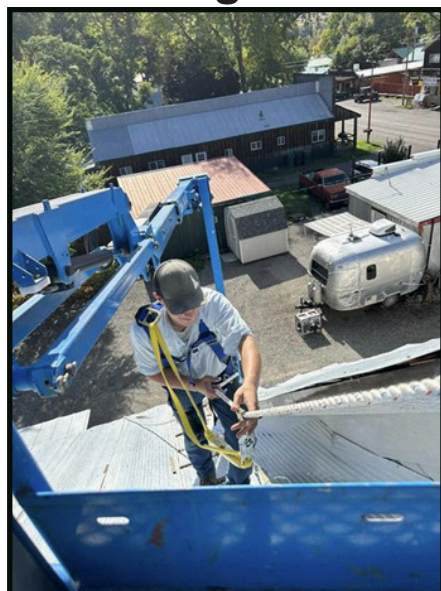
My programs will be coming out soon and I will be reaching out to you concerning my official visit.

If you have any questions, concerns, or whatever, please let me know. I can be reached via email ([sandiejocxx@aol.com](mailto:sandiejocxx@aol.com)) or text/call to 702\*286\*3779.

My congratulations to Assembly President Christina Supak and her officers. I am looking forward to working with you, Sister Christina and your officers.

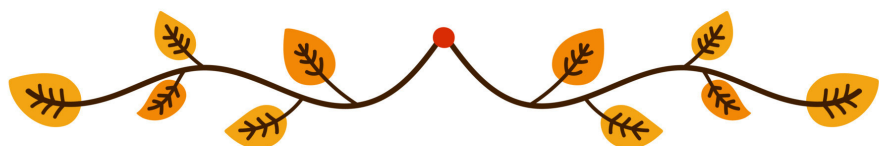
In FL&T,  
Sandie Chandler, Grand Master

### At last, At last! Work on our Hall has begun!



White Bird - We had a big fundraiser some time ago to raise money to do repairs and improvements on our beloved building. The fund raiser was amazingly successful thanks to our generous community and their love of the Hall for so many local events. So much more to come! I'll keep you posted.

Sincerely, In F,L&T,  
Mary Pedersen



## Melba Rebekah Lodge 105



Jelene Baird & Betty Douser

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge 105 has been busy since starting back in September. We will be giving dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Melba Elementary in Melba and Greenhurst Elementary in Nampa. We will also sponsor the "Read-a-Book Bike-a-Thong" for both schools. If you would like information on the dictionaries or the "Read-a-Book Bike-a-Thong" please contact Sister Sandie at 208-442-4413.

This year Sisters Jelene Baird, Sharon McGaffick and Georgia Wickham attended our Assembly Sessions. While there Sisters Jelene Baird, Sharon McGaffick and Sandie Chandler went and visited with long time member of Melba 105, Sister Betty Douser. Sister Betty looked great and was happy to see us. We had a wonderful visit with her.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



In honor of all of the men and women who have served this country, Happy Veterans Day! Thank you for your service and your sacrifice!



**IN LOVING  
MEMORY**

**Susie Ray**  
**10/16/48 - 9/5/23**

White Bird - With heavy hearts, we must inform you of the passing of our Sister, Susie Ray.

She always had an admirable garden and was fond of canning. She excelled at crocheting and her baking was amazing. Susie's pies were much sought after at our bake sales. Susie took part in many Rebekah activities. She was always ready to lend a hand.

Rest in Peace Dear Sister Susie. You are missed by all who knew you.

Sincerely, In F,L&T,  
Mary Pedersen ~

**November 5th**



*Daylight Saving  
Time Ends*

Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States on the first Sunday in November, marking the return to Standard Time. At this time, clocks are turned back one hour, effectively increasing the number of morning daylight hours while resulting in earlier sunsets in the evening.

**COMING EVENTS 2023**

**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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**COMING EVENTS 2024**

**JANUARY**

**FEBRUARY**

8	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
17	IOOF DISTRICT 4	BOISE

**MARCH**

9	REB. DIST 3 & VISITATION	MTN. HOME
16	REB. DIST 1	POCATELLO
23	IOOF DISTRICT 1	POCATELLO

**APRIL**

6-7	NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION	IDAHO
13	REBEKAH DIST 4	BOISE
15	ENCAMPMENT DIST	BOISE
20	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
27	REBEKAH DIST 6	WEIPPE

**MAY**

1	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
11	IOOF DIST 3 & ENC. DIST 2	MTN HOME
18	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
21	IOOF DIST 7 VISITATION	CLEARWATER
22	IOOF DIST 6 VISITATION	PRIEST RIVER

**JUNE**

TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	MTN HOME
15	ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
15	GRAND ENCAMPMENT	BOISE

**JULY**

TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
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**AUGUST**

7	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
TBD	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE
TBD	SGL/IARA	PENNSYLVANIA
26	OWYHEE #2	NAMPA



## **Bridging the Generations: Modernizing Our Order While Embracing Tradition**

In an ever-evolving world, the challenge of preserving our traditions while engaging a younger generation can be a daunting task. However, it is a challenge we must embrace if we wish to ensure the continued growth and vitality of our revered Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF). In this article, we'll explore why modernization is essential and how we can successfully attract younger adults while holding fast to our cherished traditions and heritage.

### **### The Need for Modernization**

Our Order has a rich history that stretches back centuries, and our traditions and values have been cherished by generations of dedicated members. However, in today's fast-paced, tech-savvy world, we must adapt to remain relevant and appealing to younger adults. Here's why modernization is crucial:

**\*\*1. Attracting New Blood:\*\*** To ensure the longevity of our Order, we need fresh faces and new perspectives. Younger adults can infuse our organization with energy and innovative ideas.

**\*\*2. Community Impact:\*\*** By modernizing our approach, we can better address the pressing issues of our time, from mental health awareness to environmental sustainability. Engaging younger members can help us make a more significant impact in our communities.

**\*\*3. Staying Connected:\*\*** Younger generations are more digitally connected than ever before. Utilizing modern communication channels and technology can help us stay connected with members and potential recruits.

**\*\*4. Financial Sustainability:\*\*** Membership growth is vital not only for the preservation of our values but also for the financial stability of our lodges and organizations.

### **### Embracing Tradition and Heritage**

While modernization is essential, it does not mean we should discard our cherished traditions and heritage. Instead, we can modernize while respecting our roots. Here's how:

**\*\*1. Education and Outreach:\*\*** Offer educational programs and resources to help younger members understand and appreciate our traditions. Encourage mentorship between experienced members and newcomers.

**\*\*2. Blend Old and New:\*\*** Find creative ways to merge tradition with innovation. Host traditional ceremonies and rituals but accompany them with modern, engaging activities and events.

**\*\*3. Adapt to Changing Lifestyles:\*\*** Recognize that younger adults may have different schedules and priorities. Offer flexible meeting times and a variety of activities to accommodate their lifestyles.

**\*\*4. Embrace Diversity:\*\*** Encourage diversity and inclusivity within our Order. Welcoming members from various backgrounds and perspectives enriches our tradition.

**\*\*5. Communicate Effectively:\*\*** Utilize digital platforms and social media to engage with younger members. Share stories of our history and values in a way that resonates with them.

**\*\*6. Showcase Our Impact:\*\*** Highlight the tangible impact our Order has on communities. Younger members often seek opportunities for meaningful volunteerism and philanthropy.

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## Bridging the Generations: Modernizing Our Order While Embracing Tradition

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### ### The Future of Our Order

In embracing modernization while honoring our traditions and heritage, we can build a bridge between generations within our Order. It is through this bridge that we will secure the future of the IOOF.

By welcoming younger adults and allowing them to contribute their energy, ideas, and passion, we can continue to uphold the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth that have defined our organization for generations. Together, we can ensure that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows remains a vibrant and relevant force for positive change in our communities for many more years to come.

Let us embark on this journey of transformation, united in our commitment to preserving our traditions while embracing the promise of a brighter future for our Order.

Dustin Irish-Webb Newspaper committee, Chairman 2021-2023

### Could this be yours?



We picked up a 'found' item of ours after the 2023 Rebekah Assembly. Unknown to us, the bag included these two items that do not belong to us.

1. A remote control similar to one I have that activates battery operated candles.
2. A leather case for Rebekah jewels.

If either or both of these are yours, contact me and we'll see that you get them back.

Sincerely, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen  
Royal Gem #13 White Bird, Idaho  
208-839-2817

### 2024 Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float Celebrating a World of Music



Grammy-nominated and platinum-record awarded musician, guitarist, songwriter, composer, and record producer Frank Simes riding and entertaining from the float.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have been building and entering floats in parades ever since our fraternal origins in the 1800s. Our floats elegantly demonstrate to the world who we are and what we stand for.

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