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Emmanuel Baptist Church Choir Performed Their Cantata at the IOOF Hall



White Bird - Their voices were wonderful and enjoyed by a lot of people. It was a part of the weekend Christmas Festivities in White Bird. Festivities on Saturday included a Christmas Craft Fair, and a Chili Cook-Off. A little later that day there was a Friends Gathering in the Vet's Park with a bonfire, chili dogs, hot cocoa, good cheer, friends, family, stories and history. From 3 to 5:30 there was a Wreath Silent Auction. Folks had made wreathes and donated them. The wreathes were sold and money collected to replace our Town Kiosk. Then there was the annual Lighted Christmas Parade, always a hit. After that pictures with Santa along with snacks, at the 1906 Brews Coffee Shop/ Hammer Down River Excursion, and then finally the Fireworks. The number of people who attended was very high. And the fireworks display was deemed The Best EVER!

Respectfully submitted, Mary Pedersen ~

Dictionaries



Brother Tom Ashley giving the presentation to the 3rd Graders at Greenhurst



Sisters Jelene Baird and Sharon McGaffick listening to Brother Tom

Nampa - Once again, Nampa Lodge #40 and Melba Rebekah Lodge #105, gave dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Columbia Elementary, Greenhurst Elementary (both in Nampa, Idaho), and Melba Elementary in Melba, Idaho. Brother Tom Ashley explained the dictionaries to the 3rd graders and pointed out different interesting things, like sign language, multiplication table to help them learn their multiplications, the longest word in the dictionary, and other interesting items. Sisters Sharon McGaffick, Jelene Baird and Sandie Chandler were also at Greenhurst with Brother Tom. At Melba Elementary Sisters Jelene Baird, Janie Clark and Sandie Chandler along with Brother Bob Covert attended the donating of the Dictionaries and Sister Sandie gave the presentation. In January the dictionaries will be delivered to Lake Ridge Elementary's 3rd graders in Nampa, Idaho.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

The Do You Know Corner

From: The Grand Secretary

Introduction of Visiting Brothers and Sisters

The "Introduction of Visiting Brothers and Sisters" serves two purposes. Firstly it aids the Recording Secretary in making a record of what Odd Fellows from other lodges visited the lodge.

Secondly, it allows the members present to learn the names and primary lodges of any visitors present.

The Introduction is divided into three parts which makes it much easier if followed in that manner.

For instructions on the three, refer to the Manual of Instructions, pages 6-9.

Next Month: Reading of the Records of the last session.

Remember what ever is worth doing is worth doing well!!

That old adage is also true when conducting Our Lodge Work!!

In FL&T

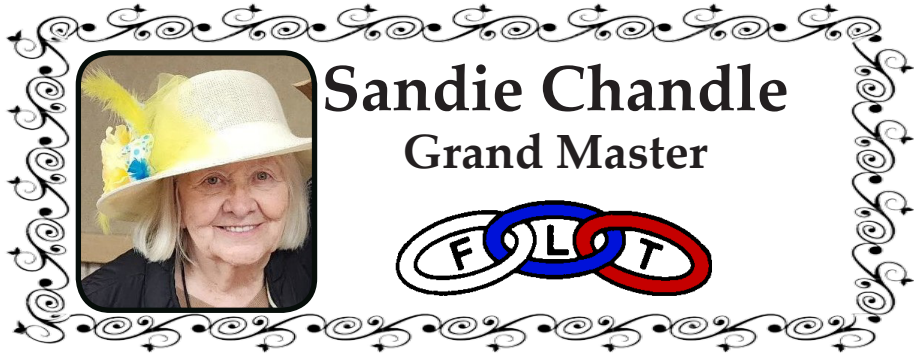


COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Month	Date	Event	Location
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 1	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 VISITS	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
AUGUST	7	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
	TBD	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE
	TBD	SGL/IARA	PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER	8	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
	16	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
OCTOBER	15-18	GRAND SESSIONS	MOSCOW
	21	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





Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy Everything!

It is so hard to believe that 2023 is almost over. I hope to start making my official visits in February. Still waiting to hear from some of the Lodges, but I am sure they will respond soon.

A special "THANK YOU" to Home #13 Encampment for making a donation to the Animal Shelter in Mountain Home. Thanks for supporting my project.

I received a recipe from Brother Mike Miller, our Grand Warden, for M&M Casserole. It sounds really good and hoping when I visit Payette #22 February 21, 2024, that Brother Mike brings this casserole.

Sister Juanita Thomas of Mountain Home #19 sent me a great picture of M&M's! I truly appreciate Sister Juanita for sending me the picture and her encouraging words.

It is nice to see our members are having fun with M&M's!

Stay warm and safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR'S!

In FL&T,
Sandie Chandler Grand Master



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!!

Honestly I can't believe it's 2024. I'm sure I'm not alone in that thought. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Hopefully everyone was able to spend it with their loved ones.

By now all Lodges should have completed their Installations. I would like to Thank all of you for being willing to fulfill an Office. I would also like to encourage Members who haven't gone through the Chairs to do so. The more active you are in your Lodge the more rewarding it is.

January 15 is the birthday of our founder Thomas Wildey. I hope all Lodges will observe the birthday of Brother Wildey as close to January 15 as possible.

In December Vicky Kiele and I along with her Granddaughters traveled to Nampa to attend their Christmas Party. It was a great time. Thank you all for putting on such a wonderful dinner. It's always nice to see a Lodge full of people enjoying themselves. Santa (Joe) who happens to have the most adorable Ms. Clause I've ever seen (Margret) did an amazing job passing out presents and candy to all the kids. It was really fun to watch them.

Did you know? In Idaho 1961-1962 there were 92 Rebekah Lodges and 9,233 Rebekah Members.

Wishing you all the best in this new year! 2024 is going to be a great one!

In F.L.&T. Christina Supak, President

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge, #13 2023 Rebekah Christmas Party



Hi Everybody! Yes, as usual, I am writing the article about the Rebekah Christmas party. However, because I was unable to attend, I am providing some great pictures, and observations from some of the attendees. Enjoy!

Maggie Abbott - Royal Gem Rebekah's had their annual Women's Christmas party. We had 27 women and wonderful food. Thank you all. We also collected food for the food bank.

Heather Cullin - Wow what a wonderful Christmas party it was sure alot of fun.. the food was great. Granny really enjoyed it. I asked her again if she wants to join she said "sure why not. Get me how of the house and get visit with the lovely ladies."

Paula Pepin Prewett - We even had Kobie attend, 100 years young and she is looking great! We are honored she wanted to attend our party, and she had fun and received a huge and wonderful exchange gift too!!!

Carolynn Jones- We had 27 attendees and had a fun time with games, gifts, and food. Was really nice to meet some of the gals I didn't know.

Janis Comrie - It was fun and I enjoyed meeting new women! I brought my friend from N Carolina.

Roberta (DeeDee)Hallquist - Was a wonderful party with lots of Rebekah's and lots of area ladies. Even a 100 year old Granny!!

Submitted by Mary Pederson

Christmas Party in Nampa

Nampa - On December 9, 2023, Nampa 40 along with Ada 3 and Melba Rebekah 105 held their yearly Christmas party in Nampa. We had several distinguished guests of our Order, loads of children 12 and younger, members and their families and non-members!

The menu consisted of turkey, smoked and baked, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, all kinds of salads, rolls and outstanding desserts.

Santa and Nana Clause along with two elves came to visit and candy canes and gifts were given to the children.

This year Ada 3 brought three young ladies who kept our drinks (coffee, punch and water) filled. They were a wonderful addition.

We also had the "white elephant exchange" and everyone seems to enjoy this.

We collected funds for new books to be given to Lake Ridge Elementary. We appreciate those attending who donated to this cause.

After it was all said and done, everyone pitched in to break down the tables and chairs and clean up in general.

THANK YOU all who came and supported our book drive and helped in restoring the Lodge Hall back to normal and brought food for all of us to enjoy!!!

If you would like any of the pictures from the party, please email sandiejocxx@aol.com and I will email you your family pictures or any of the other pictures you would like.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



A Suggested Membership Growth Plan for Local IOOF Lodges

Growing the membership of local Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) lodges is crucial for ensuring the continued strength and vitality of these fraternal organizations. Here is a detailed step-by-step guide for local IOOF lodges to enhance their membership growth efforts:

Step 1: Assess Current Membership

Before embarking on a membership growth campaign, it's essential to understand the lodge's current membership status. Gather data on the number of active members, their demographics, and their engagement levels. Identify any trends or areas where improvement is needed.

Step 2: Set Clear Membership Goals

Establish specific, measurable, and time-bound membership growth goals. Determine how many new members you aim to recruit within a given timeframe. Having clear objectives will guide your efforts and measure success.

Step 3: Create an Engaging Online Presence

In today's digital age, a strong online presence is crucial. Develop a professional website and maintain active social media profiles for your lodge. Share lodge activities, stories, and photos to showcase the benefits of membership.

Step 4: Member Referral Program

Encourage current members to recruit new members through a member referral program. Incentivize referrals with rewards or recognition for members who successfully bring in new initiates.

Step 5: Outreach and Community Engagement

Engage in community outreach and participate in local events. Showcase the lodge's commitment to charitable work and community involvement. Hosting open houses or informational sessions can also attract potential members.

Step 6: Collaborate with Other Organizations

Collaborate with other local organizations, such as service clubs, religious groups, or cultural associations. Partnering with like-minded groups can provide opportunities for cross-promotion and membership exchange.

Step 7: Develop a Membership Committee

Establish a dedicated membership committee within the lodge. This committee should be responsible for planning and executing membership growth initiatives, tracking progress, and reporting to the lodge.

Step 8: Educational Initiatives

Organize educational events or workshops that highlight the history, values, and principles of the IOOF. Knowledgeable speakers or presentations can attract individuals interested in the organization's philosophy.

Step 9: Use Technology for Engagement

Leverage technology to engage members and potential recruits. Implement online

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forums, webinars, or virtual meetings to reach a broader audience, especially younger individuals who may prefer digital interaction.

Step 10: Membership Drives and Campaigns

Periodically run membership drives or campaigns, offering special incentives for joining during these periods. Highlight the benefits of IOOF membership, such as social connections, personal growth, and charitable opportunities.

Step 11: Mentorship Programs

Create mentorship programs to help new members integrate into the lodge and understand its customs and traditions. This can improve member retention and create a sense of belonging.

Step 12: Evaluate and Adjust

Regularly assess the effectiveness of your membership growth strategies. Analyze what is working and what needs improvement. Adjust your approach based on the results and feedback from members.

Step 13: Celebrate Achievements

Celebrate milestones and achievements in membership growth. Recognize and reward the efforts of members who contribute to the lodge's expansion. Positive reinforcement can inspire continued dedication.

Step 14: Long-Term Engagement

Once new members join, focus on their long-term engagement. Ensure that they feel welcome, involved, and connected to the lodge's activities and values.

Step 15: Continuous Improvement

Membership growth is an ongoing process. Continuously refine your strategies and adapt to changing demographics and societal trends to ensure the continued success of your local IOOF lodge.

By following this step-by-step guide, local IOOF lodges can effectively enhance their membership growth efforts and ensure the longevity and vitality of these valuable fraternal organizations.

Bro. Dustin IrishWebb



Idaho Human Rights Day is a state holiday recognized only in the state of Idaho. Gov. Cecil D. Andrus signed compromise legislation on April 10, 1990, making Idaho the nation's 47th state to honor slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. with an official state holiday. Andrus created Martin Luther King Jr.-Idaho Human Rights Day on the third Monday in January, corresponding with the federal holiday first celebrated in 1986.

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