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## Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40



Brother Bob Covert waiting to participate in the degree work



Back Row: Bob Covert and Tom Ashley, Yolanda Catlow, Tom Catlow and Mike Miller. Next Row: Janie Clark, Sharon McGaffick, Paula Miller and Stewart Smith. Bottom Row: Frank Norris, Martha Norris, Will Sparks, Christina Supak, Joe DeChristefero and Pam York.



Sharon McGaffick with Jay and worker Jennifer

Nampa - Please welcome our newest member to Nampa Odd Fellows #40, Sister Christina Supak. We are happy to welcome Idaho's Rebekah Assembly President to our Lodge. Thursday, April 18, 2024, the Initiatory degree was given to Sister Christina and then the 1st degree was given to Brother Will Sparks of Nampa 40 along with Sister Martha Norris and Brother Frank Norris of Ada Lodge #3. We will be doing the 2nd and 3rd degree next month. If you have a member who needs these degrees, please bring them over to Nampa #40

Our members voted to donate to our local Animal Shelter per our Grand Master's request. Sisters Sandie Chandler and Sharon McGaffick presented them with a donation. To say the least they were happy to receive the donation. We were unable to visit the different animals; however we did meet Jay who was a French Bull dog mix. Jay was very happy and gave loads of kisses. It was hard not to bring Jay home.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler



**Bob Covert**  
**Grand Patriarch**

Dear Patriarchs and Matriarchs:

Thanks to all the members of the Encampments in Idaho for allowing me to be the Grand Patriarch again this year. I have made visits to all the Encampments and now am looking forward to our Grand Encampment Session on June 15 at the Boise Lodge Hall.

At 9 Am on June 15th, there will be the Encampment Degree Rally. All members needing to receive the Encampment degrees need to attend. We are also asking all Grand Encampment members who can attend to help with the degree. Those helping with the degree should be there no later than 8:30 am.

Following the degree rally at about noon, there will be a lunch served and following the lunch the Grand Encampment Session will start at approximately 1:30 pm.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our Encampment members at our Grand Session. The registration form is in this newsletter, so please fill it out and send in your registration as soon as possible.

It has been great seeing everyone wearing their fezzes whenever possible and I hope I will see more of it.

Thanks again for letting me serve as the Grand Patriarch this year and see you all soon.

In FH&C,  
Robert E. Covert, Grand Patriarch

## Book Program



Priest River - Odd Fellows Banner Lodge #67 has a book program they do which helps out the 4th and 5th grade students at the Priest River Elementary School and the Idaho Hill Elementary School. They hand out Atlases to help the children learn about other countries, cities and most students the first thing they do is look up where they are from. They are very excited about learning different parts of the world. Here is Odd Fellow Brother Billy Mullaley posing with a few of the students.

Noble Grand, Billy Mullaley

**UNITY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 8**

**BINGO NITE**

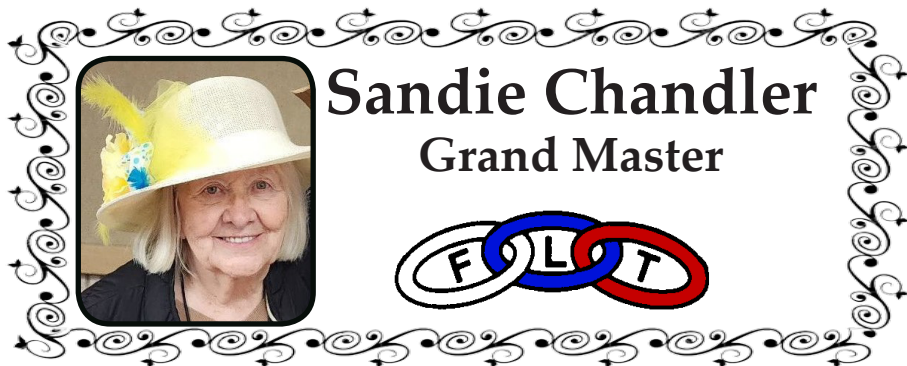
**FRIDAY MAY 3, 2024 AT 6 PM**

**600 N. CURTIS, BOISE, ID.**

**BOISE, ADA 3 LODGE HALL**

**COME JOIN THE FUN AND WIN  
GREAT PRIZES**

This is the annual fund raiser for Unity 8 and funds will go toward community donations and charitable causes. Come and join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship.



Greeting to all of you! Hope you are enjoying the warmer weather.

It has been a busy month. I visited Portneuf #20 (Pocatello) along with several Executive members. The hospitality was wonderful. A skit was done by their members telling us what each color in a package of M&M's stood for. I was hoping to share this information, but as always, I put the information up for safe keeping. For lunch they had a potato bar with all of the trimmings. My favorite dish they served us was the M&M casserole, VERY yummy.

The first part of April, we traveled up north. The first Lodge we went to was Crystal #103 in Clearwater. The meeting was an open meeting as Assembly President Christina Supak and I made our official visit together. It was great sharing the honors with Sister Christina. Once again, the elected officers of Odd Fellows and the elected officers of Rebekah Assembly were there. The hospitality was great.

The next visit was to Coeur d'Alene #34. This was also an open meeting and several of the Rebekahs were there. The hospitality was GREAT. While there Brother Jerry North received his 50 year jewel. The turnout was wonderful and the hospitality was wonderful.

Our next stop was Banner #67 (Priest River). The members are full of energy. The Initiatory degree was given to four (4) members. The food was good and the friendliness of the members is fantastic.

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Dear Sisters, and Brothers,

First off I would like to thank everyone who participated in Northwest. Especially the Host Committee. You guys really did an amazing job. The food, fellowship, and atmosphere couldn't have been more perfect.

The week before Northwest I made my Official Visit to Melba. They are a really fun group. The decorations they made were beautiful. I was given the most beautiful Moon and Star Quilted Table Runner and a monetary donation. I can't thank everyone enough for being so kind and giving. After the meeting we had a great lunch at LeBaron's.

The day after Northwest we had a joint meeting with the Grand Master scheduled at Clearwater. We had all Elected Officers of the Grand Lodge, and Rebekah Assembly in attendance, as well as most of the Encampment. This was the first time I have ever been to Sylvan Lodge. It's a neat building with tons of history. The Ladies there really put on a nice lunch, and the decorations were beautiful.

The very next day I visited my Home Lodge White Pine #60, in Weippe. It was so nice to only drive 6 miles to a meeting. I can't thank my Lodge Members enough for everything they have done for me and how absolutely supportive they have been. They really did a great job for my visit. The decorations were beautiful and all the different Salads they made were amazing and the dessert was perfect. They gifted me a monetary donation

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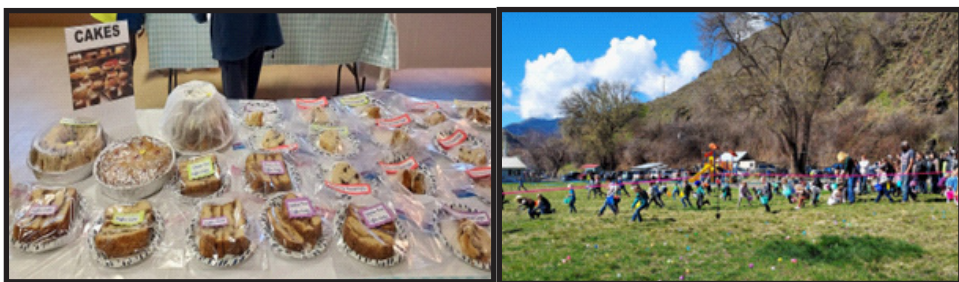
## Grand Master's Letter

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My next official visit will be to Pioneer #1 in Idaho City. This will be May 18, 2024. Then June 10, 2024 we will venture to Ashton #88 in Ashton. Ashton will be my final visit.

The friendship and hospitality of our members everywhere is very touching. The Executive Officers for my year have been outstanding! I look forward to visiting Pioneer #1 and Ashton #88.

## Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



White Bird - The day before Easter is always a Big Day in White Bird. At our Hall, we had our annual Easter Bake Sale, to benefit our scholarship fund. Folks around here count on us for all of their Easter Baked Goods needs. We had more bakers than ever as Sisters and community members donated to it. With the money we raised on Bake Sale Day, we have enough to give scholarships to all five students who applied. And .... our new heating system was up and running, so we didn't even have to have Les build us a fire! □

Easter Egg Hunt for kids 1-12 organized by Sister Darla Brumley, and run by our Sisters and other community members. The kids 'sections' were roped off according to ages for fairness. Hot dogs were available on site. And the prizes were just great! It was an amazing hit, as always. Thank you Darla ... you always do an outstanding job for the community.

In FL&T, Mary Pedersen

## Assembly President's Letter

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and a beautiful Solar Moon and Star Wind chime. I was supposed to go to Orofino after that meeting but after that many days on the road I honestly came home and slept for four hours.

My next visit was Royal Gem #13. Those ladies are always fun. The food was so good. They did a really cute skit with one of my Songs. They also gave me a monetary donation and a beautiful Wreath, and Corsage made out of Pinecones. It was really amazing all the things they did with Pinecones.

After my visit to Royal Gem I drove onto Caldwell to spend the night at the Museum. The very next day I was initiated into Nampa 40 Odd Fellow Lodge. Yes! I'm now officially an Odd Fellow!

Tomorrow is my visit to Harmony #22. I'm excited about this because I have never seen their Lodge and I will be sure to tell you about it in my next letter.

The location of District #4 Meeting has changed. Instead of it being at Unity#8 it will now be held at Melba #105. It's still May 11th.

Once again I would like to Thank each and every one of you who have gone out of your way to make me feel special. Everyone of the Rebekahs I have had the privilege to encounter during my Presidency have been so kind and wonderful. Thank you all again!

In F.L.&T.

Christina Supak, Assembly President



## Doings at Melba Rebekah Lodge 105



Jelene Baird (PP) introducing the elected Officers of Encampment, HP Sharon McGaffick, GT Tom Ashley, GP Bob Covert, & RA Warden Connie Schultz. GM Sandie Chandler was behind the camera!



Christina Supak sharing with us her words of wisdom

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 was happy to see Rebekah Assembly President Christina Supak at our Lodge, March 27, 2024. We had several visitors from other Lodges join in helping us welcome Sister Christina. It is always nice to have our Sisters and Brothers join us. Sister Jelene Baird wrote a cute skit concerning Sister Christina and Brother Bob Covert rewrote a song for her. Our newest member, Sister Cindy Parent made a beautiful table runner with Sister Christina's emblems. It was a fun meeting.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler

### COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### MAY

1	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
4	IOOF DIST 3 & ENC. DIST 2	MTN HOME
11	DISTRICT 4 REBEKAH	MELBA
18	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 VISITS	IDAHO CITY
22	IOOF DIST 6	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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## Coeur d'Alene Lodge #34



Coeur d'Alene Lodge #34, I.O.O.F., with the help of Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 hosted a luncheon for Grand Master Sandie Chandler and Jerry North, PGM. This was GM Sandi's official visit to the Coeur d'Alene #34's lodge. The Grand Lodge's Executive Board was also present. GM Sandi gave her talk on all aspects of Odd Fellowship and programs. A very interesting and informal talk.

We also honored Brother Jerry North with his 50 year jewel. His son and granddaughter were also present. The Granddaughter had the honor of pinning the jewel on Jerry. Jerry is a PGM, PGP and has held most state offices. We are so proud of him.

There were 22 in attendance: Grand Officers 6, Rebekah Assembly Vice President 1, others 2, Rebekah's 8. Odd Fellows 3, visitors 2. We were so please to see so many attend this meeting and award.

The luncheon was served by the Hayden Lake Eagles Auxiliary.

Submitted by Nancy Morris



## President's Visit to Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



White Bird - On Wednesday April 17, we all met at the Hall for our annual President's Visit at Royal Gem! This is something that we plan for, and cook for, and look forward to. This year, as you all know, our Assembly President is Christina Supak. She arrived early so some of us had some time to catch up with a little visiting. We had several guests, including Assembly Warden, Connie Shultz, PP's Deb

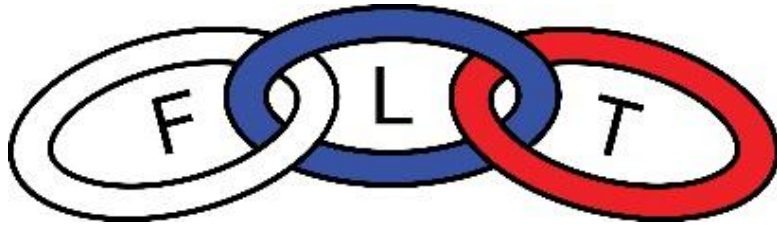
Whitney and Doris Hansen, Christine Brown, Jean White and Bernice Pullen.

We had 14 Gem members attending. Just before the lunch, NG PP Lydia Chrane presented President Christina with a wrist corsage. This year's wrist corsage was created by Beth Plagmann and made of purple pinecones, some greenery, silver moons, and stars along with silver ribbon. Beth had also created our gift for President Christina, a large, lovely wreath made of the same decorative pieces. Absolutely gorgeous. See picture above. The tables were decorated in her colors and set to perfection. The luncheon was fun and delicious, of course! Much laughter and conversation and good food with amazing desserts. What more could we ask? At this time, Beth also presented our Noble Grand PP Lydia with a beautiful necklace that one of our past members, Dorothy Rodd, has given her to give out to other members of our Lodge.

We visited for a short while after lunch and then filed into the meeting room for the entertainment portion of the afternoon. Surprise! Everyone is expected to participate! We sang along to a song, "19 Something" (Christina's fun song) and held up illustrations of what the song was talking about. Everyone received the lyrics and we ran through a practice first. Then the real deal... lots of mistakes and false starts and actual song and laughter. It was a perfect transition from the luncheon to the meeting.

Christina gave us an inspirational talk. She discussed the importance of Funeral Aid, getting articles to the Newspaper and commented on what a good job Mary Pedersen (that's me) does every issue and that more lodges need to report on their events. Assembly Warden Connie Shultz spoke about getting more people to utilize the Eye Related Program. Our meeting concluded in FL&T and we all headed home. It was a wonderful day!

Sincerely, Mary Pedersen and my kind and dedicated editor, DeeDee Hallquist ~



GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF IDAHO  
2024 GRAND SESSSION REGISTRATION  
JUNE 15, 2024  
600 North Curtis, Boise, Idaho

Patriarch Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Encampment: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Fee: \$15.00 includes lunch (Please register by June 8)

Make checks payable to: Grand Encampment of Idaho  
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MEETING SCHEDULE

Welcome/Registration 8:30 AM

Encampment Degree Rally 9 AM

Lunch/ Continuing Registration 12 noon

Grand Session 1 to 3 PM

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