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Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Presentation of Scholarships



Photo Credit Dana Greig of the Idaho Free Press

Back Row: Retiring Teacher Shawn Bass, Sisters Barbara Lowe and Beth Plagmann

Middle Row: Sisters Paula Prewett, Maggie Abbott, NG PP Lydia Chrane, PP Dee Dee Hallquist, Beverly McCool, Darla Brumley and Dianne Crea

Front row, Scholarship Winners: Karl Spencer, Adri Anderson, Ben Lindsey and Kaycen Sickels

White Bird - On the evening of 5-5-24, four students and their families, a retiring teacher, and nine sisters joined together to celebrate the achievements of the graduating students with the award of a Scholarship. Each student earned their scholarship by virtue of their outstanding performance and dedication to their education.

The Scholarships we award can be used by the students for their everyday needs: books, food, parking on campus, travel and any other expenses they may encounter.

First there was a presentation to a teacher who was to be acknowledged for his dedication to his profession, and recognized for his ability in being an effective teacher.

Shawn Bass was given gift and a card signed by many Rebekah's.

Next, each student stood and spoke to the group about their plans for education, what school they would attend, and where they would be living for this exciting period of their life. Upon the completion of each student's talk, they were each given a card signed by many Rebekah's, containing a check for \$400. We were very pleased to be able to award so many Scholarships this year and worked hard to earn the money that would be earmarked for Scholarship funding.

Following these festivities, desserts, coffee and lemonade were available to all. People visited a bit and left. These students still have many activities to prepare for before their year is over!

Sincerely, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~

2025 Pilgrimage Information Attention ALL Lodges

“The Pilgrimage for Youth Board met and set the dates for the 2025 Pilgrimage for the Youth Tour. The dates will be June 28-July 11, 2025. This will give you an extra three months to find your students for next year. The webmaster will be updating the dates on our website in the next week or so. Thank you for all you do for the program and our youth.” This information came from the Pilgrimage for Youth Board.

Please think about sponsoring a youth for 2025. Remember, they must be 16-17 years old and have at least one year of high school left.

If you have any questions, please contact Idaho Pilgrimage Committee.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler, part of the Idaho Pilgrimage Committee

Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22



Payette - For their participation in the Living Legacy Program, Rebekah Unit 22 sent \$100.00 to the Owyhee Watershed and presented \$100.00 to the City of Payette, Parks and Recreation Department for their Arbor Day program. The city planted 3 trees in Centennial Park on that day to provide more shade for the community. Planted were an Eastern Redbud, a Canada Red Improved Chokecherry and a Forest Pansy Redbud.

Carol Stephan, Vice Grand Rebekah #22

To Whom It May Concern;

Pansy Rebekah Lodge Had to go Jurisdictional due to lack of Membership. A number of years ago, they were given some beautiful antique Degree Robes. We still have them in our possession and would like to pass them on where they could be used.

Pansy also has four beautiful Degree Emblems that were presented to the lodge when they were instituted in 1900.

If you could use any of these items, please contact:

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2318 Finch Lane
Middleton, ID 83644
208-585-3358 or 250-8026

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Middleton, ID 83644
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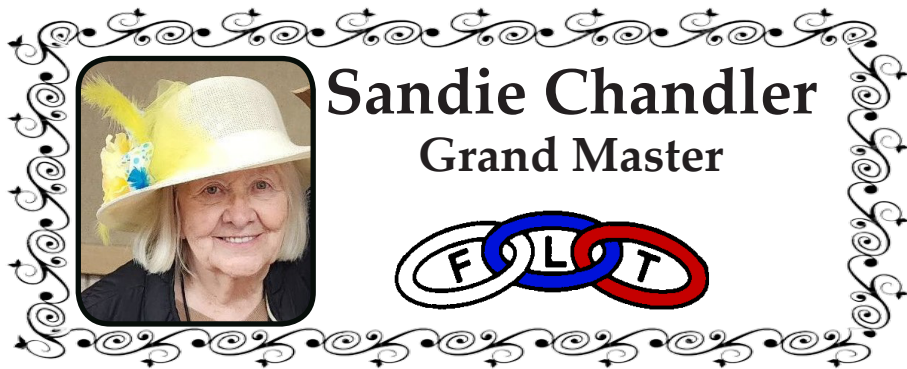
We truly hope these items can find a new home.

In FL&T
Pansy Rebekah Lodge

COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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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
	15-22	SGL/IARA	PITTSBURGH, PA
	31	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE



Here it is, another month has come and gone. Let's see, since my last writing, what all has gone on....Sister Christina, our Rebekah Assembly President, has been given all of her degrees and is a full Odd Fellow. It is nice that Sister Christina is a member of my home lodge, Nampa Lodge #40. Mountain Home, District 3, held their District Meeting and I ventured down for it. Mountain Home is the only Lodge in their District, even though this is so, there were three members from Portneuf Lodge #20 in Pocatello, and two from Nampa Lodge #40. Executive members present were Deputy Grand Master David Livingston, Grand Treasurer Marge Harlan, and Jr. Past Grand Master Tom Ashley. Sister Crystal Livingston Assembly Vice President was also there. Right after District 3's meeting, District 2 for the Encampment met. I also attended this meeting. I made my official visit to Pioneer Lodge #1 in Idaho City. Pioneer Lodge #1 gave the initiatory degree to Carol Kirkland and Joe Bergstrom. Welcome to the both of you. As always, the Executive Board was all there, Deputy Grand Master David Livingston, Grand Warden Mike Miller, Grand Secretary Joe DeChristefero, Grand Treasurer Marge Harlan, Jr. Past Grand Master Tom Ashley; what a wonderful group and oh so supportive. Sister Merna Deland the Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative was also in attendance. It was good to see Sister Merna as she and Brother David are now living in Oregon. Pioneer Lodge #1 presented me with the cutest little dog and a package of

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Dear, Sisters, and Brothers,

I'm dealing with lots of emotions today as I write this. I made the last of my official visits today. I can't even begin to put into words how much the last 3 months have meant to me. I will be forever grateful for all the memories, good food, amazing gifts and the hospitality. Everyone has truly been amazing to me and I Thank each and everyone of you.

I'm going to pick up on my visits where I left off. Harmony #22 was my next stop. We ended up having an open meeting which I thought was fun. Lunch was really good. I was spoiled there, I was given the neatest blanket one side is moons, while the other side is stars. I also got a beautiful pearl necklace with seven stars on it with matching earrings. I can't wait to wear this at Assembly. They also gave me a monetary donation and a beautiful corsage made from a pinecone.

My next stop was Carnation #95. Lunch was served by the Eagles ladies and they served the neatest cake. It looked just like my moon and stars pin. I was given a monetary donation and a Wooden box for keepsakes. They also got me a motel room. My Husband was able to come stay with me which was great because I didn't see him again until almost a month later. Thank you Ladies. I always enjoy visiting with you all.

My Home Lodge White Pine #60 hosted District #6 Meeting. It was well attended. They served a Taco Bar and Deep Fried Ice Cream. I know my Ladies have had to do a ton of extra work this year. I've told them Thank you so

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Grand Master's Letter

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M&Ms. Thank you Pioneer Lodge #1. After the Odd Fellows meeting, Rose 18 held an open meeting honoring Assembly President Christina Supak. It was nice to be able to attend her meeting. I have one more official visit and that is to Ashton Lodge #88 Monday, June 10, 2024. I am looking forward to visiting their lodge. I attended Brother Tom Ashley's official visit last year and enjoyed my time there. It was the first time I had been to Ashton.

The Pilgrimage for Youth (PFY) has decided what the dates will be for next year, now is a good time for your Lodge to consider sending a delegate to it. Sovereign Scholarships should be filed by now, hoping to see Idaho receive some of them.

We have a lot of great projects to help our members and communities, please check out what all is available.

Remember the Encampment Degree Rally is June 15th in Boise at Ada #3 lodge hall. If you ever wanted to join the Encampment now is the time to get your application in to one of our Encampments. We have 4 different Encampments, Idaho 1 in Boise, Ridgley 2 in Pocatello, Temple 3 in Nampa, and Home 13 in Mountain Home.

If you are looking for something different to do on June 8, 2024 please come to the Grand Lodge in Caldwell and help with the inventory.

In FL&T,
Sandie Chandler, Grand Master of Idaho



Assembly President's Letter

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many times because I want them to know they are appreciated. They gave me a monetary donation and a really big Moon, Sun, and Star hanging. Thank you ladies again and I hope you all still like me when this year is over.

Mizpah #12 wasn't on my schedule because they were going to consolidate with Royal Gem #13. The Ladies have decided to hang onto their lodge for now. I visited them at The Trails Cafe in Grangeville. It was a great time with lots of visiting. They gifted me a beautiful corsage, money, a flower arrangement, and a bath set with some amazing smelling lotion. Thank you ladies. I had a wonderful time.

Next was District #4 Meeting. This meeting changed several times. I was surprised at how well attended it was. I really enjoy District Meetings because there are usually lots of people at them. They served a great lunch and I received a corsage that Tom Ashley remembered. Thank You Tom! A big Thank you to Melba #105 for having it at their lodge and, Rose #18 for hosting.

My final visit was to Rose #18. Anyone who hasn't been to this Lodge needs to go. The drive up there is beautiful. The building is Historic and everything in there is just old and cool. I was given an absolutely beautiful Pinecone and Leaf Silver Necklace, and money. Lunch was great and the meetings were both great. Grand Master Sandie Chandler also made her Visit to Pioneer #1. I was able to attend both.

I'm sad my visits are over. I just don't have the words to express how amazing this experience has been for me. Thank You just does not seem like enough. It is an honor to have each and every one of you as a Sister and a Brother.

In F.L.&T., Christina Supak

Assembly President's Visit



On April 9th Christina Supak, Idaho Assembly President made her official visit to our lodge which is also her home lodge. Our guests and members enjoyed a salad bar lunch, along with homemade rolls provided

by our sisters. A special thank you to Christine Brown for the wonderful homemade rolls. Everyone seemed to enjoy the salad bar menu with many great items to choose from. After lunch we all sat back to savor the scrumptious cheesecake dessert made by Sister Deanna Hamilton. She is one of our new members and as always, she did plenty so we could take some home. During the meal we had a chance to visit with friends and new acquaintances in a time of fellowship. That is one of the wonderful benefits we enjoy from being members of this great organization.

Then it was time to get down to the business at hand, and formal introductions. Our lodge presented Sister Christina with a solar moon and star wind chime. Everyone else received one of the impossible boxes made by us under the direction of Sister Bernice Pullen, who also took them home and dressed them up with themes from our presidents' program. Inside the boxes were a couple of blue moon crocuses for folks to take home and plant. If you don't know what an impossible box is keep your fingers crossed as there are some coming to Assembly.

President Christina talked about her reason for selecting the pinecone as her symbol and the projects of the order. One of those is the Odd Fellows news.....so I was gently reminded how important it is to share our news with other lodges. A fun and informative day for us all.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Vickie Jorgenson, reporter

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Living Legacy



Photo Credit Maggie Abbott

White Bird - For our Lodge's contribution to the Living Legacy, this year we voted to donate funds to our local City Hall to refresh their floral decorations outside. Our Sister Sandy Murphy, who is the City Clerk, put fresh soil in the planter boxes that she made, and then transplanted the selection of flowers that she had chosen. I personally suspected Clover had probably done the digging, but Sandy said, "No. She mostly Snoopervised." (Well, I used that word, but you understand.)

Sincerely, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~

Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22



Payette - Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22 welcomed President Christina Supak for her official visit on Friday, April 19, 2024. The hall was decorated with a beautiful crescent moon and stars of various materials and a wreath of gerber daisies and pinecones, a beautiful bouquet of flowers in shades of purple, a basket of white, yellow and purple gerber daisies with ivy. Crescent moon and pinecone vases and lit stars graced the table where the bible lay. A purple wrapped heart with crepe paper flowers, purple and silver bows and a silver star hung in the entry along with another silver moon and stars. It was an open meeting with one nonmember in attendance. Lunch was served on purple plates with iridescent star napkins. President Supak presented her program, encouraging support for the Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News and community projects. Pinecone pins were presented to Harmony members. Georgia Wickham read an article on the uses of pinecones with a pinecone wreath displayed. Noble Grand, Keelee Preston, presented President Supak with a corsage of pine cones and daisies and a pearl and stars necklace with matching earrings. Ida Mae Martell presented President Supak with a celestial themed blanket, and star pot holders she had crocheted.

Carol Stephan, Vice Grand Rebekah #22

AED for the Rebekah's Hall



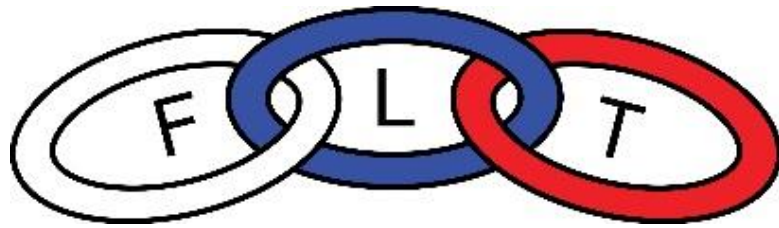
White Bird - At a recent meeting, we voted to purchase an AED (automated external defibrillator) for our Hall. Many events occur at our Hall weekly, and the occasion of need for this device is certainly possible. Sister Maggie Abbott got in touch with Cody Killmar, EMT from Riggins, who made arrangements for the purchase and a good price for us. He brought it to White Bird yesterday and was able to deliver it to Sisters Maggie Abbott, Bessie Cullin, Community Rebekah Volunteer Dot McCully, and Sisters Janis Comrie and Linda Smith. You can see from these smiles that we are all pretty excited about having this device available to our community at our Hall.

Sincerely, in FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

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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
920 Grant Street, Caldwell ID 83605

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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