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Secretaries Honored



Payette - In celebration of the national Administrative Professionals'/Secretaries Day, which occurs during the last full week of April, we recognized Barbara Stone, Secretary, and Paula Miller, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, of Harmony #22 in Payette Idaho. Words of praise and beautiful bouquets of flowers were presented to both for their dedication and service to our Lodge. First launched in 1952, Charles Sawyer, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, proclaimed June as National Secretaries Week. The name was changed in 2000 to Administrative Professionals and the events were moved to April. We thank Barbara and Paula for their service.

Submitted by Carol Stephan
Vice Grand, Harmony #22

Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95



Couer d'Alene - Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 was fortunate to have one of our scholarship winners, Sarah Wilkey, to attend a luncheon with her mother, Anne, on June 11, 2024.

Sarah is one of our six scholarship recipients. The others will attend a luncheon on June 25, 2024.

Shannon Vieth, Secretary



How Funeral Aid Started

I was recently asked how Funeral Aid got started and I didn't know the answer so I decided to do some research.

In 1885 a committee was formed by The Grand Lodge to formulate a plan for mutual aid in case of death of a member.

However it wasn't until the Grand Lodge session in Lewiston in 1921, the Funeral Aid Association was officially authorized. At that time it was made clear that the Grand Lodge would not be liable for any beneficial payments or other obligations.

On April 18, 1922 it was decided that 200 members must join before any benefits would be paid out. Before the Association was a year old there were 652 members. Three widows were paid a benefit of \$300 each. Two assessments had been levied at \$1.25 each, and a membership fee of \$2.00 had been established.

The Rebekah's instituted their own Funeral Aid Association with the same death benefit of \$300 on January 1, 1925. Within the first year of the Rebekah's Association the membership was almost 700.

May the words of Joseph McGuffie, "Father of funeral Aid," live on in the years to come. "After all life is at its best and sweetest when we are rendering some unselfish service to our fellow man. I know of nothing that has proved more useful in that service; and I hope that as long as Odd Fellowship exists, the Funeral Aid will always be a part of the service that each Brother or Sister of our beloved Order can render to one another. The Funeral Aid has proved through the years that it has been a friend in need."

Christina Supak, Assembly President

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



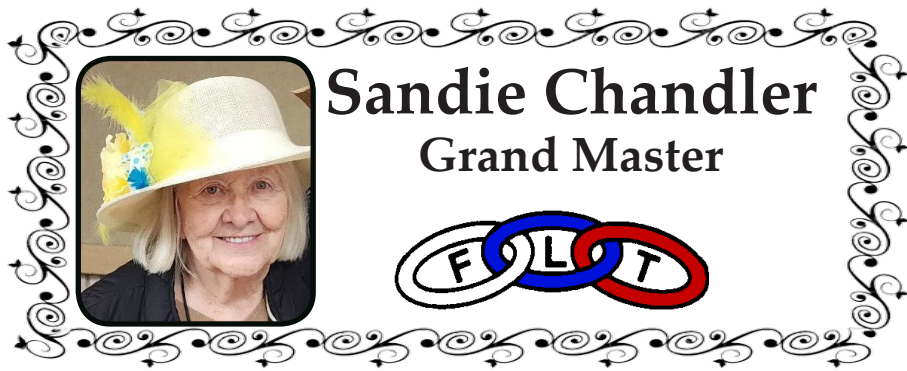
White Bird - Memorial Day, 5-27-24, we Rebekahs participated, with others in the community, to bake for Pie in the Park before and after the American Legion Presentation of Quilts of Valor, and the Memorial Changing of the Flags in the Veteran's Park. This year, Sister Amanda Thomason chaired the Pie in the Park. She and her husband Adam did a great job of organizing folks to bake, and of selling the baked goods. Our local Christian School was the recipient of all funds from the event, and after Adam threw in the last dollars needed, the donation of \$1,000 was made to the school to help buy new desks for the students.

In FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~

COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
JULY	TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
AUGUST	7	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
	15-22	SGL/IARA	PITTSBURGH, PA
	31	ALL MEMBER PICNIC	BOISE
SEPTEMBER	2	LOVE THY NEIGHBOR	BLACKS CREEK
	6	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
	21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
OCTOBER	13-16	GRAND SESSIONS	MOSCOW
	19	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
NOVEMBER	1-3	NORTHWEST/PACIFIC NW	YAKIMA
	10	THANKSGIVING DINNER	WHITE BIRD
	21	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MTN HOME



Happy Summer, June 20, 2024! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and it doesn't get too hot for you and your AC or Swap Cooler or whatever form of cooling device you use, works like it should.

All of my official visits are done! Sort of sad to think I won't see a lot of you until October or even later than that. I ventured to Ashton Lodge #88 in Ashton, Idaho with our Grand Treasurer Marge Harlan. Unfortunately the rest of the Executive Members were unable to attend this meeting. However, Assembly Vice President Crystal Livingston along with Sister Lisa Coleman made the meeting. Sisters Crystal and Lisa are members of Portneuf Lodge #20 in Pocatello, Idaho. I thank Ashton for all of the hospitalities extended to me and Marge and Crystal and Lisa. The grilled hamburgers were very good!

A special thanks to the Odd Fellows, Rebekah, and Encampment Historical Society and Surplus Property members, and those who aren't on the Committees, who showed up at the Museum, to work on the closets downstairs, THANK YOU!

Brother Dan Sanow, Past Grand Master, is moving to North Dakota. Brother Dan will be greatly missed. Brother Dan has been on the Eye Related Program for many years. If you would like to be the chairman of this program until Brother David Livingston takes over, please let me know.

Now to enjoy the summer and plan for our Sessions in October.

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Dear, Sisters and Brothers,

I thought after my visits were over I would be less busy. That hasn't been the case. I've been reading old Journals and trying to type up a format for my Assembly. In between trips to go see my Husband. He's working by Usk, Washington which is quite a drive.

Speaking of Assembly. I have figured out where I will be putting everyone and I should be getting letters out to you soon. I have 34 people coming and I would like to Thank Each And Everyone OF You! I appreciate the fact that you are taking time out of your lives to attend. I think Assembly is fun and hopefully we will have fun this year.

My Husband and I recently visited the Museum in Newport, Washington. It was nice to see all the Odd Fellow and Rebekah items they have on display throughout their Buildings. If you are ever in Newport you should check it out. They have lots of really neat things to look at.

I would like to Thank all the Lodges who take the time to put up Memorial Flags for departed Members of the Order, and Flags for Veterans. I'm sure their families appreciate it as well.

Most of the Lodges are getting ready to break for the Summer. I would like to wish you all a safe, happy, and fun time. My letter is short this month because I just drove 5 hours today to get home to write it.

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

Grand Master's Letter

(Con't from Page 3)

Please remember, the Executive Committee will still be intact this summer, and we are here to help you.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Sandie Chandler, Grand Master of Idaho

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Henry Robets and Seaana Rawson with their bikes



Henry and Seaana with Brother Tom Ashley and Sister Sandie Chandler

Nampa - Once again, Melba Rebekah Lodge 105 did the "read a book-try to win a bike." Melba supports two elementary schools, Greenhurst Elementary in Nampa, and Melba Elementary in Melba. These students are from Greenhurst Elementary. Brothers Tom Ashley and Bob Covert along with Sister Sandie Chandler delivered the bikes to Greenhurst Elementary. The winners this year were Henry Robets and Seaanna Rawson. Both students were very pleased with the bikes they won along with a helmet.

Unfortunately Greenhurst Elementary is closing their doors this year. However, we hope to be able to work with another elementary school in Nampa.

Before the end of May, we will be delivering bikes to Melba Elementary. Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 is happy to encourage our young students to read, read, and read some more!

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



Chris (zebra), Morris (animal trainer), Jenny (giraffe in 'cage'), Rosa (hippo in pink skirt), and Maggie, on the elephant

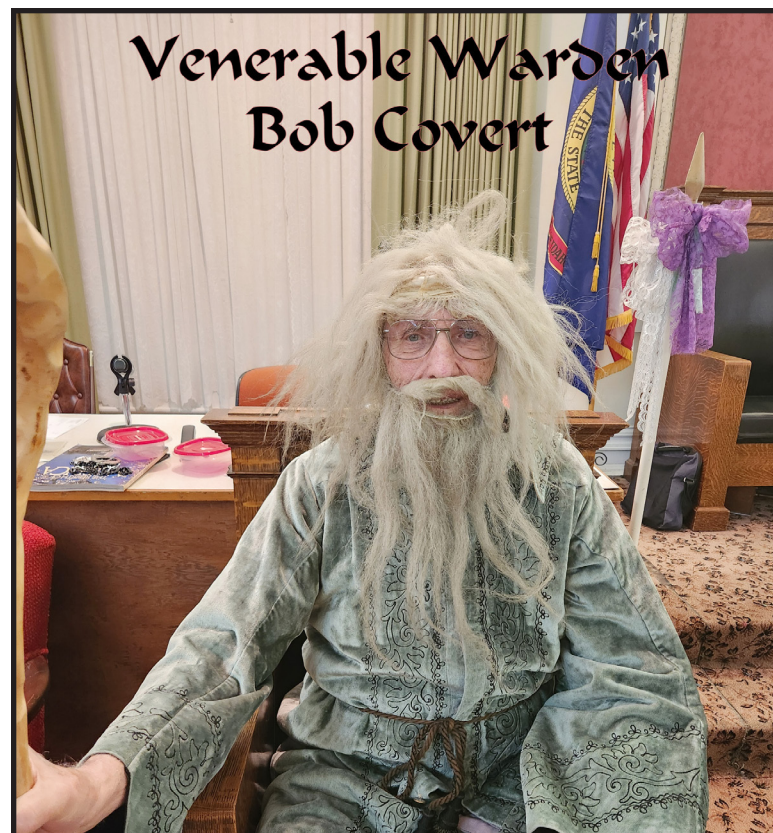


White Bird - 6-15-24: Every year the Rebekah's sponsor the prize for Best Theme Float in the White Bird Day's parade. This year the theme was Walk on the Wild Side, and the winner of our prize (pictured above) was the Silver Dollar, for their float depicting a jungle.

Our prize is always \$50 in a cute theme-inspired basket, with a laminated certificate presented to the winners.

Additionally, Sister Maggie Abbott and her family from California always participate in the Parade too. They were wild animals with an animal trainer, and won the Prize for Most Fun. Of course they did... lol...

In FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~



Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13 Place Flags



NG PP Lydia and our friend Bernie putting out flags



PP Dee Dee following the map to our brothers and sisters



White Bird - On May 24, 2024, NG PP Lydia Chrane, PP DeeDee Hallquist, Sisters Barbara Lowe, Cheryl Cullin and friend Bernie Brugeman headed out to the White Bird Cemetery to place flags on all the Rebekah and IOOF members buried there. It is a peaceful chore, and is done with respect for our Organization's Forebears.

A few days prior, Sister Darla and her husband Bonner Brumley put the big American flags on the outside of the cemetery fence. No picture can do it justice. They are visible from the highway and are a striking sight.

In FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~

Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13



Treanna Roberts, Deb Myers, Shirley Crane
Photo credit Maggie Abbott

White Bird - On 5-29-24 we had yet another initiation in our Lodge. Our Lodge instructed Treanna Roberts (daughter of Sister Jenny Hanson), Deb Myers (mother of Sister Brooke Myers), and Shirley Crane in the Rebekah Degree. It was another successful evening, with desserts and coffee and lemonade, fun and frolic, and ended with Treanna and Deb joining our lodge, and Shirley Crane initiated for Mispah Lodge number #12 Grangeville.

In FL&T, Mary Pedersen ~



The idea for a worldwide celebration of emojis was conceived by Jeremy Burge, the founder of Emojipedia, in 2014. Burge's goal was to promote the use of emojis and celebrate the enjoyment and flair that they bring to people's messages.

Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40



The young lady who won the bike and helmet and Sister Sandie Chandler and Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley



The young man who won the bike and helmet with Sister Sandie Chandler and Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley and the teacher

Doings at Melba Rebekah Lodge 105



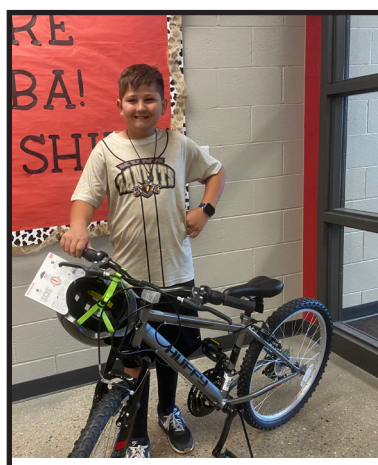
Sister Jelene Baird and Brother Tom Ashley delivering the bikes to Melba Elementary



The winner of the girl's bike



The 2nd graders with their new books



The winner of the boy's bike



The Rebekah and Odd Fellows flags in honor of Memorial Day

Nampa - Sister Sandie Chandler and Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley of Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge attended the awards program at Lake Ridge Elementary. These members were there to present two lucky students (one boy and one girl) a brand new bike and helmet. Lake Ridge Elementary participated in "Read-a-Book for a Chance to Win a Bike" program. The young lady who won the bike was so excited she cried.

The day before the awards program, the kindergarten through 2nd graders were given their very own books. These books were bought with the donations that were collected at Nampa Odd Fellows Christmas party.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Nampa - Melba Rebekah Lodge 105 once again sponsored the "Read -a-Book for the Chance to Win a Bike" at Melba Elementary in Melba, Idaho. This year Sisters Jelene Baird and Sandie Chandler along with Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley presented the bikes. As always, the winners were thrilled. We will be sponsoring the "bikes" again next year.

Once again the Rebekah and Odd Fellows flags flew over Melba Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day. Sisters Jelene Baird and Sharon McGaffick and Brother Bob Covert hosted the flags. Brother Tom Ashley and Sister Sandie Chandler retrieved the flags after Memorial Day.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

National Hot Dog Day July 17th



IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY



Blackfoot - We received a very nice donation from the local Rebekah's #48 of Blackfoot on July 8, 2022, with which we purchased an extended passenger able golf cart after trying for a long time to find one. Then on Oct 4, 2022, we finally got our golf cart. We have used it practically every day.

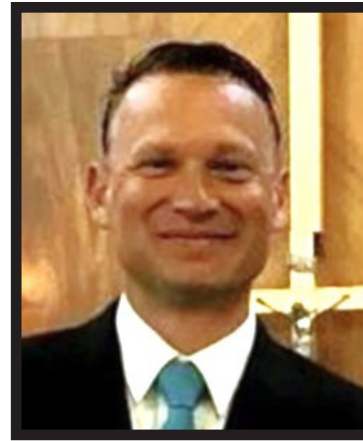
When I first talked with Pat, she asked what big ticket items we needed. At the time we only needed the Golf Cart and she said okay and left. Then out of the blue she asked if I could come to a meeting at her house and give a presentation to the Rebekahs I of course said sure and I gave a small presentation and left. I was contacted soon after and told that they would like to make the donation. I went back to her home to pick it up, wow, we were surprised that the check was for the full amount 18k.

But to let everyone know due to the generosity of the Rebekahs Organization we were able to enhance our service 10-fold. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your very generous donation.

Attached are pictures taken of the golf cart and I insisted it would never sit in the sun .

Tracy A Bruce

IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY



*IN LOVING
Memory*

**Jeff Newell
1976 - 2024**

Nampa - Jeffrey Charles Allen Newell, 47, of Nampa, passed suddenly on May 6, 2024, of natural causes.

Jeff was born September 25th, 1976, to parents Mike and Kelly Newell in Boise, Idaho. Jeff was a happy and active child who was always smiling and making others laugh. Jeff graduated from Bishop Kelly High School in 1994. Jeff was married in 1996 and welcomed his first child, Riley Newell in 1997 and his second child, Darby Newell in 2000. Jeff was immensely proud of his children. Jeff found his professional passions in auto mechanics, and ultimately made that his career. He was so proud to have purchased Larry's Chevron in 2022 and to make that his legacy. Jeff was incredibly well known around the valley for his mechanical knowledge, skills, and the quality of his work as a master mechanic. Jeff valued his employees and thought of them as an extension of his family. Jeff was an avid gun collector and loved to go shooting with his friends. He also enjoyed fishing and gathering with loved ones to barbecue. Jeff was the life of the party and brought joy to everyone around him.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Nampa First Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed at the Kohlerlawn Cemetery.

Jeff was a proud supporter of the US military, police force, first responders, and the Constitution of the United States. If you would like to make a donation, please consider donating to Nampa's first responders.

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