



THE IDAHO ODD FELLOW REBEKAH NEWS



VOL. 134 No. 8

BOISE, ID 83706

AUGUST 2024

Grand Lodge of Idaho
920 Grant
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 459-2091



Rebekah Assembly of Idaho
P.O. Box 359
Kooskia, ID 83539
(208) 926-4387
www.rebekahsofido.com

Melba Rebekah Lodge #105



Front: Jelene Baird (Melba Lodge #105)
Back: Janie Clark (Melba Lodge #105), Will Sparks (Nampa Odd Fellows Lodge #40), Tom Ashley (Melba Lodge #105), & Mike Miller District Deputy President of District 4 (Harmony Lodge #22).

Nampa - On June 29, 2024, Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 had a brunch at Brothers Bob Covert and Tom Ashley's to celebrate the summer months and to honor our District Deputy President for District 4, Brother Mike Miller. Unity Rebekah Lodge #8 members, Margaret Odle, Joe and Linda Sirani, and Joe DeChristefero were there. Also Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22 members Paula and Mike Miller came down for it. We also had non-members of Rebekah and two Odd Fellows from Nampa Lodge 40, Will Spark and Stewart Smith came and ate with us. Brother Tom Ashley cooked sausage and eggs and as always, they were very good. The rest of us brought different items to share. Overall we had a lot to eat and everything was great! Even the weather was very pleasant as we enjoyed the back yard.

Submitted by Sister Sandie Chandler

Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95



Back: Nancy Morris, Doris Hansen, her great-great grandmother, Mikayla, Deb Whitney, her grandmother, and Alice Baillie.
Front: Shannon Vieth and Bonnie Kemple, NG.

Couer d'Alene - Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 was fortunate to have one of our scholarship winners, Mikayla Whitney who is student at Western Montana State.

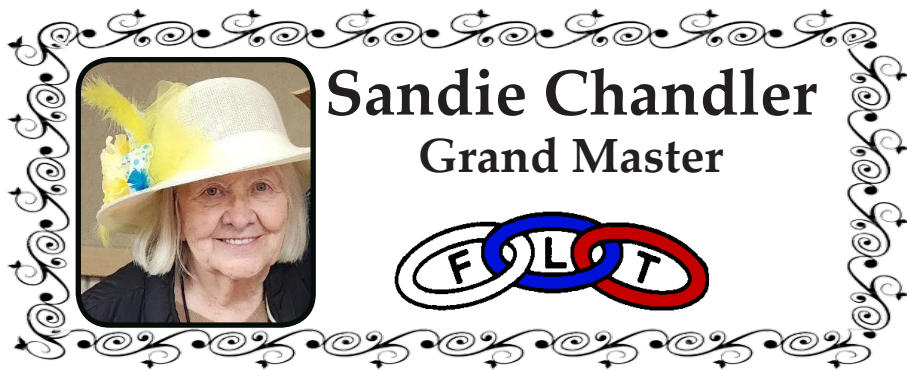
The winners that could not attend were Ahtum O'Neil, Harlie Laughlin, Alycia Camerson, and Rayla Atwood. We were proud that we could give as many scholarships as possible.

Shannon Vieth, Secretary



**Sunday
August 4th**

Celebrate our Rebekah
and Odd Fellow Sisters!



Time is marching onward. The weather has been on the warm side. Have you asked yourself what a “Swap Cooler” is? Are you asking yourself “What in the world is she talking about?” I am referring to my July letter. In the July letter I referred to a “Swap Cooler.” What I meant to write was “Swamp Cooler.” Spell checked like the word Swap, and when I read and re-read my letter, I saw Swamp. Hate it when I goof up like that. Thanks to Sister Ursula White for letting me know! Wished I had let her read my letter before I sent it to the paper to be printed. Oh well, no harm was done!

Also in my July letter I wrote “Brother Dan Sanow, Past Grand Master, is moving to North Dakota...” After the paper came out, I learned that Brother Dan isn’t moving to North Dakota, but he is moving to South/East Arizona. No matter where Brother Dan moves to, I wish him the best of luck.

Sister Vicky Kiele and her Committee for Grand Sessions have been working hard getting everything in order for our October meetings. I know the meals have been picked. This year, there won’t be a Historical Luncheon. Instead an informal get-together at the restaurant is being planned. You will be able to decide what you want to eat and hopefully it will be cheaper than reserving a room and someone deciding what you are going to eat. Also, a short meeting will be held. **REMEMBER, ALL MEMBERS OF ALL BRANCHES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.** You can become a member of this group for \$5 a year or a life-time member for \$25. If you

(Con’t on page 3)

Dear Sisters & Brothers.

The temperature has not been very friendly lately. Don’t get me wrong. I love Summer but this has just been too hot. Fire Season also seems to be off to a big start. Hopefully nobody is impacted from the fires or the nasty smoke it causes.

Please get your registration forms in asap for Sessions. It’s important that we get an accurate count. I’m also hoping by now everyone has received their tops. If you haven’t please contact me so I can find out where it is. Don’t forget to pack your long black skirt, and black shoes.

The theme for Amos Amosette night is Halloween. That means you can dress up as anything you want. I hope you will have fun with this Theme. I can’t wait to see all the costumes.

Please check on your Members who are “shut ins” or don’t have family around. You never know what someone might be going through. Or maybe they need something delivered. I know you will make their day.

One of the things I have been most impressed about since becoming an Assembly Officer is all the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep our Organizations running. I think it’s important that I Thank everyone who has a part in all Committees, Planning Board, Newspaper, Funeral Aid, and all the Past and Present Officers of both Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s. Your hard work and dedication doesn’t go unnoticed. Thank You all again.

Enjoy your Summer and try to stay cool and hydrated!

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

Grand Master's Letter

(Con't from Page 2--)

don't want to join that's ok, you are still invited to come eat with us. Officers will be elected. Hopefully someone knows who the officers are for this year! If you do, please let me know!!!!

Our Grand Warden, Brother Mike Miller just got out of the hospital. Brother Mike had a single bypass. Thursday, July 11, 2024. According to his wife, Sister Paula Miller, all went well. Prayers to Brother Mike and Sister Paula for a fast recovery.

Hope you are enjoying your summer and if you aren't holding meetings, you are starting to miss them. Until next month, keep cool!

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



Florida - Ruth Harrison's 100th birthday was celebrated with family and friends in Florida on June 5. She had family from Hawaii, California, Idaho, and of course her family in Florida attending.

COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

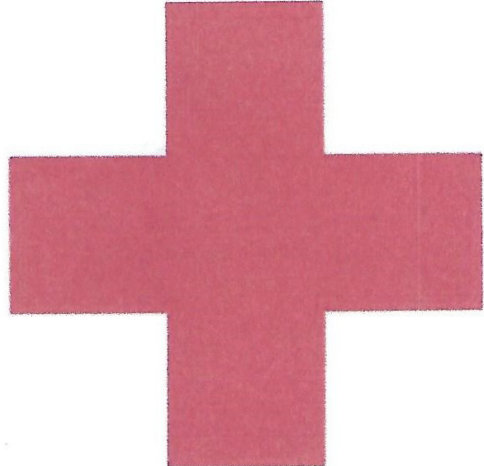
1-3	NORTHWEST/PACIFIC NW	YAKIMA
10	THANKSGIVING DINNER	WHITE BIRD
21	THANKSGIVING DINNER	MTN HOME

August 17th



**NATIONAL
NONPROFIT DAY**

This day is meant to recognize the positive impact that nonprofit organizations have on local communities and around the world.



Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross

SAVE THE DATE
~~~~ **BLOOD DRIVE** ~~~~  
**Italian American Club of Boise**

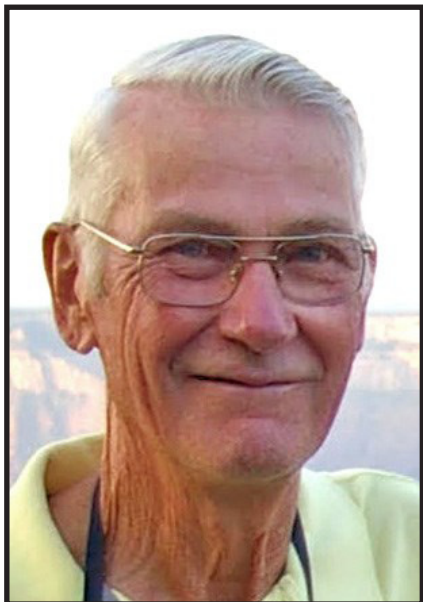
Odd Fellows Hall  
600 N Curtis Rd  
Boise, ID 83706

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: IACBoise to schedule an appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

# In Loving Memory



**Tom Gordon  
Lancaster**

**Feb. 12, 1938 ~  
June 19, 2024**



BUHL - Tom Gordon Lancaster, 86, of Buhl, passed away June 19, 2024. He was born February 12, 1938, to Roy and Jane Lancaster of Filer. He was the 5th of 7 children, and his early life was spent with the family milking cows and pitching in on the Filer farm. He attended school at Poplar Hill and graduated from Filer High School in 1956. He joined the National Guard and served proudly as a young man.

In 1958, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Phyllis Lux. They were married 38 years and had three children, Brian, Margaret and Brad. In 1999, he married a second time to Marilyn Detrow, and they would have 24 wonderful years together, with her by his side when he passed.

Tom was a musician who could play by ear and was proficient at the piano, accordion, and guitar. In early married life, he and his cousin Robert and wife Phyllis would play for dances, and in later life he played with the Dance with Legacy Band for senior citizens.

Tom was a successful farmer most of his life. He was also an avid hunter, trap shooter, skier, builder, woodworker, farm mechanic, businessman, philanthropist, and politician.

Tom was an active member of the IOOF Lodge in Filer and was one of the founding members of the Filer Cemetery Association that took over control of the cemetery after the IOOF Lodge in Filer disbanded in the mid-90s. He was the Sexton of the Filer Cemetery for 30 plus years, starting in the late 80s and finally retiring in 2019 after successfully campaigning to have a cemetery district formed. He loved the cemetery and visited often after his retirement.

Tom Lancaster was an accomplished man who loved deeply and was well-loved in return. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at Farmer Funeral Chapel, in Buhl. Burial was at the Filer Cemetery.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on Tom's memorial web page at [www.farmerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.farmerfuneralchapel.com).



## Purple Heart Day ~ August 7th

The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most respected medals awarded in the U.S military. So, let's acknowledge and honor the brave men and women wounded in combat or who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

**GRAND LODGE & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF IDAHO  
IOOF**

**OCTOBER 12-16, 2024**

ROOM RATE UNIVERSITY INN MOSCOW, ID (208-882-0550)

SINGLE (king) \$129.99 PLUS ANY TAX

DOUBLE ( 2 Queen) \$139.99 PLUS ANY TAX

**Please make your own reservations directly with the hotel**

(Cut off date for rooms=September 14, 2024 at this rate)

#####

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT (S) AND TITLES (CIRCLE AS MANY AS NEEDED)**

I.O.O.F. \_\_\_\_\_ REBEKAH \_\_\_\_\_ ENCAMPMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION FEE, PER PERSON. (ALL UNITS) ----\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR \$20.00**

**GENERAL BANQUET Menu: Chicken Coeur d'Alene \$46.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Prime Rib \$47.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOSETTE BANQUET \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAST GRAND OFFICERS/ ASSEMBLY PP BANQUET \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cut off date for Pre Registration and Banquets is October 10, 2013**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ALL MEALS INCLUDE DESSERT AND COFFEE OR TEA**

**Make checks payable to Grand Lodge Host Committee for Registration plus amount of Banquets and send to**

**VICKY KIELE  
PO BOX 359  
KOOSKIA, ID 83539**

Thank you,  
Grand Lodge Host Committee

**NOTE:**

The Historical Society will have a no host luncheon in the restaurant at 12pm on Tuesday. Please let the registration committee know if you will be attending so we can get a head count for the restaurant.

Proposed Bylaws of the Odd Fellow  
Funeral Aid Association of Idaho  
July 2024

Any member of a Subordinate Lodge within the Jurisdiction of Idaho, in good standing in their lodge, and in reasonable health at the date of their application, can become a member of Funeral Aid.

Funeral Aid Association was organized in 1921 and membership is voluntary.

The Association provides the following:

A sum for financial aid of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to defray the expenses of and incidental to the funeral of a deceased member of the Association, and/or for relief of their family, and will be paid to the members designated beneficiary.

**Association committee Duties:**

1. The Committee for the Funeral Aid will consist of three (3) Odd Fellows in good standing. These members have to be a participant of Funeral Aid. The members will be appointed by the Grand Master. The purpose of the Committee is to promote and administer the Funeral Aid program. The term of the Committee members will be for three year. One member of the committee will go off each year and a new appointment will be made.

2. The Grand Secretary and Subordinate Lodge Secretary will maintain a list of the members of Funeral Aid. The Subordinate Lodge Secretary will provide the Grand Secretary a list of their members belonging to Funeral Aid. The Subordinate Lodge Secretary will inform the Grand Secretary of any member who passes away. If the member is current on their assessments the Grand Secretary will request the Grand Treasurer to issue a check. The Grand Secretary will send the check to the Subordinate Lodge Secretary who will see that the beneficiary receives the check.

**Assessment:**

1. Upon the death of three (3) members, the members of the Funeral Aid Association, will pay an assessment of \$15 (fifteen dollars) within thirty (30) days from the date of such assessment.

2. Any member who fails to pay an assessment within thirty (30) days will be suspended from the program, and his/her beneficiary will not be entitled to receive any benefits and he/she shall forfeit all interest in the funds of the Association; the member and Subordinate Lodge shall be notified of such suspension and that reinstatement may be made by the member, in good standing, paying all assessments due following such suspension.

3. Membership in the Association is contingent upon good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows in the State of Idaho. If a member withdraws, resigns, is dropped for non-payment of dues, or transfers from his/her Idaho Lodge to a Lodge in another Jurisdiction, his/her membership in the Association will be cancelled. The Association is not liable for refund of any assessments collected.

(Con't on page 7)

Proposed Bylaws of the Odd Fellow  
Funeral Aid Association of Idaho  
(Con't from page 6)

4. The benefit paid by the Association shall be paid to the member's named beneficiary. The member shall inform the Subordinate Lodge Secretary of his or her beneficiary. The payment will be made as soon after death of a member as practicable. Every attempt will be made to pay the beneficiary. If the information provided to the Subordinate Lodge Secretary isn't up-to-date, the Subordinate Lodge will be responsible to find the beneficiary. If there no beneficiary is found, then the funds will revert back to the Funeral Aid fund.
5. Upon the death of a member who is not delinquent for assessments, and who is less than one year in arrears for dues to his or her Subordinate Lodge, the funeral benefit provided by the Association shall be paid.
6. The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge shall manage the funds for the Funeral Aid Association and, being notified by the Grand Secretary, will be responsible to issue to the Subordinate Lodge Secretary the payment for the beneficiary.

While the Funeral Aid Association is not operated by the Grand Lodge of Idaho, and is not under its control, the Grand Lodge took the following action at the time the Association was organized, and the Funeral Aid Association recognizes, accepts, and is bound by such action:

- (a) That Association may be dissolved at any time by the Grand Lodge when in its judgment it shall be for the best interests of the Order so to do. Upon the dissolution of said Association either action by the Grand Lodge or voluntary action of its members, any money remaining in its funds after all its obligations are discharged shall be paid into and become a part of the endowment fund of the Grand Lodge.
- (b) The Grand Lodge of Idaho shall never be liable for funding the payment of any of the benefits or other obligations of the Association.

Eligible members of the Subordinate Lodges of Idaho, who are interested in rendering voluntary help to the families of their departed brothers or sisters at a time when help is most needed, are invited to join the Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association. Remember, "To bury the dead" is one of our duties and a basic principles of Odd Fellowship.

Fraternally,  
Marge Harlan, Mt. Home 19, Mt. Home, Chairperson,  
Robert Covert, Nampa 40, Nampa  
Donnie Marvin, Mt. Home 19, Mt. Home



**Please let the committee know your thoughts, changes, or corrections on these bylaws.**

The Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Ada Lodge #3  
600 North Curtis Road, Ste. 225  
Boise, ID 83706

Non-Profit Org.  
**US POSTAGE PAID**  
Boise, Idaho  
Permit No. 164

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



## THE IDAHO ODD FELLOW REBEKAH NEWS

### THE IDAHO ODD FELLOW REBEKAH NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

**Published Monthly**  
**Next Issue: September**  
**Deadline August 18th**

**2024 Issues: January, February, March**  
**April, May, June, July, August, September,**  
**October, November, December**

#### **NOTICE:**

Articles and pictures must be received by the Editor no later than the 18th in order to be published in the next month's issue. The Editor and Editorial Board reserve the right to edit all articles submitted for publication and do not hold ourselves responsible for views or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

### **Just The Facts**

THE IDAHO ODD FELLOW REBEKAH NEWS  
Promoting Odd Fellowship through Positive Communication

The Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News is published twelve times a year by the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, I.O.O.F.

Sandie Chandler ~ Grand Master  
Christina Supak ~ Assembly President

#### **EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

Chairman: Dustin Irish-Webb 321 N. 13th Ave., Pocatello, ID  
Vice Chairman: Vicky Kiele PO Box 359, Kooskia, ID  
Treas.: Joe DeChristefero, 3610 N. Bottle Brush Ave. Boise, ID  
Secretary: Sharon McGaffick, 4781 Anderson Way, Nampa  
Georgia Wickham 221 Parkview Lane #4, Caldwell, ID  
Crystal Livingston 1990 Judy Lane Pocatello, ID 83201  
Janie Clark 2014 Juniper St. Nampa, ID 83686

#### **EDITOR AND PUBLISHER**

Marjorie Harlan, 1480 Vision Street, Mountain Home, ID 83647  
Phone: (208) 371-7401 ~ E-mail: IdahoEditor@msn.com

**SUBSCRIPTION:** \$12.00 a year in advance  
Send address corrections and comments about the paper to the Editor or any board member at their address above.