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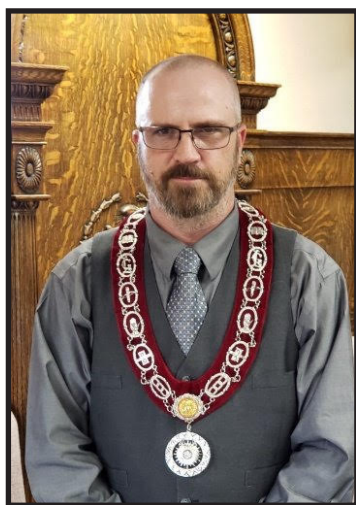
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Grand Master - David Livingston



I was born in Pocatello in March 1972 to Gene and Grace Livingston. We didn't stay here long after as my dad joined the Army and we were off to Texas after training at Fort Ord, California. After Texas, we moved to Germany for three years where I attended kindergarten. Our last stop was Ft. Sill, Oklahoma before returning to Idaho in 1979 where I stayed until joining the Army myself.

In 1990, my Army career began. I have been stationed in Virginia, Germany, Colorado, and Maryland. In 2000, I left the Army and joined the Alabama Air National Guard where I remained until 2006. After all this, I was a contractor in Iraq through August 2010. At that time, I wanted to come back to Idaho and spend some time with my family, especially my father, whose health was failing.

My Odd Fellows journey began when I reconnected with Crystal Shepherd in 2012. Through Crystal, I met Anna Breeze who talked to me about joining the Odd Fellows and after talking with her and Crystal, I

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Assembly President - Crystal Livingston



I have been requested to give you some information about myself. I think most of you know who I am and probably more about me than you ever wanted to. I was born in Pocatello ID May 13, 1972 to Cheryl Walker. I was adopted by Matt and Anna Breeze when I was about 4 years old. I have lived in Pocatello most of my life. I did live in California when I was very, very young and in Germany for 1 ½ years as a military wife. I went to elementary school in Blackfoot ID, commuting with my mom, Anna, every day, no matter the weather or the roads. It was a bonding experience for the two of us. I started going to school in Pocatello ID in 7th grade and graduated in 1990 from Highland High School. I grew up with a well-rounded life with church, home, camping, fishing, riding bikes and in home activities. I could be all dirty and grimy from working on a car with my dad in the afternoon and dressed up in a formal that night for a band concert. I would not trade it for anything. I joined Ivy Rebekah's in Pocatello when I was about 21. I joined Portneuf Lodge

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2024 SGL Sessions



Marge Harlan and DeeDee Hallquist, representing the state of Idaho at our opening meeting

I would like to Thank all my Officers, Lodge Representatives, Committees, Past Presidents, and everyone else who attended my Pinecone Session. Also a Thank you to the Odd Fellows Officers and Members. Each and everyone of you made it special. I'm completely overwhelmed with the amount of Love I received. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs truly are the best people. Thank you again and I'll see you in Pocatello!

In F.L.&T.
Christina Supak



COMING EVENTS 2024

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

14	CHRISTMAS PARTY	NAMPA
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COMING EVENTS 2025

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FEBRUARY

7	PLANNING BOARD	CALDWELL
15	IOOF DISTRICT 4	BOISE

MARCH

8	REB. DIST 3 & VISITATION	MTN. HOME
15	REB. DIST 1	POCATELLO
22	IOOF DISTRICT 1	ASHTON
29	IDAHO 1/TEMPLE 3 FISH FRY	BOISE

APRIL

4-6	NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION	BC
12	REBEKAH DIST 4	BOISE
14	IOOF DIST 7 VISITATIONS	CLEARWATER
TBD	ENCAMPMENT DIST 1	BOISE
19	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
19	REBEKAH DIST 6	WHITE BIRD

MAY

7	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
10	IOOF DIST 3 & ENC. DIST 2	MTN HOME
17	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18 VISITS	IDAHO CITY
21	IOOF DIST 7 VISITATION	CLEARWATER
TBD	IOOF DIST 6 VISITATION	PRIEST RIVER

JUNE

TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	MTN HOME
14	ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
14	GRAND ENCAMPMENT	BOISE

JULY

TBD	GI JOE BREAKFAST	BOISE
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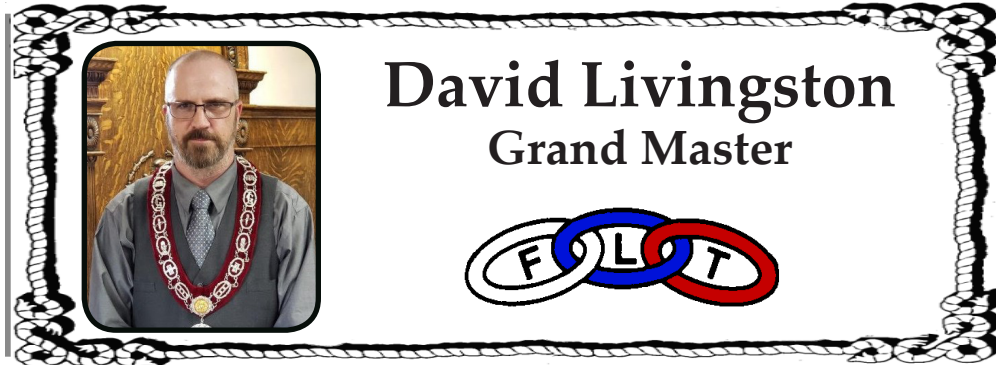
AUGUST

6	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL
TBD	BOISE PICNIC	BOISE
16-21	SGL/IARA	PITTSBURG, PA



Happy Thanksgiving





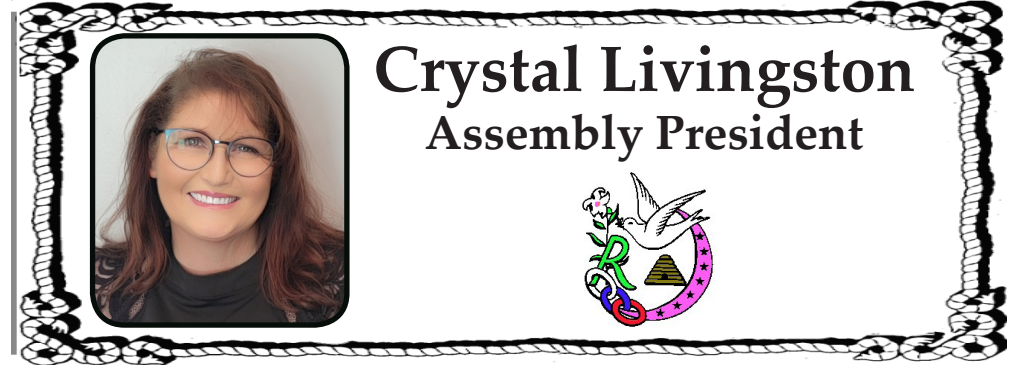
David Livingston
Grand Master



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to thank the members for electing me Grand Master for the 2024-2025 year in our Moscow sessions. My emblem this year is the bundle of sticks because, as we all know, a single stick can be easily broken, but together we can withstand much greater force. As I traveled the state for the past two years, I have seen what can happen when we band together to make things work and it is wonderful to see.

I was excited to be able to attend the opening day of Assembly President Christina Supak's Pinecone assembly and was honored to fill in as her Odd Fellow Flag Bearer. I think it is important to support each other as much as possible. With that in mind, most of you know that Assembly President Crystal Livingston and I will be traveling together for our visitations. I would like to share my gratitude to all the lodges for working with us when scheduling our visits. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. The quickest way to contact me would be through e-mail at djlioof@gmail.com or my phone, when I can get a break at work, 208-317-1020. I look forward to seeing everyone this coming year, for visitation and your special events.



Crystal Livingston
Assembly President



Dear Fellow Lodge Members,

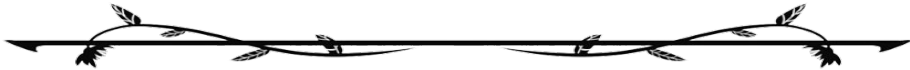
This is letter one of many, I hope I can keep you informed as well as entertained through the year. It seems time has just flown by and I am one big bundle of excitement and nerves! I am so honored to be your 2024-2025 Rebekah Assembly President. I never thought I would follow in the footsteps of my mom, Anna Breeze. I hope I can do as good of a job as she did 22 years ago. How things have changed since then. It makes me proud to know I am here and the majority of you have given me your support. As I have traveled this last year with both the Assembly Officers and the Grand Body Officers I have met so many wonderful people. I feel blessed to be a part of this knowledgeable group. I have learned a lot and know I have a lot more to learn, but I have the best people around me to help with that. I have not been able to go to each lodge, so I am excited for this upcoming year to do even more traveling and see all of the lodges. I hope to see all of the members, active or not, at the official visits, District Meetings, or other activities. I want to represent you in the very best way. I have an open door policy. If you have an idea, suggestion, feedback, anything at all, please reach out to me. I will get back to you within 24 hours and I love communication! I am an open

book and I'm hoping to add some fun, meaningful, and informative chapters to my life. My theme for this year is "We all started out as rough stones before we became polished gems! Tumbles make us beautiful." My motto is "Be fierce for Membership". We are a beautiful, fierce group of people, let's show it! Though we have had some tumbles and a decrease in membership, we have the ability to come out on top! I cannot wait to see each and every one of you this year!

In FL&T, Crystal Livingston, Assembly President

Grand Master's Bio (Con't from page 1)

decided to join in 2013. Crystal and I got married in January 2021 and have been enjoying our travels together and I have enjoyed my time as a member and look forward to many more years of Odd Fellowship.



Assembly President's Bio (Con't from page 1)

#20 after my dad passed to keep it going. I am now a member of 3 Rebekah, 2 Odd Fellow, 2 Encampment and 1 Canton Lodges. I love what the order stands for! I am excited to be learning even more about it. David and I have been together since 2012, but we dated in High School. We found each other again when the timing was right. I have 3 of my own children, 2 step-children from a previous marriage, and 3 step children from David. So, 2 girls and 6 boys. We have almost 25 grandchildren-one coming in December-and 1 great grandchild. I love having a large family. It makes the day to day amazing! I have been around lodge activities most of my life. My Great Great Grandma Florence was a Rebekah and I did dishes after the parties, played cards at the card nights and cleaned the hall. Seeing the large groups of people in their suits and beautiful dresses made me want to join at 5 or 6. My mom and dad were both members and I remember them hosting visitors at the house. I thought how amazing it would be to be so close to people that they were your family too. Now I have that! Thank you for all you do for and with me! I'm hopeful this year will be an excellent one.

In FL&T, Crystal Livingston

Love Thy Neighbor



Boise - On September 2, 2024 members of the Order (Odd Fellows, Rebekah's, and Encampment) did Love Thy Neighbor. We maintained the East and West Rest Areas on 184 outside of Boise. Both sides gave out cookies, water, and coffee to anyone who stopped by. On the East side, the members present were Sisters Pat Marvin, Sharon McGaffick, and Sandie Chandler along with Brothers Tom Catlow, Tom Ashley, and Bob Covert. Sisters Ida May and Paula Miller along with Brother Mike Miller stopped by and helped out. The West side was maintained by Sisters Connie Schultz, Pam York and Martha Norris along with Brothers Joe DeChristefero and Frank Norris, and Brother Joe's wife Diana. It had been decided that any donations we received would be donated to the Grand Master's project, helping animals in shelters etc. With donations from Ada Lodge #3 and Nampa Lodge #40 and what travelers gave, the Grand Master project received \$200. Once the donations have been donated, the Grand Master will let us all know where the donations went.

Submitted by
Sandie Chandler



Marge Harlan Receives the Meritorious Service Jewel



The Executive Committee wishes to acknowledge Sister Marge Harlan.

Before joining the Odd Fellows, Sister Marge joined the Rebekahs. Sister Marge was very active in the Rebekah's and was the Assembly President in 2004-2005. Sister Marge remained active in this order even though she became a member of Mountain Home #19 Odd Fellows October 19, 2001. On this day, Sister Marge received all of the degrees. Sister Marge became Vice Grand for Mountain Home #19 in 2010 and then was Noble Grand in 2011. Sister Marge was the Lodge Secretary from 2015 through 2017. In 2015-2016 Sister Marge became Grand Warden for Idaho's Grand Lodge. In 2016-2017 she was elected Deputy Grand Master and became Grand Master for 2017-2018. Sister Marge was the second lady to hold the title of Grand Master. After serving as our Grand Master, Sister Marge decided she wanted to serve our Encampment and became the Grand Senior Warden in 2018-2019 and Grand Patriarch in 2019-2021. Sister Marge has continued to serve our Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment. Presently she is the Grand Treasure and Grand Scribe.

Sister Marge has done a lot more than hold offices in our order. When Sister Marge took over the position of Treasurer, she had to figure out where all of our different funds were. Sister Marge also took over doing the payroll and taxes. This job had been farmed out and costing Grand Lodge. When Sister Marge was asked to go to California for a trial, she jumped at the chance to learn all about trials, as she knew our Grand Lodge was planning on having one. Sister Marge came back with a lot of knowledge on what needed to be done. Sister Marge was our acting attorney for the trial we did have. Many hours and research was done to make sure Grand Lodge won the case, and yes, we did win.

It is hard to list all of the great things Sister Marge does for Grand Lodge, now and in the past. There is no one else more deserving for this award than Sister Marge.

I am pleased and honored to present Sister Marge with the Meritorious Service Jewel.

Sandie Chandler. Grand Master



History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

The purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have sponsored and supported the Pilgrimage For Youth annually since 1949. This unique educational program brings high school students from around the world to study and participate in discussions concerning world affairs, as well as making new and lifelong friends.

Important Updates to 2025 Tour

- Passports will not be required for the 2025 Tour. (still required for Canadian students)
- We will not be requiring Out of Country insurance for this year's tour. (still required for Canadian students)
- COVID-19 vaccinations will not be required, but are strongly recommended, for tour participants.

2025 Tour Info

It is once again time to start the selection process for delegates that will be attending the 77th Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. The tour dates are June 28th - July 11th and begin and end in Philadelphia.

The cost for this year's tour will be \$2,100.00.

The Pilgrimage for Youth board met on August 17th, 2024 in Pittsburgh, PA and set the dates of June 28th to July 11th for the 2025 tour. The following details were approved:

- Delegate fees will be \$2,100 for the 2025 tour. The total cost for this year was \$2,835 for each delegate. The difference in cost is made up through generous donations from our lodge's individuals and sponsors. A huge thank you to all that support our program.
- All fees are to be made at one time instead of in two deposits.
- All delegates must start the tour on the beginning date and stay with the tour until its end date.
- Tour leader fees have been set at \$800 dollars.
- All delegate fees and applications will be due on February 1st, 2025.
- Staff and Tour Leader applications are due November 1st, 2024.
- Delegates must be 16/17 years old and have at least one year of high school remaining to be eligible.

If you are interested in sending a delegate, please let me know (Sandie Chandler). Remember, the Committee can help with the cost. Email me at sandiejocxx@aol.com or call me at 208-442-4413.

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Michael Bush - Portneuf #20



I was born in Bristow, Oklahoma, spending half my childhood there and half of it nearby in the very rural community of Newby. I moved to Utah for school and met my beautiful wife, Terri, while preparing to attend USU in Logan. We moved to Brigham City after school in Utah and Nebraska and have lived there for 23 years. We have 6 children- 5 girls and 1 boy, ages 17-33.

My background is in anthropology and museum studies. I have worked for Family Search in Salt Lake City for 24 years where I catalog digital images, (including Odd Fellows records!) for genealogical research.

My grandmother was a lifelong Rebekah and I grew up attending Church in their lodge building. However, I didn't really know what the IOOF was until I started researching it a little before joining. When I discovered there were ritual degrees teaching friendship, love, and truth, I knew it was something I had to have.

I joined the IOOF on Jan. 9, 2020, in Ogden, Utah, where I have had a great experience with great people. A few years later, I discovered the Ridgely Encampment in Pocatello from a post on their Facebook page. When we met for my interview I instantly felt at home and knew I had found a great group of friends. They are truly amazing! And because of that, I didn't hesitate to request membership in their regular lodge. We all have the greatest time serving together!

I love the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and look forward to serving our Lodge as Noble Grand this year.

Michael Bush

New Officers for Portneuf #20



Happy October to everyone!

Portneuf Lodge does things a little different than the rest of the lodges in the area. We break ½ of November, all of December and ½ of January. With this change in mind, we elect our new officers in September and install in October. So, it is my privilege to introduce you to our 2024-2025 Executive officers, Noble Grand-Michael Bush, Vice Grand-Lisa Coleman, Secretary-Crystal Livingston, Treasurer-David Livingston and Warden-Cherryl Walker.

Our goal for the upcoming year is to have a minimum of 1 article per paper. To achieve this, we are going to spot light 1 member a month. So, keep your eyes out. I also want to challenge you to do the same. We sure would like to know what is going on in your areas also. All the little things are important and interesting to everyone else. Please share what you have.

I included a picture of the officers after being installed. David Livingston, Lisa Coleman, Michael Bush, Crystal Livingston, Cherryl Walker. We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:00 at the Lodge Hall at 325 West Lander Pocatello, ID. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, call the lodge number (208) 637-4158 and see if we are doing a breakfast that day. We would love to have you!

In FL&T, Crystal Livingston-Secretary

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