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Lady Nancy Morris Receives the Decoration of Chivalry



Lady Nancy Morris with granddaughter
Dessie Lewis

Lady Nancy Morris is a member of Carnation Rebekah Lodge #95 in good standing. Which entitled her to join the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militants.

Which is one requirement to receive the Decoration of Chivalry. The Decoration is one of the highest honors one can receive. It is all based on the things one does in life that is not related to the lodge. It is for community service that you receive no pay for.

Lady Nancy Morris has done many, many things in her life to earn this Jewel. She Nursed an elderly Gentleman, John Harrison when he was in a nursing home. Taking his laundry, when he would not let anyone else do it and also provided for his personal needs. She helps manage some apartments always helping the tenants with there problems. She has on numerous times taken people to the doctors when they can't drive.

On one occasion she saw someone lying in the road and stopped and convinced them to go to the hospital. She is the type that can't look the other way and drive by. She has served on the Volunteer fire department auxiliary for several years along with her husband. She has served on about every kind of a committee in the country. If some one needs help Nancy is always willing to serve. She enjoys helping other people.

On one occasion two men in the military who were stranded and couldn't take off in there small plane because of to much snow, had to get back to Spokane for duty. So she took them back to town on her snowmobile. That was just Nancy being herself helping those in need.

She has served on the Historical societies board for several years. The list just goes on. This information came from me talking with her and from the people close to her in her life.

When a lady came down with the shingles, Nancy would go to her house multiple times to make sure she had creamed applied. She is always lending wheel chairs canes and other things for the handicap. She let Dee use her car for two months after her car accident. These are all people of the community not Rebekahs.

She volunteered to run for Mayor of Hayden Lake when they were having problems. She won the election and now the present Mayor of Hayden Lake City as well as our new Rebekah Assembly President.

While doing this she cared for her disabled husband for many years but always found time for others. She is a role model of what Rebekahs are all about.

Any Rebekah can join the L.A.P.M. It is the uniform branch of the order.

Chivalrously
Submitted by
Lady Bessie Houck PPDALAPM

ALBERTSONS PREFERRED SAVINGS CARD

Since the Albertsons Community Partners Program was started several years ago, the program has received a total of \$2,816.60. If we are to continue this fund raising activity, the membership needs to read and follow the instructions.

Richard Miller

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Important Albertsons Community Partners Action Item
You Must Relink Your Card
To Keep Our Program Successful!

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertsons Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds.

Even if you have linked your preferred Savings Card to our organization in the past, you need to re-link your card number in order for us to continue earning funds. Link (or re-link) your Albertsons preferred Savings card to our organization now at:

WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM

All you need is your preferred Savings Card Number and our Organization ID. It will only take a minute and will help us greatly.

If you do not know your Preferred Savings Card Number, please call: (877) 932-7948. Our Organization ID# is: 49000128467

You must relink your card at the website above by February 28, 2009 in order to keep earning funds for our organization.

Please pass this notice around to your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors so they can link their cards for us as well.

If you do not have a preferred Savings card, you can get one at any Albertsons or online at Albertsons.Com.

Every time you shop at Albertsons and scan your linked preferred Savings Card, we will earn back up to 4% of your shopping dollars!

Thank you for your support!



JUST A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY



I wanted to thank the Members once again for choosing to let me continue as your Secretary! It is something that I hope I am doing to your satisfaction and also something that I truly enjoy. Soon it will be District Meeting time and I am looking forward to seeing all of us as we learn and share.

I also wanted to thank all of you who called or sent cards after I had my small stroke in November, it was greatly appreciated. Also if in November or the first part of December you ordered things or needed me to do something, please forgive me if I did not get to it and please if it didn't get done let me know and we will try again.

I wanted to let you all know my cell phone number so that you can contact me that way if needed. It is (208) 503-2313.

In Friendship, Love and Truth
Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary



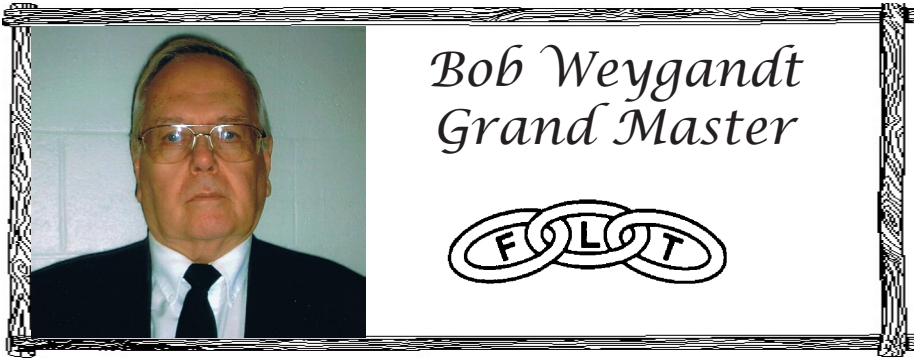
I would like to thank and express my deep appreciation to everyone for their calls, cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my son, Dan.

Hazel Robinson, PP



Just want to say "Thanks to Everyone" for cards, calls and e-mails after I fell on the sidewalk and fractured my wrist! Sorry I'm such a KLUTZ, but I didn't realize where I was going, I guess! Anyway, I was thankful that it wasn't worse and I get (or got) my cast off on December 10th. There's always a bit of humor in everything -- I had just come from getting my finger nails done, so was very careful to protect my hands when I fell! My doctor said the "nails were beautiful" in the ex-rays. Happy Holidays to you all!

Delia McManus, Past President



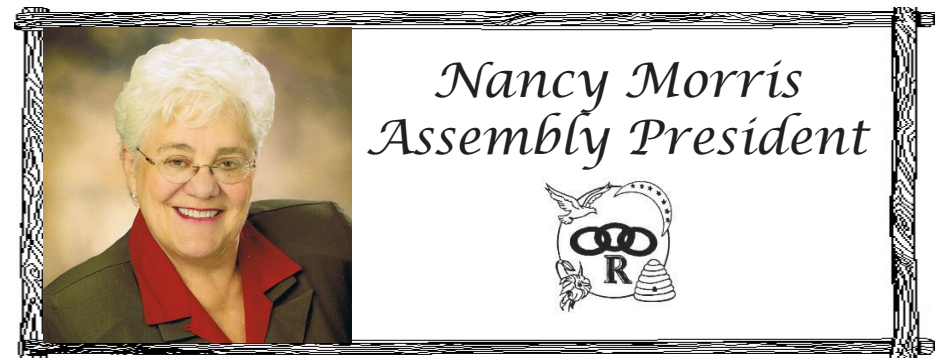
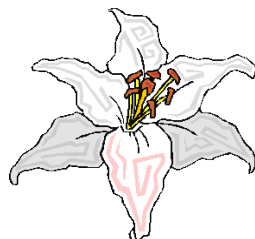
Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this letter, I am thinking about the Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association meeting in Wilsonville Oregon in November. There were a total of 97 present and we had 11 from Idaho. What a great opportunity these are to meet with members from all four jurisdictions and share what jurisdictions and individual lodges are doing to gain new members and what they do in their communities, not only to help the community but also to make the community aware of the order and the local lodges.

There were a number of ideas being talked about, such as donating Teddy Bears to the Police Department and to shelters, warm winter coats to under privileged children, headscarves for cancer patients and scholarships. If we just look, we can find a project in our community that needs doing. Not only do they help people but they also make people aware of our order. They don't have to be big projects, just something that helps our fellow man and shows that we care, plus we might even gain a member or two (if we ask).

In February, I will begin my visitations. I look forward to visiting with each and every one of you. I look forward to hearing what your lodge is doing and what you might have planned for this year. I also want to hear from you any ideas you might have to improve Odd Fellowship and gain new members. As your Grand Master, I want to know what I can do to help your lodge.

Bob Weygandt
Grand Master
Jurisdiction of Idaho



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I hope the holidays were good to you all and Santa was there.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in February and March. I hope the roads will be good to us all. Remember to keep our meetings fun and interesting so that more members will want to attend. My donkey has been fun to work with and will guide me down south.

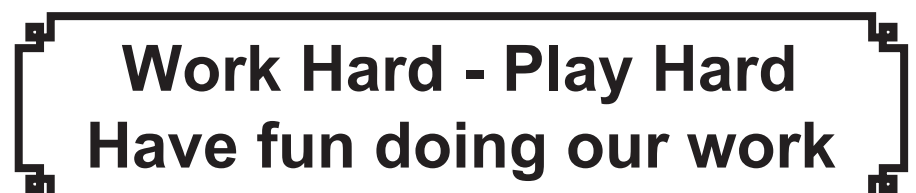
Keep trying to get new members and I know with the economy it is rough on the expense account but keep trying to keep those meetings going. It will look brighter soon. I leave you with this thought. (Written by PP Ice! L. Weygandt)

Is anybody happier because you passed their way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now, a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting
with the day that's slipping fast.
That you helped a single brother
of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does a man whose hopes were fading,
now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day or use it;
was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that
God would say
You earned one more tomorrow
by the work you did today.

Looking forward to our meetings.

In F.L. T.
Nancy Morris, President



ARTHRITIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very pleased that President Nancy has appointed me the Arthritis Chairman for this year. I will be submitting a letter for each of the papers and I hope the things I write will be of benefit to you and to the Order.

Let me begin by saying that I have volunteered as a Counselor and Support Group Leader for the Arthritis Foundation in the southeastern part of Idaho. I was trained by them for two days in Salt Lake City in 1997 and you may still find my name and telephone number on some of their publications. I am happy to help when I still receive phone calls although I resigned in 2002 to serve as Assembly President.

The Arthritis Foundation is supported entirely by contributions, for our lodge members, large pharmaceutical companies and gifts which make the research and distribution of information possible. Research is great, but it is useless unless the new learning is proven correct and gets to the patient. You can read of our founding of and responsibility to the Arthritis Foundation and their responsibility to us in the SGL Code Chapter XLIV. Every piece of it's literature bears the motto, "TAKE CONTROL We can help."

Today, I want to suggest one way you can help others and help yourself, too. If you are not a member, please sign up immediately. Send a note with your name and address and \$20 to this address: **ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION**, Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077-749L. For your paid membership you will receive a year's subscription to Arthritis Today (a beautiful magazine with lots of pictures, articles by their board of doctors, testimonials of other readers, and just plain "good positive reading). With your membership you will receive the latest Drug Guide, (another fine annual publication) and a 10% discount on books, videos and things you will see in the magazine. If this sounds like another advertisement, it is because I really feel strongly about the good the Foundation does, and what it can do for you!! In future articles I will write about five proven habits that will make life with Arthritis easier. Let me outline them here. (1) Learn as much as you can about the disease. (2) Keep a positive attitude. (3) Make a Rheumatologist (doctor) a partner in your care. (4) Keep moving. Do as many things you love to do as possible. (5) Enlist the help of family and friends to measure progress in your health-diet, exercise, strength and attitude.

You can also visit their web site at: www.Arthritis.org/arthritisistoday.

I really hope you will take these suggestions and have many, many pleasant days.

Anna Breeze, Past President and Arthritis Chairman.

REMEMBERING LOUIS THOMPSON

Louis Thompson recruited me into the Ada Lodge # 3 many years ago when he was Noble Grand. He was a member of: Ada Lodge # 3, Rebekah Lodge Unity #8, an associate member of Pioneer Lodge #1 and Past Noble Grand Club. Here are a few of my reflections about this man who was 87 years old at the time of his death on September 7, 2008. He served in the Navy during WWII. A quiet gentle, soft spoken man, he was very caring about others. Louis enjoyed playing pinochle, eight-ball pool and going RV camping with Beth, his wife, at Donnelly. He took pride being the flag bearer in Lodge.

Someone stole the American flag that hung outside the Thompson's home next to top of the garage door. An Idaho congressman arranged to replace the stolen flag with a new flag that flew over the Nation's Capitol.

As he aged, his eye sight became so bad that he became legally blind. His hearing became impaired and his voice tended to fade and he was sometimes difficult to understand. He walked with a cane. Through it all, he never complained.

Now that I am considerable older then when I first met Louis, I am beginning to have: impaired vision, bad hearing, poor balance, bad lungs, arthritis, etc. Sometimes life is very difficult, but then I reflect on the many Oddfellows and Rebekahs who have gone before me and take strength from the departed members like Louis who embodies the spirit of Odd Fellowship. One of Louis's favorite expressions was: "Well, anyway".

Newspaper Treasurer
Richard Miller



REBEKAHS AID SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Union #45 of Rebekah Lodges decided to help the Special Olympics as a community project; for Hagerman, Idaho. Vice Grand Midge Lorkowski (pictured above) asked if we would like to crochet some neck scarves. We had a 100% participation for this. We made 84 scarves with a total hour of 420. The yarn cost about \$100. The money for the yarn was donated by Jeri Duncan, James Weighall, Ruth Harrison and Wanda Hays.

The scarves were crocheted by Laura McAnulty, Peg Roberson, Virgie Taylor, Midge Lorkowski and Vesta Suffa.

Peg Roberson, Publicity Chr.
324-3604

BINGHAM SUPPORTS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Members of Bingham #78 met on November 17 to prepare "little bags of candy" for the Sixth Annual American Falls Festival of Trees to be held on November 20-22 at the Power County Fairgrounds.

The members placed a handful of candy, supplied by the Lodge in each bag. The bags were supplied by Sister Kay Bammert, and each sister contributed to purchase the candy.

The bags will be handed out by Santa to children at the three-day event which is sponsored by the Pink Ladies Organization of the Harms Memorial Hospital. Bidding on the elaborately decorated Christmas trees go to assist the Pink Ladies in their gifting and volunteer work at the hospital. The Festival is much enjoyed by the residents of the county. Left-over candy is taken to shut-in senior residents. By supporting the Pink Ladies and their work, the few members of Bingham #78 are able to participate in their community.

Submitted by Anna Breeze

Cookbook Update

Thanks to everyone who have purchased our Rebekah Cookbook.

If anyone wants to purchase more (please do!), you can contact on of the following:

Georgia Wickham - 208-454-0291

Pam York - 208-377-1170

Elaine Beyeler - 208-226-2412

Jean White - 208-476-4402

Jean Floyd - 208-733-2060

Juanita Thomas - 208-756-2151

I do thank these Sisters for taking the books to their areas. We will not reorder - so get yours now!

We need to sell all so can help with our IOOF/Rebekah News fund.

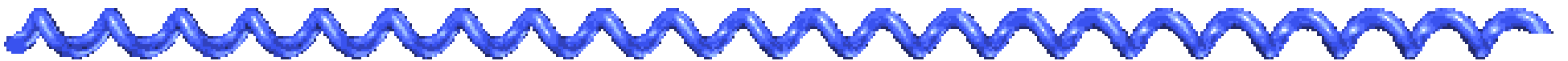
Thanks,
Juanita



Yippee!!!



Hooray!!!



RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

By now your lodge should have received your Annual Report Form and have it about ready to send to the Grand Lodge office. The Election notice should have already been sent in if you want a correct address in the Directory.

The Historical Society includes all branches of the Order. We try to have meetings on the first **Wednesday** of **February, May and September** and at our historical luncheon at **Grand Sessions**. All Brothers and Sisters are invited to attend the meetings and become members of the Society because, after all, it is your museum. Each Unit should have at least two representatives at the meetings.

IS YOUR UNIT INCORPORATED???

According to directions, each unit is to be incorporated with the State of Idaho.

Do you fill out a report from the Secretary of State each year showing the current officers of your lodge??? If you haven't, then it is a real possibility that you have let your corporation classification lapse. You might contact the Secretary of State Office and check to see if you are current if you are not sure. (Phone # 208-334-2300) It did cost approximately \$30.00 to reinstate, but that could have changed and you have to request the forms to fill out. You may ask "Why is this necessary" (1) If you are incorporated, a suit cannot be brought against each individual, but, if you are not, you are leaving yourselves individually open to any suit or action that may take place. (2) It is required by the Order. (3) Is it worth the risk of spending a bit now or paying a lot later??

In going through the Degree work with various lodges, I find that the charge books and some of the lodge rituals being used are not updated. This causes much confusion if everyone is not on the same page. We have enough to do in Degree work without any added problems.

Are your **By-Laws updated**? In looking through the files, I can only find a few copies of updated by laws. Is your lodge guilty?? If you need samples or forms for amendments, let me know.

Remember, there are also Past Grand Jewels and Certificates available for the ordering as well as all other needs of the lodges. If the lodge Rituals and your Charge books are not up to date, you are not getting the job done.

SECRETARIES, when a new member is initiated into your lodge, please send that information into the Grand Lodge so the data base can be updated. I will notify the paper and the Sovereign Grand Lodge for you. Thanks. The Directory cannot be correct if the lodges do not render information to be utilized. Also, sign them up for Funeral Aid so they can fulfill their obligation to help bury the dead.

In addition to that, please send in any **changes of address**, not only to the Grand Lodge office but to the Odd Fellow paper.

Remember! Only you can increase the membership. ASK SOMEONE

Kenny Averill,
Grand Secretary

COMING EVENTS 2009

FEBRUARY

4	HIST SOCIETY	CALDWELL
7	BURLEY GRD HOG FEED	BURLEY
14	DISTRICT 7	NAMPA
20	JOINT PLAN BRD	CALDWELL 10 A.M.
21	DISTRICT 8®	PAYETTE
28	DISTRICT 6 (IOOF)	BOISE

MARCH

14	DISTRICT 5	HAGERMAN
21	DISTRICT 1	BLACKFOOT
28	DISTRICT 2	ID. FALLS

APRIL

3,4,5.	N.W ASSOC	C.D.A., IDAHO
11	DISTRICT 10	WHITEBIRD
18	PIONEER #1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
25	DISTRICT 9	RIGGINS

MAY

2	DISTRICT 12	PLUMMER
16	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
23	??DISTRICT 12 (IOOF)	COEUR D ALENE

JUNE

6	DISTRICT 3	SALMON
13	FISH FRY	ID. FALLS
27	OWYHEE # 2	SILVER CITY

JULY

11	DEPT. COUNCIL	WENDELL
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AUGUST

22	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY
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SEPTEMBER

19	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
25	JOINT PLAN BRD	CALDWELL 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER

20-22	GRAND SESSIONS	BURLEY
24	PIONEER # 1/ROSE # 18	IDAHO CITY

NOVEMBER

????	N.W. ASSOCIATION	WASHINGTON
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**NORTHWEST ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH
ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING**

APRIL 3rd, 4th, & 5th 2009

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1-208-763-3200

Make room reservations directly to the hotel, Specify
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The Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association
Room rate 79.00 plus 13% Tax
Cut off time for room block is March 2, 2009
After March 2nd, reservations will be provided on
available basis only

PRE-REGISTRATION

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TITLES_____

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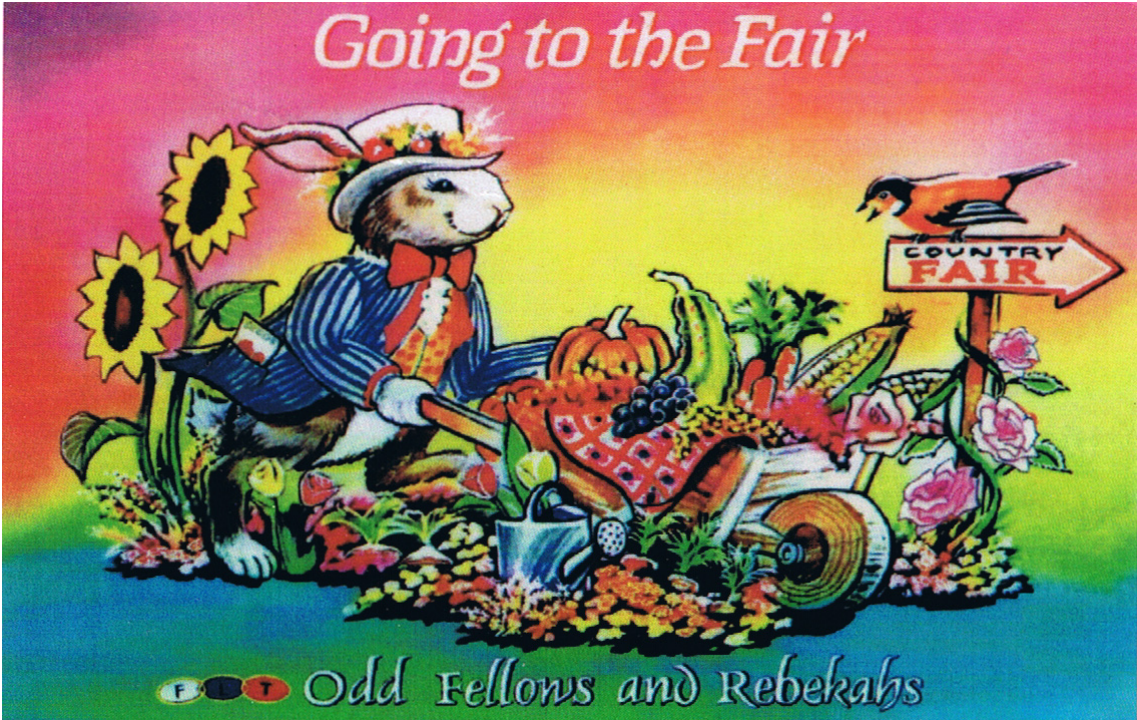
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Number of Pre-Registrations _____	@ 15.00	\$_____
Sirloin Steak _____	@ 35.00	\$_____
Coeur D'Alene Chicken _____	@ 34.00	\$_____

Saturday night Banquet will be
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Come dressed for the occasion.
Be prepared to solve a Murder Mystery
Promise a great dinner, entertainment and fun.

All funds U.S. Dollars
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PO Box 267
Stites, ID 83552
Any questions please contact
Vicky Kiele (208) 926-4387

**Remember our Past.
Build our Future.**



2009 Odd Fellow & Rebekah Float

The Theme for the 2009 Odd Fellow and Rebekah Float is “GOING TO THE FAIR”. It features an outlandish dressed rabbit pushing a wheel barrow down the road, loaded with fruits and vegetables, headed for the county fair to win the Blue Ribbons for his efforts.

You can help support this worthwhile project by purchasing pins, shirts or hats, buying raffle tickets or by making a donation. Contact your lodge secretary for more details and order forms or visit www.caioof.org or the SGL web site at www.ioof.org.

The L.A. Past District Deputies Association appreciates your support of this program.

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