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Circle one)

Pacific Coast Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 35.00--- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOSSETTE BANQUET -----Baked Lemon Chicken----- @ \$ 32.00---- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LUNCHEON --- Croisant Club ----- @ \$19.00---- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* No tickets will be available for late registrations.

TOTAL ENCLOSED ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you.  
Grand Lodge Host Committee

WELCOME AMOSETTES

COME VISIT THE

“SPOOK ALLEY”

AND ENJOY AN EVENING  
OF FUN!



WELCOME

*To our new members*

*Sandy K. Bunce  
Annette M. Dunn  
Diana L. Ray  
Karen Ray  
Unity #8*

*Beverly Hodges  
Barbara Thomas  
Randi Ortega  
Nancy Winkowski  
Ted Winkowski  
Jaemie Smith  
Guiding Star #4*

*Heather Meads  
Brandon Allpress  
White Pine #60*

*Eric Bender  
Tim Hayden  
Kenneth Hill  
Craig McCallum  
Josh Morton  
Kelly Phillips  
Larry Thomas  
Rocky Mtn. #5*

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Hello again,

Here it is August and I presume everyone had a fairly good recess and is ready to get back into the swing of things for the coming meetings and especially Grand Session. As you all know, the more persons that participate, the easier the work load.

Incoming Officers! Just a reminder to get your photos and letters into the paper and also the Grand Lodge office needs a 5X7 framed photo of the Grand Master and the Grand Patriarch.

The Museum Building has undergone a bit of remodeling in that the lighting system has been reworked, the skylights and covers have been installed and the reinforcing of the roof beams and insulation is under operation. The parking lot has been repaired and resealed. It is nice to have the building and grounds back into a condition that is complementary to the organization. There is much more to accomplish, but as the good book says “The workers are few”, I hope to see a goodly number of you at the Historical Luncheon at Grand Lodge.

The “Surplus Property sale” was a success and the Jurisdiction netted approximately \$13,000.00 which will cover most of the universal repairs and also a portion was divided to help with the Sovereign Grand Lodge special dues for each member. Everybody benefits!

The annual Fish Fry at Island Park was attended by over 55 persons and although the weather was a bit chilly and wet, the usual good time was had by all who participated. They even put me in by the fire for breakfast Sunday morning, but insisted that I help cook!

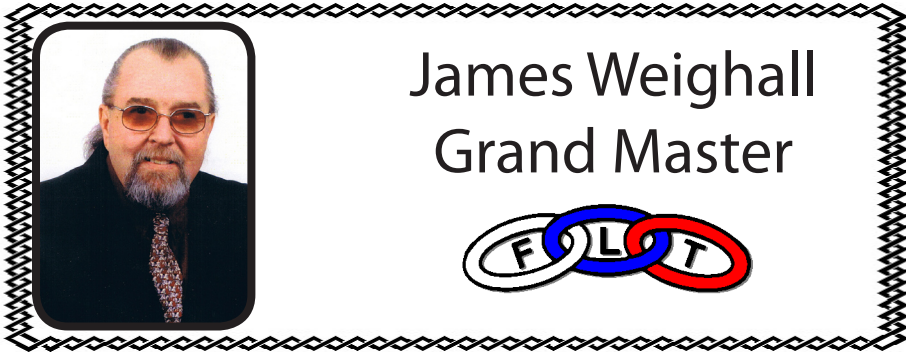
Your lodges will be getting communications from the G.L. office shortly concerning Fall and New Year activities.

As I am secretary for the Funeral Aid Association, I will strive to keep the paper informed of deaths of our members, but folks, it is the responsibility of the lodges to notify the Grand Lodge AND the paper of the demise of their members. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

The latest Manual of Instructions for the Odd Fellow lodges is in stock now as is the new Funeral Ceremony book. They are \$1.50 plus tax and shipping. Each member should have one. Let the Grand Secretary know how many your lodge wants.

I'll see you all down the road.

Kenny Averill,  
Grand Secretary.



James Weighall  
Grand Master

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from the Grand Lodge of Idaho. I have been very busy the last couple of months and racked up several hundred more miles of travel. Now that summer is finally here, hopefully I can slow down a little and enjoy the warm weather as my visits are nearly completed. On May 5, I made my official visit to Orofino #64 and on May 7, visited Plummer #142. Then on May 8, I attended the District #12 meeting in Coeur d' Alene. I would like to thank Leonard Olson and Jerry Norris for taking the time to show my mother and I all around the Coeur d' Alene area. A special thanks to Nancy Morris for showing my mother such a good time while we were there. We traveled through Montana and arrived at Ashton, Idaho on May 9th. On May 10, there was an open meeting at the Methodist Church arranged by Ashton #88. Thanks to John Jorgenson for showing us around the Ashton area and their lodge hall. On May 14, I arrived in Challis for an open meeting for Challis #21. On May 15, I was in Pioneer #1 in Idaho City. My mother and I attended the Grand Sessions in Reno, Nevada June 12-16 where I was honored to address the opening of their Grand Session. I did have my tire gauge, but I didn't need it this time. I was awarded a special commendation for not going over my allotted speaking time!!! Sadly, I learned of the death of Brother Clyde J. Davis while in Reno and was unable to get back for his services. What a great loss to our Order. On June 21, I visited Bingham #14 in Idaho Falls. I attended the funeral of Brother Floyd Hensley's wife Gladys, on July 6th in Idaho Falls. I ask every Brother and Sister to remember the passing of Clyde and Gladys and their contributions to both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. On July 10, I presented a 35-year Jewel to Jack Williams at his home in Boise, Idaho. Deputy Grand Master, Gene Pola and the Noble Grand from Ada #3, Jo'Dee Pola were in attendance. A sincere thanks to all for the honors, meals and accommodations provided to me on the occasions of my visits to your lodges. Everything was greatly appreciated. I feel so very humbled to be received so warmly by everyone.

Until next time,  
Brother James B. Weighall, Grand Master



Roberta Joy Lee  
Assembly President

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Well, the summer is almost over, even if we didn't have much of one. I hope yours was a great one. I think it has just gone way too fast.

I hope you have all sent in your reports, pin money and mileages. It is about time for me to start working on the awards. I know we can't all win awards, but we can certainly try. The more we try to win an award, the closer we will be getting to interesting people in our order.

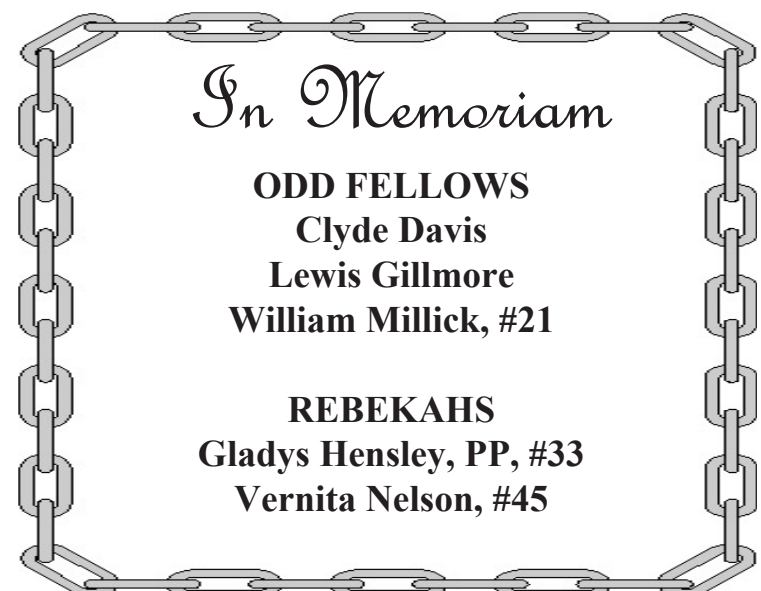
I hope all of the officers have gotten their dress orders in to Creative Touch. I want to thank all of you who have agreed to be officers, open sessions or give the Thought of the Day or a ceremony. It takes us all to make a successful Assembly. We all need to give a Big Thanks to the Host Committee for all the hard work they have done to help make our time in Boise an enjoyable one.

I will close with this small piece from Song of Songs 2:1-2:

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the pruning of the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land.

I hope you all have something to sing about.

Yours in F, L & T,  
Roberta Joy Lee, Assembly President



Dear Secretaries,  
Editors, members;  
Please circulate to  
members, lodges and  
assemblies, Please post  
in your news papers and  
Web sites. Thank You.

## The Rose Float is alive and living.

The Survey that  
was sent out with the  
Crisis Letter produced a  
response of 95% in favor  
of continuing the 50 year  
plus program. Lodges

## The Rose

### ROYAL GEM REBEKAH LODGE



On Wednesday May 18th the White Bird Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge was honored to present Amber Farmer a \$250.00 scholarship. Twelve sisters were in attendance when snacks were served and Amber was given her check. This is the first time we have awarded a scholarship and plan to continue in the years to come. Amber has been accepted to Brigham Young University in Rexburg for the up coming Semester. We will be awarding a \$250.00 Scholarship annually for a senior who lives in the 83554 zip code. We will be sending out applications in April each year! Our motto is to educate the youth.. What better way to do that than by helping to pay for furthering their education? Fundraisers, sponsored by the Royal Gems Rebekahs, provided funds for the scholarship.

### GRAND ENCAMPMENT RALLY AT BOISE ON JUNE 19TH

Georgia Wickham, James Weighall, Jearldine Duncan and Jewel Dudley were put through the paces of Patriarchal Degrees by a crew of Lee Moberly, Dan Sanow, David Deland, Jamie Sanow, George McGaffick, Charles Deland, Tom Ashley, Bob Covert, Gene Pola and Kenny Averill at a rally held in Boise with a meatball lunch served between degrees.

A good time was exhibited by all and there were two visitors for lunch; Virginia Moberly and Jessica Sanow.

Kenny Averill, GP

On Memorial Day, in Payette, Idaho, members of the Elliott family from as far away as Helena Montana and Denver Colorado as well as Riggins Idaho gathered to celebrate the life of one of their ancestors whose grave beside her husband in the Payette cemetery had gone unmarked since her death in 1948.

The family members had all contributed to the cost of a gravestone for Dora Black, who was a member of Fidelity #7 in Weiser. The record shows that she was Vice Grand in 1908, Noble Grand in 1909, and Lodge Deputy in 1910. Mrs. Black was a country school teacher in Adams County Idaho in the 1880s and 90s, and also in Washington County in later years.

Respectfully submitted by Frances Widener, grand-neice of Mrs. Black.

I have a news item for Rebekah news. My family members and I got together and had a gravestone for our great aunt, Dora Black, who was a Rebekah and a pioneer school teacher in the 1880s and 90s. Somehow her son never bothered to have a gravestone placed on her grave. We decided to do something about that and last month we completed the project. Mr and Mrs. Deland and daughter came and performed the

I might mention that the genealogy work providing the history of the early Elliott ancestors was done by my cousin, Annie Elliott Utick, of Helena. She has traced most of the descendants of my great grandparents, Jeremiah and Artemisia Elliott, who were early ranchers in Adams County. They were the parents of my great-aunt "Dora" whose full name you can read on her tombstone.(!)  
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Fran

## COMING EVENTS 2010

### AUGUST

28 OWYHEE #2 SILVER CITY

### SEPTEMBER

1 HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALDWELL @ 2 PM  
 18 PIONEER #1/ROSE 18 IDAHO CITY  
 24 JOINT PLAN. BOARD CALDWELL @ 10AM

### OCTOBER

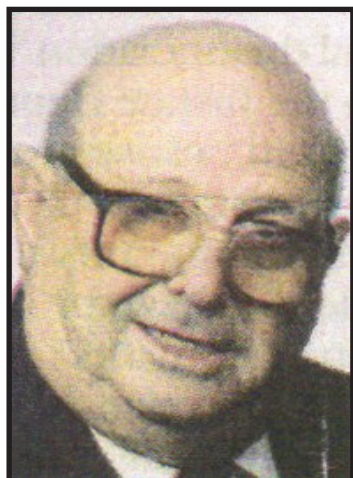
20 HIST. LUNCHEON GRAND SESSION  
 16-21 GRAND SESSIONS BOISE  
 23 PIONEER #1/ROSE 18 IDAHO CITY

### NOVEMBER

5-7 NW ASSOCIATION OREGON

## LEWIS GILLMORE

October 31, 1925 ~ July 5, 2010



Lewis Dwight Gillmore, 84, of Nampa, passed away Monday July 5, 2010, in a Boise care center. He was born October 31, 1925, at Cherryville, Kansas, to George and Margaret Gillmore. He served his country during WWII in the US Navy from May 1944 to May 1946. Later he worked as a long haul truck driver. He was a member of: I.O.O.F., DAV and

VFW. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, a grandson, Matthew, and a brother, Byron. Survivors include 2 sons; Larry and Sandie Gillmore and Dale Gillmore, three grandchildren; Damon, Kelly and Heather; five great-grandchildren; three brothers; Kenny (Joyce), Jim (Stella), and Homer, two sisters; Shirley (Alvin) Hunsperger and Arnela Avvelsgard.

A memorial service was held Monday, July 12th in the Wright Community Congregational Church, Boise. Inurnment followed in the Meridian Cemetery.

## 2010 ANNUAL SESSION HOST COMMITTEE

As you all know, we will be having our annual session in Boise this year. Your Host Committee has made arrangements to hold this session at The Owyhee Plaza again. They offer the best rates for the committee and for the attendees.

The dates are October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup>. The room rates will be \$75.00 for single or double occupancy. Cut-off date for Hotel Reservations is September 24, 2010.

Most of the arrangements have been made. All of the meals have been arranged for and the meeting room setups have been approved. There are still things to do and we hope that those of you that can will contact the Chairman, if you can help with arrangements. We will need more help at the Registration desk and the Chairman would still like to have a Rebekah accept the position of Co-Chairman, so that we are sure that all of the Rebekah needs are met.

Please be sure to get your Registration in early to make sure we have all of the information we need to make your attendance the best that it can be.

Looking forward to seeing you in October,

Bob Weygandt  
Host Committee Chairman

## HISTORY OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE #5

It was on January 1, 1870 when a group of men had a special meeting at the Odd Fellow Hall in Leesburg, Idaho Territory, by brother Past Grand Walfsadn to institute Rocky Mountain Lodge #5. Their first meeting was held that evening.

On February 10, 1872, they purchased 6 chairs, 2 pedestals and the altar. This cost \$102.00 and was paid for in gold dust. It came by rail to Utah, end of the railroad, on to Salmon by freight wagon and by pack mule to Leesburg. In 1875, when the lodge moved to Salmon, the furniture was packed out again and is used today in our Hall. The first meeting in the present hall was October 10, 1909.

Rocky Mountain Lodge has had the honor to have had two Grand Masters, the Encampment had three Grand Patriarchs.

Present History: We are so proud to have new owners of the Odd Fellows building, The Lemhi County Humane Society have their "Rags and Wags" items for sale, a wonderful outlet on Main Street. Also, the new bakery which is called "The Odd-Fellows Bakery" is a very popular place. We invite everyone to come visit!

## FAYE GUMMOW - 50 YEAR MEMBER HONORED BY RUTH #107



Luella and Faye

Burley - June 26, 2010 was a special day for members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge of Burley. How lucky the lodge was, to be able to honor sister Faye Gummow, now living in Rexburg, with her 50-year Jewel.

Sister Faye first joined Ruth Rebekah Lodge in Burley on November 13th, 1958. Faye's sister, Ida Anderson, brought Faye and Ida's daughter, Billie Arguello, into the Lodge at the same time. Faye was Noble Grand in 1964 and again in 1972. She has three children, Louise, who lives in Tacoma, Washington, Luella and Clarence who live in Rexburg.

Faye came into the lodge and hit the floor running and has never quit. Be it rummage sales, baked food sales, funeral dinners, always working! And she loved going to Rebekah Assembly where she could let her hair down and just have fun.

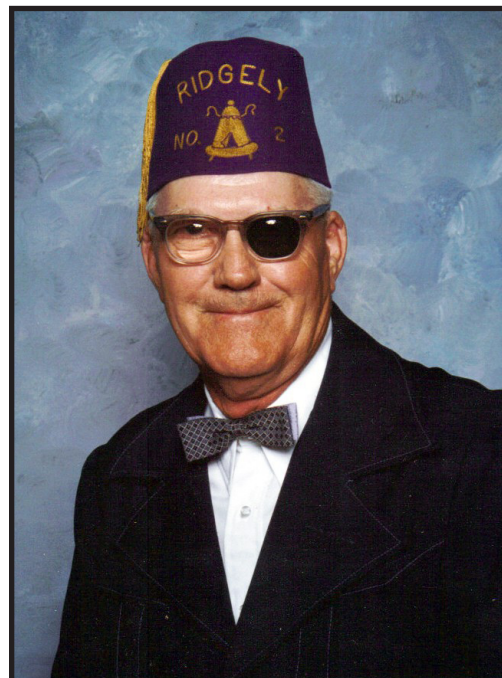
Faye is a special Rebekah and we love her for it.

An Afternoon ceremony honored Faye and her Odd Fellow/Rebekah Fraternal Life. The 50-year jewel was portrayed on a black backdrop, detail by detail, as the narrator explained the significance of each component. After which, Faye's daughter, Luella, pinned her jewel on her.

Following the presentation, refreshments were served and lots of visiting and reminiscing went on. We had not seen Faye for a long time. A very super-duper "Thank You" goes out to sister Faye's daughter, Luella, for driving her to Burley so we could enjoy this day with the two of them.

God bless you, Faye for these 50 years.

Fraternally submitted by Shirley Warren, Secretary  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 107



## OVERALLS & APRONS SYRINGA #110



Ralph Taylor, Jean Floyd  
& James Weighall



Barbara Ringgold  
& Marge Harlan

At our meeting, 4/26/10, we decided to have fun, so we had an Overall & Apron night. Even our guests were appropriately dressed.

Peg Roberson  
Pub. Chr.

## Grand Session Memorial Service Notification

This notification is for all Secretaries of all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges requesting that they send me a list of all members of their Lodges who have

## Island Park Fish Fry A Pleasant & Noteworthy Outing

It was another GREAT weekend at the Annual Island Park Fish Fry this year. If all the weather forecasts scared you off, you missed

## ANNA #14

Our Lodge Deputy, Sharon Hoffman, made her official visit. She gave an interesting talk on the history of both Anna and Rocky Mountain lodge.

Plans were finalized for the visit of R.A. President, Roberta Joy Lee and the District Meeting, June 5th.

Members discussed several community projects that we can do.

Sunday, May 16, several members attended "Go To Church". It was nice to be recognized as Rebekahs.

We will soon be looking forward to summer, let's hope the weather co-operates. We are all tired of SNOW and COLD.

Happy vacation time.

Reporter, Juanita Thomas

## ESTATE SALE

On Saturday, May 1, I attended the 'estate' sale in Caldwell.

What a sight to see all the different lodge items, the warehouse was full.

I was probably the only person there who actually knew what the 'stuff' was all about. The comments were mostly "Well, its got to be history" or "Mom, this is scary".

I saw at least 20 garbage sacks being filled with as-sorted helmets, hats, etc., which I understood went to Oregon or Washington for a drama group.

Of course, I picked up a few treasures! It is sad to know we have lost so many lodges, but now there is more room where everything had been stored.

A little bit of history, gone but not forgotten,

Juanita Thomas

## PAYETTE ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS



Left to Right: 2010 Rebekah member, Paula Miller; Rebekah Noble Grand, David Deland; Odd Fellow Noble Grand/Scholarship Chairman, Shera Stacy; Odd Fellow and Rebekah \$500 scholarship recipient, Kristina Anderson.

At the Payette High School Senior Night held May 18, 2010, the Payette Odd Fellows and Rebekahs scholarship grant of \$500 was presented to Kristina Anderson by the Odd Fellow's Scholarship Chairman/Noble Grand; Shera Stacy, Rebekah's Noble Grand; David Deland and 2010 Rebekah member Paula Miller.

The candidates were interviewed by scholarship committee members, including 2009 Odd Fellow member Ervin Parrish, 2010 Rebekah member Vicky Miller and Veteran REbekah members Irene Jeffries, V.G. and Shera Stacy, N.G., Odd Fellows.

Kristina plans to study law at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, to become a lawyer and some day possibly a District Attorney. We wish her well!!!

Shera Stacy, Committee Chairman, donated and presented on behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs free lunch buffet tickets to all applicants, including: Dana Walker, Damian REynolds, Mathew Allison, Stefany Belknap, Julia Miller, Brandy CARver, Ambrie Haugen, Johnnie Osorio, Phillip Kowalski, Krinstina Anderson, Lauren Manser and school counselor, Suzy Rienken, for the great job each did. We felt this was an outstanding group and each one of them were very deserving!!!

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