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FATHER'S DAY

Shown here is the facsimile from the Silver Anniversary membership card issued June, 1935 by the International Father's Day Association Inc, of Spokane, Washington.

International Father's Day Association Inc.
Founded 1910
Spokane, Washington

This is to Certify that _____
is a member of the International Father's Day Association, Chapter Number 1, Spokane, Washington, and of its Silver Anniversary Committee, in good standing until June 30th, 1935.

Active Associate Life Honorary

Honorary President

Active President

Treasurer

DATED _____

The Golden Anniversary of Father's Day will be observed on the third Sunday of June 1960.

OFFICIAL ALLIANCE (Spokane Chronicle, June 6, 1910)

The suggestion of Mrs. Dodd took the form of a petition to the ministerial alliance. Besides Mrs. Dodd, the petition was signed by Mark H. Wheeler and George Forbes. It reads as follows:

The beautiful custom of Mother's Day suggests the question, Why not a Father's Day? This question is further emphasized by the celebration in our Sunday Schools of Children's Day. A Father's Day would call attention to such constructive teachings from the pulpit as would naturally point out:

The father's place in the home.
The training of children.
The safeguarding of the marriage tie.
The protection of womanhood and childhood.

The meaning of this, whether in the light of religion or of patriotism, is so apparent as to need no argument in behalf of such a day. Your petitioners therefore urge you to set apart the third Sunday of June to be known as Father's Day, and suggest the use of the rose as a suitable flower.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN BRUCE DODD, MARK H. WHEELER, GEO. A. FORBES
(Approved by the Spokane Ministerial Association, Willis E. Pettibone, Secretary)

DR. EDGAR I. STEWART, AUTHOR OF WASHINGTON NORTHWEST FRONTIER, EMPHASIZES:

That the right of suffrage was deserved by the fair sex was illustrated by the contribution of Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, of Spokane, who, in 1910, suggested that a day be set aside in honor of the fathers of the nation. The idea, expressed in both religion and patriotism, was designed to stress the importance of the father in the home and in the safeguarding of the marriage tie, as well as to exalt the Fatherhood of God, and was approved by the Spokane Ministerial Association, and has since been followed throughout the United States. Inaugurated not as an imitation, but rather as a complement to the beautiful custom of Mother's Day, its suggestion marked its creator as a person of unusual sensitivity and appreciation of the finer things of life.

