

Frank Garcia was nominated and awarded the Pride of Safford award for his volunteer work to the Odd Fellows.

Frank has worked tirelessly and devoted many hours weekly to the Odd Fellows always working behind the scenes and never wanting to take the credit for all he has done. He helped every Christmas to make sure bikes were ready for children and has played Santa Claus to the long line of children anxiously waiting to tell Santa of their heart's desire. He calmed the little ones who all of a sudden became fearful sitting on this stranger's lap with the red suit and white beard. He considered it all worthwhile to bring a smile and joy to each child.

He arrived early and worked in the kitchen every Saturday morning when the Odd Fellows had breakfasts to raise money for charities they supported and spent many hours helping with the commodities distribution that was held at the Odd Fellows before it was moved to the First United Methodist Church. Any time there is work to be done Frank is there lending a helping hand, be it at a booth at the fairgrounds or any projects the Odd Fellows are working on.

Frank is now in the battle for his life as he is fighting cancer and prayers are with him to win this battle. He is appreciated for all the hours he has spent helping others and hopefully he can continue as soon as his health returns.