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Wishing each of you the Merriest of Christmas, the Safest and Glorious of New Years and the Happiest of Holidays

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Holiday Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

I hope that you all are ready for the most wonderful season of the year. Tis season of Friendship. Loving, Giving, and Joy.

Love is our most precious Gift.

Give of yourself to help others. Your reward will be will be their Friendship, smiles and Joy.

Remember to comfort the families who have suffered a loss of a Loved one this year. They need you.

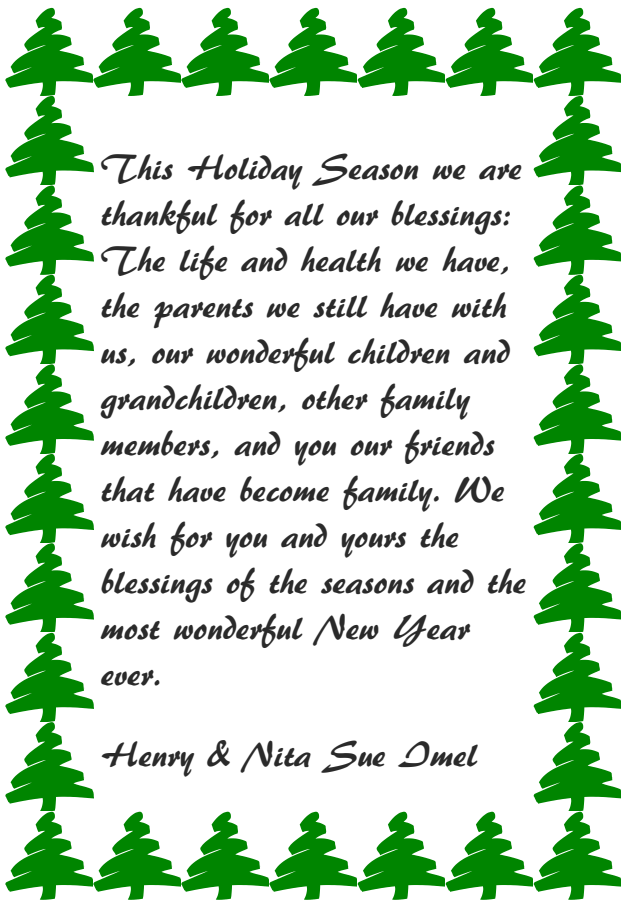
Please remember your elderly members and Shut-Ins with a card, a visit or gift.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, wishing you a Joyous Holiday and Prosperous New Year.

Sandi McWatter

Grand Warden of New Mexico

December 2012



This Holiday Season we are thankful for all our blessings: The life and health we have, the parents we still have with us, our wonderful children and grandchildren, other family members, and you our friends that have become family. We wish for you and yours the blessings of the seasons and the most wonderful New Year ever.

Henry & Nita Sue Dmel

We wish everyone, our family, and our friends a most happy and enjoyable Holiday. We have so much for which to be Thankful but we should not forget those who are less fortunate or are in need, Our lives overflow with the blessings of our children and grandchildren and we can never lose sight of how precious they are. May the spirit of Christmas touch each of you and we wish you a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year!

Boyd and Barbara



At the 2011 sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Representatives adopted a “Five Year Plan” as a guide for the future of Odd Fellowship. It is to be reviewed and updated as needed. In addition, a committee named the “Revitalization Committee” was appointed to examine the structure of our Order and make recommendations to the Executive Committee and Representatives also for the future of our Order. Their report was found in the Advance Report of the SGL. The information from these important documents will be shared in this and future issues so the membership can be informed. Your comments and observations are encouraged and welcome.

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
FIVE YEAR PLAN
(2011-2016)**

Part 2 of 3

Live the Obligation/Make a Difference

- ◆ **Educate members on the principals of Odd Fellowship**
 - ◆ **Establish a mentoring program**
- ◆ **Practice the Principals of the Order**
- ◆ **Energize lodges with positives activities**
- ◆ **Apply positive action to contribute to the quality of the Order**

Strengthen the Order

- ◆ **Encourage the use of social networking**
- ◆ **Employ the latest technology in communications**
- ◆ **Develop electronic reporting capabilities**
- ◆ **Ensure competency of officers and members**
 - ◆ **Ritual**
 - ◆ **Code**
 - ◆ **Parliamentary Procedure**
- ◆ **Promote all projects of the Order**
- ◆ **Involve all ages and life issues**
- ◆ **Establish and promote realistic goals for membership**

Celebrate What’s RIGHT With Our Order

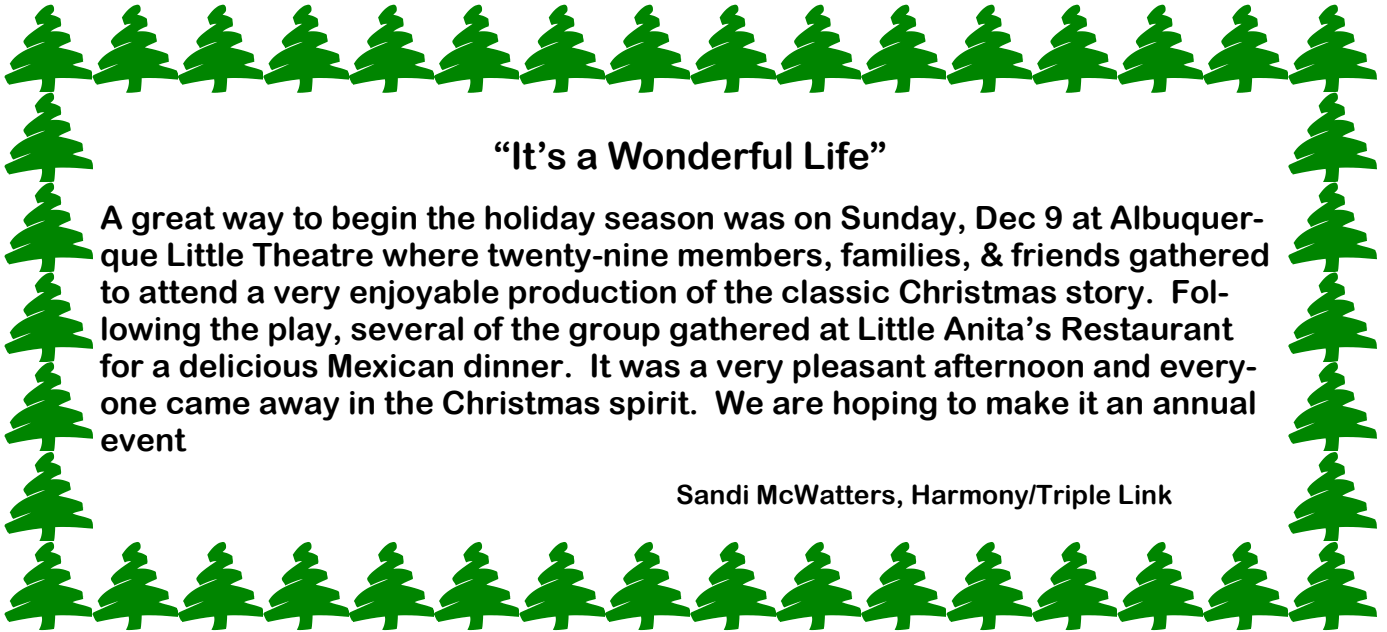
- ◆ **Embrace our Heritage**
 - ◆ **Develop and implement program for 200th anniversary**
- ◆ **Promote positive attitudes**

Make a Difference Day Proclamation

*Sovereign Grand Master Charles Renninger has declared Saturday, 27 day of April 2013 as “**Odd Fellow and Rebekah Make a Difference Day**” encouraging all Units to plan community activities and projects to celebrate the 195th anniversary of our great Order. Start planning your activity now, share the results and you will be recognized for your efforts.*



What's Happening at Lodge.....



"It's a Wonderful Life"

A great way to begin the holiday season was on Sunday, Dec 9 at Albuquerque Little Theatre where twenty-nine members, families, & friends gathered to attend a very enjoyable production of the classic Christmas story. Following the play, several of the group gathered at Little Anita's Restaurant for a delicious Mexican dinner. It was a very pleasant afternoon and everyone came away in the Christmas spirit. We are hoping to make it an annual event

Sandi McWatters, Harmony/Triple Link



Happy Hanukkah
December 8-16



Editorial notes from Barb:..... It is hard to believe that 2012 is coming to a close. It has been a sad year for our Order with the loss of some of our most dedicated and devoted members however, we must carry on their legacy and insure the future of Odd Fellowship in New Mexico. The good news is that we can put 2012 behind us and head into 2013 with a positive attitude and continue to Celebrate what's Right with our Order to our Lodges, communities , family and friends.

January will bring Installation of new officers and now is the time to set goals and make plans to Make a Difference in our communities. March will bring our March-Meetings in Socorro and a time to renew friendships and find out what has been going on in the Lodges throughout the state. Information on the March Meetings will be in the next issue.

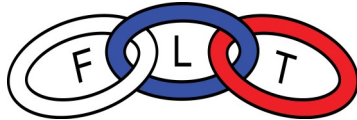
Again, I encourage all lodges to submit their activities , list of new member and sponsors, information on members who are ill or have passed away. I can only share information that I have received.

A very blessed holiday season to everyone and a safe and healthy new year.

Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship! ***Barb***

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"Promoting Odd Fellowship through Positive Communication"