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**Make a Difference Day**  
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**Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10**

**The Sisters of Triple Link made and delivered 100 Easter Baskets to the children of Joy Junction, a homeless shelter for families in Albuquerque the day before Easter. The baskets, designed by Crystal Corfield, were constructed and filled with goodies by all the members of the lodge on the last meeting of each month for the past three months. This idea is the beginning of a new way of thinking for the lodge, devoting the second meeting of the month to a community project encouraging prospective members to visit, participate and hopefully join. In the picture above is Kristin Frechette, Joy Junction representative, Sandi McWatters, Peggy Dillingham—NG, Barbara Corfield, and Crystal Corfield holding our newest future member, Eva Rose Frechette.**





Message from the Prez:

I found this article and thought we could all learn from it

**Remember Me**

***I am the one your asked to join this lodge, I paid my dues and promised to be a loyal and faithful Rebekah. I came to the meetings, but no one really paid attention to me. I tried to fit-in, but they all had their friends and paid very little attention to me. I missed the first meeting after I was initiated due to illness in my family, but no one called and at the next meeting, no one asked where I was. I guess it didn't matter that much if I was there or not. I volunteered to work on the next service project, but I guess no one noticed that I raised my hand as they chose the "regulars" to be on the committee. The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch a good program on TV. Again, no one called and at the next meeting no one asked why I did not come or acted that they cared that I was there. You might say that I am a nice person, have held responsible positions, am respected and love my community. You know who else I am? I am the one who never came back!!***

***It amuses me to think about the "powers that be" discuss and have great debates about losing members in the Order. There is so much time and energy spent to looking for new members, when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was to make me feel needed, wanted and welcomed. That's all!!!***

Lets take this message to heart and be sure this does not happen in our Lodge.

*(copied and Modified)*

**Sue Yerden, President**



Greetings to all:

Can you believe that 1/4 of 2014 is gone!

I want to send a special thank you to San Juan#11 for putting on the March meetings. The meeting hall was great, the food was outstanding and the fellowship with our Odd Fellow family was super. If you did not attend you missed a good time.

I hope you are preparing to attend the Grand Lodge Sessions and the Rebekah Assembly in Hobbs in September. We need all the members we can to come, participate and support our Grand Master Fred.

Bring your new members, Bring your old members, bring your Past Grand Officers.

Annual Picnic is still being planned; please pray for rain so we can go. We have a wonderful camp ground and we will have games, food, fellowship with our Odd Fellow Family.

See you at Camp and Hobbs

Sandi McWatters

Deputy Grand Master



PS—Just talked to Fred—He is still recovering from his surgery—in a complete leg cast and confined to his chair. He cannot walk, stand, or sit as his leg must remain elevated at all times. He said to tell everyone hello and that he WILL BE IN HOBBS in September. Lets remember him with cards and calls :

Fred Schneider, 1625 Spruce Ave. #17, Las Cruces, NM 88001-2740 575 640-9526

## The End of an Era

By Nita Sue Imel, Grand Scribe, Grand Encampment of N. M.

As of December 31, 2013, four Encampments in New Mexico surrendered their charters – Deming #6, Lea (Hobbs) #10, Covenant (Clovis) #13, and Rio Grande Valley (Socorro) #18. This left Albuquerque #4 as the only remaining active Encampment in New Mexico. At the March Meetings, the Grand Encampment of New Mexico (instituted October 7, 1907) folded its tent for the final time after 107 years.

The members of the closed Encampments wishing to continue their membership will be transferred to the Albuquerque Encampment. Members of the Albuquerque Encampment have voted to join the Grand Encampment of Arizona, which is allowed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code subject to SGL approval.

This can be the “Beginning of the End” or a “Wake Up and Get Started” call for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in New Mexico.

### What is your response?

#### From the Grand Secretary.....

I am finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and do not think it is a train.



The 2013 Journals are printed and ready for anyone who wants one. The cost is \$10.00 plus postage. The SGL annual report was completed, mailed on time and the dues are paid.

March Meetings are over, and we got though that event; even though we were few in numbers, we had a great time. San Juan Rebekahs did an outstanding job of hosting the weekend. Thanks, San Juan.

Unfortunately, we picked up the charters and lodge material of Aztec # 23 and Farmington #24 while we were in Farmington. In addition, Rio Grande #11 surrendered their charter as well. We are sorry to lose these lodges.

Now that tax season is over, the weather has warmed up and we have a little more time, I have begun

cleaning and organizing the storage POD that the GL bought last year and moved behind Harmony Hall. Electricity has been installed and I hope to spend a day or so a week working there. It is my goal to get the area set up so I can know where to find things and update the inventory. My thanks to Andy Shanley, Ernie Cloud and Sandi McWatters for assisting in this project.

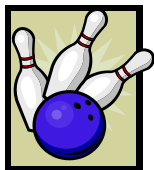
Call or email me if you need anything. Remember, I am here to serve all members in New Mexico.

Please make a note of the mailing address of the Grand Lodge.

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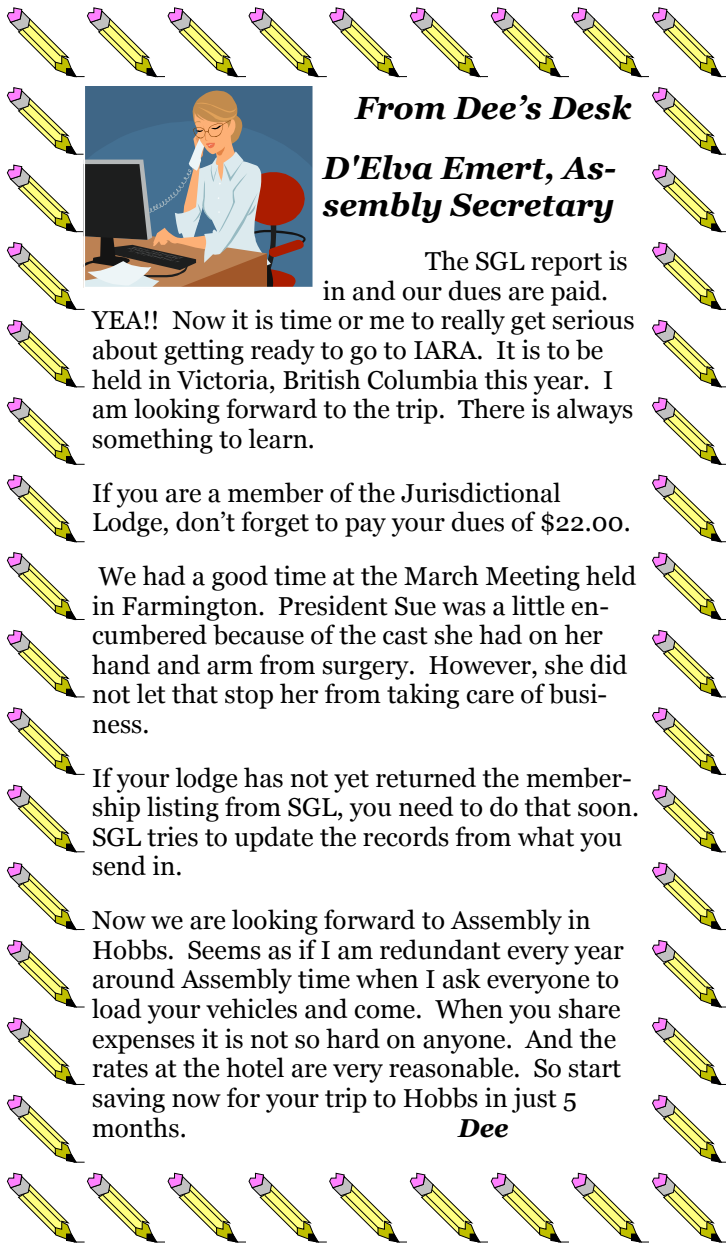
In Friendship;

*Barbara*



## Youth Bowling Champion!

Jonathan Corfield, 13, recently bowled in a “Bowler of the Year” tournament for youth leagues. He was selected to represent his bowling league in this city-wide tournament. He placed second in his age group winning credits to the scholarship program sponsored by the USBC Youth Bowling leagues. Two weeks later, he traveled to Hobbs and bowled in the state USBC Youth Bowling Tournament. The standings for that weekend have not yet been posted. Thanks to Jim & Wanda Wheeler for coming to watch him compete. Jonathan is a 7th grader at Polk Middle School and is the son of Ken and Crystal Corfield and grandson of Boyd and Barbara Corfield. He has been bowling since he was 3 years old and is currently carrying an 144 average. Congratulations, Jonathan!



**From Dee's Desk**

**D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary**

The SGL report is in and our dues are paid.

YEA!! Now it is time or me to really get serious about getting ready to go to IARA. It is to be held in Victoria, British Columbia this year. I am looking forward to the trip. There is always something to learn.

If you are a member of the Jurisdictional Lodge, don't forget to pay your dues of \$22.00.

We had a good time at the March Meeting held in Farmington. President Sue was a little encumbered because of the cast she had on her hand and arm from surgery. However, she did not let that stop her from taking care of business.

If your lodge has not yet returned the membership listing from SGL, you need to do that soon. SGL tries to update the records from what you send in.

Now we are looking forward to Assembly in Hobbs. Seems as if I am redundant every year around Assembly time when I ask everyone to load your vehicles and come. When you share expenses it is not so hard on anyone. And the rates at the hotel are very reasonable. So start saving now for your trip to Hobbs in just 5 months.

**Dee**

**Remembering Others**

In addition to the Grand Master, who needs to be remembered by everyone, news on the following has been received.

Wanda Scott, PPRA, is recovering from some health issues which has kept her home for the past month or so. She is on the way to recovery.

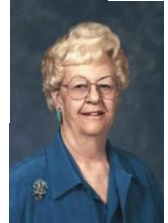
Roberta White, PPRA, is still in the nursing facility in Silver City and is resting comfortably. She was visited recently by Nita Sue who said there is no change in her condition.

**Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers and with cards and calls.**

**Broken Links**



**Flossie Pollard**



**Flossie Pollard, 89, passed away in her home on January 14, 2014. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Jurisdictional Lodge. She was a long time member of Fort Sumner Rebekah Lodge and was always very active in the Rebekah Assembly. She was survived by two daughters, a sister-in-law, many nieces, nephews, and her caregiver of many years Connie Mobley. Her services were held in Ft. Sumner on January 17, 2014 at the First Methodist Church.**

**Ione McCauley IARA PP**

**Nov 11, 1911– Mar 30, 2014**



**Ione McCauley, 102, passed away in Flagstaff, AZ on March 30 2014. She was the senior Past President of the IARA having served as President in 1964-65 She and her husband, Shelby, PSGM, visited the New Mexico GL/RA many times over the years. She was President of RA AZ the same year that Sybel Dickerson was President of RA NM and their families became great friends.**

**She is survived by a son, Shelby of Seattle, daughter, Phyllis Fisher of Page, AZ, 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 14 great, great grandchildren.**

**Services were held on April 11 in Flagstaff and were very special as everyone involved in the service were members of her family. Rebekah services were conducted by the sisters of the RA of AZ. Representing the IARA at the services was Barbara Corfield, PPIARA accompanied by Boyd Corfield PGM and Nita Sue Imel, PIARA Marshal/PIARAREP.**

***"Ione was a Rebekah, She believed in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, and the Sisterhood of woman..... She was a Rebekah."***

# What's Happening at YOUR Lodge.....

## Harmony #1, Albuquerque,

recently had a class conducted on "HEART START the new CPR to learn how to save a life. Training for the new CPR was demonstrated by a representative from Heart Start. Approximately 15 people were present to learn this vital life-saving technique. Those present also learned what to do if someone was choking and received information and literature on accessing the program online. Very interesting presentation. All Lodges should look into this program in order to be prepared in case of emergency.

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## Hobbs IOOF #9 and Crescent Rebekah #3

are making plans to host the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly September 25-28, 2014 . Registration forms have been posted on the websites. All meetings will be at the Lodge Hall at 1200 Dal Paso, Hobbs. Headquarter Hotel is the Hobbs Family Inn. Meals, with the exception of the breakfasts, will be at the lodge hall.

Everyone needs to plan to attend to support Grand Master

Fred and President Sue. We haven't been to this part of the state in a number of years, so come and enjoy some southern hospitality!!!

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## Albuquerque Encampment #4

We were saddened with the loss of our NM Grand Encampment, and as the only surviving Encampment in New Mexico, we are inviting all Patriarchs to become members and to attend our meetings when they are in town. We meet at Harmony Hall, 1101 Indian School Rd. NM, Albuquerque on the third Monday of each month at 6pm. We will be having a pot-luck dinner at 6 followed by our regular meeting at 7pm or whenever dinner is over. At our April meeting, we had election of officers:

Chief Patriarch—Sandi McWatters; Senior Warden—Barbara Corfield; Junior Warden— Barbara Cloud; Grand High Priest— Ernie Cloud; Scribe—Andy Shanley. We will have Installation of the new officers at our May 19 meeting. We also voted to petition the Grand Encampment of Arizona to become affiliated with them subject to Sovereign Grand Lodge approval. Come join us!!



### *Editorial notes from Barb:.....*

*Sorry for the delay in this issue, I am always so busy during Tax Season that it is hard to find the time to get the issue out.*

*Well, Spring is finally here! Time to get out of the house and spruce up your home and also your lodge hall. Lets open the door wide and welcome our friends and prospective members. We have a great story to tell and should not keep it a secret.*

*I have been very lack in getting the letters to the lodges to update subscriptions and to update addresses. Several issues were returned to me with incorrect addresses on them. If your members have a change in address, please send them to me so I can correct my data base. I plan to get letters to lodges in the next week or so.*

*I will be gone for a week in May as I have been asked by the IARA President, Dorothy Laycock to represent her at the California Rebekah Assembly Sessions in Modesto, CA. Should be an interesting trip. I have not been to their sessions in almost 20 years . I am looking forward to it.*

*Please remember to send in news about your lodge and your members. We really are one big family and families want to hear about other family members. Also, send in change of names, addresses, and email addresses. **Don't forget, if you want your paper to sent to you via email, let me know.***

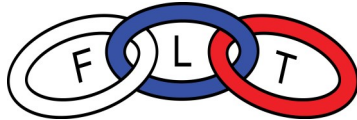
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**Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship! Barb**



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