



## The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

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# Make a Difference!!

In honor of the  
One Hundred and ninety-seventh  
Year of the founding of our Order by  
Thomas Wildey on April 26, 1819, you are  
instructed to *Make a Difference* in your  
community and share more creative ways  
of offering the hand of friendship of our  
fraternity to those we meet.  
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day.

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**Message from Shirley**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters*

*What a great time we had in Deming at the March Meetings! Our thanks to the Deming lodges for hosting a super event. The accommodations and meals at the Grand Hotel were outstanding and greatly appreciated. The committee reports at the morning session were great and there was time for questions and explanations by the committee chairmen. It made for a lively and enjoyable time.*

*I have made three of my visits to Rebekah Lodges and have the rest scheduled. I will visit with Triple Link and Mountain View at a joint meeting on May 17. I am planning on Olive Branch and Friendship in June.*

*In July is Annual Picnic and everyone needs to make their plans to attend. We have such a beautiful Recreation area and if you have never been there or has been a long time, you should make the effort. Remember, this is YOUR campground and the Board of Governors work very hard in making this a pleasant and enjoyable place to be.*

*I would like to encourage all lodges to support the Bettie Miller Scholarship by finding deserving applicants. Please take the applications to your local school or if you have a family member that is interested, give them one as well. Remember this is the only project of the Rebekah Assembly and we offer scholarships to vocational, technical schools as well as 4 year colleges or universities.*

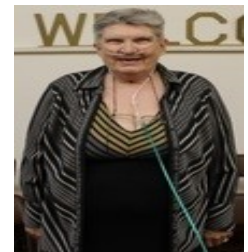
*Happy Spring,  
Shirley Baty, President*



Hello Brothers & Sisters:

Thanks to the Deming Lodges for a great March Meetings. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Bob and I are doing OK and just taking it one day at a time. Thanks to all for your cards, calls and expressions of concern.

Doris Faulkner, Grand Master



Carrie Tingley  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

## Highlights of March Meetings held in Deming, March 18-20

Grand Master, Doris and President Shirley called the open session of the March Meetings to Order at 9am on Saturday morning at the Grand Hotel in Deming. We were given a warm welcome by Laurie of the City Council of Deming. Many committee reports were given outlining the activities of the various committees since our annual meeting last September:



Laurie (city of Deming) Dee, Barb

**Odd Fellow Membership** by GL Secretary Barbara and Membership chairman Sandi McWatters PGM

**Rebekah Assembly Membership**, Assembly Secretary D'Elva Emert

**DD Monroe Scholarship** by Andy Shanley, PGM

**Betty Miller Scholarship** by Barbara Corfield, PPIARA

**Home Board** by Richard Gunn, PGM and Carolyn Schaffer, PP

**Board of Governors** by Andy Shanley PGM and Richard Gunn PGM

**Communication**—Web Master, Nita Sue Imel PGP and NMRR Barbara Corfield, Editor

**JYC/UNP**—Una Cronoble, PP and Ernie Cloud, PGM

**Arthritis**—Doris Felkner, PP

**2016 Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly sessions**— Ernie Cloud PGM

All these reports plus the reports of the Grand Master and President will be in the Advance reports of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly to be held in September in Albuquerque. Some of the information is summarized in this issue of the Reporter.

After the Planning Board Luncheon, the Grand Lodge went into closed session and the GL Degree was conferred on 1 candidate. Upon the closing of the Grand Lodge, the Rebekah Assembly went into closed session to confer the RA degree.

A delicious banquet was served by the hotel and the evening concluded with a presentation by the NM Canton.

A very enjoyable time was had by all and our thanks to the Deming Lodges for hosting this event.



### Encampment Holds Meeting

Albuquerque Encampment #4, the only Encampment charter left in New Mexico, voted at their last meeting to hold meetings just prior to the March Meetings, in March and the Grand Lodge session in September. This will allow for Patriarchs who live throughout the jurisdiction to remain as active members and attend meetings. The meeting held on March 18 was the first of this kind and we welcomed Patriarchs from Deming as well as a guest from Arizona, Grand Scribe Henry Imel.

Chief Patriarch, Sandi McWatters presided over the session where the Patriarchal degree was conferred on Jean Lovelace of Alamogordo #25 IOOF.

One of the items under discussion was our affiliation with the Arizona Grand Encampment since the charter of the NM Grand Encampment was surrendered a year ago. This has been approved by SGL, and GS Imel assured us that we would be welcomed with open arms into the Grand Encampment of AZ. Several of our members are planning to attend the GE session in October.

## ***Remembering Others***

**Andy Shanley, PGM & RA Warden**, At home recovering from a heart attack after surgery and spending several days at the VA hospital

**Doris Felkner, RA Vice President**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery at home.

**Tim Shanley**, nephew of Andy, reports that his cancer has returned and he now has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He lives in Oregon.

**Gene Sanderlin**, PGM, has been moved to a hospice facility in the New Jersey area.

**Robert Faulkner PGM & DGM** is doing fair at this time. He fell at the MM and has good days and bad days.

**Larry Dillingham**, husband of Peggy Dillingham, PNG of Triple Link, is having concerns with his heart and dementia and has been in and out of the hospital.

***Let's remember these brothers, sisters and their families with our thoughts, prayers, cards and calls.***



### **Roberta White, PP**

**1934-2016**

Roberta J. "Bobbie", White, 81, a longtime resident of Deming passed away on Monday, April 25 in Deming at Mimbres Memorial Nursing Home.

She was born August 17, 1934 in Buckeye, AZ to James R and Irene Harris Walls and had been a resident of Deming since 1948. She worked many years as an accountant at a local accounting firm and was a talented architect.

She joined Deming Rebekah Lodge #16 on June 11, 1958 and served in all offices. She was President of the Rebekah Assembly in 1979-80 and Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly from 1982-1986. She served as Co-Chairman of the SGL /IARA Session committee when NM hosted SGL/IARA annual sessions in 1984. She was appointed to the International Association Rebekah Assembly Finance committee in 1996 and served a three year term. In 2001 she was elected Treasurer of the IARA and served until 2002.

Her program when NM RA President: Her song "In The Garden". Colors pink, green, silver. Flower- Rose, Scripture St. John 15:12 "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you". Guide: Three Links. Fund raiser: chances sold for car or \$ 4,000 cash, joint with GM Jim Browning.

She is survived by her son, John T "Tead" White of Deming, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Buck" White in 2004.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 10am at Baca's Funeral Chapel, Deming. Inurnment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to the Scholarship fund of the Deming Rebekah Lodge c/o Nita Imel, PO Box 419, Fairacres, NM 88033

# Have Money.....Need Students

The Scholarship Trustees from the DD Monroe Scholarship and the Bettye Miller Scholarships are putting out an appeal to all Lodges and members in New Mexico. With the very generous donations from Lovington Lodge #44, both programs have enough money to fund several scholarships. What is needed is applicants. The applications and requirements are on the websites—**Odd Fellows [www.ioofnm.org](http://www.ioofnm.org) and Rebekahs [www.nmrebekahs.org](http://www.nmrebekahs.org)**. A great way to make a difference in your community is to promote this excellent tool.

## Proclamations

### Issued by Sovereign Grand Master Danny Wood

<b>Founder’s Day Proclamation</b>	<b>Make A Difference Day Proclamation</b>	<b>Visual Research Founda- tion Proclamation</b>
<p>The Month of April shall be declared Odd Fellows Anniversary Month throughout Odd Fellowship.</p> <p>That April 26, 2016 be known as Founder’s Day commemorating the 197th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.</p> <p>Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day:</p> <p><i>Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, etc.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>s/s Danny Wood</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SGM</i></p>	<p>As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety-six years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.</p> <p>Saturday the 16th of April be declared Odd Fellow and Rebekahs MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY.</p> <p>All units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: <i>Community Work Projects, any activity that will make a difference in someone’s life.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>s/s Danny Wood</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SGM</i></p>	<p>Whereas the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of Johns Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have a better vision.</p> <p>The Month of May is proclaimed as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship.</p> <p>This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows open eyes that many may see!</p> <p>Remember, many have sight.....only a few have Vision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>s/s Danny Wood</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SGM</i></p>

## From Dee's Desk



**D'Elva Emert,  
Assembly  
Secretary**

We had a great time at the March Meetings in Deming. The lodges there were wonderful hosts. Thanks Deming

Secretary's received packets at those meetings with the semi annual reports with Code Book and NM Constitution updates in them. Please send your check paying for those updates before the Assembly books close on June 30th. Lodges that were not represented will receive the packets by mail. Also if you are making a donation to any of the projects please send that also. The exception is the President's project. Those monies can be turned in until Assembly.

There are still lodges that have not submitted the reports for the period ending Dec. 30, 2015. Those reports need to be completed and your per capita tax paid.

Before long we will be attending Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in Albuquerque. I know it seems a long way off but time goes by quickly. Make your plans now to attend. Rebekahs will be meeting during the morning this year and Grand Lodge in the afternoon. So if you are eligible to sit in the Grand Lodge you can attend both sessions. And vice-versa. This was tried for the first time last year and it seemed to work well. What was your opinion? Did you like the new structure? There may be surveys passed out to all in attendance for advice and opinions on how to continue with the re-structure.

Let me leave you with this little quip: One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?' 'It depends,' 'What does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, 'NEW MEXICO STATE !'

## New Mexico Canton #1



Captain Andy Shanley presided at the semi-annual meeting of the NM Canton on March 18 just prior to the March Meetings of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly. In addition to the NM members present, Henry Imel, GS of Arizona, was welcomed.

Discussions were centered around a call received from SGL regarding our interest in affiliating with a proposed 4-Corners Department that was being considered by the General Military Council. The purpose is to bring together the Cantons in the western states under one department for representation at the GMC. After considerable discussion it was decided that we were not interested due to the travel that would be required to participate. Brother Imel advised that Arizona had also declined to be a part of this proposal. We will advise the GMC that we will remain as we are.

After the financial report was given, it was determined that there were enough funds to make a charitable donation. Nita Imel advised of a local group that the Deming Lodges supported called Healing House, a domestic abuse shelter. A motion made and voted to give them \$300.00. Nita called them and made arrangements for a representative to be present at the banquet this evening to accept the check.

We were honored to have Hilda Moran of the Healing House present to accept the check and give a short presentation of the purpose and activities of the organization.



Richard Gunn, Nita Imel, Hilda Moran, Andy Shanley

Check out our Websites:

Rebekah Assembly of NM Website: [www.nmrebekahs.org](http://www.nmrebekahs.org)

Grand Lodge of NM Website: [www.ioofnm.org](http://www.ioofnm.org)

Sovereign Grand Lodge Website: [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org)

Webmaster of NM websites: Nita Imel



## Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Dan Stouffer, local director of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Albuquerque was the guest speaker at Harmony Lodge #1 recently to discuss and explain their unique fund raising program. Allen Shanley, NG, has chosen the BB/BS as his project for the year. The program is unique as it encourages the organization (Harmony) to propose to its members a used clothing and small useable household goods drive, and choose a date to have everyone bring what they have collected to the Lodge Hall. BB/BS will send a truck to pick up whatever has been collected, weigh it and give the Lodge a check for what has been donated. The money raised can be used however the lodge wishes. The donated goods are collected by BB/BS and turned over to Savers Thrift Stores, who pays BB/BS for what they have delivered. It is a win/win program—donating goods to BB/BS and receiving a check in return. Harmony will be announcing their collection date and will be advising all members by post card to participate in the activity: **“Spring Cleaning” - Clean your Closets for Charity**”. We are inviting anyone who wishes to join us in this fun and different program to contact any Harmony member to be put on the mailing list to receive the information of the collection date.

## Senior Olympics



Sam Florence PGM will be participating in the New Mexico Senior Olympics on July 16 in Roswell, NM. Sam, 83, will be competing in several games: Horseshoes, pistol shooting, shuffleboard to name a few. This is not the first time he has competed in the Senior Olympics, several years ago he played on the men's softball team sponsored by a car dealership from Gallup. Sam is a member of Harmony #1 in Albuquerque, but lives in Mexican Springs, NM out of Gallup, NM approximately 140 miles from Albuquerque.

We wish him good luck in the games and safe travels as he goes to Roswell to compete.

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

*What a great time we had in Deming!  
 Thanks to the Deming Lodges!! Good Job!*

*I apologize for the lateness of this paper. It was ready to go last week, but when I heard about Roberta White, I re-arranged and changed it so I could include the info about this very special Rebekah sister.*

*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.**

*Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue.*

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

**Barb**



## What's Happening at Your Lodge?

**Harmony #1**— business meeting second Monday of each month, social meeting 4th Monday, Allen Shanley, NG, community project—Brothers & Sisters

**Santa Fe #2**—business meeting on 2nd Wednesday at 5:30. Ongoing community project - music program in Santa Fe public Schools.

**Deming #7** —planning to participate in the Deming Duck Race parade by having a float and pass out membership literature.

**Mesa # 27**— business meetings on 1&3 Thursday at 7pm, social meetings on 2&4 Thursday, Ernie Cloud NG, project—Good Samaritan recognition

**Alamogordo # 25**, - Very excited about hosting a degree day on Saturday, April 30 at 9am. We have three candidates on which to confer all degrees. Everyone is invited to come, bring your candidates, or come and participate.

**Hope Rebekah #12**— All members are doing well, Doris is recovering from shoulder surgery and in

therapy. Roy Lynch, husband of Karen is not doing well and cannot be left alone.

**Triple Link Rebekah #10**—delivered 30 hand-made Easter Baskets/stuffed animals to Cuidando Los Ninos, daycare for children—birth to 5 years old, of homeless families. While there, picked up the “wish list” of items that they need, which gives us greater opportunity to make difference with this very needed organization.



Sandi McWatters, CLN rep, Crystal Corfield

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