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Recreation Area Temporarily Closed



For the second time in its over 50 year history, the IOOF Recreation Area has been closed due to extreme fire danger. The New Mexico drought which is encompassing the state has brought the closure of all National and State parks and campgrounds by the US Forest Service. Although the Recreation Area is privately owned, the decision to abide by the rules of the Forest Service was made by the Board of Governors.

Andy Shanley, Board Chairman, said “ the local head of the Forest Service advised that if we stayed open, which was our choice, and a fire began on our property, we could be held financially responsible.”

The Area was opened on the last weekend of April, as usual, and some repairs were done to the water system. The pump was repaired and the water meter had to be replaced. The annual work weekend, the last of June, when major repairs and projects are started was cancelled. The Annual Picnic, the last weekend of July, has been put on hold depending if the closures are lifted and if there is any rain. If it is permitted to be held, word will be sent to all lodges via calls, emails and word of mouth to share the news that the camp is open.

The drought, which has placed New Mexico at the top of the national list of driest states, has created not only fires burning throughout the state, but a shortage of water in many communities. The Recreation Area is extremely dry and, at this time, the well is sufficient for our needs. However, water conservation will have to be addressed in the future. Protecting this valuable asset should be of the most important goals of the future plans of our organization.

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From President Doris

Here it is the almost the first of June. Summer is upon us. Hope all have a great summer. I will be visiting my family in Arizona the fourth weekend in June. If you need me, I will still be available by phone. I will leave the 20th and get home the evening of the 24th. Even though it is summer don't forget to ask people to join and to sell the angel pins for Ronald McDonald House. And as always, remember to Smile, Hug often, and Laugh a lot.

Today in History

Farmington Times Hustler, "The Paper That is Not Afraid"

Decoration Day 1912

The exercises held here on Memorial Day occupied the entire day and evening. They were the most enjoyable ever presented in this town and were witnessed by the largest crowd ever assembled here on such an occasion. The old soldiers followed by the **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs marched to the cemetery in the forenoon and with appropriate ceremony decorated the graves of all old soldiers and Odd Fellows.** In the afternoon the great crowd gathered in the large auditorium of the Methodist church.....

Farmington Daly Times, June 6, 2013

**** Have you got something for the "Today in History" column? Send it in for everyone to enjoy...bc



Barbara Cloud Grand Master Advises that Gaylen Brown, Grand Secretary, has announced his retirement from the office of Grand Secretary to be effective at the end of the Grand Lodge

Sessions in September, 2013 due to continued health issues.

Since the Grand Lodge does not have an assistant Grand Secretary, the office will be filled by election at the upcoming Grand Lodge sessions. Anyone who is interested in taking on this job is asked to give it serious consideration and contact GM Barbara. The term of office is for one year after which can be elected for three years.

The Grand Lodge has recently purchased a POD—portable storage unit—and has placed it on the property of Harmony #1 in Albuquerque in order for Brother Brown to begin moving some

of the files and materials owned by the Grand Lodge currently stored in his house. The POD was placed at Harmony hall for convenience and can be relocated to wherever the new Grand Secretary lives if required.

The eligibility requirements to hold the office of the Grand Secretary can be found in the Grand Lodge By-laws. GM Barbara encourages Odd Fellows throughout the state to assist in the search for a qualified person to fill this office.

Brother Brown has been Grand Secretary since 1995 and is also serving as Secretary of the IOOF Recreation Area Board of Governors. He and his wife, Mildred, live in Farmington, where he is secretary of Farmington Lodge # 24 IOOF and Aztec Lodge # 23, IOOF.

The Grand Lodge expresses their thanks and appreciation for the many years of devoted dedication Brother Brown has given to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and wishes him a happy retirement and good health.

Remembering Others.....

Andy Shanley, GR Treasurer, had Knee replacement surgery recently and is recovering at home. He is also having cataracts removed in July. Cards can be sent to his home: 343 64th St, Albuquerque, 87105.

Ruth Carpenter, Triple Link and Mountain View, has been in the hospital and in Rehab hospital. Cards can be sent to her home: 242 Burma NE, Albuquerque, 87123

D'Elva Emert, RA Secretary, is having right rotating cuff surgery on June 25th. She will be in a sling and unable to drive for six weeks (bummer). Cards can be sent to her home: 2113 Smith Lane, Farmington, 87401.

George Glover, PSGM, recently had open heart surgery in Rhode Island, he had his aorta replaced, one coronary bypass and repaired a valve. He currently is in a rehab hospital.



Broken Links



PSGM Wayne Reynolds, of Nevada, passed away on June 13, 2013. He was laid to rest next to his parents and a memorial service will be held in the near future. He served as SGM in 1995-96. His theme was "Family of Odd Fellowship" and his emblem was the Eagle. His IARA President was Mavis Ward.

All of these brothers and sisters and many others, of which I am not aware, need to be remembered with cards, calls, thoughts and prayers.



From Dee's Desk

**D'Elva Emert,
Assembly Secretary**

It is only three months until Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly. There are still a couple of lodges that have not turned in their report for the period ending December, 2012. Please get those in quickly. Besides me needing

them, there are several committees that use the information from them. Your reports are important.

I have it on good authority that the lodges in Aztec are working hard to make your Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly as nice as they can. Please get your registrations in.

I will be working on the Advance Reports soon and if you have a report that needs to be in them please send it to me as soon as possible. Officers, have you had activities since Mid Term? Are you planning to attend the picnic, have you made visitations? Do you have expenses that the Assembly needs to pay for? Remember, the books close on June 30. The Judiciary Committee examines your reports and then reports to the Assembly. Everything is important. E-mail is an excellent tool for submitting reports.

I will be leaving August 13th for the IARA sessions in Schaumburg, IL. There is much for me to get done before then.

I want to leave you with a little thought: A teacher asked her class of 16 year olds to name the four seasons. The answer was, are you ready for this? Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar. Just think, they will be our leaders someday.

Fraternally, *Dee*

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

The Semi-annual reports are in the mail, they are due back by July 1. All Officers and others that require reports to be printed in the Advanced Proceedings are due August 1, 2013.

Thanks GLB

**Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico
Red Lion Hotel – September 26 – 29, 2013
Farmington**

**All Sessions and planned meals to be held at the
Red Lion Hotel, 700 Scott Avenue, Farmington, New Mexico 87401
Phone: 505/327-5221 | Fax: 505/327-1565
Rooms \$69.99 + tax Mention Oddfellows and Rebekahs meeting**

Registration Information

Deadline for all meals à September 10, 2013

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Address:/City/Zip : _____ Telephone _____

Lodge Name & Number: _____

Grand Lodge Registration: \$12.50 \$ _____

Rebekah Assembly Registration \$10.00 \$ _____

Thursday, Sept 26: 1:00 pm NM Canton #1 Yes / No (I will or will not attend)

Thursday, Sept. 26: 4:30 pm PP Dinner \$ 15.50 \$ _____

Friday, Sept 27:

7:00a GM Barbara/Pres. Doris- Officers/DDP/DDGM Breakfast \$14.50 \$ _____

7:00a Breakfast for everyone \$14.50 \$ _____

12:00p Past DDP and DDGM Luncheon Buffet \$16.50
\$ _____

12:00p Open Luncheon Buffet for everyone \$16.50
\$ _____

7:00p Banquet Honoring GM Barbara and Pres. Doris \$25.50
\$ _____

Roast Pork Loin or Mexican Plate (please indicate Your Preference)

Saturday September 28:

7:00a Friendship Breakfast Buffet –open to everyone \$14.50
\$ _____

7:00a Past Grand Master’s Breakfast Buffet \$14.50
\$ _____

12:00p Planning Board, Home Board Luncheon Buffet \$16.50
\$ _____

12:00p Open Luncheon Buffet for everyone \$16.50
\$ _____

Sunday, September 29

7:00a GM Fred/Pres. Sue Breakfast –Officers/DDP/DDGM \$14.50
\$ _____

7:00 a Breakfast for everyone \$14.50
\$ _____

Grand Total (please attach payment with form) \$ _____

**One form per person. Make copies as necessary
Make checks payable to: Hope Rebekah Lodge #12
Mail to: D’Elva Emert, 2113 Smith Lane, Farmington, NM 87401**

Mark Your Calendar!

July 1	Semi-Annual and Officers Reports Due
July 1	D.D Monroe Scholarship Application due
July 1	Bettye Miller Scholarship Application due
July 26-28	Annual Picnic & Campout at Recreation Area—Maybe—if the rains come!!!
August 10	Harmony Annual Isotope Ballgame
August 19-23	SGL/IARA Sessions in Schaumburg, ILL.
Sept. 10	Meal Registration for NM GL/RA due
Sept. 26-29	NM GL/RA Annual Sessions—Farmington



* ***Editorial notes from Barb:..... Happy Summer! Finally it is starting to get very warm and time to get out of the house and move about outside.*** *

* ***You will notice the registration form for our sessions is included again this issue. No reason not to get it in on time. D'Elva tells me that the deadlines must be met so you need to get your reservations and your registration in as soon as possible.*** *

* ***I did not receive any lodge news nor any news about illness from anyone other than the ones listed, so assume that everyone else is healthy and doing well.*** *

* ***Boyd and I had a great time visiting Bob in Canada and seeing some beautiful land that we had not seen before. We traveled 3300 miles and went through seven states; what a great trip. Had lunch with PPIARA Darlene Clemmer in Calgary and had a wonderful visit with old friends.*** *

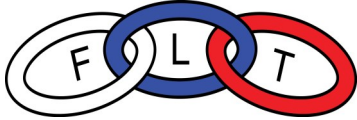
* ***Please remember to send in news about your lodge and your members. We really are one big family and families want to hear about other family members. Also, send in change of names, addresses, and email addresses.*** *

* ***Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue. Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship!*** *

Barb

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