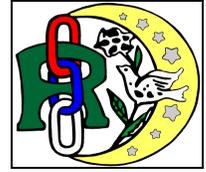


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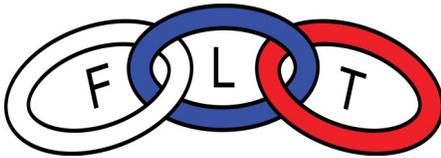


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## LET US TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER.



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## Memorial Day Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

To all Units -Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Greetings:

This Memorial Day let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us.

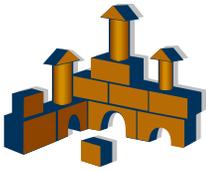
As we mourn their loss let us reflect on Psalm 23:

... *'Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul'...*

Therefore, in accordance with our laws and customs, I, Jimmy C. Humphrey, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows do hereby pro-claim that, Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015 to be **MEMORIAL DAY** throughout the world of Odd Fellow-ship.

All Units of Odd Fellowship shall hold appropriate observances in memory of our departed members

**“REBUILD YOUR LODGE THROUGH GROWTH, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND COMMUNICATION”**



Sandi McWatters, Grand Master

**Building blocks of Odd Fellowship**

Hi everyone, Happy Spring:

Thanks to the Lovington Lodges for hosting the March Meetings, we really appreciate all the efforts that went into making the Meetings successful. The Grand Lodge session was great and we were pleased to confer the GL Degree on Tim Hunter of Santa Fe #2. The restructuring plan was accepted by the Planning Board and will be in place for the sessions in Clovis in September. This is a major change for our members that can make a significant difference in our GL/RA sessions.; but it will take the efforts of every member to make it work. Plan to come to Clovis and be a part of this exciting event.

I have made two visits, Alamogordo and Deming and want to thank both lodges for making me feel very welcome. I am going to Washington, DC to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and while I am in the East, will attend the GL/RA sessions of Maryland. I will return June 2 and will resume my lodge visitations at that time.

It is my honor and pleasure to be your Grand Master,

Sandi



Hello Everybody,

Well, March Meetings are over and we had a great meeting. The Lovington Lodges did a fantastic job. Many thanks to them for their hard work. If you missed this session, you sure missed a great fellowship.

Assembly Warden Una did a great job conferring the Assembly Degree.

I would like to thank all the members from all over the state for making our “Degree Day” the best and most beautiful ceremony that anyone could ask for.

The Planning Board Committee accepted a restructure plan that will be used next September during the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions. This year is a trial run and to make it work, we must all work together. It being a trial run also means that if it does not work we can try something else or go back to the way it was. We can only try and I am asking all Rebekahs to do their part in making this work. It is time to make some changes in our Order, please help make this be the first one.

The registration fee will be \$15.00 per person. This fee will enable you to attend both Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly, if qualified, or you may attend only one or the other. There are other changes that we will talk about in the near future.

Remember that May is Arthritis Month and Arthritis Committee Chairman Dessie has ask all lodges to have a fund raiser to support it. If you can not have a fund raiser in May, I’m sure she will take the money from your fund raiser after May or any time that you have money to donate to this event.

Also remember that May is the month to elect your Representative and Alternate to the Assembly.

Clovis Lodges are working hard toward the Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly. They will have the registration forms and information out soon.

Talk to you soon, Your President

Lois McLemore, RAP



# RESTRUCTURING AGENDA FOR ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF NEW MEXICO

Thursday—

9:00 am Canton Meeting  
Meetings of standing committees - Finance, Audit, Joint Auditing, Home Board, JJYC/  
UNP—times to be determined by committee chairmen.  
4 pm Past Presidents meeting/dinner  
7:30 Joint Formal/Official opening

Friday:

8:00 am Grand Lodge opens  
12:00 noon—Past Grand Masters Meeting/Luncheon  
12:00 noon—Friendship Luncheon  
1: 15p—Rebekah Assembly opens  
7:00p—Banquet

Saturday:

8:00 am Grand Lodge opens  
12:00 noon Planning Board  
1:15 pm Rebekah Assembly opens  
7:30 pm Joint Installation of Officers

Sunday:

8:00 am Grand Lodge opens  
10:30 am Rebekah Assembly opens

One convention registration fee—\$15:00—registers for both Grand Bodies.

We encourage all members who belong to both Odd Fellows and/or Rebekahs to attend the sessions of both the Grand Lodge and the Rebekah Assembly and support the Grand Master and President.

## Happy Birthday!



**Boyd Griffin, PGM, celebrated his 95th birthday, April 5. Boyd was GM in 1985-1986. It was wonderful seeing him at the March Meetings. Happy Birthday, Boyd, and best wishes for many more!!**

*Applications are being accepted for the*

*D D Monroe Scholarship*

*Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico*

*And*

*The Betty Miller Memorial Scholarship*

*Sponsored by the Rebekah Assembly of*

*New Mexico*

*Obtain information and applications by going to the web sites*

*[www.ioofnm.org](http://www.ioofnm.org) and [www.nmrebekahs.org](http://www.nmrebekahs.org)*

**From Dee's Desk**



**D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary**

Can you believe it? Already we are 3/4 through the fraternal year! I have received a registration form for our sessions in Clovis which is barely over four months away. It will be an exciting and new adventure for our Assembly and Grand Lodge. There is more information on the meetings elsewhere in this issue of the NM Rebekah Reporter. I am looking forward to it. I hope everyone will try hard to attend and check out the new opportunities. Load your car, share expenses and go to Clovis.

Tickets for the President's project are still available. This is your chance to walk away with \$500. Can you afford to pass that up!! It's like a game of Deal or No Deal. It's a Deal if you buy a ticket but it's No Deal if you don't buy tickets. It could be the best \$1.00 you ever spent.

There are still two lodges that have not submitted their semi-annual reports. This has been said before but I must re-iterate that if your report is not turned in, the Assembly has to pay the per capita on the number of members from your last report. That could mean we pay taxes on a member that is deceased or has been dropped (hopefully that does not happen). If members in your lodge are in Assembly offices they really are not eligible to be seated if the report is outstanding.

Thank you to Lovington lodges for hosting a great March Meeting.

Fraternally, *Dee*

**Sovereign Grand Master Proclamations**

**April 18—Odd Fellow and Rebekah Make a Difference Day**—the little things you can do to Make a difference in your community.

**April 26—Founders Day**— commemorating the 196th anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. All units are encouraged to hold special festivities to celebrate this event.

**Let us know how your lodge participated in these events!**

**Remembering Others**

Condolences to Robert Faulkner, PGM in the recent loss of his youngest son, John.

Shirley Baty, PP RAVP still recovering from her broken foot. She is doing better, but has been unable to work.

Jason Shanley is improving, but still on a feeding tube. He is getting better about swallowing and able to take some food by mouth.

Fred Schneider, PGM, has spent some time in the hospital recently.

Linn Margolius. PP has had surgery on her legs.

Wife of Bobby Rolls, PGM, is in a nursing home in Lovington.

Roberta White, PP, PIARAT, is in nursing home in Deming. She is healthy and doing well.

Jerome Clinton, Carlsbad IOOF is in a nursing home in Carlsbad.

**Let's remember these and others with cards, prayers and loving thoughts.**

**Arthritis**

**May is National Arthritis Month**

**I am asking that your lodge have a fundraiser during the month of May for the New Mexico Arthritis Association.**



**We all have some form of Arthritis or know someone who suffers from it.**

**After your fundraiser, send me an email at [deverett@fms.k12.nm.us](mailto:deverett@fms.k12.nm.us) letting me know what you did and how much was raised. Next, send the funds to either the RA Secretary or GL Secretary so you get proper credit for your efforts.**



**Thank you,**

**Dessie Everett**

**Arthritis committee**

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



**Santa Fe IOOF #2**

New Officers of Santa Fe IOOF #2 were installed recently by DDGM Barbara Cloud assisted by PGM Ernie Cloud.

- NG - Tim Hunter
- VG - Dorothea Migliori
- Treasurer - Meg Meltz
- Secretary - Kelly Kellstedt
- Financial Secretary - Lisa Bertelli

## Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10

The sisters at Triple Link have been busy making Easter Baskets for Cuidando Los Ninos a daycare for children of homeless families. The daycare has approximately 35 children ages 6 week to 5 years old. Delivering just before Easter was Sandi McWatters, PP and Crystal Corfield, PNG,

**On May 19, TL will be conferring the Rebekah Degree on one candidate.** Everyone is invited and if a lodge has a candidate they are invited to come and participate.

Mark your calendars for October, TL will be hosting a Craft show in the lodge hall. We will be selling tables for those who wish to display and sell their crafts. More info to come!!



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**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.*

*Thanks , again, to the Lovington Lodges for hosting the March Meetings. We had a great time!*

*What is your lodge going to be doing this summer? Let me know.*

*A special thanks to those lodges who submitted subscriptions for all their members. It is greatly appreciated. This is the only statewide communication that we have and this is a great way to connect with your out of town members and your shut-ins. Let 's keep those lines of communication open!!*

*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. **Remember, 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.*

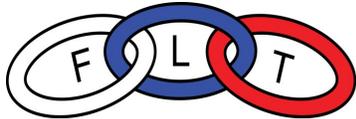
**Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship!**

**Barb**

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