



### The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

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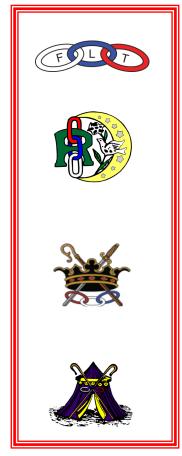
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New Mexico Canton #1





## March Meetings to be held In Socorro, March 15-17, 2013

The roads in March head, once again, to the center of the state to beautiful downtown Socorro for the annual March Meetings. This weekend of combined activities of the units of the order are being hosted and planned by Rio Grande Odd Fellows # 11 and Deming Odd Fellows #7 with Bill DeMarco PGM and Nita Sue Imel PGP,PP in charge of arrangements.

One of the changes in arrangements this year will be that <u>all</u> meetings will be held in the Knights of Pythias (KoP) Hall. The Friday evening open buffet dinner and the Saturday evening banquet will be at the Bodega Restaurant where it has been in the past. The tentative schedule of events are as follows:

9am—11:00a

	11:15a	Deli Lunch			
	11:30a	Registration for GE			
	$12\mathrm{pm}$ $-5\mathrm{pm}$	Grand Encampment			
	7pm Open I	Buffet dinner-Bodega Restaurant			
Saturday	7-9am	Registration			
	9am -12 pm	Joint GL/RA Meeting			
	12:00-1:00 pm	Deli Lunch			
	1:30 pm	GL/RA separate sessions			
	4 pm	JYC/UNP meeting			
	7 pm	GL/RA Banquet–Bodega			
Sunday	9 am– 12 pm	Board of Governors of the IOOF Recreation Area			

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Information and registration material regarding the "March Meetings" is included in this issue and can also be obtained by visiting our

websites www.nmrebekahs.org & www.ioofnm.org

### **Hello Everyone:**

Just a short note to remind all, we will see you in Socorro. Please re-

member your gifts for the gift table.

Remember to laugh a lot, smile often and give hugs.

Doris, Assembly President

Don't forget the Board of Governors annual meeting on Sunday, March 17 at the KoP Hall at 9am. Everyone who cares about our Recreation Area is Invited!!

#### Call to all Patriarchs,

Grand Encampment will be held in Socorro on Friday, March 15 with Grand Patriarch J. Ernest Cloud presiding. The sessions will begin with registration at 11:30 at the Knights of Pythias Hall followed by a Deli Luncheon. The annual sessions will begin at 12 pm and continue until 5pm. Election and Installation of officers will be held during the afternoon meeting. In the evening, there will be an open dinner buffet at the Bogeda Restaurant honoring the Grand Encampment and Canton officers. Everyone is invited to attend this evening of fellowship and friendship.

# From the Desk of D'Elva Emert Assembly Secretary

Updates to our Constitution and By-Laws have been sent to the lodges. If you need more, please let me know and I will being them to mid term. Or if you need supplies let me know that also.

If you have not submitted your semi-annual report, it is past due. I must complete the SGL report and have it mailed in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not stress over the report. If you have questions, I will be glad to help you.

Mid term is a week earlier this year. I truly hope you are planning to attend. We need each and every one to attend. Come and hear the reports of the committees and what they are doing. You may also have some suggestions to make their work easier. Do not be nervous about standing up and asking questions. And besides that, it is fun to "grip and grin" with friends you have not seen for a while.

I will be out of pocket from March 9<sup>th</sup> until mid term. I will be in Tennessee celebrating my sister's Golden Anniversary.

Hoping to see you soon in Socorro. **Dee** 

#### **New Mexico Canton**

The KofP Hall will be the site of the NM Canton at 9am on Friday, March 15. There will be a Mustering In ceremony so everyone come prepared to participate. Our time is limited so please be on time so we can accomplish our business.

\*\*Barbara Corfield, Captain\*\*

### **HEY EVERYONE**,

### IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR MARCH MEETINGS AGAIN!!!!!

We will be meeting in Socorro which is pretty centrally located in the State. I am sure you will all be receiving more information soon, so start thinking about it and mark it on your calendars please!! Lots of interesting information about our order will be shared on Saturday. We will have lots of good food to eat, long-time friends to see and we can all share what's been happening since we last met. So please plan on coming, we miss you when you're not with us.

Barbara Cloud Grand Master



## Lodge Happenings!!!

## Whats' going on at YOUR Lodge?

#### **News from Clovis**

DDP Lois McLemore installed officers of Friendship Rebekah #21 and Clovis Odd Fellows #31, January 10, after a luncheon of chicken and all the trimmings She was assisted by Mary Rodenberry. Rebekah Elected Officers are: NG Wanda Scott, VG Serena Goar, Sec. Evelyn Calder. Odd Fellow elected officers are: NG Vicky Howard, VG Serena Goar, Sec. Earl Scott.

Evelyn has been in Grants with her daughter since after Christmas. She had blood clots in her right leg. It was completely blocked and had become very painful. A surgeon in Albuquerque cleaned out the vein and installed two stents. She had a lot of pain but is doing better now. Serena and Wanda have both had the flu and Vicky is recovering nicely from breast cancer. Lois' shoulder is bothering her some times; Earl keeps falling and has bruises all over his arms. "Outside of that, we are all fine." Vicky Howard

#### Mesa # 27 and Mountain View #36

Installation of officers was held on Jan 5 with DDGM Andy Shanley and DDP Doris Faulkner presiding. A new first— Robert Faulkner PGM was installed as NG of BOTH Mesa

#27 IOOF and Mountain View #36 RL. This special occasion was followed by outstanding refreshments as usual.

Mesa had a Bingo night on Feb 20 with the funds raised to go to the Wounded Warriors which is their community project this year.

#### Harmony #1 and Triple Link #10

Installation of officers was held on January 19 with DDGM Andy Shanley and Doris Faulkner DDP conducting the ceremony. Newly elected officers of Harmony are: NG Sandi McWatters, VG Suzanne Embree: Secretary Barbara Corfield and Treasurer Andy Shanley. Elected officers of Triple Link are: NG Crystal Corfield, VG Peggy Dillingham, Secretary Una Cronoble and Treasurer Barbara Corfield. Many joint activities are planned during 2013 including revival of the Albuquerque family picnic of many years ago, the annual night at the Isotope Baseball game, and after the great success this year, the Christmas theatre production at the Albuquerque Little Theatre.

The NG at Harmony has chosen Veterans Services at the VA Hospital as her community project and the NG at Triple Link has chosen the Betty Miller Scholarship as her designated project for this year.

## Mail Call.....

It was great to go the mail box and hear from so many friends we have not heard from in a long time, plus our out of state friends and I wanted to share the addresses.

Also, I greatly appreciate those lodges who renewed their subscriptions for their entire membership. Thanks.

Dorothy Ann Bell, member of Jurisdictional lodge, formerly of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, Santa Fe PO Box 4764

Buena Vista, CO 81211

Loretta (Bryant) Wahl, member of Mountain View #36 PO Box 3069

Big Spring, TX 79721

And Friends from out of State:

Marvin & Sue Imel **Ellen Carter** Al & Shirley Streck 235 CR 3892 W 2624 Liberty Parkway 1436 Molehu Cleveland, Texas 77438 Dundalk, MD 21222 Honolulu, HI 96818

#### Lodges who have sent subscriptions for all members:

Harmony #1 IOOF Lovington #44 IOOF Triple Link #10 RL Friendship # 21 RL

#### **Revitalization Committee Report**

In previous issues, the Five (5) year plan was presented that was passed at Sovereign Grand Lodge. Also adopted was the report of the Revitalization Committee. This committee was appointed in 2011 to offer recommendations for the future of Order. This is the 2012 report.

We feel that the Order must continue to consolidate our Branches to make better use of our time and declining membership. As we consolidate our Branches we believe that our Ritualistic Lessons and Degrees must be retained.

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Continue to upgrade the technology of the Order so that The Sovereign Grand Lodge Office can better interact with the Grand Bodies and Units for the purpose of transmitting reports, ordering supplies and updating membership data.
  - 2. Within 2 years merge the youth program into one Unit
  - 3. Proceed with the Patriarchs Militant unification.
- 4. Within 4 years, have resolutions and legislation to merge the Patriarchal Degrees (Encampment and LEA) into our existing work.
- 5. Recommend attire for special events and when interacting with the public to project an image of pride in our Order.
- 6. The Communications Committee to publish an electronic media template to jurisdictions to use in developing a web site to include approved artwork, manuals, etc.
  - 7. Continue to review the projects of the Order; to possibly reduce the number to be more effective.

(The Editor welcomes any comments and will post them in a future issue. Following the next SGL sessions in Chicago, the 2013 report of this committee will be printed for your information and review.)

## **Schuyler Colfax Day Proclamation**



**Whereas**, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851 and the degree was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree provides woman's softening touch to Odd Fellowship as founded on the principles of the Order—faithfulness, hospitality, purity, and dedication as portrayed by the women of the Bible.

**Whereas,** because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe.

**Therefore,** I, Charles L. Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim,

That the 23rd day of March 2013 be *Schuyler Colfax Day* throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax.

Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Colfax by initiating a 'Colfax Class' in honor of the celebration.

### March is Arthritis Month

The Sovereign Grand Master, Charles Renninger, has declared that the month of March be declared Odd Fellow and Rebekahs Arthritis Month in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by arthritis.

Contributions to the Arthritis program should be sent to the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly Secretaries to be forwarded to the Arthritis Chapter in your state.

In New Mexico, our Grand Master has chosen Arthritis to be her special project this year with proceeds from the sale of tickets to be donated to Arthritis in memory of J L Braught PGM and Kathy Shanley PP. If you have not purchased your tickets, they will be on sale at the March Meetings or you can contact Andy Shanley.

Remember, funds raised in New Mexico stay in New Mexico.

## Remembering Others

I have not received very many notices of those to be remembered and if anyone has been missed, my apology.

Harmony #1—Joe Embree—in the hospital several times.

Triple Link #10- Margaret Burnworth and Janet Christensen both with reoccurring illness.

Lovington #44—the family of Gary James, long time member and former Jr. Odd Fellow.

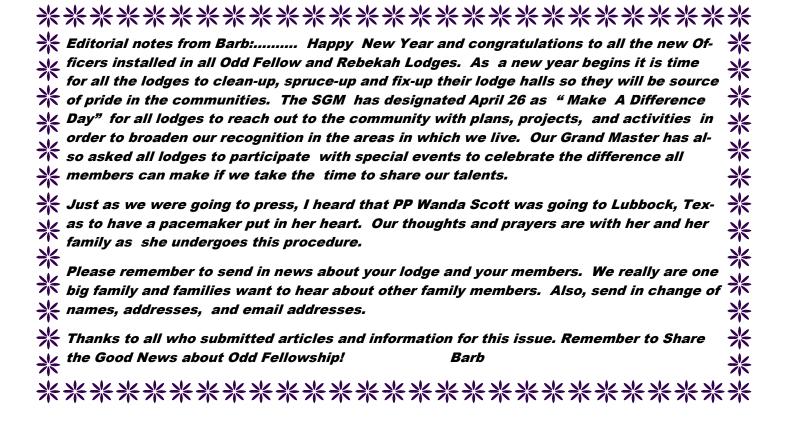
Ruby Hooper of Texas who have visited our Rebekah Assembly sessions many times has suffered a stroke.

Lets remember these with cards, calls and prayers.

#### ADDRESS CHANGE

Please change the mailing address of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10

New Secretary: Una Cronoble 100 Lynwood Rio Rancho, NM 87124



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in beautiful mid-town Socorro, NM, USA

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