

The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter



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Annual Picnic July 23-26 IOOF Recreation Area

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Grand Master Sandi and President Lois, along with the Board of Governors, invite everyone to attend the Annual Picnic be held on July 23-26, 2015 at the IOOF Recreation Area.

Activities are planned beginning with the Hot Dog cookout on Friday Evening (bring your hot dogs, chili and fixins' to share); followed by the Saturday flag raising, fun & games, and potluck that evening. Sunday is the annual breakfast served by the BOG and your elected Officers of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, followed by the flag raising and devotion service.

There has been substantial work done at the Recreation Area to improve and renovate from the fires of several years ago. Two of our new members, Guy Matthews and Earl Gleason, have access to the necessary heavy equipment, bobcats, graders, etc., and are making them available to the BOG. This is making a huge difference in what needs to be done. Our thanks to them.

If you have never been at the campground, make this year to attend. Drive up for the potluck or for the Sunday breakfast if you don't want to spend the night.

More information on camping and reservations for the weekend on page 6.



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



Greetings to everyone:

As your Grand Master, I had the honor and privilege to present the New Mexico Memorial Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. This to me is one of the greatest honors allotted to our members for the 82 years the Army has allowed the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to have this ceremony, the first week end in May.

I also represented New Mexico at the Grand Lodge Sessions, Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly of Maryland. It was very interesting, seeing and visiting with old friends catching up on information about families and other friends

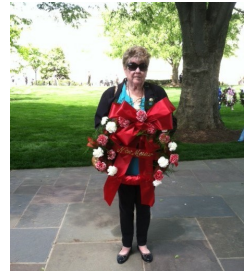
I am glad to be home since I have been back I have visited the Clovis Lodge and made a trip to Carlsbad . The situation in Carlsbad is not good but more on that later.

Barb and I will be attending SGL August 13-22 at Ft Worth, Texas.

Registration for our upcoming Sessions is on the web pages. Remember to sell the tickets for the beautiful painting that will be given away at the banquet. Send your money and tickets to the Grand Secretary.

See you in Clovis in September

Sandi McWatters Grand Master



Hello Everybody

Grand Lodge / Rebekah Assembly is just a few months away. Clovis Lodges are working hard to make your visit with them pleasant. They had the roof fixed, so you will not get wet, although you might want by the hot days of September gets here.

Remember to fill out your registration forms completely. If you do not put your lodge(s) name and number on your form, they will not know which lodge to put on your name tag. Also remember that \$ 15.00 is all the registration fee you need to pay if you attend Grand Lodge or Assembly or both. The deadline for registration is September 11, please don't wait until September 11 to mail it in. You may not get what you want, if you are late. If you register and can not attend your money will be refunded.

Don't forget to sell those tickets to win \$500.00. The proceeds will go to the kids with autism. The person that sells the most tickets will win \$ 25.00. If you think that person will be you, let me know how you want your money – quarters, dimes or pennies or what. If you need more tickets, just let me know.

Secretaries don't forget to send your lodge representative & alternate's credentials sent in with that awful report to Dee and give a copy to the rep & alt. also.

This year our sessions will be different from anything that we have tried, We must work together to make this trail run work. Please help us by attending all sessions that you wish and letting us know what you think about what we are trying to do and how we can make it better. We must work together because after we are all one family.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and getting a lots of hugs. See you soon,

Your President Lois McLemore, RAP



Receive Recognition

Your Lodge is doing good work. You are getting out into your community and sharing the good news of Odd Fellowship. Your Lodge needs to receive the recognition of your activities and events. Sovereign Grand Lodge wants to recognize what you are doing. Please fill out the forms included so your members can realize that their efforts are not in vain. Return the forms directly to Sovereign Grand Lodge, 422 Trade St. Winston-Salem, NC 27101 by July 5, 2015. Your SGL/RA Representative will receive the certificates that your lodge is entitled.

Do not hide your light beneath the bush. Let your light shine so the world will know what a great lodge, and organization the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is.

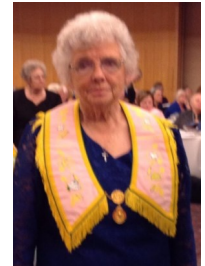
Fill out the forms and send them in as soon as possible. Need assistance, call.

Barbara Corfield, Grand Secretary

SGL/IARA

The annual sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies will be held August 13-22 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Representing New Mexico will be Sandi McWatters, GM for the Grand Lodge and Carolyn Schaffer PP for the Rebekah Assembly. Wanda Wheeler, PP, will be serving as Conductor for Sharon Burt, IARA President. D’Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary is active in the Secretaries Association and Barbara Corfield, PPIARA is the Historian for the IARA and will attend the International Press Association meetings as well as the meetings of the Grand Secretaries Association.



Jimmy Humphry, Sovereign Grand Master, and Sharon Burt, President, IARA will preside over their respective sessions. Both of these officers have visited New Mexico in recent years and we have fond memories of their time with us.

2015 — MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY — Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch
Unit Name and Number
Or Individual Hours Volunteered

Scheduled and completed the following Event:

Contributions: Money; or Gifts in Kind

Remarks

Reporting Officer

Mail to: I.O.O.F. MAKE A DIFFERENCE, 422 TRADE ST NW, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27101

Return the Enclosed Reporting Forms by July 5, 2015. Make Copies if you so desire.
Mail To: The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830



2014-2015
Living Legacy Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Planted:

Trees Misc.

At cost of

Contributions Money

Promotion

Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer



2014-2015
Community Service Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Or Individual Hours Volunteered

Participated in the following types of Programs:

Contributions: Money; Promotion; Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer

Return the Enclosed Reporting Forms by July 5, 2014. Make Copies if you so desire.
Mail To: The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

2014-2015
Scholarship Reporting Form



Jurisdiction and Branch
Unit Name and Number
Local Scholarship(s) Awarded
Number Amount
Jurisdictional
Number Amount
Total
Number Contributions
Participated with another Community Group:
Yes No Amount
Participated in Government Matching Funds Program:
Yes No Amount

Remarks

Reporting Officer

2014-2015
Drug Prevention Program Reporting Form



Jurisdiction and Branch
Unit Name and Number
Participated in what type of Program
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Contributions Money
Promotion
Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer

Annual Picnic, cont.

If you want to attend the annual picnic and reserve the small cabins, Contact:

Richard Gunn, PGM, Phone 505 345-0672 or email him at richardgunn@myway.com

If you are not into camping, or your tent has a hole in it, an alternative, to be able to attend and participate in the activities, is to stay in Mountainair. The Turner Inn & RV Park has rooms available starting at \$60.00 per night. Their phone number is **(505) 847-0248**.



Turner Inn,& RV Park, 303 US HWY 60

Come, bring your family, and friends and have a great weekend of friendship and fellowship.

Reports are due!

A reminder from your Grand Secretary and Rebekah Assembly secretary that the fiscal year ends on June 30, and all Officer and Committee reports are due so they can be included in the Advance Reports for the upcoming sessions in September!!

Remembering Others

Condolences to the family and to the members of Eddy IOOF #21, Carlsbad in the passing of their long-time secretary Jerome Clinton. This dedicated Odd Fellow will be missed.

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 facing another surgery in July to assist in his swallowing.

PGM Fred Schneider having difficulty with his knees and having problems walking.

Little Eva Frechette (18 mo) fell and broke the femur in her right leg. She was in a body cast for 6 weeks . She is the daughter of Kristin Frechette, VG of Triple Link.

Terri Hines, Secretary of Carlsbad RL #13 spent several days in the hospital after a car drove through her house and she was injured. She is now home, recovering and taking care of her daughter, Jala, who is quite ill.

Lets remember these and others with cards, prayers and loving thoughts.

Applications are being accepted for the

D D Monroe Scholarship

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico

And

The Bettye Miller Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico

Obtain information and applications by going to the web sites

***www.ioofnm.org and
www.nmrebekahs.org***

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



Deming Rebekah Lodge #16 & Deming Odd Fellow Lodge #7 was proud to present their annual Bertha Hendricks Memorial Scholarship to **Manuel R. (Ricky) Morales**. **John Mitchell** (Deming #7 Vice Grand) represented the lodges when the scholarships were presented at a ceremony on May 18, 2015. Mr. Morales is a 2015 graduate of Deming High School who will be attending New Mexico State University, majoring in Business Administration. While attending high school, he has worked as a Kennel Technician for a local veterinary care facility and has regularly volunteered at his church. He also participated in band and football in middle and high schools. The second oldest of five children, Ricky was born and raised in Deming. At home he cares for his thirteen year old disabled brother. His mother supports her family working as a florist in Deming.

Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10 welcomed a new member. Angelica Tomaszewski, sponsored by Kristin Frechette, VG, was initiated on May 19th. She is employed by H&R Block as a tax preparer. She is married with three children. Her grandparents were members of the order and she remembers attending events at the Odd Fellow hall as a small girl. Welcome Angelica!!

Triple Link has started their summer charity activity, and are making picture pads for a senior living facility. They are colorful and will be enjoyed by the residents.

Plans are proceeding for the Fall Craft Fair to be held in October. More news to follow!



Editorial notes from Barb:.....

I hope you enjoy some of the changes. I have added a page and hope to maintain this for future issues, but I need your news to make the paper more interesting.

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!

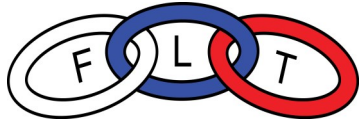


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