



# The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

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***Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season  
from your Grand Lodge and Rebekah  
Assembly Officers!!***

***Grand Master Doris Faulkner***

***Assembly President Shirley Baty***

***Deputy Grand Master Robert Faulkner***

***Assembly Vice President Doris Felkner***

***Grand Warden Jean Lovelace***

***Assembly Warden Andy Shanley***

***Grand Secretary Barbara Corfield***

***Assembly Secretary D'Elva Emert***

***Grand Treasurer J. Ernest Cloud***

***Assembly Treasurer Nita Imel***

***Grand Rep. & Immediate PGM Sandi McWatters***

***Assembly Rep. & Immediate Past President Lois McLemore***



### Program for President Shirley

**Emblem:** Butterfly—A new beginning, hope and innocence

**Flower:** Gladiolus

**Watchword:** Kindness

Kindness in words creates confidence

Kindness in thinking creates profoundness

Kindness in giving creates love Lao Tse

**Motto:** Do not go where the path may lead  
Go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Motto:** It's not the years in your life that count,  
It's the life in your years, Live life to the fullest!

Abraham Lincoln

**Hymn:** In the Garden

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-3

**Colors:** Colors of the rainbow

**Aim:** Courage, Strength, Hope, as we take one day at a time

**Project for Rebekah Assembly:** sell tickets on following items. All tickets are \$1.00 each or 5 for \$5.00. goal is for \$1000 to be raised to benefit the Rebekah Assembly.

Butterfly Quilt; 8 Solar Pathway Lights; Butterfly Necklace and Earrings ; Gift Certificate; Framed Butterfly picture.

### Program for Grand Master Doris

**Emblem:** Horse for Steadfastness  
Guardian Angel to watch over us

**Flower:** All roses

**Colors:** All colors— God made all different colors.

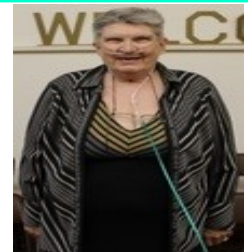
**Aim:** Membership

We need old and new members. Retain the current members and bring in and keep new ones.

**Hymn:** The Lord's prayer

**Scripture:** John 3:16

**Motto:** Truth will find a way



**Projects:** The Carrie Tingley Hospital for Children.—to raise funds for this project, a handmade blanket has been donated by the family. Tickets will be sold at \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

I am also asking each Odd Fellow lodge to gather up items for the Hospital: such as: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, coloring books, puzzle books, story books and games for children up to 21, beanies and blankets will also be appreciated.

There will also be Horse and Angel pins for sale for \$3.00 each. Proceeds to also go to Carrie Tingley Hospital.

## Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Chairman to Visit New Mexico Lodges!

Jon Petersen, PSGM, Membership Chairman for the Sovereign Grand Lodge is scheduling visitations to Lodges in New Mexico sharing the benefits of belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has already visited the lodges in Hobbs/Lovington and Alamogordo. He will be visiting the Albuquerque Lodges on January 11, Santa Fe on the 13th of January, Deming on January 26 and Clovis on January 28.

Brother Petersen advised that in the past, the SGL membership person or group of persons would set up a seminar type meeting in one city or lodge in a state or neighboring state, and the interested members would have to travel to attend. Usually the ones who attended were the heads of the Order or the jurisdictional officers. Maybe the message would get to the individual lodges and maybe not. It was like “preaching to the choir”; the ones who needed to hear the information did not get the message.

His philosophy, today, is that we need to talk to the members, the grass roots of our lodges and make sure everyone understands the benefits of belonging to the Order. We need to give everyone the tools they need to ask their friends, family or acquaintances to become members and what to say when they are asked—”what are the Odd Fellows?”

The structure of the meetings are up to the lodges, but he prefers an open meeting inviting all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, prospective members or anyone who has expressed an interest in learning what Odd Fellows are about. He will be bringing information, and literature about the projects and programs of the Order and will be available to answer any questions that are presented to him.

Brother Petersen served as Sovereign Grand Master in 2002-2003 and was living in Arizona at the time, however he and his wife, Joy, now live in Arkansas, except for the winter when they live at Casa Grande, AZ.

Grand Master, Doris and President Shirley encourage everyone to attend one of these membership meetings. It can only help to educate and inform our members in making them active ambassadors in promoting our great Order to the community. Contact your local lodge to confirm the dates and times of the meetings.





## Angie Carter, Past President

Word was received recently of the passing of Angie Carter, Past President, on September 5, 2015 at her assisted living home in Albuquerque. There were no services, nor was there an obituary prepared or printed.

Angie was a member of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10 in Albuquerque. She served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico in 1982-83. Her Grand Master was T. Earl D'Arcy. She was a long time advisor of Arkisgo

Theta Rho Girls' Club #1 in Albuquerque.

She was a strong supporter with an positive influence on the youth of New Mexico. She was always there for them, whether it was at the meetings, a bake sale, car wash, drill competition or at the campground. She served as representative to the IARA in 1984 and was also a sponsor on the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth bus tour. She is survived by her Odd Fellow/Rebekah family, the brothers, sisters, and the many young people whose lives she touched during her time on earth with us.

Angie was a woman who lived by the Rebekah Creed all her life. She was a Rebekah!!

## Remembering Others

Wanda Wheeler PP, Hobbs, spent several weeks in the hospital with pneumonia and other issues. She is home now, recovering. While in the hospital, she received word that her sister and nephew had passed away. Our condolences to her and her family.

Doris Faulkner, GM has been in the hospital, again, with bronchitis and pneumonia. She is recovering at home.

Condolences to Sue Wolf, new member of Triple Link, in the loss of her mother.

Henry Imel, PGM, had surgery on Dec 9 to remove a tumor. He is recovering at home and doing great.

Kristin Frechette, VG of Triple Link has had a difficult time recovering from her recent surgery and has been housebound for several weeks. Her recovery has been very slow and has had several set-backs. Hopefully, she will soon show some improvement.

Alice Glasgow, member of Triple Link and daughter of Ernie & Nancie Jahn, is doing so much better. Her illness is in remission and she is improving daily. Congratulations, Alice!

### *The Rainbow is God's Promise*



*The Rainbow is God's Promise of hope for you and me, and though the clouds hang heavy and the sun we cannot see, We know above the dark clouds that fill the stormy sky, Hope's rainbow will come shining through when the clouds have drifted by.*

*Helen Steiner Rice*



## Twelve Days of Christmas

There is one Christmas carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, french hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

I found out!!!

> From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- Four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- Five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament
- Six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit – Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.
- Eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.
- Ten lords a-leaping were the 10 commandments.
- Eleven pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful disciples.
- Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas carol – so pass it on if you wish.

Received via email from Bob Littlefield, PGM of New Mexico.



**From Dee's Desk  
D'Elva Emert,**

**Assembly  
Secretary**



HoHoHo Christmas has snuck up on me again! And Santa told me he would have to think really hard on my stocking this year. Of course I have only known for 12 months that Christmas would be on December 25th again. Have you had that problem too?

As I reflect back on the past year I wonder if maybe there was something I should have done differently. Maybe there was and I missed it. Then I think about my friends and how lucky I am to have each and every one of you. I think of my family and how much I cherish each one of my family members. I was only blessed with one son and he gave me two grandsons and now they have given me great grandchildren. How much more could a person ask for?

I have friends that are/will be celebrating Hanukah and I wish for them a wonderful time of rejoicing.

I hope that however you choose to celebrate the holidays that you will find peace and happiness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
**Dee**



*Special Thanks  
to You*

***Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers.  
Kind deeds are the fruits.***

***To the Sisters and Brothers of the Jurisdiction of New Mexico;***

***Thank you to each and everyone of you for making my "first" official visit delightful and fun! I enjoyed meeting you and now I can put faces to the people I read about in your Reporter. I was proud to see how many awards your jurisdiction received during the banquet. I am sure that everyone will keep up the good work. Thank you again, for the many kindnesses with which you showered me. Linda Thompson, Warden, IARA***

***Thank You from Leona!***

I just want to say thank you for all the phone calls and cards that my sisters sent to me after my fall. I just dislocated my shoulder but the doctor won't let me drive, lift or anything else for about six weeks. I go back the 21st and I hope that he will lift the restrictions early, the physical therapist doesn't think that much damage was done and it is doing great. Again thank you.

Leona

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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



### Tomb of the Unknown

The 2016 Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown is set for Sunday the 8th day of May with the Amphitheater ceremony beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the wreath laying ceremonies are set for 4:00 p.m. The pilgrimage banquet will be Saturday evening the 7th of May at the Hilton Mark Center, Alexandria, Virginia. Complete schedule will be distributed after 1 January 2016 upon the completion of the bus and cemetery shuttle scheduling. As in the past, jurisdictions may purchase one (1) wreath per jurisdiction for presentation by up to four (4) persons.

The New Mexico Grand Lodge always purchases a wreath for anyone who wishes to make the trip to participate at the ceremony. Let the Grand Master know if you are planning to travel to Washington DC in May.

**Editorial notes from Barb:.....**

*Holiday greetings to everyone! I know your lodge has been busy serving your community during this special season. I would love to hear what your lodge is doing.*

*Installation of officers is just around the corner. Send in the names of your new officers and what their plans are for the coming year to build up your lodge and let the community know that you are alive and well. Share the news!!*

*Be sure that your lodge meeting information is correct, as I plan to include a directory of lodges with addresses and meeting times. Probably will start with the next issue.*

*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**

**Applause & Congratulations**

Hugh Lowrie, a biomedical technician at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center, has been named the Biomedical Equipment Support Specialist (BESS) of the Year by the Veterans Health Administration. Lowrie was selected over 50 others in the same field. The annual BESS award is coordinated through VHA's Healthcare Technology Management Program Office.

Hugh & his wife, Sue, are members of Harmony Lodge #1, Albuquerque where he is a Past Grand.

This notice appeared in the Albuquerque Journal Business Outlook on November 23 along with his picture. Congratulations, Hugh

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## What's Happening at Your Lodge?

**Harmony #1**—Christmas dinner and party with Santa Claus planned for December 19 at 6pm. Donations being accepted for the Storehouse.

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

**Mesa # 27**— business meetings on 1&3 Thursday at 7pm, social meetings on 2&4 Thursday, Maggie Baca, NG.

**Triple Link #1**— On Nov 17 we initiated Sue Wolf into our lodge with RA President Shirley Baty, GM Doris Faulkner & DGM Robert Faulkner present. Plans for Christmas project underway—we prepared 100 Christmas stockings for the Harmony/Triple Link Christmas dinner and for the children at Joy Junction. One of our members, Peggy Dillingham, knitted caps for the children at Cuiando Los Ninos,

a daycare for children of homeless parents. We also, along with Harmony, collected food donations for the Storehouse.

**Deming #16**— Initiated 4 new members into the Rebekahs on November 13. Assisting in the ceremonies were RA President Shirley Baty, Grand Master Doris Faulkner, PPRA & PGM, Sandi McWatters and PPIARA & GS Barbara Corfield. Following the ceremony was a dinner at the Grand Hotel hosted by the lodge.

**Alamogordo # 25**, - Hosted the SGL Membership Chairman, Jon Petersen, at a meeting on December 10 and got some great ideas for improving our meetings and attracting new members. Also attending were Sandi McWatters GL Membership Chairman and GS Barbara Corfield.

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