



The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

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Congratulations to Santa Fe IOOF #2

for the recognition by the community for their music program with the Santa Fe Public Schools

THANK YOU

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for

SUPPORTING MUSIC

IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!



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Laura Casslyn

Mia Kate

*Thank you!
April Pickrell*

♥ Ben Till

Kathina Walker

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Leanne*

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Jesus's*

Jean Coughlan

School Year
2015-2016



Hello sisters

This will be my last communication for the year . Assembly will be in Albuquerque this year and looking forward to seeing everyone.

Hope everyone has had a good year despite the hot weather. Since March meetings I have visited the lodges in Farmington and Albuquerque. Had nice visits with the lodges and thank them for all the courtesies extended to me during the visits. Talked to Clovis last week and they were having a meeting that week which I was unable to attend. Hope to make their next meeting.

My part time job with American Greetings has turned into a full time job this summer. We have been shorthanded and been working extra hours to get everything done.

Hope the sale of my tickets has gone well. This money is to help the Assembly. I know some felt I should have picked a project, but without our Assembly where would we be.

Attending my own lodge and the Oddfellows lodge. We have been busy putting the degree work on a new member. Will close for now and look forward to seeing everyone in Albuquerque. Everyone should have the Information on Hotel and registration by now. Thanks to everyone this year for all the courtesies extended to me as your President.

With Rebekah love,

Shirley



August 23, 2016

This Letter is to all Grand Encampment and New Mexico Canton # 1 Members

As you may or may not know, Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions are just around the corner! They will be held at the Quality Inn and Suites Motel on Pan American Freeway in Albuquerque in just about a month! If you have not registered, I would urge you to register as soon as possible!

Also, the Grand Encampment will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 9 AM with the New Mexico Canton # 1 to follow, about 1 PM. Maybe sooner, depending on the business to complete. I would encourage each and every one of the members of the Canton and Grand Encampment to be ready to attend these meetings. As you know, our numbers are fading, and we need each and every one to help out. Thank you for your attendance in the past, and I hope to see you at the meetings in September.

Richard Gunn-----Clerk/Accountant of New Mexico Canton # 1



**Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico
Annual Sessions
September 22-25, 2016
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Welcome to Albuquerque!



The four lodges in Albuquerque, Harmony #1 IOOF, Triple Link #10 RL, Mesa #27 IOOF and Mountain View #36 RL, extend to each of you a very warm welcome and hope your stay here will be enjoyable. It



is our pleasure to host the 127th session of the Grand Lodge of NM and the 109th session of the Rebekah Assembly of NM. Arrangements have been made for all sessions, planned meals and events to be held at the Quality Inn and Suites 7620 Pan American Freeway NE. Registration information is included in this issue of the NMRR.

We have been working with the assured that everything will go as very successful split session with the The Rebekah Assembly will be meet-Saturday beginning at 8:00am until meeting at 1:30pm until 4:00 pm. On from 8:00am until 9:30am and the Rebekah Assembly will meet at 10:00 am until their business



is completed.

Grand Master and President to be planned. We will be continuing the following adjustments.

ing in the mornings on Friday and 11:30 am. The Grand Lodge will be Sunday, the Grand Lodge will meet

Everything begins on **Thursday, September 22** with the Encampment meeting at 9am and the Canton meeting at 1pm. Registration for all sessions begin at 11 am, the Past Assembly Presidents have their dinner meeting at 4pm and the official opening begins at 7pm. **Friday** is the opening session of the Rebekah Assembly at 8:00am, at 12:00 the Past Grand Masters Luncheon and the Friendship luncheon and the opening of the Grand Lodge at 1:30pm. That evening at 7pm will be the banquet honoring our Grand Master and Assembly President. **Saturday** will be the Rebekah Assembly at 8:00am, Planning board luncheon at 12:00 and the Grand Lodge at 1:30. That evening will be the Installation of Officers at 7pm. **Sunday** will be the closing session of the Grand Lodge at 8am and the closing session of the Rebekah Assembly at 10:00am.

We have been advised that our special guests from Sovereign Grand Lodge and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies will be the newly installed Sovereign Grand Master, Larry Ferguson, from West Virginia and Joyce Link, IARA President from California. We want to make their visit one they will always remember and we can do that if YOU will come and bring the brothers and sisters from your lodge to our sessions in Albuquerque.

Looking forward to seeing you in at Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly!

Joint Planning Committee

Registration Information

All Sessions and planned meals to be held at the Quality Inn & Suites, 7620 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque, NM. Call 505 823-1300 for reservations. Single/Double Rooms \$60.00 plus tax. Mention Odd Fellows/Rebekahs when phoning. Reservations must be made before September 1, 2016 for special rate. Breakfast included with room cost. Website

www.qualityinn&suitiesalbuquerque.com

Name: _____ **Highest Rank/office** _____

Address/City/Zip: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Email address: _____

Convention Registration:	Odd Fellow Lodge Name_____	\$15.00	\$_____
	Rebekah Lodge Name _____		

Thursday, Sept. 22:

9:00a	Albuquerque Encampment #4	No registration required. Indicate if you will attend	Yes	No
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1:00p	NM Canton Meeting:	No registration required. Indicate if you will attend	Yes	No
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4:00p	RA Past Presidents Dinner	(Chicken/Beef Fajitas)	\$25.00	\$_____
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Friday, Sept 23:

12:00p	PGM Luncheon	(Chicken Enchiladas)	\$25.00	\$_____
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12:00p	Friendship Luncheon	(Salads, Cold Cuts, Dessert)	\$15.00	\$_____
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7:00p	Banquet Honoring Grand Master Doris and RA President Shirley		\$25.00	\$_____
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Beef or Chicken (please circle)
(Special dietary needs, please indicate on registration)

Saturday September 24:

12:00p	Planning Board Luncheon	(Salads, Cold Cuts, Dessert) (everyone invited to attend)	\$15.00	\$_____
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Grand Total \$_____

Check number and date_____

One form per person. Make copies as necessary. Deadline for all meals is September 10, 2016.

Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly Host Committee

Mail in care of: Crystal Corfield, 1418 Barcelona SW 87105, Albuquerque, NM 87105



The 2016 New Mexico delegation to SGL/IARA found that it was possible to mix business with the beautiful South Dakota countryside as there was so much to see and do in and around Rapid City. In addition to the incredibly impressive Mt. Rushmore, visiting Custer State Park, Crazy Horse, and listening to the wonderful music at the Wednesday Fun night Chuck wagon dinner, an enjoyable time was shared by all who attended.

Representing NM this year was: Sandi McWatters, PGM, SGL Representative; Carolyn Schaffer PP, IARA Representative; D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary and Ritual & Ceremony Committee Member; Barbara Corfield, PPIARA, Historian and Grand Secretary; Nita Sue Imel, PGR, Assistant Warden; Wanda Wheeler, PP, Arizona Flag Bearer; Doris Felkner and Leona Eubanks. Joining us for NM Tuesday night out dinner and Wednesday fun night was Scharlla Dean, Barbara Browning; Carolyn's husband Frank Schaffer and their guests.

Installed as the new officers of SGL was Larry Ferguson, SGM, West Virginia; John Miller, DSGM, Connecticut; and Doug Pittman SGW of Colorado. New officers of the IARA are Joyce Link Pres., California Linda Thompson, VP, Arizona; Patty Heighten, Warden of Atlantic Provinces; and we have a new IARA Secretary, Janet Gibson of Virginia. Vivian Pursell, the secretary for the past 14 years retired.

New Mexico was awarded several awards and certificates that will be presented at our up-coming Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly sessions in September by our representatives. The New Mexico Reporter also was presented four 2nd place awards in the Bi-monthly, In-house Printing Category, for News Content, Best Column, Best use of Photography, and Best Layout and Design .

One of the highlights in the IARA was the presentation of the memorial in honor of our own Roberta White, PP and Past IARA Treasurer by the Past Presidents and Past Officers Association. It was a very beautiful and moving ceremony.

Next year's session will in St. Louis, Mo., and will be for only four business days instead of five. This change was voted on several years ago as a cost saving measure. It will be interesting to see the changes that will be made to accommodate the activities that are usually planned and to see what activities are going to be eliminated.

The following year, 2018 will be the beginning of the year long 200 anniversary year celebration. The sessions will be in Baltimore, MD where the order was founded and finishing in Winston-Salem in 2019.

From Dee's Desk

**D'Elva Emert,
Assembly
Secretary**



We are just a month away from Rebekah Assembly. How time flies.

IARA was in Rapid City and we had a great learning experience. It's amazing what one has thought they were doing right only to find out different. Aside from that there was so much to see and do. The night lighting at Mt. Rushmore got rained out but we enjoyed it anyway.

And now it is time to get busy for our Assembly. If you serve on the committees for the Gift Table, Sales Table or Credentials, please be there early to set the tables up. If you are serving as Representative from your lodge, don't forget to bring your certificate of a representative.

Our Assembly is sort of like voting when someone says "one vote" won't make a difference. But if you are the one missing from Assembly it does make a difference. Please try to attend.

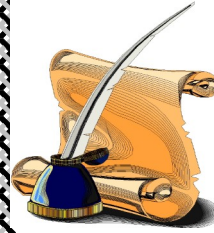
Hoping to see you soon,

Dee

Don't forget your gift for the gift table!

Check out our Websites:
Rebekah Assembly of NM Website: www.nmrebekahs.org
Grand Lodge of NM Website: www.ioofnm.org
Sovereign Grand Lodge Website: www.ioof.org
Webmaster of NM websites: Nita Imel

**Notes from the
Grand Secretary**



The Grand Lodge sessions are just around the corner and plans are being finalized for all who attend, and is our

hope that we will have a great attendance. Advance proceedings are being prepared with the reports that have been submitted. All other reports will have to be read during the GL meetings before being conferred to the appropriate committee.

This has been a been a very busy year for the Secretary's office and there will be considerable discussion on the actions taken by the Executive Committee. Plan to attend in order to keep abreast of what is happening in our state.

The split session was a great success last year and will be in effect this year. This should give more members a voice and representation in the future of our Order. We are looking forward to conferring the Grand Lodge Degree on several eligible candidates. If you have a PG who hasn't taken the degree, be sure to bring them.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Albuquerque in a few weeks!

Fraternally,

Barbara

Congratulations!!

**To Una Cronoble, PP, for
passing the NM State
Pharmacy Tech test.**

We knew you could do it!!

Remembering Others

Condolences:

To the family and Triple Link #10 in the passing of Bobbie Madole PNG on August 25, 2016. Services were held at French Mortuary on Lomas & Eubank. Rebekah services were conducted by Triple Link and a dinner for the family was served at Harmony Hall. Bobbie was a member of Triple Link for 63 years, being initiated on June 16, 1953. She is survived by two daughters, Carol and Shirley, four grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a host of fraternal friends.

Illness:

Lois McElmore, PP has suffered a serious stroke and is in Lea County Hospital in Hobbs, NM. Cards can be sent to her home 200 W. Shipp, Hobbs, NM 88240.

Nancie Jahn, PP, spent a few days in the hospital in Albuquerque recently. She is home now and feeling much better.

Margaret Burnworth is currently in the hospital in Gallup and is being treated for difficulty in breathing. Cards can be sent to her at PO Box 819, Gallup, NM 87305.

Let's remember these brothers, sisters and their families with our thoughts, prayers, cards and calls.

Where has the year gone? It seems like yesterday that we were preparing to go to Clovis for Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly and now it is time to come to Albuquerque for another annual session. The lodges in Albuquerque are busy making plans for a memorable time for all who attend. Pack your car and come to the Duke City to renew friendships and make new ones. Congratulations to GM Doris and President Shirley for a successful year and best wishes to the new upcoming officers as they assume their offices.

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

And the winner is.....

Sam Florence PGM

Second place in Washer Toss
At the NM Senior Olympics
held in Roswell, NM

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What's Happening at Your Lodge?

Harmony #1— business meeting second Monday of each month, social meeting 4th Monday, Allen Shanley, NG, community project—Brothers & Sisters. Approximately 30 members, families and friends attended the annual Odd Fellow Night at the Isotope ball game concluding with the an impressive firework display.

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

Deming #7 —planning to participate in the Deming Duck Race parade by having a float and pass out membership literature.

Mesa # 27— business meetings on 1&3 Thursday at 7pm, social meetings on 2&4 Thursday, Ernie Cloud NG, project—Good Samaritan recognition

Alamogordo # 25, - Selling tickets on a handmade rifle made and donated by one of their members. Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 for \$20. Funds raised will

support their high school scholarship program. Drawing will be on August 25, 2016.

Clovis #31 IOOF & Friendship #21 RL have sold their lodge hall. They are not going to have to move anytime soon, as the new owners are allowing them to continue to meet in the building for a number of months.

Triple Link Rebekah #10—business meeting on first Tuesday of each month at 7pm, and activity meeting on third Tuesday at 7pm. Kristin Frechette is NG. We have prepared all the banquet favors for Grand lodge/Rebekah Assembly sessions. From our charity fund, we have purchased backpacks, notebooks, crayolas and other needed school supplies for Cuidando Los Ninos our adopted community project. We are getting ready to begin working on our Christmas stockings and invite all interested members, former members, prospective members or just if you want to have an evening of fun and fellowship to join us.

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