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New Fraternal Year!!! New Leaders for Odd Fellows and



The newly elected Grand Master of New Mexico is Sandi McWatters PGM, of Harmony Lodge #1 of Albuquerque. She is also a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico. She served as Grand Master in 2014-2015 and stepped up to serve this year when the office of DGM unexpectedly became vacant. A third generation member of the Order, she began her membership in Arkisgo Theta Rho Girls' Club of Albuquerque. She is also a member of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10, Albuquerque Encampment #4 and New Mexico Canton #1. She is currently representing the Grand Lodge as Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Our thanks to her for her service to the Grand Lodge and to the Odd Fellows of New Mexico.

The newly elected President of the Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico is Doris Felkner, PPRA, of Hope Rebekah Lodge #11 of Aztec, NM. She served the assembly as President in 2012-2013 and stepped up to serve the Assembly again this year. A third generation member of the Order, she began her membership in Naomi Theta Rho Girls' Club in Las Cruces, NM. She has served as Representative to the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies several times and will do so again in 2017 in St. Louis. Our thanks to her for her service to the Rebekah Assembly and to the Rebekahs of New Mexico.



Other officers installed at the recent sessions are:

Grand Lodge of New Mexico:

Richard Gunn, PGM, Deputy Grand Master of Santa Fe, #2 IOOF and Mesa #27 IOOF of Albuquerque. He is also member of Albuquerque Encampment #4 and NM Canton #1.

Keith Baldwin, PG Grand Warden, of Mesa #27 IOOF of Albuquerque

Barbara Corfield, PPIARA, Grand Secretary of Harmony #1 IOOF of Albuquerque

J. Ernest Cloud, PGM, Grand Treasurer, of Harmony #1 of Albuquerque

Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico:

Andrew Shanley, PGM, Assembly Vice President of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10 of Albuquerque. He is also a member of Harmony #1 IOOF, Albuquerque Encampment #4 and NM Canton #1.

Dessie Evert, PNG, Assembly Warden of San Juan Rebekah Lodge #12 of Farmington. She is also a Past Theta Rho Assembly President of New Mexico.

D'Elva Emert, PPRA, Assembly Secretary, of Aztec Rebekah Lodge #11, Aztec, NM.

Crystal Corfield, PNG, Assembly Treasurer of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10 of Albuquerque.



To all Rebekah Brothers and Sisters

2016 Rebekah Assembly and Grand Lodge is over. Thank you for the honor of serving as your President again.

I have started my visits and hope to have visited every lodge before March Meetings.

I will be gone the week of Thanksgiving for a nephew's wedding. Keep me informed if you need help with anything. Keep up working for new members and put all the members in your lodge to work.

Remember to Soar like the eagle. Doris

Doris' Program

Emblem: Eagle

Colors: Red, White, Blue

Flowers: Carnations— all colors

Watchword: Soar—like an Eagle

Motto: Live life modestly, Laugh Frequently, Love deeply

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31

“But those who trust the Lord will find they will be strong like eagles, Soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired.”

Hymns: On Eagles Wings, Because He Lives

Project: Fund raiser for Rebekah Assembly



What is Friendship?

Seeing and visiting with some one you have known 50 years?

Making a phone call to a person, who lives 2000 miles away, or across town?

Taking food stuff to a person who has been under the weather?

All of the above is friendship.

This is the testament of Odd Fellowship.

One thing that we need to due is FORGIVE AND INGORE the back biting attitude, the gossip or actions that can create animosity and destroy your lodge.

We are having enough trouble finding new members and keeping them without coming to meetings to witness the bickering and unrest.

Start living the oath we took of Friendship, Love, and Truth and the Golden Rule.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth

Sandi McWatters, Grand Master

**Sandi's Program
The Year of Unity**

Emblem:

The Three Links

Motto:

The 3 R's

Colors;

**Recruit—Rebuild— Rededicate Odd Fellowship
Turquoise & Silver**





Bobby Rolls, PGM

Bobby Rolls, 84 of Lovington, NM passed away September 26, 2016 in Odessa, Texas. He was a member of Lovington #44, IOOF. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NM in 1998-1999. His RA President was Christa Baltzegar. He was retired from Haliburton after 27 years and worked as 12 years for Lea County as a jailer. He was an active member of Hillcrest Baptist church Lovington. He is survived by three daughters, three sons, 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Hillcrest Baptist Church and Burial at the Lovington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hillcrest Baptist church.



Lois McLemore PP RA

Lois McLemore, 75, of Hobbs, NM passed away, Monday, September 26 in Hobbs, NM. She was a member of Crescent Rebekah Lodge #3, Hobbs IOOF #9, and an associate member of Clovis IOOF #31. She served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of NM 2014-2015 and her Grand Master was Sandi McWatters.

Lois was a cosmetologist for over 20 years and was also an instructor for the Vogue Beauty School. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Daniel. She was married for 57 wonderful years to Johnny and is survived by one daughter, Juanita, one sister, three brothers, and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 2. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, Suite B, Centennial, Colo. 80112.

Remembering Others

Margaret Burnworth, Harmony & Triple Link, in the hospital in Gallup, once again for several days with breathing problems and fluid build-up. Recovering at home.

Jean Lovelace, Alamogordo #25, recovering at home after extended stay in the El Paso hospital and the Rehab hospital in Alamogordo. Recovering at home under the care of her daughters.

Bob Faulkner, PGM, fell in the parking lot of the hotel where Grand Lodge was being held and banged up his arm. Doing better and recovering at home.

Doris Faulkner, PGM, had an incident while dining out. She ran out of oxygen and was unable to breathe. 911 had to be called. She is doing better now, but Bob said it was a real wake-up call.

Kristin Frechette, NG-Triple Link, recently had surgery to remove part of her thyroid that contained a growth. The good news is that the tumor was benign, she still has a great deal of swelling in her throat and has a problem swallowing.

Dessie Evert, RA Warden, Farmington, has reinjured her foot and has a broken bone. She is getting around on a scooter until it is healed and she can walk once again.

Remember these and others with calls, cards, prayers and visits.



Encampment #4

The semi-annual meeting of Albuquerque Encampment #4 was held on Thursday, September 22 at 9am under the direction of Sandi McWatters, Chief Patriarch. There were 10 patriarchs present.

SGM Larry Ferguson of West Virginia and Henry Imel, Grand Scribe of Arizona were welcomed were given the Honors of the degree. It was a pleasure to have them at our meeting.

Under Sick & Distress it was reported that Jean Lovelace, who we conferred the Patriarchal degree on at the March Meetings had been quite ill and in the hospital in El Paso and is now in rehab in Alamogordo. A card was prepared and signed by all present.

The application of John Mitchell, PG, of Deming #7 IOOF was read and acted upon. He was sponsored by Nita Imel. It was decided that the lecture procedure to confer the degrees would be used. Nita had brought the books back from SGL. John was in waiting, escorted into the lodge room and all degrees were conferred on him.

Henry spoke regarding the upcoming sessions of the Grand Encampment and invited all to attend. SGM Ferguson brought greetings from the SGL.

The next meeting will be at the March Meetings in Alamogordo. Meeting was closed at 11:30 am.

New Mexico Canton #1

The semi-annual meeting of the NM Canton #1 was that 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 24 in Albuquerque on the day prior to the NM GL Session under the direction of Captain Andy Shanley. There were 8 Chevaliers present.

SGM Larry Ferguson of West Virginia and Henry Imel, Grand Scribe of Arizona were welcomed were given the Honors of the degree. It was a pleasure to have them at our meeting.



Discussion was held about the issue of never having any communication or contact with the General Military council. Barbara spoke about meeting with the Immed. Past General Commanding Emil Suder in South Dakota and his insistence that we belong to the newly formed "4 Corners Department Council of the PM." she told him that we did not want to belong due to the distance involved and we had never been officially advised that the new Department was even being formed. The consensus of the discussion was that we are going to continue as we are as an independent Canton without an affiliation with a Department. Henry advised that it is the same in Arizona.

SGM Ferguson brought greetings from the SGL and said that we are not any different from many of the Canons throughout the country, just barely hanging on and until SGL changes the requirement that you must belong to all four branches in order to be a representative, things probably will not change.

The next meeting of the Canton will be at the March Meetings in Alamogordo. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Highlights of Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly

SGM Larry Ferguson

IARA P Joyce Link



2016 RA Officers



2016 GL Officers



Henry and Nita Imel were honored with a Good Samaritan Award for their membership efforts with the use of their tractors in parades traveling throughout NM & AZ promoting Odd Fellowship.



SGM Larry, IARAP Joyce and Future Rebekah Eva Frechette



RA Pres. Shirley presenting a check to Sec D'Elva for the proceeds of her project to benefit the Rebekah Assembly



Sam Florence, PGM, explaining the Native American meaning of the original sand paintings given to Larry & Joyce by the host Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodges of Albuquerque.



Future Sovereign Grand Master



Rebekahs having fun at the banquet—Maxine, Kristin, Una, Crystal & Martha

From Dee's Desk



**D'Elva Emert,
Assembly
Secretary**

Greetings, we missed you at Assembly in Albuquerque. The Quality Inn was nice and met our needs comfortably

Once more we had half day sessions. The Rebekahs met in the morning and the Grand Lodge met in the afternoon. So whoever was qualified could sit in both sessions. Seemed to work well.

I sent a letter to all lodges on September 2 concerning the \$3.00 Assessment from IARA. This assessment is to be paid depending on how many members your lodge had on the roll as of December 31, 2015. Some of the lodges brought their check to Assembly. If you have me as soon as possible. The Assembly has already written the check for the total membership.

It is not too early to start planning your trip to Alamogordo for the March Meetings. It will be here before we know it.

Stay warm this winter.

Dee



**Thank You!!
To the Bettye Miller Scholarship Committee:**

**Thank you for awarding me the Bettye Miller Scholarship. I am deeply grateful and blessed.
God Bless you!**

Maggie Baca



**Notes from the
Grand Secretary**



**Barbara Corfield,
Grand Secretary**

Well, the 2016 session of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly is for the history books. Our split session was a success with both bodies experiencing a greater number of attendees and participants than in past years. It was wonderful having the SGM and IARA President as our guests. They added so much quality to our sessions.

After the sessions ended, we were saddened with the loss of Bobby Rolls PGM and Lois McLemore PP, two individuals who gave so much to our Order. The legacy they left is a challenge to us all, that we will carry on the love and friendship that they shared during their years with us. They will be missed by all of us.

A number of decisions were made at the Grand Lodge sessions and letters will be forthcoming to the lodges to explain the actions taken. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Grand Secretary's office. Our new officers have their work cut out for them as we must concentrate on improving the health of our lodges by increasing membership and educating our members. Remember, if you have any candidates for degree work, contact the Grand Master or myself and we will be there to assist in whatever way possible to confer the degrees or to hold an education session.

The March Meetings will be held in Alamogordo March 17-19, 2017. They are quite excited about hosting this event, so everyone needs to plan now to attend.

The secretary's office has experienced some set backs with the storage POD being broken into and vandalized. I started cleaning it up, but haven't completed it yet, taken an accurate inventory or just seeing what we have or don't have. If you need supplies, let me know and I will order from SGL and forward them to you.

Have a great fall and call if you need anything.
Barbara

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Sovereign Grand Lodge Website: www.ioof.org

Webmaster of NM websites: Nita Imel

Winner of Alamogordo Rifle

Mac McDonald presents rifle to proud winner Henry Imel.

The proceeds of sale of the tickets of the rifle will benefit the scholarship program of Alamogordo #25, IOOF.

The rifle was hand-made by Jim Hiller, of Alamogordo #25 and donated it to the Lodge for the fund raising project.



Congratulations Henry!!

Special Visitor

A special visitor at the official visit of the RA President to Triple Link was Loretta Wall, member of Mountain View #36 but lives out of state. Many will remember her as Loretta Bryant daughter of Nell Bryant. Haven't seen her in many years—what a treat!!!

Congratulations!

Chuck Baldwin, PGM



Celebrated his 90th birthday on October 1st with a big party at Harmony hall with Lots of friends and family in attendance. He was also honored at GL/RA by SGM Larry Ferguson and IARAP Joyce Link.

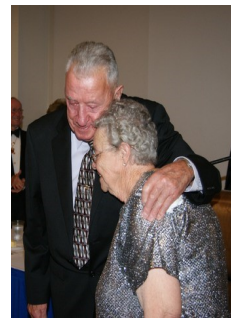
Happy Anniversary

To

Nancie & Ernie Jahn

for celebrating 69 years of wedded bliss.

Congratulations!!



Hello everyone, Happy Fall!

Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly is over and a new fraternal year is beginning. Congratulations to the retiring officers for a job well done and Best Wishes to the new officers as they begin their year of service.

*I was thrilled to accept several awards for the NMRR at the IPA meeting in South Dakota. We received 2nd place recognition for **Best Column, Best use of Photography, Best Layout and Design and Best News Content.** We have come a long way since we started the newspaper in 1989 and I have all of you to thank for the success. I will continue to print in color as long as I can afford it. Thanks for your continued support.*

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

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What's Happening at Your Lodge?

Harmony #1— Planning Good Samaritan award celebration to two Albuquerque non-profit organizations on November 28. everyone invited. Annual Christmas dinner and visit from Santa on December 17. Collecting toys for Joy Junction and Food for the Storehouse food bank.

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

Deming #7 —In the process of selling their lodge building and will begin meeting in a separate location.

Mesa # 27— Annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 19. everyone invited to attend. Conferred Initiatory degree on one candidate on October 27. will be planning dates for additional degrees soon, bring your candidate and join us.

Alamogordo # 25, - making plans to host the March Meetings in 2017. Everyone plan to attend.

Triple Link Rebekah #10—pleased to have two of their members honored as Good Samaritans recently for their community work and dedication to the principles of Odd Fellowship—Una Cronoble and Crystal Corfield. The members received their awards graciously at a special evening event among family and lodge members.

Triple Link very busy for the Holidays planning to have a float in the Albuquerque Twinkle Light Parade; planning the annual Christmas Dinner and visit from Santa with Harmony by making Christmas treat bags for Santa to give out and for Cuidando Los Ninos, in addition to the table decorations for the dinner. We are also collecting food for the Storehouse and toys for Joy Junction.

We just purchased shirts with the Rebekah logo to wear when we usher at the South Broadway Cultural Center and whenever we are in the public doing our community service. We look really sharp!!

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