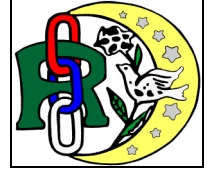




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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From Your

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Christmas greetings from the President:



Oh the weather outside is frightful, and my joints are not delightful,
Since it is so dang cold, I feel Old, I feel Old, I feel Old
(sing to the tune of "Let it Snow")

I have made visits to Olive Branch and Crescent, made new friends. Had a great meal and meeting. Please note the revised visitation schedule. 12/4 Mountain View; 12/9— San Juan and Hope (meeting together); Triple Link—1/21/2014; Deming—1/14/14; Friendship —4/10/14 and Carlsbad—unsure at this time.

May this special season bring you music of laughter and the warmth of Friendship!

Sue

To All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:



Greetings from your Grand Master,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. I have completed two of my visits. One to Hobbs and Lovington and one to Alamogordo. My surgery went well. Now, all I have to do is not put any weight on my foot until mid February. I will be at the March Meetings.

I hope every one enjoys the holidays with family and friends. I really hope everyone gets what they want for Christmas. Depending on where you live, everyone be careful of the cold and snowy weather.

My first check up went ok. I told my doctor that I only had one problem and that was walking on my crutches. This is because of three reasons: 1. I am older; 2. I have put on a "little" weight; and 3. my balance is not what it used to be. You know what he told me? He said; " Ponce de Leon was wrong. There is no fountain of youth!"

Everyone have happy and safe holidays, and I will see you soon.



Your Grand Master

Fred

Special note on our Grand Master: He had surgery on 11/13 and is recovering at home. He is unable to get out of the house and spends most of his time in his recliner with his foot elevated. We need to remember him with calls and cards—NO EMAILS- he can't get to the computer to access them. His home address is:

**Fred Schneider
1625 Spruce Sp 17
Las Cruces, NM 88033
Phone: 575 - 640-9526**



MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year
*This is the season to do unto others. Remember your shut-ins; Collect food for the food banks;
 Support a needy family;
 Give to your community Christmas projects;
 And last, support our Veterans.
 When you give to others you help yourself.
 May God Bless each and every one thru out the year.
 In Friendship, Love & Truth
 Sandi McWatters
 Deputy Grand Master . Grand Representative*



Hello to Everyone:

Hope and Pray that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are going to my brother who has just moved into town.

God Speed for Everybody!

God Bless and Keep you all.

Doris Faulkner, Grand Warden



Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy New Year

It is that time of the year when we think "is it ever going to be spring again". Yes it will but not until after we celebrate the holidays.

Christmas is a time for rejoicing, being thankful for what you have and not worrying about what you don't have. Most of us wish we had more – time, a better car, a bigger home, and whatever else you can think of. Instead of all that, you have your family and your friends. Who could ask for more. Family that loves you and friends who care.

The new year is going to come and if you make resolutions, which I don't because I always break them, my wish for you is the same, have a safe and happy new year.

Remember those in our military, who are not going to be with their family, because they are the ones making it possible for you to celebrate however you choose.

I hope Santa is very good to you this year!

Merry Christmas,

Dee



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Brothers and Sisters throughout the state. Next year is going to be a super year for all of us!



**See you at the JOOF
 Campground in the
 Summer.**

Andy Shanley



Broken Links

Andy Davis , PG Deming, #7 IOOF— 11/2/2013

Memorial services were held Saturday, 12/7/2013.

James D. Harmon, PGM, Farmington, NM— 10/23/2013. He was Grand Master of NM in 1967-1968. His President was Lillian Southerling.

Don Smith, PSGM, California. 11/11/2013. He was SGM in 1+969-1970. His IARA President was Lois Stevens of Connecticut.

The Mail Box



Note from Bob & Mona Littlefield:

“Hi everyone—Mona & I are finally in our new retirement apartment and are busy straightening up. Our email will not change and our cell phone numbers will not change either. Please pass this on as I do not have everyone’s address. We miss all of you so keep in touch—PLEASE.

Mailing address: 16900 Lexington Blvd, Apt 1109, Sugarland, TX 77479

Land line: 281-565-5078

Cells—Mona 575-631-8450 Bob 575-631-7917

From the Pittmans in Colorado:

Hi Barb: and how are you. I just had a new pace-maker put in October 10, but am doing good. It is so nice to hear about all our friends from NM in your paper. Give all our Love.

**Gerry & Ray
1464 Illinois Ave
Canon City, Colo 81212**

Keep those cards and letters coming!!!

Remembering Others

Dorothy Laycock, IARA President, fell and broke her left her shoulder, She was hospitalized, but is not going to require surgery at this time. Her arm will be in a sling for 6-8 weeks.

Ernie Jahn has just completed a heart procedure that required several days in the hospital. He is home now and feeling much better.

The Grandson of the Jahn’s and the Wheeler’s Justin Coty Wheeler was in the hospital recently and had very extensive back surgery. His is now recovering at his home in Roswell.

Jim Robinson, PG, Harmony #1 recently spent time in the hospital with blood clots. He is now living with his daughter in Rio Rancho.

***NEW ADDRESS for Angie Carter PP
Grace Adult Care
7100 Carriage Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109***

Sympathy is extended to the family of Wanda Gerrard Dietz, a former member, who passed away 11/18/2013 after a long illness. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held at Harmony IOOF Hall, 1101 Indian School RD NE, Albuquerque on Saturday, January 11 at 2:00pm. All friends of Wanda’s family are invited to attend.

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Lets remember these and others with cards, calls and prayers.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone .

I hope next year is going to be a great year for you. I have been very busy working, this holiday season. It has been a very long time since I was Assembly President and there are lots of changes, but am looking forward to serving the Assembly as Warden. Best wishes for a great 2014.

Shirley Baty

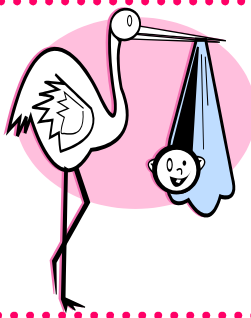
What's Happening at YOUR Lodge.....

Hope Rebekah Lodge #12 Entertained the Rebekah Assembly President, Sue Yerden on December 9 in a joint meeting with **San Juan Rebekah Lodge #11**. **Hope** will hold their Christmas party on the 16th.

The **Albuquerque Lodges** have joined together for a city-wide Holiday project of collecting non-perishable food for the Storehouse. Canned goods can be dropped off at Harmony Hall. Those attending the Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas Dinner were all asked to bring donations to contribute to this collection of foodstuff to be delivered before Christmas. Santa will be making an appearance at the **Harmony/Triple Link** Christmas dinner on December 14, at 6pm. **Harmony Lodge & Triple**

Link volunteered to assist the New Mexico Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation in their preparations of their annual Jingle Bell Walk by stringing bells for the inclusion in the packets to be given to each walker. In addition, **Harmony** has been holding game nights during their monthly social meetings with all funds raised to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Over \$300 has been raised by eating and playing games. Now, how easy is that!!

Lovington IOOF #44 , Lovington has announced that they are giving up their state gaming license and will no longer hold bingo at their Lodge hall. Their last bingo night was November 18. It is difficult to compete with the Casinos that are popping up all over the state.



Congratulations!!

Eva Rose Frechette, born October 31 to Kristin Frechette, member of Triple Link #10. She has already attended her first meeting as a future Rebekah.

Amris Alexandro, great-granddaughter of Sandi McWatters , born November 19 to Renee Alexandro. This is Sandi's 6th great-grandchild.

Merry Christmas to everyone from Boyd and me. It has been a busy year for us but we are looking forward to 2014 with anticipation. We want to wish our fraternal family the very best for the coming year.
B&B

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to our Brothers and Sisters. We are planning a wonderful, quite time at the ranch, enjoying the beautiful New Mexico air and countryside. What a great place to live!! Everyone stay safe and have an enjoyable New Year!

Nita & Henry

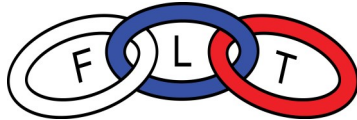
Editorial notes from Barb:..... Thanks to everyone who participated in this holiday issue. I appreciate your input and contributions. Please remember to send in news about your lodge and your members. We really are one big family and families want to hear about other family members. Also, send in change 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!

Barb

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