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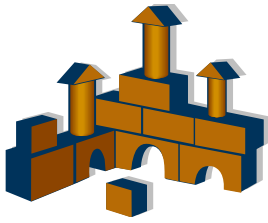
Pack your bags, load your car and head to Clovis for the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly. The Clovis Lodges are making big plans for the event and for you. All sessions are in the Clovis Lodge Hall, 405 North Main Street, so you can't miss it on your way into town. Headquarter hotel is the Super 8, 2912 Mabry Drive.

Grand Master Sandi and President Lois are planning for this very special session that will have something for everyone. At the banquet will be the drawings for the Grand Master & President's Projects and you might go home with \$500 or that beautiful painting pictured on the next page. Bring your tickets & money and be prepared to win big!

Should be a great time. You don't want to miss it!!!



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Greetings to all members:

This will be my last letter as your Grand Master.

I have traveled over 4000 miles to cover our state with all my visits. I have enjoyed each and every one of them. I appreciate have a great family that have gone with me, Barb, Crystal and Lori thank you so much. I am not sure if I could have done by my self.

I hope you are all planning to attend our sessions in Clovis. This year our little Jurisdiction of New Mexico will have the Honor of having the Sovereign Grand Master Danny Woods as our official visitor. We have not had a SGM visit us in many years most of the time we have the Wardens, Please come and give him a New Mexico welcome.

SGL is interested in our split sessions we have been ask to submit a report on how this will work out.

Thanks to all the Lodges for the dinners, rooms, and gifts, as well as the fellowship and friendship you have given me this year.

See you in Clovis

Sandi McWatters, Grand Master



Lois McLemore, President's Program - 2014-2015



Emblem—Praying Hands—We use our hands for many things, but none more important than praying.

Fun Emblem—Fran the Friendly Fairy

Watch Word—Fun— Make your meeting Fun

Guide—Holy Bible, Assembly Ritual, Assembly Constitution

Motto—Shine with Rebekah Pride

Song—”This Little Light of Mine”

Flower—Calla Lily

Colors—all of them

Hymn—”One Day at a Time”

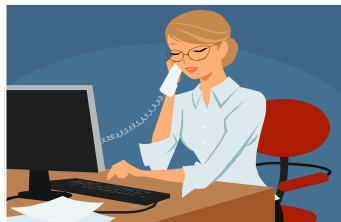
Scripture—John 3:16

Prayer—The Prayer of Serenity

Projects:

Sell tickets for a chance to win \$500 cash. Proceeds to go to this Assembly and Autistic Children Fund. AND—fill the golden banks with your change to benefit the NM Rebekah Reporter.





Dee's Desk!

We are all back safely from IARA! I always learn something at these meetings. And it is fun besides. I worked on the committee providing summaries to all the representatives from the previous days activities. There were four of us doing these daily summaries; two Canadians and two Americans. We laugh a lot especially with the different ways to spell a word.

I recently mailed a letter from SGL and a form concerning the electronic filing each year that your lodge has to do. This will allow our jurisdiction to be included in the group filing that will be done by SGL so we will no longer have to file annually.

It is URGENT the form be sent back to me by the **Sept. 15th**. This form has to be sent back to SGL no later than the 30th.

I am planning on having a great time in Clovis at Assembly this year. I hope you are also. Come and support our President, Lois McLemore.

Don't forget we are trying something new. The Grand Lodge will meet in the mornings and the Rebekah Assembly will meet in the afternoons. Come be a part of this new beginning. If you don't like it, voice your opinion. If you are an Odd fellow and qualified to sit in the Grand Lodge, you can do that this year. Appropriately, the men are eligible to sit with us and hold office if they are qualified.

Looking forward to seeing each of you soon.

Fraternally,

Dee

SGL/IARA

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

The New Mexico delegation attending were: Sandi McWatters, GM Representative for the Grand Lodge and Carolyn Schaffer PP Representative for the Rebekah Assembly. Wanda Wheeler, PP, did NM proud as she served as Conductor for Sharon Burt, IARA President. D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary did a great job in the Secretaries Association and Barbara Corfield, PPIARA, Historian for the IARA attended the International Press Association meetings as well as the meetings of the Grand Secretaries Association. Also attending were Scharlla Dean and Barbara Browning of Lovington. Scharlla was a courtesy Officer on the Flag team and did a great job!



Jimmy Humphry, Sovereign Grand Master, and Sharon Burt, President, IARA presided over the meetings. Installed as the new SGM was Danny Wood of Texas and President of the IARA is Kathy Shary, from Michigan. DSGM is Larry Ferguson of West Virginia and Vice President is Joyce Link of California. Elected as the new Wardens was John Miller of Connecticut and Linda Thompson of Arizona.



Carrying The NM flag is Carolyn Schaffer escorted by Sandi Mc Watters.

Remembering Others

Condolences to the family of **Mary Lou Thorn PNG**, member of Triple Link #10 and Harmony #1. Mary Lou was living in a nursing facility in Mesa, AZ at the time of her passing. At one time she belonged to the Rebekah Lodge in Tucumcari.

Condolences to **Henry & Nita Imel** in the passing of his brother Danny in Texas. Danny was a member of the Odd Fellows in Arizona.

Shirley Baty, PP RAVP still recovering from her broken foot. She is doing better, but has been unable to work. She will be at session in Clovis.

Jason Shanley is improving, he has had another surgery to assist in his swallowing.

PGM Fred Schneider will not be in Clovis as he

has had surgery on his legs and is unable to walk.

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.

Doris Faulkner, DGM is currently in Lovelace Hospital, Albuquerque with Bronchitis.

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



Scholarship Winners Announced

The DD Monroe Scholarship Trustees have named the winners of the \$1000 scholarship for the current year.

Hannah Walker is the granddaughter of J. Lyn Walker PGM and this is the 4th year she has received the scholarship. She has a 4.0 GPA and is very active with her community work. She has assisted in the building of homes in the Habitat for Humanity program in Mexico and other countries.

Andrew Littlefield is the grandson of Robert Littlefield, PGM. He has a 3.8 GPA and this is the third year he has received the scholarship.

Katelyn Berryhill is the granddaughter of J. Lyn Walker, PGM. This is her first year to receive the scholarship and has a 3.8 GPA.

The Trustees are proud and pleased to award the scholarships to these deserving students.

The Bettye Miller Memorial Scholarship Trustees have named the winner of the \$1000 scholarship for the current year.

Victoria Leftwich, member of Mesa #27 IOOF Albuquerque has been awarded the scholarship for the current year. She is attending CNM to receive her Associates Degree in Mortuary Science. She is a single mom working as a hair stylist in addition to her schooling.

The Trustees are proud and pleased to award this scholarship to this most deserving student.

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



For the 15th year, **Harmony #1** had a group of 30+ members, families and friends attend the Albuquerque Isotope ballgame. It is always an evening filled with fun, food, fellowship and friendship. It is always planned for a night ending in a great fireworks display. Such a great time is had by all. We missed Sam Florence and Margaret Burnworth this year as they were unable to drive from Gallup to attend. They have always brought a carload with them. —Maybe next year. Everyone is invited. Mark your calendar for next August.

Triple Link #10 is hosting a Craft show at our lodge hall on October 17. The event has been posted on Facebook and we have already received a number of reservations for tables. We are looking forward to making this an annual event. Come and share your art with the Albuquerque community or just come to see what is being offered by other very talented people. Be sure to bring a donation for the Storehouse!



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 Bring a non-perishable donation for the STOREHOUSE
 Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase

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Editorial notes from Barb:.....

Hope everyone is planning to come to Clovis to attend the annual sessions. You will be missing out if you do not attend. We are being honored with a visit by the Sovereign Grand Master Danny Wood and we want him to receive a great New Mexico welcome. I know the Clovis lodges are planning a great time for all of us and we need to show our appreciation to them for their hard work and efforts.

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.

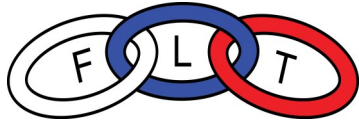
Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship!

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