

The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter



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New Mexico Rebekah Reporter now a Part of New Mexico History!

Through the efforts of Barbara Fix of Santa Fe IOOF Lodge #2, copies of the NMRR and selected copies of the IOOF News are now on file with the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In addition to past copies of the NMRR, the Rebekah Centennial Book was also included in the donation. The selected copies of the IOOF News were the ones that had articles on Thomas Wildey and Schyler Colfax. The New Mexico History Museum will now receive all regular copies of the NMRR when published and they will be placed on file for future reference.

Barbara has also done extensive research on the first Odd Fellow Lodge in New Mexico, Montezuma Lodge #1, in 1856 in Santa Fe. In the documentation, she unearthed, Montezuma Lodge and Paradise Lodge #2, also from Santa Fe, were involved in a dispute with each other as well as the Masonic Lodge regarding the cemetery that was jointly owned by the Odd Fellows and Masons. She has turned her fascinating research material over to the Editor of the NMRR. More to come in future issues.

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15 October 2013

Dear Ms. Fix,

On behalf of the New Mexico History Museum, I would like to thank you very much for donating copies of the Odd Fellows/Rebekahs newsletters.

The newsletters will be added to our serials holdings and will be available for research to people interested in New Mexico and masonic history.

It is gifts like yours that help us to become an important research facility in the Southwest.

Thank you for your donation.

Best wishes,

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Message from the Prez: Been busy traveling on my Official Visits and really enjoying them. Great food, & new Friends. Only one visit left—Friendship 21 in Clovis.

The visit in Deming was great with Jonathan from the Deming lodge giving many suggestions for membership and getting known in the community:

- * Bean Feast with cornbread, drink & dessert—\$6 .00
- * rent your lodge hall
- * put activity in newspaper, church bulletin (ask clergy first)
- * advertise in paper for scholarships also create flyers for scholarship.

Many other suggestions, unable to catch them all. He also suggested hanging a banner outside your lodge hall, but check with your city to see if there are any restrictions to do so.

“Food for thought” “ Talking about sex won’t make you pregnant, and talking about funerals won’t make you dead.”
Sue Yerden, Prez 2014

NOTE: Sue recently had surgery on her hand and is recovering at home. She is unable to work or drive. Remember her in your prayers and send a card.



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REBEKAHS

Special note on our Grand Master: He was recovering from his foot surgery of last November and was doing pretty well. However, he went to the Doctor for a check up and found that he had broken several bones in his foot . Since he has no feeling in that lower leg and foot, he was unaware of the break. He is having additional surgery on February 26 and again will be unavailable. He will not be at the March Meetings in Farmington as he cannot travel. He is unable to get out of the house and spends most of his time in his recliner with his foot elevated. He is determined to be in Hobbs in September. 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***



Although, he won’t be at the March Meetings, he told Sandi to remind everyone of his project—collecting books for the Wounded Warriors and the sale of his PINS with the money raised going to the IOOF Recreation Area. Remember, there is no set price on the pins, just what ever is in your heart to give. He also said he would be there in spirit and wants everyone to have a good time!

Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico

March Meetings

San Juan Rebekah Lodge #11

Farmington, New Mexico

Come for the March Meetings

Mark your Calendar, March 15th

Here is the registration from for the March meetings.

The Hotel is the Americas Best Value Inn, 600 Scott Ave.

Phone Number is 505-325-2288/Fax 505-326-4390

Room rates are: 1 King \$55.00 + tax, 2 Queen beds \$60.00 + tax.

Mention the Rebekahs & Odd Fellows when you register.

Deadline for rooms is **March 10th**, so hurry.

A Continental Breakfast comes with the rooms.

All meetings will be at the hotel and so will the lunches.

All meals are open to members just mark it on your registration form so we know how many to plan for.

Send forms and money for registration and meals to:

Carolyn Schaffer, Treasurer, PP

2806 Northwood Dr.

Farmington, NM 87401

Farmington has a lot to offer visitors and we have worked hard to keep cost down



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• Sue Yerden, President of the Rebekah Assembly is presenting a check
 • to Kristin Rortvedt, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald
 • House in Albuquerque. Funds were raised by Rebekahs of New Mexi-
 • co during the year of 2011-2012 while Doris Felkner was RA Presi-
 • dent. Doris wishes to thank all who purchased her angel pins and sup-
 • ported her projects during her term of office.

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Hi everyone;

I hope you all have survived the strange winter we have had. Now it is time for the spring Meet, Eat, and Fellowship meeting in Farmington March 14 & 15. Your Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly needs your support and help. Start making plans to attend our Sessions in Hobbs in September.

Please say a special prayer for our Grand Master Fred, he has had complications from his surgery.

In Friendship, Love and Truth

Sandi McWatters

Deputy Grand Master

Address Change

The Lovington Lodges would like everyone to please make a note of their new mailing address:

**Lovington Lodge #44 IOOF
PO Box 755
Lovington, New Mexico 88260**

**Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge #5
PO Box 755
Lovington, New Mexico 88260**

They will no longer receive mail at the lodge hall.

Dee advises that the area code in the RA Journal is incorrect for Serena Goar PP. Please change it to 575.

From Dee's Desk



D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary

It is already time for our March meeting. I hope you have your hotel reservations and registrations in. The hosts have worked hard so we can have a good time.

Reports are in except for 2 and I expect those to be turned in soon. If your lodge will be needing supplies, please let me know and I will have them ready for your secretary or representative to pick up.

If you want to go to D.C. in May and participate in the ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknowns, let me know and I will send you the information. It is also in the IOOF News from SGL. It is an unforgettable experience.

Remember our President's projects and sell the greeting cards.

Hope to see all of you in just a couple of weeks. Dee

Remembering Others

Although our Grand Master and President have been listed elsewhere in the paper, Please remember both of them during the time of their illness.

Patricia Longerot, Harmony #1, recovering from Knee replacement surgery.

Robert and Doris Faulkner, Mesa # 27, both have been in the hospital, but are doing much better now.

Dorothy Laycock, IARA President is still recovering from her fall and broken shoulder.

Remember these and others with prayers, calls and cards.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday, March 9 for Daylight Saving time!



Spring is almost here!!

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

Triple Link Rebekah #10 is making some changes in order to attract some new members.

1 Meeting times will change to 7:00 pm so meetings will end in time for members to get home sooner.

2 1st meeting of the month will be business meeting. 2nd meeting of the month will be a "Planned Activity meeting", with members doing volunteer work, making items for their various charities. Currently, we are making Easter Baskets for Joy Junction children. Approximately 100 children live at this homeless shelter for families.

3. We are encouraging members and non-members to attend these meetings to become acquainted and involved with the good work Rebekahs do. We would like prospective members to attend at least two of these activity meetings before joining.

We have other changes in the works and hope to post a calendar showing the plans for the next several months. Come visit us!!!

Harmony #1 IOOF—the date has been set for our annual night at the Isotopes Ball game—August 29, 2014. this is a Friday night and fireworks will be displayed. Ticket prices will be posted as soon as available. Everyone is invited. Contact any Harmony member for information if you want to come and bring your family and friends.

The committee to plan the activities of the Lodge are Ernie Cloud, Andy Shanley, Joe Embree, Justin Gabriel, and Carl Longerot. One of the items that is being planned is to have a presentation and demonstration of Project Heart Start, where we can learn CPR and other safety measures. When the date is set, we will send out postcards to let everyone know when it is going to be.

Valentines day celebration was an evening of love and fun. A potluck dinner where everyone was told to bring something RED to eat, created some very interesting varieties of food. Afterwards some fun games and a cakewalk was enjoyed by all. About 30-35 attended.



Editorial notes from Barb:.....

Sorry for the delay in this issue, I am always so busy during Tax Season that it is hard to find the time to get the issue out.

Congratulations to all the new officers who were installed in January. One of your goals should be to let the NMRR know what is happening in your lodge so everyone can share in your news. Any new members? Has anyone been ill and need to be remembered? New grandchildren? What is your lodge doing in the community to let them know you are alive and kicking?

Subscriptions are due 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!!

Looking forward to seeing all my brothers and sisters at the March Meetings in Farmington. I know that San Juan Rebekah Lodge has worked very hard to make this a memorable event and we need to support them as well as our Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers.

*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.***

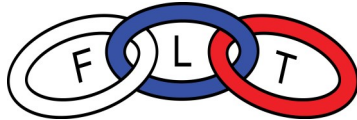
*Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue. **Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship!***

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