

The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

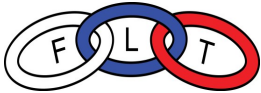


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March Meetings to be held In Lovington, March 20-22, 2015



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Lovington IOOF #44 and Olive Branch #5 are hosting the March Meetings of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico on March 20-21, 2015. Since the Lodge sold their lodge hall, the meetings will be held in different venues in the city.

Friday, March 20, 2015

- 9:00 am Canton will meet @Troy Harris Center, 201 S. Main
- 11:00am Special Planning Board Meeting @ Troy Harris Center
- 7:00 pm Rebekah Degree @ Hobbs Lodge Hall, Hobbs

Saturday, March 21, 2015

- 8:00 am Registration Western Commerce Bank, 18 W Adams
- 9:00 am Joint Opening Western Commerce Bank, 18 W Adams
- 12:00-1:30 Planning Board Luncheon, Pioneer Steak House, 2510 S Main
- 1:30 Grand Lodge Session @ Troy Harris Center
- Rebekah Assembly Session @ Western Commerce Bank

As soon as both sessions close;

Home Board will meet @ Western Commerce Bank

- 7:00 pm Banquet honoring Grand Master & President
- Pioneer Steak House,, 2510 S. Main St.

Sunday, March 22, 2015:

- 9:00 am Board of Governors @ Western Commerce Bank

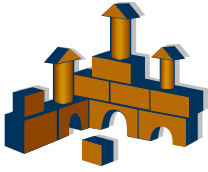
Hotel accommodations @ Lovington Inn, 1600 W. Ave D

(575) 396-5346

Registration deadline, March 1, send all checks made payable to Lovington IOOF #44 and mail to:

Harold Browning, Secretary
PO Box 755
Lovington, NM 88260

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Sandi McWatters, Grand Master

Building blocks of Odd Fellowship

Wow where's has the year gone !! It is half over and our March Meetings are just a few weeks away. I hope that you are all planning to attend the meetings Lovington has sent out the Information...

The Resolution that was past last session about the 2015 sessions will be presented to every one on a special meeting on Friday. THIS is a very importation change for Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly; we will have discussions and make plans to incorporate your Ideas and changes. A copy of the Resolution is printed in this paper. We will not have discussions on past problems, we will have solutions on the present problem of attending both session and being active and supporting Both Groups.

I urge that any Past Grand Master, Past Grand, and Odd Fellow who cares about their Grand Lodge please come and attend. We need your help and support.

See you in Lovington

Sandi



This World



**It's a pretty good world, and it's yours and mine
To fill with gloom or the bright sunshine,
To fill with sadness or to fill with cheers,
With joy & gladness or bitter tears
It's a pretty good world, this world of ours,
Full of heavenly love and beautiful flowers,
Full of gladness and joy, if we want it to be,
Full of beautiful sights, if we would see:
And though oft we are bumped, tossed and whirled;
Even at that, it's a pretty good world.**

**It's a pretty good world, it seems to me,
Exactly the place I'm happy to be.
Here in the midst of its sorrow and care,
There's a pleasure and happiness everywhere,
And though oft the banner of hate unfurled,
Even at that it's a pretty good World.**

Author Unknown

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Lovington. We are having the Rebekah Degree on Friday night at the Hobbs lodge hall in Hobbs, and hope all will plan to attend.

Lois McLemore
Assembly President



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD OF THE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF NEW MEXICO

At the recent sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, the following Companion Resolution was passed by both bodies -

To the Grand Lodge of New Mexico & the Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico – A companion Resolution

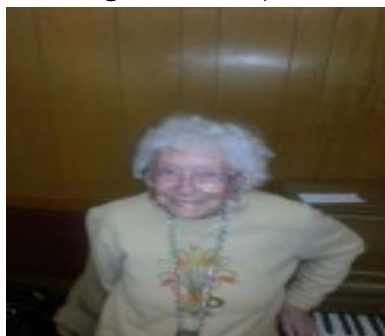
WHEREAS Attendance at the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly has declined drastically over the past several years, and,
 WHEREAS a great many members who do attend belong to both the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly but have to choose which one to attend, and,
 WHEREAS having to choose is limiting both organizations of the valuable experience and knowledge of qualified members,
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Executive Committees of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly work together to formulate a plan to rearrange and restructure the 2015 annual sessions so as to make it possible for all qualified members to be able to attend the sessions of both Grand bodies.

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| Signed by: | Sandi McWatters | Lois McLemore |
| | Deputy Grand Master | Vice President, |
| | Grand Lodge of NM | Rebekah Assembly of NM |

As a result of this resolution, the Planning Board which consists of the officers of both bodies agreed to meet at the March Meetings to begin the restructure process. Anyone who has ideas or a plan on how this reorganization can be accomplished is asked to present their plan, in writing, to the Board. All ideas will be accepted and discussed. Hopefully, by the end of the meeting a comprehensive program will be adopted for the 2015 sessions. The Grand Master and President are inviting all interested Odd Fellows or Rebekahs to attend and share their ideas. The meeting will be held on Friday, March 20, immediately following the Canton Meeting.

Happy Birthday!

Sister Violet Ketchem of Mountain View RL #36 celebrated her 99th birthday on January 20, 2015. She is still an active member and has served as Musician for many years. Congratulations, Violet!



*Applications are being accepted for the
 D D Monroe Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico

And

The Bettye Miller Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the Rebekah Assembly of

New Mexico

Obtain information and applications by going to the web sites

www.ioofnm.org and www.nmrebekahs.org

From Dee's Desk

D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary



The March Meetings are so close. Just three more weeks.

Hope you are all planning to attend.

If you will be needing supplies please let me know and I will be happy to bring them with me. Do not forget President Lois is planning to have initiation on Friday night. Bring a candidate if you can. If you bring someone don't forget to bring your register for them to sign. This will be our first degree work during these meetings in several years and we are hoping it will be exciting for everyone. The degree will be in Hobbs Lodge Hall.

The Gift Table supports the Assembly.

Bring a gift and buy tickets for the nice things that we have. You will be a winner just by your participation.

Reports have come in very timely. There are only two more to come in.

I will be leaving for Tennessee immediately after the March Meeting and will be gone a week.

Dee

 * *Email from Wanda Wheeler:* *
 * *To all Past Presidents and Lodges:* *
 * *Don't forget to bring a gift for the Gift Table at the* *
 * *March Meetings. The money raised from the ticket* *
 * *sales helps to support the Rebekah Assembly and* *
 * *the Assembly really needs the financial support .* *
 * *Get your registrations sent in as soon as possible.* *
 * *Looking forward to seeing everyone in Lovington.* *

Remembering Others

Shirley Baty, PP RAVP had an automobile accident which totaled her car, and has a broken right foot. She is doing better, but has been unable to work.

Jason Shanley is improving, but still on a feeding tube. He is getting better about swallowing and able to take some food by mouth.

Condolences to PP Sue Yerden in the recent passing her sister in California over the Christmas holiday.

Nita Sue is doing great!! She is walking without the aid of a walker or cane, is off oxygen and is back doing just about anything she wants. She WILL be in Lovington for the March Meetings!

New address for Earl Scott in Clovis:
2433 E 21st St. Apt D
Clovis, NM 88101

Good to hear that Evelyn Calder is home again in Clovis and doing very well.

Thank you Vicky Howard for the note with the info about the Clovis members.



Had a nice phone visit with Velma Pacheco, member of Friendship #21 in Clovis, but living in Virginia with an update on how she is doing. She lost her husband in 2013, but is getting along ok. Didn't know who would remember her, but said to tell everyone hello.

Dorothy Bell, former member of Santa Fe, called recently. She is still in Colorado living next to her brother. She really enjoys receiving the NMRR. She said to give her love to everyone.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday, March 8 for Daylight Saving time!



Spring is almost here!!

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

Triple Link Rebekah #10 has adopted their activity calendar for 2015 and invite all to attend. From now until Easter, they are making Easter Baskets for the children at Cuidando Los Ninos, a day-care for children of homeless parents. After Easter, they are planning an activity for a facility for seniors. The big event for this fall is going to be a craft show to be held at our lodge hall. We will sell tables for crafters and exhibitors. The plans for this will begin in the summer, and everyone is invited to participate. Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and the activity meeting is the third Tuesday. **We have received one application for membership are planning the Rebekah Degree in the near future.** Anyone who has a candidate is welcome to join us. The date will be announced soon.

Harmony #1 IOOF and Mesa #27 IOOF conferred the Initiatory degree on two candidates on February 23, welcoming Bro. Earl Gleason into Harmony and Sis. Victoria into Mesa. It was a great evening with over 20 in attendance and participation by all in the impressive ceremony. The First Degree of Friendship will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 7pm and everyone is invited.

Harmony has also accepted into membership as an Associate Member, Guy Mathews, who is a member of Waco Lodge #137, Waco, Texas. Both Guy and Earl have joined as a result of visiting our IOOF Campground and wanting to take an active part in the maintenance and improvements of the Recreation Area.

Welcome to all new members in all lodges!!!

*** 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 Lovington. I know that Lovington IOOF and Olive Branch 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. **

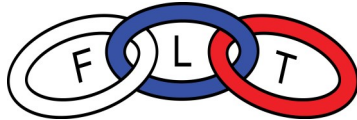
** Please remember to send in news about your lodge and your members. We really are one big family and families want to hear about other family members. Also, send in change of names, addresses, and email addresses. **Remember, if you want your paper to sent to you via email, let me know.** **

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

Barb

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