



Department Commander's Message

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To All Members:

The New Year has just begun and we are still a long way from being a true International organization. We need new members. We need new members badly. It is up to each of us to ask anyone we know, ask your daughter, your son, your husband, your wife. Ask anyone you know. BUT it takes more than just asking. You must have a good working knowledge of our Order to be able to explain to them just what we stand for and why we are who we are. This is a philanthropic organization founded in the sixteenth century, committed to doing good to all that are in need. We take care of the sick, those in distress, and we educate the orphan and help those who can not help themselves. This is the foundation of our Order and we should be letting others know so they can experience the same joy and good fellowship that you now enjoy.

As we continue this year, let us solemnly promise to do all in our power to generate a more productive attitude to take every opportunity to get a new member for your Lodge. We in the Canton must have members from the Encampment before we can get new members in the Canton. This is the reason why I am asking our members to increase the membership of all branches of our Order.

The very best wishes to each of you from Jessie and me. May the Good Lord be with each of you throughout the New Year and may the New Year look favorably upon the lives of each of you.



Message From The
L.A.P.M. President
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L.A.P.M. of California
By Betty Jean Reasoner
President



In preparing my final year as your President, I am looking forward to assisting all of the Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militants to grow and build. We had a gain this last year and I hope we will keep it up. I am very proud of all of you and know we will fulfill our Goals for the year 2000.

We need to get together and practice our drills and invite members of the other Branches to any Instructional Meets we might have. I feel this is real important to let others know what it is that we do, along with our first aid and helping others. Invite our Sisters to attend your meetings and have something special, like a dinner before the meeting. In reading some of the minutes and journals of the past, our Units were very busy at Installations of the other Branches and having picnics or parties and everyone had lots of fun. We need to bring this togetherness back into our Order and keep it alive! This could and should be an exciting year for our Ladies and Chevaliers. Please let us work hard to keep our watchwords in the limelight. Remember! Friendship, Love, and Truth with Faith, Hope and Charity along with Universal Justice.

Have safe travels and I am looking forward to seeing all of you along the way. Remember to invite everyone to your Installations coming up. Keep up the good work and let's really work to Build. God Bless!

Baldwin Park Hosts Birthday Party for R. A. President

BALDWIN PARK – Baldwin Park Rebekah Lodge #260 hosted a birthday party for RA President Laurie Espinoza on October 6. The mid-week fun time was preceded by a dinner at a local restaurant. Party-goers came from all over to state to wish Sister Espinoza many happy returns. The tables in the hall were each decorated differently, but all following her theme in various ways. Certainly lighthouses were featured, cats and the ever-popular smiley faces.

The more than sixty guests were also treated to a trio of ladies who sang and frolicked their way through the most popular songs of the 40's, 50's and the 60's. They were most entertaining and even enlisted the help of some guests. Nathaniel Hoagland turned out to be a pretty fair singer and dancer. They entertained with wonderful music accompanied by a good sound system and there was a lot of tapping toes throughout the evening. Mabel Richards, NG of Baldwin Park Lodge, made everyone feel at home and her members saw to it that everyone was comfortable.

Sister Espinoza was presented with some gifts from District #55 lodges as well as personal gifts from some of the guests. Everyone enjoyed watching her open the unusual packages. One was a night light in the shape of a lighthouse. The members hoped she enjoyed the tokens of friendship. Her birthday is not for many months, but with her busy schedule, Baldwin Park Rebekahs took this opportunity to wish her well. Happy Birthday Laurie!

Grand Master Walter Johnson and some of his officers were present, and the R.A. president had a good attendance of her officers as well. Special District Deputy Karyn Appel also joined the festivities. Brother Johnson spoke a few words and took the opportunity to cite some awards for services rendered to the Order. They were given out and accepted in the names of those that could not be present.

The evening was capped off by typical birthday fare - ice cream and cake. Some of the guests stayed just to visit and get reacquainted with old friends from Northern California. A good time was had by all!



INITIATORY DEGREE IN VALLEJO – Ken Corder of Santa Rosa Odd Fellows Lodge #53 and Phil Martinez of Mission Peak Odd Fellows Lodge #114 of Fremont received the Initiation Degree on October 11 in Vallejo. San Pablo Odd Fellows Lodge #43 conferred the degree. Gathering for the occasion, in the front row, left to right, were Christ Pappakostas VG of San Pablo Lodge #43; Ken Corder; Phil Martinez; and Jay Miller, San Pablo Lodge photographer who finally appears in a picture. In the back row are Jim McLean, a director of The Meadows of Napa Valley; Bill Williams, VG of Mission Peak Lodge #114 and Claude Grey, Santa Rosa Lodge #53.