



Letters Ideas Thoughts

Proceedings Are Available

San Leandro Odd Fellows Lodge No. 231 is offering copies of the Grand Encampment proceedings from 1925 through 1969. There are approximately 60 copies, some doubles, but of many different years. These are all in good condition.

If you are a member of the I.O.O.F., and are seeking to strengthen the library (archives) of your lodge, please contact me. These are available on a first come basis and they are free.

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Some Do Care

Just received the November/December issue and, as usual, started reading it "cover to cover". Marlene Bois who types our local "Home Folks" newsletter here at the Odd Fellows Home in Saratoga called me to say "have you seen page 20"? The item was entitled "Does Anyone Care?". I'm sorry you weren't here to get in on the sound effects. Right on! Absolutely! That's telling them! Etc.

Then I realized, with a start, that you were talking about me. Oh, I send in an occasional article, but it's usually too late for the next issue. Nothing like wishing everyone a Merry Christmas in July! So maybe it's not quite that bad, but it is tough. A two month ahead of time deadline is rough on us amateurs.

So I must send my apologies. We suffer through a few days of trying to fit our items into a few pages of typewriting. Much of the time is used by asking the residents to give us some news, please - then we either have too much, or not enough. I cannot imagine the problems of filling a 24 page, printed paper.

Another apology is in order. I tired of trying to get something in our local newspaper. They are willing to run an

ad, which we would pay for, to let people know about a bazaar or luncheon. They don't seem to realize the ad would cost almost as much as our net profit. We will keep trying

I thank you for the "needle". I hope it strikes others the same way.

*Geri Rush Residential Administrator
Odd Fellows Home of California
dba: Saratoga Retirement Community*

P.M. Journal Info Wanted

Does anyone have Department of California, Patriarchs Militant journals from 1930 to 1940? I am interested in obtaining information contained in the journals. Please contact me.

*Jeanette Roberts
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Special Thanks

My "special" thanks to each of you that gave me corsages, gifts, remembrances and donations, to make my sessions such a wonderful week.

The friendship and love shown during our sessions was greatly appreciated.

Our sessions were well attended and a new corps of officers have taken over.

May your year be very rewarding and may God watch over you as you travel in the name of our Order.

*Joan M. Meza
Past Grand Matriarch*

Appreciation

We would like to thank those who remembered our anniversary with your many cards and remembrances. They were greatly appreciated.

*Flavio and Joan Meza, PGM
Sonora, California*

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**BETTY WHITMORE
PAYBACKS
ARE A BEAR**

GLADE

Sincere Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks for cards, corsages, gifts, friendship and all courtesies extended to me at Assembly, lodge visitations, and special sessions. There were all greatly appreciated.

*Jeanette Hughes,
R.A. Warden*

Correction on Article

Thanks for the write-up in the last issue. Just a word to put the record straight, I did not work on the model of The Meadows that is on display in the lobby. The original was made commercially and the addition of the Care Center was made by George McKim, an employee in the maintenance department. He did a remarkable job and there is no way that I could improve on it. My approach would have been different but the results would not have been any better. He is to be commended for his work and considering where he did the job, (in the boiler room) with all the racket of the heating and AC system right above his ears.

*Jerry White, MMR
The Meadows of Napa Valley
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Zona Markus

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Having gone through the chairs, she became noble grand of Rose Rebekah Lodge in 1947. But, her contribution to the Order would not end there, as she would later serve as musician for the Rebekah Assembly of California - not once - but twice.

As a little girl she learned to play the piano. Her father bought her first piano on her eighth birthday - a 1906 Willard. Perfecting her talent she served for - RA President Lucile Krecek in 1966-1967, and then again for RA President Dolly (Teutschman) Schneider in 1976-1977.

In 1970-1971, her husband, Steve Markus, served as the grand guardian of the Grand Lodge of California under Grand Master Max Holloway. He passed away just a few years ago; but he and Zona, together, made an impact on Odd Fellowship. They will always deserve the gratitude of this Order.

Today, Zona is still an active member of Rose Rebekah Lodge where her daughter, Mimi Cano, and granddaughter, Patricia, are also members. Like Zona, they joined the Rebekahs when they turned 18 years of age. She will be celebrating her 75th year in Odd Fellowship in September. Odd Fellowship has been a tradition, not only for Zona, but her family as well.