



California Big "C"

Odd Fellows - Rebekahs

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Today as I read the poem on the proceeding page, I found myself thinking of all the things I could have, should have and didn't do last year. Well, another year is starting and with that, we all have the opportunity to begin anew. I challenge you to make this year the best one of your life! The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are a fantastic organization, who do great works for their community, their lodges and their fellow brothers and sisters. Make this the year that you promise yourself that you will tell the world what you do! I encourage you to continue these works with the less fortunate and support the charities of your lodges choice. Keep Friendship, Love and Truth in your heart and don't be afraid to tell the world "I am an Odd Fellow or Rebekah!"

Don't forget the next Deadline for submitting articles for the March, April, May edition of the California Odd Fellow and Rebekah magazine will be **January 1st, 2004.**

Let's Do More in 2004...The annual sessions of Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly of California will be held May 12-15, 2004 at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto. The joint formal opening ceremony will again include a banquet on Wednesday evening at the Modesto Convention Center.

Our Cover

North To Alaska...

A group of 43 Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, friends and families joined Grand Master Theodore Parker and Rebekah Assembly President Rowena Whitney aboard the Norwegian Cruise Liner, "Sun," sailing the inside passage to Alaska.

Theta Rho and Grand Junior Lodge Assembly Sessions to be held in February. The 63rd Theta Rho Assembly Sessions and the 50th Grand Junior Lodge Sessions will be held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, 1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402 on February 13,14,15, 2004. Theta Rho Assembly and Grand Junior Lodge sessions will be presided over by President Liz Barnes and Grand Ruler David Henderson respectively assisted by their officers.

Odd Fellow SOS Village a reality. An exciting new orphanage project to be named "Odd Fellows Village" was introduced at the 2003 session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia by the incoming Sovereign Grand Master Henry "Hank" Dupray and was adopted. This project will be launched in partnership with SOS-Kinderdorf International. The group respects varying religions and cultures and works in the spirit of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and to promote these rights around the work. They work for children who are orphaned, abandoned, or whose families are unable to care for them.

Lodges Urged to Support Restoration of Historic Bell With the renovation of the main building at Saratoga Retirement Community (Odd Fellows Home of California) the dual towers at the facility are being refurbished, and funds are being sought to restore the historic bell.

Nevada City Celebrates Sesquicentennial

NEVADA CITY - On Saturday, November 15, 2003 Oustomah Lodge No. 16 celebrated its 150th Birthday Celebration. Helping them celebrate was Neva Rebekah Lodge No 119. Nevada City Oustomah Lodge was established in 1853. Presentations were made and a reception followed with live entertainment.

