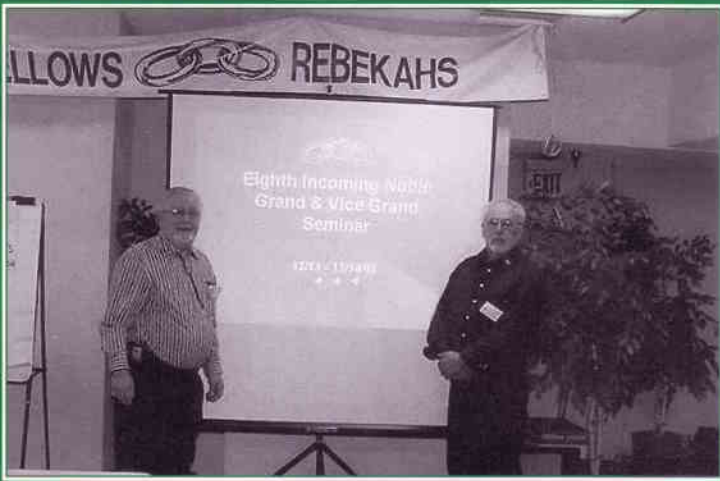


## *Seminar A Great Success!*



*Photo (L to R): Representing Santa Rosa Lodge #53 at the Santa Nella Seminar were incoming Vice Grand Jay Smith and Noble Grand Manuel Arroyo.*

**SANTA NELLA** – The eight annual Incoming Noble Grand and Vice Grand Seminar was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Santa Nella. Over seventy-two men and women attended both the Odd Fellow and Rebekah sessions. The Odd Fellows had 60 in attendance with Peter Sellars as Chairman and the Rebekahs had 12 in attendance with Mary Lou Lang as Chairman. There were 11 presenters in all with both seminars coming together to hear Betty Moates give her presentation on Parliamentary Procedures. This was the eighth year for the Odd Fellows and the third for the Rebekahs. Manuel Arroyo, NG of Santa Rosa Lodge #53 stated that “this seminar proved itself to be one of the most informative and well-coordinated seminars that i have been to.” Compliments were given to the instructors who did a great job of presenting the material needed for the incoming Vice Grands and Noble Grands to do their jobs properly.

We encourage all members to attend next year. This seminar is not limited just to the incoming Noble Grand or Vice Grand, as emphasis of the seminar is placed on leadership and lodge activities. We share what is working today in active lodges and try to energize the leaders of a lodge to go back and reactivate their lodge. Every Lodge can benefit by sending their incoming officers to the seminar so that they can take back these ideas to their own lodges.

The Odd Fellows have made an about face in the last couple of years, and have increased total membership for the first time in fifty years. The Rebekahs need this to help turn their 10% loss into an increase. There are some lodges that have 20 to 30 members at a meeting and all their officer chairs are full. This is your opportunity to see how to accomplish this. Some are in large cities and others in very small towns. Invest in the future of your lodge. Send at least one member to the seminar next year.

## *See the Progress On-line*

**SARATOGA** - You can watch the progress on the Saratoga Retirement Community Phase II via the online Construction Cam. Log onto SRC's website at [www.saratogaretirement.org](http://www.saratogaretirement.org), then click on the Phase II link. Once you're on the Phase II page, click on the button on the left labeled "Construction Cam." The image will automatically refresh itself every minute, or you can click on the link above the image, which will take you

to a real-time camera, where you can control the Construction Cam yourself. This is a great way to stay up-to-date on the progress of this exciting project.

