



California Big "C"

Odd Fellows and Rebekah Magazine

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Let's Do More In 2004... Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly are almost here This year marks the 152nd Grand Lodge and 114th Rebekah Assembly session which will be held from May 12th – 15th in Modesto. The Convention Committee has been hard at work all year ensuring that this year's Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly will be the best yet!

The convention will be held at the same location as last year, the Modesto Convention Center, adjacent to the Double Tree Hotel. The Opening Night Dinner will be held on Wednesday May 12th. Sessions will start on Thursday May 13th through Sunday, May 16th. Registration will be \$30 if received by May 1st.

Seminar A Great Success! The eight annual Incoming Noble Grand and Vice Grand Seminar was held on December 13th – 14th at Santa Nella. Over seventy-two men and women attended both the Odd Fellow and Rebekah sessions to learn more about leadership and lodge activities.

Grand Master Ted Parker and Rebekah Assembly President Rowena Whitney say Good bye and thank you to all the members for the wonderful year that they have had! They have seen and met many members of the order from all around California and have found them to be wonderful as they work towards the common goal of Friendship, Love and Truth.

First Lifetime Organizational Achievement Award presented to Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the Arthritis Foundation. The Lifetime Organizational Achievement Award is the most prestigious honor the Arthritis Foundation bestows to a volunteer organization

Our Cover

Walk for the Gold!

Members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are involved in many causes and work hard for the Charities that they support. As an organization, do you know what we are involved in?

See page 4 for more details.

Don't Forget To Send Me Your Stories!

Please remember to send me stories and activities that your lodge has been involved in. This is your magazine, and I want to make sure that we are representing all of you! The next Deadline for submission is May 1st.

Send or email your information and photos to :

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or group that has made outstanding contributions to the Foundation at the national level over a significant number of years. The Board Development Committee created the Award in 2003 to recognize the vital role of organizations that formally support the fight against arthritis on an ongoing basis through volunteer recruitment, dedication, and use of organizational human and financial resources and was proud to present this award to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Organization.

Lazy Summer Days will be here before you know it. Don't miss the opportunity to work at the Three Links Camp Festival on 6/26 - 6/27 or to help out with the work week scheduled for 6/10 - 6/25.

SGM & IARA President 's Visit California for Rose Float. Grand Master, Theodore G. Parker and President of Rebekah Assembly, Rowena Whitney, were host and hostess for the visit of the Sovereign Grand Master, Henry (Hank) Dupray of North Carolina and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies President, Sharon Magden of Oregon. The guests were escorted to the Rose Parade Float Barn every day where they were joined with Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from many jurisdictions as well as California, to decorate the float for the Rose Parade on January 1, 2004.

Fun Facts...

Did you know that in all probability the town of Colfax in California and the County of Colfax in New Mexico were named for Schuyler Colfax? -Submitted by Martin Lyon

Touching someone's heart for a mere second can touch their soul for a lifetime.

- Author Unknown