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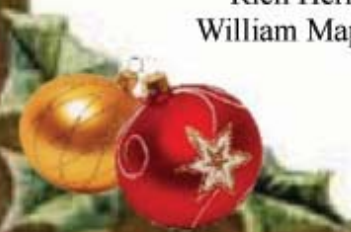
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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Helen Douglas	1/04/19
Irma Fengel	1/06/29
Donald Elliott	1/09/30
Laura Wiese	1/11/29
Doris Meditz	1/15/26
Wanda Shaffer	1/17/24
Richard Myers	1/17/42
Kenneth Nolte	1/20/24
Constance Cuppy	1/23/30
Merle Fisher	1/24/35

### IN MEMORIAM

#### ROSEMARY STOCKLE

12/15/1937 — 11/6/2018

Rebekah Sister

#### HAROLD FEIKERT SR.

7/11/1945 — 11/5/2018

Bushnell Lodge #322

#### DeROLLO KELLY

Feb. 27, 1929 - Nov. 11, 2018

Galva #408

### THANK YOU

"We want to thank all the Odd  
 Fellows and Rebekah's that sent us  
 'Anniversary Cards' for our 70th  
 Anniversary. They we all appreciat-  
 ed. We had an Open House on Sunday  
 at Allen's church in Brighton. Many  
 came and enjoyed the luncheon, and we  
 enjoyed having them. Again, "Thank  
 You All".

*Allen & Audrey Jones*

### District #50 IOOF of Illinois Annual Rabbit/Ham Supper

The next meeting of  
 District #50 Odd Fellows  
 will be hosted by  
 Bushnell Lodge #322  
 at the IOOF Hall, Bushnell IL  
 on Tuesday, December 11, 2017  
 Meal at 6:30pm &  
 Open Meeting at 7:30pm  
 Hope to see you there!  
 Bonnie Hensley  
 Secretary/Treasurer

### District #50 IOOF of Illinois Ham and Bean Supper

The next meeting of  
 District #50 Odd Fellows  
 will be hosted by  
 Military Tract #145  
 IOOF Hall, Good Hope IL  
 on Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
 Meal at 6:30pm &  
 Open Meeting at 7:30pm  
 Hope to see you there!  
 Bonnie Hensley  
 Secretary/Treasurer

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

DECEMBER, 2018

- 1 LODGE #140 TOY DRIVE & CHILI  
 COOKOFF, ROCKFORD
- 11 BUSHNELL RABBIT DINNER,  
 BUSHNELL
- 11 MUSEUM BOARD, LINCOLN
- 18 IOOF MANAGEMENT COPR/  
 HOUSING, LINCOLN
- 21 IOOF/REBEKAH HOME BOARD  
 & CHRISTMAS PARTY, MATTOON
- 21 EXECUTIVE BOARD  
 1 P.M., MATTOON
- 24, 25 CHRISTMAS OFFICE  
 CLOSED, LINCOLN
- 31 NEW YEARS EVE -OFFICE  
 CLOSED, LINCOLN

### NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

Happy Holidays!

November 12th kicked off our  
 remodel project. We are all so excited  
 to see the changes in the upcoming  
 weeks. Although it will be challeng-  
 ing at times, it's going to be absolutely  
 beautiful when it's finished. It is just  
 amazing to see the small changes  
 already.

We had our annual Thanksgiving  
 Feast for our residents and their fami-  
 lies on November 7, it was absolutely  
 amazing. It's so nice to have everyone  
 together before the busy holidays start  
 to reflect on what we are most thank-  
 ful for. Everyone looks forward to this cel-  
 ebration not only for the food, but also  
 the good company! We are also start-  
 ing to prepare for all the fun activities  
 we have planned to kick off the holiday  
 season!

The residents Christmas workshop  
 will be opening for the residents to pre-  
 pare for their Holiday craft/bake sale in  
 December. The residents will sell their  
 goodies and all the proceeds will go to  
 the activity department. I think every-  
 one looks forward to this!!

We want to spread the cheer and  
 good wishes to family and friends.

During this holiday season we want  
 to take the opportunity to say thank  
 you to the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Board  
 for everything they do and to wish you  
 all the very best for a safe and Happy  
 Holiday Season.

Until next month-take care and be  
 well.

*Danita Starwalt*

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



The Christmas Season is upon us.

Most of our Lodges have been busy in sharing their Christmas cheer with their neighbors and friends.

Flora kicked things off with an open house followed the next day with a parade,

Bushnell held a very successful pancake breakfast on Nov. 10th,

Several Lodges celebrated Veterans Day in different events,

Rockford Lodge had a special Chili Cook-off and toy drive,

Bushnell hosted its annual mystery meat... (I mean rabbit dinner),

And now the next thing on our list is the annual IOOF / REBEKAH home Christmas Party.

This is always a great event that many of the residents and employees look forward to.

I had the great pleasure of sitting down and talking to several of the residents one-on-one and found out that they really are happy with the facilities that we provide.

After all that, I hope that you will be able to enjoy some time with your families!

The Region Meetings have all been set up and I have already been hearing of some good candidates lining up to take their degrees. Another great thing about the Regional Meetings are that this is the time that a Past Grand can take the Grand Lodge Degree. I am personally looking forward to this since taking the Grand Lodge Degree means that you can now help on the Grand Lodge level and participate in our Grand Lodge Committees.

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On more of a sad note, I will speak of the passing of two of our most dedicated members.

One is Harold Feikert of Bushnell Lodge. I was honored to be able to attend his Odd Fellow Service in

Bushnell. There were over 25 Odd Fellows in attendance to commemorate Harold's passing. I've gotten to know Harold well over the last 10 years and always found him to be a good friend and mentor. We will all miss him very much.

The other passing was Rosemary Stockle. Rosemary was a dedicated Rebekah and had even attended the recent Rebekah Assembly in Springfield. Rosemary was active member and always a pleasure to talk to.

My condolences to the families of both of these members and their friends.

*IN FL&T,*

*Jim Bott, Grand Master*

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



What a busy time it has been since Rebekah Assembly Sessions.

Following the session I traveled to Lincoln to attend the Grand Encampment Meeting where I served as Representative for Wildey #1. It was a good meeting and was a learning experience for me as it was the first time I had attended. There was good attendance present.

Two weeks following Grand Encampment I again traveled to Lincoln to attend the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant Session. We enjoyed a delicious catered dinner on Friday evening followed by the Joint Opening with the Patriarchs Militant. I felt honored to be asked to take part in the Memorial Service. Congratulations to Lady Sheila Reamer on being presented with the Decoration of Chivalry. Our ladies group was small and Lady Sheila conducted a good meeting. Following our meeting we had joint installation with the Patriarchs. I was so lucky to win three items in the drawing. It was a good weekend of friendship and fellow-

ship.

November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th found me back in Springfield for the Leaders Banquet and other activities. This year we were at Northfield Inn Suites for the first time. I was very pleased with the accommodations. On Friday afternoon we visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum. As many times as I have driven by the museum I have never taken a tour. It was fantastic. If you have never visited the Museum, you should make the effort to do it, it is well worth your time. Then on Saturday morning we held our Executive Meeting. In the afternoon a School of Instructions was held. I want to commend Sister Sharon Landry on her first time conducting this school, she did an outstanding job. It was a small attendance. It would be great to see more sisters qualify next year. Then on Saturday evening the Leaders banquet was held with approximately sixty in attendance. Sister Linda Jones served as Mistress of Ceremonies and Brother Rich Herring as Master of Ceremonies. The room was decorated in a patriotic theme. It was another great evening of friendship and fellowship.

Keep in mind the upcoming trip to Washington, DC in May. Brother Jim has worked hard putting it together. Please send your deposit of \$200.00 to Linda Jones at 834 Liberty St, Jerseyville, IL 62052 to hold your place on the bus.

In closing, I wish for you and your families a Merry Christmas. Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

*Donna Grable*

## LEGEND LODGE TO HOST SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Legend Lodge 212 will be hosting a School of Instruction 1/12/19 at 3:00 p.m. Address is 605 S Hugh St Plano, IL 60545.

Dinner and drinks to follow. This was scheduled late in the day to accommodate those who have to work on Saturdays. Please join us for a day of fun and information.

If you plan to attend please contact Mathew Yingling (630-461-9405) or Jessica Yingling (630-878-8713) so that we can be sure to have enough to feed everyone.

*In F, L&T*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018-19

- 12-Nov-18** Veterans Day Lincoln office Closed
- November 22, 23, 2018** Thanksgiving Lincoln Office Closed
- 11-Dec-18** Bushnell Rabbit Supper
- December 24, 25, 2018** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Lincoln office closed
- 31-Dec-18** New Years Eve Lincoln Office Closed
- 1-Jan-19** New Years Day Lincoln Office Closed
- 2-Feb-19** Region #4 (North) Winchester
- 9-Feb-19** Special Encampment Degree Day Sycamore Lodge
- 18-Feb-19** Presidents Day Lincoln Office Closed
- 23-Feb-19** Region #2 Farmington
- 2-Mar-19** Region #4 (South) Dupo
- 16-Mar-19** Region #1 Plano
- March 30, 2019** GE/LEA Roundup Friendship Manor Lincoln 10 a.m.
- 2-Apr-19** Easter Lincoln Office Closed
- 6-Apr-19** Region #5 Flora
- 2-May-19** Bus Trip May 2-May 7, 2019
- 27-May-19** Memorial Day Lincoln Office Closed
- 28-May-19** Executive Board Meeting Lincoln
- 25-Jun-19** Executive Board Meeting Lincoln
- July 4, 5, 2019** Independence Day Lincoln Office Closed
- 23-Jul-19** Executive Board Meeting Lincoln
- July 26,27,28, 2019** Great Lakes Conference Barboo, Wisconsin
- August 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2019** Winston Salem, North Carolina
- 27-Aug-19** Executive Board Meeting Lincoln
- September 2, 2019** Labor Day Lincoln Office Closed.
- 10-Sep-19** Trap Shoot
- 14-Sep-19** District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting Lincoln
- 24-Sep-19** Executive Board Meeting Lincoln
- October 7,8, 2019** Grand Lodge Springfield, IL
- 15-Oct-19** Executive Board Meeting Lincoln

## DISTRICT #19 FALL MEETING



Evelyn Kidwell won the glass angel, and Anita Jones won the afghan at the Fall meeting of District #19 at the Mariorraetta #347 Rebekah Lodge on October 22, 2018. A meal was served and Becky Sykes was elected our new President of the District.

## CENTURY LODGE #492



During the Century Lodge #492 Carpentersville Thursday, October 25th meeting NG Nick Caruso (left) presented Brother Bob Andry with his 5 year pin.

## SAMARITAN LODGE #120 MAKES A DONATION TO THE SALVATION ARMY



On October 15th Katy Turner, Noble Grand of Rebekah's Samaritan Lodge #120, donated a check in the amount of \$300 to Captain Heather Montenegro of the Salvation Army located in Elgin, IL.

## JERSEYVILLE ODD FELLOW LODGE #53 DONATE \$1000 TO GUN CLUB

On Thursday, November 1, the Jerseyville odd Fellow Lodge #53 presented a check for \$1000 to the Golden Eagle Gun Club for their youth Trap Shooting Team.

This team has performed quite well the past several years, placing in the top three teams in the nation.

Several of their individual shooters have placed first or second in the entire country. The Odd Fellows applaud this team and its coaches for their emphasis on gun safety and teamwork.



Pictured: Odd Fellow members present the Golden Eagle Gun Club with a check for \$1000. Front row left to right: Cliff Link, Noble Grand of Jerseyville Lodge; Scott Margherio; Carson Sievers and Walker Sibley. Second Row left to right: Steven Margherio; Wyatt Sibley and coach Lance Sibley. Third Row Jim Bott Grand Master of Illinois.

## Save the Date June 23, 2019

**From:**

**Noon to 3 P.M.**

**Where:**

**Odd Fellow's Children's Home  
721 Wyatt Ave, Lincoln Illinois**

**Invited:**

**All Odd Fellow's & Rebekah's  
Come help us Celebrate  
Odd Fellow's 200th Anniversary  
1819-2019**

**Prize for the most members from one lodge.**

**Lunch will be served.**

## SPECIAL AWARD

Grand Master Jim Bott and the President of the Rebekah Assembly, Donna Grable, would like to announce the formation of a special award that will be presented at the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in October of 2019.

This award is for the

**ODD FELLOW OF THE YEAR**

**AND**

**REBEKAH OF THE YEAR**

Each Lodge in Illinois may select one individual from their rank and file membership, that has gone above and beyond in their service to Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Past Grand Masters or Past Assembly Presidents as well as current elected officers are NOT eligible to be selected for this award.

Please forward the name of your candidates to Jim Bott or Donna Grable along with a short summary of their achievements no later than July 1, 2019.

## DEPARTMENT COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Decoration of Chivalry was presented to Department Association LAPM President Lady Sheila Reamer on October 26, 2018 at the opening ceremonies for the Department Council and Department Association in Lincoln. This is one of the highest honors for a member of the Patriarchs Militants to receive.



Pictured is her escort Captain Niles Reamer and Lady Shiela.



Pictured are the Department Association Officers for 2018: left to right.

President Lady Sandra Coulter  
 Vice President Lady Nancy Curfman  
 Treasurer Lady Judy Sarnes  
 Secretary Bonnie Hensley was out of town.



Pictured is the Department Council Officers for 2018: left to right.

Department Commander Col. Earl Wys  
 Deputy Department Commander Lt. Col. Janet Bruce  
 Quartermaster Captain Jim Turner  
 1st Battalion Commander Major Steve Adams  
 2nd Battalion Commander Major Niles Reamer  
 Adjutant Captain Jerald Sarnes was conducting ceremony.



Pictured are the attendees at the Illinois Department Council and Department Association meeting held October 22, 2018 in Lincoln.



## MT ZION LODGE MAKES DONATION



The Mt Zion Lodge makes many donations annually to various individuals and groups and some have become regular donations to support groups that work to help the community. The Lodge has been supporting the Mt Zion Children's Christmas Fund for 10 years. On November 23rd, 2018, the Mt Zion Lodge donated \$3000 to the Mt Zion Children's Christmas Fund which works to ensure that children throughout the Mt Zion Community are able to enjoy Christmas and also receive things they need, but that may not be affordable to their families. This year, over 200 children will receive clothing, a winter jacket, school supplies and a gift of some kind. Pictured, Kerry Toothman presenting the donation to the Mt Zion Children's Christmas Fund.

## GRAND WARDEN MATHEW YINGLING

Mathew Yingling became a member of Legend Lodge #212 on April 27, 2006. He was sponsored by Shawn Newkirk. Since joining his lodge he has become a PNG and received the Grand Lodge Degree in 2015 where Mat served as Representative for his lodge. Matt has been on the Dare, Youth and Analysis & Distribution Committees for Grand Lodge. He has also been an Instructor in 2016 & 2018 and held the office of District Deputy Grand Master for his district. Mat was also appointed to be Grand Marshal for Brother William Maplesden when he was GM. Mat is young and fun loving guy. So fun loving that when the new Grand Master told our entertainment for the evening that Mat would be willing to help him out with his magic and ventriloquist show for the evening. Mat was chosen to be the Dummy for the Ventriloquist portion of the show and what a great dummy he was. He played along and was a great addition to the show. His wife Jessica was recording the show for prosperity. I am sure she would be glad to share with you if you ask. I think Mat will be a great addition to our Grand Lodge Officers. Thanks for playing along Mat and the best to you and your family over the next several years as you move through the chairs of the Grand Lodge Office.



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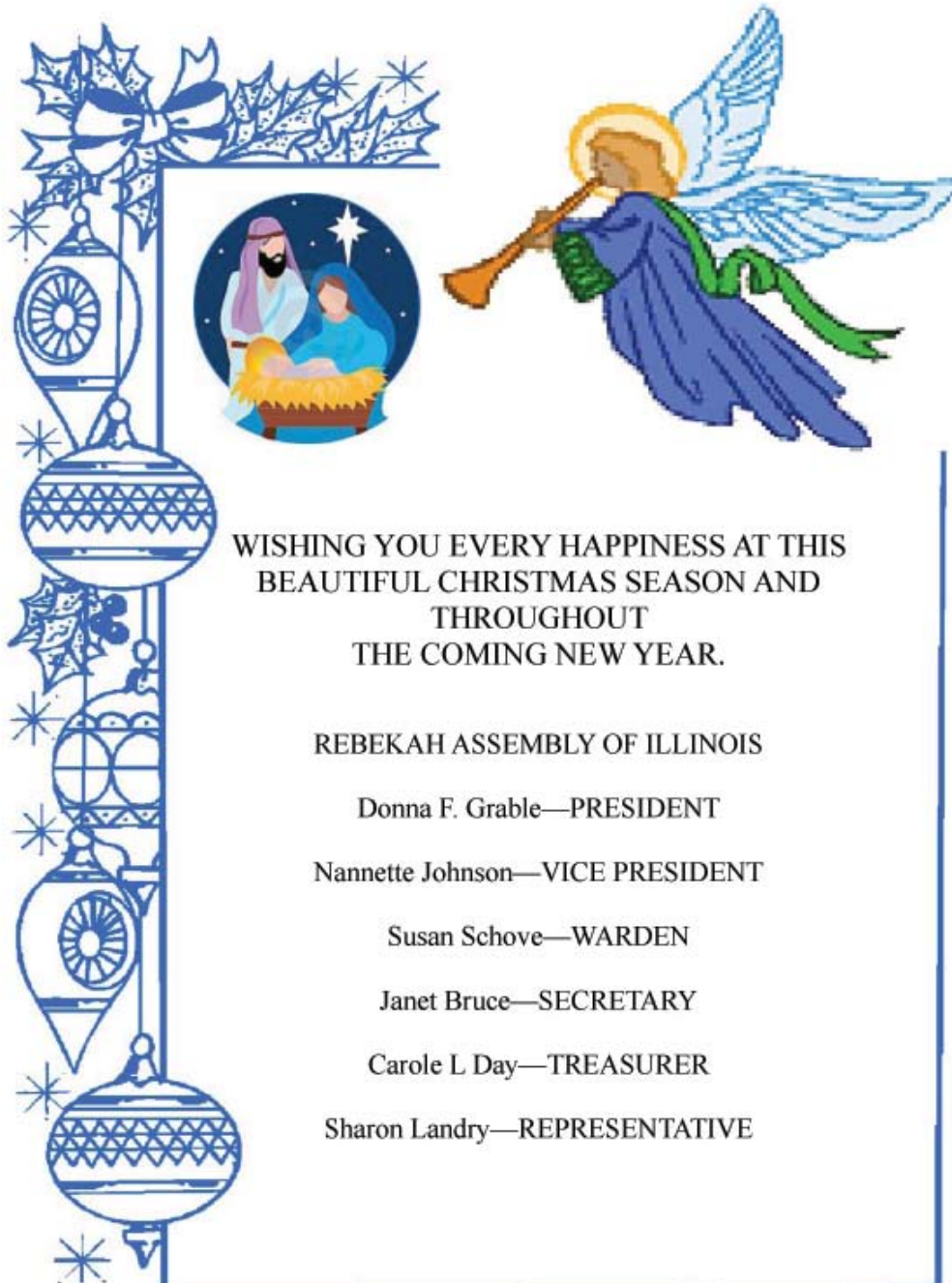
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