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Saturday, September 07, 2019

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Shoot –11:00a.m.

Final Shoot at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch - Noon

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including

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Meeker	9/3/1925
Eva Shidlauski	9/4/1940
Thomas Shaffer	9/5/1932
Barbara Gibson	9/9/1935
Steven Winholtz	9/11/1951
Blanche Titus	9/12/1935
Dorothy Stirrett	9/13/1934
Jerry Heath	9/19/1922
Arline Crockett	9/19/1928
Rose James	9/23/1931
Sharon Barta	9/23/1948
Zora Patton	9/27/1926
Maxine Bennett	9/28/1921
Eva Vanscyoc	9/28/1928



IN MEMORIAM
DEAN IGARAUIDEZ
 June 30, 2019
 Member of Irving Park 190

THANK YOU'S

Dear Scholarship Committee,
 Thank you for choosing me to
 receive the Illinois Odd Fellow Rebekah
 Scholarship. it is so greatly appreciated.
 Your generous award will help me with
 my college career.

Sincerely,
Cameron Hill

Dear Scholarship Committee,
 I would like to thank you for present-
 ing me with the Odd Fellow-Rebekah
 Scholarship. I am very Honored to have
 received this award. I really appreci-
 ate you taking time out of your eve-
 ning to present the award to me. With
 the Scholarship of \$1000 I will be able
 to continue my education to fulfill my
 dream of becoming a nurse.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Vallas

Dear Scholarship Committee,
 Thank you again for your support in
 my future education. I have enclosed
 a copy of my fall schedule for ICC.
 Thank you again for the Scholarship.

Sincerely,
John Osborne

FAMILY LOSS OF OUR PAST LEADERS

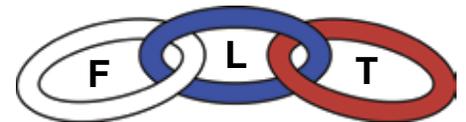
Betty Barnett, Past Grand Matriarch
 and the late Phil Barnett PGM's son
 Paul Barnett was killed in a motorcycle
 accident around July 6, 2019. Paul was
 not a member of the order but both of
 his parents served our order in a lead-
 ership capacities. Please keep Betty
 and the family in your thoughts and
 prayers and if you would like to send
 her a card. Here is her address:

Betty Barnett
 2014 Alton Ave.
 Madison, IL 62060
 Ph: 618-876-4463

EVENTS THIS MONTH

AUGUST 2019

- 10 REBEKAH EXECUTIVE BOARD
LINCOLN
- 13 IOOF MANAGEMENT CORP/
HOUSING
MATTOON
- 16 IOOF/REBEKAH HOME
BOARD
MATTOON
- 17,18,19,20,21 SOVEREIGN GRAND
LODGE
NORTH CAROLINA
- 27 EXECUTIVE BOARD
LINCOLN



NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the Home,
 Well the summer HEAT has arrived!
 The residents love going outside and
 enjoying the grounds, however, with
 the heat we've kept a very close eye on
 how long they are outside.

July was a busy month with the
 4th of July activities. We sponsored a
 hole at the Annual Sarah Bush Lincoln
 Golf Outing. Four of our employees
 had a team to play in the outing. They
 enjoyed spending the day with Sarah
 Bush employees and other business
 that attended the outing. We also spon-
 sored a meal for Dine with the Doc in
 Shelbyville (for our first time there).
 We gave a commercial during the meal
 to promote our facility.

It's that time of the year again and
 we have created a team for Walk to End
 Alzheimer's through the Alzheimer's
 Association. We are planning fundrais-
 ing activities to raise money for our
 team! We have already had 2 fundrais-
 ers which the residents enjoyed. We
 are looking forward to the walk in
 September.

Until next month- take care and be
 well.

Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Who knew that June and July could be so busy? I'm not complaining, instead, I have enjoyed every minute of the time I get to spend on this Earth. Some are not so lucky.

As I write this note, I have just found out of yet another tragic accident that took the life of a good man.

Paul Barnett, the son of our Past Grand Master, Phil Barnett, died in a motorcycle accident last week. I did not know Paul, I think I had met him once, but I knew Phil. Phil was one of my heroes. Phil would give you the shirt off his back. Once, I asked him why he got into the Odd Fellows, and all he would say was that being in the Odd Fellows saved his life. He truly lived to be the best Odd Fellow that he could be. I miss Phil, but he led by example, and I always hope that he would approve of my year and will be looking down to help guide future Grand Masters in the course of their duties.

So, my deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Barnett on the loss of her son, Paul.

Some big events have kept us busy in the past two months: We had an Encampment Degree Day in Dupo. Dupo is one of our Southernmost Lodges in Illinois and to have our Grand Patriarch, Janet Bruce, drive all the way from Poplar Grove, certainly deserves an honorable mention here. Thanks Janet!!

We also had a very nice turnout at our State AMOS meeting in Bushnell. I think that there were people from at least six states represented.

Of course, we attended a nice picnic at the Children's Home in Lincoln. The Children's Home Board as well as the Christian Child Care employees and volunteers put on an amazing event for

all that attended. Not even a little rain could keep people away!

Donna and I drove up to Peoria to attend the PM/LAPM Field day in the last part of June. A giant heartfelt THANKS to our Department Commander, Earl Wys for leading the instruction for that event.

At the end of July, I will be heading North to Wisconsin to attend the Great Lakes Conference. I only started going to this two years ago, but I have been so impressed by the wealth of knowledge that all Leaders can gain and bring back to their states. I have used several of the ideas that were put forth during my term.

When I get back from Wisconsin, Allen Jones and I will be flying out to California for the international AMOS meeting. Not a well-known fact to most of you, but Arlan Miller has been in charge of the entire world of AMOS for the past year!

I am always in awe of the national and international leadership that has come out of Illinois.

Brothers and Sisters; it's all about PROGRESS!

*In F.L. & T.
Jim Bott, GM*

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



I do believe that summer time has arrived. Hope you are all keeping cool and staying out of the heat as much as possible. I hope you all had a great Fourth of July.

Time is growing closer for the Rebekah Assembly, Grand Lodge, Encampment, Patriarch Militant, and Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant sessions. Remember, they have been moved back to October 7th and 8th with the festivities beginning on Sunday, October 6th with church services and the Joint Banquet and Opening. We will be honored by the presence of the Mayor of Springfield this year to welcome us to the city. I thought this

was fitting since we are celebrating 200 years of Odd Fellowship and we have been meeting in Springfield for many, many years. Please make your reservations soon. We hope many of you will attend. I promise you will have a good time along with seeing old friends and making some new ones. Let's work to get 200 in attendance to commemorate our 200th Anniversary. You no longer have to be a Past Noble Grand to attend the Assembly sessions. So fill your cars and come to Springfield.

June was another busy month. The last District Meeting was held on Saturday, June 15th at Havana. Once again it rained, but the attendance was good. For the first time in the history of District #20, two brothers were elected as President and Vice President, namely Jerald Sarnes and Richard Jones. Next year's meeting should be interesting and fun.

It was wonderful to see a new member initiated into Jerseyville IOOF #52, Sister Jody Jedlicka. She is also a new member of the Rebekah's and will be an asset to both branches of the Order.

The picnic at Lincoln commemorating 200 years of Odd Fellowship on the North American Continent was a day filled with friendship and fellowship despite the rain.

Several of those in attendance toured the Museum. If you have never been to the Museum take time out to do it. It is well worth it. The committee does a wonderful job in maintaining it.

On Saturday, June 29, the Grand Master and I traveled to Peoria for the PM and LAPM Field Meet. Department Commander Colonel Earl Wys gave a wonderful lesson on the Sword and Sword Proficiency. I felt as though it was worth attending and I learned new things that I did not know. Even though the attendance was small, there was a lot of warmth and comrade in the group. And the sun was shining, no rain for a change.

We have two Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly who are experiencing health problems, Leota Humm and Annetta Mecalo. Please keep them in your prayers and send them a card to let them know you are thinking of them.

In closing, remember: Three things you won't hear when you pray:

1. Busy signal
2. Can I put you on hold?
3. God is not available to take your call

*In F.L.T.
Donna F Grable
Assembly President*

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION



Gene Curfman a member of the Scholarship Committee and his wife Nancy, traveled to Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School to award Makenna J. Green the Glenn Corsey Agricultural Scholarship Award of \$1000.00.

Makenna is the sixth generation to grow up on her family's corn and soybean operation in Arthur Illinois. Her professional goal is to study for an off-farm career in agronomy. She is also interested in studying crop science and research; while utilizing her speaking and leadership abilities.

There were many awards presented. We were half way down the line to present the award. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we were invited to attend a reception for all of the honorees.

*Submitted by
Harold E. Curfman, PGP, PGM, PDC*

FLORA LODGE



On Friday, July 19th, I took a trip over to Flora Lodge to help with taping a couple of walls they built. Spent two days and had a great time with the members!

On the way home on Friday, I stopped in Salem where I found that the Salem Lodge was having a fundraiser cookout.

I thoroughly enjoyed that hot dog but the best was being able to visit old friends !!

After Salem, I drove into Greenville where I went to the DeMoulin Museum. My first visit there, it won't be my last. Fascinating place!!!

*Grand Master James Bott
In FL&T
Ainslie*

ELGIN #12 HOST SHOOT OUT



On Saturday, May 4th 2019, Elgin Lodge #12 held its first .22 Caliber Shoot Out. A delicious lunch was included. The weather even cooperated. It was a beautiful day with no rain, which was unusual for this cold rainy spring.

*In FLT
Jim Turner*

GREATER PEORIA HONOR FLIGHT HONORS PGM LLOYD JENKEL

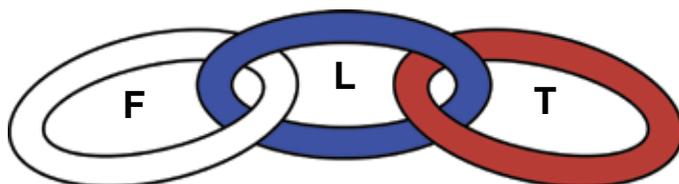


Lloyd B. Jenkel, PGM, was one of the honored guests on the April 30, Greater Peoria Honor Flight. Although a large storm hit Washington, D.C. during the trip, it did not dampen the spirits of the veterans who went to the nation's capital for a daylong, whirlwind tour of the nation's military memorials and monuments. And no one was injured after lightning struck a wing transporting the veterans. Jenkel, a Korean War veteran with the United States Air Force, landed back home around 10:34 p.m. at the Peoria International Airport where his wife Dorothy Jenkel and hundreds of others gathered to give all of the veterans a big welcome home.



CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD HAS 200th ANNIVERSARY BAGS AVAILABLE

The Children's Home Board meet on Saturday, July 27 and decided to offer the left over bags from the 200th Anniversary Picnic to the lodges we have maybe a 100 that are already stuffed with Odd Fellow Information that we would be willing to offer to lodges to be used for new members or help in getting new members. If you are interested in getting the bags please call the Grand Lodge Office and put your name on the list and we will hold them back for you. Because it is on a first come first served bases. We will limit the lodges to 10 bags per lodge to spread the wealth around the state. If you get a hold of your DDGM they will be coming to Lincoln on Saturday, September 14th and could pick them up and deliver to you if you ask them nicely. DDGM if you are going to pick up for lodges please call the Grand Lodge office and let us know the lodge names you will be picking up for them so I can have them ready for you. We will not be mailing them out. If the DDGM will not pick them up for you, you are welcome to come to Lincoln and pick them up Tuesday - Friday but please call and make sure someone will be here and we can have them ready for you.



HOOVES TO HEALS DONATION



On June 22nd, Rick Baker, representing Ellwood Encampment #173, presented a 500 hundred dollar donation to "Hooves To Heals", located in Marengo IL, which provides horse riding therapy to help autistic children cope with their disability. Accompanying Rick was his daughter Dakotah and PG Craig Sennet from the Sycamore lodge.

In Faith, Hope and Charity

Jim Turner, Scribe, Ellwood Encampment #173 & South Elgin, IL

CHILDREN'S HOME AND CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE PICNIC

The rainy weather did not dampen spirits Sunday, June 23rd as the Odd Fellows and Christian Child Care hosted an anniversary celebration for both places. 2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States and the 30th anniversary of Christian Child Care.

A brief history of the Odd Fellows and Christian Child Care

The United States Odd Fellows was founded by Thomas Wilde in 1819 at the Seven Stars Tavern in Baltimore MD.

The International Order of Odd Fellows website says, "Our legacy has been 200 years of helping each other and others without seeking anything in return."

Melissa Richards, who works with the Odd Fellows, said the actual Anniversary was in April but The Children's Home Board decided to have a picnic for the 200th Anniversary in June.

The Property in Lincoln houses the Illinois offices for the Odd Fellows and the building that Christian Childcare rents was the orphanage of the Odd Fellows. Richards said there have been many children throughout the years at this facility.

Times changed and Richards said the orphanage was closed when the Odd Fellows gave up their residential license for the Orphanage in 1994 and went strictly Day Care until Christian Childcare took over in 2003.

There were other groups in the building between 1994 and 2003. For instance, CIEDC used the building for a couple of years between when the Odd Fellows discontinued offering daycare and Christian Childcare took over.

Richards said, "The Lodge in Lincoln is always looking for members who enjoy volunteering raising money for different charities and also helping their community."

Christian Child Care, INC has been serving Logan County since 1989.

CCC director Liberty Canady said, "We were founded through a vision from five local Christian organization's leadership which deemed quality child care a high need in Logan County.

These organizations were Lincoln Christian College and Seminary (now Lincoln Christian University), Christian Homes, Inc., The Christian Village, Lincoln Christian Church, and Jefferson Street Christian Church. CCC began in the basement of Lincoln Christian Church with 19 children and a handful of staff."

In 2003, CCC moved to its current location, 721 Wyatt Ave and Canady said "Today, CCC cares for 107 children and employees 30 staff. We provide Christ-centered, quality care for children from ages six weeks through 12 years of age year-round."

Christian Child Care, INC is nationally accredited through the National Accreditation Commission. CCC strives to provide a solid social and emotional foundation, while providing high quality care for children. Canady said, "We also provide developmentally appropriate educational experiences to help foster a child's spiritual and cognitive development by following an age-appropriate, early childhood, research-based curriculum for daily activities called The Creative Curriculum."

These high-quality experiences and daily care routines have also earned CCC the highest level of quality, a Gold Circle of Quality designee through the Illinois ExceleRate program. This program recognizes that the care and experiences our center provides is an environment where children thrive.

Partnership with various organizations help the day care thrive. Canady said the Odd Fellows take great care of their property which helps us use our money better

Partnerships with CAPCIL Early Head Start and Foster Grand Parent Program also benefit CCC.

Community Support is another valuable resource and it includes volunteer mystery readers, community members who donate items, support from local churches, mission projects, space, and prayers.

A celebration to mark their years of service to the community

On the day of the celebration, there were around two hundred people that came for a day of food, fun and entertainment.

Among those attending the celebration were Harold and David Crowe, two brothers who lived at the Odd Fellows orphanage between 1963 and 1975.

Many Odd Fellows members came from all around the state and one even came all the way from Wisconsin.

Odd Fellows Board member Bonnie Hensley said the event was very nice and it was interesting to see how the building and other things have changed.

Cathy Huerd once worked as an employee of the Odd Fellows Day Care and is now the President of the Board at Christian Child Care. Huerd said she loves working with children and enjoyed the celebration.

Former CCC employee Kirstin Bunting said it was great to see everyone and support such a great organization that has had such a huge impact on my life.

As the day's activities began, a pork chop sandwich meal was served.

Attendees could also take tours of both the International Order of Odd Fellows Museum and Christian Child Care to learn more about history of the places celebrating anniversaries.

In the Odd Fellows Museum were many artifacts from over the years. Lincoln is the headquarters for Odd Fellows, though it used to be in Springfield. Odd Fellows member Matt Diefenbach said the first Odd Fellows Lodge in Illinois was the Alton Western Star Lodge chartered in 1836.

Entertainment included music by the Kickapoo Creek Band of Heyworth and the Daughters of the King Dance Team (DOTK) from Open Arms Christian Fellowship.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church did a read aloud of the story of Pinocchio in the afternoon. The church also has a mobile library and children at CCC can check out a book from it each week.

For kids, there were bouncy houses, face painting, balloon art, and CATCH program activities like a ring toss, hula hoops, a bean bag toss and the ALMH spin art stationary bike.

(When activities had wound down, everyone quickly worked together to clean up. Canady said it was wonderful watching the Odd Fellows and CCC collaborate to celebrate the children and the community.

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**PRESIDENT
DEPARTMENT
ASSOCIATION OF
ILLINOIS**



Dear Ladies,

Summer has found us, I hope everyone is able to keep cool.

On June 29, we had a Field Day at Columbia Lodge #21. We only had 2 people come. Lady Nancy Curfman and myself. Pretty disappointing. The men, however had quite a nice turnout. Jim Bott the Grand Master and Donna Grable the President of the Rebekah Assembly also attended.

A nice lunch was served of pork chop sandwiches and Subway sandwiches and chips, soda pop and individual desserts.

It was Fred Barlow's birthday also and his significant other baked him a cake and surprised him with it at lunch. All in all it turned out to be a nice day.

Don't forget August 16-23rd is our Grand Session in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. I hope you are all planning to attend. I am planning to attend.

I am still taking my husband to dialysis Monday, Wednesday and Friday and other appointments on Tuesday and Thursdays. He recently had surgery to put another port in his peritoneal cavity. We are hoping to be able to do his dialysis at home.

Sandra Coulter

Dept Association of Illinois



**200th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
AS REPORTED BY
NEWHEARLD NEWS**

**Odd Fellows celebrates 200 years
June 23**

Friday, June 21, 2019

LINCOLN - The Odd Fellows Children's Home Board and Christian Child Care INC are hosting a Celebration in honor of IOOF's 200th Anniversary and Christian Child Care's 30th Anniversary.

The public is invited to share a day of fun and Odd Fellowship on Sunday, June 23. A free lunch will be served from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. featuring pork chop sandwiches for the adults and hot dogs for the kids.

Fun activities include games for the kids, entertainment, and lots of giveaways and prizes. The State Museum will be open during the celebration.

LINCOLN - Odd Fellows from all over Illinois were in Lincoln on Sunday for the bicentennial of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF). The celebration was held in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of Christian Child Care, which was founded in 1989 and has operated in the former Odd Fellows orphanage and daycare building on Wyatt Avenue since 2003. The IOOF was founded in Baltimore, Maryland in April 1819, and Lincoln is the home of the Lodge #204 as well as the Grand Lodge of Illinois offices and museum.

The day included lunch, live music by Kickapoo Creek Band, and tours of the Christian Child Care facility. Children's activities, face painting, and entertainment by the Open Arms Christian Fellowship Daughters of the King dance team and First Presbyterian Church Players were moved into the gymnasium (YMCA activity center) due to the weather.

From its founding, the IOOF's mission has been to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan, and is identified by its three-link motif representing Friendship, Love and Truth. Between 1892 and 1928, eight buildings were added to the Wyatt Ave. property, which was known as the Odd Fellows Orphans Home. The current building used by Christian Child Care was dedicated in 1967 and housed 48 children; from 1977 to 2000, daycare services were provided there as well. In 1981,

the Friendship Manor facility added senior housing and services to the campus.

The Grand Lodge office and Museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 845 Wyatt Ave, Lincoln, or visit the Grand Lodge of Illinois online at [Grand Lodge of Illinois IOOF](#) or on Facebook at [Grand Lodge of Illinois Odd Fellows](#). For more information about the national Independent Order of Odd Fellows, visit their website [Independent Order of Odd Fellows](#) or Facebook page [Independent Order of Odd Fellows](#).



**SMITH APPOINTED
TO CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE**

Please note that Charlene Smith has been appointed to the Credentials Committee effective immediately.

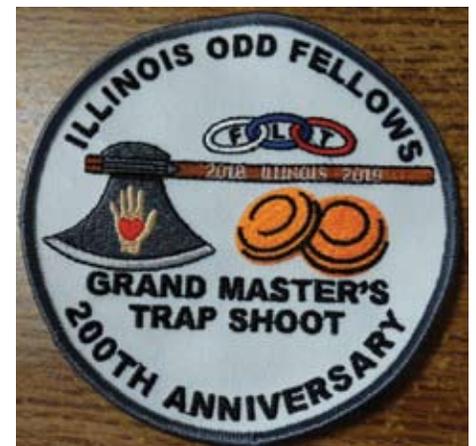
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100 YEARS AGO

Some things change while others remain the same.

Same exact spot at the Illinois Capital Building in Springfield. 100 years apart. Thank you Guy Rossi for setting this up today! Professional panoramic photo coming soon! Stay tuned for details to purchase.

A century ago we had to hold our Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions in the Capital Building legislative chambers since we had too many people for anywhere else.

We may not be as numerous as we were 100 years ago. But we make up for it with our dedication and belief that now more than ever Odd Fellowship is a vital force and makes a big difference in the lives of our members and in our communities.

It's easy to just be normal. It takes a little more to be an Odd Fellow.

Ask Me I May Know!

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