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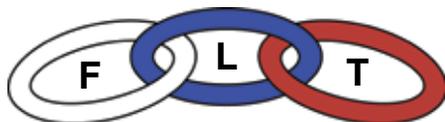
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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|------------|
| Helen Smith | 11/09/1931 |
| Lowell Boroughs | 11/18/1921 |
| Nellie Swim | 11/22/1941 |
| Sharon Robinson | 11/23/1943 |
| Mary Hamilton | 11/26/1923 |



NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

September sure was a busy month here at the home. Fall is such a beautiful time of year. The staff and residents are watching for the trees to turn their beautiful fall colors. We are so blessed with such a beautiful setting.

The Team is hanging tough despite the challenges we are facing at this time. We continue to have window visits and facetime calls with Families and residents.

September 26 was our virtual "Walk to End Alzheimer's." Our Odd Fellow Rebekah team did an awesome job raising money this year. We were able to make the Champion Level. In addition to our Facebook posts we sold t-shirts, and metal yard ribbons to staff and family members. We also did a taco bar for staff to purchase during lunch, and had a basket raffle. (The basket was filled with awesome donation items)

Until next month take care- stay safe - and be well.

Danita Starwalt

Community Relations Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Agriculture

Melissa Lewis Northern St. Charles IL
Sheridan Hank Northern Aledo, IL
Christine Seiboldt Central Victoria, IL
Emily Wise Central Peoria, IL
Kelsey Knebel Southern Pochontas, IL
Nina Womack Southern Alton, IL

Members

Haleigh Peterson Northern Sycamore, IL
Jalyn Fayhee Central Bushnell, IL
Ryan D. Wilborn Southern Flora, IL

Regular Scholarship

*Alexis Howell Northern Flanagan, IL
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Izabelle Kalantzis Northern Batavia, IL
Kaia Ford Central Prairie City, IL
Kacy Clarkson Central Catlin, IL
Madalyn Bochantine Central Decatur, IL
Carrisa Denny Central Tuscola, IL
Kyleigh Hebel Southern Belleville, IL
McKinlee Carruthers Southern Vandalia, IL
Nicole Hampton Southern Belleville, IL
Kenzie Robertson Southern Louisville, IL

* These twins split a 1000 Scholarship to receive 500 each.

THANK YOU FROM JUDY SANRES, PPRA, PPLAPM

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls while I was in the hospital from July 20, 2020 until August 5, 2020 recovery from my accident that I had at home and my surgery of the spinal injury that I received from the fall.

I would now like to thank my best nurse I have ever had to my husband of 58 years. He visited me every day and drove 200 miles a day to visit me and stay with me for 10 hours each day. Also he did his work as the Grand Secretary and then drive home. After my surgery and release from the hospital, he took charge of the house, did the housework, cooked our meals, washed dishes and did all of the washing of the clothes and putting the clean clothes away. I want to say to him, well done my good man and you never had to do anything like this and you are my number one nurse without any training to do this type of job, again WELL DONE.

Since the surgery he drives me to all of my appointments in Springfield and I forgot to mention, he did all of the shopping for the groceries and which he never did before and he never made one mistake in doing this process of shopping. Again WELL DONE.

End of Summer

BY STANLEY KUNITZ

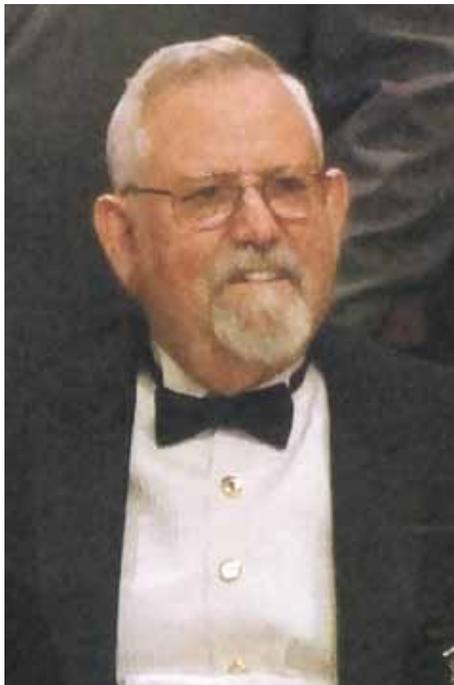
An agitation of the air,
A perturbation of the light
Admonished me the unloved year
Would turn on its hinge that night.

I stood in the disenchanted field
Amid the stubble and the stones,
Amazed, while a small worm lisped to me
The song of my marrow-bones.

Blue poured into summer blue,
A hawk broke from his cloudless tower,
The roof of the silo blazed, and I knew
That part of my life was over.

Already the iron door of the north
Clangs open: birds, leaves, snows
Order their populations forth,
And a cruel wind blows.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I would like thank everyone that came to Lincoln on August 22, to help clean out the top part of the garage. Move all items to lower Level and thanks to Steve Pigg for bringing his trailer, it helped out a lot.

On August 18th I had the pleasure of giving a lady in Kewanee a Visual Aid Machine so she could read. She was very thankful that she could see to read the newspaper.

With everything going on in the world COVID-19, keeping everyone home to be safe, fires in California and one of the strongest hurricanes to strike U.S. On Facebook Odd Fellows in Louisiana had no one injured but a Lodge had some damage, 3 links plastic sign was destroyed.

Then on August 10th was hit hit hard by a storm that tore through Illinois and other states. Kewanee had a park that had 23 live Oak trees that were flattened.

With all that we are having unrest all over the World and the United States. To bad the World can't follow Odd Fellowship, Friendship, Love and Truth.

With everything going on I hope your lodge is trying to meet in a safe environment.

*Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer
Grand Master*

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, it's October, when we should all be getting together for our Sessions. Sadly, that won't happen this year! I am looking forward to being able to plan for 2021, and hopefully that year will go off with no hitches!!

Some of my local lodge meetings have been once again cancelled for October, due to the rise of COVID in the surrounding counties where I live. Restaurants are once again closed for inside dining. If those restaurants that are fortunate to have space for outside seating, they are still able to serve customers. This is so hard for small businesses around the state and country. If you can safely support these businesses, I hope you do.

I attended the clean up day in Lincoln and our Rebekah Executive meeting in August. I am very happy to report that our AUDIT IS COMPLETED, and all looks good.

I have gotten two Spring 2021 District Meeting papers back. If you are a Rebekah District President, please try to return those papers as soon as possible. I know I gave you until January to decide, but the Grand Master would like to get our calendar ready as soon as possible for 2021. Thanks for helping with this. I know we are all trying to navigate this crazy time and I know if we all continue to work together, we can accomplish this!

Keep reaching out to members at this time to check in to make sure everyone is okay. Send a card, make a phone call or just drive by and have a socially distanced visit.

Please stay safe and healthy and remember to Respect each other –

Believe in the good work we do – Love each other.

*In F.L. & T.
Nann Johnson,
Assembly President*

PRESIDENT DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS



Ladies,

Here it is October and I hope you are all well. We are having beautiful weather for this time of year. We will not be having our meeting in October this year because of the Covid 19. Also I will continue to be your President for another year.

Please remember to call and check on the other Ladies in your auxiliaries, as well as in other auxiliaries.

I know I miss seeing all of you and would like to keep aware of how everyone is doing. Don't forget to send out cards to those who are under the weather. Be sure to wear your masks when you go out of your house. I know that I don't like to wear them but they are required. And if you don't feel well stay home. I am putting a poem in this article to cheer you up I hope.

*Chivalrously yours,
Sandra Coulter
President Department Association
Illinois*

The poem "End of Summer" is located on page 2.

JEWELS PRESENTED

On Thursday, 8/13/20, Noble Grand Kenny Heavilin presented three 50 yr jewels to brothers, Bill Wey, Stan Buss and Merle Woods. He also presented brother's Mike Fruhling and Dale Baker with their 30 yr jewels and brother Clarence Thomas with his 25 yr jewel.



Pictured L to R are brothers, Mike Fruhling, Merle Woods, Bill Wey, NG Kenny Heavilin, Dale Baker, Clarence Thomas, and Stan Buss.

JACKSONVILLE ILLINI #4

4 brothers from Jacksonville Illini #4 had 4 antique lawn tractors in the Jacksonville 4th of July parade held on Sept 5, because of Covid-19. Enclosed are photos from the day.

Matt Jones is waving solo in that photo, left to right in the group Michael Taylor, Sam Wagner, Matt Jones, & Chuck Frost. Chuck Frost Treasurer Illini #4





ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

Jurisdictional Chair General Information

2020

Since 1949 the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have offered this grand opportunity to youth from the United States, Canada and many other countries. For young adults interested in world affairs, international relations, economics and/or political sciences, this is an opportunity of a lifetime exchanging views on education, politics and religion. The experience of this trip will truly impact the lives of the young people that attend and positively shape their futures.

In the years since its inception, over 49,000 young people have participated in the Program. Every state in the United States, and every province in Canada, has been represented. Students from Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, South Australia, and Argentina have also participated.

Each student, or delegate as they are called while on the tour, will participate in comprehensive discussions with other young people from around the world as well as have the opportunity to make new and lifelong friendships.

While the majority of the delegates' time will be spent touring New York City, they will also travel by bus to visit historical sites in the United States. In Canada, delegates will visit the capital city of Ottawa. In these important cities, delegates will visit various historical sites, museums, government buildings and memorials.

While in New York City delegates participate in a speech contest. They generally attend a Broadway play, visit the Empire State Building, the 911 Memorial and Museum, the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island and do a little shopping.

One important item that all participants of this tour must remember is that there is a lot of walking or standing that they will be exposed to while on tour. Whether one is a Delegate, Tour Leader, Staff Member or Chaperone, each person attending must be physically and mentally prepared to enjoy the journey.

Which students are eligible?

This program is open to all high school students 16 or 17 years of age on the first day of their tour with a minimum of one year of high school remaining. Students can obtain a "Student Application" from a participating Odd Fellow Lodge, Rebekah Lodge or they may download it from the website www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. After completing the application, potential delegates must submit the student application to their local sponsoring group and must comply with this group's and program's requirements.

A valid passport (not a Passport Card) is required for everyone participating in the program. It will be used at all border crossings, tour sites and at airports.

- Citizens of other countries will need to check with their own government for passport information. In some cases, visas may be required by government agencies.

How much does it cost?

Airfare is not included in the delegate fee, the jurisdiction pays this cost. This amount may vary from year to year. The delegate fee covers ground transportation, meals, lodging and sightseeing. While many jurisdictions completely fund the delegate's tour fee, this varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Potential delegates will need to check with Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges in their jurisdiction to ascertain the level of sponsorship available. Delegates may also wish to bring spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and some entertainment. Parents or Legal Guardians must give written permission for the student to attend the program and agree to pay for the student's return trip if an accident, illness or misbehavior prevents further participation in the tour.

Adult supervision.

Responsible adult leaders accompany every delegation traveling on this program. The bus tour leaders as well as the Staff members are members of the Order who are recommended by their respective jurisdictions and

approved by the Program Board of Directors after close scrutiny. When a jurisdiction is asked to supply an adult tour leader, that jurisdiction also fund these leaders. The jurisdictions do their utmost to only recommend individuals whom they feel will have the health, stamina and demeanor to effectively supervise the youth who are under their care. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who are interested in applying to be Tour Leaders/ Staff can obtain an application for these positions at the website www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. All applications must be approved by the Jurisdictional Pilgrimage for Youth Committee.

Who sponsors the students?

The Odd Fellow motto "We seek to Improve and Elevate the Character of Man" directly correlates with the aim of this most worthy project. After more than a half century, the members of Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges continue to proudly inspire young people to pursue global agendas that will enable them to help their communities relate to world affairs in the future. All delegates must officially be sponsored by an Odd Fellow Lodge, Rebekah Lodge or another branch of the Order.

How does one apply?

One can obtain an application through a local Odd Fellow or Rebekah lodge. If unable to locate a lodge in one's community, an individual should contact the Executive Director, at

pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. One can also go online to www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com to obtain an application. After completing the application, one should submit it to their Jurisdictional Pilgrimage for Youth Committee.

Selection of Delegate.

The Pilgrimage for Youth Committee in each jurisdiction will review submitted applications and proceed with the selection process of that jurisdiction. The selection committee reviews the application for evidence of leadership, character, concern for community welfare, interest in world affairs and general fitness. Also considered are a student's extra-curricular activities, scholarship, public speaking experience and their general fitness level. Each applicant is required to write a 500-word essay. At the discretion of the jurisdiction, the candidate may also be required to participate in a local speech contest. This is especially important when the candidate pool is quite large.

The panel of judges for the speech contest may be made up of not only lodge members but also individuals experienced in working with youth on a daily basis, i.e. clergy, educators, coaches and other community mentors. The judges will select the delegate(s) based on content and delivery of the candidate's 3 to 5 minute speech. Possible speech topics could include a current world. For these topics, the student may have to do some research. The speech must be accurate, structured and relevant to the assigned topic. The delivery must effectively use body language, voice, eye contact and rhetoric.

Completion of Application Forms.

Once delegates are selected by the jurisdictions, they will be required to complete a delegate registration packet. Included in the packet are a current physical, proof of medical insurance including out of country insurance, color copies of the passport page, and color copies of a current photograph. Delegates will be required to submit these items by the required dates specified. Deadlines must be met.

Although individuals may contact the Executive Director, at www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com for general information, students must submit all registration packets to the designated local Jurisdictional Pilgrimage for Youth Chairperson.

Deadlines for all Jurisdictional Chairs:

1. **December 1st** - submission of number of delegates (use program Payment Form) for the jurisdiction as well as one half (1/2) of the total registration fee for each delegate (This fee is nonrefundable). At this time, the Jurisdictional Chair will also indicate the jurisdictions number of delegates, chaperone to delegate (if needed), and preference for tour date. Mail this to:

IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

2. **April 1st** - submission of two (2) copies of the completed application packet for each delegate which includes all required attachments. Also due at this time is the remainder of the application fee for each delegate

plus airfare. The Executive Director will let each Jurisdictional Chair know the price for airfare prior to this date. Fees are mailed to the address below.

Jurisdictional Chair mail registration packets to:

Executive Director
IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830
Email: pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
Website: www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com

Please note: It is imperative that all deadlines are met. There is a monetary penalty of \$50.00 per document levied for any paperwork and/or fees not submitted to the Program Office postmarked on or before April 1st. Because of this, it is necessary each jurisdiction sets forth earlier deadline dates for fees and forms that are due to the Jurisdictional Chair. (For example, one could use the dates of January 1st and March 15th as deadlines for submissions to the Jurisdictional Chair.)

Deadline Dates for Tour Leader / Staff:

December 1st - Applications for Tour Leaders and Staff is due at this time. These adult applications must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval by the Program Board of Directors at their winter meeting.

Executive Director
IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

April 1st - Tour Leader / Staff fees are due in full.

Fees should be mailed to:

IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
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Also due at this time to the Executive Director is the following information: a color copy of the passport information page, written proof of out of country medical coverage as well as a copy of the front and back of their medical insurance card.

Preparing for the tour:

Please note, each delegate either flying or driving to the starting point will be limited to one (1) piece of luggage, in addition to one (1) carry on. One must have appropriate clothes and shoes for various occasions. There will be a lot of walking; good footwear is very important. Business dress clothing will be required when visiting at the United Nations Building, attending the Broadway play, and during the speech contest finals.

Don't forget:

- Camera.
- Spending money (even though food and lodging are provided in the cost of the trip, there are always incidental expenses, souvenirs, snacks, postcards.
- Any required Medication.
- Leave room for souvenirs.

After the tour ends:

Delegates should be prepared to report back to the sponsoring lodge about how their trip went and what they learned from it. Also, one should consider sharing his / her experiences with individuals who would be eligible to participate in the next year or two. Let school officials know about the trip and the things that one may have learned. This will assist sponsors when they are working to get information out to future applicants.

When applying for advanced educational institutions and jobs (now and in the future) having been selected as a delegate on the IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth looks great on a resume.

Alumni:

We are putting together an alumni database of delegates, tour leaders and staff. Delegates will be added after they participate in the tour. The Pilgrimage for Youth does not publish the names of individuals.

However, we can facilitate reunions with friends. In order for this to occur, one must keep us updated with one's current name, address, email, etc.

Networking:

Keep in contact with new friends, tour leaders, sponsors and this program. One never knows when, how or where their paths may cross in the future or when one may need or be able to provide a helping hand.

Continue the Legacy:

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth was started in 1949 by individuals with a vision. Over the ensuing years, it has been dependent not just on funds but the hard work of many dedicated people. Everyone is needed to continue providing this opportunity for others. The best way to say "thank you" is to join the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

BROTHER WILLIAM MERIWETHER RECOGNIZED FOR 50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP

At the September 15th meeting of Military Tract Lodge #145, a 50 year pin was presented to brother William Meriwether.

Brother Bill joined the order on January 5th 1948 at New Hope Lodge in Blandinsville Illinois. Bill served a tour in the military and at a later date Bill left the order for a time and then reinstated. We congratulate Bill on his 50 year award. Grand Master Niles Reamer was present at the meeting and made the presentation. Grand Warden Steve Pigg was also in attendance. Bill would have been a 72 year member if not for his absence from the order for a time.



2021 Pre-Registration Form

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
 International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
 General Military Council Patriarch Militant
 International Association Ladies Auxiliaries
 Patriarchs Militant



Cincinnati, Ohio

August 12th to 19th, 2021

PLEASE NOTE:

All Attendees MUST Register!

Name: _____ (Please Print)
 Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM YOUTH GUEST (Please circle one)
 Title for name badge _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City, SUPrv, Postal Code _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations received on or before July 15, 2021 \$75.00 \$ _____
 Registrations after July 15, 2021 \$80.00 \$ _____

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

Youth Dinner, Friday, August 13, 2021 \$50.00 \$ _____
 Welcome Dinner, Saturday, August 14, 2021 \$50.00 \$ _____
 FUN NIGHT Dinner, Monday August 16, 2021 \$70.00 \$ _____
 Installation Dinner, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 \$70.00 \$ _____
 Total Fees for the Sessions in US Dollars \$ _____

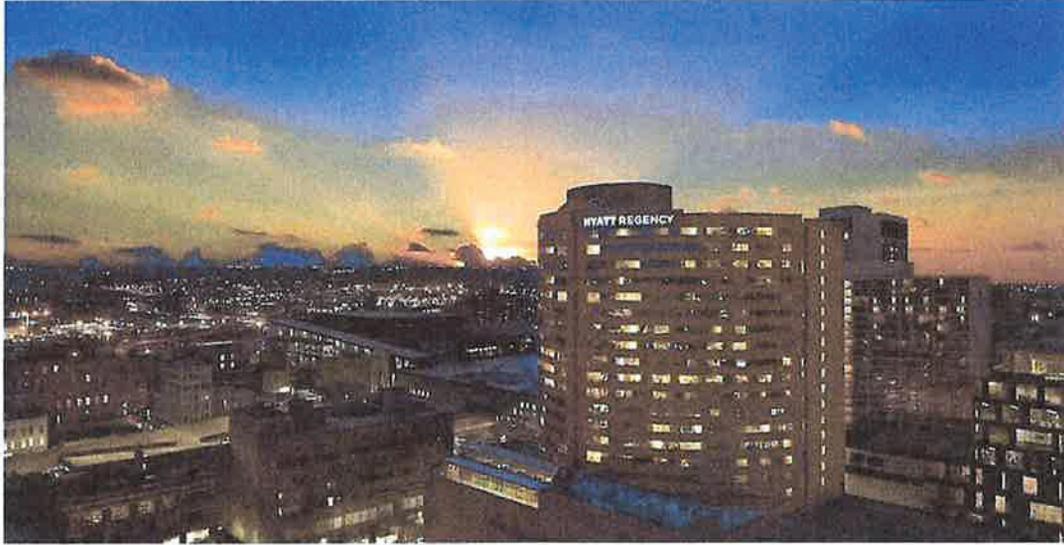
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 2021 Committee
 c/o Grand Lodge of Ohio IOOF
 PO Box 1088
 Springfield, OH 45501-1088

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Guests use the below web link:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CINCI/G-HIOO>

Guests may also call our reservation center at: 1-800-233-1234 and use code G-HIOO

Information to have available when calling to make reservations

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Postal Code: _____

Additional Guests: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____



2021



OHIO

SPECIAL EVENT REGISTRATION

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting, or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati Hotel. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule.

GROUP NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE,/PROV./ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF EVENT: _____
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Cocktail Reception etc.)

DATE & TIME: _____

NUMBER EXPECTED: _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

(Mikes, Podium, Power point, etc.)

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Springfield, OH 45501-1088

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The Mt Zion Odd Fellows have been involved in the Mt Zion Community for years and the fundraising events held have generated a great deal of support for community groups and families. In 2017 the Odd Fellows started a 12 Days of Christmas Raffle and have held the raffle every year since. As the holiday season approaches, we are kicking off the 2020 12 Day of Christmas Raffle tickets sales. The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle tickets are \$20 each and starting on Christmas Day, the winners are chosen by the mid-day lotto pick three numbers through January 5th. On Christmas Day the owner of the winning ticket will receive \$2,000. New Year's Eve is \$1,000 and every other day's winning number will result in a \$500 prize. These raffle tickets make great Christmas stocking stuffers or gifts and the winners are eligible to win each day.

This year, the Odd Fellows have partnered with another organization that has long been active in the Mt Zion community, the Mt Zion Lion's Club. The Lion's Club will be assisting with the raffle ticket sales. The two organizations will share the raffle proceeds, helping offset both organizations fundraising efforts and the loss of the Lions Club's largest fundraising event, the Pony Express, which was cancelled due to COVID. Both the Odd Fellows and The Mt Zion Lions Club are actively involved in the community and both help the community and community members in a variety of ways.

Proceeds from the 12 Day of Christmas Raffle will be used to support the Mt Zion Boy Scouts Troop #43, the Mt Zion Premier Show choir, the Mt Zion Food Pantry and others. The Boy Scouts and Show Choir groups also lost fundraising opportunities during Pony Express and the food pantry supports local families through the pandemic. 12 Days of Christmas Raffle tickets can be purchased from Odd Fellows or Lions Club members. The tickets will soon be available to be purchased on-line at "Mt ZionOddFellows.org" and at The Village Barber Shop.

Members of organizations like the Lions Club and the Odd Fellows donate countless hours to help in various ways helping make the community a friendly, desirable place to live and raise a family.