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## MT ZION LODGE #300

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows 12 Days of Christmas raffle started on Christmas Day, with Rob Perkins of Mt Zion winning the \$2,000 drawing. The next five \$500 winners were Lisa Hyland of Decatur, Will Hamen of Auburn, Jim Dick of Decatur, Susan McMillin of Decatur and Todd McDuffie of Mt Zion. Todd donated \$100 of his prize back to support the organizations efforts.

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows wrapped up their 12 Days of Christmas Raffle on January 5th, 2021. The winners of the raffle were; December 31st - Juanita Saucedo of Decatur, January 1st – Chuck McPeak of Mt Zion, January 2nd – Jeremy Current of Mt Zion (not available for picture and donated half of his winnings back to the Lodge), January 3rd – Terry Ryder of Mt Zion, January 4th – Trent Collins of Decatur and on January 5th - Brian & Susan Burton of Ft Meyers, Florida (no picture available). The Odd Fellows would like to congratulate each of the winners and thank everyone for their support. It is amazing that even during COVID times, the community support has been tremendous.



## MT ZION LODGE #300 MAKES DONATION TO SCOUTS

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows donated \$2,000 to the Mt Zion Scouting program. The Odd Fellows recognized that the Scouts lost fundraising opportunities at Pony Express and with their annual Christmas tree sales. In an effort to support our scouting program and the great work they do, the Odd Fellows made the \$2,000 donation. Odd Fellows new 2021 NG Jay Woodrum presents the check to several of the scout youth and their leadership.



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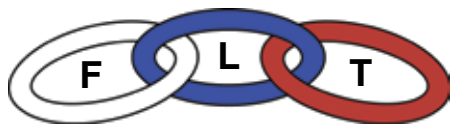
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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Crary	3/7/1944
Raymond Pforr	3/8/1924
Mildred Borries	3/8/1935
Betty Eisner	3/10/1928
Mary Conner	3/10/1951
Janice Peterson	3/13/1954
Harriet Blakemore	3/16/1930
John Junkins	3/29/1930



## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

Welcome February, wow did January go fast. Things were quit busy in January, we were able to open up admissions again. YEEHAAA Resident Council met on January 11th.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party for the residents, (still following our social distance guidelines). We are still providing Plexiglas Visits for families to visit with residents. We also provide facetime calls by appointment every Friday. Activity Carts are taken down the halls daily to provide different items to all residents.

Until next month - take care and be well.

*Danita Starwalt*  
*Community Relations Coordinator*

## PAST PRESIDENT LEOTA HUMM DIES

Leota Humm, age 89, of Harrisburg, Illinois passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Ferrell Hospital in Eldorado, Illinois. She was born on September 2, 1931 in Harrisburg, Illinois to Raymond and Flora Edwards Healy. Leota was a member of the St. Mary Catholic Church, Harrisburg Rebekah Lodge, past President of the Rebekah Assembly for the state of Illinois, past Nohle Grand and past President of the Ladies Auxillary for the Knights of Columbus. She was married to Hillary Humm and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are her son, Richard and wife Cheryl Humm of Harrisburg, Illinois. Sister, Mary Hoffman of Troy, Illinois. Three grandchildren, Scott Humm, Jared Humm and Andrew Humm. One great grandchild, Korey Wade Humm.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents, husband, Hillary Humm. Son, Henry Humm and brothers, Oral Ray Healy and Tom Healy.

Funeral services will be private with burial to follow in Sunset Lawn Cemetery in Harrisburg, Illinois. Arrangement in Care of the J. M. Weirauch Funeral Home in Harrisburg, Illinois.

## NORMA L MILLER MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

Norma L. Miller, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:53 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2020 at her home. She was born on May 29, 1936 in Ventura, IA to Rasmus & Vivian Norris Nelson. She married Larry A. Miller on December 18, 1955 in Clear Lake, IA. He preceded her in death on October 11, 2007. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company and was a member of the Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly. She was a past president of IARA and enjoyed golf and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Norma is survived by: 2-daughters: Cristi (Jim) Prenger of Osage Beach, MO & Stephanie (Fred) Knoch of Fort Madison, IA and 2-grandchildren: Matthew Prenger of Kansas City, MO & Jeffrey Prenger of Osage Beach, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. A memorial has been established in Norma's memory and contributions may be sent to: Stephanie Knoch, 524 4th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to Norma's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.king-lynk.com](http://www.king-lynk.com).

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I am writing this letter it has been raining all day long and the temperature is in the low 30's. With snow on the ground we are having ice.

I hope all is well with you, your family, and Odd Fellows-Rebekahs. February is the month we Celebrate the Birthdays for Presidents Washington and Lincoln. We will also be having Valentines Day, to give cards and candy to our loved ones.

February is the month of Educational Foundation please make a donation.

I am sitting here thinking about the 2021 year. Are we going to be having meetings of more than ten members? Regional meetings schedule, but will we be having them this year? This is a questions at the next Executive meeting.

### Friendship Poem

Friendship brings to life a smile.  
Makes all the ups and downs worth while.  
Friendship takes the clouds away.  
Turns to gold the skies of gray.  
Friendship is a gift that's true.  
It gives us such friends as you.

*Friendship Love and Truth*  
Niles Reamer  
Grand Master

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I just finished speaking with Grand Master Niles Reamer, he has given his okay if Rebekah Lodges want to meet again it is okay to meet, but only if the members feel safe to do so. I will leave it up to individual lodges to make that decision. I know you will all make the right decision for your members!!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! Since we have been unable to meet, I have not really been doing too much. I found this poem that I thought would be good for the New Year and wanted to share it with everyone. Hopefully we will all able to get back to our meetings and get some business completed soon!

### NEW YEAR

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell a brand-new year will begin.

Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast, to the promise it ushers in.

May your battles be few, your pleasure many, your wishes and dreams fulfilled.

May your confidence stand in the face of loss and give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill your days, may serenity grace your soul.

May tranquil moments bless your life and keep your spirit whole.

*Author Unknown*

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

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

## ARE YOU STILL YOUNG?

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind, it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity of appetite for adventure over love of ease. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self distrust, fear and despair, these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart a love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars, the starlight things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the child like appetite for what's next, and the joy of the game of life. You are as young as your self confidence, as old as your doubt, as young as your faith, as old as your fear. As long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man, and from the infinite, SO LONG AS YOU ARE YOUNG!

The McDonough Democrat began printing the Illinois Odd Fellow News Letter in January 1990. Thank you for all your support over the years.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

All Regional Meeting have been cancelled by the Grand Master until further notice.



## PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 15th

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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## LEGEND LODGE #212

On December 18th we partnered with Plano Rockin Christmas to host our first toy giveaway. We helped 170 kids get toys to open on Christmas morning. We had the parents come in and pick out the toys to give to their kids. The event was a huge success and we had many parents say they were happy about what we were doing. We plan to make this an annual event for the coming years to try to get more new faces in Legend Lodge 212.

