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MT ZION ODD FELLOWS LODGE #300

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows Lodge #300 offers scholarships to Mt Zion graduating seniors. This is the 11th year the Lodge has offered the scholarships. The Lodge Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects two recipients. The cash award is based on the students Service and Volunteerism to their community, their church and their school. This year, at the Mt Zion High School Awards Night on May 5th, the Mt Zion Odd Fellows \$1,000 cash scholarships were presented to Emily Lewis and Jonathan Oliger, two very worthy student recipients.



PGM LLOYD JENKEL

We are still waiting on information from the family concerning when memorial service will be, as soon as we have we will get it out to you. Thanks for your patience with us.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE NOTICE

We will go back to our regular hours on June 1, 2021. Closed on Monday's Tuesday- Friday 8 AM to 3 PM.

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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lola Catt	July 2, 1922
Rosemary Hogge	July 5, 1936
Katheryn Hayes	July 6, 1930
Howard Tingley	July 7, 1935
Larry Hatfill	July 7, 1939
Delores Cobb	July 10, 1931
Margaret Newberry	July 13, 1937
William Hildreth	July 14, 1949
Dorothy Lamontange	July 17, 1931
Thelma King	July 24, 1932
Gladine Carter	July 24, 1934
Margaret Loy	July 26, 1934
Terry Caudill	July 26, 1940

JOHN BUSLER GHOLSON APRIL 30, 1935 - APRIL 27, 2021 ODD FELLOW LODGE #191

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Jerome Busler Gholson at age 85 longtime owner and operator Gholson Funeral Home in McLeansboro & Dahlgren, IL. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL with his beloved daughters by his side.

Jerome was born at home on the family farm April 30th, 1935 in rural Saline County, IL to his parents Elmo & Abbie (Busler) Gholson. He was known by many people throughout Southern Illinois for his dedicated service as owner and operator of Gholson Funeral Home in McLeansboro & Dahlgren for over 55 years. Jerome was a second generation funeral director, following in the footsteps of his father Elmo Gholson, who started the family business in 1947. He previously served as EMT for Gholson Ambulance Service for many years. He was also a US Army veteran, having served stateside during the Vietnam War era at Fort Lewis, Washington. He was a 50+ year member of the Kiwanis Club in McLeansboro, a lifetime member of the McLeansboro B.P.O.E. #1882, and a member of the American Legion Post #106 in McLeansboro, and a

50+ year member of the Odd Fellows Lodge #191. He served previously as the Hamilton County Coroner and a member of the First Baptist Church in McLeansboro, where he also served as trustee. He was a longtime supporter and sponsor of Hamilton County Athletics Teams and was actively involved in multiple community organizations throughout his life.

He is survived by 2 daughters: Erika (Jason) Young of McLeansboro, Elecia (Andy) Romig of McLeansboro, 2 grandchildren: Chase Austin Young, and Leah Elizabeth Young, McLeansboro, his "grand-cats" Grey, Sadie, and Bob Romig of McLeansboro, and a niece Belinda Munsell of Houston Tx. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmo & Abbie (Busler) Gholson, and his sister Melinda Gholson Munsell.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations!

Come one-Come all!

Niles and Sheila Reamer will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday June 6th from 1 to 4 p.m. at Chautauqa Park shelter house. No Gifts.

Coming to Kewanee on route 78 or 34 turn west on Prospect Street (corner of CVS and Walgreens) to Junior Ave. Turn left to Shelter House.

Would love to see everyone.

Niles Reamer

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

WOW!!!! May sure was a busy month at the Home. We enjoyed numerous celebrations during May, National Skilled Nursing Care Week, Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. There were numerous activities to participate in. During Nursing Care week, we had daily themed dress up days, a pancake sausage breakfast available, trivia games for all to participate in, and one day we even had Al's Shake-Ups in the parking lot, with choice of lemon, orange or strawberry shake-up along with choice of funnel cake or cotton candy, there was also a carnival in the activity room.

June we will be no exception with D Day, Flag Day, and Father's Day, just to mention a few, activities for June. The residents sure enjoy having their activities back and mingling with others.

We have also had several families in visiting with loved ones.

Until next month- take care and be well.

*Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator*

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The summer months are finally here. I encourage our members to visit other Lodges in your District. Offers much needed support but opens the doors extending fraternal relations with in our Order. This is the best time of year to meet and gain new members. If your Lodge needs help with Degrees let the Grand Lodge know we will help.

I would like to thank The Scholarship Committee for all the work they have done this year on the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Scholarship.

In June we will be having Flag Day on the 14th, and Fathers Day on the 20th which is when summer begins.

Our IOOF Charities are some of the best in the country. Our Museum, Visual Research, Scholarship Project, D.A.R.E., Rose Parade, and Disaster Relief Fund. These Projects have been under funded for a long time. Please donate.

Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer
Grand Master



ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all mothers had a Happy Mother's Day!!

Hope everyone is well and having a great Spring! Summer is just around the corner and I'm looking forward to a much-needed vacation to North Carolina with some friends.

I hope you all are able to get back to meetings – if you are not able to use your regular meeting place, perhaps you could consider meeting at a local park, weather permitting.

If your lodge has not yet considered donating to the Rebekah Assembly General Fund, we are still accepting donations that are much needed. Thanks to all the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges that have already donated, we really appreciate your kind donations!

I'm still waiting for information on Session in October. When information becomes available, I will pass on the info.

Remember to continue to check on members, family and friends!

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

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

I NEED YOUR HELP

Hello everyone;

I have been hearing for a couple of months that we need more articles for

our paper. I can't do it alone I NEED YOU to submit articles to the paper. I am working 2 other jobs that keep me busy and I don't have time to search for articles every month for the paper.

Please do not send any pictures or articles to my personal cell phone. I will probably forget about receiving them and have forgotten that they were sent when it comes time to work on the paper. Depending on what I am doing when I receive the text I may not have time to forward to the grandeditor@frontier.com and it is just as easy for you to send the attached pictures to an email address. I prefer everything to be sent to grandeditor@frontier.com.

If you get in a habit of doing this you will never have to learn a new email address again because as long as there are Odd Fellows and a Newsletter this will be the address you will use because no matter who is doing the newsletter they will have access to the email and be able to put it in the paper.

Your paper is only as good as the lodges in the state that submit articles. If you just send pictures and no article I have no idea what the picture is about and sometimes I don't even know what lodge it is for, because I know some of our members are very active in other area lodges which is great, so if you can include a short article it would help greatly and identify the people in the pictures. It is Always nice to put a face with the name.

I apologize if I have not added something to the paper. Sometimes I get emails sent to glioof and like this month I forward to grandeditor so I could include in the paper and it took the pictures and off the forward and I couldn't access them and I had already deleted the original so I had to contact the sender and ask them to resend it.

So please send to grandeditor@frontier.com and it has a better chance of getting in the paper. When I work on the paper that is the only email I go to for articles and even if I have to look for more info to finish the paper I forget about my phone and other email address. Sometimes I either go to past papers for articles or look at Facebook and sometimes Facebook is not very good quality of pictures and I only have your captions to go on.

In Friendship, Love & Truth,

Janis Klockenga, Editor
Illinois Odd Fellow Rebekah
Newsletter

BEN HUR LODGE 870

With the help of the community and other Lodges, The Odd Fellows of Ben Hur Lodge 870 and Badger State Lodge 11 (of Milwaukee) collected toys over the past year for the amazing kids staying at Ronald McDonald House of Eastern Wisconsin. Due to Covid restrictions, the Christmas donation was postponed until March when the toys were presented to Alysha Arnold, Senior Account Manager at RMCH Eastern Wisconsin.



Alysha is pictured here with (L to R) VG Steve Weber, Treas. Adam Metz and NG Ken Ayers of Ben Hur 870.

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT SPONSERS FUND RAISER

Pictured below are shown showing some of the many glass lawn ornaments, servers, decorated picture frames, decorated tea cups that were sold at the Marker's Market in Maryville to earn money for Rebekah Assembly of Illinois General Fund. Sister Nann and her friends worked many long hours preparing for the sale, but it was also a time of great fellowship.



PRIDE OF THE WEST HONORS DISTRICT #26 PRESIDENT

Pictured below is Sister Audrey Jones, President of Rebekah District #26 being presented with a token of her program by Sister Mary Welburn. The lodge chose to honor her at a recent meeting to thank her for her dedication and service to the Order.



PRIDE OF THE WEST #544 HONORS ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Pictured below is Sister Nannette Johnson, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois, and the sisters of the Troy Lodge dressed as Veteranians and each wearing name tag pertaining to a dog. Sister Nann was presented with several items pertaining to her program, among them a singing Basset Hound. Baxter, her dog, was awarded a blue ribbon for his outstanding behavior, a back scratcher, and some animal crackers.



Left to right are Shirley Allers, Dr. Tail; June Creasy, Dr. Treat; Donna Grable, Dr. Bark; Mary Welburn, Dr. Heart; Mary Key, Dr. Ear; Gail Ann Byers, Dr. Woof; and Jody Jedlicka, Dr. Paws.



Activities for our Annual Session

Monday and Tuesday, October 11, 12, 2021

Coffee Shop only from 7:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.

Church Service in the Emerald Room at 2:00 p.m.

Past Grand Masters Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. in the Governor Room

Instructions for the Grand Lodge activities:

1. Registration will be \$20.00 per member before September 15th and after September the registration will be \$30.00. This was adopted in 2019.
2. Face Mask will only be required outside of the meeting rooms.
3. Dining Room is opened for Breakfast, lunch and dinner only. Order from the Menu only.
4. Lunch Counter is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Only)
5. Pictures will be at 5:00 p.m. for all Elected and Appointed Officers, Past Grand Masters, and the Rebekah Assembly Officers.
6. Tuxedos for the men and Rebekah's Dress for pictures.
7. Registration Blanks must be returned to the Grand Secretary office no later than August 30th.
8. Hotel Reservations forms must be filled out and returned to Crowne Plaza and not to the Grand Lodge Office by August 1, 2021.
9. Cost of the rooms this year is \$110.00 plus 13% tax. This is the same price as last year.
10. The Worship Service will be in the Emerald Room at 2:00 p.m.
11. The Odd Fellows will be in the Diamond Room and the Rebekahs will be in the Sapphire Room.
12. Installations will be on Monday Afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and the exchange of Jewels will be on Tuesday afternoon.

Menus for the Annual Sessions and Banquet. Cash Bar: 5:00- 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Menu: Sunday Night

Chicken Wellington

Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable Medley

Strawberry Salad

Dinner Rolls

Pecan Pie

White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake

Tea/ Coffee

(Cost - \$42.00 and deadline will be Oct 4, 2021)

Monday, October 11, 2021

Monterey Ranch Chicken

Potato Wedges

Apple Pie

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich

Mac & Cheese

Chocolate Cake

Past Grand Master's Lunch- Governor Room -
October 10th - 11:00 a.m.



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Independent Order of Odd Fellow & Rebekahs Lodging Reservation Form

October 9-13, 2021

Mail or Fax form Directly to: Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703 or 217-585-1373

ROOM RATE: **\$110.00**, plus 13% Tax

Name of Associate: _____

Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

**Please note that check in time is 3:00 pm or after. Check out time is 11:00 am*

Number of Preferred Room Type Needed: _____ Single Bed _____ Double Bed

Special Requests: _____

A deposit equal to the first nights rate plus tax (13%) is required to confirm all reservations. Cancellations of any or all nights must be received seven days prior to arrival in order for advance deposit to be refunded. Advance deposit or credit card must accompany all reservation forms. ***If paying by check the hotel MUST receive the check 30 days in advance of your stay.***

Method of Payment: _____ Credit Card _____ Advance Deposit Enclosed

Card Type: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Signature: _____

(Indicates understanding to the agreement above)

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GEORGE N. FOGELSONGER Colonel Retired of Michigan September 5, 1940 - April 14, 2021

George N. Fogelsonger of Bay City, Michigan passed away, Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at McLaren Bay Region, age 80. He was born September 5, 1940 in Bay City, Michigan to the late George W. and Grace (Poyer) Fogelsonger. A Memorial Service for George will be held Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. at Squires Funeral Home, Pastor Dwight Kingsbury will officiate. Private internment will be held at a later date at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Friends may call at Squires Funeral Home from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Those planning on attending visitation or the service must wear a face covering at all times and be respectful of social distancing as well. Due to the State mandated guidelines of only 25 people in our chapel at a time you may be asked to wait outside until there is adequate space. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of Sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Ronald McDonald House or the "Wishes of the Family" in care of Linda Fogelsonger. <http://www.squiresfuneralhome.com>

REMEMBER ME?

Some people call me Old Glory. Others call me the Star-Spangled Banner. Whatever they call me, I am your flag-the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me. I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember sometime ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was there, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you - I remember you standing as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened! I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have had a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. But I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you stand there with your hands in your pocket. I may get a small glance, but then you look away - I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and look around. He didn't see anybody else with his hat off, so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Normandy,

Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf. Take a look at the memorial honor role sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep this republic free. One nation under God. When you salute me you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart. I'll salute you by waving back and I'll know that you remembered.

Author Unknown.

