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GENEVA #274 PIZZA PARTY AND CELEBRATING 75 YEAR MEMBER EVELYN KEMP

Geneva #274 Pizza Party on June 16, for a get together for presenting Sister Evelyn Kemp her 75 year jewel and a going away party. Should have been last year and was put off due to Covid-19. Sister Kemp has moved to Urbana, IL closer to family.



TUSCOLA #316 INITIATED NEW MEMBERS

Pictured Thia Carrigan, Marcus Koch, Jessie Seitz Koch, Rea Maether, Erin Grogan, Michelle Dellorso, Dani Kusman took the Obligation when Covid hit so she never was actually initiated.



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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Donna White	09/02/1935
Virginia Meeker	09/03/1925
Sabra Culp	09/03/1940
Eva Shidlauski	09/04/1940
Thomas Shaffer	09/05/1932
Gerald Plummer	09/08/1940
Earl Hite	09/10/1927
Jerry Heath	09/19/1922
Barbara Lacy	09/22/1945
Rose James	09/23/1931
Dana Skidmore	09/25/1949
Eva Vanscyoc	09/28/1928

MT. ZION LODGE #300 HONORS ALL PAST ODD FELLOWS DONATED BY MEMORIAL MONEY FROM BROTHER DONALD WELLS



CALENDAR

September 4, Regional Directors & District Deputies in Lincoln, IL
 September 11, 2021, Grand Masters Trap Shoot
 Subject to cancellation.



IN MEMORIUM
LLOYD B JENKEL PGM
 November 3, 1929 - April 15, 2021
 Member of Hopedale Rebekah Lodge #74
 A celebration of life will be held in the near future.

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. The new gazebo is up, painted and ready. We have already had residents and families enjoying it.

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 fundraising activities to raise money for our team! We are looking forward to the walk at the end September.

Until next month- take care and be well.

Danita Starwalt
 Community Relations Coordinator

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Plans are being made for Grand Lodge Session in Springfield. We will be having a banquet on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Then on Monday and Tuesday will have the session. I hope to see you there.

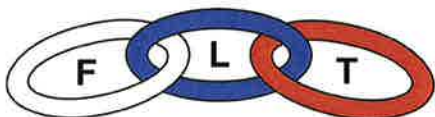
Sheila and I attended the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in Green Bay. It is always an experience to see how other jurisdictions do their sessions. It was nice to see others from Illinois there. Nancy and Harold Curfman, Nancy was their Musician. While there Grand Masters from Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Illinois attended.

On July 23, 24, & 25, I will attend The Great Lakes Conference with Sheila. At the Holiday in Jackson Michigan.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather. I am enjoying the green grass, beautiful flowers and vegetables from my garden.

Hope everyone is being safe.

*Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer
Grand Master*



ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank all the Rebekah and Odd Fellow's that have been sending me their "Christmas in July" name game papers with your checks and cash. I have really been trying hard to raise money for the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!!

I am looking forward to attending the IARA Sessions in Cincinnati, Ohio in August. I have been asked by IARA President Elizabeth to be a Page.

I am also hoping, praying and getting ready for our Session in Springfield in October. Hopefully the COVID will stay away, and all will go as planned!!

By the time you all read this article, my son, Bryan, will have been able to visit with me. I have not seen my son since my installation as President of the Assembly in 2019, before everything changed for us all. I'm really excited to see him!!

Keep wishing sister Sharon Landry, PPRA a speedy recovery. She is really working hard to be able to come home from her COVID hospitalizations. Keep up the great work Sharon!!

Keep checking on family, friends, and members of our orders. It's so important to check in with each other.

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

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

MT. ZION ODD FELLOW LODGE #300 AMMO RAFFLE

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows wrapped up their ammo raffle on July 4th, 2021 with a noon drawing live streamed via Facebook. The winners collectively won #3,350 rounds of ammunition. The winners were 1,000 rounds of 9mm Carl Minton #228, 500 rounds of 45 cal Paula Bohner #238, 500 rounds of 9mm Russ Meridith #266, 500 rounds of 45 cal Scott Perry #438, 500 rounds of 9mm Vivian Sebens #443 and 350 rounds of 223 Cody Weber #141.

The Odd Fellows would like to thank the community for their support

CHARITY HOME REBEKAH LODGE #112 AND LIVINGSTON LODGE #290

Charity Home Rebekah Lodge #112 held a Bake Sale along side of Livingston #290 Pancake and Sausage on June 19. It was great fun to see everyone one again.

CENTURY LODGE #492 CARPENTERSVILLE BROTHERS CLEAN UP ADOPT A HIGHWAY ON SUNDAY JUNE 20, 2021



MT. ZION LODGE #300 AND MT. ZION BOY SCOUT TROOP #43



The Mt Zion Odd Fellows were contacted by a Mt Zion area resident about a handicapped veteran who's American flag and pole had gotten knocked down. The resident talked about trying to help put the pole back up, but that the wind took it down again.

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows met with the veteran, Paul Hagen, a Vietnam war veteran that served with the 1st Cavalry in Vietnam (66-67). The Lodge received Paul's permission to erect a new pole and flag, with a solar light.

The Mt Zion lodge sought the assistance of the Mt Zion Boy Scouts Troop 43 in posting the new flag. The Boy Scout Leader, Kevin Johnson, asked for and received volunteer Scouts. Kevin said the Boy Scouts were eager to support a veteran and the Mt Zion Odd Fellows.

On July 1st members of the Mt Zion Odd Fellows completed the flagpole installation, including a new concrete base, 20 foot pole with a top mounted solar light. That same day, the Mt Zion Boy Scout Troop 43 posted the new American flag, witnessed by by US Army Vietnam veteran Paul Hagen, family, friends and several Mt Zion Odd Fellows.

Paul was very thankful he could see that flag flying again. Family and friends were also pleased and commented about how important that flag was to Paul.

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows are proud to support our veterans and proud of the Mt Zion Boy Scout Troop 43.



CENTURY LODGE #492 CARPENTERSVILLE BROTHERS RECEIVE PAST GRAND CERTIFICATES AND JEWELS

At our Thursday June 10th Meeting PNG. Mike Wachinski presented Brother Mike Zender and Brother Guy Rossi with a PNG Certificate and PNG Jewel.



Pictured (L to R)
PNG. Mike Zender, NG. Mike Wachinski, PNG. Guy Rossi

PSGM CHARLES E "BUDDY" WORRELL SR.

Charles E. "Buddy" Worrell, Sr. Age 78 of Ridgetop, TN, passed away Monday, July 19, 2021. Preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Bessie Worrell; wife, Jane Bearden Worrell. Survived by his son, Charles E. "Gene" Worrell, Jr. (Chris Taylor). A graduate of East Nashville High School, he was a graduate of Emmanuel Bible College and St. Martin's College and Seminary. He was the Pastor of Faith Methodist Church since February of 1970 and had been a licensed Funeral Director since 1968. "Buddy" had served and progressed in numerous leadership positions on the local, state, and international levels of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs (and affiliate groups) ultimately leading to his installation in 1993 to the top IOOF international position of Sovereign Grand Master. He had continued afterwards to serve the organization in other roles. Through the years he had served the community at various funeral firms and currently was a long time and cherished employee of Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home and was continuing to serve families as a funeral director and had also previously served as the firm's General Manager. Visitation will be on Friday, July 23rd from 1-3pm and 4-8pm at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home. An Odd Fellows Memorial Service will be conducted at 7pm. Funeral Services and a celebration of Buddy's life will be conducted on Saturday, July 24th at 11am at the Faith Methodist Church, 419 Ezell Pike, Nashville, TN, with visitation beginning at 9am, Dr. Patrick Wells, Dr. Richie Rogers, and Rev. Shane Hessey officiating, with the Eulogy delivered by Stan Churchwell. The gathering of friends and family for food and fellowship brought Buddy immense joy...to honor this memory, a fellowship gathering will be held at the church immediately following the service. A private interment for the family will be held at Spring Hill Cemetery, Rev. Shane Hessey officiating. Honorary Pallbearers: Members of Faith Methodist Church, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Tennessee, and the staff of Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home. Active Pallbearers: Mark Ladd, Leslie Ladd, Terry Barrett, Richard Baker, Joe Lannom, Wade Coffman, Matt Terry, and Stan Churchwell. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Methodist Church, 419 Ezell Pk. Nashville, TN 37217, or Tennessee Lodge No. 1 IOOF, 130 James St. Gallatin, TN 37066. Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Pk. (615)262-3312.



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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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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HOPEDALE REBEKAH LODGE #74

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) culmination programs were held May 10 at Delavan Elementary School, via Zoom and May 24 at Olympia West Elementary School in Minier, via Google Meet. These ceremonies marked the completion of D.A.R.E. training courses for 38 sixth-grade students at Delavan and 44 fifth-grade students at Olympia West.

Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74 through the Grand Lodge in Lincoln, Illinois provides the D.A.R.E. Program T-shirts to the students each year for the Minier Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program. Chief Daryl Weseloh is the D.A.R.E. Instructor.

At each program Weseloh gave the Welcome. School and community officials, including Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74, gave congratulatory remarks via Zoom and Google, reminding students to make positive choices, not to let drugs ruin their future, and to stay drug free.

The "Charles Prince Academic Achievement Award" was presented at both schools for those earning the highest academic test scores during the D.A.R.E. program, including 20 students at Delavan and 19 students at Olympia West. The late Charles Prince was a 63-year member of Mason Odd Fellow Lodge #143 of Havana and led a life committed to the principles of Odd Fellowship.

Each student who participated in D.A.R.E. prepared a Google Slide project on the topic, "What I learned in D.A.R.E." Projects from each class were selected for special recognition and those students were awarded certificates during the "Lena Woods Award" Presentation.

The late Lena Woods of Delavan was a charter member of Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74. Until her move to an assisted care facility, she attended every D.A.R.E. graduation, encouraging the students to "always say No" to drugs. She would tell Chief Weseloh that if each student would help a friend stay drug free, what a wonderful place the world could be. Weseloh honors her faithful attendance at those D.A.R.E. programs with the awards that now bear her name.

