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Pictured (L-R) Isabella (Issy), Mark Nocerino, Ron Pavel, George Ryczek, George Bartiromo, William Holub.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert Canull	10/03/1938
Julie Dowell	10/04/1956
Stephen Claxon	10/06/1954
Norma Shook	10/23/1932
Robert Grider	10/23/1944
Dorothy Taylor	10/25/1930
Lola Elliott	10/29/1924

ATTENTION ALL LODGES AND MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND LODGE

ATTENTION ODD FELLOW
LODGES IF YOU HAVE NOT
RECEIVED YOUR REPORTS PLEASE
CONTACT THE GRAND LODGE
OFFICE. I SENT THEM ALL OUT
BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I SENT
THEM ALL OUT ELECTRONICALLY.
YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED
YOUR GRAND LODGE REPORT,
REPRESENTATIVE FORM, SGL
REPORT TO CORRECT AND
BANQUET NOTICE.

JUST ANOTHER REMINDER
REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20.00 THIS
YEAR UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15TH,
AFTER THAT DATE IT IS \$30.00 AND
IF YOU DON'T REGISTER UNTIL
YOU ARRIVE AT GRAND LODGE.
LEGISLATION WAS PASSED AT THE
2019 SESSION.

SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

Dear Illinois Odd Fellow Rebekah
Scholarship Committee,

What an honor it is to receive
the Glenn W. Coursey Agricultural
Scholarship. This fall I will be a soph-
omore at Lake Land College as an

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

I can't believe summer is coming to an end and school is starting! I think fall is in the air. Looking forward to a little cooler weather for the residents to be able to sit outside.

This month is packed with many activities and events for everyone. The residents are looking forward to fall celebrations, grandparent's day, bingo, devotions, our weekly movies and many more activities.

We will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in late September to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. We have been working hard to raise money to reach our team goal and want to thank everyone who has helped or donated to our team!

Until next month- take care and be well.

Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator

Ag-Transfer student. My livestock
judging team will get to travel and com-
pete this fall!

Thanks again,

Sheridan Hank

Dear Odd Fellow Rebekah
Scholarship Committee,

I am sincerely honored to have been
selected as the recipient of the Glenn
W. Coursey Agricultural Scholarship
for the 2020-2021! Thank you for your
generosity which will allow me to
continue my education at Augustana
College in the fall. I plan to major
in Biology with a focus in pre-veter-
inary medicine and one day change
the world of agriculture for the better!
Thank you again for your thoughtful
and generous gift.

Kendra Hartstrin

Dear Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Thank You for selecting me as
your scholarship winner. With your
scholarship I am able to put towards
my schooling to become what I have
dreamed of.

Thank You again,

Kreedan, Allen

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I can't believe it's time to write my last letter to the IOOF and Rebekah paper.

I HOPE!! I would like to thank all my elected and appointed officers for the past two years, for all the work they have done.

In my two years as Grand master I was able to go to Indiana, Michigan, and two times to Wisconsin Grand Lodge Sessions.

I was in Jackson Michigan with wife Sheila for the Great Lakes Conference on July 23 to 25, 2021. States that were present was Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Illinois. From Illinois besides Sheila and I were Judy and Jerald Sarnes. I would like to thank the Sarnes for having Sheila and I elected to Vice Presidents for The Great Lake Conference? We will be having the conference in Illinois in 2023. We will be looking for a place to meet and Secretary/Treasurer for the Odd Fellows and the Secretary for the Rebekahs. If you can help please let Sheila and myself know.

Hope to see you at the Grand Masters Trap Shoot on September 11th and the Annual Session on October 11th and 12th.

Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer,

Grand Master

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I wind down my term(s) as Assembly President, I look back and know that I was not able to do too many things due to the COVID-19 virus, but I still feel happy that I was given the honor of being the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois.

Thankfully I have been able to attend my local Odd Fellow and Rebekah meetings regularly. I have been helping Neilson Odd Fellow lodge and Pride of the West Rebekah lodge with several fund raisers this summer. We have a few things planned for late fall as well.

I want to thank all Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges once again for donating to the Assembly General Fund. I appreciate all the help from all of you and your willingness to help the Assembly raise some much-needed funds!

I am looking forward to the session in October and hope that all will go off with no hitches. With this new COVID variant, we will see. I hope that everyone does all you can to stay healthy and safe!

I want to leave you all with an inspirational poem.

Do It Anyway by Mother Teresa

*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;
Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

Everyone stay safe and healthy!

Remember to check in on members and family. Remember to Respect each other – Believe in the good work we do – Love each other.

In F.L. & T.

Nann Johnson,

Assembly President



JERSEYVILLE ODD FELLOW LODGE TAKE PART IN "GOT FAITH/NINTH MINISTRY"

Recently Steve Palgram and Donna Grable, members of Jerseyville IOOF #53 took part in serving the annual Men's Breakfast to approximately 150 people at "Got Faith/Ninth Ministry" held at the Jersey County Fairgrounds. Steve served as chairman of the event. The food was donated by Hardee's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Doughnut Shop, and Jack's Coffee House. They were honored by the presence of Tim Ezell from Channel 2 news in St. Louis who delivered the message. And Donna took part in the Car Show winning herself a second place plaque. Other activities at the event were a huge yard sale, shopping cart race and raffles. Live Christian Music was provided by Serenity Sound, Our Servants Heart, and Riven. This event benefits several Jersey County Food Pantries. What a wonderful day of friendship and fellowship.



Steve and Donna serving breakfast.



Steve and Donna with Tim Ezell, Channel 2 News caster.



Donna being presented with her plaque from the Car Show by Steve White and Steve Palgram.

FUND RAISER AT PRIDE OF THE WEST REBEKAH LODGE #544

Pride of the West Rebekah Lodge #544 recently held a fund raiser with Savers to build up the Lodge Treasury. Nearly 1100 pounds of clothing was gathered and taken to the Savers Store in Fairview Heights. Pictured at the delivery site are: Sisters Donna Grable, Mary Key, Nannette Johnson and Mary Welburn. We won't tell you who, but one of our Sisters provided us with 57 bags of her own clothing.



Pictured, Donna Grable, Mary Key, Nannette Johnson, Mary Welburn.

WINDOW DECORATED FOR THE SEASON

Pride of the West Rebekah Lodge #544 recently decorated their window for the Fourth of July in a Patriotic Theme. Sister Nannette Johnson, PRA, was the lucky one to be able to get into the display window to do the job. Sisters Mary Key, NG, and Donna Grable, PPRAs assisted her.



CRAFT DAY AT PRIDE OF THE WEST REBEKAH LODGE #544

Instead of playing games following the lodge meeting, each member made their own red, white and blue star decoration for July 4th. Left to right are: Jody Jedlicka, Gail Ann Byers, Donna Grable and Shirley Allers. Sister Nannette Johnson was instrumental in this craft.



ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING AT THE PRIDE OF THE WEST #544



Pictured are Sister Mary Key, NG, Donna Grable and Gail Ann Byers, both PPRA of Illinois displaying that ELVIS is in the building at the recent indoor yard sale.

BUSHNELL LODGE #322 PRESENTS JEWELS



Tuesday August 10th Grand Warden Steve Pigg presented jewels to Lloyd McCleery and Raymond Fayhee of Bushnell Lodge #322. Lloyd was awarded his 50 year jewel and Raymond a 35 year broken membership jewel. Lloyd's wife Susan, is pictured pinning his jewel. Also recognized that night was Bushnell Noble Grand Leroy Kitch for 40 years of members. Leroy was not available for photo.



PICTURES OF SGL: SOME ARE JUST PLAYING AROUND



Ainslie got played



after he got played



Bonnie Hensley and Eric Smith with Flag.



Arlan Miller GT, Eric Smith GR, and Rich Herring GR that is trouble waiting to happen.



Mike Greenzeiger and Peter Sellers



Rich Herring, April Smith & Eric Smith



Eric Smith getting played



Tonka Trucks came to play with Eric and April Smith

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GRAND MASTERS TRAP SHOOT



Annual Grand Master's Trap Shoot

Saturday, September 11, 2021

**Jacob's Field Sportsman's Club,
20516 E. County Highway 22,
Canton, Il 61520.**

Practice Shoot at 10 a.m.

Final Shoot at 1:00 p.m.

High School Age Class

Lunch - Noon

including

Shoot -11:00a.m.

Trophies for Several Classes

Non Members Welcome

Host: Bushnell Odd Fellows Lodge #322

Directions: Rt. 9 West to County 22 South 3 miles, 1/2 mile East of curve. OR: Route 100 out of Lewistown to St. David-Turn on 8th Street.