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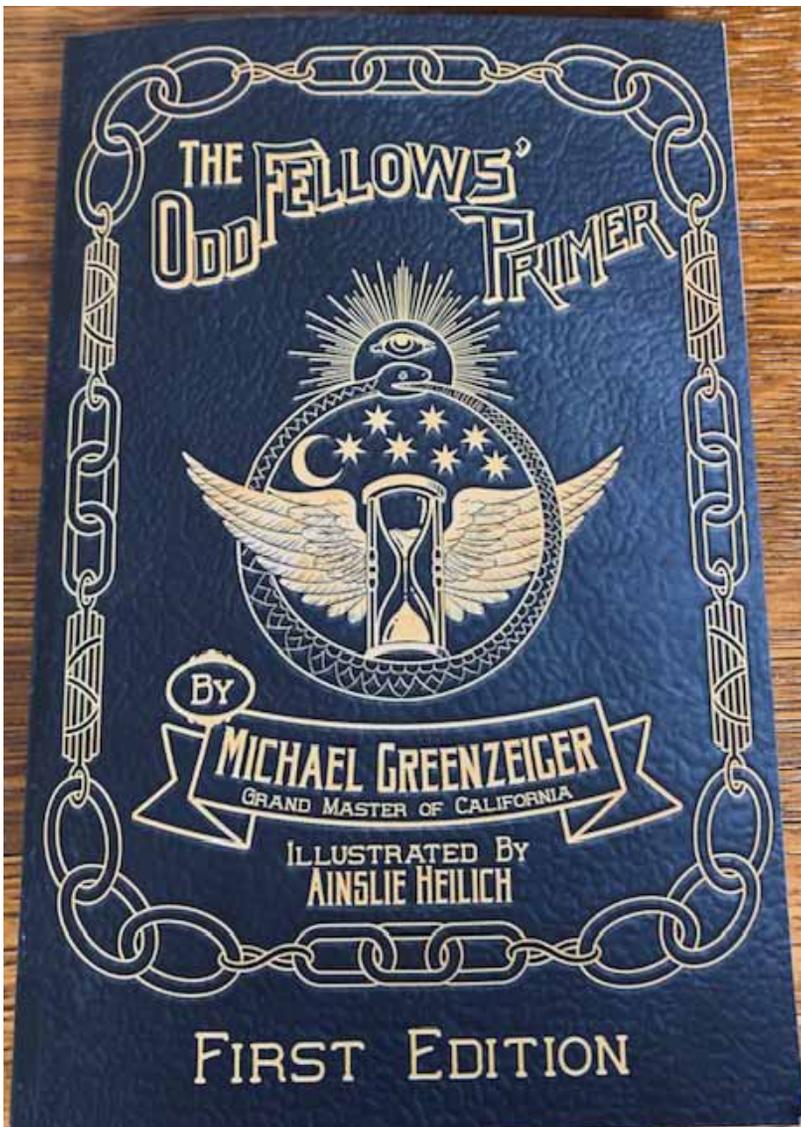
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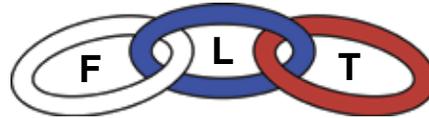
## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elsie Syfert	12/02/1933
Helen Johnson	12/04/1934
Neoma Cox	12/04/1943
Maranda Poulter	12/04/1968
Judy Barnes	12/10/1941
Phyllis Huckstep	12/15/1943
John Long	12/16/1935
Carl Cloyd	12/19/1941
Carol Sherman	12/22/1929
Gloria Sampson	12/24/1924
Sharon Bennett	12/31/1939



**District #50 IOOF of Illinois**  
**The next meeting for 2021-22 of**  
**District #50 Odd Fellows**  
**will be hosted by**

**Monmouth Lodge #61**  
**at the IOOF Hall, Monmouth IL**  
**on Monday, November 15, 2021**

**Meal at 6:30 pm & Open Meeting at 7:30 pm**  
**Install Officers**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Bonnie Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer**

**Bushnell #322 is planning the Rabbit Supper,**  
**Tuesday, December 14**

### NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,  
 Well fall is here! Residents sure are  
 enjoying the cooler days.

October has been busy to say the  
 least. The residents made Monster  
 Munch, had a Mad Hatter's Tea Social,  
 celebrated International Day of the  
 Nacho, played backyard Dominoes, we  
 watched numerous Halloween Movies  
 from Ghost and Mr. Chicken to Hocus  
 Pocus. They enjoyed doing a pump-  
 kin contest with staff assistance. We  
 had their Halloween Celebration with  
 many staff dressing up for the occa-  
 sion. The staff also had a Chili cook off,  
 and we did daily trivia questions over  
 the intercom for Staff, Visitors, and res-  
 idents with prizes awarded to winners.  
 October is always such a fun month.

November will be just as busy with  
 the start of many Holiday festivities.  
 We will be celebrating Veterans day  
 and Thanksgiving.

Until next month- take care and be  
 well.

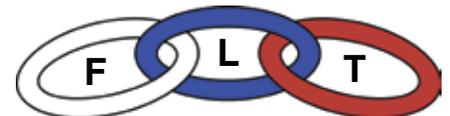
*Danita Starwalt*  
*Community Relations Coordinator*

### THANK YOU

PGM Randy Barnes would like to  
 thank everyone for their care and con-  
 cern at our Grand Lodge Session. He  
 would especially like to thank Jessica  
 Yingling and Steve Pigg for all they  
 have done for him. He is home and  
 called wanting to have this article put  
 in the November Paper.

### THANK YOU

Niles PGM and Sheila Reamer  
 would like to thank everyone for all  
 the kindness they have shown them  
 over the last two years as it has been a  
 very difficult couple of years. Most of  
 all they want to thank you for the confi-  
 dence you put in them to carry out the  
 Business of our order while we were  
 shut down with Covid- 19.



## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We made it! We had a banquet. We had a one day session. We had joint installation of officers between the Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly. We even had a reception! Huge thank you to everyone who had a hand in the planning and execution of such a monumental task!

This was a difficult year, we were missing Grand Master Niles Reamer for all of the festivities as he was quarantined due to a positive Covid test, there were many people missing but we were able to do the work as our order needed.

Ainslie streamed many of the events on Facebook live for those who could not be in attendance, we will be attempting to do more of these types of things in the future as well!

A date of Saturday November 6th at 9 am has been set for the Regional Direct and DDGM meeting and School of Instruction in Lincoln. At this meeting we will firm up locations, dates and times of the regional meetings. We will also work on getting each of the regional directors and DDGM's certified as Deputy Grand Instructors so that they can hold schools at lodges throughout their regions and districts. I hope to see all of you there! If you are a Regional Director or District Deputy Grand Master please make sure the Grand Secretary has your updated contact information including email at this meeting.

As I stated at session the executive board is focusing on what we can do to support our local lodges as you, the members are the real stars of the show. Incremental changes have already begun in the background, as we work

out the details we look forward to sharing our work and progress toward common goals with you! Rome wasn't built overnight; if it was, we would certainly hire their contractors!

I am excited to write many more of these letters and watch the continued progress!

As always elections bring changes and the Executive Board and Order as a whole wish to thank PGM Jerald T. Sarnes for his years of dedicated service to the Order, you will be missed and your guidance will never be forgotten.

Your new Executive Board is at your service and consists of:

Mat Yingling- Grand Master  
Steve Pigg- Deputy Grand Master  
Terry Lester- Grand Warden  
Arlan Miller- Grand Treasurer  
PGM Eric Smith- Sovereign Grand Representative  
PGM Jim Bott- Sovereign Grand Representative  
PGM Rich Herring- Grand Secretary

*Fraternally yours in F,L&T,*

*Grand Master Mathew R. Yingling*  
**ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank PGM Rich Herring and Lady Clara Kay Knott 2nd Vice President IALAPM for the great installation. I would also love to Thank my Mom, Past President Donna Wessels, for my Beautiful Gift. I'll treasure it forever. Most of all I would like to thank the members for allowing me to serve this order.

On March 4, 1991 I became a member of Charity Home Rebekah Lodge #112. One of a class of 16, my three sis-

ters were with me. When I joined, the easiest way to see my family was to go to Lodge. Mom was Noble Grand that year, Dad was the sideline coach who helped us when we were not sure what to do. We did learn square corners fast, and that if Dad made us giggle Sister Rosemary Stockle would shoot Dad a look. Things you find out: Dad and Rosemary went to school together. Soon I had more lodge family members. Rosemary became my Lodge Mom. Your fifth grade teacher comes up and you greet Hello Mrs. Firsby, she smiles and says we are in lodge together, you can call by my first name. Cathryn just turned 100 this year. Sitting in the Lodge room talking about members one of the common thoughts is if our older members could see us now! Bluejeans, t shirts and flip flops. These are the memories that stick with you.

With the last years of no meeting or video meeting we need to work, plan and have Lodge families come back together. What we need to remember is that as a family we are stronger when we work together.

As I look out tonight I see many faces not here. As a group we feel the effect. The Sisters and Brothers lost to death or sickness are greatly missed. But the ones missing due to disinterest are the hardest on the heart.

There are three things I would like to focus on this year. Honor - Respect and Promote. I'm hoping this will help in getting members interested in coming back to Lodge.

Honor the sisters and brothers that came before. Do you have an older Lodge? Up Those Stairs, Sister Ruby was coming for potluck with her son. You heard "Mom the chair is here for you." To which Ruby replies "I'm going to Lodge I will walk up the stairs!" Potlucks, Birthday Parties, Easter Egg Hunts (you are never too old), Christmas Parties, BINGO. Step outside the box, think of something different. You can only fail, then try again.

Respect - the best way to lose an interested member is when they bring up a project and hear "That's not how we do things". This member stood up and voiced an idea, give them the respect to hear them out. When I joined Lodge there was no way I could stand up here and talk to you. Lodge helped me gain confidence. Work together, you might be surprised.

Promote - why should promote our lodges. Have you heard "The

Rebekah's are they still around?" Or "What is Rebekah's? " As an organization we need to get our name out there people need to know we are still around. Part of the Rebekah Ritual says "Will you silently do good, as good ought always to be performed". I agree that helping people get through hard times is not to be bragged on. However, how do you help if people do not know that help could be had? Not only that but helping sometimes takes money. If we are having a Bake Sale to raise money, put your name out there. Have a list of what you give to or helped with, the library, food pantry, you will find people are more willing to help if you are helping people with projects. There are many talented members getting our name out there should not be that hard. I have ideas and they are coming out in the November President's Monthly letter.

Grand Master Mat and I have the same agenda, we need to get our lodges Strong again. We are a family, from the dirty socks in the middle of the living room floor, to changing the empty toilet paper roll. Just like families disagreements happen, but when we come together we are strong and we can get things done.

*In F.L. & T.  
Susan Schove,  
Assembly President*

**ILLINOIS  
ODD FELLOW REBEKAH  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS  
AVAILABLE  
DECEMBER 1, 2021**

It's not too early for Seniors and those attending college to begin filling out applications for Scholarships. If you are on break the holidays are a great time to get your information together. The Illinois Odd Fellow and Rebekah Scholarship Applications are due in the Grand Lodge office before March 1, 2021. The Committee will begin working on them that week and we hope to be able to help many of you. your friends, and neighbors. Applications are available on line or by calling Janis Klockenga at the Grand Lodge Office.

*Bonnie Hensley, Vice President  
Scholarship Committee.*

**2022 PILGRIMAGE FOR  
YOUTH TOUR**

Plans are being made for the 2022 Pilgrimage For Youth Tour available to all 11th year high school students. It is a once in a life time experience, which can be verified by anyone who has gone on this trip. The Children's Home Board offers 3 Scholarships for those in Illinois. If any lodge would like to sponsor a youth that would be great also. All applications must go through the Grand Lodge. First payments are due soon, so let us know if you are interested. Applications are available on line, by contacting me.

Would be great to have several go from Illinois in 2022.

*Bonnie Hensley, Coordinator for PYI  
for Illinois*

**JERALD T. SARNES  
GENERAL COMMANDING  
® IS NOW DEPARTMENT  
ADJUTANT EMERITUS**



Jerald T. Sarnes, General Commanding Retired was awarded the Department Adjutant Emeritus at the Department Council Session this Month.

## BONNIE HENSLEY RECEIVES THE SECOND EVER PRESENTED GOOD SAMARITAN MEDAL



Bonnie Hensley Award the Second Ever Good Samaritan Medal at Patriarch Militant Session this Year.

## TWO COUSINS ENJOY SERVING TOGETHER



Earl Wys, Deputy General Commanding GMC Lt. General, and Clara Kay Nott, 2nd Vice President of International Association of Ladies Association Patriarch Militant. They have always been close growing up and serving together all their life.

## PAST GRAND MASTERS LUNCHEON

The PGM's shown above were at the Grand Lodge Session in Springfield, IL at the Crowne Plaza on October 10, 2021



Front row seated: Rich Herring, Allen Jones, Gene Curfman, Jerald T. Sarnes  
Back Row: Charlie Campbell, Richard Jones, Greg Worrell, Eric Smith, Randy Barnes, Terry Barrett, Jim Turner, Dan Davis, Jim Bott.

## THE LAPM IS CLOSING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

Members of the LAPM at their last meeting before closing.

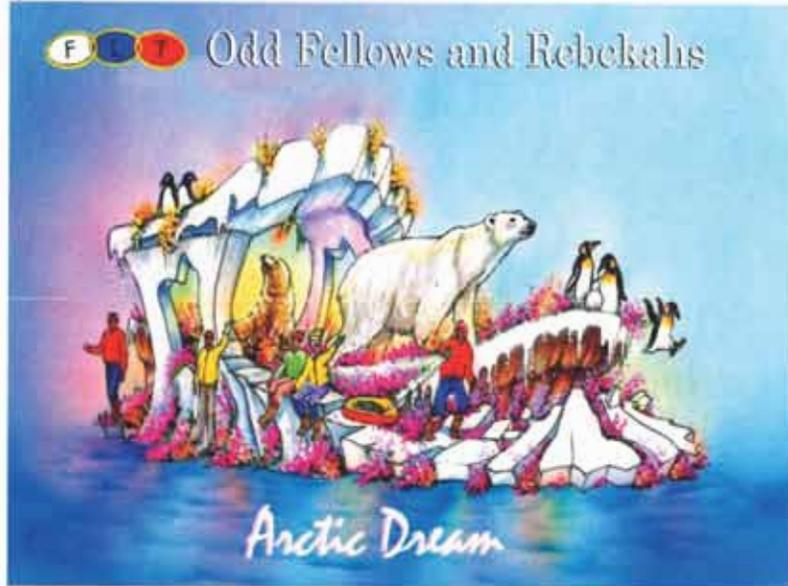


Back Row: Clara Kay Nott, Katrina Coulter-Bowen, Bonnie Hensley, Catherine Reavley, Audrey Jones, Sheila Reamer,  
Seated front row: Sandra Coulter, Judy Sarnes, Nancy Curfman.

**2022**  
**Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float**  
**"Arctic Dream"**

Name the animals on the float contest

Submissions due by  
 December 10, 2021



Submit the names you would like for our float animals. The cost is only \$5.00/page. Winners will be selected by the Float Committee. Winners will receive a fabulous prize.

Animal	Your Animal Name
Polar Bear	
Seal	
Penguin #1 (Back left)	
Penguin #2 (Back right)	
Penguin #3 (Front left)	
Penguin #4 (Front right)	
Penguin #5 (Jumping)	

Send your submissions and donations to:  
 Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float  
 P.O. Box 2718,  
 Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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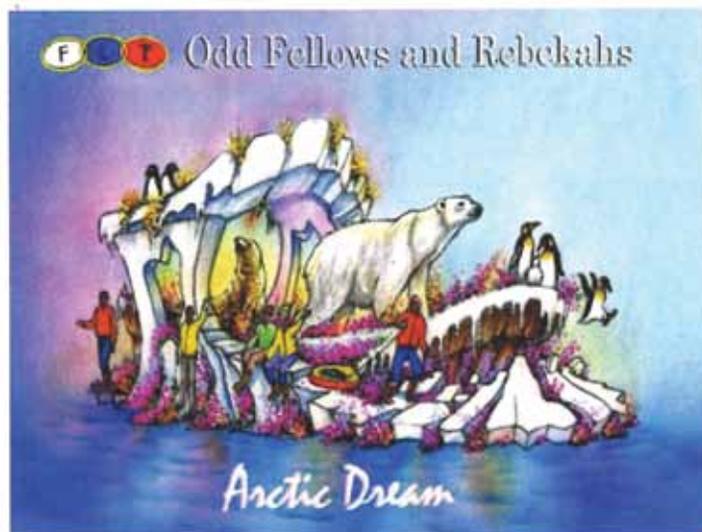
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## Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float 2022 Rose Parade



The theme of the 2022 Rose Parade is **DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE**. Our float is titled **Arctic Dream** and commemorates polar exploration. It focuses public attention on the importance of the polar regions to our planetary climate and hence all life on Earth. The float depicts Odd Fellows exploring and encountering wildlife found at **both** our northern and southern poles. Something that would be possible **only in an "Arctic Dream"**.