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Mt. Zion Odd Fellows Scholarship Recipients - Eden Niebrugge and Brandon Kondritz



This is the Mt. Zion Odd Fellows 11th year of offering scholarships to graduating seniors. This cash award is based on the student's Service and Volunteerism to their Community, their Church and to their School. This year, we are proud to present our Odd Fellows \$1000 cash scholarships to these very worthy recipients: Eden Niebrugge and Brandon Kondritz.



UKRAINE RELIEF

We have had 10 lodges and 3 individuals that talk the talk and walk the walk of the principles of Odd Fellowship Humanitarian Relief. Our support efforts to help Ukraine, as of May 25, 2022, we have collected a total of \$7600.00 with the matching funds of \$3000.00 we have a total of \$10,600.00 in relief money to send to Sovereign Grand Lodge. For so few lodges participating we have done Great things. Just think what we could do if all 51 lodges were participating in this project, how much more could we have raised. Humanitarian Relief at its finest.

WE SUPPORT UKRAINE



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lola Catt, 7-2
Celebrating her 100th Birthday!!!!
Kenneth Frost 7/3
Rosemary Hogge 7/5
Kathryn Hayse 7/6
William Miller 7/12
William Hildreth 7/14
John Kent 7/22
Irma Evans 7/24
Kenneth Carr 7/25
Sharon Harrison 7/31

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello Everyone!

What a fun month May was! National Skilled Nursing Home Week was a huge success, as well as celebrating our amazing Nurses! We are looking forward to some summer activities in June! Finally, we can get out and enjoy the fresh air! We have been waiting on this! Our Residents and Families are truly enjoying our new gazebo out front in our park area! We have already had the Easter's, a musical group, come perform in the gazebo for our Family night.

We are doing a lot in June. We planned a trip to the Aikman's Wildlife Center in Arthur for our residents to go do a drive through tour of the exotic animals. We celebrated Flag day as well as the first day of Summer of Summer! We sponsored the Dine with a Doc at our local Lifespan center. We always have such a great turn out for this event. Getting our residents out and starting our garden area has been so much fun! What a huge amount of experience our residents have to offer in the gardening area!



Doug Robinson, our grounds keeper has been hard at work planting new shrubs, flowers, keeping our lawns mowed and overall just doing an amazing job! Somedays, we get lucky enough to have his beautiful wife Carla come help him in all the chores. She definitely has the green thumb!

We made it through our Annual

Survey from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Overall, we did a great job. We always have room for improvement, but Odd Fellow's is the best facility in this area. It was nice to go to our local hospital and have the case managers tell me that everyone asks to come here. It is a very good feeling to know you are a part of such an amazing team! Our census continues to grow. We are starting to fill up! So many people are doing private conversions now! Some of our rehab have stayed long term, as well as a respite stay we had decided to make this their home!

Thank you as always to our Board of Directors who always make sure our home is taken care of and our staff needs are met. You are appreciated more than you know. I know you don't hear it much, but we truly are blessed by the Odd Fellow-Rebekah's.

We wish you all a safe summer and stay hydrated! Blessings to all.

Regards,
Penny R. Shinholster, CRC
Activity Director



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Hello all,

Wow, the time is really flying by. This is the 8th letter I've written...

This spring has been a busy time with family, friends, regional meetings, traveling, and of course that pesky work thing! It is sometimes difficult to keep everything together and find the energy to do all of it. We have to remember BALANCE. I hope you are all successfully balancing your lives and are striving to make the world a better place. It is a strange and sometimes difficult to travel road in this world that we live in, but friendship, love, and truth will guide us and allow us to live harmoniously with all!

While in DC during the Pilgrimage to Arlington, we had the opportunity to have discussions with several members and leaders from different Jurisdictions. It was a truly wonderful opportunity to discuss plans with so many like-minded but completely different people! Laying the wreath for the jurisdiction of Illinois side by side with Susan Schove, Ernie Higginson Jr. and Earl Wys. Illinois was well represented! We also had several members from the Illinois Jurisdiction in attendance, I hope to see some great pictures from everyone there!

Don't forget to send in your representative forms for session. We have made a change so that our lodges may elect one representative and one alternate in the event that the primary cannot make it. This will prevent many of the registration issues we have experienced in the past. Sending a representative to session allows your lodge to have a vote in upcoming legislation. It allows your representative and other 3rd Degree members to discuss ideas,

plans and the future with other members from across the state as well as visiting Jurisdictions. Furthermore, and this is HUGE, it allows your lodge representative to hold a seat on the board of our newly formed 501c3 'Illinois Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.' This will allow your lodge to collect tax-deductible donations for charity purposes!

I want to thank Past Grand Master/ Grand Secretary Rich Herring for all of the hard work to get Illinois Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. submitted and approved by the State of Illinois and the IRS! GREAT JOB BROTHER!!!

By the time you are reading this we will have had our family fun day at the Lincoln campus, and I sincerely hope I got to see each and every one of you!

*Fraternally yours in F, L&T
Bro. Mathew R Yingling
Grand Master*

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



just people you have not talked to you yet. I'm so looking forward to my next trip to Washington D.C. I would like to thank all the members of all the orders who helped make this trip a great time.

With Spring Meetings almost over it's time to look forward to the Leaders Picnic and Dedication on June 4th in Lincoln and hope many of you will be there for some friendship and fellowship.

August is on its way I hope everybody is getting ready to send in their reports on Promoting your Lodge. I have a few and from lodge reports during spring meeting I know you are doing more. Please send them in.

October how are you Crafters doing are you getting ready for October Session Craft Fair. I do believe this will be a boost for everyone whether you are shopping or selling. Please plan to attend.

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

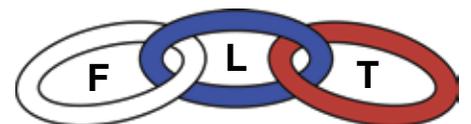
FLORA LODGE #151 HONORED TWO OF ITS MEMBERS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I took a trip last weekend that will stay with me forever. Laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, walking the grounds, seeing all the Tombstones, and listening to the guides brought so many feelings to the surface. Even though I understood the cost of our service men gave, seeing it was different. Saturday evening at the banquet when the veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces stood you could feel the pride they had in their branch of service. The Friendship, Love and Truth that is part of our Order was shown in great detail. I traveled by myself for the first time in many years, but when I got to the hotel, I saw people from the past and met new friends. There are no strangers

Flora lodge honored two of its lodge members Kent Staley and Betty Diefenbach with the Meritorious Service Jewel.



**CENTURY LODGE #492 BROTHERS
CLEAN UP ADOPT A HIGHWAY
ON SUNDAY APRIL 3RD**

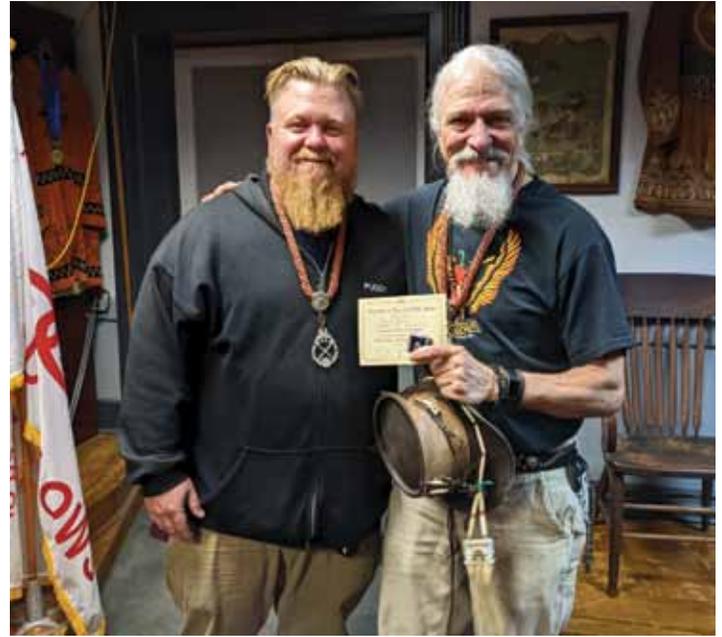


**CENTURY LODGE #492 BROTHER
RECEIVES 10YR PIN**



Century Lodge #492 Carpentersville, at our Thursday May 5th Meeting pictured (L to R) Noble Grand Matt Henneken presented Past Grand Gregg Bowen with a 10yr pin.

**CENTURY LODGE #492 BROTHER
RECEIVES 15YR PIN**

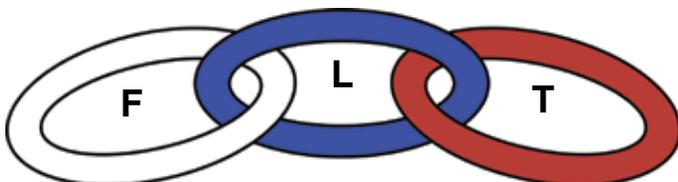


Century Lodge #492 Carpentersville, at our Thursday May 5th Meeting pictured (L to R) Noble Grand Matt Henneken presented Past Grand Guy Rossi with a 15yr pin.

CONGRATULATIONS



Century Lodge #492 Carpentersville at our Thursday May 5th Meeting pictured (L to R) Noble Grand Matt Henneken Congratulated Brother Roger Ochoa on getting his Third Degree at Wisconsin #14 Janesville on Saturday April 30th.



CENTURY LODGE #492



Brothers from Century Lodge #492 Carpentersville attended a Fundraiser and made Donation to the Family of Terese Winfrey whose home was Damaged in House Fire, Terese is daughter of Brother Richard Smiley Hecker, Event was held on April 16th at River Lee's in East Dundee Il.

Hosted by Brother Fred Jones

FLORA LODGE #151 HOLDS REGIONAL MEETING



Flora Lodge #151 held a Regional Meeting on April 30, 2022, and initiated two of Flora 151 members Alec Craig and Carter Rathe. They also received all 4 degrees that day. Pictured left to right is Alex Craig, Carter Rathe, and Steve Pigg Deputy Grand Master.

REPORTS FOR SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

Well, it is getting to be that time of year again. We need to start thinking about winding up another year of Odd Fellowship. I have put in the paper the Reports that we need to send to the Grand Lodge Office at P.O. Box 248 Lincoln, IL 62656-0248 or electronically to glioof@frontier.com, and we will forward them to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Don't forget this is going back to July of 2021 through June 2022. If your lodge wants individual recognition at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Level and then also at the Grand Lodge Level, please turn these reports in. Our two Grand Representatives Eric Smith and Jim Bott will be overjoyed to go forward at Sovereign Grand Lodge and pick up the Certificates for all the Lodges that participate in these programs. Your Lodge name is called each time you receive an award and then when the Representatives come back to the Grand Lodge in October, they will Call your lodge name and announce the Certificates you have received. There your Lodge Representative has the honor of picking up your award. Which it is always great to see someone from the Lodges that received the award have a representative available to pick up the award. Look Forward to seeing all lodges Represented at the Grand Lodge Session in October. You only need to have your Reports up to date and send in your Representative and Alternate Representative forms into the Grand Lodge in time. Remember your Grand Master has been telling you in order for your lodge to participate in the 501C3 Corporation they are working on getting going you must have a representative at the Grand Lodge of Illinois in October. Great things are happening in the Great State of Illinois. Don't miss out.

Return the Enclosed Reporting Forms by July 5, 2022. Make Copies if you so desire.
Mail To: The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830



2021-2022
Living Legacy Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Member

Planted:

No. of Trees Misc.

At a cost of

Contributions to a program Money

Promotion

Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer



2021-2022
Community Service Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Or Individual Hours Volunteered

Participated in the following types of Programs:

Contributions: Money; Promotion; Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer

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**2021-2022
Scholarship Reporting Form**



Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Local Scholarship(s) Awarded

Number Amount

Jurisdictional

Number Amount

Total

Number Contributions

Participated with another Community Group:

Yes No Amount

Participated in Government Matching Funds Program:

Yes No Amount

Remarks

Reporting Officer

**2021-2022
Drug Prevention Program Reporting Form**



Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Participated in what type of Program

Contributions Money

Promotion

Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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'OPEN DOOR' AWARD(S)

For outstanding performance by a Unit promoting Odd Fellowship through a community project.

For outstanding performance by an individual member promoting Odd Fellowship through a public awareness program.



Individual:

Or Unit Name and Number:

Jurisdiction:

Is hereby nominated to receive the 'Open Door Award' for:

Include hours, project, et cetera. Attach pictures as necessary.

Recommended by: _____

Submit by 5 July 2022

Mail to:

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