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GEM CITY LODGE #357 WAS REINSTITUTED ON SATURDAY JUNE 25

Please join me in welcoming our new brothers from Gem City Lodge #357 which was reinstated on Saturday, June 25, 2022, in Quincy IL. It was a wonderful day of Odd Fellowship we Initiated 16 Brothers and put on all 4 Degrees and Installed the Lodge Officers and were done by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Grand Lodge Office received a call from Wesley Simmons wanting to join a lodge and we put him in touch with Steve Pigg the Deputy Grand Master and he talked to Wesley about starting a lodge in Quincy instead of driving 30 to 60 miles to a lodge meeting. Wesley went back to Quincy and talked to Mathew Messier, and they decided to open a new lodge. Both Wesley and Mathew were initiated in Jerseyville at the Regional meeting on April 9, 2022.

The Lodge Officers are Mathew Messier Noble Grand, Wesley Simmons, Vice Grand, Eric Dix as Secretary, and Evan Roush as Treasurer. The Financial Secretary was not present on Saturday.



In the middle of the picture holding the Charter are Mathew Messier and Wesley Simmons surrounded by their brothers. The following brothers took their degrees on Saturday, June 25, 2022. The brothers are Jacob Bertram, Kevin Carder, Eric James Dix, Brett Ellison, Ethan Graham, Jonathan Gabel, Patrick James Krause, James McKinney, Alex O'Neal, Evan Roush, Brett D Scharnhoist, Jim White, Lee Williams, Joseph Dwayne Van Hove, T. Shane Tomko, and Mayhew Roegge. All received the Initiatory and everyone, but Patrick James Krause received all 4 degrees. Patrick received the Initiatory and First Degree. Also, Grand Master Mathew Yingling's daughter Danielle Seyller took the other 3 degrees with the candidates. Well done Gem City #357.



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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Weber, Mary	95	Aug 01, 1926
Marsland, Dean	92	Aug 02, 1929
Woodard, Patricia	72	Aug 11, 1949
Renfro, Juanita	77	Aug 12, 1944
Bunch, Millie	89	Aug 13, 1932
Wiard, Sharon	71	Aug 14, 1950
Young, Donald	82	Aug 17, 1939
Mantell, Judy	73	Aug 24, 1948
Crowder, Ruth	86	Aug 28, 1935
Mullins, Paula	68	Aug 30, 1953

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello Everyone!

Wow its hard to believe we are
 already half way done with the year! We
 have been busy at the home rebuilding
 census! We have had lots of new
 admits! Our Rehab unit has been so
 busy! Therapy is doing such a great job
 with getting people ready to return to
 the community.

Our residents have been busy enjoy-
 ing the beautiful weather. They have
 started a garden on the Activity Patio
 with Tomatoes and Herbs. They really
 enjoy going out there and taking care
 of the plants in our raised gardens.
 They enjoyed their outing to Aikman's
 Wildlife Adventure Park where they
 could go drive through and see all
 types of animals from Camels, Zebras
 to Water Buffalo. If you have never
 went to Aikman's wildlife Park it is defi-
 nitely a must see place to go! They
 also offer a walk through zoo as well.

In Activities we celebrated the
 Fourth of July, hosting Bingo at our
 Lifespan Center and are doing Dine
 with a Doc in Effingham. We have
 enjoyed a lot of summer activities and
 parties at the facility. Summer brings
 in more visitors and the chance for out
 of town family to come see their loved
 ones. The new Gazebo in the front has
 been a welcomed addition for our fami-
 lies to enjoy. At the end of June we did
 host a Booster Clinic for our Staff to
 receive their 2nd Covid boosters. We
 had a nice turn out.

We also celebrated Dr. Jerry Heath
 and Lois Catt who will turn 100 this
 year! Lola Will celebrate July 2nd and
 Jerry will celebrate September 19th!
 Eulalia Sweet is 100! Doris Featherling
 is 104! State Farms insurance came
 and threw a 100 day celebration
 because it is State Farms 100 year as
 well! Thank you to Sheri Branson,
 State Farms representative.

Hope you enjoy your summer. Stay
 safe and hydrated. Many blessings
 sent your way!

Regards,
Penny R. Shinholster, CRC
 Activity Director



Doris Featherling; 104



Lola Catt; 99



Eulalia Sweet; 100



Dr. Jerry Heath; 99

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Hello all,

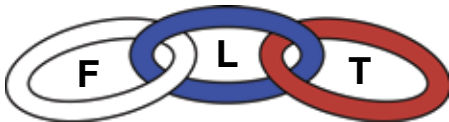
Here we are heading into the dog days of summer. For my family this involves going to cruise nights, cooking out and swimming in the pool. I hope as we head into this summer you have some special plans with your family and friends!

Regional meetings are completed and we have seen a great number of new members come in at all of our meetings as well as many existing members finishing their degrees, it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm in all the members. The next HUGE thing in the schedule will be instituting a new Lodge. Gem City Lodge #357 in Quincy. By the time you read this we will hopefully have 20+ new 3rd degree members!

Our leaders picnic went very well and it sounds like this casual and fun day may be something to look forward to every year, I sure hope so. Special thanks to Janis and Rich for all your hard work to make sure the event went smoothly and to the Children's Home Board for all that you did to make the date extra special!

Have fun, stay hydrated and keep on the Journey!

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



ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Cake Walks, BINGO, games for the kids and spending family time with both their own family and with Lodge family! That was parts of conversations over heard at the Leaders Picnic. I would like to thank Grand Secretary Rich Herring, Janis Klockenga, The Members of the Children's Home Board, Grand Master Mat Yingling for all the work put in to make the Leaders Picnic happen. We are a family organization and having the younger members out with their families today, was to see the future success. My hope is next year we get a bigger turn out as this is the best of both worlds. 1. We get to spend time with Lodge members throughout the order and a lot of social time to talk. 2. We can introduce our families to the order. 3. Putting names and faces together.

I know everyone may getting tired of hearing that we need to get out and meet people do good work. Without people to join this Order we will be gone. The best way to get people to join is to talk this order up. Everyone should have their 15 to 20 second talk. Wait what is that? We have people ask "What is Rebekahs?" This is the 15 to 20 seconds you have to tell them, what we are, what we do. If you are local where and when you meet, invite them to a social time. I have met new members this year as I travel and this is great. Let ask; new members in community, retired persons, people whose children are out of high school. Do not get discouraged, you never know they might say yes.

Summer is here and time for vacations, as you take time off for your family remember to come back for the lodge family. It can get hard to go to

lodge aster being home for a while. Even just coming home from work then going back out can take pushing yourself.

To all Crafters, I hope you have had time to work projects to bring down to Session in October.

Enjoy the weather watch out for the heat.

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

CHARITY HOME #112 CELEBRATED FOUNDER'S DAY



Founders day was April 26 and in Honor of this day Charity Home #112 provided lunch for the Fairbury Police Department. Photo L to R Officer Gary Lisewski, Police Chief Robert McCormick, Chris Metz and Susan Schove from Charity Home #112.



Charity Home Rebekah Lodge #112 was busy this week. We are selling Pies, ice cream and texas cake.

HOPEDALE REBEKAH LODGE #74

Pictured are Delavan Elementary Grade School D.A.R.E. Students.



Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) culmination programs were held May 17 at Delavan Elementary Grade School and May 10 at Olympia North Elementary School in Danvers. These ceremonies marked the completion of D.A.R.E. training courses for 28 sixth-grade students at Delavan and 47 fifth-grade students at Olympia North.

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, 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. 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 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.

Earlier in the school year, Weseloh instructed the D.A.R.E. program at the Olympia West Elementary School in Minier and also at the Havana Junior High School. He has been instructing the D.A.R.E. program for more than 25 years.

*By Linda Lou Robinson
Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74 Secretary*

LEWISTOWN REBEKAH LODGE #566



Max Johnson was presented a scholarship for \$1,000.00 at Lewistown Rebekah Lodge #566 on May 23, 2022 by Clara Kay Nott and Sandra Coulter members of the scholarship committee before our stated meeting. He is attending Millikan university and is studying environmental science.

OTTAWA LODGE #41



Ottawa 41's Past Grand Ray Jackson presents Jr. Past Grand Brian Strong with his Past Grand pin and congratulations for receiving his Grand Lodge Degree at the regional meeting at Legend Lodge 212 May

LEADERS PICNIC IN LINCOLN JUNE 4,2022

If you missed the Leaders Picnic, you missed a lot of good food, fun and fellowship. We had ice cream and cotton candy for the old and young at heart, That, was a big hit thanks to the Children's Home Board. The TOP HAT CREAMERY TRAVELING ICE CREAM TRUCK PAID US A VISIT. See more pictures on page 6.



PICTURES FROM PICNIC



READY FOR THE EASTER BUNNY



Once again Pride of the West Rebekah Lodge #544. Troy decorated their window for Easter and for the spring season. Several compliments have been given to the Lodge by members of the community for the beautiful windows they have decorated for the Holidays.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR



Pride of the Wet Rebekah Lodge #544 recently held their Spring Craft and Vendor Fair. Several area crafters and vendors took part in the occasion. The members are working hard to spread the word about Rebekah-Odd fellowship in the area. The Lodge is happy to report that two new members were gained during this event.

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BRIGHTON LODGE #366

ANNUAL JONES-SCHROEDER ANNUAL OYSTER STEW DINNER

At almost 93 Allen Jones cooked the Annual Oyster Stew Dinner at the January Odd Fellow Meeting. With the help of Dave Scheffel. There was also Vegetable Soup, and Chili the ladies brought in the cakes and desserts.

The Dinner has been a tradition for many years at Brighton #366. Allen's Uncle Victor Schroeder asked if anyone would make Oyster Stew, 'if he bought the Oysters'. Allen's cousin said, "yes", then the cooking was soon passed on to Allen. "Tradition"

Brighton #366 also had the installation of Officers. District Deputy Bill Smith with the help of PGM Jim Bott, as Marshall the following Officers. PP Donna Grable as PNG, Nann Johnson as Noble Grand, David Jedlicka as Vice Grand, Allen Jones as Secretary, and Audrey Jones as Treasurer. All the appointed Officers were filled, one more lady stepping in to help, Jodi Jedlicka as Conductor.

