



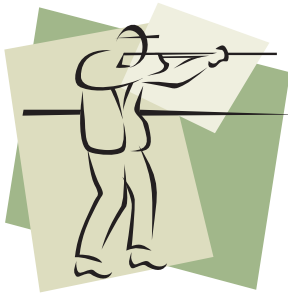
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## Annual Grand Master's Trap Shoot

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

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

**Practice Shoot at 10 a.m.**

**Lunch - Noon**

**Shoot -11:00a.m.**

**Final Shoot at 1:00 p.m.**

**including**

**Trophies for Several Classes**

**High School Age Class**

**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.**



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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

White, Donna	86	Sep 02, 1935
Meeker, Virginia	96	Sep 03, 1925
Culp, Sabra	81	Sep 03, 1940
Shaffer, Thomas	89	Sep 05, 1932
Shields, Mary	96	Sep 06, 1925
Plummer, Gerald	81	Sep 08, 1940
Hite, Earl	94	Sep 10, 1927
Record, Jacqueline	87	Sep 10, 1934
Heath, Jerry	99	Sep 19, 1922
Vaughn, Nielssine	86	Sep 21, 1935
James, Rose	90	Sep 23, 1931
Skidmore, Dana	72	Sep 25, 1949
Vanscyoc, Eva	93	Sep 28, 1928
Morris, Marjorie	95	Sep 30, 1926

## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello Everyone!

Wow, here we are in August already! The Dog Days of Summer! July was a busy month for the home. We had our Dine with a Doc in Effingham that was a huge hit! Our Board members presented our lovely Mrs. Lola Catt with a 100 Birthday Card and gift! She was so excited!



Our facility walked in the Bagelfest Parade. We had so much fun, but like always it was definitely a hot day. Activities are up and running again. We had some COVID positives in the building which prevented us for gathering for groups and meals for a brief moment.

We will be celebrating the graduation of Joyce Shinholster who will become an LPN on August 2, 2022. Joyce was the recipient of the Nursing Scholarship through the home. She will graduate from Lake Land College, Mattoon, IL. We are very proud of her! She also recruited several of her classmates to come here and they will join her working as LPN's. Their names are Breanna Starwalt and Dilan Jenkins! We are proud of each and everyone of these individuals!

Here are some fun facts about the "dog days of summer". Hope you enjoy!

The Dog Days run from July 3 to Aug. 11.

This period of sweltering heat coincides with the year's rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Not including our own Sun, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky.

2. Some civilizations have associated Dog Days with drought and disease.

Sirius was described as a "bringer of drought and plague to frail mortals, rises and saddens the sky with sinister light" by the Roman poet Virgil.

3. A recent study supports that

claim.

A 2009 Finnish study tested the traditional claim that the rate of infections is higher during the Dog Days. The conclusion: "To our surprise, the myth was found to be true."

4. An old poem claims rain during Dog Days is bad luck.

*Dog Days bright and clear*

*Indicate a happy year;*

*But when accompanied by rain,*

*For better times, our hopes are vain.*

5. And have you heard of Cat Nights?

Cat Nights harks back to an obscure Irish legend concerning the belief that a witch could turn herself into a cat eight times, but on the ninth time (on August 17), she couldn't regain her human form.

Have a safe August!

*Penny R. Shinholster, CRC  
Activity Director*

## SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION & DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS MEETING SCHEDULED

I just heard this week that DGM Steve Pigg and PGM Jim Bott have set November 19th, 2022, as the date they will hold the School of Instruction and DDGM's meeting. They will hold the school of instruction and then have a lunch and at 1 p.m. they will hold the DDGM's meeting. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend. Closer to time we will request a confirmed number from the lodges to attend so we can have lunches provided. We will also announce specific times closer to the date. Both will be at the Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln at 845 Wyatt Ave. For anyone that has never been to our museum and is planning to come to either the school or the District Deputy Grand Masters meeting plan on spending some time in our museum it will be open and available for you to look around.



## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings members!

We have had a great year so far and it continues to improve! Lodges are once again active in their communities, members are traveling to other lodges and spreading the love of our organization and sharing in fellowship!

In June we chartered a new lodge in Quincy with an all-degree day, charter ceremony and installation of officers! If there are any members traveling through the Quincy area, I encourage them to stop by at the Gold Line Barber Shop and see what they are up to!

We have a committed effort to get ALL of our lodges help in getting up to date on reports so that they may enjoy the benefits of the 501c3 status for donations! If your lodge needs help, please feel free to reach out to the Grand Lodge Office or to me directly!

Please take notice of the new email addresses for the Grand Lodge Office.

[gloof@ioof-il.org](mailto:gloof@ioof-il.org)  
[grandsecretary1@ioof-il.org](mailto:grandsecretary1@ioof-il.org)  
[grandeditor@ioof-il.org](mailto:grandeditor@ioof-il.org)  
[ioofmanagement@ioof-il.org](mailto:ioofmanagement@ioof-il.org)

Several months ago a letter was sent out to all lodges in an attempt to gather information about their buildings and properties. These were sent in an effort to reduce the property insurance burdens carried by our lodges. We hoped to be able to source better coverage at lower rates helping our lodges keep more money in their treasuries to do the good work of our order. We only received a handful of these back. I am pleading with you that these be com-

pleted and turned in. There is no commitment in filling out this questionnaire, it will just give us an idea of what we could possibly do to help.

Let us know if there is anything we can do to help your lodge!

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

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been nerding out reading "The Monitor and Guide" by Rev. T. G. Beharrell published in 1881. This book is written 30 years after the Rebekah Lodges were founded fellows on September 20, 1851.

While reading this book the thoughts repeated that Odd Fellow Degree is well reflexed in the Rebekah Degree. All though this passage "Lodges of Odd Fellows are formed, and in them men are banded together to do what it is natural for woman to do. The leading principles of our Order are but the innate principles of woman's nature." The Rebekah Degree was written from the women of the bible exemplifying the helping hand that woman give daily. Reading this book 171 years after it was published, comes as a reminder we are a family.

Part of my program this year was to Promote your lodge. Send in a quick report. If you have not sent in a report, please do so by August 15th. All I need is Number of people and hours, plus two to three sentences of what you did. This can be sent email, txt message, or snail mail.

Calling all crafters, the information for the Craft Sale will be out in August letter to lodges and in the paper in September. Reminder that it is \$10.00 per table for one person, \$15 for two, \$20 for a lodge. I know this is coming up quickly. The money will go directly to the General Fund of the Rebekah Assembly.

Enjoy the summer and I hope to see you at Session in October.

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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES DECISION ON SGL NEWSLETTER

Effective immediately the bi-monthly newsletter from the Sovereign Grand Lodge will only be available in digital format on the Grand Lodge Website. It may still be printed from the web site if you want a hard copy. This created a \$10,000.00 savings for the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Mat Yingling, Grand Master

Attest:

Rich Herring, PGM, Grand Secretary



## FLORA LODGE #151 PRESENTED A SCHOLARSHIP

On June 26th a special dinner was held to award Jordan Schwarzlose a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This is the second year Jordan was awarded the Scholarship and he and his family were our special guests for the evening. Kent Staley (President of the Scholarship Committee) was the presenter for the award. Grand Chaplin Matt Diefenbach was the host for the evening.



Pictured L-R: Matt Diefenbach at the podium, Kent Staley and Jordan Schwarzlose receiving the Scholarship award.

## LEROY LODGE RECOGNIZES MEMBERS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE STARTING WITH THE 50 YEAR MEMBERS

On Thursday, June 16, LeRoy Lodge # 149 hosted a jewel presentation and recognition for several of its members. After a fine meal and fellowship, Acting Noble Grand Mike Fruhling presented the following members with their pin and Jewels: Eric Mennenga 15 year pin, Rich Weinheimer, Alan Loy with 25 year Jewels, Ed Hair, Scott Riddle, Danny Spratt, GJ Miller, Clarence Thomas with 30 year Jewels, Scott Morgan, Mark Moss, 35 year Jewel, DGM Steve Pigg presented Mike Fruhling with his 35 year Jewel, Loren Bean Jr., Ed McCabe Dennis McCormick 50 year Jewels. DGM Steve Pigg present his old college fraternity brother and good friend Keith Morgan with his 50 year Jewel. A great time was had by all.



front row l to r: Dennis McCormick, Scott Morgan, Ed Hair, Loren Bean Jr., Mike Fruhling, Second row l to r: DGM Steve Pigg, Rickie Weinheimer, Clarence Thomas, Alan Loy, Keith Morgan, Eric Mennenga, Scott Riddle



The following members received recognition for 50+ years of service: l to r Stan Buss, Merle Woods, Bill Wey, Jack Burcham, & Keith Morgan (Pictured with Deputy Grand Master Steve Pigg)



Steve Pigg DGM pinning Keith Morgan



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**October 8-12, 2022**

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 14% 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 4:00 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 (14%) 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)*

## ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS

### Sunday, October 9, 2022

Registration	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lobby Desk 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
PGM's Luncheon	11:00 a.m., Open 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Governor Rm
Worship Service	2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Plaza G
Banquet and Joint Opening: (Formal)	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Ruby Room
Cash bar for Banquet: 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (Line up for officers – 5:45 p.m.)		
Hospitality after banquet	Capital View Rm	12 <sup>th</sup> Floor

### Monday, October 10, 2022

Odd Fellow Registration	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lobby Desk first floor
G/L Session	9:00 a.m.	Plaza H
G/L Degree	9:15 a.m.	Plaza H
Visitors Presentation (Committee Visitors)	9:45 a.m.	Plaza H
Grand Lodge / Rebekah Joint meeting for committees		Plaza I

Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. –		Plaza E-F
G/L Session Reconvenes – 1:00 p.m. –		Plaza H
50 Years Members Presentation – 1 p.m. –		Plaza H

Elections of Grand Lodge Officers – 1:30 p.m. –		Plaza H
Pictures – 5:00 p.m. – Grand Lodge Elected Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Appointed Officers (Formal) 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor past Reservations desk		
Joint Installation (Formal) – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. –		Plaza G
(Line up at 6:45 p.m. in the area of Plaza G)		
Hospitality after Installation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs –	Capital View Rm	12 <sup>th</sup> Floor

### Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Final Registration – 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. –		Lobby Desk 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
G/L Session – 9:00 a.m. –		Plaza H
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. –		Plaza E-F
G/L Session Reconvenes – 1:00 p.m. –		Plaza H
Exchange of Jewels (After all business has been concluded)		
Incoming Grand Master Program and Committees appointments –		Plaza H
Closing – 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. –		Plaza H
Executive Board Meeting –		TBD

# 2022 SESSION BANQUET



**Grand Master**

Matthew Yingling

**Assembly President**

Susan Schove



**Grand Patriarch**

Colonel Steve Adams

**Department Commander**

Ernest Higginson Jr



**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cocktails**

**6:00- p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dinner**

**The Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
Springfield, IL 61704**

## *Dinner Reservation Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Meat: \_\_\_\_\_ Porter House Pork Chop

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuscon Garlic Chicken  
California Blend Vegetables/Herbed Potato  
Red Velvet Cake/New York Cheesecake  
Strawberry Spring Salad

Price for the Meal: \$ 45.00 per person

**Send Dinner Reservation and Check Payable to:**

Melissa Richards  
2905 Coventry Ct.  
Bloomington, IL 61704

**Dinner Reservation Deadline September 30, 2022**

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## DEPARTMENT COUNCIL FIELD MEET

Department Commander Colonel Steve Adams called for a Field Meet on June 11, 2022 in Peoria for the purpose of conferring the Decoration of Chivalry upon B/G (R) Archie Bruce, Captain Jim Turner and Colonel Doug Coen from Missouri. The Decoration of Chivalry is the second highest award for a Canton member. Colonel Adams thanked all who attended including those from out of state and visitors. Refreshments were served afterward.



Pictured left to right are: Doug Coen, Jim Turner, Archie Bruce.