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## MT ZION LODGE #300



At our August 15, 2022 Mt Zion Lodge #300 meeting, we were blessed to have two of our senior members present. Dennis White PNG 49 years of service, John Graff DDGM, Bill Hutton NG presented Paul Shearer his 55 year service medal. Paul joined the lodge in 1967 and told those attending how proud he was of the lodge and the work the lodge does. Paul reminisced with members, talked about days gone by and the shared brotherhood.



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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Chesnut 10/6 will be 93  
Charles Blethroude 10/12 will be 99  
Doris Featherling 10/20 will be 105  
Charles Croft 10/22 will be 85  
Norma Shook 10/23 will be 90  
Dorothy Taylor 10/25 will be 92

## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello Family and Friends!

Everything is back on track at the  
Odd Fellow Rebekah Home. We had  
a little glitch of COVID for a moment  
but so far, we are doing good, knock-on  
wood.

Can you believe we are already in  
the month of September? Soon, we will  
be enjoying hoodies and bon fires! I  
can't wait! I don't know about anyone  
else, but Fall is one of my most favorite  
times of year!

The kids have started school and we  
are hosting a Connecting Generations  
Event for the Community to attend  
on September 15th from 5-7pm every-  
one is welcome! We will have various  
local business setting up game booths  
and promoting their services, bounce  
houses for the kids, duck pond games,  
sack races, corn hole game and ring  
toss. We also are having Echoes of  
Grace come perform for us, they  
are a Christian group from Sullivan.  
Photographer Melissa Harden has  
donated her skills to take family pho-  
tos of everyone who attends. We will  
be serving Pulled Pork sandwiches,  
chips and a cookie free of charge. Our  
team will be giving tours of our beau-  
tiful home to anyone who would like to  
see what amazing services we offer.

Our residents have been enjoying  
going to Walmart and van rides, keep-  
ing entertained with various activities.  
There is always something to do! Jerry  
Heath will celebrate his 100th Birthday  
on September 10th!



DR. Jerry Heath turned 100 on  
September 10<sup>th</sup>. 😊

Our census is on the rise, and we are  
starting to get full! Which is a GREAT  
thing! I have really been out marketing  
our facility at local hospitals, doctor's  
offices, and senior centers. We have  
hosted several Dine with a Docs which  
have been very successful.

We continue to thank our Board of  
Directors and the Odd Fellow-Rebekah  
Members. You all are truly a blessing  
to us! Stop by and see us sometime!

Until next time,

*Penny R. Shinholster, CRC*  
*Community Relations Coordinator*

## GENEVA 274 DONATED COOKIES

Geneva Rebekah Lodge #274 donat-  
ed 14 packages of cookies to The  
Homeless Shelter of Mattoon. Sister  
Cleo Rose-Noble Grand and Shirley  
Wilkey Vice Grand delivered them.  
That was one of our projects we are  
working on but was unable to get a  
picture.

## MT ZION LODGE #300

The Mt Zion Lodge #300 held the  
12th annual mud volleyball tournament  
at this year's Pony Express. The Lodge  
selected Matthew Long as the local  
recipient and as a result, Mathew will  
be receiving the funds raised through  
the mud volleyball tournament.  
Matthew Long is a local Junior High  
student and boy scout, who is battling  
Neuroblastoma brain cancer.

The Mt Zion Lions Club donated  
\$1,000 and the tournament winners  
donated their prize money \$200 back  
to Matthew which will raise the total to  
over \$7,000.



## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



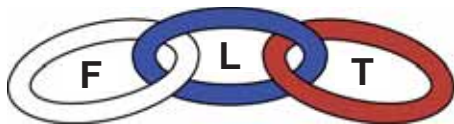
Hello Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you are reading this we will be right around a month away from installing a new Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Illinois! I can't believe it is already mid-August as I write this.

I hope you, your families, and your lodges have had a great summer, and have plans for a prosperous Autumn. The fall season is a great time for outdoor get togethers, bonfires and plenty of fun without all the sweat of summer! Hopefully you will be able to use this time to get your lodge out in the community for some fun!

Hopefully, your lodge has finished your reports and representative forms and submitted them to the Grand Lodge Office. We are optimistic that we will have a good turnout for sessions this year and will be able to see many old friends and meet some new ones too! It would be awesome to see every lodge represented this year! If you or your lodge are having problems with your report, please let us know as we are here to help! This year at session the Rebekah Assembly will be joining us for lunches on Monday and Tuesday, we look forward to breaking bread with our sisters and discussing ways to continue working on a better bridge to our future!

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



## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wow September already, hard to believe. Time to get ready for the October Session.

Craft Fair at the Crowne Plaza during Session. The price of the table and the percentage donation will go directly to the Rebekah Assembly general fund. This is open to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

1. The price of a table is - \$10 for one person, \$15 for two people, \$20 for a lodge, which could be quite a few people.

2. Then on the honor system after you have sold \$100 donate 20% to the Rebekah Assembly. This \$100.00 sold is per table. If the table does not make \$100.00 a donation is optional.

3. You will need someone at the table to help make sales. If you are not in the room or have a job that may keep you from making a sale.

4. Remember your cash box, if you take checks that is each person's choice.

5. There will be a drape to go over tables when no one is there.

Please send me your information, either to [smschove@gmail.com](mailto:smschove@gmail.com) subject line craft fair or to 206 E. Chestnut Street Fairbury by September 15th. Payment for the table will be made at session. If you come in on Sunday you may set up then. I will need your Name(s), or Lodge. I'm hoping this will be great turn out.

As many have seen School of Instruction will be held at Session this year. We will recess for the day before the School. This will give people time for a break a starting. Those that do not want to stay may leave. For those who want to watch please have your Instruction book so you may follow along.

If you have not sent your Promote your lodge report yet Please send it in to me include any pictures you took.

I will have a Silent Auction at session on a Quilt. I do not know the size as it is still in pieces. But the center panel is a Dove. Sister Sally Goembel found this panel while on vacation and is making this item. There will also be a raffle and 50/50. So, bring your luck with you.

Enjoy the last days of summer.

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

## MT ZION LODGE #300



## LEROY LODGE #149



LeRoy noble grand Dennis Mennenga recently presented Brother Kenneth Heavlin his 35-year jewel. Kenny has held several lodge offices over the years. He is also the lodge chief cook and bottle washer on meal nights.

## LEROY LODGE #149 RECOGNIZES MEMBERS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE STARTING WITH THE 50 YEAR MEMBERS

I apologize in the August Newsletter it had Keith Morgan instead of Kenneth Morgan. My error.



The following members received recognition for 50+ years of service. Stan Buss, Merle Woods, Bill Wey, Jack Burcham, & Kenneth Morgan along with Deputy Grand Master Steve Pigg.

## LODGES CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY

Juanita Rebekah Lodge #477 and Pride of the West Rebekah Lodge #544 celebrated the 4th of July. Top picture left to right is Juanita Rebekah Lodge with June Creasy, Nann Johnson, Allan and Audrey Jones. The bottom picture left to right is Ruth Kirsch, new member, Nann Johnson, Mary Key, Mary Lou Bruce, Mary Welburn, Marlene Kolbe, Allan and Audrey Jones, Patrica Bryant, Shirley Allers and Gail Ann Byers from Pride of the West Lodge not pictured was Donna Grable who took the pictures.



**Crowne Plaza Springfield**  
 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703  
 Phone: 217-585-2830 Fax: 217-585-1373

**Independent Order of Odd Fellow & Rebekahs Lodging Reservation Form**

**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)*

**2022 SESSION BANQUET**

	<b>Grand Master</b> Matthew Yingling	<b>Assembly President</b> Susan Schove	
	<b>Grand Patriarch</b> Colonel Steve Adams	<b>Department Commander</b> 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**

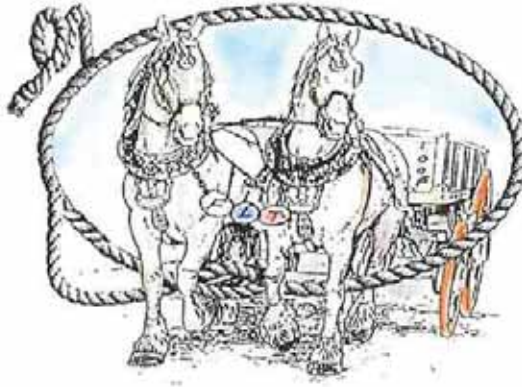
**ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS**

<b>Sunday, October 9, 2022</b>		
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
<b>Monday, October 10, 2022</b>		
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		
<b>Tuesday, October 10, 2017</b>		
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

**THE PRIDE OF THE WEST LODGE #544  
TAKES PART IN SCHOOL SUPPLY  
DRIVE**



Pictured are Sisters Nannette Johnson NG, and Donna Grable Secretary of Pride of the West #544 with the school supplies the Lodge recently collected and delivered to Triad Middle School. Over 500 items were collected.



**Souvenir Program Booklet**  
**2022 Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart Testimonial**  
**November 3-5, 2022**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A Souvenir Program Booklet is being planned for Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart's Testimonial on November 3-5, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa. Ad prices are as follows:

	<b>Black &amp; White</b>	<b>Color</b>
Full Page – 5½” x 8½” (image size approximately 4½” x 7½”)	\$100.00	\$175.00
Half Page	\$75.00	\$150.00
Quarter Page	\$50.00	\$125.00
One Line Commercial or Lodge Ad	\$25.00	
One Line Individual or Couples (Mr. & Mrs. Brother or Sister, etc.)	\$5.00	

Please consider purchasing an ad. Please make checks payable in U.S. dollars to:

**Heckart Testimonial Planning Committee**

Please submit your ad copy along with the appropriate amount to:

**Marty and Sue Zylstra**  
**Heckart Testimonial Planning Committee**  
**211 Thornton Avenue**  
**Des Moines, IA 50315**

Questions regarding ad should be directed to Sue & Marty Zylstra, (515)244-7618. Thank you

**Deadline for Ads: October 1, 2022**



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### Men



Make checks payable to:  
**Michelle Heckart Testimonial**

Mail to:  
**Marty and Sue Zylstra**  
Heckart Testimonial Committee  
211 Thornton Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50315

**Size:**  Small  Medium  Large  XL  2XL  3XL

**Color:**  Red  White  Blue

**Price:** \$25.00 S-XL \$27.00 2XL-3XL

### Women



**Size:**  Small  Medium  Large  XL  2XL  3XL

**Color:**  Red  White  Blue

**Price:** \$20.00 S-XL \$22.00 2XL-3XL

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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