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MT ZION LODGE #300



The Mt Zion Lodge members, Kevin Marquis, Kerry Toothman and Lodge Member/Scoutmaster Kevin Johnson, presented a plaque and a check for \$8000 to Matthew Long and his mother from funds raised at the annual mud volleyball tournament. Matthew is a local Junior High student and boy scout, who is battling Neuroblastoma brain cancer. One of Matthew's fellow scouts was also present, R. Shobe.



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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jones, Dorothy (8231) 90	Nov 07, 1931
Smith, Helen (7008) 90	Nov 09, 1931
McLain, Barbara (8083) 73	Nov 09, 1948
Foreman, Terry (8386) 80	Nov 11, 1941
Peterson, Barbara (8207) 78	Nov 20, 1943
Henson, Monty (8487) 65	Nov 20, 1956
Swim, Nellie (5871) 80	Nov 22, 1941
Childress, Sharon (8502) 83	Nov 23, 1938
Robinson, Sharon (7462) 78	Nov 23, 1943
Johnson, Tanya (8498) 81	Nov 24, 1940

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the Home!

What a busy month we have had!
 I don't know about any of you, but I
 am ready for some fall weather! Good
 times just setting around with loved
 ones over a bon fire, laughing, and
 telling stories! It is one of my favorite
 times!

Work never stops here at the home.
 Currently our rehab unit is full, and I
 have started a waiting list! Our long-
 term side is thriving as well; we only
 have 1 male bed available currently.
 Harmony center has 2 open rooms.
 Darcy our Harmony Coordinator is
 working hard to fill these.

Our connecting Generations party
 was so successful. We had so much
 fun joining our young and our senior
 residents together. So much laugh-
 ter filled our front park area! We had
 so many games from a duck pond to
 Corn Hole. The sack race by far was
 the best! Bounce houses entertained
 our younger crowd. We all enjoyed
 a pulled pork sandwich, chips, and a
 cookie. We had several community
 Hospice/ Home Health agencies come
 set up a table at the event to show the
 services they offer. We are so blessed
 to have such a good relationship with
 those in the community.



We are preparing for Halloween!
 We will be participating in the Trunk
 or Treat community affair uptown in
 Mattoon again this year. We learned
 from last year and will be having the
 residents help make goody bags up
 in advance. Bert Allen and I were
 slammed last year and barely made it
 through the night! LOL.

We participated in the Alzheimer's
 walk on September 17, 2022, and rep-
 resented as the Odd Fellow Rebekah
 Team. We truly enjoy supporting
 this event every year. Darcy Bone
 our Harmony Center memory Care
 unit Coordinator participates in the
 Alzheimer's Committee every year and
 makes this event so wonderful.

The Holidays will be on us soon.
 We will have a spooktacular time
 here at Odd Fellows with a Costume
 Contest, Halloween Party, and other
 festive events! We look forward to see-
 ing everyone at Grand Lodge! You
 can also come visit us at the Mattoon
 Business Expo at the Mall on October
 13th!

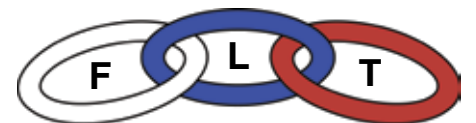
Until next month, blessings to you
 all and may you be safe and healthy!

*Penny R. Shinholster, CRC
 Community Relations Coordinator*



IN MEMORIUM

RAY FAYHEE
1957-2022
65 YEAR MEMBER
BUSHNELL LODGE



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Wow!!! This is the 12th and final installment of my letters! It is truly amazing how quickly 12 months can go by.

I feel we have done some really great things in the past year. We have worked hard to increase our accessibility, we have presented cost saving initiatives to lodges, we have laid groundwork for future projects and programs to be implemented to strengthen the lodges and the Jurisdiction of Illinois as a whole! None of this could have been accomplished without the help and bankable input from our members and our officers! Everyone from the new guy at the local lodge to the Regional Directors and District Deputies have shown us what open and clear communication can do!

It is not too late to contact the Grand Lodge Office to put your lodges name on the list for insurance quotes or credit card acceptance. We will be processing these requests if and when there is enough participation. It is anticipated that both programs will ultimately save the lodges money and streamline business operations at the local lodge level! We strongly encourage your participation.

I sincerely hope every lodge was able to be represented at the 2022 session and that every representative is now a sitting member on the 501c3 board! This is a program that if used properly to gather donations can be like a license to print money in your lodge! If you weren't able to send a representative please consider doing so next year so you can take full advantage of this.

I cannot thank my Odd Fellow

Brothers and Sisters, and our counterparts in the other branches enough for all of your support in this term. Together we were able to successfully navigate the troubles waters of a worldwide pandemic and prove ourselves to be stronger than the struggle!

Thank you all for joining me in this "JOURNEY",

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

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wow what a fast year this has been I would like to thank you all for the support I have received. I grew some this year. Traveling by myself for the first time since 1981. Had a blast also going to I.A.R.A as Representative. What a great year. A great big Thank You to all that gave me rides to meeting. The one person behind the scene is my youngest son Zach he is the puppy sitter, driver and all-round luggage hauler. Heather is my Marshall and does not mind middle of the night calls about whatever. Steve is an Odd Fellow who acts as my escort and either Jen (his wife) or him are backup drivers for trips. They have all been great during these years. I am looking forward to Rebekah Assembly and seeing everyone down in Springfield.

I am having a Silent Auction for a Quilt donated by Sally Goembel. It is a beautiful dove Quilt. I will also have some raffle Items and 50/50 tickets. Remember to bring cash for shopping at the craft fair.

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

PROPOSED CODE OF LAWS FOR THE 501 C3 CORPORATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ILLINOIS ODD FELLOWS' CHARITIES INC 501 C 3 TAX EXEMPT CORPORATION

SECTION 1. Act of incorporation – Illinois Odd Fellows Charities, INC was incorporated by the State of Illinois on April 14th, 2022, by the Secretary of State of Illinois.

SECTION 2. Its purpose is to create a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt corporation to enable lodges to receive tax-deductible bequests, transfers, devises, or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code. Such approval was received on 5/3/2022 with the effective date of exemption of April 14, 2022, as a public charity under subsection 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) of the IRS Code.

SECTION 3. All donations must be made to the name of the corporation, ILLINOIS ODD FELLOWS CHARITIES, INC and the donor must list the lodge name or number in the memo area. They will receive a letter of tax-exempt donation sent to them by the Corporation Office showing the Lodge the donation is going to. Any donation not made out to the name of the corporation will be returned to the lodge from which it came for corrections in order to comply with the IRS rules with **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Lodges receiving donations expecting a letter for tax exemption cannot deposit them in their normal lodge account. All donations expecting a letter for tax exemption must be made out to the corporation. Non-monetary donations must be Valued accurately to receive a tax-exempt letter. All monetary donations must be sent to the corporation office at Grand Lodge Office and non-monetary donations will be held at the lodge receiving the donation with a photo and a receipt of purchase, if possible, sent to the corporate office in Lincoln.

SECTION 4. This corporation **in no way changes the 501 C 8 designation of the lodges**. It is a separate corporation to receive donations to benefit the projects of the order. It should not be used to avoid sales tax, real estate tax, or any other use except what it is designated for.

SECTION 5. For a lodge to eligible to be a part of this tax-exempt corporation **they must have a representative attend the Grand Lodge Session so they can have their lodge be a member of the corporation.**

SECTION 6. Under the by-laws accepted by the State of Illinois Incorporation and the IRS 501 C 3 tax-exempt approval all money and non-monetary donations accepted will be held by the corporation until the lodge receiving the donation requests it be returned for the purpose intended. The Grand Lodge will not benefit in any way or keep any of the donations for any reason.

SECTION 7 BI-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

OTTAWA LODGE #41



Ottawa 41 members Bob Wooten (left) and James Johnson (far right) present the Morris Chiefs youth football team with a check for \$1230.00 towards the purchase of the giant football helmet seen in the background. The kids run onto the field at introduction time through the helmet. Ottawa 41 members raised this money at a "Fill the Helmet" event where members stand at the major intersections in Seneca with a football helmet in hand and the passing drivers fill the helmets with donations. Ottawa 41 is proud to sponsor area youth Football and Baseball teams





Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters

It is once again time to start the selection process for delegates that will be attending the 75th Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. The tour dates are July 1-July 13, 2023 and begin and end in Philadelphia.

The cost for this year's tour is the same as last year, \$2,000.00.

This year we had 85 delegates representing 23 jurisdictions. The speech contest winner this year ended in a tie and therefore it was determined that each winner would receive \$2,000.00 scholarships. The winners were Amy Pham (Ohio) and Sophia Cox (Oregon). Congratulations, to both scholarship winners.

Our future is our youth. The vision statement on the opening page of our website says: Gateway to the Future Standing on the Foundation of the Past. This program epitomizes the very fabric of our Order in promoting friendship, love and truth. The best recruitment tool we have is right in front of us: The Pilgrimage for Youth Program. Please be a part of our future growth and promote and sponsor a delegate!!

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR 2023:

Tour Dates: July 1-13, 2023

Delegate fees: \$2,000.00

First deposit due: January 1, 2023, (\$1,000.00)

Final payment due along with delegate application: April 15, 2023

Staff and Tour Leader applications due by November 1, 2022

Tour Leader fees: \$1,600.00 (if selected)

Delegates must be 16/17 years old and have at least one year of high school remaining to be eligible.

All applications, payment forms and donation forms can be downloaded on our website: www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com.

All fees, applications and donations are to be sent to: Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
6223 Six Mile Road
Danville, WV 25053

Thank you in advance for your support. Our future depends on you!!!

OTTAWA LODGE #41



Ottawa 41's Brothers and Sisters came together September 17th at Fat Daddyz in Seneca for a Wheel of Meat Raffle that raised over \$3000 to support "Shop with a Cop" a program where local law enforcement takes disadvantaged children shopping for themselves and their families for Christmas. Meat was sponsored by Corrigan Farms and Mann Family Farms, both of Seneca Illinois.



Ottawa 41 Noble Grand Rod Osborne (left) Presents a 5yr pin to Brother Dave (Chip) Altobella at our regular Lodge meeting



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Form to receive donations sent for your Lodge to the Illinois Odd Fellows Charities, INC.

Lodge Name: _____ Date: _____

Donor Name: _____ Amount: _____

Project Funds will be used for: _____

Have you received a copy of the donation letter sent to the Donor? _____ YES _____ NO

What is the Amount of Donation you are looking for? _____.

Are their multiple Donors? _____ YES _____ NO How many _____?

Please list Donors Name: _____ Amount: _____

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Where it asks for Amount of Donation you are looking for, please put at total amount of all donations for this Project that we are holding for your lodge.

If you have multiple projects, you are working on please use one form per project. Remember we will be looking for this donation to appear on your annual reports. Under donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office (217-735-2561). We should be able to trace all the donations that are run through our new Corporation Illinois Odd Fellows Charities Inc to your lodges Annual Reports. The amounts on the report may be more than you have requested which is fine, but it needs to be at least the amount run through this office. That just means that you had other donors that were not concerned about a Tax-Deductible donation.

Please note we will NOT issue any Tax-Deductible donation letter to anyone unless it runs through the new corporation. If you take a donation and deposit in your account and they come back and ask for tax-deductible donation letter you will need to issue a check to them from your lodge treasury and instruct them to address a new check to ILLINOIS ODD FELLOWS' CHARITIES INC and put your lodge name or number in the memo area so we make sure, it goes to the Correct lodge. Once we receive the Donation, we will process the payment and Print 3 copies of the donation letters.

One will go back to the donor.

One will be mailed to the Lodge identified.

One will remain in a file in our office until we receive a request from the lodge and cut the Check to mail to the lodge. Giving us a paper trail.

WE WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE OUR 501 C3 CORPORATION BY NOT FOLLOWING THE IRS RULES AND REGULATIONS.