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## 35th Annual Grand Master's Trap Shoot

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

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

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

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

**Lunch - Noon**

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

**Trophies for Several Classes**

**including**

**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



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Betty Foster	10/06/33
Charles Sorensen	10/08/23
Wilma Woods	10/09/38
Virginia Kingery	10/10/19
Bruce Webb	10/13/27
Ellen Buege	10/15/24
Dorothy Taylor	10/25/30
Kenneth Ogden	10/29/23

## IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAM JONES**  
Fifty Year Veteran  
9/12/1933 - 8/2/2016

**RICHARD A. HARBER**  
1946-2016

## THANK YOU

To Whom it May Concern:

I want to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to win the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship this year! It will help abundantly with the college education, I am starting this fall at Augustana! I can't express how blessed I am by your generosity. I can't wait to chase my dreams! Thanks again! God Bless!

*Kassin Phinney*

## LETTER FROM THE STAR ENCAMPMENT & AUXILIARY #17

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, information, and fund raising for a good cause. We are inviting all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and their guests to join us on September 22, at 6:30 p.m. for a light meal followed by a friendly trivia contest at 7 p.m. We will break into teams to see which group has the best grasp of potentially useless information.

During the evening you will have a chance to learn more about the Encampment branch of our Order. A free will donation will be collected for the food and all proceeds will go to the primary charity of this branch, the Illinois Center for Autism in Fairview Heights, IL.

There will also be information about the ICA available.

Star Encampment and LEA #17 meet at the IOOF Hall in Bushnell, IL at 265 W. Osborn. For more information contact Cathy Reavley at (309) 582-6102 (cell) or Haroldr@casscomm.com

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It has been said, "He who makes no mistakes is not doing anything." For the mistakes which I have made, please forgive me. At least I am trying to do something worth while.

## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the Home,

I can't believe summer is over and school is starting! Looking back to August, we had a wonderful turn out for our Carnival Themed Family Night. We enjoyed games and bounce houses for the kids, lemon shake-ups, cotton candy, tacos and hot dogs. The residents loved being with friends and family and we couldn't have asked for better weather.

This month is packed with fun activities and events for everyone. The residents are looking forward to going to the Scoville Zoo, autumn party, Labor Day celebrations, music circle, bingo, devotions, our weekly movies and many more activities.

We are still having a support group every third Thursday of the month for those caring for loved ones who suffer from Alzheimer's or other related dementia. They are supportive, educational and open to the public. Our Harmony Center Director, Darcy leads this group and really does a great job comforting everyone that attends. We will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 24th to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. We have been working hard to raise money to reach our team goal and want to thank everyone who donated.

Until next month - take care and be well.

*Jenna Black*

*Community Relations Coordinator*

## A LITTLE ILLINOIS TRIVIA

Lets see how much you know about Illinois History. Can you match the dates to the questions.

1. Do you know what year the Museum committee was Established?
2. Do you know what year the Scholarship was Established?
3. Do you know what year the Grand Lodge building in Lincoln was built?
4. Do you know what year we dedicated Friendship Manor?
5. Do you know what year we dedicated Fellowship Center?
6. Do you know what year we started to support Arthritis?
7. Do you know what year we started the Living Legacy Program?

- A. 1984
- B. March 27, 1971
- C. 1992 but started in 1989
- D. 1985
- E. June 3, 2006
- F. August, 1981
- G. June 28, 1981

Answers can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Brothers and Sisters

Time is running out for me as Grand Master. But it's not running out for you. For all my brothers and sisters, you are empowered, to make a difference. Not by me, not by the Grand Lodge. You empowered yourselves, by becoming Odd Fellows. Make a difference, help your lodges succeed.

Remember this Phrase. "In order to succeed, we must first believe we can."

I believe in all of you, as Odd Fellows there is nothing we can not accomplish, if we all pull together and support each other. "The Sky is the Limit" I know all of you will continue to move our order forward.

Rank and Titles don't make leaders. Members who love our order and come up with ideas, and follow through with those ideas, are leaders. Members who go that extra mile, to help or guide, are leaders. Members who go to events of their lodges and surrounding lodges and lending a helping hand, are leaders. Members who get their lodges excited about their lodges, and the work they are doing, are leaders.

Just remember rank and titles don't define you. The work you do as Odd Fellows defines who and what you are.

Don't forget all the people out there that need us. Our success as Odd Fellow lodges transfers directly to the people we help. We can and do make a difference to those in need.

I hope to see many of you, my brothers and sisters at our annual Grand Lodge Session, October 9th, 10th and 11th.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth*

*Eric N. Smith*

*Grand Master of your Grand Lodge*

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Brothers and Sisters,

As I start this message to you I have returned from the Great Lake Conference that was in Perryburg, Ohio. Charles Campbell and I went to this conference to learn what our brothers and sisters are doing for Odd Fellows. The numbers at this conference were down, however we had a very good representation of the ones there.

Mr. Edward Muchow, Committee on Legislation, S.G.L. was there from Mississippi with a report of what to expect when we go to Rapid City, South Dakota. For the Leaders that were not there, you missed a lot of information on the Legislation to be brought up at the Sovereign Grand Lodge session with questions and answers.

Next year we will have the Great Lakes Conference in Bloomington, Illinois.

It is very important that all leaders attend this conference, you are the back bone of our lodges. If you as leaders don't care, why should our members care? We as leaders are to set the example for our members. We visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educated the orphan. Who is in your lodge that could use your help to make things better for someone in need?

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,*

*Larry Gean*

*Deputy Grand Master of Illinois*

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If your lodge has not come up to your expectations and its membership you are about to leave, why not try making it into the lodge you would like it to be? After all, you are one of its members, and if nothing you have done, how can you condemn your lodge, when responsibility you have refused to accept?

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Things have moved quickly this month. Attended the last District Meeting on June 4th in Granite City; what a great group of Rebekah's to end with. Actually ALL the Rebekah's at all this years District meetings were GREAT. I had a wonderful time visiting all our districts and meeting the best Rebekah's, in my opinion. Thank you all for your kindness and courtesies during the meetings.

Since District Meetings I worked at my church's Vacation Bible School; we had 4 and 5 year olds in our class. Our theme was Barn Yard. We started and ended each class with a visit from our puppet, Polly the Pig. Polly got herself into some mischief but her Farmer was there to get her back on track. Just like our Lodge Sisters step up and extend a helping hand during our time of need. I am proud to be a Rebekah.

By the time you receive this letter; Father's Day will be over. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Dad's a very Happy Father's Day.

Please remember to thank a vet during your July Fourth celebrations.

## HOW THE ODD FELLOWS GOT THEIR NAME

There are some legends, which give the name "Odd Fellows" a history dating back to ancient Rome, but most likely the name originated in 18th Century England. Until that time, only the aristocracy had established such philanthropic societies, and it was "unheard of" that common men would organize a mutual aid fraternity. These extraordinary laborers were called "Odd Fellows". Because of their work to relieve the distressed and to educate the underprivileged, the name of "Odd Fellows" was given to them. From these special sources came the characteristics of this fellowship that have brought so many remarkable benefits to people throughout the world.

## GRAND LODGE WEBSITE COMMITTEE WORKING ON NEW WEBPAGE



The Website committee consisting on Jim Turner, PGM, Dawn East, Janis Klockenga and Ainslie Heilich have been working hard on the new website. We hope to be able to roll it out soon. Possibly at Grand Lodge. We have also started a Facebook page that will allow you to post events that will be linked to the Website. We will have a members only page that will allow lodges to print some forms like the Children's Home Grant form and Scholarship Application. Look forward to the new website soon we are all excited about it.

## ODD FEST



Another successful ODD FEST full of music, fellowship and fund-raising. Good job brothers and sisters of Sycamore and Carpentersville, Illinois!  
*Photo shared by bro. Ralph Eddie Stauch.*

## BIG BUDDY YOUTH PARTY

### HOSTED BY RUSHVILLE ODD FELLOWS FRIENDSHIP LODGE #24

Rushville Odd Fellows Youth Director Don Schieferdecker advises 69 youth and 13 chaperones attended the Big Buddy Day youth trip to Knights Action Park in Springfield on Thursday, July 28, 2016. The youth bus and several transportation volunteers left Rushville at 945 am and arrived for the day in the park at 11 a.m. The water park, go kart rides and other park youth activities were open for our youth group. Burgers from McDonalds and soft drinks were served for lunch in the park. The group departed at 5 p.m. returning to Rushville. Schieferdecker advises this youth trip was funded by a grant presented to the Odd Fellows Lodge from the Rushville United Way Foundation for our Big Buddy program youth activities. Chaperones and volunteers providing transportation to the park were Blacks Transfer of Beardstown, Don Schieferdecker, Thursa Edwards, Allen and Angela Smith, Mandy Edwards, Miguel Smith, Joe Dorsey, Mickey Tribble, Addie Peterman, Katherine Ren, Ashley Evans, Mary Ingles and Mike Root. The Big Buddy Day youth group and all youth activities are sponsored by the Rushville Odd Fellows Friendship Lodge #24.



Odd Fellows Youth Director Don Schieferdecker advises 63 were in attendance at the Big Buddy Youth party on Saturday, August 6, 2016. A swimming party was held at the Scripps Park pool from 5 to 7 pm and a cookout was enjoyed from 7 to 9 pm at the shelter house at Scripps Park. Allen, Angie and Cline Smith cooked hamburgers on the grill and also served chips, soda and watermelon. Chaperones for the event were Don and Anna Marie Schieferdecker, Dave and Thursa Edwards, Mandy Edwards, Patty Messinger, Samantha Maltby, Becky Spoon, Kyle Morse, Kellie Jo Thompson, Jessica Self, Kim Moore, Mike Shoemaker and Jim Gray. The Rushville Casey's store donated ice and Spears Produce of Beardstown donated the melons. Schieferdecker advises him and Thursa Edwards are working on a couple of Big Buddy events coming up and the details will be later announced. The Schuyler County Big Buddy Youth Program is sponsored by the Rushville Odd Fellows Friendship Lodge #24.

## NEILSON LODGE #25 TAKES PART IN LOGAL PARADE

Neilson Odd Fellow Lodge #25 of Troy, Illinois recently took part and decorated a truck for the 75th Annual Homecoming parade. The theme was "Shine Like A Diamond." The truck was decorated with hand made diamonds of red, white, and blue glitter made by Dawn East and Lisa Edwards. Neilson Lodge #25 has been active in Troy since 1846. They support many projects of the order including the D.A.R.E. Program. by providing the graduates with tee shirts with the logo of the Order on them.



Pictured L-R: Mike Edwards, Dawn East and Donna Garble.

## TUSCOLA ODD FELLOWS LODGE #316 DONATES TO DOUGLAS COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Tuscola Odd Fellows Lodge #316 donated \$250 worth of supplies to the Douglas County Animal Shelter. This money came from the tattoo fund raiser held at vintagekarma in April. Thank you to all who participated.



Pictured are Laura Davis, Ainslie Heilich and Anna Miller.

## WE ARE FISHER

It was the years of 2013 – 2014 – 2015 that the community began to lay plans for complete renovation of the sports complex known as Keller Field. Fund raising began, contracts were signed, and volunteers were rounded up.

The goal was to update the old cinder track to an 8-lane all weather track. The district's football facility would have new elevated bleachers and a new press box. The plan was to renovate the concession and bathrooms, fencing, patio, put in donor recognition and much more. As work began, it was clear that many hundreds of thousands of dollars would be needed for an undertaking of this size.

A billboard with a fund-o-meter was set up at the edge of town for all to see the progress of the fundraising. As is typical of small communities, the people came together. Monetary support came from business, private, corporate, and donations from organizations.

This is where Fisher Odd Fellows #704 came in. Information and a letter were sent to the Grand Lodge for the Children's Home Board to apply for available grant money. The amount of \$2500.00 enabled the lodge name to be placed front and center on the brass plaque as a Silver Donor.

Once construction was completed and the complex ready to host sports events, a formal dedication ceremony was held. Hundreds of volunteer hours, donations of heavy equipment and skills, those who could handle a shovel or paintbrush, as well as all the monetary donors were recognized at this ceremony.

Being part of this small community since 1883, Fisher Odd Fellows were truly honored to be a very small part of this moment in history for the Fisher Bunnies.



# **Burlington Fall Fest**

## **Craft Show, Parade and Car Show**

### **Sunday, September 11th, 2016**

#### **11:00 to 6:00 PM**

**at the Burlington Park**

**401 Park Street**

**Donations are always welcome!**

**Remembering 9/11  
First Responders**

**Live Music**

**Turkey Drop Game**

(Benefits Burlington Food Pantry & Fire Dept.)

**Food Vendors**

**Live Music**

**Beer Tent**

**Craft Shows**

**Fun for the  
Whole Family!**

**Parade at Noon!**  
Parade Marshall & Organizer  
Cori Cork Petersen

**Bingo**

**Face Painting**

**Big Castle House**

**Raffles**

**Pony Rides for Kids**

**Mini Zoo & Petting Zoo**

**Big Slide & More**

**Car & Bike Show** 

**Best of Show - Mayors Choice**

**Odd Fellows Choice**

**Best: GM, Ford, Mopar, Import,**

**Street Rod, Truck & Tractor**

**Top 40 Awards**

**\$12 Day of Event**

**(\$1 off with a non-perishable can good.)**

**Proceeds go to the Hampshire/Burlington Food  
Pantry and the Odd Fellows Children Charities**

**Information call: 815-251-4211 or visit:**

**[www.threelinkcarshow.info](http://www.threelinkcarshow.info)**

**Angels 5K Run  
For Autism**

**Sponsored by the  
Sycamore Rebekahs  
the morning of Fall Fest**

**Craft Show & Market Vendors**  
**from 9am - 6pm**

**More Crafters**

**KLEIN'S**  
**FARM & GARDEN MARKET**

**More information or questions call  
Burlington Village Hall at 847-683-2237  
or Tom Carey at 847-683-2349**

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## PRESIDENT



Dear Chevaliers and Ladies:

Where has the time gone. It is August already.

I will be attending Sovereign Grand Lodge in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Once again, I have been very busy and had a good time.

I was on the Daily Journal Committee and in charge of the This and That Table. We had a lot of fun. We will have a Decoration of Chivalry this year at our Annual Session of the Department Council. So if you would like to be in the staff, let us know as soon as possible we need all the help we can get. So step up and help in this worthwhile cause. Let us know by September 1st.

Remember to get your officers report into Audrey by August 31st.

The all Leaders Banquet will be on November 5th and again it will be held at the Chateau in Bloomington.

I was in attendance at the Great Lakes Conference that was held in Perryburg, Ohio where I was installed along with PGM Charles Campbell as President for the year 2016-2017. So we are going to need a lot of help from the Order.

The Grand Masters Trap Shoot will be held on September 10, 2016. Get your guns cleaned and come over to Canton, Illinois and show the Grand Master that you can shoot and take home a trophy.

*Lady Judy*

## A LITTLE ILLINOIS TRIVIA-ANSWERS

1. B. March 27, 1971; 2. A. 1984; 3. E. June 3, 2006; 4. G. June 28, 1981; 5. F. August 1981; 6. D. 1985; 7. C. 1992 but started in 1989.

## GRAND MATRIARCH



Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs:

Well summer will be over soon, kids are back in school and we will wonder where the time has gone. It truly has been a hot and stormy one for some folks. Hopefully all weathered it without any damage.

Now it is time to start planning for session, October 12, 2016. Officers did you get your report to the Grand Scribe by August 30th? If not, do it NOW. I hope you are selling tickets for the TV and project table. We also will have a 50/50 raffle. I would appreciate it if you can bring some gifts for our project table. The more we have the more money we can raise for autism.

We have one more drawing, session, for our Calendar Raffle. Let's make this a banner one and buy some extra tickets so we can give a nice check to the Illinois Center for Autism. Congratulations to our Labor Day winner.

Enjoy September.

"By all these lovely tokens

September days are here,

With summer's best of weather

And autumn's best of cheer.

**Helen Hunt Jackson**

*In Faith, Hope and Charity*

*Jeanette Dajc, Grand Matriarch*

## ODD FELLOWSHIP

### ODD FELLOWSHIP IS NOT

- Merely a beneficial society.
- Just another secret organization.
- An institution without a future.

### ODD FELLOWSHIP IS

- The strongest fraternal society on the continent.
- A great world-wide united brotherhood.
- A fraternity founded on the basis of universal brotherhood.
- Based on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.
- No longer an experiment.
- More than a century old as we know it on this continent.
- Endowed with the intellectual vigor,

elasticity, adaptability and freshness of perpetual youth.

- The foe of selfishness and ignorance.
- Based upon the purest principles of equality.
- Non-political and non-sectarian.
- A source of comfort in times of trouble and adversity.
- A world-wide force that stands for all that is noblest and highest.
- An everyday guide for conduct, a mantle that should be worn always.
- An organization that favors no man for his wealth and frowns on none for his poverty.
- An ideal that exists in the heart and mind of every genuine Odd Fellow.
- Fulfilling a mission in the world which no other institution has successfully attempted.
- A vitalizing, sympathetic and actuating influence in the lives of all its real members.
- A ministering spirit succoring the needy, cheering the despondent and protecting the helpless.
- The handmaid of virtue and religion.
- Founded on the inspired word of God as revealed to man in the Holy Bible.

### ODD FELLOWSHIP TEACHES

- Wise and serious truths and opens up before its members opportunities for useful service.
- Belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.
- The lesson of fraternity, that all are of one family and therefore brethren.
- The importance of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.
- The privilege and duty of individual sympathy, mutual assistance and everyday service to one's fellows.
- That humanity was intended to be one harmonious structure.
- That each individual is a unit in that God-made temple.
- Its members how to stand on their own feet, yet walk in step with their neighbors.
- The difference between right and wrong.
- That it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- To impress upon its members a real sense of their obligations to others.
- To improve and exalt the character of man.
- To imbue him with a proper conception of his capabilities for good.
- To enlighten his mind.
- To enlarge the sphere of his affections.
- To promote the general good of mankind.
- To spread abroad the light of morality and fraternalism.
- To eliminate false distinctions among men.
- To lead man to the cultivation and extension of true fraternity.
- To establish peace on earth and good will among men.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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## SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE 2016, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA



Allen H. Jones, PGM and Bonnie Hensley, PPRA of Illinois were honored to present the Illinois Flag at the Opening Ceremonies of Sovereign Grand Lodge.