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GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

July 27, 28, 29
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

August 17-23
Baltimore, Maryland

GRAND MASTER'S TRAP SHOOT

September 8
Canton, Illinois

GRAND LODGE OFFICER'S MEETING

(All elected and appointed officers, DDGM, Regional Directors, Etc.)
September 15
Lincoln, Illinois

GRAND LODGE & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

October 8 thru 9
Springfield, Illinois

LEADERS MEETING & BANQUET

November 3 & 4
Northfield Inn & Suites
Springfield, Illinois

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------|---------|
| Donna Peterson | 7/02/36 |
| Rosemary Hogge | 7/05/36 |
| Delores Cobb | 7/10/31 |
| Sarah Thomas | 7/11/40 |
| Effie Pforr | 7/22/31 |
| Cynthia Klein | 7/23/60 |
| Carl Faulkner | 7/24/35 |
| John Fleming | 7/28/25 |

ELGIN LODGE #12



On Saturday, May 19th, Elgin Lodge #12 gathered for another successful high-way cleanup adventure.

**SCHOLARSHIP
 AWARDED**



Michelle Cooley of Prophetsville was
 awarded her scholarship certificate at
 the Prophetsville High School awards
 night on May 3rd by Steve Adams of
 Rockford Lodge #140.

Make a Difference Challenge for Youth
 Please be sure to get your Mason Jars
 Full of change turned in the Grand Lodge Office
 By the end of June, so we can take them to the
 Sovereign Grand Lodge in August



SYCAMORE LODGE #105

The Sycamore Lodge #105 is hosting the three links car show on Sept. 9th at 401 Park Street, Burlington, Illinois. Come out and enjoy a day of fun, food, and cars. Bring the family, our car show has been a great success. We have a petting zoo, pony rides, and many food vendors, and after the parade at noon, we have crafters with a variety of goods for sale. Come and get a raffle ticket for the TV in the beer tent, with the Bears on, so come and watch the game. We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers. Thanks Tom Carey and Jim Melton Sycamore Lodge #105 in Sycamore Illinois.



The picture is a 1960 Dodge truck with the Sycamore Odd Fellows and Rebekah's throwing candy. Brother Dale Brimer is driving.

NEWS FROM THE HOME



What a busy month for the home. Nursing Home week kept us busy last month so we are happy to have somewhat of a calm month ahead of us. Everyone enjoys dressing up for our themed days throughout the week, especially super hero day.

This month in activities our residents will be remembering D Day, fit to serve will be coming to visit 2 times this month, Flag Day, Father's Day, we will go on a lunch outing to a local restaurant, Bingo, nails for the ladies and church services, just to name a few.

We are all so happy for this beautiful weather and everyone seems to be spending a good amount of time outside, soaking up the sun. I'm sure we will continue to stay busy throughout the month and enjoying every second of it.

Until next month - take care and be well.

Jenna Black, Community Relations Coordinator

ODD FELLOW REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Hannah Elizabeth Klockenga was awarded one of the Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarships this year. Hannah is daughter of John and Dianna Klockenga of Dix IL. Hannah has 2 brothers and 3 sisters and 1 sister-in-law. Her two older brothers Hayden and Austin are currently in college and she has two younger sisters that just graduated from 8th grade. Her sister-in-law Haley graduated from College this year. They had 4 graduates this year to celebrate. Hannah is going to be attending Lincoln Christian University studying Children's Ministry in the fall.



L-R: Halle, Hayden, Haley, Dianna, Hannah, John, Lorlai, Austin Klockenga



Janis Klockenga Secretary of the Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarship Committee presenting the scholarship to Hannah Klockenga.

Three Links Car Show



September 9th, 2018

8 AM - 3 PM

Sunday *Fun* at the Burlington Park

401 Park St. Burlington, Illinois

**Join the
Noon Parade*
for Free!**

**More
Parking!**

**Bring
the
Kids!**

**Morning Coffee
& Donuts
Available**

**Crafters
Food Vendors
Pony Rides**

**Dash Plaques
to First 100
Entrants**

www.threelinkscarshow.info

Awards at 2:30 PM

Best of Show - Mayors Choice - Odd Fellows Choice

**Best: GM, GM-Non Chevy. Ford, Mopar, Import,
Street Rod, Truck, Rat Rod & Motorcycle**

Top 40 Awards

**Car Show
50/50's
Rain or Shine**



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\$12 Pre Entry Fee (Due by 9/8/18) - \$15 Day of Event

Registration 8 AM - 12:30 PM

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

**Proceeds go to the Hampshire/Burlington Food Pantry and
The Odd Fellows Local 105 Childrens Charities**

Car Show Sponsored by the Sycamore Odd Fellows, Lodge 105

Car Show Promoted by 3-D Sound Company of Northern Illinois: www.3dsound.org

*** For a parade entry form, email Cori: fire1309@aol.com**

Pre Registration Entry Form

Show Vehicle

Name: _____ Make: _____
Address: _____ Model: _____
City, State & Zip: _____ Year: _____
Email: _____

For more information call: 815-251-4211

Make Car show check out to: IOOF

Send Pre-Registration fee, \$10 by 09/8/18 to:

Please visit www.threelinkscarshow.info

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TUSCOLA ODD FELLOWS LODGE #316



Tuscola Odd Fellows Lodge #316 donated four boxes of board games and puzzles to Douglas County Summer Food Service Program. Sponsored by the Douglas County Health Department, the non-profit program provides free meals, fun activities, educational programs and free bus transportation to hundreds of children each summer.

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS



William "Bill" Maplesden Grand Master, Sharon Landry President Rebekah Assembly, Erine Higgerson Sr. Grand Patriarch, and Bonnie Hensley LAPM walking up to place wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT HOLDS ALL DEGREE DAY

Mayor stops by Grand Encampment All Degree Day.

On April 21, 2018 the patriarchs and matriarchs of Dupo hosted an all degree day in which 2 candidates were brought into the Encampment Branch of our Order. The Dupo members hosted a BBQ fundraiser for the town and autism, the mayor stopped in to thank all for supporting the town with the fundraiser. Members from throughout Illinois assisted in putting on the degrees.



Pictured left to right of Grand Patriarch Ernie Higgerson, Dupo Mayor Jim Wilson, Grand Junior Warden Richard Bright.



Pictured is all that attended that day.

REGION #1 MEETING HELD



Pictured is the initiatory degree members at the Region #1 meeting held in Rockford on April 28, 2018. 52 members from Illinois and Wisconsin attended with candidates taking other degrees during the day. A highlight was the symbols of the degrees shown using a 1850s stereopticon projector and hand painted slides. The Grand Lodge Degree was given to 2 members. A great day of fellowship was held as attendees brought diapers for donation to local charities as payment for their lunch.

MT. ZION ODD FELLOWS LODGE HOSTS GOLF OUTING



The Mt Zion Odd Fellows Lodge hosted a golf outing on May 12, 2018 and I have a brief article and picture for the paper, if there is room.

On Saturday, May 12th, 2018, the Mt Zion Odd Fellows Lodge held the 10th Annual Mt Zion Odd Fellows Golf Outing at the Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur, Illinois. The outing started at 9:30 a.m. as a 4 person scramble with a shotgun start. This year we had 95 golfers, the best turnout since starting the outing in 2008. Brother's Jeff Miller and Charlie Cloyd arranged the event and did an excellent job once again. The golfers enjoyed the fellowship and shared a meal of pulled pork, cheeseburgers, baked beans, coleslaw and potato chips, after the day of golfing. Prizes awarded included Cardinals Tickets, Illini Tickets, Blue Tooth Speakers, a Smoker, Gift Cards and other prizes. Dixon Golf from Arizona was one of our sponsors and provided additional prizes. Next year the Mt Zion Odd Fellows will be hosting the 11th annual Golf Outing on May 11, 2019, and we invite brothers to attend. Come join

us next year for Odd Fellowship, a little golf and a great time.

The lodge has annually utilized proceeds from the golf outing to offer local scholarships to Mt Zion High School Students. This year, the lodge elected to dedicate the 50/50 proceeds to a Mt Zion High School student, Austin Fyke, who while on a band trip to New York suffered a serious medical condition, requiring him to be hospitalized on the east coast and undergo surgery removing part of his skull. After weeks of recovery on the east coast, Austin and his family returned home. He will have routine trips to Chicago to monitor the swelling and tissue recovery. Austin will eventually have a prosthesis to replace that portion of his skull and he plans to return to the High School band this fall, but will be restricted from marching. Our thoughts and prayers continue for Austin and his family as he recovers. The Mt Zion lodge had previously donated \$500 to help the family with travel and related expenses. The Lodge then chose to dedicate the Golf Outing 50/50 proceeds to the family as well. The 50/50 raised \$712 for the Fyke family, after the winner, Randy Wiley, donated back his winnings.

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows as usual will have a busy next few months, with the Brothers Odd band playing June 2nd at Sullivan, June 9th at the Mt Zion Ice Cream Social and July 2nd at the Mt Zion Blue Ribbon Days. The lodge will be co-hosting a Dodgeball tournament to raise funds for girls softball June 9th. In August, the lodge will partner with the Mt Zion Lion's Club to support the Mt Zion Pony Express Days. Information regarding details for upcoming events will be posted on our website, "MtZionOddFellows.org", please come join us and have an ODD time.

Jon Thomas

RESOLUTION NO. #5 2017

Posted on April 17, 2018 by
theconductor1819

(Italics, red letters, boldface is used by author of this post to HIGHLIGHT important parts of the code in this first section)

From the IOOF Code of Laws:

“Resolution No. 5 – 2017 – **by unanimous consent** – adopted Thursday the 24th August 2017 The Executive Committee of The Sovereign Grand Lodge moved the following, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order. Be it Resolved, that a Non-discrimination Policy be inserted into the Appendix of the Code of General Laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge to read as follows: Non-Discrimination Policy ***The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability, age [other than that of minimum to join the Order (lodge, club or group)], ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity.*** The I.O.O.F. will make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when such modifications are necessary to afford its services and facilities to individuals with disabilities, unless the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of its services.

“The I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual based on disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities, unless the individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, or him/herself, that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services. The I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities because of the individual’s association with a person of disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity”

–Code of Laws, Independent Order of Odd Fellows

“The Order does not believe in the divisions and classifications of society.”– ritual

“If a member permits evil influences to control his or her actions and violates any of these laws he or she must pay the penalty.” –ritual

“UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAN under the FATHERHOOD OF GOD is imperative to the survival of the world...”—The Creed

Game over. Enough. There is no longer room for discussion.



If a lodge, or grand lodge is caught discriminating against any of the individuals or groups listed above, it (or you) will likely end up speaking with an attorney—or two. Hell, maybe even a judge. And those legal fees! Ouch!

It is no longer 1850. It is not 1920. It’s not even 1970. It’s 2018, and according to the laws of the United States, discrimination against people is illegal, and it’s ridiculous that some people have to be reminded of this. According to the Code of Laws of the Independent Order Of Odd Fellows, if discrimination occurs, an Odd Fellow and or a lodge will be punished by the Order. There’s an even better chance somebody who’s an Odd Fellow will be punished by the victim’s attorneys for violating civil rights statutes.

Now, some may say “In OUR jurisdiction, we’ll do what we want!! No Gays, no African Americans, and no Hispanics, because this is Illinoia!” Think you can keep bigotry a secret? Be advised of this: ***someone always talks.*** It’ll be found out eventually, and when this happens there’s a new word somebody will learn: **LAW-SUIT.**

People should also know that if someone uses this Order to perpetuate their bigotry, they are severely outnumbered by more Odd Fellows who will work for universal brother and sisterhood (see below for a reference to SGL and autism). Why? Because it’s a violation of one of the most sacred tenets of Odd Fellowship: in our lodges there is no distinction between individuals. I’d also point out that if a member knows discrimination is occurring and does nothing to stop it, conventional wisdom states they are as guilty as the perpetrator.

And those legal fees! Ouch!

Here’s a quote on bigotry from *The*

Odd Fellows Keepsake, a late 19th century IOOF magazine. It is a warning about what bigotry can do, and a call to remove it from our Order, in the very small pockets where it exists: ***“When a bigot moves it is amidst ruin of his own creation. His prayers are curses, his touch pollution, his communion death, his vengeance eternal. His decalogue is written in the destruction of his victims, and if he stoops for a moment from his inglorious flight, it is only that he may gather strength for a more sanguinary desolation. The fury of such persons goeth forth withering (all) alike in its repose and progress. From such ‘unreasonable and wicked men’ Paul the apostle prayed devoutly to be delivered; no wonder; for they are at best moral hyenas.”***

Bigotry destroys all it ensnares—both victims and perpetrators— and will destroy lodges or grand lodges. Recently Sovereign Grand Lodge felt the impact of bigotry in the Order when an autistic young man was nearly denied a chance to visit the United Nations in a program run by the IOOF. A swarm of Odd Fellows rose up against this destructive decision. The results were a huge uproar in the Order between members, attorneys becoming involved, and the IOOF getting beaten up in the media. Further, the United Nations now forbids the Order to ever use the words “United Nations” again in its program. However, a bee swarm of Odd Fellows were able to sway bigotry, and the young man was allowed to visit the UN. These are the Odd Fellows who will fight bigotry in the Order.

Bigotry is always destructive. Those who practice it must come to see this.

If you have bigotry taking place in your lodge or grand lodge, say something to someone.

We are looking for people of good character. Can they help the distressed, the foster child, the sick? Will they treat others in the lodge as equals? Can they add positive things to the lodge experience? Those are the things membership should be based upon.

Forget it not!

Scott Moye is an award-winning history educator and collector of Arkansas folklore. He grew up on a cotton farm and is currently a museum worker. Hobbies include: old house restoration, writing, amateur radio, Irish traditional music, archery, craft beer, old spooky movies, and street performance. He is a member of Marshall Lodge #1, in Marshall, Arkansas, and a founder of Heart In Hand Blog.

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REGION #5 MEETING

Flora Lodge #151 hosted the Region #5 Degree day April 7, 2018. #5 Regional Director, Clyde Litton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.



Thirty five members were present and ten new members completed their Degrees. The following are the member's : Tuscola #316 – Stephenia Moore, Cathy Means, Jim Means,; Flora #151 – Karen Herring, Patricia Hassebrock, Dennis Hassebrock, James Deefenbach, Donna K. Orinig, Mt. Olive #114 – Jason Gilbert, Adam Gilbert.

P.G.M. Richard Herring served as Degree Captain, Grand Lodge Officers present, Grand Master Bill Mapleson, Deputy Grand Master Jim Bott, Grand Warden Niles Reamer, Grand Sec'y. Jerald Sarnes, Grand Treasurer Arlan Miller, Grand Patriarch Ernie Higginson, Junior Past Grand Master Larry Gean, Grand Encampment Treasurer Allen H. Jones P.G.M.

A fine catered dinner was enjoyed by all present. A Good Day of Odd Fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Allen H. Jones P.G.M. - Reporter