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WESTERN STAR #1 PRESENTED SCHOLARSHIP TO AMANDA S. CLARK

Amanda is 18 year old Senior at Alton High School with a 4.1 GPA, a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She will be attending Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. She will be Pursuing a Major in Economics and a minor in Computer Science.



Pictured l-r: NG David Scheffel, Warden Tony Clark, Amanda S. Clark recipient of Scholarship, and Bill Smith.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Wilma Woods	10/09/38
Louetta Dickerson	10/18/16
Norma Shook	10/23/32
Dorothy Taylor	10/25/30
Maxine Schneider	10/25/34
Lola Elliott	10/29/24
Helen Logan	10/31/23

THANK YOU'S

Dear Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

You have been so kind and generous in awarding me a 2019 Scholarship, and I cannot thank you enough! I am so excited to continue my education at Cornell University and to grow on my lifelong journey of Service and learning! I am so proud to serve as a representative of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's organizations. and while I may be far from Illinois, to know that there are such wonderful organizations like yours back home and in NY working to make a difference just as I hope to. You have been incredibly kind in opening your lodge to me for dinner, and for taking the time to drive up and present the award, and I appreciated such a lovely evening! Thank you so much!

*Most Sincerely,
Sophia McComb*

I would like to thank you for the Scholarship money. I appreciate it very much as I am about to begin my college carer in 20 days. Thanks again for your support.

*Sincerely,
Shelby Thomason*

200th ANNIVERSARY LICENSE PLATES ARE TO BE DISPLAYED FROM 8/21/2019- 10/19/2019



This is Brother Ralph Eddie Stauch from Sycamore #105 displaying his plate.

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the Home,

I can't believe summer is over and school is starting! This year seems to be flying by. We are all enjoying our new renovation. We receive so many compliments about what a beautiful place it is. The Open House/Business after hours is fast approaching and we are working together to assure our home is show ready.

This month is packed with many activities and events for everyone. The residents are looking forward to fall celebrations, Grandparent's Day, bingo, devotions, our weekly movies and many more activities.

We will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 28th to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The residents enjoyed our ice-cream sundae fund raiser for our Alzheimer's Walk. We have been working hard to raise money to reach our team goal and want to thank everyone who has helped or donated to our team!

Until next month- take care and be well.

*Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator*

EVENTS THIS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019

- 1 LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
LINCOLN
- 7 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
MEETING/DDGM
- 10 MUSEUM BOARD
- 14 GRAND MASTER TRAP SHOOT
- 17 IOOF MANAGEMENT CORP
HOUSING
- 24 EXECUTIVE BOARD
- 27 IOOF/REBEKAH HOME
BOARD

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



this.

Maybe it is the condition or appearance of your building that is a turn off for prospective members. We can help you with that.

About the only thing that we CAN NOT DO IS to force your neighbors to join our great organization.

Keep doing good works. Your neighbors will notice. Remember as Ronald Reagan said 'There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our Progress except those we ourselves erect.'

*In F. L. and T,
Jim Bott
Grand Master*

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Yesterday, I returned from a trip to California. Our AMOS convention was located very close to Gilroy where the recent shootings happened. While there, I read in the paper of the Actions that were taken by the Rebekah Childrens Services; A mental health service in Gilroy. The Rebekah's have been taking care of children in the that area for 115 years. This particular group currently has branches in Gilroy, Campbell, and Salinas.

Immediately following the shooting their Director sent out Professionals to render aid to anyone effected by the tragedy.

I am writing about this now in order to point out the important impact that our order has had on our world.

We can find Odd Fellow/Rebekah influence where ever we go. Things like Arthur Lodge serving Uniforms for their local Baseball team, or Flora lodge holding a fundraiser for one sick child or several lodges that host a road cleanup. The list goes on and on.

With all that we do, it is a wonder as to why our overall membership is not growing by leaps and bounds. Don't get me wrong, in Illinois, our membership is growing. However certain lodges are Struggling with membership. If you need help in getting the word out regarding the good works that your lodge does for your community, I begging you to contact any member of the Executive Board. We can help you with

As this will be my last message to you, I want to take time to thank everyone for their loyal support to the Order this year, and for all the courtesies, presentations, kind words, and gifts that I received. I express my sincere gratitude, for the success of our Order depends entirely upon the everlasting support of a united and interested membership and only through the efforts of every member will we be successful. My family has been wonderful this past year supporting me in everything I have done. Tammy was always there to babysit and care for my two cats when I was out of town. I traveled with Grand Master Jim to many Odd Fellow functions throughout the state. And my Vice President Nannette and I traveled to all the District Meetings together and many other functions. It was a lot fun traveling with them.

July was another busy month. I

attended all the regular meetings of all branches of the Order that I am a member of. I spent two evenings working at the Jersey County Fair passing out literature and applications and talking to people about our Order. The weather was quite warm, but it was worth doing. There were a nice array of booths and guess what I got to do some shopping.

There was a good turnout in Springfield for the 200th Anniversary panoramic picture that was taken. Members were present from throughout the state.

My home lodge surprised me with a Birthday Party at our July meeting. I was the hostess that evening. There were some who mentioned preparing the food since I have been so busy, but I never caught on to what they were up to and I never gave in to let them do it. I received so many nice gifts and Birthday greetings. I find out later they had been working on it since March. It proves that Rebekahs can keep a secret.

We were saddened at the passing of Sister Annetta Mecalo who passed away August 1. She was a true and dedicated member of the Order and will be missed. She served as President of the Assembly in 2001-2002. Rebekah Services were held on Tuesday, August 6, at Kassly Funeral Home in Collinsville with several members in attendance.

On July 30, I traveled with Grand Master Jim to Illini IOOF #4 at Jacksonville where I took part in the initiatory for two new members. I am sure they will be an asset to the Order.

I hope you are making your plans for the upcoming sessions in Springfield beginning October 6th, with church services on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and the banquet on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. My daughters along with a friend from New York will be at the banquet to support me and I do appreciate that. The Sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 7th, and 8th. I am planning an interesting meeting and some fun.

In closing, I ask that you would give Sister Nannette Johnson your support as you have given me. I know she will do a great job serving as Assembly President.

Remember: "In life it's not where you go. It's who you travel with."

*In F.L.T.
Donna F Grable
Assembly President*

MT ZION #300 HOST PONY EXPRESS EVENTS WEEKEND

MUD VOLLEYBALL

Congrats to Team 2, 2019 Odd Fellows Benefit Mud Volleyball tournament Champions!!
 They won \$150, and donated it back to the benefit!!
 The second place team didn't get near dirty enough to win.
 Good choice Mt. Zion #300



1st Place Team



Benefit for
Mud Volleyball



2nd place team.

Event Schedule



Bag Tournament



Steak Dinner



Brothers Odd

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE



Brother Steve Adams for the Sovereign Grand Lodge Youth Committee from Illinois address the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Brother Doug Pittman Sovereign Grand Master recently at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in Winston Salem North Carolina.

BUSHNELL ODD FELLOWS DONATE TO GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5661



Pictured is Bushnell Odd Fellows presenting a check to Girl Scout Troop 5661. Odd Fellow members in the back row are Paul Gossett, Marion Osborn and Leroy Kitch. Photo taken by member Steve Pigg.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday night Bonnie and Clara Kay presented Meadow Boden with her Illinois Odd Fellow scholarship. Meadow is attending SIU at Carbondale studying flight management.

Steve Pigg



Clara Kay Nott , Meadow Boden, and Bonnie Hensley. Clara Kay and Bonnie presented the scholarship to Meadow Boden.



L-R Clara Kay Nott, Paul Gossett, Marcia Gossett, Meadow Boden, Daryl Boden, Sheena Boden, Bonnie Hensley.

Grandparents Paul & Marcia Gossett and father Daryl Boden are all member of Bushnell Lodge #322.



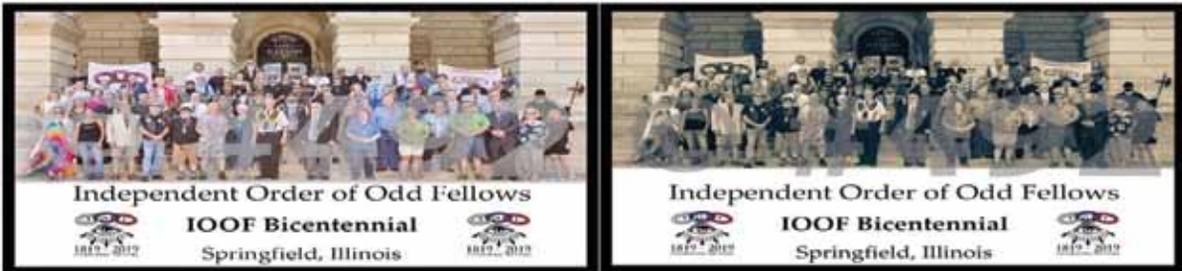
200th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO ORDERS

Hello Everyone,

I have talked with Guy Rossi from Carpentersville #492 and he said that if we ordered in one large batch it is only the one \$10 order charge. So if you want a picture and want to save the \$10 order Charge and are going to be at our Grand Lodge Session to pick up your photo because I will **NOT** be mailing them to you. You can submit your orders to me along with a check made out to Carpentersville #492 and I will place one order for the Pictures. But I need your check and Order form when you place your order. I will have a cut off date of September 15th to receive your orders. I should have them by Grand Lodge time and I will bring them with me for you to

pick up at the Grand Lodge Registration area when you register. If I have quite a few I will give the Assembly the orders for the Rebekah's to hand out. Just trying to save everybody a little money if they want a picture. Please include your Name and phone Number on the order form along with your check and send it in one envelope. Please mail to Grand Lodge of Illinois attn Janis Klockenga P.O. Box 248 Lincoln, IL 62656-0428. If the lodges want to take orders from members that is fine your representative can pick up the pictures for the lodge. I will be ordering one of the prints myself and paying the \$10.00 shipping fee.

2019 Springfield Bi-centennial Photo Order Form FORMAL POSE



1ST— Choose Full Color _____ Or Choose Black and White _____

2ND— Chose Size	Small—	6x12 = \$8.00 each	Quantity _____
	Medium—	12x18 = \$16.00 each	Quantity _____
	Large—	16X24= \$36.00 each	Quantity _____

INFORMAL POSE



1ST— Choose Full Color _____ Or Choose Black and White _____

2ND— Chose Size	Small—	4x12 = \$6.00 each	Quantity _____
	Medium—	6x18 = \$8.00 each	Quantity _____
	Large—	12X36= \$38.00 each	Quantity _____

1919 CENTENNIAL PHOTO



One Size Only — 10x27 — \$25.00 — Choose Quantity _____

3rd —Add \$10.00 Shipping & Handling cost direct to your address

4th Enclose Check for Entire amount Payable to: Century Lodge #492

Mail Your Order to: Century Lodge #492
50 1/2 East Main Street P.O. Box 2 Carpentersville, IL 60110.

CENTURY LODGE #492 ANNUAL ROCK THE FOX MUSIC FEST & CARNIVAL

Century Lodge #492 held its Annual Rock The Fox Music Fest and Carnival on August 2nd thru 4th at Carpenter Park in Old Carpentersville. Event had Live Music, Beer Tent, Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Car Show, and Carnival. Great weather

er with great crowds made this event a success.

Thank You to the Village of Carpentersville, Fox River Rebekahs #532 and all the Lodges that helped support this event.



Capone



Bull ride



Crowd



Lodge Security Detail



Jeremy Soderstrom Event Coordinator



World Famous DJ Brother Guy Rossi

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CENTURY LODGE #492



During the August 8th meeting of Century Lodge #492 Carpentersville, Noble Grand Grant Dudar presented Brother Michael Pritchard with a 25 year jewel.

REBEKAH DISTRICT #20 MEETING

The Picture is of the District #20 Lodges who took part in the Presentation of the Assembly President's "Flag Fund" held on June 15 at Havana,



Left to Right: Kay McDaniels, Judy Hull, Linda Jones, Donna Grable, Jayme Peacock, Linda Fancher, and Mildean DeWitt.

BEN HUR #870 PRESENTED CHECK TO BSA TROOP 1908

The Odd Fellows of Ben Hur Lodge #870 are proud to announce they are the Charter Organization for the newly formed Scouts BSA Troop 1908. Earlier this summer the Lodge presented the Troop with a \$1,500.00 check to help get them started on their adventures.



Pictured with the Scouts are VG Steve Weber, NG Ken Ayres, PG Adam Pringle and PG Gregg Bowen.



LABOR DAY