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LYNDALL EUGENE PIGG PGM, PGS



Lyndall Eugene Pigg, 95, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 8:55 AM on Monday October 26, 2020 at Wesley Village with his wife of 76 years by his side. He was born May 16, 1925 in Vermont Township, Illinois to Sterling "Wayne" and Lizzie (Hoyle) Pigg. He married Norma Jean Ambrosius in Adair, Illinois on March 12, 1944. She survives.

Also surviving are two children, Steven (Linda) Pigg of Bushnell, IL; Barbara (Dan) Turner of Rantoul, IL; four grandchildren, Erin (Mike) Von Kannon of Bushnell, IL; Jason (Lindsey) Pigg of Loveland, OH; Nathan (Kathryn) Turner of Champaign, IL; Stuart (Michelle) Turner of Champaign, IL; 9 great-grandchildren, Avrille (Caden) Turner, Amity, Henri, Clair and Aiden Turner, Dustin and Cameron Pigg, Anna and Nora Von Kannon; three siblings, Delbert (Janice) Pigg of Madison, WI; Donald (Judy) Pigg of Jacksonville, IL; Lu (Sheridan) Miller of Owens Cross Roads, AL; several nieces and nephews and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Evalena Moose.

Lyndall graduated from Adair High School in 1943 and began farming. In

1945 he joined the US Army Air Corps where he served in the occupational forces in Germany. He was honored to be able to participate in an Honor Flight in 2018. In 1949 he and Norma moved to a farm just south of Bushnell where they remained until moving to Wesley Village in Macomb. Lyndall joined the Odd Fellows organization in 1950 and served in many capacities including Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Master at the state level. He also served as Grand Marshall at the international level. Lyndall served his community by being on the boards of Bushnell-Prairie City schools, McDonough Power Cooperative, Soyland Power Cooperative and Farmers and Merchants State Bank. In retirement, Lyndall spent many hours in his woodworking shop crafting beautiful furniture and wooden toys that will be cherished by his descendants.

He also amassed a collection of genealogical information throughout his life making trips to search out records in courthouses and grave markers in cemeteries. Later he used the computer to record information and scan old photos. He was proud of an album he put together with photos of Pigg men going back to his great grandfather. He was at Randall Cemetery in September helping repair the large tombstone of that ancestor.

Calling hours will be from 9:00 – 11:00 AM Sunday November 1, 2020 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home without family present. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday November 7, 2020 at the Harris Cemetery with pastor Amy Holman officiating. Odd Fellow services will be held privately. Memorial contributions can be made to the Bushnell Odd Fellows Lodge #332 or to the Bushnell United Methodist Church. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, masks are required at all times and we are limited to 50 attendees at a time. We ask that those in attendance please pay their respects and quickly exit the funeral home and remember to social distance. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com

DISTRICT 21 DEGREE DAY

Noble Grand of Legend 212 Jessica Yingling approached the DDGM about forming a District 21 degree team. With a little bit of hard work, planning, and partnering with other Lodges in the District, we held our 1st ever District 21 degree day.

With the help of Ottawa Lodge 41 for the use of the outdoor space on 10/24/2020 it was preformed. Yes outdoor. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees were performed outside. It was one of the greatest things I've ever been apart of and witnessed.

Special thanks goes out to Guardian 60, Legend Lodge 212, Ottawa Lodge 41. Also showing support was Sycamore 105 and Badger Lodge 11 from Milwaukee.

We will continue to rehearse and improve every time we hold a degree day.

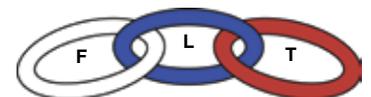
As DDGM of District 21 I want to personally thank Jessica Yingling for her dedication to the order, all the hours, hard work,, communication, and planning you put in to make this day as special as you did.

DDGM D21

Mike "Chico" Cichonski



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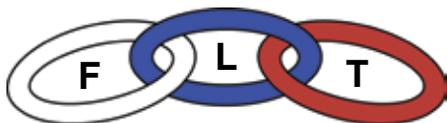
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|------------|
| Laura McConnell | 12/04/1929 |
| Judy Barnes | 12/10/1941 |
| Roy Powell | 12/11/1942 |
| Edna Mott | 12/12/1930 |
| Lynnette Lasky | 12/21/1942 |
| Gloria Sampson | 12/24/1924 |
| Sharon Bennett | 12/31/1939 |



NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

FALL IS HERE! The trees are beautiful and residents are enjoying the cooler weather. They enjoy sitting outside on the patio by the activity room. Everyone has noticed the change in spirits when they get to be outside in the fresh air.

We have started the plexy glass visits with residents and families. It's great to see smiles and hear a few chuckles. This has been a very trying time for not only our team but it's taking its toll on families. It has been such a long time since they were able to embrace their loved ones, we are praying for relief soon.

October brought may fun games, we decorated for the Halloween spirit, and enjoyed Halloween decorated cookies and Purple People Eater Drinks.

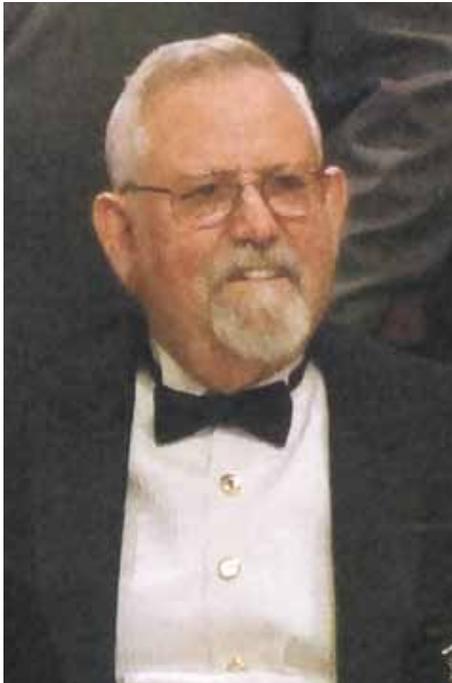
Until next month take care- stay safe – and be well.

*Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator*

DISTRICT 21 DEGREE DAY



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for all the work they have done on the Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarships. If anyone would like to be on this committee please let me know.

With summer at an end and fall here, when you are traveling keep an eye out for the Farmers, they are picking corn and beans.

On September 15th me and my wife Sheila had the pleasure to go to Good Hope to give a 50 year Jewel to William Meriwether. Then on September 28th, I gave a 50 year Jewel to Robert Thuline. I also gave two 40 year Jewels to Richard Collinson from Galva and Roy Lyle from Kewanee.

LEGEND OF THE THREE LINKS

Back in the long ago- to be exact, in 1560 out from Spain came Don Francisco Bahomde Lugo to the fruitful island of Puerto Rico to be its newly appointed Governor. For his chief adornment he wore a long and beautiful gold chain which was his most cherished possession.

Upon his arrival on the island, Don Francisco saw on every hand need and poverty, which made a grim and striking contrast to the richness and natural beauty of the place. His heart was touched with sympathy. He cut a link from his precious golden chain and gave it away to be sold for the good of his people. Over and over again he

repeated this act and the chain grew shorter and shorter. When his term of service was finished and it was time for him to reembark, alone and self-impoeverished for Spain, there were only three links left. He called to him a lady whom he knew he could trust. "Senora," he said, "when I am gone, give away these, the three remaining links. I wish to be remembered as one who took nothing away from the island, but left behind a record of service."

From this legend came the idea of the Odd Fellow emblem of three connected links, standing for Freedom, Love and Truth.

Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer
Grand Master

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

If you are interested in being on the scholarship committee I think you need to know what it involves. First of all you have to be a past grand and a 3rd degree member. We meet usually in October to elect officers and it is usually following the Grand Lodge Session in Springfield. Usually not longer than an hour. We also set our next meeting date in March. At our March meeting we bring our calendars and set up our work days for the month of March. We usually need 8 to 10 days to evaluate the applications. Sometimes we work two to three days a week. It just depends on our schedules. We schedule usually during the week because of district and regional meetings being on Saturdays.

We work the days we can get the most people together. We usually work from 9:30 to 3:00 on the days we work, we break for lunch and either go out or order in. We have nine Members on the committee so we can evaluate in groups of three. We have been rotating who we work with every meeting. We usually have two committees working daily but we would love to have 3 groups working which would cut our days down and our time. We have had to break into two groups with 4 members instead of three because we don't have that 9th person to work in another group. We usually evaluate in March and depending on when we get done we may meet one day in April. The schedule changes every year. It works around our schedules. The First year is a learning year on evaluation and then when we go to choose our winners is learning too. We usually evaluate about 10 applications per group per day. So if you have 200 applications and only have 2 groups we would need 10 days, however if we could evaluate 30 per day we would only need 6 or 7 days. Any questions please feel free to contact anyone on the committee. Kent Statley, Bonnie Hensley, Clara Kay Nott, Donna Grable, Janis Klockenga, Sandra Coulter, Gene Curfman, Marlene Kolbe.

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I am writing this letter sitting on my deck on Sunday, I am seeing all the beautiful leaves turning colors for fall. Fall is my favorite time of year!

I hope you are able to have meetings again in November.

With the holidays fast approaching, I hope we will all be able to spend time with family and friends.

Since a lot of lodges have not been able to have fund raisers, I know it's hard to think about donations. But please try to remember the various funds we have that really need our help, Visual Research, DARE, Scholarships to name a few.

I have been busy helping my mom since her husband passed away. We really appreciated all the cards and your thoughts and prayers. Mom and I and another friend are taking a trip to Florida the first of October. We all need a little time away!

Hopefully in November my part of the state will be able to open up again. It will be too cold for me to be able to eat outside at restaurants! It seems that I just don't cook that much anymore.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Everyone please be careful and stay safe!

Remember to Respect each other - Believe in the good work we do - Love each other.

In F.L. & T.
Nann Johnson,
Assembly President

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Jerald Sarnes, Secretary/Treasurer

JEWELS PRESENTED - GALVA LODGE #408

At our 9/28/2020 meeting, Galva Lodge #408 acknowledged one person, Bob Thuline with a 50 year jewel, and Roy Lyle & Richard Collinson with 40 year jewels.



Grand Master Niles Reamer presenting Robert Thuline with a 50 year jewel.



Grand Master Niles Reamer presenting 40 year jewel to middle person Roy Lyle and far left is Richard Collinson.