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## TUSCOLA ODD FELLOWS LODGE #316 IS AT KELSEY FURNITURE. TUSCOLA, IL



The "Little Odd Pantry" is installed!

Located at Festival Corner (Intersection of Main and Sale) this Little Free Pantry is for anyone to "give what they can and take what they need".

- Please make sure all donations are:
- Non-Perishable
- Sealed
- Able to withstand high temperatures

Here is a list of item suggestions: <https://static1.squarespace.com/.../LFP+Shopping...>

Want to learn more about the Odd Fellows?  
<https://askmeimayknow.com/>

Want to learn more about the Little Free Pantry movement?  
<https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

## PALACKY LODGE #630

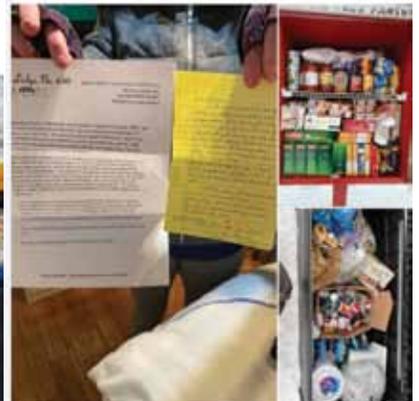
**Lauren Ungaro**  
Visual Storyteller · Just now · 📷

Filled the pantry by Lincoln School this morning. Had a \$150 anonymous donation and another \$50 donation from Palacky Lodge #630. Also gave 2 \$50 Jewel gift cards to 2 residents in need.



**Brookfield Connections**

Palacky Lodge No. 630 donated \$100 in gift cards for Teachers and Brookfield residents Timothy Mayo and Kyle Gall who donated \$20 each so I shopped and filled the pantry



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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Bailey	05/07/1930
Martha Schwarz	05/10/1943
Charlotte Butler	05/14/1940
Earleen Apgar	05/23/1936
Carmen Pierce	05/31/1926

## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

It sure feels as if spring is here and everyone is looking forward to it. We are anxiously awaiting some much-needed sunshine and time outside. March was so nice a few days and the residents were able to sit outside on occasion; however, they are ready for long periods of outside air and the sounds of spring.

The dining room is now open to a select few residents with social distance precautions. It's such a great site to see them out and enjoying the socialization with others. Church services have resumed as well, and many are very grateful.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to have our egg hunt. However, we will be celebrating Easter with our residents by having a nice Easter Lunch and many activities to fill their day. Looking forward to opening the Home back up to visitors soon.

Until next month- stay safe – and be well.

*Danita Starwalt  
Community Relations Coordinator*

## EDWARD MULLARD A 75 YEAR MEMBER

Edward L. Mullard

7/16/25 – 3/10/21

Visitation for Edward L. Mullard, 95, of Streamwood, will be held Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 7:00 p.m., at the Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 201 N. Northwest Highway, Palatine. A private Interment will be held at Acacia Park Cemetery. Service information continued...

Order of Odd Fellows' service will be held Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Link: <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/50114>

Palatine Masonic Lodge service will be held Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Link: <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/50115>

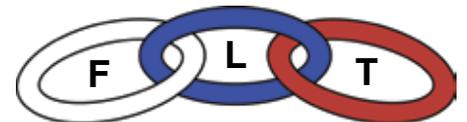
Edward was born July 16, 1925 in Menominee, Michigan, and passed away March 10, 2021 in Barrington, Illinois.

He was the beloved husband of the late Joan E. (nee Bretz) Mullard; loving father of Dolores (Ken) Smith, Fred (the late Kathy) Mullard and Dawn (Michael) Witek; loving grandfather of Thomas (Rachel) Rodriguez, Joseph (Nyssa

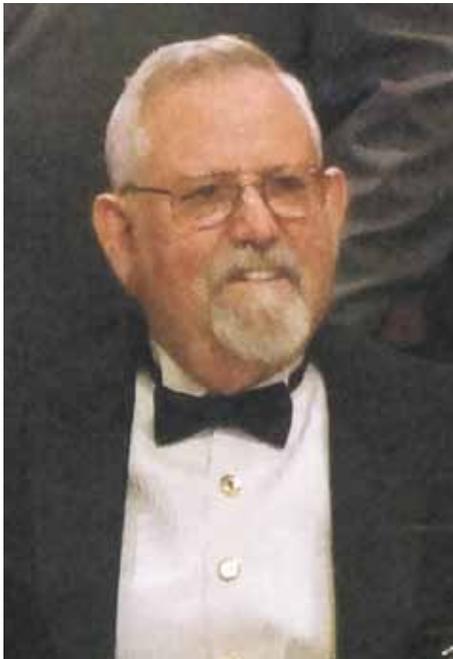
Torbeck) Rodriguez, Andrew (Diana Soriano) Rodriguez, Patrick Rodriguez, Amy Mullard and Robin Mullard; loving great-grandfather of Melody Rodriguez and Samuel Rodriguez.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607, or visit <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org> or the favorite charity of one's choice.

Edward was a 75 year member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Past Noble Grand), 58 year member of Palatine Masonic Lodge #314 AF&AM (Past Master), 66 year member of the Carpenter's Union Local #58 and was an active member of the VFW Streamwood Post #5151.



## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

With winter over and spring has sprung, flowers will be blooming and grass getting green.

I hope all Lodges will be meeting and new officer being installed. My pass word for 2021 will be the same as last year. The principles of Odd Fellowship, Love and Truth keep this in mind the rest of the year. (Help Others). On April 4th hope everyone had a Blessed Easter.

If your lodge is doing anything that you could send to the IOOF paper, please do!

*Love*

*We are reminded of the parable of the Good Samaritan-love they neighbor as thyself. Let us put aside malice, jealousy, hate and envy and put love in their place.*

*From Jerusalem to Jericho we travel every day.*

*And many are the wounded ones that lay along our way.*

*Are we like to Good Samaritan, love was warm and wide:*

*Or are we like the holy ones who pass by on the other side?*

*Friendship Love and Truth  
Niles Reamer  
Grand Master*

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! By the time you all read this article, I will have had my second vaccine and am looking forward to going back to church for Easter Sunday!

I again want to thank all Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges in the state for your donations to the Rebekah Assembly General Fund. We are getting there but still have a long way to go.

I was able to participate and help Juby Rebekah Lodge #263 install their new officers. It was great to asked to help. Thank you!!

I also participated in the Degree Work to initiate 3 new Odd Fellow members for Brighton Lodge, Jerseyville Lodge and Troy Lodge. It's always so special to see the Degree Work without the blind fold on!

I wanted to share an Inspirational Poem this month.

*MOVE PAST THIS by Catherine Pulsifer*

*When you are feeling down  
And all you can muster up is a frown  
That is the time to stop  
And count your blessings until you drop.*

*Focus on all of life's good  
And you will find things work out as they should*

*Feeling sorry and just sitting around  
It is a sure thing to bring you down.  
Take some action, make a move  
It doesn't matter if others approve  
Nothing lasts forever  
You will move past this if you endeavor!*

Remember to check on members, family and friends!

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

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

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Spring is trying to sprout, the snow is trying to melt, and many lodges are having at least 1 meeting a month.

For those of you who are members of the Patriarchs Militant, I hope your Canton has had a meeting, and if not, planning a meeting in the near future.

This pandemic for the past year has upended not only our Order but other groups as well. Many different state meetings have been cancelled and as in our case, officers are serving 2-year terms.

We do not know at this time if our October Department Council meeting will be held with the restrictions put in place by the Governor, we will keep you as informed as we can.

If you are not having a meeting you can practice your sword movements at home. I use a wooden spoon as a sword and have not done to bad if I may say so. Review your Ritual and commands so when you meet again you will be prepared.

May everyone be safe, follow the state guidelines, wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands frequently.

*Chivalrously,  
Janet Bruce  
Department Commander*

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## BUSHNELL LODGE BREAKFAST

As a thank you to the Bushnell Locker for all of their support over the years, the Bushnell Odd Fellows prepared a Pancake and Sausage breakfast for the staff at the locker. Pictured are the Mason family and the lodge members that helped.



Left to right front row:

Cynthia Elam, Betsy Kreps, Brady Mason, Deb Mason & Mindy Huffman

Second row:

Leroy Kitch, Greg Fayhee, Larry Mason, Hunter Mason & Steve Pigg