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MT ZION 11th MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows hosted the 11th annual Mud Volleyball tournament at this year's Pony Express Days. The Odd Fellows donate the funds raised every year from Mud Volleyball to local recipient and/or family to provide them some assistance. This year the Odd Fellows had 20 teams and raised \$6,500, with the Lions Club donating \$1,000. The Odd Fellows selected Shoni Anderson, a 5 year old Mt Zion student diagnosed with leukemia, as the recipient for this year and Shoni was present during the tournament. Shoni's parents, Becky and Jeff Anderson, were also present. "Team 1" won the tournament and "Bang Bros and Girls" took second place. The winners donated their prize money to Shoni and the 50/50 winner, Josh Larrison, also donated his \$272 prize money to Shoni.



On September 9th, 2021 The Mt Zion Odd Fellows presented Shoni and her dad with the \$6,500 check at the Krave frozen yogurt shop. The Pony Express was a great success and the Odd Fellows want to thank the Mt Zion Community for supporting the community events once again.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Copsy	11/02/1941
Helen Smith	11/09/1931
Barbara McLain	11/09/1948
Frances Kelly	11/16/1927
Barbara Peterson	11/20/1943
Evelyn Pinnell	11/22/1921
Nellie Swim	11/22/1941
Sharon Robinson	11/23/1943

Mt ZION LODGE 300 HOLDS DEGREE DAY



On 09-25-21 The Mt Zion Odd Fellows Lodge #300 held Degree Day. This was our first degree day ran by our Degree Team, headed by NG Jay Woodrum and DDGM John Graff. The event was well attended and we had 13 members receive their degree work. There was a brief break for lunch and Chef Paul Higar prepared grilled pork chops, chips and cookies for the attendees. Everyone got their fill and then finished the Degree work and enjoyed some fellowship. Pictured above are the attendees, top row- NG Jay Woodrum, John Larrison, Doug Shepard, Scott Flannery, Jim Mayes, Andrew Oliver, Jarek Shafer, VG Bill Hutton / bottom row – Josh Larrison, Jimmy Rade, Jordan Shafer, Steve Owens, Jeff Shafer, Pat Lekrone, Tom Williams.

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

September sure was a busy month here at the home. Fall is such a beautiful time of year. The staff and residents are watching for the trees to turn their beautiful fall colors. We are so blessed with such a beautiful setting.

September 25 was our "Walk to End Alzheimer's." We sat up a sponsor table and handed out nice purple items with our logo on them, while introducing ourselves to many participants. It was a gorgeous day.

Looking forward to many activities this month. We love the fall decorations and the Halloween season. Unfortunately, our inside trick or treat will not occur due to the current restrictions, however, we do intend to hand out candy uptown, so we are represented in the community.

Until next month- take care and be well.

*Danita Starwalt
 Community Relations Coordinator*

IN MEMORIUM

Phillip Azbell
 January 21, 1935 - June 15, 2021
 Memento Lodge #44



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day week end. I worked six days for Kewanee Hog Days Festival. We had sales of over 20,000 sales of pork sandwiches made over \$60,000. Our Carnival had record sales of \$151,000 our committee made \$45,000.

WHAT IS ODDFELLOWSHIP?

First, Oddfellowship signifies belief in a Supreme Being and in the Brotherhood of Men. These two beliefs are the only "requirements" for membership. The order has no interest in denominational affiliations.

Second, Oddfellowship is dedicated to broadening mans mind, without taking from the individual any of his rights or privileges, and elevating his character.

Oddfellowship is the teaching and application of Friendship, Love and Truth; of Faith, Hope, and Charity: and of Universal justice, because these are the principles of the Order's Doctrine, the basis for thought and action which will create peace and harmony among men and lead us to our ultimate goal of universal brotherhood.

Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer,

Grand Master

PRESIDENT DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS



Dear Ladies,

I have been waiting to write this letter until I had some information to share, after the SGL Session in Cincinnati, Ohio. All I know for sure is that LAPM will close on December 31, 2021.

Lady Judy Sarnes our Representative for Illinois, Lady Clara Kay Nott Illinois alternate representative, and Lady Bonnie Hensley, attended and participated in all the IALAPM events at session. Lady Clara Kay Nott was the IALAPM Chaplain and Lady Judy Sarnes and Lady Bonnie Hensley were Honor Guard and served on several committees.

Lady Clara Kay Nott was mustered into the Patriarchs Militant along with 10 other candidates including Ainslee Heilich, Illinois. Lady Clara Kay Nott was elected and installed as 2nd Vice President for the remaining 5 months.

We are one of the 5 remaining Jurisdictions who are still going to meet before the end of the year. The Ladies are invited to transfer into a Canton. Our full dress white uniforms are grandfathered in and may still be worn as long as you don't have an office.

We will have our last LAPM Association meeting on Wednesday the 13th, 2021 and Thursday the 14th, 2021 in Lincoln at the Grand Lodge Hall. There will be a decoration of Chivalry Wednesday night. Remember to bring your white formal, baldric, white shoes and stockings if you are participating. Our meeting will be on Thursday morning at 8:30 at the Grand Lodge Hall. Friendship Manor at this time is still shut down. We will still need Elected officers, Representatives for Macomb #9 and Wildey #4 reports and Flag tributes and Memorial.

We will have a journal printed after the meeting. We also need to decide what to do with the Treasury. We will have some closing expenses. You must wear your FULL DRESS UNIFORM TO MAKE A MOTION OR VOTE!!!

I will have a Project table for fun. I will donate the money to my chosen project.

For our lunch on Thursday the LAPM will pick up the cost of the meals for the Ladies who attend our session this year. Dinner on Wednesday is on your own.

We are planning to have a little reception after the Degree and Opening this year, at our expense.

This should be a celebration of our participation since the very beginning of LAPM in Illinois not just a closing, LET'S GO OUT WITH DIGNITY!!!

Chivalrously yours,
Sandra Coulter
President Department Association
Illinois





Clara Kay Nott as IALAPM CHAPLAIN



Sandra Coulter, Clara Kay Nott, Terry Barrett, and Bonnie Hensley

SGL



Newly installed IALAPM Officers until December 31, 2021 - Past President Lay Jamie Rafter, Secretary, Lady Judy Gordon, 2nd Vice President, Lady Clara Kay Nott, President, Lady Margaret Gardner, 1st Vice President Lady Debra laVergne, and Treasurer Lady Joyce Higgins.



Honor Guards Judy Sarnes and Bonnie Hensley

SGL



Bonnie Pinning Clara Kays pin



Arlan Miller, Grand Treasurer, Judy Sarnes PPRA, Jerald Sarnes, Grand Secretary

*You are invited to attend
a Testimonial
honoring*



Lady Margaret Gardner, President

of the International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, I.O.O.F.

to be held Friday, October 29, 2021 (Fun Nite) and October 30, 2021 (Formal Night)

Buffalo Airport Hotel

4600 Genesee Street

Cheektowaga, New York 14225

For reservations call and mention "Margaret's Testimonial LALAPM" to get special room rate

Reservations can be made by calling (716) 634-6969 or www.BuffaloAirportHotel.net

Room rates are \$101.24 per night (includes taxes) for Single or Double room (Max.4 per room)

Room reservations due by September 30, 2021

Oct. 29 (Friday) - Fun Night 7:00pm-10:00pm (Come in costume / or casual wear)

Oct 30 (Saturday) - Formal Night Testimonial Dinner 6:00pm with social hour (cash bar) @ 5:30pm

One registration per person

(Friday) Fun Nite: _____ Pizza and Wings Fun Nite Price: \$15.00 per person

(Saturday) Formal Night Dinner — Choice of: (check one) Dinner Price: \$50.00 per person

_____ Roasted Brisket of Beef in natural ajus

_____ Roasted Pork Loin w/mushroom gravy

_____ Grilled Vegetable Wellington w/ricotta, mozzarella & red sauce

Total amount enclosed (US Funds) \$ _____

If you have special dietary needs please indicate them here (be specific): _____

Name : _____ Title/Rank: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

MEAL REGISTRATIONS DUE BY October 12, 2021

Please make checks out to 2021 Margaret Testimonial and mail to:

Lady Rita Dobbin, 55 Meadow View Drive, Penfield NY 14526

Phone: (585) 381-8569

email: rdobbinlapm@gmail.com

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ELGIN LODGE #12

At the August 18th meeting of the Elgin #12 Odd Fellows, a twenty five hundred dollar, \$2500.00 check was presented to Scott Loeff, of The Tourette Syndrome Camp Organization. This camp was founded in 1994 and has welcomed children with Tourette Syndrome (TS) from all over the world and has never turned a child away. Many of these children are bullied and ridiculed in school and stared at in public places. The camp gives them a wonderful opportunity to be with other children like themselves in a safe and non-judgmental environment that include a lot of activities. This donation will go towards children with TS who cannot afford a week of camp.



From left to right: Noble Grand of Elgin 12 Ken Palikij, Odd Fellow brother Lawrence Sitkiewicz, Pedro Cavour, Scott Loeff (founded the camp) and Pedro's parents, Marcella and Renato Cavour.

Information about Tourette Syndrome can be found at the following website: <https://tourette.org>
in FL&T
Jim Turner, PGM