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LEADERS FAMILY FUN DAY 723 Wyatt Ave, Lincoln, IL



Leaders Picnic

Family Picnic

June 4, 2022

Lincoln Children's Home
grounds



Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Grand
Encampment, Patriarch Militants,
and Families are invited.

FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Menu

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers,
Chips, Cole Slaw,
& Drinks

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

ODD FELLOW TRIVIA

YARD GAMES

BOUNCE HOUSE

FOR KIDDIES

BRING YOUR LAWN

CHAIR AND COME

PREPARED TO HAVE

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

10:30 A.M. ARRIVE FOR BEST PARKING SPOTS (IN GRASS BEHIND GYM)

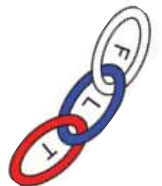
12:00 P.M. LUNCH AT NOON

1:00 P.M. DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF BROTHER RICHARD NOWACZYNSKI

WAS A 25 YEAR MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

1:15 P.M. INTRODUCTION OF LEADERS OF ALL UNITS OF ORDER

2:00 P.M. CUPCAKES & ICE CREAM



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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Tate, Lee Ann	May 3
Dye, Margaret	May 6
Bailey, Elizabeth	May 7
Carrell, Wayne	May 10
Schwarz, Martha	May 10
Smallwood, Mary	May 21
Apgar, Earleen	May 23

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the Home!

May is a busy month for us here at the Odd Fellow Rebekah Home. We are celebrating May Day, Cinco De Mayo on the fifth with a celebration, and our most important event National Skilled Nursing Home week May 8-14.

This year's theme is "Creating and Nurturing Connections". We have so many ideas planned for this week. We will have our Annual Mother's Day Brunch, themed days for staff and residents to dress up along with daily trivia for prizes. A family cookout to bring families together, (social distancing and masks), singing a little karaoke, which we all know in Japanese means tone deaf lol! We will have an evening where the residents can bring their grandkids in and do a craft together. We, plan on taking some residents to the local schools to read a book to the students. Together generations to generations we can all make a difference. To wrap up the week the Management team at Odd Fellows will be going to Camp New Hope to assist with cleaning up. Camp New Hope provides recreational activities for ages 8 and up who are developmentally and physically disabled. It is a beautiful 41 acres, so we have plenty to do!

Most of all this month we would like to celebrate our Nurses, LPN and RN's who dedicate their time and compassion to our home. May 6th we will honor the nurses who give so selfless of themselves. Most days going home exhausted. Working over, taking on extra duties during this difficult time. Some, even working the floor as C.N.A.'s. We are proud of our staff and each person who works here and gives so much of themselves on a daily basis.

Healthcare is a difficult field to be in right now, but the staff we have are shining through these difficult times and showing just what teamwork and dedication is. Our Administrator David Standerfer is always lending a hand and a comforting shoulder to our staff. He definitely is a compassionate advocate for us.

Thank you to our amazing Board of Directors who always back us up and support us. We appreciate all you do to make Odd Fellows the best nursing

home in Coles County!

Enjoy your month and be safe. May God bless you in all you do.

Regards,
Penny R. Shinholster, CRC
Activity Director

Photos from their Easter Day Parade



IN MEMORIAM
JOHN VEVERKA
50 YEAR MEMBER
BOHEMIA LODGE 202

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



It's a great time to be an Odd Fellow,

We have seen new members coming in for initiation and all degrees at our regional meetings. There is a new lodge forming in Quincy that has 25 signatures on the petition for charter already!

Lodges will soon see the benefit of a 501c3 status provided they register and send a rep to Grand Lodge Session in Springfield every year! This will make an amazing difference in the ability for Lodges of all sizes to fundraise. Special thanks to Rich Herring for all his hard work and dedication to get this "crazy idea" of mine into reality!

We are actively planning the Leaders picnic at the Grand Lodge/Children's Home campus in Lincoln on June 4th. This picnic is being planned so that all members and their families can attend and enjoy themselves. In the past we have done a leader's banquet in November where it was formal wear and banquet food. Make no mistake they were quite fun, but we had hoped this would be more enjoyable as a casual and fun setting! There will be trivia, lawn games, children's activities and burgers and dogs for all! Bring your lodge members, bring shirts, hats or even raffle tickets. Just come on down!

We are continuing to work for you and look forward to moving forward and growing our great Order!

See you soon!

Fraternally yours in F, L&T
Bro. Mathew R Yingling
Grand Master

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well Spring has sprung. Spring cleaning is underway in many households and businesses. Does your lodge need some also?

Do you need to do some personal Spring Cleaning? Have you felt like you are doing the same old thing all the time? Wash out the old dusty thoughts and embrace the sunshine and some new ideas. You do not need lots of strength to do this, stop and talk to a neighbor, a simple hello can go a long way to brighten the day. Did you make a May Day basket? It is not too late, flowers can make someone's day, or for the gardener a packet of seeds.

While you are out and about have you seen a park or public place that needs some help either clean up or maybe the tables could use a coat of paint, check with the officials work on a plan with them. Even if it is just to cover cost of paint. Reach out make this a group project. The projects do not have to be big but try to do one it will make you feel better.

Have you written some of your Promote Your Lodge reports? You can send them in any time. August 31 is the last date to get them to me. This way I'll have at least 3 weeks to get them ready for Session.

Honor Respect Promote

In F.L. & T.
Susan Schove,
Assembly President

SCHOLARSHIPS

Good Morning/Afternoon,
I am the Director of The Educational Foundation, IOOF. You are prob-

ably aware that each year we offer thousands of dollars in scholarship money to deserving students most of whom are related to members of the Order. During the Covid pandemic the applications for the scholarships was decreased due to many reasons, some of which related to the pandemic. Basically, these students were not attending school in person and their academic experience was not as comprehensive as during normal times. We want to make contact with students who are related to members of the Order to make sure that they take advantage of the opportunities we offer.

You can help! Will you please use whatever methods you normally use to inform your Lodges and members about anything related to the Order that is important - emails, notices to Noble Grands, newsletters, your fraternal press, etc.

Just let them know all that the students need to do is logon to the SGL website ioof.org, click "Our Programs", then click "Educational Foundation". There the student can view the applications for our many educational assistance programs. They can fill out the application online, print it and send it to us with the requested supporting documents. You could play a huge part in assisting a deserving student pay for their education with the assistance of The Educational Foundation, IOOF.

Sincerely and fraternally,
R. Kenneth Babb, Director
The Educational Foundation, IOOF
315 N. Spruce Street, Suite 250
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Telephone: 336-723-2404
Fax: 336-723-2405

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS PATRIARCHS MILITANT

An Invitation

The Department Council of Illinois invites all members of the Order, family, and friends to a Field Meet on Saturday June 11, 2022, at the Peoria Masonic Hall, 2900 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603 at 1:00 p.m.

The Decoration of Chivalry will be bestowed upon Captain Jim Turner and Brigadier General (R) Archie Bruce.

Come one come all to see this impressive ceremony performed by members of the Patriarch Militant under the direction of Colonel Steve Adams.



The Great Lakes Conference Independent Order of Odd Fellows

An organization for the purpose of Promoting Odd Fellowship in the Jurisdictions of

Ohio - Illinois - Indiana - Wisconsin - Michigan

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please find herein information regarding the 2022 Great Lakes Conference to be hosted by the Jurisdiction of Ohio.

PLACE: Holiday Inn & Suites Toledo Southwest-Perrysburg
27355 Carronade Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551
567-331-8900
To make reservations on line go to Holidayinn.com search for the above named Holiday Inn & Suites and use group code GLC.

DATE: July 22nd through Sunday 24th

ROOMS: Rooms are available for \$139/night plus tax of 9.75% to be reserved under the room block Great Lakes Conference. Rooms are to be reserved by individual call-in secured by personal credit card. Reservations are to be made no later than **July 1, 2022.**

MEALS: Saturday – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Banquet) – Sunday-Breakfast are included in the registration price.

RSVP: Please send your registration information to:
Penny Castle, Secretary/Treasurer
Great Lakes Conference
P. O. Box 1088
Springfield, OH 45501-1088

BE SURE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AT THE NUMBER ABOVE.

PRICE: Full Conference Registration is \$125 and includes your meals per above. **Saturday only** cost is \$95. Saturday only includes registration, lunch and dinner (Banquet). **BREAKFAST IS NOT INCLUDED.**
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRAND LODGE OF OHIO and mail to the the address provided in the RSVP section.

AGENDA:	Friday	5:00 pm to ????	Registration
		7:00 pm to ????	Get together for fellowship
	Saturday	8:00 am	Breakfast
		9:00 am	Joint Meeting
		9:30 am	Break into Odd Fellows & Rebekah meetings
		12:00 pm	Lunch
		1:30 pm	Joint Meeting
		4:30 pm	Adjourn
		6:30 pm	Banquet
	Sunday	8:00 am	Breakfast
		9:00 am	Church Service
		10:00 am	Final Reports and Closing

ATTENTION ALL SECRETARIES, SCRIBES AND ADJUTANTS:

It will be your responsibility to provide your newly elected line officers with the information regarding the Great Lakes Conference and letting the secretary of Great Lakes Conference know who those officers are for the booklet. Great Lakes Conference dues are \$10/unit and the Rebekah Organization \$10/unit. **Make checks payable to Grand Lodge of Ohio** and mail to the address provided in the RSVP section.

TO EACH UNIT LEADER:

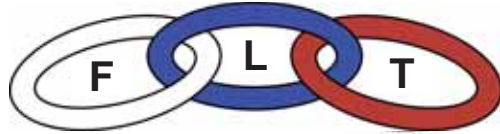
We will need a report from you covering the activities of your unit for the last year. Please send this report **NO LATER THAN June 20, 2022** for printing in the booklet to:

Penny Castle, Secretary/Treasurer
 Great Lakes Conference
 P. O. Box 1088
 Springfield, OH 45501-1088

DIRECTIONS: Off I 75 at Exit 193.

Fraternally,
 The Great Lakes Conference
 Robert Henderson, President
 Penny Castle, Secretary/Treasurer

Rebekah Organization G. L. C.
 Diana Kurzawa, President
 Kathy Henderson, Secretary



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2022 REGISTRATION

ONE FORM PER PERSON

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TITLE _____

BANQUET

Please select choice of meat for the banquet.

CHICKEN MARSALA _____ SIRLOIN TIPS _____

Weekend meals and registration include Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner (banquet) and Sunday Breakfast \$125.00.

If attending Saturday only the cost is \$95.00 and includes registration, lunch and dinner (banquet). BREAKFAST IS NOT INCLUDED.

Banquet is Formal or Business Dress. Meeting Business Casual.

Please return registration before July 1, 2022 and make checks payable to Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Mail to:

Grand Lodge of Ohio

Great Lakes Conference

P O BOX 1088

SPRINGFIELD, OH 45501-1088

PIONEER LODGE #70 OF WINCHESTER



Made Burgoo soup at the park on April the 2nd at Monument Park in Winchester.

JERSEYVILLE REGIONAL MEETING 3 NEW MEMBERS AND 5 GOT ALL 4 DEGREES



(L-R) Pam Markusson, Mathew Messier, Wes Simmons, Linda Pigg and Eric Schrupf

Pam, Mathew and Wes took all four degrees, Linda did 1st, 2nd & 3rd and Eric took 2nd & 3rd.

Pam - Lincoln 204, Mathew - Gem City 357, Wes- Gem City 357, Linda - Bushnell 322 & Eric - Wester Star 1



(L-R) Alan Jones, Mathew Messier, Wes Simmons & Pam Markusson

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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ELAM GETS 50 YEAR JEWEL MARCH 1ST



Deputy Grand Master Steve Pigg and Tom Elam with Cynthia Elam pinning the 50 year jewel on Tom. The jewel belonged to their Father.



(l-r) Deputy Grand Master Steve Pigg, Tom Elam, Cynthia Elam and Grand Warden Terry Lester.

VICTOR REBEKAH LODGE IN BUSHNELL



Pictured is Linda Weber Connell receiving her 50 year jewel. She is a member of Victor 385 in Bushnell. She was presented her mother Norma Weber's 50 year jewel.