



THE KENTUCKY ODDFELLOW

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Editors Message:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters. We have a new item of interest, a Grave marker to honor our deceased brothers and sisters.



Note: Please ask the Cemetery for permission to affix these emblems to a stone first. Military and National Cemeteries most likely will not allow anything affixed to a VA stone.

They are Bronze 5” w x 3” h. The cost is \$80 with postage/shipping within continental US.



I humbly ask, “If you would you prefer to receive this Newsletter via e-mail!” Let me know! Just send me an email with your name and email address to bfortin59@gmail.com

Please use Subject: I.O.O.F. Newsletter via Email

Honoring our dead

Aaron Lodge 412 of KY is proud to be able to offer a unique grave marker to honor our deceased brothers and sisters.

These are not flag holders but an emblem that may be affixed directly to the gravestone/ marker. They come with 3M glue on the back. You can add a two-part epoxy to it, to ensure a better grip to the stone.

Exclusively available through Aaron Lodge 412. Order yours today! Contact Bruce Fortin at bfortin59@gmail.com for order form. Please allow 10 weeks for production and shipping.

The area where you want to affix the emblem must be clean. You can simply use water and a soft brush or for the stubborn stains-Wet and Forget or D2 cleaning solutions. “Wet and Forget” can be purchased thru Home Depot, Walmart, Lowes and others.

You can visit this site for more information about “D2”. (We do not advertise for these companies; I am providing this for informational purposes only)

<https://atlaspreservation.com/products/d2-biological-cleaning-solution>



Cover Story

Common Sayings and their meaning

Put A Sock In It

Meaning: Stop talking.

Origin: In the late 19th century people would use woolen socks to stuff the horns of their gramophones or record players to lower the sound, since these machines had no volume controllers.

Sun Of A Gun

Meaning: A jocular or affectionate way of addressing or referring to someone.

Origin: Back in the day, sailors would sometimes take their wives on long ocean voyages. It is believed that if the woman gave birth on a ship, it should take place between the cannons on the ship's gun deck, since it was the most secluded place. Because of this reason, a child that was born on a ship would be called 'a son of a gun'.

Best Man

Meaning: A male friend or relative chosen by a bridegroom to assist him at his wedding.

Origin: It is said that during feudal days it was possible that a rival Lord would try to break up a wedding ceremony and steal the bride for political reasons. To avoid any trouble, grooms would ask their best friends to stand next to them during the ceremony so they would help during the possible battle. The man, standing next to the groom was named 'Best Man'.

Born With A Silver Spoon In Your Mouth

Meaning: Be born into a wealthy family of high social standing.

Origin: It is an old tradition for godparents to gift a silver spoon to a christened child. However, not everyone was able to afford this type of luxury gift so those who did receive the spoon as a gift were wealthy, sometimes even spoiled.



ODDFELLOWS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME, LEXINGTON, KY.

The Widows And Orphans Home Of The Independent Order Of Odd Fellows Of Kentucky

Kentucky Kco - Corporation filed on March 22, 1892. The company's filing status is listed as I - Inactive and its File Number is 0038680.

The Registered Agent on file for this company is Kelley C. Witherspoon and is located at 511-514 W. 6th. St., Lexington, KY 40508. The company's principal address is 514 W. 6th. St., Lexington, KY 40508.

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The Widows and Orphans Home of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Kentucky was a charitable organization that operated from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky founded it, to provide a safe and loving home for the widows and orphans of Odd Fellows, as well as those they took in all the way until the mid-1900's.

The home was in Lexington, Kentucky, on about 30 acres of farmland in the north corner of the city. It was a self-sufficient community with its own farm, dairy, and laundry. The children who lived at the home attended school on-site, and they also received religious instruction and moral guidance.

The Widows and Orphans Home of the IOOF was a vital resource for many families in Kentucky. It provided a safe and loving home for children who had lost their parents, and it helped to ensure that they had the opportunity to get an education and reach their full potential.

The land on which it stood is now home to West Sixth Brewing, and the IOOF of Kentucky continues to provide charitable assistance to widows, orphans, and other vulnerable members of the community.

Here are some additional details about the Widows and Orphans Home of the IOOF:

It was founded in 1898.

The first home was in the Harrodsburg Springs area, but it was moved to the West 6th area in 1909.

The home could accommodate up to 200 children. The children who lived at the home were provided with room and board, clothing, education, and religious instruction.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky funded the home, IOOF, as well as by donations from individual Odd Fellows and other charitable organizations.

The home closed in the mid-1900s.

The Widows and Orphans Home of the IOOF was a significant institution in Kentucky history. It provided a safe and loving home for many children who had lost their parents, and it helped to ensure that they had the opportunity to get an education and reach their full potential.

The home's legacy continues to this day, through the work of the IOOF of Kentucky and other organizations that aid widows, orphans, and other vulnerable members of the community.

Stay tuned for more..

Grand Secretary
And then there were none!

There was a lodge with 25 members; over the years, the membership dwindled until only ten (10) members were left; of those, a few members had not paid their dues and were not listed as suspended or otherwise.

Unfortunately, the Lodge had to close its doors; the Grand Master and Grand Secretary suggested the remaining members become members of the Jurisdictional Lodge rather than lose their membership in Oddfellows altogether.

The Grand Secretary announced as of Midnight that tragic day of closing, the old dues cards would be null and void. All remaining members could transfer to the Jurisdictional Lodge. Please notify the Grand Secretary of those interested parties with their addresses, and updated dues cards will be provided to them.

No one has contacted us about the remaining members as of late. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has lost not only a Lodge but eight former members. We don't know how many members have or have not paid their dues or how many were late with their annual dues.

We had members that were initiated but hadn't received all the degrees in Odd Fellowship. We have no means to contact them to ask if they were still interested in completing their degrees, still interested to remain a member, how many moved, or who may have died.

The Grand Secretary strives to diligently get lodge secretaries to keep and maintain an accurate, up-to-date listing, at a minimum annually, of its members and their members' addresses.

If this unfortunate situation happens again, perhaps we can keep our valuable members. PLEASE HELP the Grand Lodge and keep your records up to date and send them to Grand Lodge.

Please keep information lists up to date.

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Any New members?

Do you have any new members who are not receiving the newsletter? Anyone with a new address? If you know their address, please send an email to: bfortin59@gmail.com with subject line "New member" with their new/updated address.

Upcoming Events

Grand Lodge Session

Oct 8-11, 2023- On behalf of GM J.H Gibson Grand Lodge of KY cordially invites you to attend the Grand Lodge session at the Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newton Pike, Lexington KY 859-233-0512

Room reservations can be made by calling the Clarion Hotel at 859-233-0512. The room cost is \$119 plus applicable taxes for a double Queen or King bedroom per night. This includes Breakfast each day.

Use ODDFELLOWS 2023 to get this rate and reservations must be made by September 15, 2023.

Schedule of Events

Sun-Wed

October 8- 2- 5 PM. Odd Fellows registration.
7 PM Memorial service and reception.

October 9- 9 to 11AM. Odd Fellows registration.
9 AM -Grand Encampment.
11 AM to 1:00 PM lunch.
1 PM Department, council meeting/ Secretary/ Treasurers meeting.
7 PM Banquet room. Grand Masters Banquet.

October 10-
8 AM to 9 AM Odd Fellows registration.
9 AM Meeting Center, Grand Lodge session.
12 to 1 lunch (pre-registered)
1 PM Grand Lodge session.
7 PM Meeting Center Joint Installation officers

October 11-
8 AM Completion of GL if necessary.

*Please bring.
your most up to date
membership rosters!*

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Our Homecoming Picnic

June 10, 2023, Eubank City Park. With a devotion at 1100am brothers and sisters arrived for our annual picnic. Good food, fun game of Corn Hole and meeting was held.

It was great to see many of you being able to put names on my Newsletter list to the faces.



Left-

Grillers kept busy providing the hungry guests with plenty of burgers and dogs.



Right-

Just listening to some information given to our members.



Left-

OK men, This is what we must do!



Right-

Our sisters say "Send me your story, Your events. Let's talk about the great things you all do!"

Grand Lodge PRE-REGISTRATION 2023

Name _____ Lodge _____
_____ Grand Lodge Registration \$10 Per Person _____
_____ Grand Encampment \$5 Per Person _____
_____ Dept. Council \$5 Per Person _____
_____ Banquet \$45 Per Person _____
_____ Tues. Luncheon \$19 Per Person _____
Total Amount \$ _____

Please Make Checks payable to :

James H. Gibson

Memo: Grand Lodge 2023

Please mail copy of this form with check to:

James H. Gibson

PO Box 619

Somerset, Kentucky 42503

All Registrations must be paid by SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 to ensure luncheon and Banquet tickets.

Problems of Getting old

I asked a supermarket worker where they kept the tinned Peaches. He said, "I'll see" and walked away.

I asked another and he also said. "I'll see" and walked away.

In the end I gave up and found them myself in Aisle C.

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