



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 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>



Common Sayings and their meaning

One For the Road

Meaning: A final drink before leaving a place.

Origin: During the Middle Ages, the condemned ones were taken through what today is known as Oxford Street to their execution. During this final trip, the cart would stop, and they would be allowed to have one final drink before their death.

Honeymoon

Meaning: A holiday spent together by a newly married couple.

Origin: According to tradition, a newlywed couple would have to drink a beverage with honey for an entire month for fertility and good luck

White Elephant

Meaning: A possession that is useless or troublesome, especially one that is expensive to maintain or difficult to dispose of.

Origin: White elephants were sacred creatures in Thailand, yet they were also very hard to take care of. It is believed that Siamese kinds (now Thailand) would gift white elephants as a subtle form of punishment, since taking care of this animal would drive the recipient into financial ruin.

Break A Leg

Meaning: Good luck!

Origin: It is believed that the phrase dates to World War I Germany and a saying used by German actors "Hals- und Beinbruch" which translates to "a broken neck and a broken leg." Besides that, it still doesn't make sense why would you wish someone to break a leg? Well, as it turns out, popular folklore down through the ages encouraged people to wish others bad luck since it was believed that wishing someone good luck would tempt evil spirits. So, you guessed it, people started wishing each other to break a leg for them not to break one!

Cover Story

Cont. from Nov 2022

Could this have been the end of Humboldt Lodge?

**After all the efforts shown in the past by the members of this lodge to the departed brothers, widows and orphans, our lodge was stricken by a catastrophe, a test as it were, on the meeting night of March 27, 1890, when the good brothers had assembled for the purpose of promoting benevolence and charity. Their hall was stricken by a tornado, there being only four survivors of whom were present, the remaining brothers were killed outright and dying shortly thereafter from wounds received.*

The survivors who are still alive at this time were Past Grand Master A. J. Reed, who visited the lodge that evening, Past Grand John Blaes, Past Grand Louis P. Kammerer and Past Grand Henry Brandt. The dead were Noble Grand E. Schell, Treasurer Chris. Miller, Past Grand Geo. Schmitt, Dietrich Denker, John Riehl, Aug. Fleischer, Rud Saenger, Jacob Baumann, and Brothers Rud. Lips, Wm. Stephen, Henry Lerne and Chas. A. Stiebling. Brother Henry Ziegler dying from the effects later. This great calamity left the lodge on the eve of its next meeting, homeless, without any officers—they were dead, dying and seriously wounded, the Noble Grand was killed, the Vice Grand and Permanent Secretary seriously hurt, the Treasurer killed. Heroic measures were adopted. Past Grand Wm. Wolff acting as Noble Grand pro tern. called a meeting the Sunday following at the office of Eschman's furniture factory, and there delegated the surviving brothers as committees to take charge, with Brother Fred J. Schoen acting as Secretary and Brother Fred Forcht acting Treasurer the latter advancing without surety \$1,000. The lodge in this disabled state of affairs took charge under the guidance of Brothers Wolff, Schoen and Forcht of the dead, the sick and disabled brothers, also a goodly number who became distressed living in the path of the tornado and gave succor and relief to their stricken brothers and their families.

The lodge received offers of help from all parts of the United States which was very much appreciated, notwithstanding that immediate help was given at once by its surviving members.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT ON TORNADO

The night of March 27th, 1890 will be memorable in the minds of the Odd Fellows of Louisville and this jurisdiction. The misfortunes of our brethren on this occasion are fully shared by the more fortunate of us. What a day of suspense was the day following: everyone eager for some tidings of the lost and maimed. As soon as I received word of the misfortune of Humboldt Lodge No. 141 I issued the following circular: To the Subordinate Lodges of Kentucky: On Thursday night, March 27th, the city of Louisville was visited by a terrible tornado. Many of your brethren and sisters lost their lives, while many more were disabled and rendered homeless. Humboldt Lodge No. 141 lost eleven members and everything they possessed hall, furniture and fixtures. I earnestly appeal to you to render such assistance in a financial way as you consistently can. Make all remittances to George W. Morris, Grand Treasurer, Louisville, Ky.

Yours fraternally,

William H. Cox, Grand Master

LOUISVILLE, KY., September 10, 1890.

William H. Cox, Grand Master, Maysville, Ky.—Dear Sir and Brother: In acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 8th I herein furnish, at your request, a list of lodges of this state and the sum contributed by each, which responded to your circular letter asking aid for the sufferers 'by the cyclone which passed through our city on the night of March 27th last.

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

received from the lodges of the I. O. O. F. of Kentucky
for the sufferers from the cyclone at Louisville on the
night of March 27, 1890:

Ringgold, 27, Maysville.....	100 00
DeKalb, 12, Maysville	100 00
Bourbon, 23, Paris	50 00
Home, 29, Louisville	50 00
Humane, 37, Morganfield	50 00
Merrick, 31, Lexington	50 00
Capital, 6, Frankfort	25 00
Strangers' Rest, 13, Henderson	25 00
Centurion, 100, Williamstown	25 00
Covenant, 22, Lexington	25 00
Mayfield, 151, Mayfield	25 00
Azur, 25, Louisville	25 00
Chosen Friends, 2, Louisville	25 00
Union, 10, Nicholasville	25 00
Lorraine, 2, Louisville	20 00
Midway, 220, Midway	15 00
Wolford, 68, Independence	10 00
Lincoln, 252, Ashland	10 00
Owen, 85, New Liberty.....	5.00
Carter, 264, Grayson	10.00
Carroll, 45, Ghent.....	10.00

Oriental, 99, Madisonville	10.00
Star, 259, St. Charles	10.00
Stanford, 156, Stanford	10.00
Hickman, 71, Winchester.....	10.00
Ne Plus Ultra, 136, Lenoxburg	10.00
Coalton, 229, Coalton.....	10.00
American Eagle, 130, Ludlow	12.00
Brushy, 284, Wilbur	10.00
William Tell, 146, Newport	5.00
Charity, 233, Russellville.....	5.00
Idonia, 254, Squiresville	5.00
Patriot, 253, Lockport	5.00
Venus, 154, Florence.....	5.00
Peach Orchard, 280, Peach Orchard	5.00
Beacon, 273, McHenry.....	5.00
St. Bernard, 240, Earlington.....	5.00
Corinth, 279, Corinth.....	5.00
Ark, 86, Caseyville.....	5.00
Trimble, 77, Bedford.....	5.00
Fulton, 83, Hickman.....	5.00
Morningstar, 16, Petersburg.....	5.00
Walton, 183, Walton.....	5.00
Louisa, 270, Louisa	5.00
Paintsville, 288, Paintsville.....	5.00
Central, 8, Danville.....	5.00

Omega.....	10.00
Bond, 219, Dayton	5.00
Highland, 71, Uniontown	5.00
Fallsburg, 285, Emma.....	5.00
Inez, 286, Inez.....	5.00
Friendship, 5, Lexington.....	10 00
Noah's Dove, 20, Newport.....	10. 00
St.Luke, 204 Bordley.....	5.00
Emanuel, 213, Owenton	10 00
Madison,'14, Richmond.....	10 00
Mason, 33, Mayslick	10.00
Midway, 220, (from members)	
Midway.....	2.75
Rising Star 202, Pleasant Home	2.00

Amount Received from Lodges... . \$934,75

Oriental Encampment 4	10.00
Williamstown Encampment, 73.....	10.00
Hope Lodge, 12, Daughters	
Rebekah, Henderson	10.00

Total amount received..... \$964,75

Paid over to Humboldt
Lodge No. 141, I. O. O. F, as follows:

April 24, 1890	\$525 00
July 19, 1890	<u>\$439 75</u>

\$964 75

GEORGE W. MORRIS, *Grand Treasurer*

Sixty-two responded to the call, contributing the sum of \$964.75. Nearly all of them specified that their contribution should go to "our suffering brothers of Humboldt Lodge No. 141, I. O. O. F." A few of them left it to my discretion to place their contribution where it would do the most good.

It was more than two weeks after the dreadful calamity before it could be definitely ascertained what Humboldt's real condition was, owing to the fact that her Noble Grand, Treasurer and Outside Guardian were killed and her Right supporter to Noble Grand, Vice Grand and Recording Secretary were badly wounded.

On the thirteenth of April I addressed a communication to the Lodge making certain inquiries regarding their condition and informed them that money was coming into my hands in response to your circular for their relief, to which I received a reply which I inclose in this and which speaks for itself. You can retain letter and make such use of it as you may deem proper. I concluded to pass over every dollar that came into my hands to them, which has been done as the vouchers accompanying the report show. Their hearts are full of love and gratitude to their brethren who so nobly and generously came to their assistance in the hour of their deep distress.

In addition to the sum which came into my hands. Mozart Lodge of this city sent them direct \$100, and two of the lodges in New Albany, Ind., sent \$75, so I have been informed, making the total sum received by them \$1,139.75.

**History of Humboldt Lodge 141 1859-1909*

The I.O.O.F., Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a benevolent and social organization that originated in England and was introduced in the United States in 1819 at Baltimore, Maryland. A 501C(8) Non Profit

Gravestone/marker cleaning instruction was given by Jon Appell of Atlas Preservation.

One of the first things to remember is that the mold, lichens, and fungus that appear on monuments are usually caused and spread by spores. Especially sensitive individuals might want to wear a mask to eliminate inhalation of these possibly irritating spores. Dry cleaning (by brushing) is usually not a good idea, as these dry spores may be inhaled or at least come into contact with eyes or nose. Therefore, it is important to carry plenty of water to the site.

Using water on the surface to be cleaned as a first step will minimize these spores becoming airborne. Always have more water on hand than you think you may need. It is surprising what a difference it makes by simply using water to wet the surface, then brushing it with a SOFT-bristle brush to loosen any growth. Always steer clear of scouring pads, wire brushes and the like, as these can do damage that can't be repaired. Doing so can speed up the deterioration of the object that needs cleaning and hinder the preservation process. Many of the very old stones can even be broken with vigorous brushing.

Pressure washing is almost always a no-no. Some companies that pressure wash use chemicals that are detrimental to the monument. Pressure washing can force water into open seams or naturally occurring cracks. This can cause water to settle into them, and, during freeze and thaw cycles, damage the monument. Pressure washing can also remove the tiniest bit of the top layer of the monument. Many, even most, chemicals can be caustic to stone materials, such as bleach or mild acids, speeding the natural weathering of the stones. Please refrain from using such materials.

Gravestone Cleaning: What Not to Do

Written By Jonathan Appell

Gravestone Cleaning: To clean or not to clean, that is the question? One of the most often asked questions regarding historic gravestones: "How do I clean this stone?".

Unfortunately, there is no one correct answer. The first rule to follow is to use the gentlest means possible. With this being said, a highly deteriorated gravestone should be left alone. Many well-intentioned cleaning efforts have defaced or destroyed weak and fragile stones.

Since it is easily possible to do significant damage in a cleaning effort, first we will cover the most common errors. The following cleaning techniques have no place in a historic graveyard!

1. **Do not employ pressure washers.** They work great on modern granite memorials but can deface and erode the softer aged tombstones.
2. **Do not use any type of acids or acid-based solutions.**
3. **Do not use any kind of abrasives**, especially sand blasting.
4. **Do not use metal or wire brushes**, leave them in the garage.
5. **Do not bleach or any other household cleaners**, leave them in the kitchen!
6. **Do not attempt to clean any stone that appears to be flaking, crumbling, or weakened in any way.**
7. **Use your better judgment**, if in doubt it is better left undone.

The following guidelines should point an aspiring gravestone cleaner in the right direction. This is not intended to be a comprehensive tutorial but will keep you from jumping right into the frying pan!

Note:

If you wish to get more information on cleaning stones/markers and stone types, please send an email to bfortin59@gmail.com

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I wish to enlist the help of our brothers and sisters! The members listed here: "FLT" (T)he Kentucky Oddfellow" newsletter have been returned as undeliverable. If you know their address, please send an email to: bfortin59@gmail.com with subject line "Bad Address" with their new/updated address.

Adaline Webb- Adam Sapp- Alvin Davis
 Andrew Perry -Andy Williams -Anita Hankison
 Anita Lemaster -Anna Meade- Arthur Anderson
 Artist Montfort Jr =Ashley Spencer
 Barry Erp -Bernice Burchett -Bob Fambrough
 Brandon Meadows -Bruce Martin -Bryan New
 Carol Lemaster- Charles Lee- Christopher Daulton
 Clint Young -Claudette Johnson- Cody Lancaster
 Connie Taylor- Daisy Cox- Daniel Sandefur
 Darrel Lindauer- David Dunaway= Delbert Mills
 Donald Lamb- Doris Miller -Dru Wall
 Eddie Mc Coy- Edward Johnson- Edward Workins
 Emma Perry- Ervin Webb- Floyd Davis
 Frankie Vaught- Fred Stella Music- Gary Cobb
 Gloria Johnson -Harold and Sandy Poynter
 Harold Jasper- Helen Omerod- Herbert Zimmerman
 Jackie Dale Cracraft- Jackie Lynn- James Acton
 James Maynard -James Smith- Jason Stahl
 Jeff Fraley -Jerry Lanham- Jerry Summers
 Jessica Barker -Joey Waddell- John Morrow
 Joshua Givens -Julia Smith- June Carter
 Justin Brown -Justin Mc Roberts -Kenny Marshall
 Kevin Horn- Kim Gillmore- Krystal Hale
 Ladan Griffin Jr- Larry Fraley- Larry Perry
 Linda Bostis- Lisa Maggard- Lorena Wallen
 Marcie Castle- Marsha Lemaster
 Marvin Helphenstine- Marvin Helphenstine
 Matthew Raymer- Melissa Cavins
 Michael Mc Donald- Norman Hughes- Patricia Holt
 Printes Webb- Rachel Bourdon- Raul Davila
 Robert Cox- Robert Sweeney-Josh Pickrell
 Roy And Carla Leamaster-Roy Kimbler
 Ruth Peters- Ruth Thompson- Sandra Gray
 Steward Horn- Tamera Hammonds
 Walter Thompson- Wanda Morrow- Wanda Slone
 Wayne Rutherford- Wesley, Jeff Mason-Wilma Bates

What are other Lodges doing?

Prestonburg Lodge # 139

(Jan 26) We have had the awesome privilege to host two initiation ceremonies this month! A big welcome to our newest members: Ashton Johnson, William Watts, and Ethan Daniel's who were initiated earlier tonight as well as Amber and a Travis Smith, Nick and Cassie Hites, and Katy Newman who completed the ceremony last Thursday! FLT!



Grand Master James Gibson installed the Officers of Prestonsburg Lodge recently. A great time was had by all. Congratulations Noble Grand Darcy Owens and the officers!



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