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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.



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Passing of B. Peterson/ F. Nelson



We are saddened to report the passing of Brother Ben Petterson. A brother of Aaron Lodge 412, PNG.

Benjamin Nathaniel "Ben" Peterson, 39, of Rineyville, KY passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024, at his residence.

Funeral services for Mr. Peterson will be held at 3:00 PM, Friday, April 26, 2024 at the chapel of Chism Family Funeral Home, Vine Grove, KY. Burial will follow at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery.



Prestonburg lodge #293

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our brother and IOOF Past Grandmaster of Kentucky, Fred Nelson. Fred was a light to many and loved by all. His heart was always in his hand and he is and was, and always will be, an Odd Fellow!

Fred Nelson, age 76, of East Point, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Pam Nelson; one daughter, Aliena (Jeremy) Greene of Paintsville, Kentucky; three grandsons, Briston Greene, Branson Greene and Brody Greene; and one sister, Barbara Salyer Branham of Paintsville, Kentucky.

The Odd Fellows Home Girl's Orchestra of Lexington, KY



Though the pavement is covered with rain, the young ladies are not wearing rain slickers but sailor suits in a female dress version complete with collar tie and service stripes on the sleeves. As noted on the bass drumhead the 14 girls are members of the Odd Fellows Home Band of Lexington, Kentucky.

However most of their instruments are not suitable for a marching band, but for a seated orchestra. The other members of the orchestra were Misses Nellie Gross, Ruth Burchett, Margaret Schnitzler, Oggie Raynes, Thelma Showalter, Emily Spencer, Minnie Wood, Eva Fugate, Bessie Raynes, and Kemp Cline.

In June 1925 the girls' orchestra performed at a luncheon for a conference of the United Commercial Travelers, another national benevolent organization like the Odd Fellows but established for traveling salesmen. The event was held in the banquet room of a Lexington hotel, and about 225 "knights of the grip" with "their ladies" were entertained by the 14 piece orchestra in a program which included a number of solos. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Irene Crooks, with a cornet solo by Miss Marie Minter and a trombone solo by Miss Etta Brewer.

Music furnished by a 14-piece orchestra of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home was thoroly enjoyed. The orchestra is composed of 13 young ladies and one young man, and is directed by Prof. E. C. Kidd.

During the assembling of the guests several orchestra numbers were played, followed by a number of solos. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Irene Crooks, with a cornet solo by Miss Marie Minter and a trombone solo by Miss Etta Brewer. The orchestra is composed of Misses Nellie Gross, Ruth Burchett, Margaret Schnitzler, Ogle Raynes, Irene Crooks, Thelma Showalter, Emily Spencer, Minnie Wood, Marie Minter, Eva Fugate, Etta Brewer and Bessie Raynes, and Kemp Cline.

Following the luncheon, the ladies, with their escorts, were guests of the Kentucky theatre at a special matinee thru courtesy of Earle Hall Payne, manager.

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The address of the Odd Fellows Home in Lexington was at 511 west Sixth street. Ellis O. Kidd and his family lived at 611 Price Avenue, about 350 yards from the orphanage. It was close enough that he probably could hear his young musicians practicing their instruments as he walked to the rehearsal room.



Common Sayings and their meaning

Let The Cat Out Of The Bag

Meaning: Reveal a secret carelessly or by mistake.

Origin: Some time ago farmers who sold pigs would bring them to the market wrapped up in a bag. Unscrupulous ones would replace the pig with a cat and if someone would accidentally let the cat out, their fraud would be uncovered.

Blue Blood

Meaning: Noble birth.

Origin: Saying that some has blue blood comes from the Middle Ages, where it was believed that those who had pale skin (meaning their ancestor have not inter-married with darker skin partners) were noble or aristocrat. The main reasoning behind it is that when your skin is really pale, the veins are more visible, and they usually look quite blue.

Every Cloud Has A Silver Lining

Meaning: negative occurrence may have a positive aspect to it.

Origin: This expression can be traced directly from a piece written in 1634 by English poet John Milton called *Comus: A Mask Presented at Ludlow Castle*. He spoke of a silver lining of brightness behind a gloomy cloud, and soon afterward 'Milton's clouds' became a staple of English Literature. The proverb 'every cloud has a silver lining' eventually came into being in the 1800's, a time of optimism and positivity in the upper classes of Victorian England.

The Whole 9 Yards

Meaning: To do everything that is possible or available.

Origin: During World War II, pilots would have a 9-yard chain of ammunition. When a fighter pilot used all their ammunition on one target, they would give 'The whole 9 yards.'

Less than two miles north from the Odd Fellows Home was another orphanage, the Colored Orphans Industrial Home.

Stay tuned for more..

Grand Master
Picnic

**Grand Master George Brady invites
"YOU"
To attend the**

ANNUAL HOMECOMING PICNIC

On Saturday June 8th, 2024.

Location:

**Browning Picnic Shelter
Maysville- Mason County Recreation Park
2340 Old Main Street
Old Washington, KY**

Lunch served at 12 noon.

Park offers a swimming pool, softball fields, tennis court, 3 par golf, putt-putt, playgrounds, public restrooms and a 15-acre fishing lake.

What are other Lodges doing?

Br Robert Howell was Santa at the Indian Ridge Housing in Shelbyville, KY. Looks like he brought some joy to the kids.



Lorraine Lodge #4 Louisville

Coat Drive Success!!

118 Coats Total and we ended up with-
11 bags of coats, 1 bag of pants/shirts, and 1
bag of hats gloves and hand/foot warmers!
Thanks to everyone who played a part.
Southend Street Angels.

Come join them at 1700 S 4th St, Louisville, KY,
United States, Kentucky

Bluegrass Lodge #416 Lexington

A new IOOF Lodge in Lexington is up and running. They are struggling with a meeting place but have overcome many obstacles and will overcome this. Keep them in your prayers. We are proud they have taken on this mission to keep Odd Fellowship alive.

Aaron Lodge #412 Big Spring

Aaron lodge honored the memory of a long past Member, Wm Stackhouse who is buried at Kasey Cemetery In Elizabethtown, KY. The cemetery in poor repair with fallen stones, and a tree, We mowed, weed wacked and removed the tree from the gravestones. Stackhouse was also a Civil War Soldier.

What is GM Brady doing?

Attended Ohio Grand Lodge Session.

4/13/2024



Visit Bowling Green lodge on 04/04/24.



Grand Master Brady will be laying a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery on 5 May 2024. What an honor!



Any New members? Anyone not receiving our Newsletter? Did anyone move to a new address? If you are aware of any changes in your membership please let us know. Email bfortin59@gmail.com with those updates.

Aging gracefully is just pretending you're not as sore as you actually are."

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