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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

Riding Shotgun

Meaning: Used to claim the right to sit in the front passenger seat of a vehicle on a particular journey.

Origin: This expression refers to the passenger of an old-fashioned stagecoach, who sat next to the driver with a shotgun to protect from attackers and robbers along the way. There is no evidence to suggest the expression was used in times of the 'Wild West,' but most likely came about much later on, when media and films began to romanticize the period.

Crocodile Tears

Meaning: Tears or expressions of sorrow that are insincere.

Origin: Written in the 14th century, a book called "The Travels of Sir John Mandeville" recounts a knight's adventures through Asia. In the book it says that crocodiles shed tears while eating a man they captured. Even though it is factually inaccurate, the phrase 'crocodile tears' found its way into Shakespeare's work and became an idiom in the 16th century, symbolizing insincere grief.

Show Your True Colors

Meaning: Reveal one's real character or intentions, especially when these are disreputable or dishonorable.

Origin: To confuse their enemies, warships would use multiple flags. However, warfare rules dictated that the ships must show its actual flag before firing and hence, the ships would then display its true colors.

Close But No Cigar

Meaning: almost but not quite successful.

Origin: In the late 19th century carnival games were targeted to adults and not children, so the winners would get a cigar as a prize instead of stuffed animals. If the person was close to winning but failed, they'd say it was 'close but no cigar'.

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Cover Story

Cont, from Mar 2023

Reorganization of Humboldt Lodge.

(After the devastating Tornado)

Humboldt Lodge resumed its meetings at Marker's Hall, corner Seventeenth and Main, Falls City Hall being in ruins, the tenth of April being its first regular meeting upon reorganization. Wm. Wolff, Noble Grand; Louis Kammerer, Vice Grand; John Kammer, Treasurer; Fred J. Schoen, Permanent Secretary; Geo. M. Moebius, Recording Secretary; M. Weixler, Conductor, and John Sperzell, Outside Guardian.

The growth of the Lodge was not marred by the terrible calamity just passed, but to the contrary, the good work done, by divine inspiration brought new life to the lodge. Past Grand Simm fortunately having been absent from the meeting on that awful night, Past Grand Blaes and Past Grands L. P. Kammerer and Henry Brandt having recovered sufficiently to be active again, were aided by Brothers Past Grand Schneider and Blaufuss in making Humboldt the by-word wherever they went, the result being work at every meeting, conferring degrees, dispatching to the needs of those in distress, visiting the sick, burying the dead, helping the widow and educating the orphan.

In the year of 1898 the lodge suffered the loss by death of one whose valuable services will forever be remembered, namely, Past Grand Louis Simm, and in Past Grand H. E. Kurkamp who was largely responsible for the name and success that Humboldt Lodge had attained. The life of the lodge from the year 1900 to the present period, under the guidance of such a noble character who is still with us, our beloved Past Grand John Blaes, with the assistance of such brothers as Past Grands Wm. Wolff, Geo. Zeigler, L. P. Kammerer, Henry Blaufuss, and Jacob Seibert, made a very large gain in membership, in the years of 1900 to 1903.

Not to overlook the trials to be endured by a lodge and its members, the following may be noted. Vice Grand Fred Gausman in the year of 1877, when passing through the honored position of Noble Grand, suffered the loss of his right arm by amputation, by accident at employment.

Bro. Chas. Kanzinger after being installed as Noble Grand served only two nights, being taken ill and died August 6, 1895. Past Grand, H. G. Trompeter, being installed as Noble Grand at the first meeting of July 1900, was stricken blind and not able to serve another meeting during the term, but who by the grace of Providence, recovered his sight, partially and sufficient to aid and render valuable assistance after a period of two years.

The year of 1903 was made memorable, owing to the fact, that the lodge ceased working in the German language, and adopted the English ritual, which was due largely to the shrinkage of immigration, abolishment of the teaching of German in the public schools, thus making the offspring of our noble progenitors incapable of mastering the German ritual, the latter reason for the change, being augmented considerably by the heavy growth in membership of brothers, who neither spoke nor were capable of comprehending the German language.

The growth from 1903 to the present time in membership was marvelous. Past Grands Henry Blaufuss and John Blaes were the mainstay up to July 1905, when good Brother Blaufuss was taken from our midst by the Grand Master above. Past Grand Jacob Seibert, not discouraged at the inevitable, brought to the fore such good brothers as Past Grands Louis Fraas, Edw. Gottschalk, Wm. Fleischer, H. G. Trompeter, John J. Blaes, Frank Freeman, Ph. Goodman, Louis Steiss, Jos. Maxey, George G. Triick, Chas. Lotz, W. W. Klemmt, Julius Wolff, John Schmelzer, Louis P. Kammerer and others, who never fail to attend lodge and formed a Degree staff second to none in the State of Kentucky and keep up and maintain the good name and reputation of Humboldt Lodge's standard established by its German founders.

The crowning success attained by the lodge's Degree staff, in the past two years, is due mainly to Captain Past Grand Lucien Rice of Covenant Lodge of Lexington, who untiringly and through persistent efforts, perfected the staff, never missing a meeting night. Brother Past Grand Rice is one of Humboldt's members, notwithstanding his membership being in Covenant Lodge No. 22, of Lexington, he being elected an honorary member of Humboldt.

The fiftieth anniversary was celebrated in due form, the members and their families, the widows and orphans and a number of guests assembled at a beautiful grove at St. Helens, on July 19, 1909, where the outing was enjoyed by everyone and will be remembered by all that were present.

*History of Humboldt Lodge 141 1859-1909



Grand Master James Gibson & Somerset Lodge

Invite you to attend the Annual

Homecoming Picnic



Saturday June 10, 2023 (2nd Saturday)

Location: Eubank City Park off US 27

@ Hwy 70 West ¾ mile

Same as last year's picnic Park is on the right side past Ruford's Restaurant

Devotion at 1100

Meal served immediately afterwards.

Signs will be posted!

We will have 5 Grave Markers available

James Gibson Lays a wreath at
Arlington National Cemetery



It's been a somber yet amazing day at Arlington National Cemetery as Oddfellows from across the country paid respects for our fallen soldiers throughout history as well as honoring those who are serving now to protect and preserve our freedoms. Each state representative was able to present a wreath to be placed at the tomb of the unknowns. I have met several old friends and made lots of new ones from across America. (from FB post)

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Any New members?

Do you have any new members who are not receiving the newsletter? Anyone with a new ne 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

June 2-4 Wreath Laying Ceremony, Canadian War Memorial, Ottawa, ON
<https://odd-fellows.org/upcoming-events/>

June 10 Homecoming Picnic

**June 13 MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER**

To all Units Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Greetings: This Memorial Day let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us. As we mourn their loss let us reflect on Psalm 23: ... 'beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul' ...

Therefore, in accordance with our laws and customs, I, Michelle L. Heckart, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows do hereby proclaim that, Tuesday the 13th day of June 2023 to be MEMORIAL DAY throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

All Units of Odd Fellowship shall hold appropriate observances in memory of our departed members. Information has been received of the death of the following past officers and members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and officers and past officers of the various grand bodies.

Kentucky 11 June 2022 – Larry N. Flowers Sr., PGP, age 81– See the full list at:
<https://oddfellowssite.files.wordpress.com/2023/05/ioof-news-22.3.pdf>

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the 30th day of April 2023 and of our Order the Two Hundred – Fifth year.

Yours in F, L & T, s/ Michelle L. Heckart

ATTEST: Sovereign Grand Master

s/ Terry L. Barrett Sovereign Grand Secretary

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What are other Lodges doing?

Prestonsburg Lodge # 139

(Mar 2023) Prestonsburg, KY 293 held its 3rd initiation ceremony of the year last night! A big welcome to the Order to Chris and Joanna Williams, Zack Slone and Devan Maynard Slone, Alex Jude, Elizabeth Daniels, and Brandie Davis!
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Grand Master James Gibson presents Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart an Oddfellows print on behalf of Kentucky Oddfellows at the Annual Pilgrimage in Arlington, Virginia.



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