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Editors Message:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters
I wish to announce our new Leadership

Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Grand Master -	James Gibson
Deputy Grand Master-	George Brady
Grand Warden-	Craig Stanfield
Grand treasurer -	Ross Webb
Grand Secretary-	Arthur Light
SGL Rep -	Charles Thomas
Relief Board Member-	Alana Insko-Kelly

Appointed GL Officers for 22-23

Grand Conductor -	Gary Bowers
Grand Chaplain -	Kenny Pickrel
Grand Marshal -	David Collins
Grand Herald -	Robert Howell
Grand Guardian-	Chris Dalton
Grand Parlimentarian -	Ed Johnson

I hope you will also share a story(ies) of the activities of your lodge. Perhaps even introduce yourself. Tell us why you became an “Odd-fellow”/” Rebekah”?

Elected Officers



L-R- Grand Treasurer Ross Webb
Greg Stanfield Grand Warden,
George Brady Deputy Grand Master
James Gibson Grand Master,
Arthur Light Grand Sec.

Guess which one had military experience!

One more thing if I may!

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: IOOF Newsletter via Email

I sure do hope I hear from you; I am looking forward to sharing your story.



Common Sayings and their meaning

Caught Red-Handed

Meaning: Used to indicate that a person has been discovered in or just after the act of doing something wrong or illegal.

Origin: There was an old law stating that if someone butchered an animal that didn't belong to him, he would only be punished if he was caught with blood on his hands. If one was caught with the meat but his hands were clean, he would not be punished.

Don't Look a Gift Horse In The Mouth

Meaning: Find fault with something that has been received as a gift or favor.

Origin: While buying a horse, people would determine the horse's age and condition based on its teeth, and then decide whether they want to buy it or not. This is the reason why people use this idiom to say it is rude to look for flaws in a thing that was given to you as a gift.

Barking Up the Wrong Tree

Meaning: Be pursuing a mistaken or misguided line of thought or course of action.

Origin: This phrase refers to hunting dogs who chase their prey up a tree. Once it climbed the tree the dogs bark at them, yet sometimes the dogs would continue barking even if the prey was no longer there.

Turn A Blind Eye

Meaning: Pretend not to notice.

Origin: It is believed that this phrase originates with naval hero Horatio Nelson, who used his blind eye to look through his telescope. This way he was able to avoid signals from his superior, who wanted him to withdraw from battle. He attacked, nevertheless, and was victorious.

Cover Story

12 OF 18 HUMBOLDT LODGE 141 DIED

Survivors of the cyclone of March 27, 1890, and relatives of persons killed in the disaster. In a meeting Tuesday night at Aurora Hall, Deerwood Ave and Bardstown Rd. Formed a permanent organization. The tornado in which 76 lives were lost and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed, is held to have been Louisville's greatest calamity. Beginning at 18th and Maple streets and sweeping diagonally across the city, it crumbled buildings, twisted iron poles and sent tree

Cyclone Survivors Form Organization



Back Row, Left to Right—George E. Adams, James Hyman, A. J. Reed, of Lexington; Miss Tena Yager and William King.
Front Row, Left to Right—John D. Wilson, George W. Yost, H. G. Trompeter and Mrs. Minnie Seifried.

branches and roof rafters hurtling through space. Fires broke out and the tower of the waterworks was destroyed., causing a temporary water famine.

Among the buildings destroyed were several churches, the 7th Street railway station, and Falls City Hall, where a dancing class of 75 children and a large meeting of the Knights and Ladies of Honor were in session.

“By organizing, we hope to memorialize the dead in to commemorate the heroic rescue work of the occasion,” stated A.J. Reed, of Lexington, who called the meeting Tuesday night.

Officers chosen were G.W. Yost, president; HG Trompeter, vice president, Charles W Huber, secretary, treasurer, assisted by Mrs Fred Seifried. and John D Wilson, Sergeant at arms.

Other survivors of the tornado include Mrs Robert Anderson, Mrs G.M, Calmbach. Joe Dahlman. George Horlander, Mrs Nettie Sadler. Miss Tena Yeager and Charles Birkle of Louisville; W.T. Benton and Mr. Reed of Lexington and James Webber of New Albany.

Ambrose, Bruner served as temporary chairman of the meeting, which was sponsored by chosen Friends, Lodge number 2 of Odd Fellows.

Twelve of eighteen members of Humboldt Lodge of the same organization were killed when Falls City Hall, in which they were meeting, collapsed when the cyclone struck the remaining members of Humboldt Lodge. later consolidated with Lodge No 2.

In estimating the extent of damage, Mr Reed reported Tuesday night that more than 200 persons were injured and that five churches, two public halls, two schools, 266 stores, 32 factories. 10 tobacco warehouses and 52 homes were destroyed. Mr Trumpeter and Mr. Wilson described scenes of the catastrophe and the manner in which rescues were made.

Could this have been the end of Humboldt Lodge?

Stay tuned for our next issue to find out!



Civilian describes pillaging near Gettysburg, 1863

We hear stories of the Civil War. But we don't hear much if anything about the Odd Fellows during the Civil War.

We have heard about the Masons holding burial ceremonies. Sometimes even crossing enemy lines, performing their rituals and go back to fight! I share with you here a story about the Odd Fellows.

On July 5, 1863, Dr. William H. Boyle wrote to a fellow member of the local Columbus Lodge (75) of the International Organization of Odd Fellows, Isaac McCauley, describing the devastation the Confederates had caused in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, twenty-five miles west of Gettysburg.

Confederate forces had been in Chambersburg as early as June 16 and had taken food, clothing, and other supplies, some of which was paid for with Confederate money. The pillaging this letter describes was what General Robert E. Lee had hoped to avoid when he issued General Orders No. 73 on June 27:

William H. Boyle to Isaac H. McCauley
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 5 July 1863.
Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

Friend M'Cauley,

Having an opportunity to send a letter outside the Confed: lines I will give you a short account of our situation. The rebs have stripped this valley of everything. All the Stores – Book, Dry Goods, Groceries, Mills and Warehouses have been emptied. There is not enough left for the people to live on for two weeks.

Both railroads are destroyed. All the new depot building are down. Many farms are destroyed by roads over them and encampments upon them. The telegraph lines are all destroyed. We are completely cut off from the outside world. We have had no northern papers here for over two week.

We get our news via Richmond. I bought three Richmond papers from one of their newsmen on the street for 25 cents – for the three.

The outrages committed on private property and on individuals have been dreadful. Murder, rape, robbery and arson are the [2] names by which you designate a few of their atrocities.

Gen. Lees order to respect private property was laughed at by the villains that compose his army. They have destroyed our Lodge room – all the regalia has been carried off or torn up to get off the lace and bullion. Not an article of regalia is left. The lamp fixtures shared the same fate. When they took possession of the Hall I saw the officer in charge and begged of him to respect that room-he promised me it should not be disturbed and placed a guard over it.

The guard broke in three times and plundered it. M L [illegible] and Stumbaugh's offices are destroyed. The safes are broken open – yours among the rest – the bookcases thrown down all the books carried off or scattered about, the papers strewn over the floor and tramped in the mud. Such a picture of ruin as the office presents you cannot imagine try your best.

The town is one vast and nasty horse stables. It smells so bad we can scarcely live in it. I am fearful of an epidemic. The country people fared worse than the town. All sorts of outrages were committed on their persons and property. This morning about a dozen of wagons with wounded from Gettysburg passed through here.

April 19, 2019 marked the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Odd Fellows in the U.S. The official Odd Fellowship history states that the Civil War shattered the organization. The first fraternal organization to accept both men & women, the Odd Fellowship's charitable activities all but ceased during the war. After the war, there was a grand reconciliation & it became the largest U.S. fraternal organization with over 2,600,000 members by the 1920's.

In 1889 the Patriots Militant was officially formed by Civil War veterans.

Is History still being made?

Grand Lodge of Kentucky Session of IOOF was held at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington, KY

For the first time in history, James Gibson is Grand Master of the Masons in Ky and Grand Master of the Independent Order of the Oddfellows. Presented with the Meritorious Service Award from Rep John Cupp Jr the Sovereign Grand Lodge Master



We were visited by Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreit Sec/ Past Pres International Assoc of Rebekah Assemblies Riverside Rebekah Lodge 850 Missouri City, MO, Beth Barber Pres Rebekah Assembly KY GEM#6, and Joann Lauhon Past Pres GEM #6.



Grand Warden Rick Powers addresses the Grand Lodge with best wishes from Indiana.





I wish to enlist the help of our brothers and sisters! The members listed here: "FLT" (The 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,
Ashley Spencer, Barry Erp, Bernice Burchett,
Bob Fambrough, Bruce Martin, Bryan New,
Carol Lemaster, Charles Lee, Christopher Daulton,
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, Floyd Davis,
Frankie Vaught, Fred Stella Music, Gary Cobb,
Gloria Johnson, Harold, and Sandy Poynter,
Harold Jasper, Helen Omerod
Jackie Cracraft, Jackie Lynn, James Acton,
James Maynard, James Mills, James Smith
Jason Stahl, Jeff Fraley, Jerry Lanham,
Jessica Barker, Jerry Summers, Jim Toncray,
Joey Waddell, John Morrow, Julia Smith,
June Carter, Justin Brown, Kenny Marshall,
Kevin Horn, Kim Gillmore,
Krystal Hale, Laban Griffin, Larry Fraley,
Linda Bostis, Lisa Maggard
Lloyd Caskey, Lorena Wallen, MacKenzie Bennett,
Marcie Castle, Mark Flener, Marsha Lemaster
Marvin Helphenstine, Marvin Helphenstine
Matthew Raymer, Michael Mc Donald, Norman Hughes,
Printes Webb, Rachel Bourdon, Raul Davila
Robert Cox, Robert Sweeney
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?

Lorraine Lodge #4 in Louisville held a "Chili Cook off" (off) on 22 Oct at noon. This was followed by a "Trunk or treat" They support the Family Scholar House. The Family Scholar house provides daycare for single parents so they may continue their education and graduate college!

Send me your story, Your events, Lets talk about the great things you all do!