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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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HONOR TO THE BRAVE!

RINGGOLD LODGE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS # 27 MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Submitted by: Deputy Grand Master Craig Stanfield

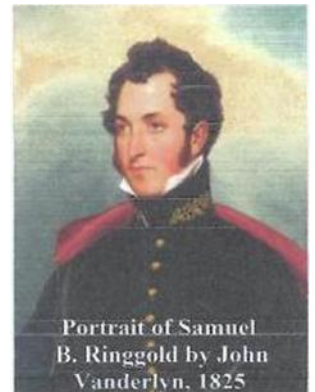
HONOR TO THE BRAVE! — A new Lodge has been, or soon will be, instituted at Maysville, Ky., to be called RINGGOLD in honor of the gallant and brave MAJOR RINGGOLD who fell in the battle of Palo Alto on the 9th of May last.

*From "THE ARK and Odd-Fellows Western Weekly Magazine, Vol. 2, 1846.

The MAJOR RINGGOLD, referred to above and for whom Ringgold Lodge IOOF of Maysville, KY is named is Samuel B.

Ringgold (1796 — May 11, 1846) a artillery officer in the United States Army noted for several military innovations which caused him to be called the "Father of Modern Artillery." He was also, according to some records, the first U.S. officer to fall in the Mexican American War, perishing from wounds received at the Battle of Palo Alto.

Ringgold's significant military innovations included the Ringgold military saddle and artillery techniques. Based on his research in Europe, he rewrote the Army's manual for artillery, which included the tactical concept of flying artillery—employing artillery pieces that could be moved quickly from place to place. The



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Army adapted his manual, "Instructions for Field Artillery" on March 6, 1845, and he was promoted to the rank of Major in acknowledgment of his military innovations.

Ringgold served in General Zachary Taylor's occupation force in Texas as a Major of Artillery. On May 8, 1846, as he and 2,400 troops were en route to Fort Texas, they were engaged at the Battle of Palo Alto by Mexican General Mariano Arista and his force of 3,800 men.

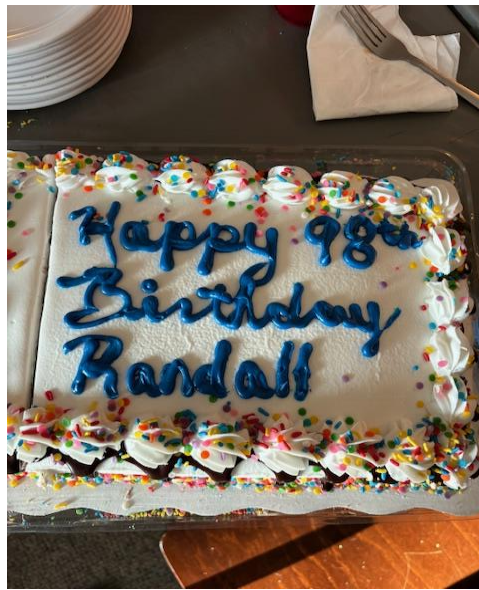
Arista's army was stretched a mile wide, making an American bayonet charge, Taylor's first option, impossible. Taylor, in an unlikely move, advanced his

artillery to attack the enemy. The use of Ringgold's flying artillery tactic won the battle for the Americans. The Mexican artillery, heavy and slow, was futile in the thick steel-wool brush at Palo Alto. Arista ordered cavalry charges to flank the artillery gunners, but the American flying artillery was able to mobilize, relocate, and repel the oncoming dragoons.

During the battle, Ringgold was mortally wounded by cannon fire that mangled both his legs just below the crotch. Nevertheless, he refused to leave the field during the battle. He survived three days, during which time he debriefed on the battle, before dying in Port Isabel, Texas.



Brother Randall Boyers Celebrates his 98th and 77th OddFellow Anniversary.



Members of Cynthiana I.O.O.F. Lodge 127 met on May 11, 2024 along with Grand Master George Brady and Noble Grand Edward Tutewiler to Celebrate the 98th Birthday of Odd Fellow Brother Randall Boyers and his 77th Anniversary as an Odd Fellow.

Standing: Patty Clapp, Danny Clapp, Grand Master George Brady, Noble Grand Edward Tutewiler, William O. Brooks
Seated; Adrian Craig Peter Gallagher Alana Insko-Kelly Randall Boyers Delmar Stith

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In Mourning



David Lawrence Collins, 80, passed away Saturday, May 18, 2024. He was a forty-seven-year active member of the DeKalb Lodge number 12, where he served as Noble Grand in 1986, was a Grand Patriot of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky and was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky IOOF from 2013-2014. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Maysville Men's Club, Washington Lions Club, a Kentucky Colonel and in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years. Funeral services were held at First Christian Church Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 11 a.m. Oddfellows rites were performed. He is buried at Green Acres Cemetery.



PGM Gene Hill, Somerset, Ky. Gene "Tootle" Hill, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, born on December 13, 1943, in Oneida, KY. Gene had a diverse career where he worked for many years as a talented sign painter and as a dedicated truck driver.



PGM Ervin P. Webb, Inez, Ky. Ervin Printes Webb 90, of Inez, KY passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2024. He was born in Martin County on March 5, 1934. Ervin was a member of the Golden Memorial Methodist Church as well as the

Masons and Odd Fellows. He was also a Veteran serving in the United States Air Force 1954-1957.

Common Sayings

Sleep Tight

Meaning: Sleep well (said to someone when parting from them at night).

Origin: It is believed that the saying comes from Shakespeare's time when mattresses were secured by ropes. During that time, sleeping tight meant sleeping with the ropes pulled tight, making a well-sprung bed.

Piece Of Cake

In the 19th century, it was common to award cakes to winners at competitions, hence the idea of something being a "piece of cake." "Cakewalk," which has a similar meaning, was actually the name of a dance competition. Plantation owners in the pre-Civil War South served as judges at cakewalks, wherein enslaved people went through a series of complicated dance moves that were most likely done in mockery of the plantation owners.

Spill The Beans

Meaning: Reveal secret information unintentionally or indiscreetly.

Origin: This saying comes from Ancient Greece, where voting was done using beans. Citizens would put a white bean into the jar of a candidate they support, and a black one for a candidate that they do not approve of. However, on a few occasions clumsy people would spill the jars, revealing classified information.

Pull Out All the Stops

Meaning: Make a very great effort to achieve something.

Origin: Organ consoles have knobs that are called 'stops'. Without them the organist can play at a much higher volume, so 'pulling out all the stops' would let the organist squeeze the maximum volume out of the instrument.

Dates for Grand Lodge: **October 6-8 Clarion Hotel Meeting Center**

Room Reservation Info: The reservation for your attendees is now available, the cut-off date is September 22, 2024, to make the reservation online: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZY65J6>, or call the hotel at (859)-233-0512 and provide the name of the group under ODD FELLOWS 2024, to get the discounted rate of \$119/ night.

Grand Lodge PRE-REGISTRATION 2024

NAME _____ LODGE _____

____ Grand Lodge Registration \$10.00 Per Person _____

____ Grand Encampment \$5.00 Per Person _____

____ Department Council \$5.00 Per Person _____

____ Banquet \$50.00 Per Person _____

____ Tuesday Luncheon \$19.00 Per Person _____

TOTAL _____

Please Make Checks payable to:

George S. Brady
Memo: Grand Lodge 2024

Please mail copy of this form with check to:

George S. Brady
C/O: Dekalb Lodge #12
P O. Box 547
Maysville, Kentucky 41056

All registrations must be paid by September 15, 2024, to ensure luncheon and banquet tickets.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS:

If you are interested in playing golf, please let him know by September 15th and he can make the arrangements to play on a course in the area.

Tentative Schedule for Grand Lodge	
	Sunday 6 Oct
Registration- 2PM	
Memorial Service at 7PM	
	Monday 7 Oct
Registration and Encampment - 9AM	
Department Council- 1PM	
Banquet- 7PM	
	Tuesday 8 Oct
Grand Lodge- 9AM-UTC	

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