



Wildey News Flash



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Noble Grand Message

I hope you and your family had a great holiday season and enjoyed some well-deserved time with your loved ones. Welcome to 2022.

I would like to start by thanking the members of Wildey Lodge No. 2 who have reposed in me their trust and confidence by electing and installing me as Noble Grand of our Lodge last month.

Thank you for attending our Installation of Officers. We had a great turnout despite the continued ongoing pandemic. It was truly magical to see many Brothers, Sisters, and friends joining us. A special thank you to Craig Skinner, Installing Marshal and his officers: Thank you so much, gentlemen. You did an amazing job!

I also wish to congratulate our new line of officers. Ladies and Gentlemen, you occupy those seats to instill cooperation, inspire unity, harmony, and understanding among your Brother and Sisters. Together, we will lead our Lodge to continue making an impact in our community and to build upon what our predecessors have laid out for us.

We, as Odd Fellows, always invoke the blessings of God, the Father of all mankind for guidance in all undertakings. May all your actions as Officers of this Lodge be guided by Friendship, Love and Truth... 2022 is set to be a year of Determination, and Discovery! I am looking forward to welcoming back our Brothers and Sisters, and any new prospects to our lodge.

Just as a reminder our meetings begin a 6:00 p.m. and dinner follows after our meeting. I ask that you bring suggestions for future get-togethers, special events, that you believe would be of interest to our members. May all of us work together to make this a great year despite the past hardships that we have had to deal with.

I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Respectfully

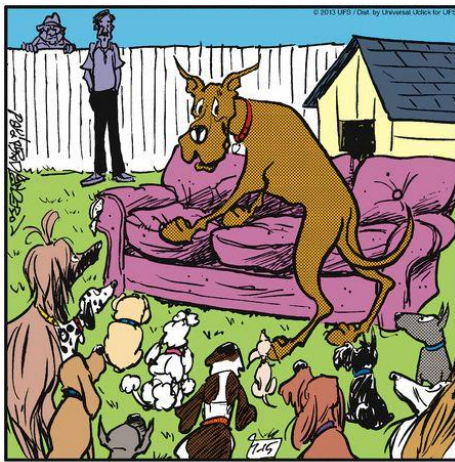
Ray White
Noble Grand

March & April Birthdays



Sally Carr – March 30
Ray White – March 30
Francis LaVar April 14
Larry Endicott April 28

DOG TRAINING



"He's teaching a class on how to sleep on the couch and get away with it."



"I was gone thirty seconds and he drank my drink, ate my snack and fell asleep in my chair."

REFRESHMENTS FOR March & April 2022

March 8	Dinner will be at a local restaurant following meeting
March 22	Dinner will be at a local restaurant following meeting
April 12	Dinner will be at a local restaurant following meeting
April 26	Dinner will be at a local restaurant following meeting

Easter Word Search

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M U Q O E U A P E I C P
X H Y W E O E E G S A U
G I P S P R I N G M C J
C H O C O L A T E C B B
P C Y U G E Z O B H A C
E S P A R R C N U I S F
E K I U A H O O N C K A
P H E A S T E R N K E M
S E U Y S G O G Y S T I
Y S B N F L O W E R S L
F M R S T E R V O I D Y

GRASS
EASTER
HUNT

CHICKS
BASKETS
BUNNY

FAMILY
SPRING
EEGS

FLOWERS
CHOCOLATE
PEEPS





Here's How Eggs Became Synonymous with Easter Article from Reader's Digest

Sure, everyone loves a chocolate egg, but how did eggs themselves become such an important part of our Easter celebrations?

Turns out, eggs have been an important aspect of cultural celebrations dating back thousands of years, long before Easter was ever a holiday. It's believed they were used in pagan rites, as symbols of fertility and new life, as well as by Persian civilizations. In ancient Egypt, eggs were important elements in reaching the afterlife and in rebirth.

Eggs were also considered a delicacy in Roman times—only the wealthy and powerful could afford to serve eggs at dinner. But their first association with Easter is shrouded in mystery.

“We don't honestly know why we use eggs historically,” says Christine Luckritz Marquis, assistant professor of Church History at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. “There are lots of different theories, but eggs definitely are about new life and resurrection. There's a rich history of eggs being symbolic of new life.” If you're curious, here's [why bunnies are so popular for Easter](#).

Some traditions believe that Mary Magdalene and the Virgin Mary held eggs during the crucifixion or that they were eaten at the first meal after the Resurrection. Eggs were viewed as a way of confirming Jesus' resurrection. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, the hard shell of the egg represents the stone walls of Jesus' tomb, with the egg itself representing the new life of the Resurrection.

During Lent, the 40-day period of preparation for Easter, Christians were traditionally forbidden to eat foods such as [eggs, milk, and sugar](#) (which is why they were used up on Shrove Tuesday to make pancakes). So it's also likely that eggs were eaten at Easter to celebrate the end of this strict period of fasting.

A History of Easter Eggs

Decorated eggs were first introduced in the 13th century. Many countries, [especially in eastern Europe](#), celebrate Easter with dyed eggs, carved wooden eggs, or richly painted eggs. Lots of the patterns have symbolic meaning, and some eggs are [intricately painted](#) with religious or cultural scenes.

Joseph Fry created the [first chocolate Easter egg](#) in 1873. These were considered a luxury gift, because they were hand-crafted from couture chocolate, which was hugely expensive. It wasn't until the 1950s, that more affordable chocolate eggs for children were introduced.

But the most famous Easter eggs in the world were never intended to be eaten. In 1885, Tsar Alexander III of Russia commissioned the [jeweler Fabergé](#) to make an egg as an Easter gift for his wife. This gold egg had an enamel shell that opened to reveal a gold yolk. The yolk contained a pure gold hen, which in turn held a diamond replica of a crown, complete with a tiny ruby. Worth a staggering \$3.1 million in today's money, this must surely be the ultimate luxury egg. Fabergé made over 50 eggs for the Russian royal family, each more extravagant than the last.

There are many traditions associated with Easter, and it's easy to use eggs to celebrate Easter for yourself. Try your hand at an Easter egg hunt, use eggs for some [seasonal Easter cooking](#), have a go at making these [19 homemade egg dyes](#), or try one of these [20 unique Easter egg ideas for decorating](#). You'll be carrying on a tradition that stretches back for centuries.

Odd Fellows History

Why are the Odd Fellows called the Odd Fellows?

At a time when other fraternal orders were forming in England to help themselves, the Odd Fellows formed in part to help others who were less fortunate. They were called “odd fellows” **because they helped members of society who needed their help.**

Membership

To be a member, one must believe in a Supreme Being, of good character, and at least sixteen (16) years old. This is regardless of gender, race, creed, religion, political affiliation or social standing. Being a non-political and non-sectarian organization, its membership is open to people of all faiths, and the lodge is always considered a neutral ground where debates about religion and politics are highly discouraged.

Internationally, membership today comes from all walks of life including businesspeople, doctors, lawyers, teachers, students, government officials, retirees, blue collar or white collar workers and others. Depending on the country, there are lodges of men only, there are lodges for women only, and there are lodges open for both men and women. Membership is diverse and is represented by the poor, the average and the rich, the educated and the uneducated. There are members who are white, black, Asian, and Hispanic as well as Protestants, Catholics, Muslims, Jewish and others.

Useless Trivia Questions

1. What is the most remote island in the world?
 - A. Saint Helena
 - B. Bouvet Island
 - C. Easter Island
 - D. Kiribati
2. If you accidentally knock out a tooth, in what liquid should you store it to improve the chances Of the dentist being able to re-implant it?
 - A. Beer
 - B. Water
 - C. Juice
 - D. Milk
3. Which famous product was originally marketed as “Esteemed Brain Tonic and Intellectual Beverage”?
 - A. Coca-Cola
 - B. Ginger Ale
 - C. Maxwell House Coffee
 - D. Smart Water
4. What is the best-selling Little Golden Book of all times?
 - A. The Poky Little Puppy
 - B. The Little Red Hen
 - C. This Little Piggy
 - D. Three Little Kittens
5. Which famous athlete not-so-humbly claimed, “When you are as great as I am, it’s hard to be Humble”?
 - A. Muhammad Ali
 - B. Charles Barkley
 - C. Reggie Jackson
 - D. Babe Ruth

Answers - 1)B 2)D 3)A 4)A 5)A

Useless Trivia Puzzles