

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows



# Wildey News Flash



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The E-mail address for Wildey Lodge #2, IOOF, has been changed to make it more responsive in communicating with Officers and members. The new address is

**wildeylodge2@gmail.com**

The e-mail will be regularly checked and sent to the appropriate member for the response. If you would like to send materials for the web page or the Flash, it will be very simple to attach the information to an e-mail and send it to the address above. This is even faster than putting it in the snail mail.

### Guinness Book of World Birthdays

*Sister Sharon Vaughn  
August 3*

*Sister Janice G. White  
August 18*

*Sister Pamela Whisenhunt  
August 26*

Have A Wonderful Day

CONGRATULATIONS!

### ***ELECTRONICS IN A FRATERNAL WORLD***

Can anyone remember ink pens, typewriters, telephone party lines, milk bottles, long distance phone charges, writing long hand letters, black and white movies, Saturday morning cartoons and serial cowboy stories at the children's show at the neighborhood theater? And now....?

Computers changed our world significantly. We now have King Convenience to satisfy. All things need to be bigger, faster, easier, cheaper. Though there are negatives to these issues there are also positives which intersect into our fraternal lives. Wildey Lodge #2, IOOF, is working hard to not only enter but to lead this wave in St. Louis.

This is an exciting time when we will see new programs developing using electronics. The special Jeopardy Program recently presented was dependent upon use of a computer. Every participant loved it!

Our Lodge has one of the best web pages in the state. We have an active newsletter, the Flash, and now we have moved to electronic delivery of messages and the newsletter. We have turned to electronic records and bookkeeping. Even more importantly we are pioneering a new concept of inclusion of home bound members participating with the Lodge through the use of the Skype program. We already have visited with a 70 year member for a pin presentation and significant birthday. We are currently in the process of organizing a voluntary visitation program for members who are unable to attend a meeting. The future will see face to face visits with members who have moved out of state. We are able to link with lodges in foreign countries. We also can record programs and provide them for the web page or for viewing in the meetings. What will come next?

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Br. Ken White

**THE THREE LINKS BY J.H. CLOVES**  
**POEMS FOR ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAS**  
Compiled by W. J. SLATER, G. J. W. G. E. MICH.  
Kalamazoo Publishing Co., Kalamazoo, MI  
1898



Come, brothers, all together raise  
Your voices in our Order's praise!  
Odd Fellowship, the theme shall be,  
Whose emblematic "Links" are three,  
"Fraternity" the "Corner stone,"  
A firm foundation built upon;  
Its wall shall stand, while stands the earth,  
Bounded by "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

We challenge no man's faith or creed,  
And largest liberty concede;  
Requiring but belief in God  
And universal brotherhood;  
Within the lodge-room, not a word  
Of party strife is ever heard;  
We only speak for moral worth,  
As shown by "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

For mutual help in time of need,  
The mandates of our laws provide;  
We cheer the sick, inter the dead,  
The widow and the orphan feed;  
Our Order is a family  
Whose wants may limit charity,  
Until mankind, East, West, North, South,  
Shall join in "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

Forever may the Order be  
A model of fraternity!  
Forever the "Three Links" remain  
Which represent our Binding chain!  
Whene'er a brother needs a friend,  
May each an "open hand" extend,  
Showing alike to age and youth  
How grand are "Friendship, Love, and Truth."



**Thursday**  
**AUGUST**  
**26 th**  
**2018**



*Mississippi River Brunch Cruise*  
*Boarding at 12:30 pm*  
*Departure at 1 pm*  
*Return to Dock 3 pm*

## TWO OPINIONS

### Future of Odd Fellows

Brother Jasper Mangiore is a dedicated contributor to the FLASH with interesting articles from Lodges near and far. Thank you for this article:

An interesting message from Brother Dave Rosenberg, PGM of California:

Dear Dedicated Members for Change,  
There are DMC members throughout California, the United States, Canada, and Europe. From time to time those members send me newspaper articles that are of particular interest. [Below is a link to the Akron, Ohio, newspaper. Please click on the link - I think you will find the newspaper article intriguing and revealing.](#)  
It shows what Odd Fellowship was like in a small town in 1918, a Century ago. The article presents a fascinating vignette of the times. There are those in this Order - including many at Sovereign Grand Lodge and in leadership positions in Grand Lodges around the country - who believe that if we simply went back to the way it was one hundred years ago, all would be fine and dandy and we would grow and flourish as an Order.

They are wrong. We cannot take an Odd Fellows' time machine to the past. Those were completely different times, with different issues, lifestyles, views of the world - not to mention different modes of education, transportation, communication, employment, attire and entertainment. The way to the future is to embrace the future, not attempt to live in the past.

While some in leadership at SGL seem to have given up and predict the death of this Order, DMC has not given up. We know that Odd Fellowship is relevant and can not only survive but can grow. In California we are actually showing net gains in membership. In my own Lodge over the last 10 years we have grown from 30 members to over 300. Don't tell me Odd Fellowship is dead. It is just asleep in some Lodges and in some jurisdictions. We need to simply wake up to welcome the next generation of members. F - L - T

**Dave Rosenberg, Past Grand Master**  
Jurisdiction of California

**IOOF Cemetery Memorial**  
From 1918  
Akron, Ohio

Click on URL or copy and paste the Internet address into your browser. The article is very thought provoking.

**<https://www.ohio.com/akron/lifestyle/local-history/local-history-odd-fellows-paid-tribute-to-their-dead-with-1918-monument>**

