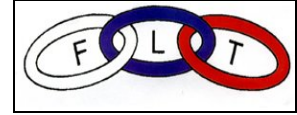


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MEETING NIGHTS

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Thursday, April 24, 2008

*Meetings are held in the Auditorium at Fairview at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Members who need help with transportation to and from meetings should contact Tim Stanley (860-445-6260).

Anniversaries:

Warren Ruddleston 4/28/94 14 years

Degree Conferred

The **Initiatory Degree** was conferred on one candidate of **Niantic Lodge #17** on March 13, 2008. Ramon Colmenero is the newest member of our Lodge.

First, Second, & Third Degrees

Saturday, April 26, 2008 is being set aside to confer the First, Second, and Third degrees on all members who have not yet been able to do so. Those eligible to receive those degrees are: **Ginny Burger, Ramon Colmenero, Scott Farrington, Bud Fay, Deb & Michael Gates, Evelyn Harris, Bill Hart, Joe Lopes, Jim Malloy, Ed McDermott, Ellen Newbury, Blair Quasnitcka, Carolyn & Harrison Solt, Polly Stakely, Tiffany Stanley, and Shanna Welsh.**

Please make this a priority on your calendars since completing this degree work will make you eligible to participate more fully in the Odd Fellows organization. We have also invited **Stonington Lodge #26** to join us on this day and they will also have several candidates to receive these degrees.

A copy of this newsletter can also be viewed online at: www.oddfellowsct.com and follow the "Links" button then scroll down to: **IOOF Niantic #17 Newsletter** link.

Fairview Visitation

On the **First Thursday** of each month at **2:00PM** some members of the **Niantic Lodge #17** go to **Fairview** to visit residents there. Lodge members who are free during this time frame are encouraged to join this group.

Fairview Recreation Upcoming Events

April 15, 2008 at 10:30 am – Kitchen Klankers in the Auditorium.

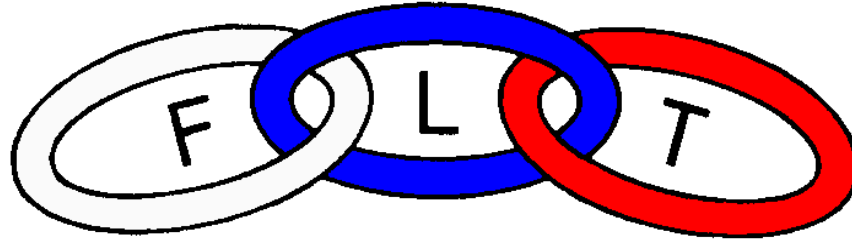
April 25, 2008 at 2:30 pm there will be a Birthday Party in the first floor Dining Room at Fairview.

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Stanley at 445-7478 ext. 448 or send her an email at stanleys@oddfellowsct.com

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS UPDATE

Niantic Lodge #17 continues to collect items to support our troops in Iraq. Several packages have already been sent to the Airmen & women of the unit our Lodge has adopted. Emails are being exchanged with the troops and they are most appreciative for the packages they are receiving. Many, many thanks to everyone who has been able to donate items for this cause. This will continue to be an ongoing project and we encourage any and all who are able to donate to this project. You may bring items to the Lodge meetings or leave them with Sarah Stanley, Volunteer Coordinator or Tomi Stanley, Recreation Director at Fairview. Please see page two of this newsletter for a copy of the flyer that was posted at Fairview for an approved listing of items that our troops would appreciate receiving. Please give this project your thoughtful consideration.

This is your **IOOF Niantic, CT Lodge #17** newsletter. If you have any newsworthy items to share that would fit into this particular format, please send your ideas along to Mary Sepowitz (editor) for consideration in a future edition.



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has adopted a unit of Airmen & women in Iraq and the Lodge is currently collecting donations of letters, cards, and other items that have been identified as being very welcome and helpful to our troops. These items will be sent out as they are collected. Please see approved list below for needed donations.

Personal Hygiene Gold bond powder, tooth brushes and paste, dental floss, Lip balm, Carmex, Multi vitamins, Vitamin C Lozenges, Cough drops & antacids, Q-tips, emery boards, Nail clippers, Disposable razors, Shaving cream & Skin moisturizers, Non-medicated eye drops, Non aerosol insect repellent, Sun block SPE30+, Anti itch cream, Athlete's foot spray, Baby wipes, Hand sanitizers, Pocket size tissues, Soft toilet tissue.

Food & Drinks Pringles, Gatorade packs (Powder), Coffee, Tea, Spiced Cider, Chewing gum, Beef jerky (no pork), Stew in microwaveable bowls, Chili in microwaveable bowls, Pasta/Soup in microwaveable bowls, Instant soup, Fruit in Bowls/Cups, Seasoned salt, Power bars, Granola bars, Pop Tarts, Pretzels, Cracker Jacks, Rice Krispy treats, Cheese and peanut butter crackers, Peanut butter, Salsa, Trail mix, Dried fruit, Hard candy, mints, licorice.

Miscellaneous Items Phone cards, Writing paper and pens (pens must be black ink & click type, retractable, with pocket clips on barrel), Magazines, Sports equipment, Fly swatters, fly paper, mouse traps, Laundry detergent tablets, Disposable cameras, DVD's, CD's, Wash cloths, Flip Flops for showers, Under Armor (cold weather wicking underwear) black, brown or tan only, White cotton socks, Athletic tube socks.

If you are able to help in this way, please forward your donations to any of the following Niantic Lodge members: Patty Colgan, Billy Joe Foreman, Deb Gates, Joe Lopes, Jim Malloy, Mary Sepowitz, Sarah Stanley, Tomi Stanley, Polly Stakely, or Sandie Weissgarber, Thank you so much for any donations you are able to share.