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Odd Fellows Insane Asylum

Location: Liberty, MO

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The historical Odd Fellows Home District, also known as Odd Fellows Insane Asylum, located in Liberty Missouri, is a complex of four buildings that housed older people, orphans, and poor people. The complex was run and organized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or the IOOF.

The original building was built in 1888 as a hotel named, Reed Springs Hotel. In 1891 it was purchased by, Willard E. Winner and then was purchased by the Odd Fellows Group in 1895. In the year, 1900, this hotel was destroyed by fire. The building was rebuilt and again housed the needy. In 1951, another building was built and was used as a hospital to care for 50 patients. In the 70's and 80's the buildings were used as a nursing home.

Three buildings still remain on the property. The Belvoir Winery which is located there now, is a booming business hosting social events and weddings and receptions, along with being a winery.

The IOOF is a service and philanthropic organization found throughout the world. Founded in the United States in 1819, the group originated in England in the early 1700's. Despite its odd name, it is quite similar to other social service organizations and adheres to some basic tenants:

- Wise and serious truths and opens up before its members opportunities for useful service.
- Belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.
- The lesson of fraternity, that all are of one family and therefore brethren.
- The importance of the principle of Friendship, Love and Truth.
- The privilege and duty of individual sympathy, mutual assistance and every-day service to ones fellows.
- That humanity was intended to be one harmonious structure.
- That each individual is a unit in that God-made temple.
- Its members how to stand on their own feet, yet walk in step with their neighbors.
- The difference between right and wrong.
- That it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Some of the paranormal claims that are attached to this location include: old hospital bed springs can be heard squeaking, photos of black shadows and apparitions have been obtained, faint human cries have been heard coming from empty buildings, people have been slapped,



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dark entities have been seen, objects have been thrown, people have been pushed, a green ball of light has been seen, a full human skeleton of a former member is on the property, and other negative experiences have been experienced.

The Odd Fellows Insane Asylum has been investigated by Ghost Adventures, Season 11, Episode 9.

The old hospital and asylum's reputation of being haunted is based on few investigations. It has been said that over 10,000 people have died on the property. It appears that the owners of the property have been cautious in how many paranormal events it holds at this location. The good news is that these events are available and one can go through web sites such as: evensi.us and fievent.com. Information can also be obtained at belvoirwinery.com.

The Odd Fellows organization is still active throughout the world today and continues to follow their original mission of taking care of the elderly and those who are less fortunate.

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