

Wisconsin ODD FELLOW

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN



The 'T' represents 'truth', the standard by which we value people and the foundation of our society.





TO BE READ IN ALL ODD FELLOW LODGES: GRAND MASTER'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

April is here and most of the covid restrictions are lifted except for buses and airplanes. As Sovereign Grand Master Chuck Lusk has mention in his letters all lodges are to be meeting in person and getting back to being active in their communities.

April 1, 2022, I attended Justitia Lodge #12 catfish dinner that was a joint effort between the Odd Fellows and Masons with the proceeds going to the Gingerbread preschool. I am glad these brothers are back doing what they have done in the past. Congratulations to Justitia #12



for this. I am hoping this brings in a new member or two.

April 16, 2022, I will be at the fundraiser for sister Tami Adams to help raise money for her. Tami is Noble Grand of Green Bay # 19 Lodge and is doing all she can while dealing with her cancer. I am hoping to see lots of people there and many of you Odd Fellows at this event.



I read about Odd Fellows Victoria Lodge #1 in Victoria, BC having a mini-golf course set up in their lodge to raise money for Ukraine. What a good idea being active and helping others. I hope this helps their lodge with membership along with helping Ukraine.



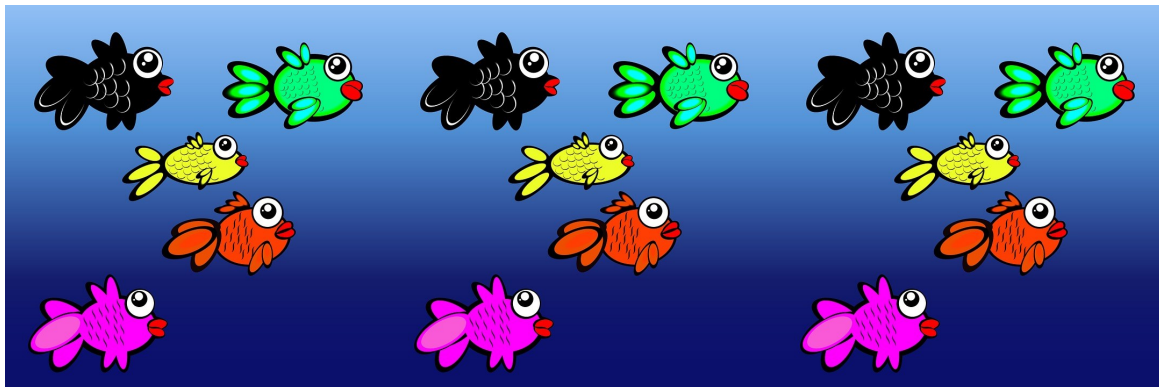
Another thing I just learned. A lodge in Poland that, before the war in Ukraine, had been initiating Ukrainians with the intent to form lodges in that country. Now those new Ukrainian Odd Fellows find themselves in severe distress as their wives and children flee their homes near Lviv for the relative safety of Wroclaw, Poland. I hope things get straightened out and these brothers and sisters do open a lodge there. Nice to hear of Odd Fellowship growing in the world.

All of this is ways to keep on **fishing** for Odd Fellows.

I hope these might inspire or give you and your lodge ideas for things to do to get your lodge active in your community.

Until next month when I have more **fishing** stories to tell. Have a great month.

In F, L, T,
Jeffery Jones
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of WI



GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this, I am hoping that our weather is going to stay mild. Spring has arrived on the calendar, and I am looking forward to the warmer weather.

The deadline for sending Scholarships into the Grand Lodge office was April 1. I do hope that every lodge sent in candidates for the Scholarships by the due date. We do want to make sure our committee has work to do.



This is the time to start getting ready for Grand Lodge. My hope is that everyone is making plans to be there. The information is elsewhere in this issue and please pay close attention to the deadline.

A few lodges have not sent in their Representative Credential form. Please check and make sure that you have elected your Representatives and that the form has been filled out and sent in so that credentials will be waiting for your representative at the registration table at Grand Lodge. If you need a form, please contact the Grand Secretary, and a form will be sent to you.

Remember that all 3rd Degree members are welcome to come to Grand Lodge and see what goes on. All you need to do to attend is to pre-register with the Grand Secretary and attend. We have our business that needs to be taken care of, but we also try to have some fun. Our hospitality room lets us get to know one another better. Hope to see many of you there. The pre-registration form is elsewhere in this issue.



If you are coming to Grand Lodge, please make sure you have your current dues card. Your card must show what degree you have attained. Check your card now and if it does not show the degree contact your secretary to get that put on your card.



There is information on Museum Day and that day is also our planning board meeting. The members of the Planning Board are all the elected officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, and Department Council of WI. Make your plans to attend Museum Day and see the work that has been done at the Museum. If you are going to attend and have lunch, please let Brother Tom Heins know in advance so that they can make sure that there is enough food for everyone.

In April, we celebrate the 203rd Anniversary of the founding of the Order in North America. Why not make plans for a party to celebrate this landmark in Odd Fellow history on or about April 26th?

Until next month,

Joyce Proulx, Grand Secretary



GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

What Is Love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



Many of us have heard these words, typically at a wedding. How often, I wonder, do we reflect on them after that special day?

If only we could all remember them and live them each day. I know that I personally need a reminder now and then. It may be easy to follow these with family and close friends, and sometimes not even then; but how about with someone you just met, or who is a total stranger?

Especially in these very difficult times, we need to think about "loving our neighbor as ourself". This is the lesson we are taught when we learn about the Good Samaritan. No matter who the person is that may be in need, we are charged to be patient, to be kind, not to dishonor them for any reason (ethnicity; creed; education; background; past mistakes, perceived or otherwise, etc.).

There are many who suffer silently. You may not be aware of their circumstances or their inner feelings. These people also need our patience, kindness, honor, protection, trust, and hope for their future. Often a kind word, a single smile, a reach out of "are you okay?" can make the difference between life and death for some. Listening to another is part of loving someone. I mean, really listening.

We can't possibly reach everyone, but we most definitely can reach those around us, those we meet every day. And, let us not forget that we as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, do not do these things for praise, or boast of what we have done or accomplished. We do these things because we care. Because we love.

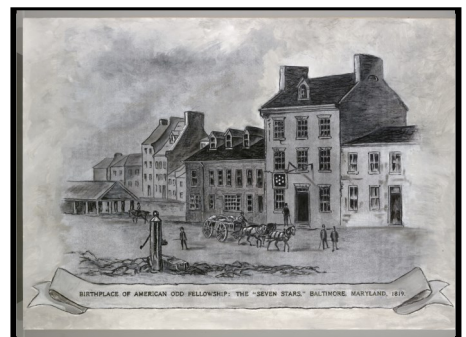
Dear Heavenly Father, We ask that you guide us to share your love in all its forms with our neighbors. We pray for all those in need, that they may find peace, happiness, fulfillment, acceptance, and most of all feel loved. In your name we pray. Amen

**In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Sharon K. Cunningham
Interim Grand Chaplain**



Seven Stars Inn 2d. Street Baltimore, Maryland

The birthplace of American Odd Fellowship. After a few men responded to an ad in the Baltimore American newspaper by an outgoing blacksmith Thomas Wildley and two friends who similarly missed the fraternal companionship. The ad announced the meeting which would be at 7pm on April 2, 1819 at the Seven Stars Tavern located on the south side of Second Street (now Water Street), between Frederick St. and what was then called Market Place, basically where Baltimore City Community College now stands. Washington Lodge was subsequently organized on 26 April 1918.





Coming events

APRIL – Living Legacy Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for May
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 9 Manor Board Meeting
- 19 Grand Trustees Meeting, Madison,
11 AM
- 26 203rd Anniversary of the founding
of the Order in North America

- 5 Wreath Laying Ceremony, Canadian
War Memorial, Ottawa, ON
- 12 Executive Meeting, Comfort Suites,
Green Bay, 10:30 AM
- Grand Lodge Registration, Comfort
Suites, Green Bay, 1-4 PM
- Grand Lodge Dinner, Comfort Suites,
6:30 PM
- 13 Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM

MAY – Visual Research Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for June
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 8 Wreath laying at Tomb of the
Unknowns, Arlington National
Cemetery
- 21 Museum Day, Mineral Point
Planning Board Meeting, 12:30 PM
- 30 Grand Lodge office closed –
Memorial Day

- Grand Lodge Starts, 9:00 AM
- Grand Lodge Lunch, Noon
- Memorial Service followed by Board
Meetings, 1:30 PM
- All Members’ Banquet, 6:30 PM
- 14 Flag Day
- Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM
- Grand Lodge Starts, 9:00 AM
- Grand Lodge Lunch, Noon
- Grand Lodge Dinner, 6:30 PM

JUNE

- 1 Deadline for articles for July
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow

- 15 Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM
- Grand Encampment
- Department Council
- 21 Summer Begins

TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES:

The annual meeting of the Odd Fellow Rebekah Museum will be Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Museum, 112 Front Street, Mineral Point. The following is the agenda:

- 9.00 AM--Museum Board Meeting
- 10:00 AM--General Meeting for all members of our Order in good standing
- 11:30 AM--Lunch \$10.00
- Planning Board Meeting after lunch for all elected officers

Please call Tom @ 608-987-3011 to make your lunch reservation with your name and number of reservations. Plan to attend; all members are welcome. We hope to see a good turnout.

In F, L & T

Tom Heins, Secretary Museum Board



Odd Fellow *Rebekah*

Home Association Inc

1207 S. Jackson, Green Bay, WI 54301



Odd Fellow Home

Odd Fellow Home
Tel. (920) 437-6523

Friendship Place

Friendship Place
Tel. (920) 593-7015

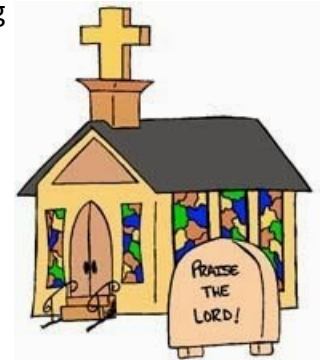
Rebekah Haven

Rebekah Haven
Tel. (920) 435-4810

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT



As I write this we are out of "Outbreak" status in the facility. This means that things are getting back to a more normal here at Odd Fellows. We are intermixing wings while doing group activities and all meals are back in the dining room together. The Priest and Minister are able to come back in to do monthly church services. All entertainers can come back in and residents can once again assemble in the activity room or the dining room and not have to listen from the hallways. We are enjoying our new found freedom but know that it can still change at any time. Hopefully as we get more into spring and warmer weather the COVID numbers will continue to go down in the community and we will be able to stay open consistently.



This month we start with April Fools' Day, and we encourage everyone to wear a funny t-shirt on Friday April 1st. Throughout the month there will be music by David Gallagher, Don Bongers, Fernando, and Daniel Lovett. We will have violin music by Kimberly and keyboard music by Maureen. We are hoping to have a Hot Dog Lunch with the residents for the Brewers Opener whenever it gets scheduled (hopefully baseball will be a go this year). Otherwise, a different Lunch Bunch will be planned in place of that. We will be celebrating Easter with a breakfast with the Easter Bunny and coloring Easter Eggs that will be served at Easter breakfast for the residents. As the weather gets warmer, we will try to get outside for short walks to get some fresh air. Nothing like sunshine, warmer weather, and the sounds of spring to make us feel better.



HAPPY SPRING!

**Cindy Czechanski,
Activity Director**



NEWS FROM THE CEO



Hello Brothers and sisters,

I am sure you have all heard by now that we have been enjoying Americas National Guard in our building. They are here to work as Nursing Assistants and trying to help us with the staff shortage. I am a patriot to the core so welcoming these wonderful young people into our home has been nothing short of amazing!



They arrived on January 20th and there are 10 of them. They had a rather quick, intense training and set to work with our staff. A few bumps in the beginning but these young men never intended to do the type of care required of a nurse aide. They did a beautiful job, and we are very grateful. Below are some of the comments I have heard on the units:

- One of our guardsmen is so pleased that a resident on the C wing calls for him each day and allows only him to provide his morning care. Both the resident and the Guardsman are rewarded by this experience
- We have a woman in our facility that does not talk to anyone! She has been “chewing the ear off” one of the guardsmen in the corridor telling him where to find the best restaurants in Green Bay. She is totally open to him and he is wonderfully attentive to her.
- After morning care was completed, 2 guardsmen and their instructor gave a massage and foot care to a very grateful woman.
- There is a lift in the air that is contagious, and I am hoping my staff feel the sense of honor and learning from these young men. There is humor and work ethic that is accompanying them that I pray remains.

I wish we could bottle the energy and teach the world that a positive approach does make a difference!

“We the people” at Odd Fellow Home are working to put the power back into “United We Stand”!



Also, I would not feel right if I did not end this with an urgent request for prayer for the people of Ukraine! The world can take a lesson from their integrity, courage, and honor!



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TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES:

The Odd Fellow Rebekah Home Association Inc has proposed the following changes to the by-laws of the Association:

Sec. 15.13. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. There shall be eight **ten (10)** Directors, including the Grand Master by virtue of office, and seven **nine (9)** Directors consisting of four **five (5)** Rebekahs and three **four (4)** Odd Fellows, who need not be delegates to the session. Odd Fellow and Rebekah members shall be elected for a three-year term, with the term of **at least** one Director from each unit of the Order to expire each year. This provides for continuity of the Board. Each director shall hold office until his/her successor has been elected and qualified.



LODGE HAPPENINGS



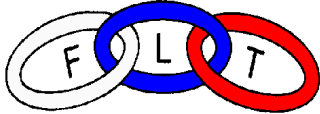
Picture to the left; Noble Grand Tami Adams, Green Bay #19 presenting Joyce Proulx, PG, Grand Secretary, with a 20 year pin.

Picture below; Noble Grand Tami Adams, Green Bay #19 presenting Rick Jerry, PG, with a 25 year pin.



Picture to the left; Noble Grand Tami Adams, Green Bay #19 presenting Dick Proulx, PG, PSGM, with a 30 year pin.





JUNE 12-15, 2022

Please Note:

All Attendees MUST register, even if you are not staying at the hotel (Green Bay members). Fill out and return to Grand Lodge as soon as possible. Once the reservation is made with the hotel you will be informed of your reservation number. **DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL TO MAKE A RESERVATION. ALL RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH THE GRAND SECRETARY ON THIS FORM.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Lodge Name & #: _____ Indicate if you are: PG ___ 3rd Degree ___

Registration must be at the Grand Lodge office no later than **May 15, 2022**.

Indicate room type below:

2 Double beds - _____ regular or handicapped please circle

1 King Bed - _____ regular or handicapped please circle

2 Queen beds - _____ regular

Names of others in your room if sharing the room:

Rooms will be paid by Grand Lodge provided you attend all meals and functions as follows: evening meal on Sunday evening, 6:30 PM; Monday breakfast, 7:30 AM; lunch, noon; Banquet on Monday evening, 6:30 PM; Tuesday breakfast, 7:30 AM; lunch, noon; Tuesday evening meal, 6:30 PM; and Wednesday breakfast, 7:30 AM. Functions begin Monday morning and conclude Wednesday morning. This also includes attendance at the Memorial Service and all Board meetings on Monday afternoon. **Suggested banquet attire, Men: dress slacks, shirt, tie and coat; Ladies: pant suit or dress. NO BLUE JEANS, T-SHIRTS OR SHORTS.** Questions: call 920-406-9860 or email grandsecretary@ioofwi.org.

2022 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Return to:

**Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
1304 S. Webster Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54301-2502**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR
GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN**

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

10:30 AM Grand Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
1-4 PM Registration
6:30 PM Dinner - all must attend

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast – all must attend
8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration
9:00 AM Grand Lodge Convenes
11:00 AM Nomination and Election of Officers
12:00 PM Recess for Lunch – all must attend
1:30 PM Memorial Service
Museum Board Meeting
Home Association Meeting
6:30 PM All Members and Past Leaders Banquet – all must attend

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast – all must attend
8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration
9:00 AM Grand Lodge Reconvenes
Address by Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative
11:30 AM Recess for Lunch – all must attend
1:30 PM Grand Lodge Reconvenes
2:00 PM Manor Board Meeting
2:00-4:00 PM Installation of Officers and closing if all business is concluded
6:30 PM Grand Lodge Dinner – all must attend

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast – all must attend
9:00 AM Grand Lodge Reconvenes until conclusion of business (if necessary)
Otherwise, Grand Encampment and Department Council Session begin.)

**You must bring your current dues card to our Grand
Lodge Session to be admitted**



IMPORTANT

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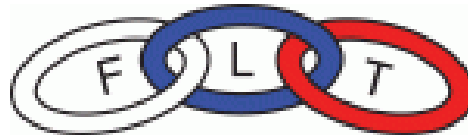
Charles Londo, Deputy Grand Master

736 Lake Shore Drive

Escanaba, MI 49829

(906) 789-9089

email: clondo@charter.net



With our Grand Lodge Session approaching us in a few months and with the kind of weather that makes indoor undertakings a reality, I would like to inform each of you about my administrative intentions as your Grand Master for the coming term. I have served as Grand Master of Michigan almost 15 years ago and I hate to admit it but I am getting older. I strongly feel that we need to become truly fraternal in the sense that all of our WI Odd Fellow brothers and sisters will want to be part of our governing body. I urge all past Noble Grands to contact me about your wish to be an appointed officer in our Grand Lodge and also to have an important role on our numerous other boards and committees. The only way you have available is to **call** or **email** me and I will be assigning you to a role at our Grand Lodge Session in June. I would like to thank those members who have served us annually for so many years in these numerous roles. Your efforts will be recognized!

What was your motivation for becoming an Odd Fellow? Mine was gaining friends in the community where I had lived in downstate Michigan – a town from which I commuted some 35 miles to work daily. I had thought that I had joined the Good Fellows but learned after being initiated that it was actually the Odd Fellows. I joined in 1986 when I was in my very late 30s. We had a beautiful building and a very profitable weekly bingo game where we had four different chairmen for each of the four weeks of the month. I was one of them and that is where I met my future second wife, Heidi. Our lodge membership grew to over 100 members by the time I was Noble Grand in 1991. We always had 25 to 30 members at each of our weekly meetings. I really had good friends there and fond memories. I hope you have the same from your lodge affiliation here.

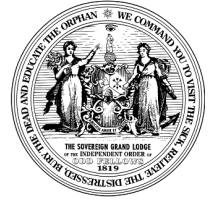
My rambling but main point is that I am here to stimulate local lodge growth which is something I cannot do alone and I hope to connect with each of you during my tenure as Grand Master. Please connect with me as soon as possible before our Grand Lodge Session and you will be welcomed by someone who truly tries to live with priorities given to Friendship, Love, and Truth!

Later in F.L.T.,

Chuck Londo, Deputy Grand Master



Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



March 2022

Greetings my Sisters and Brothers,

As the weather begins to warm up a little and the snow has melted and the Covid-19 Virus is declining, it is time to start getting our lives back on track and moving forward to resume our normal activities such as having meetings in our lodge halls in person.

This has been a very long 18 months of lodges staying dark and our members staying home and safe. We have checked, and except for Hawaii, all states have lifted the mask mandates. I hope this will encourage you to return to your lodges and resume the great work this order does. We need to **OPEN OUR DOORS** and let everyone know we are still alive and well and looking for new members that are ready to get out and be involved in something great.

While talking about great things, I attended the decorating of the Rose Parade Float in Glendale, CA and what a wonderful time. It was unbelievable how many members showed up to work on this float, and the hard work and long hours that was put in by so many to make such an exceptional float that represents our great order. This float is seen by thousands and thousands of people standing along the parade route and by millions watching it on TV. It was an honor of a lifetime to be able to ride this float and represent our great Order. If you ever have the chance to go and work on this float, do it, it is a great time, and you will see how hard so many members of our Order work together to complete the project and to make us proud to be an Odd Fellow and Rebekah. I would like to say a special Thank You to JR Prost for being the manger and crew chief and running a class act on getting this project completed. He is a great asset to this program.

We just returned from General Michael Bowers testimonial, and it was a great time, it is always great to honor the leaders of this Order. A meeting was held by The SGL Executive board while we were there, and we are moving forward with the investments be-

ing redone into new firms and this should increase our income in the future.

Our spring visits will be getting under way, and we will all be very busy for the next 4 months. Please let us know if your session has been changed or cancelled so we can make the corrections as needed.

Please take some time to pray for the people of Ukraine, as these people need our prayers and our Brothers and Sisters in Poland are setting up a program to make donations that will help feed and shelter the millions that have fled to Poland. This is a terrible act on these people that was completely uncalled for.

Remember that the time change is right around the corner, and we all look forward to having more daylight. Also, the Easter season will be upon us before we know it. Take time to remember the Brothers and Sisters we have lost in the past year and to check in on the ones that are unable to get out to a meeting. A phone call or visit will brighten up their day.

The 88th I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns is back on this year, I hope as many of you as possible will make this event. We need to show our respect for the sacrifice that these men and women have made so we can have the life we have. It is such an honor to be the leader of the great Order that is permitted to lay the wreath at the Tomb and have a mass wreath laying at the bottom of the steps for all to partake in. Do not forget to get your reservations in so we can get the scheduling done.

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life, and Easter is the only time of year it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Fraternally,

/s/ Chuck Lusk

Sovereign Grand Master



"we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind"



Office of the President
International Association
 of
Rebekah Assemblies
I.O.O.F.



March 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings to all of you.

I am feeling a bit shell-shocked with the new developments in Ukraine. The roller coaster of Covid ups and downs seems to be subsiding at the moment, with restrictions being lifted. Folks seem to be smiling more, experiencing a sense of freedom that has been lost for the past two years. And now this truly horrific war has erupted. It is very hard to take. We have several families from Ukraine here on Nantucket Island. One gentleman is out here working to establish a secure home so that he can send for his wife and three children to come here to live. His story of fear, sleepless nights and true horror has been told in so many places around the world. He has managed to re-locate his family to Poland where they are now refugees, having left all of their possessions behind.

Ukraine has been working to establish Odd Fellows lodges. This a country that enjoyed democracy and appeared to be thriving. I feel we have a special connection with this country and I hope lodges and jurisdictions find a way to financially support aid programs to Ukraine. It is simply what we do.

We are about to embark on a very busy travel schedule this spring as we begin the march to our sessions in Winston-Salem in August. I am happy to report that I will be visiting Alberta, Ottawa for the Canadian War Memorial and Saskatchewan in Canada. It is high time we made visits to Canada and I am thrilled to be making these trips. It has been difficult for our Canadian members during Covid and I don't want them to think for a moment that we are not including them in our work. Our Canadian jurisdictions are so loved, and I am very eager to see friends that I have not seen in two years.

My testimonial is fast approaching, with a much higher attendance than I had thought possible just a few months ago. This is a sign that we are on the road to normalcy. I encourage you to sign up right away to attend the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, VA. That we are having it is a bit of a miracle from my point of view. I hadn't even allowed myself to dream about us going this year, and yet, here we are, ready to lay our wreaths. Please join us there.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this spring and summer. Our connection is a chain that links our hearts together. I wish you good health and prosperity as the days get longer and the sun shines stronger.

Pray for peace,

Fraternally,

s/ Kathy Richen

President I.A.R.A.





Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



March 2022

Greetings,

I just want to say Thank You to all Brothers and Sisters for being a part of the branches of our Order. Your youth, wisdom and dedication will continue to promote our great Order. My communication this time is starting off by apologizing to Lady Margaret Gardner for missing out on recognizing her on obtaining the rank of Past President of the International Association Ladies Patriarchs Militant in late 2021. I had this for the last newsletter and over looked it. Congratulations to you Lady Margaret, you have given many long and hard years of dedicated service to our Order in all branches. A job well done.

Congratulations are also in order for the Alpha Theta Rho Girls' Club No. 1 of Colorado celebrating 90 years of service and for the recent gain in membership. Also gaining new membership was Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club No. 79 of Washington congratulations to all and a big welcome to the new Youngsters. We want to say thank you to all of the Youth groups of our Order for your hard and never-ending work that you do with your lodge and community projects. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Winston Salem, NC in August at your Sessions.

I would like to ask everyone to keep in your thoughts and prayers some of my Officers who are ill at this time. May you have a quick and full recovery and may the greatest hands of all be laid upon you during your time of distress. I also would ask that everyone and especially for our Brothers and Sisters around the world who are in harms ways be kept in our thoughts and prayers. We are praying for all of you.

Well we just finish the third of the four testimonial weekends in Nashville and what a great weekend we had with our family and friends and thank you to all who travel to be with us. I would like to say Thank You to Chairman Sister Brenda Reed and her Testimonial Committee and the jurisdiction of Tennessee for giving me such a wonderful weekend. At the end of March, we will conclude our four-fun filled, unforgettable weekends in Boston with Sister Kathy with her testimony we hope to see everyone there.

Myself and the Officers of the General Military Council are beginning to make our visitations once again and looking forward to meeting all of you. In advance I want to say thank you to the jurisdictions for the courtesies that are extended to me and my officers during our visits. If you need assistance prior to our visit, please contact me or one of my officers so that we may assist you.

The General Military Council has been very busy, we are working on the PM Ritual, Uniform Regulations and Sword Manual. We are making a lot of progress. Thanks to all my Executive Committee, Officers, and The Sovereign Grand Lodge Officers for their help and expertise on these projects.

Be safe, safe travels to all and we hope to see you very soon.

Chivalrously,

s/ General Michael L. Bowers

2022 — Make a Difference Day — Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Or Individual Hours Volunteered

Scheduled and completed the following Event:

Contributions: Money; or Gifts in Kind

Remarks

Reporting Officer

Mail to: I.O.O.F. Make a Difference

422 Trade St NW

Winston-Salem, NC 27101



Ukraine Relief

Office of the Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

9 March 2022

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Please see the enclosed letter from the Grand Lodge of Europe.

In addition, I have been receiving some inquiries regarding the procedures for sending funds to assist the Ukrainians.

In communicating with the Hunger & Disaster Board, we have agreed to send \$10,000.00 for now and match up to \$10,000.00 donated by the Jurisdictions for this relief request; then see what may yet transpire for the future.

If your unit would like to make a donation, and to keep the wire fees to a minimum, send your donations to:

I.O.O.F. Hunger & Disaster Fund

c/o Ukrainian Relief

422 N Trade St

Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Fraternally,

s/ Charles E. Lusk

Sovereign Grand Master

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Office of the Grand Sire

Grand Lodge of Europe I.O.O.F.

3 March 2022

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The aggression of Russia, Putin, towards Ukraine, is accompanied by many deaths, many refugees today more than 1 million, many injured and enormous damage especially to houses, stations etc. Where the ordinary citizen comes. Where is Putin going?

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grand Lodge of Poland, was working with 28 brothers in Lwow, Ukraine, to establish a lodge. Like all refugees, they need our help.

In the Grand Lodge of Poland, they are creating a "Fund to Help Ukraine", which is going to provide three-way assistance:

- purchase and shipping/financing of supplies indicated by the Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters /first aid, toilets, medicines, clothing etc./,

- transfer,

- financing housing and maintenance of refugees from Ukraine.

I propose that the account remains under the administration of the Grand Lodge of Poland, in accordance with the Grand Lodge of Norway.

They have already prepared the first freight transport for Ukraine.

They have created two special accounts for the "Fund to Help Ukraine" PKO Bank Polski:

- 85 1020 5242 0000 2102 0542 5162 PLN,

- 17 1020 5242 0000 2802 0542 5170 EUR

The transfer title is "Help Ukraine". Decide for yourself which account is more advantageous for you.

Soon they will tell us what help they have already given to our brothers in Ukraine.

All 9 Grand Lodges are participating in this aid campaign. It is distressing to see how families are being torn apart. Women and children flee, and the men are not allowed to leave the country, they have to fight with them.

I inform you of this serious threat from Putin to overthrow our western democratic countries.

Many measures have been taken to isolate Putin. The information Putin is spreading is a lie. For example, 5000 young Russian soldiers were killed in the first day because they thought they were taking part in an army exercise!!

You may also see an opportunity to support this action.

After the COVID pandemic, we are now in the middle of a terrible war.

With best brotherly regards in Friendship, Love and Truth,



Bonne M. Kuitert  
Grand Sire of Europe  
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NOBLE GRAND OF GREEN BAY #19



FUNDRAISER  
FOR  
TAMI ADAMS



**APRIL 16, 2022 NOON TIL 6 PM**  
**TERRY'S WALL STREET PUB**  
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Tami was diagnosed with breast cancer 4 years ago. Recently, her cancer has metastasized to her spine, ribs and hips. It is stage 4. She is terminal. Tami wants to retire from work so she can spend her final time with her family.

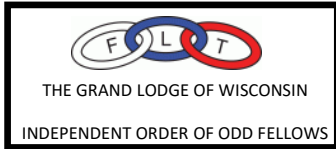


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# MISTY'S Recipe Exchange

## Cheese Steak Quesadillas

Servings: 4    Difficulty: easy

### Ingredients

- 1 lb beef sirloin steak, cut in thin strips
- 1 bell pepper, sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 teaspoon Lawry's Seasoned Salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Montreal Steak Grill Mates Seasoning
- 1 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 16 slices provolone cheese
- 4 large flour tortillas
- canola oil
- non-stick cooking spray

### Directions

For the steak-combine the sliced steak, 1 teaspoon season salt, steak seasoning, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a ziplock bag. Mix until the seasoning has evenly coated the steak. Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a cast iron skillet over medium high heat. Sear sliced steak in batches for 1 to 2 minutes per side depending on how done you like your steak. Do not over crowd the pan. Add 1 tablespoon of oil if the pan gets to dry. Remove steak from pan. Heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat in same skillet. Toss in sliced onion and bell pepper. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon season salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Saute veggies for 5 minutes or until tender, stirring frequently.

Now assemble the quesadillas. Heat large skillet or griddle on medium high heat. Spray with non-stick cooking spray. Place flour tortilla on pan. Lay 4 slices of Provolone cheese evenly on the flour tortilla. On one side, top with steak. On the opposite side, top with the sauteed peppers and onion. Once the cheese has melted, fold the flour tortilla in half. Remove from the skillet and cut into 4 wedges. Eat and enjoy!

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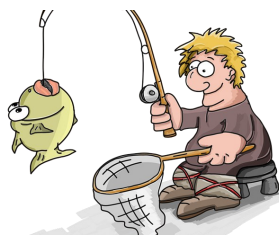
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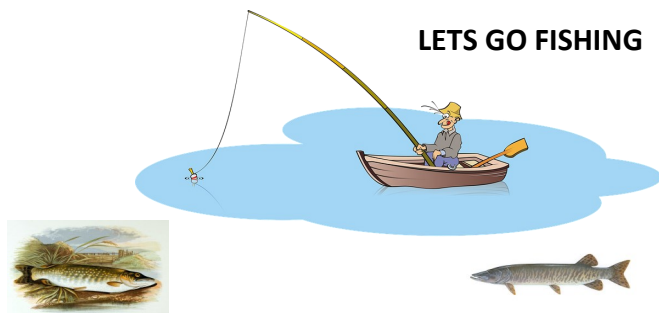
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