

Wisconsin ODD FELLOW

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN



HAPPY SPRING!

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month I will talk about another interesting item I read in the Wisconsin Odd Fellow Paper date February 1942 and my looking into it.

In the paper it mentioned that it hoped all lodges paid their IRS pool and billiard table tax. I wanted to see what this was about. How much was this tax? Why were

lodges paying this?

Well, I found out that the law was passed in 1941 and went into effect in October 1941. It stated all places that had a pool or billiard table and was not in a private residential house was considered a pool room. All of these places were charged \$10.00 per table. The only exception was a children's hospital that did not charge to play a game.



Then I looked to see what that would be in today's dollar value. It would be \$217.55. Would a lodge keep the pool table with a tax like that? How much money would you need to make from the pool table to make it worth that much tax? I could see lodges selling their pool and billiard tables.

This further had my mind going and I am surprised that any lodge had a pool table in it. Was your lodge in existence in 1941? Some examples are Justitia lodge #12 in Shullsburg and Wisconsin lodge #14 in Janesville. Does your lodge have a pool table? If so, what year is it? Did your lodge pay the pool table tax?

Or, did the lodge not pay the tax and keep quiet about having a pool or Billiard table?

Did your lodge consider it a worthy item to get members and keep members interested in Odd Fellows?

Just something to ponder.

What does your lodge have or do to get members and keep them interested? It can not be just come to a meeting and go home all the time.

Until my next **Communication**.

In F, L, T,

Jeffery Jones

Grand Master

Grand Lodge of WI





GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this, 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 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. If the registration form is not received by the due date you may have to pay the difference between the amount Grand Lodge is charged for a room and what the amount is because it is late. This is the hotel's policy. If there are rooms left in the block, we may just be charged the regular rate. We will also have to charge you for the meal if it is after the time that we must give the number of meals. Thank you for your 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 at 920-406-9860 or email grandsecretary@ioofwi.org, and a form will be sent to you.



Remember that all 3rd Degree members are welcome to come to Grand Lodge and see what transpires. 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 showing dues paid to 12/31/2024**. 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.

In April, we celebrate the 205th 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

Zechariah 10:1

*"Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain—
The Lord who makes the storm clouds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation
in the field to each man."*

Isaiah 35:1

"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom."

Isaiah 44:3-4

*"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your
offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar
trees by flowing streams."*



Fellow members, winter is gone and spring is in the air. When I think of spring, I think of a time of renewal. The grass comes back green as ever, the spring flowers begin to bloom and the trees and bushes start budding, ready to push out their new leaves. It is always exciting to see the geese fly back and the first robins pulling their worms from the soil. The farms are filled with new babies. It is definitely a time of renewal in Wisconsin.

Spring is when the world gets renewed but it is also a perfect time for us to renew our faith in God. Actually, anytime is a good time not just the springtime by the calendar. No matter where you are or what your life looks like right now – God CAN make you new again and turn your life into the most beautiful thing imaginable. It is His business to make things new. He is constantly moving in you and through you to accomplish His ways that he has set up for you. If you are currently in a hard season, remember that the seasons change and remember that it is the Almighty God who can help you bring spring or renewal back into your life.



So, my friends it is up to you to renew your faith and keep God in your life. Ask for God's help, he is always there ready to assist you. Let go of the winter feelings that you may have happening in your life and seek God's help for renewal of faith.

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, help me to become the person you want me to be. It is through You that I can keep the feeling of spring in my life. Help me to pass on the good feelings to others, so that they to can experience the spring renewal in their lives, too. Amen

Happy spring renewal!

Take care of yourself and be there for others!
Chris Heins, Grand Chaplain



COMING EVENTS

APRIL – Living Legacy Month

1 Deadline for article for May The Wisconsin Odd Fellow

16 Grand Trustees’ Meeting, Madison, WI

20 Odd Fellow & Rebekah Museum Board meeting – 10 AM at the Museum in Mineral Point

26 205th Anniversary of the founding of our Order in North America

Executive Committee meeting, Comfort Suites, Green Bay, 5:15 PM Dinner

27 Home Association Board Meeting, 8 AM

MAY

1 Deadline for article for June The Wisconsin Odd Fellow

3-5 Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA

18 Museum Day, Mineral Point

22 Deadline for Registration for Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

JUNE

1 Deadline for articles for July The Wisconsin Odd Fellow

9 Executive Committee meeting, 10:00 AM

Grand Lodge Registration, 1-4 PM

Welcome Dinner – 6:30 PM

10 Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM

Grand Lodge Opens, 9:00 AM

Grand Lodge Lunch, Noon

Memorial Service, 1:30 PM

Home Association meeting, Museum Meeting, etc., following Memorial Service

All Members Banquet, 6:30 PM

11 Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM

Grand Lodge Session, 9:00 AM

Grand Lodge Lunch, Noon

Manor Board Meeting, 2 PM

Grand Lodge Dinner – 6:30 PM

14 Flag Day

16 Father’s Day



To be read in all lodges

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum board will be meeting at the museum on April 20th at 10:00 AM. All members of our Order are welcome to attend.



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

Here we are again, another new month. I feel like they fly by faster and faster. Wasn't it just Christmas? Now Easter has even gone by. At least we are getting closer to summer.



This month we celebrate National Volunteer Week April 21-27th. We are fortunate to have volunteers who come into the facility, some on a regular basis, while others may come periodically throughout the year. They come in different capacities providing church services, Bible Study, Pet Visits, special musical programs or providing room visits. Some of these volunteers/ Volunteer Groups may come in during the Holidays (Christmas & Easter) to provide special musical entertainment for the residents. Some of our student groups come in to provide music or provide a service day, helping with the clean-up of the facility grounds. No matter what the capacity, they are a valuable asset to our community.



This month we will have musical entertainment by Fernando, Daniel Lovett and Don Bongers. Tonya will be here for the monthly Art Class. Brewer Day is on April 2nd to celebrate the Brewers Home Opener. We have a Breakfast Club and Lunch Bunch scheduled as well.



I wanted to share our February Heart Month Staff Step Challenge results as I did not have it all calculated last month. We had a total of 7 teams competing and tracking their steps. One team, The Movers & Shakers blew us all away each week with both individual and team total steps. Congrats to this team consisting of Joey, Debra, Deb and Karen! I also wanted to thank everyone who participated. Together our total steps for February were 7,981,471! Way to go!!!

Cindy Czechanski,
Activity Director



WOW!

NEWS FROM THE CEO

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

Spring has finally arrived!



Spring is the season of new hope and inspiration. We get to see what God can do with a dry, brown Earth as he brings life to it. We see flowers blooming, trees budding, animals emerging from their hibernation with little ones fumbling along behind them.



Spring brings longer days of sunshine, even if a few days are full of rain showers. We get to experience the collaboration of nature with spirituality in that we get to experience the miracle of rebirth and survival.

My hope for all of you during this season is that your buckets are refilled with the joy, love, and passion that we shared with others throughout the winter season.



In May, we will get to fill the buckets of our team as we celebrate National Nursing Home Week. This year's theme is "Radiant Memories: A tribute to the Golden Age of Radio." We cannot wait to share what we have planned for our residents and our staff! We also will get to celebrate our nurses during National Nurses Week. We could not possibly be the nursing home we are without the dedication and care our nurses provide day in and day out.

If you would like to send a shoutout or a kudos to the staff during Nursing Home Week or Nurses Week, please send them to our Activity Director below:

Odd Fellow Rebekah Home Association Inc

Attn: Activity Director

1229 S Jackson St

Green Bay, WI 54301

We thank you for your help in advance!

Blessings,

Dan-a



ATTENTION ALL LODGES!

When sending in pictures and articles for **LODGE HAPPENINGS**, be sure to include the names of the individuals in the picture along with a signed photo release form. If your lodge needs some forms just send me an email at grandlodge@ioofwi.org or call 920-406-9860. I love to put pictures of what your lodge is doing whether it is a fundraiser, handing out a check to a charity or scholarship winner or sprucing up your lodge before and after pictures. **LETS FILL UP THE WISCONSIN ODD FELLOW WITH PICTURES!**

Museum Meanderings



Spring has sprung and new life is all around us. It is time for all of us Odd Fellow and Rebekah members to start thinking about ways we can help maintain our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum in Mineral Point. Much time goes into keeping the building and grounds in good repair. We hire a lawn mowing service to keep the grass trimmed and the snow removed. The cleaning, repairing, etc. is done by volunteers. Many of our repairs to the building in the past were completed by Tom Heins. We are unsure of his being able to continue. It would be so helpful if lodge members would volunteer to help complete tasks. Our local high school youth help us out by putting mulch around the building and doing a bit of winter clean-up. We could however use some more planting of bushes and other perennials around the east side of the building this next spring. Any "green thumber" members that could help would be appreciated. The inside of the museum is always in need of cleaning and arranging items. Give a call to one of the board members listed in the Wisconsin Odd Fellow if you can help us out.

Our next board meeting will be April 20th at the museum in Mineral Point at 10 AM. All members of our order are welcome to attend. If you have something that you would like to speak about, please let our Sec., Chris Heins (information located in this magazine) know so that you can be put on the agenda. It will be our first meeting of the year. May 18th is the date of our annual Museum Day. This year will be our 70th pilgrimage to Mineral Point from back when our museum was The Odd Fellow Shrine and later became the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum. It would be ever so grand to see a large membership attending. In the past upwards to 100 would attend. Come to our April meeting and help us possibly plan an eventful day.

Put April 20th and May 18th on your calendars. Hope you can join us. Your Wisconsin Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum needs all of its members to assist in keeping it up and running.

Until next month!



TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES

The annual Museum Day Pilgrimage for the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum will be held on May 18th at 112 Front St., Mineral Point. It will be the 70th pilgrimage to the museum. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

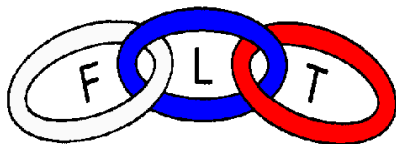
9:00 AM- Board meeting

10:00 AM- General meeting

11:00 AM- Lunch (served by MP Rebekah #147)

Lunch will be \$10.00 (the museum will get \$2.00 and Rebekah #147 will get the remaining \$8.00)

Please make your reservation for lunch by May 12th - call 608-987-3011 with your name and number attending. See you in May!!



2024 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Return to:

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

JUNE 9-12, 2024

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: Title:

Address:

City, State, 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, 2024.

Indicate room type below:

2 Double beds - regular or handicapped please circle Arrival

1 King Bed - regular or handicapped please circle Departure

2 Queen beds - regular

Names of others in your room if sharing the room:

Dietary Restrictions :

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.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

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 11, 2024

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 13, 2024

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.)



**PROCLAMATION
FOR
GEN. GAYLE N SNOWDEN
GENERAL COMMANDING
GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL
PATRIARCHS MILITANT**

WHEREAS: The Supreme Commander on High has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to call upon Gen. Gayle N. Snowden to become a member of His official family on 11 October 2023; and

WHEREAS: Gen. Snowden joined Merrick Lodge #31, Lexington, KY in 1977 and also joined Bethesda Encampment #25 and Canton John C. Underwood the same year. He was Department Commander 1982, Grand Patriarch 1984 and Grand Master 1996. He was a member of Pouch Rebekah Lodge #40. He was awarded the Grand Decoration of Chivalry in 1988. He was very active in all branches of the order and served the General Military Council of Patriarchs Militant with honor, dignity and respect for others and;

WHEREAS: Gen. Snowden rose to receive the honor of General Commanding serving 1992-1993 and;

WHEREAS: Gen. Snowden has devoted his efforts and energies very diligently on behalf of the General Military Council and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that this Proclamation be sent to all Cantons and Department Council and upon reading the same are hereby directed, using the appropriate ceremony, to drape their charters for a period of thirty days.

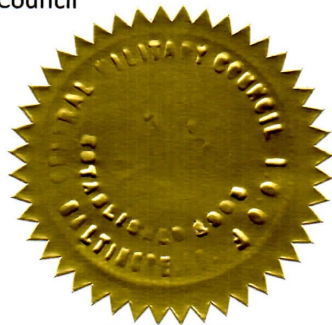
Attest:

General (Dr.) Howard G. Malin

Gen. (Dr.) Howard G. Malin
General Commanding
General Military Council

Lt. Gen (R) Robert P Henderson

Lt. Gen. (R) Robert P. Henderson
Adjutant General,
General Military Council



*Final minutes and
Ladies minutes*

AGENDA OF THE GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE – 68TH ANNUAL SESSION

As organization for the purpose of Promoting Odd Fellows in the Jurisdiction of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE:

Friday: July 21, 2023

3:00 p.m.: - Registration outside of Meeting room

Saturday: July 22, 2023

Buffet Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

Joint Meeting was held with Joint opening in the mens meeting room.

Prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

President Niles Reamer welcome everyone and the response was given by President Sheila Reamer.

President Reamer introduced our Special Guests of The Sovereign Grand Lodge – Michele Heckert, Sovereign Grand Master and Ruth Earle, President of International Rebekah Assembly.

Sister Michele Heckert and Sister Ruth Earle presented the Legislative Review on the items that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Sisters adjourned to their meeting room.

Order of Business:

President Niles Reamer asked for Roll Call which was given and the Secretary reminded everyone present that reports was not received by several Grand Lodges as requested.

Minutes of our last session was approved by everyone presented.

President announced lunch will be served at noon and also the evening attire for installing the incoming officers will be business suits and business attire for ladies.

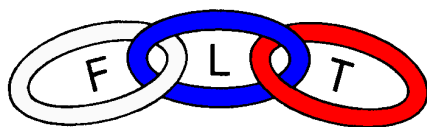
Elections of officers will held at 10:00 a.m.

Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the Installation of officers.

Sunday morning will start at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and Devotional Services and final reports and closing of the conference at 10:30 a.m. The worship service was led by Pauline Ferguson of Illinois.

*L'Joy Preschott: Sally Klackan - End.
Jeff Lagor - Ordained President*

Check to Grand Encampment of Illinois payable to Autistic Project in the amount of \$1,000, and check to Grand Lodge of Indiana for \$1,210.06 as forwarded funds.



GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

An organization for the purpose of Promoting Odd Fellowship in the Jurisdictions of

OHIO - ILLINOIS – INDIANA – WISCONSIN – MICHIGAN

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 26, 27 & 28, 2024 REGISTRATION

ONE FORM PER PERSON

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TITLE(S) _____

The registration fee is **\$100.00** for the entire weekend, which includes Friday evening's meal, Saturday's lunch, and Saturday evening's banquet. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday is furnished by the hotel.

The registration for Saturday only is **\$75.00**, which includes Saturday lunch and Saturday evening banquet.

Friday evening will be casual attire, along with Sunday morning prayer service. We will have the sign-in and the meet and greet at the hotel, with burgers & brats & fixings, or assorted pizzas, depending on the weather.

Saturday's lunch will be cold meat sandwiches with fixings.

Saturday evening's banquet will be salad, Baked Lasagna or Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Breast, and vegetables.

Saturday's meetings and the banquet will be business attire, and will be held at **Harmony Lodge #19 I.O.O.F., 7327 West Jefferson Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46804.**

You will need to make your own reservations with the hotel before June 30, 2024. The rate per night is about \$179.00, including taxes for a single king-size bed room, and about \$190.00, including taxes for a double queen-size bed room.

The hotel is:

Fairfield Inns and Suites, 7737 West Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wanye, Indiana 46804. Phone is 260-436-1000.

You should go to the following website to reserve your rooms:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1710463153205&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Please return registrations before June 30, 2024, and make checks payable to **Grand Lodge of Indiana** and need to be mailed to:

**Great Lakes Conference
803 Park Avenue
New Haven, IN 46774-1611**

If you have any questions, please call Jeff Dager at 260-444-7052, or email at jeffdager@frontier.com



Gerald V. Workman Testimonial Weekend

You are cordially invited to attend the testimonial weekend of events for the Hon. Gerald V. Workman, Sovereign Grand Master October 24-26, 2024 in Charleston, WV.

The host hotel is the Embassy Suites at 300 Court Street ~ Charleston, WV 25301. Double and King room options are available for \$154 per night plus applicable taxes and fees. The rate includes a free breakfast, free shuttle service to and from the Charleston Yeager Airport and free parking for guests.

The testimonial weekend features three great events:

Thursday evening, a dinner will be held at the lodge hall of Kanawha Lodge #25 that will feature authentic foods that are especially associated with West Virginia. This buffet style meal costs \$20 per person, **BUT** it is included for free with the purchase of a Saturday banquet ticket.

Friday there will be a bus tour throughout the mountains of West Virginia while brilliant fall foliage adorns the mountains and valleys. Tour the historic Maldon Salt Works, ride in a mine train through an exhibition coal mine in Beckley, check out arts & crafts as well as food at Tamarack and marvel at the New River Gorge Bridge spanning the river in the country's newest National Park which has also been listed as a top five park in the world! The cost for this day trip is just \$50 per person.

Saturday evening holds the main event: the Testimonial Banquet. Plated meals of your choice of Herb Crusted Chicken, Grilled Salmon w/ Citrus Sauce, or Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (vegan/gluten free), each with complimentary sides and bread, salad, choice of dessert, tea and coffee. Dance the night away after the banquet with a live band, Souls of the Wounded. All this for \$60 per person.

Programs for the weekend provide an opportunity for you to show your support through single line up to full page ads. Pricing and options are on the advertisement form.

Reservations are due by September 27, 2024. One form per registrant please.

For an electronic fillable registration form, links to hotel reservations and much more, visit: <https://oddfellows.us/workman.html>

Come to honor Bro. Gerald W, Workman, delight in the fall colors and get a first look at the host city for the 2025 Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge!

In F. L. & T.,

Gerald V. Worman Testimonial Committee

610 Stonewall Drive

Charleston, WV 25302

Testimonial Weekend Honoring The Honorable Gerald V. Workman Sovereign Grand Master

October 24-26, 2024

Location:

Embassy Suites
300 Court St, Charleston, WV 25301

Rate: \$154.00 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. Room reservations should be made at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/WorkmanIOOF>

Registration Form – One Per Person – Deadline September 27, 2024

Name _____

Title/Rank _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Flight Information:

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Airline _____ Flight No. _____

Depart Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Airline _____ Flight No. _____

Attending (please select):

Thursday October 24 – Taste of West Virginia Buffet –Casual Attire **\$20 or**
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open seating at Kanawha Lodge #25 Hall **Included free with Banquet Ticket!**

Friday October 25 – Wild & Wonderful West Virginia Bus Tour – Casual Attire **\$50**
9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday October 26 – Testimonial Banquet – Formal Attire **\$60**

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment

Please Select Entrée Choice:

Herb Crusted Chicken

Grilled Salmon w/ Citrus Sauce

Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (vegan/gluten free)

Special Need: _____ **Total** _____

Mail to: Michael Duminiak
610 Stonewall Road
Charleston, WV 25302

Checks Payable to: IOOF Workman Testimonial
Email: grandsecretarywv@oddfellows.us
Phone: 814-880-7328

For more information and forms visit: <https://oddfellows.us/workman.html>



**Office of the
Sovereign Grand Master
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows**



March 2024

To All My Fraternal Brothers and Sisters
of All Units of Odd Fellowship,

We are approaching spring. When I last wrote this column, I told you I was recuperating from problems with my lungs and breathing. I since spent two and one-half days in the hospital. I lost 14 pounds of fluid while in the hospital. I am not back to 100%, but I am getting better each passing day. I am planning on aggressive visiting this spring, to catch up. I am hopeful that I will meet you somewhere along the road.

I watched the Rose Bowl Parade on television. Our float was beautiful, but the television coverage was sparse. We live in a world in which the values of our Order are not cherished by the popular media, and they are reluctant to give us any recognition. This makes our job so much more difficult. We must, each of us, be our own publicity source. You are probably using the internet to read this column. Use the internet to communicate to our members and to those you wish to invite into our Order.

In each jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge and individual lodges begin their fiscal years at different times, sometimes within the jurisdiction as well. This means that some of you are just starting your year and others are closing theirs. If your session is this spring, I wish you well. We have a new three-part application form that should be distributed at your sessions. This will enable the lodges, grand lodges and The Sovereign Grand Lodge to keep track of members as they join our Order. Communication begins with identifying those with whom you wish to communicate.

I am in Florida, as I write this column. The temperature is in the low 70s and the sun is shining. We plan to hold our district picnic in early spring. The district picnic is a time for members of the local lodges to mingle with each other and to bring guests from the area. Introducing people to your members and letting them see your lodge hall is a good recruiting tool. A detached solicitation or pamphlet does not carry the same weight as meeting live people. Sometimes a hot dog and baked beans will make a greater

impression than a long speech.

We suffered a great blow from COVID and the shutdown of society that surrounded it. We cannot predict the future.

We are only able to look to the past. In the early part of the twentieth century, we suffered from an outbreak of the Spanish influenza. Our Order grew stronger after that pandemic. We cannot ignore our duty to build our Order. Our ancestors rebuilt the Order 100 years ago, it is our turn now. Talk to people. That has been the means of social advancement for centuries. Don't ignore the internet and mass communication systems, but don't rely too heavily on them either. If you show a personal interest in a prospect, you will soon have a candidate.

I suggest you seek new members among those who are already involved in some other activities outside the home. People who sit at home and watch TV or play video games may not be interested in doing anything else. If you know someone who belongs to a fire company, another fraternal society or community organization, this is the person you should solicit to join the Odd Fellows. We cannot randomly give psychological tests to people to determine their predisposition to join organizations, we can only look to their actions for clues.

There is a need for us to act now. We must maintain the high ground and search for people who are compatible with our motto, Friendship, Love and Truth. Remember what I said previously, the three things that count are Faith, Faith and Faith. Faith in God, Faith in our Order and Faith in yourself. Do not fall victim to a crisis of Faith. Passover and Easter are reminders that we must have Faith in God. Don't let your faith in our Order and in yourself fail. Keep the faith.

Fraternally,
s/ John S. Cupp Jr.
Sovereign Grand Master





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



March 2024

Love + Unity = Peace

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Does it seem possible that the first two months of 2024 are gone. I hope that Spring will come soon. We had a temperature of 58 the middle of February – in upstate New York - and then normalcy returned.

I hope all had a wonderful holiday season and early 2024. At our house all is well and calming down. Now is the time to come together in our Jurisdictions, meetings, and lodge work. I miss lodge when meetings are cancelled or postponed. Do you?

Now that our batteries are recharged it is back to work. Your officers have been busy crisscrossing North America visiting many Jurisdictions, meeting Rebekah sisters and brother Odd Fellows. You have deepened our lodge knowledge and given us suggestions to ponder. You have enriched our lives in many ways. We your Executives, are truly grateful and we Thank you!

One of the things I see as I travel is visibility or rather the absence of visibility in communities. WE need to be visible. I look for Odd Fellows halls, but they aren't there. They were the community centers of our towns. We have lost that connection. We have also lost the ability to have our activities, meetings and so forth in our local newspaper. I know it is difficult to have articles in the newspapers, but there are other venues. Does your community have a "Want Digest" or "Penny Saver"? These suggestions are usually free and available at libraries, or convenience stores. We have a monthly periodical called "Our town" with a calendar of events for any organization to place an article. These articles of PSA (public service announcements) are free as well. And sometimes an article in "Our Town" is printed in the daily newspaper. Bonus!

We do need to be seen around town. Many of our lodges are small and of a certain age and do not have the members to host or lead a project. But two or more lodges could work together. Does your community have a special civic project each year? Offer to help. You don't have to pick up trash or clear brush, just volunteer to maintain the sign-in sheets or log-in volunteers. Maybe the lodge could provide refreshments or water. By volunteering the lodge will be recognized and invited to participate. Another visibility many towns have a "meet and greet" our neighbors' day. Have a booth or table with brochures, pictures and maybe some handouts. Check with your Assembly Secretary to help in getting info items.

March and April are filling up with things to do or looking forward to attending. Spread the word. Coming soon in May is our Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. This is a wonderful way to show our patriotism to our fallen heroes. Please try to join us to pay tribute. There are Jurisdiction that will be having their annual session during March and April. If your lodge or Jurisdiction is near maybe you could join them. Visiting other lodges and Jurisdiction is one of our tenants.

So, until our next article I wish for you good times, great visit, good health and happy times. I hope to see you in April in Albany if that is possible.

Fraternally,

/s EllenJean





Office of the General Commanding General Military Council Patriarchs Militant, I.O.O.F.



March 2024

Greetings to All Chevaliers, Brothers, and Sisters:

Once again, it's a Saturday afternoon, and, gazing out of the library window, snow is falling. It's a wintry "robin-snow". A three-inch, thick blanket of snow is covering the ground. Although Punxsutawney Phil has a history of predicting 108-continued winters and just 21-early springs, as of 2024, unfortunately, he has had a 39% accuracy-rate.

However, with my continual traveling this winter as General Commanding, I have all the confidence that Phil's prediction will be "right-on-target". Meanwhile, it's snowing, and all I see are pristine, glistening boughs on tree branches, dripping with icicles, and snow-covered evergreen trees and bushes. Only Almighty G-d could paint a beautiful wintry, picturesque scenario like this.

It has been six months into my ensuing term as General Commanding, and I am still enjoying every moment. I had the privilege and honor of attending and participating in the "8th Annual Laying of the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown of The Civil War", which was held on February 9-10, 2024, at Beauvoir Manor Estate Cemetery. This commemorative event has been annually endorsed by the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. I wish to thank Maj. Gen. Mitzi R. Rayborn and Brig. Gen. Benny M. Rayborn for their outstanding courtesies and southern hospitality, which were extended to me during my stay in Biloxi. On Friday afternoon, I was given a personal tour of the Beauvoir Museum by Brig. Gen. B. M. Rayborn along with the Museum's proud history. On Friday evening, the annual Banquet was held. Generals Mitzi and Benny Rayborn acted as Mistress and Master of Ceremonies and did a superb job. The Dinner was absolutely delicious. I would like to thank Chef Louis A. Johnson for having addressed all the dietary needs of those attending the Banquet. After the Dinner, as General Commanding, I was called upon to bring the greetings of the General Military Council as well as my own personal greetings. In attendance were Generals (R) J. C. Roberts and M. L. Bowers, Lt. Gen. (R) G. L. Bowers, Maj. Gen.

(R) M. R. Rayborn, Brig. Gen. (R) B. M. Rayborn, and Brig. Gen. (R) B. A. Roberts. During my "Address" at the Banquet, I stated that I looked forward, with great anticipation, in presenting the "Keynote Address", on the morrow, at Beauvoir Manor Estate Cemetery and in placing the General Military Council Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. I thanked Maj. Gen. M. R. Rayborn and Brig. Gen. B. R. Rayborn for their dedicated, hard work throughout the many years at Beauvoir and especially making this year's event a very successful memorabilia for all who attended. It was my honor and pleasure to present "Recognition Awards" to Maj. Gen. M. R. Rayborn, Brig. Gen. B. M. Rayborn, and Mr. Louis A. Johnson for their outstanding work, beyond the "call-of-duty". Good fellowship was had by all in attendance at the Banquet. On Saturday morning, at Beauvoir Manor Estate Cemetery, Master of Ceremonies, Brig. Gen. B. R. Rayborn, introduced General Commanding (Dr) Howard G. Malin to the attending-audience who then proceeded to deliver his "Keynote Address", which will be included in the advance report for the August GMC meeting.

I did receive an ovation from the audience at the conclusion of the 'Address'. After the closure of the Laying of the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown of the Civil War, one of the Confederate re-enactment officers, approached and stated: You are always welcome in the City of Biloxi. I hope that you will return to Biloxi next year.

During the month of March, I look forward with great anticipation to visit Madison Lodge No. 6, I.O.O.F., to bring congratulatory wishes on behalf of the General Military Council upon their 185th Anniversary. In addition, I also look forward with great anticipation, making my Official Visitation to Canton New Mexico No. 1.

During the month of April, I look forward with great anticipation to attend President, International Association Rebekah Assemblies, Sister EllenJean Whited's Testimonial, which will be held on April 5-6, 2024, at the Crown Plaza Albany Desmond Hotel, Albany New York.

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In addition, I also look forward to accepting the personal invitation of the Grand Sire of Europe, General Commanding Erling Stenholdt, to visit Denmark. Also, I have been invited to officially visit the Department Councils of Iceland and Denmark; if time permits, lodge visits in Norway, Sweden and Finland. Gen. (R) J. C. ‘Jack’ Roberts, who had been previously invited to Denmark by General Commanding Erling Stenholdt—unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented him from doing thusly—will accompany me to Europe in April: First flying to Iceland and then to the continent, traveling by ‘Eurail’ from there. I may go to England, Scotland Ireland, and Portugal either in June or July.

It deeply saddens me to report the passing of Lady Barbara Y. Judge of the Jurisdiction of Michigan, Past President IALAPM, 1992-1993—2 February and Lady Betty Jean Reasoner, of California-Nevada, PP-IALAPM—24 January. May their souls rest in eternal peace. Amen.

As you well know, my Theme for this year is “The Spirit of Odd Fellowship”, which, in essence, is the embodiment of our beloved Order’s Valediction, part of which emphasizes “to visit the sick”. Please keep our sick, shut-ins, and distressed in your daily prayers. If you would visit a sick, shut-in, or distressed Chevalier, Brother, or Sister during the Holiday Season, I would be most appreciative. Thank you.

On behalf of the General Military Council, I hope everyone had a great Valentine’s Day. In addition, I hope all my fellow Chevaliers, Brothers and Sisters remembered to celebrate our sixteenth President of the United States’ Birthday,

President Abraham Lincoln, on Monday, February 12th and our first Constitutional President of the United States’ Birthday, President George Washington, on Thursday, February 22nd.

Finally, concerning the forthcoming Holiday Season in the months of March and April, as General Commanding, General Military Council, first, may I wish all my Chevaliers, Brothers, and Sisters a very “Erin go bragh”, or “A happy St. Patrick’s Day” on March 17th. According to the old adage: Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day. Be sure to wear green.

Second, during the forthcoming Holiday Season, on behalf of the General Military Council, may you, my fellow Chevaliers, Brothers, and Sisters, and your families be watched over and blessed by

Almighty G-d with health, happiness, joy, peace, and safe travels. May our “Valediction”, our “Perspective” and our “Universal Justice” continue to prevail throughout Odd Fellowship, worldwide. Amen.

And now, until we meet again, Happy Trails to you.

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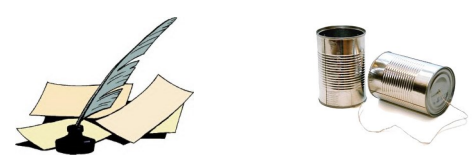
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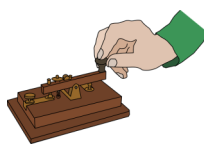
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