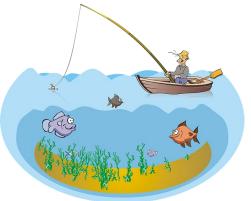
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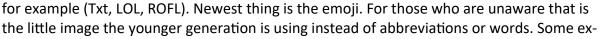
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## TO BE READ IN ALL ODD FELLOW LODGES: GRAND MASTER'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In my **communication** with you this month, Lets look at how our **communication** has changed over the years. Some of our members might remember not having a phone in their house when they were young. Other might remember having their phone number being 3 longs and a short. Still others will remember having one phone with a rotary dial for every one to use. Then we get to the youngest members in our lodges and it is hard for them to remember anything other than a cell phone. Then there is the text messaging that is going on these days with all the abbreviations being used



amples of this are (♥ Red Heart, ⑥ Fire, ⓒ Smiling Face with Smiling Eyes, ⓒ Face with Tears of Joy) just to name a few.

The biggest thing to remember is know who you are communicating with so what you say is understood. I have felt at one time or another like I am trying to hold the younger generation back while trying to pull the older generation up and getting everyone on the same page in **communications**. I am not one that uses emoji's much at all myself. If someone sends me an emoji, they might get a what does that mean. If you post something on Facebook and not everyone that you wanted to receive it are on Facebook, did all get the message? No.

Let's all work together in our **communication** to make sure everyone that is receiving the message, is getting and understanding it.

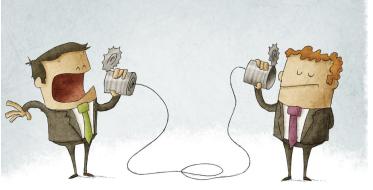
August 15-18 is Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions and some of the Grand Lodge Officers will be in Winston-Salem North Carolina. If you need one of us, be prepared for a delay in our response. The Sovereign Representatives will be giving a report on what happened at Sovereign in a month or two. Then you will know what happened there.

Bye, for now, until my next **communication** letter.

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









### **GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Some of us attended the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Winston-Salem, NC, this month. It is a busy time for our Grand Representatives and Grand Secretary. We have many meetings to attend at session and they keep us busy for the week. I will have more next month on any awards that we may have re-



ceived and other things of interest that took place at the Sovereign Grand Lodge level that will impact Wisconsin. Our Grand Representatives will have a report in

the paper in the next 2 months.



August is now upon us. A lot of lodges do not meet in the summer because of vacations. This means that we should be looking ahead to our fall meetings and what we can do to help our communities. Some lodges do brat sales, etc., all summer to help their communities by raising funds for various projects. This is a great way to get our name out in front of our communities and maybe get new members. One never knows what will spark someone into joining our Order. We must continue to strive for

new members to keep our Order alive.

Remember, if your lodge is doing a fundraiser of any kind, please let us know and we will get it in the paper so that others from around the state can attend if they are in the area. It is always nice to go to other cities and support the efforts of a lodge. Try to let us know by the first of the month so we can get it in the paper. Also, if you need posters printed for your fundraiser, let us know and we can print them for you so you can save money and have more for your project.

Your lodge Representative received raffle tickets at Grand Lodge to sell for the Calendar Raffle that starts on November 1 and ends on January 31, 2023. Please check with them to get raffle tickets to sell or to buy for yourself. This has been a great fundraiser for our Scholarship fund and our Museum in Mineral Point.

Until next time, In Friendship, Love and Truth, Joyce Proulx, Grand Secretary









### **GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER**

### Psalm 36:5-7

Your loving kindness O lord
Extends to the heavens,
Your Faithfulness reaches the skies
Your righteousness is like the mountains of GOD
O lord you preserve man and beast
How precious is your loving kindness to GOD!
And the children of man take refuge
In the shadow of your wings.



### Psalm 116:5

Gracious is the lord and righteous; Yes, our GOD is compassionate!



### **H**eavenly father:

You are so good to me, you forgive me, love me. You are a perfect example of how to love others when it can be hard! Please teach how to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving, and how to be compassionate towards our fellow man, women and children. Please open my eyes to see those around me that are in need of my compassion. Compel me to listen to them to hear there needs. Give me the heart to be interested in their troubles and provide for me the means to help them. Amen

F.L.T. Sara Fuhlbohm Grand Chaplin





### **Coming events**

### **AUGUST**

- Deadline for articles for September The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 5 Grand Lodge Office Closed
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 9-22 Grand Secretary out of the office for Sovereign Grand Lodge Session
- 14-19 Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions, Winston-Salem, NC
- 19 Grand Lodge office closed
- 22 Grand Lodge office closed
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting, Green Bay, 5:30 PM
- 27 Home Association Meeting, Green Bay, 8:00 AM

### **SEPTEMBER**

1 Deadline for articles for October The Wisconsin Odd Fellow

- 5 Labor Day Grand Lodge office closed
- 20 171<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Rebekah Degree
- 22 Fall begins
- 24 136<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Patriarchs Militant Degree

### **OCTOBER**

- 1 Deadline for articles for November The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 18 Grand Trustees Meeting
- 31 Halloween





### **Brother Steve Yoose**

37 year member Mississippi Valley Lodge #86 Lancaster



## 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 Tel. (920) 593-7015



Rebekah Haven Tel. (920) 435-4810

### **NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT**

News from the Activity Department

We continue to enjoy the summertime here at Odd Fellows. We take as many opportunities as we possibly can to get residents outside to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. This month we will have a few more opportunities to get outside and enjoy some special activities as well. Thibby's ice cream truck will

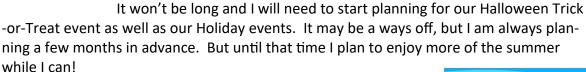


stop by on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The ice cream treats are always a hit! On Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a "Drive to End Alzheimer's" event. The event is a fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association and we benefit by a parade of classic cars driving through the Odd Fellow's parking lot for our residents to see. On August 26<sup>th</sup> we will be bringing back the Odd Fellow Campus Picnic. It will be a fun filled day for residents, staff and families to enjoy. Watch for more details.





This month we will be having entertainment by Don Bongers,
Fernando, and Daniel Lovett. There will be a couple of scheduled
picnic activities that residents can sign up for. We will be having
our Art Class with Tonya, keyboard music by Maureen, and Christian music
with David Gallagher. We continue to watch the Brewers and now the
Packers are starting. We do have a lot of sports fans in the facility!



Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Cindy Czechanski, Activity Director





### NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Hello All!

The summer is moving fast here at the Home Association. We are working quickly in preparation for a couple regulatory changes that will take effect this fall. In addition, CMS and the current administration have proposed several significant changes to long-term care that are a little scary, but navigable with the right team and the right plan in place. I am confident that team is already in place to get us through the changes smoothly.





We are continuing to work towards recovery post-pandemic. Our team is dedicated and coming up with creative ideas to brighten up the days for our staff and residents. Odd Fellow Nursing Home participated in a local golf outing and our team took 7<sup>th</sup> place! We will be bringing back the annual picnic for staff at the end of August as a last hoorah to the summer and a chance to let off some steam that we have built up over the past two years.



While the regulatory powers that be are giving long-term care a difficult road ahead, we are optimistic and energized by the roadmap destination we have laid out for us. Our team is confident in our future and we are ready to hit the ground running!

While it's only been a few short weeks that I have been here, I am excited for the things we have coming down the pipeline. I look forward to sharing those in the coming months!

Blessings,
Dan-a
Executive Director



# Odd Fellow & Rebekah Museum Board Meeting May 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by president, Sharon Cunningham at 9:05 at the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Museum in Mineral Point. WI.

Roll call of Museum Board members...

- President-Sharon Cunningham-present
- Vice President-James Heisner-absent
- Sec./Treas.-Tom Heins-present
- Rebekah board member-Chris Heins- present
- Rebekah board member-Elizabeth Ebere-present
- Grand Master-Jeff Jones-present

A prayer was given by Elizabeth Ebere.

Minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were looked over. Jeff Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Elizabeth Ebere. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. There was a balance of \$7,009.11 in the checking account. Track lights have been installed in 2 rooms in the museum at a cost of \$1,029.46. The lights have made a great improvement. A motion was made by Chris Heins, seconded by Jeff Jones to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

A discussion on the status on the 501(C)3 took place.

Tom Heins spoke about a concrete project that should be done at the back of the cottage to aid in diverting rain water. The project would cost about \$1,000.00. A motion to proceed with the project was made by Chris Heins, seconded by Jeff Jones, motion carried.

Chris Heins brought up replacing the display case doors with sliding glass doors. After some discussion, Chris Heins made a motion to get prices for the door replacements. Elizabeth Ebere seconded the motion and the motion carried. There are a total of 14 doors to be replaced.

Tom Heins reported that the High School students had helped members on May 4<sup>th</sup> to spruce up the yard. They helped spread mulch, trimmed bushes, raked up leaves and picked up sticks. Jeff Jones made a motion to send \$50 to each of the classes involved. Elizabeth Ebere seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Heins reported that Mary Curtis has donated a bench for the back yard in memory of her two husbands.

There was some discussion on starting a Shrine Lodge. Maybe it could be in conjunction with the Great Lakes Jurisdiction Lodges.

Elizabeth presented a bill for \$363.12 for her mileage and room. The bill was paid.

The next Museum Board Meeting will be July 16, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Mineral Point. Members should bring a dish to pass, brats and hamburgers will be furnished.

Being no other business, Jeff Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Heins. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.









### **Odd Fellow & Rebekah Museum General Meeting**

### May 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by board president, Sharon Cunningham at 10:10 AM. A prayer was offered by Chris Heins.

Tom Heins gave a report on what has been done this last year at the museum. Track lighting has been put in 2 of the museum rooms. Shrubs and flowers have been planted outside and a bench to sit on has been donated.



Sharon Cunningham talked about possibly starting a Shrine Lodge with the Great Lakes Jurisdictional Members.

Indiana Museum is looking for artifacts for their Odd Fellow Museum. Joel Gosse informed us that Loren Farrey had been working with the Downsville museum and they were also interested in getting some artifacts.

There was much discussion on the need for monetary and artifact donations from our lodges. We were reminded that the museum belongs to all of us not just Mineral Point lowa Lodge #1.

A discussion took place on who owns the land and museum buildings. Tom and Sharon will search to find the deeds for the property.

Being no further business, Jeff Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joyce Proulx. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM. A lunch was served by Mineral Point Rebekah Lodge #147and was enjoyed by all. There were 12 members present.

In F.L. & T

Tom Heins, Sec.

### **Odd Fellow Rebekah Home Association Inc**

### **Board of Directors Annual Meeting**

June 13, 2022 Comfort Suites

Roll Call of Board of Directors:

**Board of Directors Present** 

Richard Proulx, President; Patricia Mott, Vice President; Denise Olsen, Secretary; Loren

Cunningham; Ellen Tews; Thomas Heins; Richard Smith; and Jeffery Jones, Grand Master

Associate Members: Chuck Londo and Dale Stevenson

Home personnel: Charlene Everett and Dan-a Kohn

Board President Richard Proulx opened the annual meeting with an explanation of the work of the board and its responsibility for overseeing the work of the CEO. The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Odd Fellow campus. He explained that Char is retiring and that we have hired a new individual, Dan-a Kohn, to serve as executive director. She will begin work on Wednesday, June 15. Char will be helping Dan-a transition into the position for as long as is needed for a smooth transition.



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Dick then introduced the board members. Char was introduced to give an overview of the nursing home operation. She began by explaining her excitement about her plans for retirement after working in the healthcare industry for 52 years. For a long time she was not ready to retire but the increasingly negative atmosphere influencing healthcare has strengthened her decision. She gave great support to our new executive director and emphasized how smart she is and her ability to turn facilities around. Instead of dwelling on the current difficulties in health care throughout the U.S., she chose to emphasize the last 12 years. She started with OFH as the Nursing Home Administrator. Shortly after she was hired, Trudey Peterson left her position and Char was approached by Dick and Loren who asked if she would be interested in becoming the CEO. It has been an exciting and challenging time with the renovation and restoration projects, purchasing and selling bed licenses, and fantastic census numbers and poor census numbers. While it's been a roller coaster, the peaks have been amazing. She is confident that OFH will turn around from the current staffing crises, low census numbers, and the cuts in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. In spite of what is reported in the national news, OFH has both amazing staff and residents. We had thirteen National Guardsmen assigned to OFH for





thirteen weeks, working with the residents to help with staffing. They provided a bright spot during all the anxiety of Covid. This was made possible through our relationship with Bellin Hospital. She warned that we are entering a new phase in healthcare where things are going to be different than they have been. Jody

Tews asked how the merger between Bellin and Gunderson Health systems would affect the partnership between Bellin and OFH. Char believes the partnership will be strengthened. During Covid, the hospitals experienced a backlog of Covid positive patients who were ready to be discharged, but nursing homes wouldn't take them. Also, during Covid, people realized they could go home and still recover successfully with the help of home health agencies. Fewer referrals are being sent to nursing homes. Change is occurring and it is scary and economically disastrous, but nursing homes will figure it out. Currently, OFH and the hospitals are working on ways to strengthen the bond between them.

Question: Is the nursing home open to visitors? The nursing home is open for visitors who must register, answer some questions and have a machine record their temperatures. Masks must be worn. Jeff offered the opportunity to tour the nursing home to members of other jurisdictions.



Char reiterated that she has been honored to serve at our nursing home and has enjoyed her time there. Dick offered high praise for the leadership Char has provided to the facility.

A by-law change, which has been published, according to our rules, in The Wisconsin Odd Fellow magazine, needs to be acted upon. It reads:

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

There being no questions about the change, Dick called for a negative vote, anyone who does not want to see the by-law change occur. He asked for a standing vote. There being no negative votes, the by-law change was unanimously approved.

and qualified.

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Dick went on to describe the Board's work which includes knowledge of the financial information, the HIPAA regulations, and the differences between RCAC and long term care. The more information a Board member acquires, the more valuable they are in the decision-making process.

This is the only board in the Wisconsin Odd Fellow organization that has a method for dismissing a board member who doesn't meet board requirements.

If there are no other questions from the membership, this portion of the meeting will adjourn and the board will have a brief meeting.

Grand Master Jeff announced, for the benefit of the Rebekahs who were not part of the Grand Lodge session, that there are two raffles to support the Wisconsin Honor Flight, two puzzle pictures, and a fun "guess how many fishing lures are in the jar" being held in the back of the room.

Tom Heins suggested we give a big hand of applause for Char and the work she has done.

Home Board meeting: President Dick opened nominations for officers of the board for president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. The additional two board members will be appointed by Grand Master Jeff on Tuesday. **Tom Heins moved to keep the same officers. Motion seconded by Loren Cunningham. Motion carried.** 

Dick expressed his pleasure that Dan-a will be starting as our new executive director on Wednesday, June 15, recognizing that there will be changes from our association with Char.

Loren Cunningham moved and Jeff Jones seconded to close the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Olsen, secretary







### **Resolution 1**

Be it resolved that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin establish a reimbursement program for the Odd Fellow Lodges of Wisconsin for the year beginning July 2022 through May 2023 limited to \$500.00 per Lodge.

### Purpose

To assist our lodges in their community service efforts, be it resolved that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin will provide a one-time reimbursement to Odd Fellow Lodges within the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin for up to \$500.00 following the criteria set forth below.

Application for reimbursement must include documentation of the expense to be reimbursed and must be received by the Grand Secretary no later than May 31, 2023, to qualify (see attached form).

The funds to be used for the reimbursement, total not to exceed \$8,000.00, will be added to the operating budget for 2022-2023.

Approval of the application(s) will be given by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. A copy of the application will be returned with the reimbursement check. The original application with signatures of approval will be retained by the Grand Secretary.

Acceptable Criteria (any or all may apply)

Donations or expenses related to participation on a community project Lodge building repairs Sponsorship of an Educational Youth Pilgrimage candidate Scholarship awards Membership drives Open House at the Lodge Hall

### Non-acceptable Criteria

Standard lodge operating expenses, i.e., heat, electric or water bills

Per capita dues

Donations to standard Odd Fellow programs at the Wisconsin or International level

# **Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Reimbursement Request** Date application received by the Grand Secretary: Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Number of Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: City, State, Zip: Description of event or expense to be reimbursed: List of attached documentation: Amount requested for reimbursement: Approval of Grand Master: Approval of Grand Secretary: Comments or rationale for non-approval:

# Resolution 2 Wisconsin Honor Flight Donation(s)

"The purpose of the Honor Flight Network is to ensure that World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and terminally ill Veterans from any war have the opportunity to see the memorials that have been erected in their honor. (Badger) Honor Flight provides all amenities to the Veterans, including all transportation, shirts, jackets, hats, and meals. Everything is free to the Veterans because of how much they have sacrificed for this great country already. The only money Veterans need is if they want to buy a souvenir for themselves."

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Whereas there are a number of our members in all branches of our Order who have honorably served the United States of America in the Armed Forces, whether Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard;

Whereas there is no cost to participate in the Honor Flight;

Whereas the Honor Flight Network does accept donations from non-veterans to cover those expenses;

Whereas Wisconsin currently has six different Honor Flight hubs throughout the state (see attached map)

Northwest (Superior Area) <a href="http://www.honorflightnorthland.org/">http://www.honorflightnorthland.org/</a>
North Central (Wausau Area) <a href="http://www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org/">http://www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org/</a>
Northwest/Central (LaCrosse Area) <a href="http://www.freedomhonorflight.org/">http://www.freedomhonorflight.org/</a>
Northeast (Fox Valley/Green Bay Area) <a href="http://www.badqerhonorflight.org/">http://www.badqerhonorflight.org/</a>
South Central (Madison Area) <a href="http://www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org/">http://www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org/</a>
Southeast (Milwaukee Area) <a href="http://www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org/">http://www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org/</a>

And, whereas there are Odd Fellow and/or Rebekah Lodges in each of those six hubs;

We, the 2021-2022 appointed Grand Lodge Committee for Wisconsin Honor Flights, resolve that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin contribute \$1,000.00 to each of the six hubs for the year 2022, for a total donation this year of \$6,000.00.



### **LODGE HAPPENINGS**



### Initiation

Members of multiple Rebekah Lodges gathered after the General Banquet on Monday, June 13, 2022, to initiate new members into two Rebekah Lodges. Brother Frederick Kropp (Wauona Odd Fellow Lodge #132 of Portage) joined Mineral Point Rebekah Lodge #147, and Brother Jon Buck (Badger State Odd Fellow Lodge #11 of Milwaukee) joined Crystal #45 Rebekah Lodge of Milwaukee. Serving as Installing Staff were the following Sisters:

- Noble Grand Pat Mott, Crystal #45, PPRA
- Vice Grand Denise Olsen, Green Bay #185, PNG
- Secretary Jody L Tews, Betty #212, PPRA
- Past Noble Grand Roberta Bierhals, Green Bay #185, PNG
- Chaplain Ellen Tews, Betty #212, PPRA
- Conductor Chris Heins, Mineral Point #147, PNG
- Noble Grand Supporters Janice Hagerman, Crystal #45, PPRA
- Vice Grand Supporters Denise Olsen, Green Bay #185, PNG

Other Rebekahs were in attendance to witness this auspicious occasion!



Pictured: Brother Jon Buck, Badger State #11 & Crystal Rebekah #45 and Brother Frederick Kropp, Wauona #132 & Mineral Point Rebekah #147



### **LODGE HAPPENINGS**





Dear Teresa, Tami, and the entire Scholarship Committee,

I am so nonored to have been chosen as a recipient of the independent order of odd Fellows, Green Bay Loage #19 scholarship. Your generosity will allow me to continue my education at UW-La Crosse, where I will study Biology in hopes of becoming a Physician Assistant. Although my education journey will be demanding this thoughful scholarship will continue to push me to achieve all of my goals and dreams. Thank you again for your generous gift! I look forward to keeping in touch!

- Megan vandermause

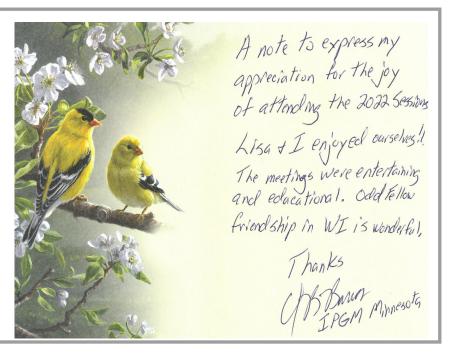


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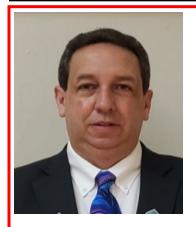
Thank you so much for such a great scholarship opportunity! I was extremely thrilled to learn about my selection for this award, and I greatly appreciate all of your support. I am super excited to attend msoe in the fall for Biomolecular engineering; and your generosity will help me significantly as I go down this new path!

Thank you, Annika zastrow





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## Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



July 2022

Greeting, Brothers and Sisters,

First let me say I hope that each of you have been staying safe and healthy and that you are all back meeting in person, opening the lodge room doors and letting the public know what a great organization this is.

As I write my last newsletter as Sovereign Grand Master, I just want to say what an honor and pleasure it has been to represent each one of you and this great Order. I want to thank the Representatives for putting their trust in me to be your Sovereign Grand Master. I must say that the courtesies that have been extended to me and my wife Cindy on our visits to the many Jurisdictions has been outstanding, everyone has made us feel like we are truly their Brothers and Sisters. In visiting these Jurisdictions, I have learned ways to make meetings go a little smoother and quicker, noting that we can all learn something from each other no matter how big or small we are.

I know that Covid-19 has slowed down our progress, as many of us has been unable to attend meeting and lodges stayed closed to keep our members safe, and I know we have lost several good members over the past 2 years to Covid-19, and we need to keep their families in our prayers and our hearts.

During my trip to Arlington National Cemetery to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider, and during my speech in the amphitheater, you catch yourself thinking what an honor to stand where many Presidents of the United States have stood and gave similar speeches and we are there giving this speech to our Brothers and Sisters because of the brave members of our armed forces that gives us the freedom to do these types of things.

It has been a wonderful 4 years working with the great leaders of the other branches, President Kathy, General Mike and Lady President Margaret.

I hope that I have represented my Brothers and Sisters and our Order with pride and dignity and will leave this office to the incoming Sovereign Grand Master with as few as problems as possible and look forward to working with her in the coming year.

I would like to thank all the members who have help during the past year when they have been asked. I would like to thank my Odd Fellows Lodge and Rebekah Lodge for all they have done for me these past 4 years and for all the support from all the branches in my home Jurisdiction of Ohio.

To the Executive Committee, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart, Sovereign Grand Warden John Cupp, Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry Barrett, Sovereign Grand Treasure Harrell Ward Jr., Past Sovereign Grand Master Wes Nelson. Thank you for all your hard work and support this past year, we have worked well as a team.

To all my appointed officers, Sovereign Grand Marshal Steven Wright, Sovereign Grand Conductor Gerald Workman, Sovereign Grand Chaplain Neville Richen, Sovereign Grand Guardian James Edwards, Sovereign Grand Messenger Thomas Calabrese, Aide-de-Camp Brig. Gen. Paul McAfee, and Ambassador of Goodwill Charles Carson, thank you for taking these positions for me and for all your support. And finally, to my wonderful wife Cindy who has traveled with me for the past 4 years and been there to keep me in line and help with whatever was needed. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting some new ones at the upcoming sessions in August in Winston-Salem. As always, if there is anything, we can do to help any member, please let us know and remember,

BE THE PERSON WHO MAKES EVERYBODY FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY.

Fraternally, Charles E 'Chuck' Lusk Sovereign Grand Master





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



July 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers: Greetings to all of you,

We are firmly in the season of celebrating accomplishments; the time that is the culmination of dreams, wishes and hard work. School years are ending, students are graduating, and many choose to marry at this time. This is also the moment when my year as President of the I.A.R.A. is coming to a close. I plan to leave today for the first of my last two jurisdictional visits for the year 2021-2022. It is a bittersweet moment of time as I look back at the memories of this year that I will cherish forever. I will never forget the azure blue sky at The Canadian War Memorial, a blue so striking it didn't seem real. I will never forget Lorna Hemphill picking me up in Sacramento without President Mary Sellars who was sick with Covid and could not preside at her session. I will treasure the memory of Linda Thompson in her Minions costume at the Arizona session in Nevada, having fun with her pranks. I will always remember the Rebekah Assembly of Alberta marching in to their session in perfect form, my first visit to Canada post-Covid. I will treasure a snapshot in my mind of Sovereign Grand Master Chuck Lusk beaming with pride at the Ohio Session, his home jurisdiction. The most fun was twisting with Lady Margaret Gardner in Nashville at General Commanding Michael Bowers Testimonial. We won the dance contest!

I have memories too numerous to mention here, but know that all who I crossed paths with this year in my travels are remembered with love. It is always a happy moment when I come down the escalator in an airport to find a familiar face smiling up at me or a new friend vigorously waving at me, letting me know I'm not alone in a strange place. We do that for each other in this Order and it means so much to a tired traveler. My deepest joy this year was at my Testimonial in Boston in late

March. To say I was nervous about the event was an understatement. The hotel was closed for over a year, the deposit was returned, and it was not until Doreen Slaney and I traveled to the hotel in late January that I knew we were having the event. And what a party it was. Although I was too nervous to eat (thank you Mira Pittman for the ice cream) I loved every minute of the three days. The turnout was huge, the food was delicious, the band was tremendous, and love filled the air at The Sheraton Boston. Thank you all for the joy you brought to Boston.

My executive committee was hardworking this year and I am proud of all we accomplished in those meetings. Thank-you Ruth, Ellen Jean, Elizabeth and Sue. And most of all thank you, Neville. You proved to be my inspiration and rock as you took care of business here in our hill top home in Tom Nevers. I love the way you and Tobago waved good-bye to me from Children's Beach as the ferry passed by taking me to destinations far away. I loved being President, but I am now ready to do the final preparations for Sessions in August in Winston-Salem. I hope to see you all there.

Together We Can Strengthen Our Roots.

Fraternally,

s/ Kathy Richen

President I.A.R.A.





# Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



Greetings,

As this will be my last I.O.O.F. Newsletter as General Commanding, I want to start by saying Thank You to all Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, Sisters and Youth of our Order for making my journey through the General Military Council offices a great one, without you it would have been impossible. To the jurisdictions for their support and courtesies extended to me on my visitations and travels. To the jurisdiction of Tennessee for your unwavering love and support. A special Thank You to my family for allowing me the time to do this journey. A big Thank You to Lt. Gen. Greta Bowers and Maj. Gen. Glenn Adcock for your countless hours of being my GPS system getting me to where I'm supposed to be and on time, what some trips that we have had. To my Officers and Executive Committee for taking your positions and stepping up to the plate when you were needed and all of your hard work. To General Earl on your upcoming year I wish you all the best and if I can be of service to you please don't hesitate to call on me.

We have made a lot of changes to the Order in the last couple of years and especially this past year with the merging of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militants, working on a new PM Ritual, working on the new Uniform Regulations and revising the Sword Manuel. These will be by no means perfect, but we have to start somewhere, and a lot of work is still needed on these. A lot of work has gone into these items and a big shout of Thank You to the committees who work so hard on these you all did a great job.

As we are preparing to come to Sessions in Winston Salem, NC in just a few weeks, now I hope everyone has made their hotel reservations and registrations as the time is quickly approaching. I encourage everyone who is able to please come by and take a few minutes and visit the Youth Days at sessions this year. Please plan

on attending their banquet to help and show support for these Youngsters. The more support that we can give these Youths the more promising that they will become Rebekahs and Odd Fellows when they are old enough.

We are wrapping up our last few visitations to jurisdictions and events around the country in the next few weeks. Once again thank you to the jurisdictions and my Officers for your help and work this year. We have experience new friendships as well as renewed old ones in our travels this year. We have gotten to see an abundance amount of countryside, experience a lot of different cultures and foods in our travels.

Last but not least, every year the leaders of the International say that they have the best co-partners and I'm sure that this is true but these past four years I could not have asked for any better crew than has been with me. We have shared many experiences, meals, laughs and a lot of hard work together a lot of times at visitations and travel. Brother Chuck, Sister Kathy and Lady Margaret and I have had so much fun on our journeys together and the friendships that we have made together that will last for a lifetime. I'm proud to stand by you and call you my Brothers and Sisters. Wishing nothing but the best for you in the future, what a ride we have had.

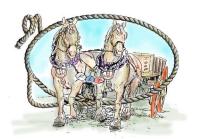
Be the person who makes everybody feel like somebody; Together we can strengthen our roots; Unity; & Family Love.

Chivalrously,

General Michael Bowers



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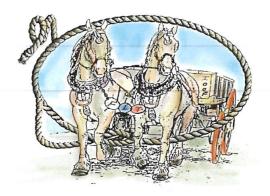


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### Testimonial Weekend Honoring Michelle Heckart, Sovereign Grand Master November 3-5, 2022

### Registration Form - One Per Person - Deadline October 3, 2022

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# Souvenir Program Booklet 2022 Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart Testimonial November 3-5, 2022 Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A Souvenir Program Booklet is being planned for Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart's Testimonial on November 3-5, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa. Ad prices are as follows:

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Deadline for Ads: October 1, 2022

## MISTY'S Recipe Exchange

### Peach Crumble Bars

To celebrate peach season, I whipped up this little treat: Peach Crumble Bars. A crumble is like a crisp, but without the oats.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes COOK TIME: 50 minutes

SERVES

CALORIES: 344

### Ingredients

### Crust/Topping

- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter cubed
- 1 tsp vanilla

#### Filling

- · 2 1/2 cups diced fresh peaches
- 2-3 Tbs sugar
- · 2 tsp cornstarch

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- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- · Splash of milk

### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 8"x 8" baking dish with parchment paper, set aside.
- 2 In bowl add your flour, sugar, butter and vanilla and with pastry blender combine until crumbs form.
- Sprinkle about 2/3 of crumb mixture into bottom of crust and press down.
- In another bowl mix together peaches, sugar and cornstarch. Spread over crust.
- Sprinkle with remaining crust/topping (pea sized or bigger adds great crumble)
- 6 Bake in oven for about 50-55 minutes until topping is slightly golden. Let cool, then chill for about 1 hour to set up.
- In bowl whisk together powdered sugar until you reach your desired consistency.
- 8 Drizzle over top of bars. Cut and serve.









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