

Wisconsin ODD FELLOW

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On my visit to Michigan’s Grand Lodge Session, I heard about the Odd Fellow of the year award and Rebekah of the year award. I talked it over with the executive committee and we are going to give it a try in Wisconsin. Below is what is need from the lodge nominating an Odd Fellow or Rebekah.

- A. Years of membership.
- B. Offices held in the Order.
- C. Local Community Activities.
- D. Participation in Degree work.
- E. New or re-instated member brought into the Order.
- F. Name of person nominated
- G. Name of Lodge making the nomination.



When approved by the Lodge, the Secretary of the lodge will forward the recommendation under Seal of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary, who will forward it to the Committee for action.

The committee will be the executive committee.

There are a few of us that are not eligible for the Odd Fellow or Rebekah of the year award. This award is not to be conferred upon any past elective or present elected officer of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, or Department Council of the Patriarchs Militant.

The dead line for these nominations need to be into the Grand Secretary by March 31, 2023.

I am sure there are quite a few members in our Jurisdiction qualified to receive these awards.

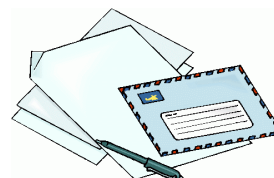
These awards will be presented to the winners at the Grand Lodge session banquet. If you have questions on these awards, please ask me and I will gladly answer them.

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

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



COMMUNICATION



GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER



Happy Holidays to All!

Hopefully all lodges have had their Roll Call or Homecoming meeting or dinner and each had a great turnout. By code the homecoming or Roll Call is to be held in October, November, or December. It is the meeting where we call the roll of all our members and get updates on those members that are unable to attend. There are a few lodges that have held this meeting or dinner earlier because of the type of weather they have during October, November, or December. It is just nice to get together and visit and sometimes honor our members.



A reminder to all secretaries that the Annual Term reports, tax forms, etc. have been mailed out or emailed and are due in the Grand Lodge office by January 31, 2023. If you have not received your package, please call the Grand Lodge office and another package will be sent out or emailed. Remember to list all your new members, their addresses, and the date of initiation on the first page of the report. If you have too many to list, put the information on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the page. Also, you must list your non-contributing and associate members in the proper place and count them as part of your total number of members.

If you are having trouble filling out the annual term report, please call the office and I will be happy to help you through the report. If you go page by page and answer each area it is not hard to fill out. Also refer to the copy of your report from last year so you can see how you answered each section.

Remember to watch the Rose Parade on January 2, 2023, to see if our float won a prize and to see Tami Adams, Green Bay, WI, who will be riding on the float this year. The 2023 Parade theme is "Turning the Corner". The Odd Fellow and Rebekah float is entitled "Hope for Peace".

Last month the Grand Master asked for donations to help with defraying the cost of travel, etc., for Tami Adams to get to California. It is not too late to send a donation to help Tami with her expenses. Tami is fighting stage 4 breast cancer that has metastasized to her ribs, spine, hips, etc. The Float Committee, at a meeting decided, to offer Tami this once in a lifetime ride. Tami is excited to be able to go and work on the float and then ride in the parade. All donations, big or small, will help with her expenses. We have received some donations and they are greatly appreciated.



January 15th celebrate Thomas Wildey's birthday. At a meeting near his birthday have a party and talk about who he is and what he did for our Order. If your lodge is in recess call your members and have cake and ice cream one afternoon and celebrate.



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

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up [Ecclesiastes 4:10](#)

Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty. [Job 6:14](#)

After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. Job 42:10

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. [Proverbs 18:24](#)

When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him [Job 2:11](#)

The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength. [Proverbs 24:5](#)

Please keep Brother Hubert from Wisconsin Rapids lodge #91 and Brother Dick Proulx Green Bay lodge #19 in your prayers and thoughts as they find the strength to heal,

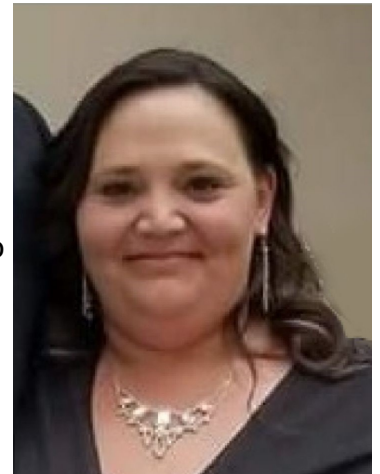
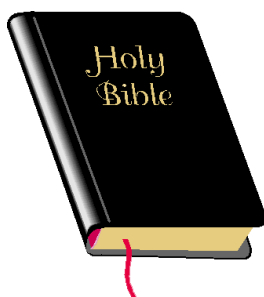
Dear Lord,

Reflect on the joy and hope of the holiday season with these Christmas prayers. We hope these bring you and your loved ones into God's peaceful presence both at the holidays and into the New Year. May God bless you and your family!

Amen

Merry Christmas!

**F.L.T.
Sara Fuhlbohm
Grand Chaplin**



Coming events

DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for articles for January
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- Deadline for names of delegates for Pilgrimage for Youth and ½ of delegate fee**
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 21 Winter Begins
- 25 Christmas Day – Grand Lodge office Closed!
- 26 Grand Lodge office Closed!

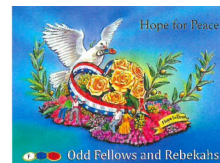
- 7 Manor Board Meeting, Platteville
- 15 Anniversary of the Birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of our Order
- 16 Martin Luther King Day
- 20-31 Grand Secretary out of Office
- 31 Calendar Raffle ends

JANUARY

- 1 Deadline for articles for February
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- Happy New Year!
- 2 Watch for our float in the Rose Parade

FEBRUARY – EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MONTH

- 1 Deadline for articles for March
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 3 Executive meeting, 5:30 pm at Comfort Suites Green Bay
- 4 Home Association meeting, 8 am at Comfort Suites Green Bay
- 14 Valentine’s Day





Happy Holidays



Odd Fellow *Rebekah*

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Friendship Place

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Rebekah Haven

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NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT

We are looking forward to the Holiday season here at Odd Fellows. We have many holiday activities planned for both residents and staff. The 12 Days of Christmas will begin on December 14th and will run through Christmas day. Each of the 12 days will have a Christmas theme with the activities for the day planned around the daily theme. We encourage residents and staff to participate and dress for the daily themes.



On Thursday December 15th we are having a campus wide Christmas Open House from 6:00-8:00 PM. Astor Terrace, Rebekah Haven, Odd Fellows Dining Room & Activity Room, as well as the Campus Courtyard will be decorated with a theme competing for Best Christmas Experience. Come tour our campus that evening and vote for your favorite Christmas Experience!

At Odd Fellows there will be a Resident Christmas Party on Thursday December 22nd at 2:00 PM. Music will be provided by Fernando. All are welcome to join in wishing the residents a very Merry Christmas. Throughout the month we will also be enjoying Christmas movies, crafts and other activities to celebrate the Holidays. A Christmas Lights Bus Ride is also planned. At the end of the month we will celebrate New Year's.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Cindy Czechanski,
Activity Director



Silent Night, Holy Night



NEWS FROM THE CEO

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

The holiday season is in full swing here at the Home Association!

We are making some operational and personnel adjustments to better position us for the changing landscape of long-term care. I'm most excited for the technology and software improvements that are underway.

We are in the process of changing our EHR (electronic health record) software to PointClickCare. It is the industry leader in EHR software and has the best capabilities for optimal operations management. We are also in the process of building out the payroll system Kronos to give our employees better access to their information.



Cody!

Our administrator, Cody Kivisto, has departed us to join the Bellin Hospital system team. He has a Master's degree in Public Administration and has always wanted to work for the hospital. We are sad to see him go, but we are happy that he is pursuing the path that he desires. We do have a new administrator, Mike Wenzel, starting this month. He comes with many years of experience and a



strong background.



As the weather changes, I want to continue to remind all of you of the importance of winter safety. Please be sure to wear sturdy non-skid shoes and "walk like a penguin" on areas that could be slick. Also, make sure to keep a blanket, flashlight, and extra gloves in the car in case you might have vehicle trouble or your vehicle transforms into a graceful sled into the ditch.

We have several events planned for December. We are partnering with St. Vincent de Paul on a Toy Drive for local children. We will begin a "12 Days of Christmas" for the staff in a couple weeks in appreciation for the hard work they have put in all year long. We also have a "Battle of the Buildings" decorating contest that will be voted on during our Christmas Open House.

Please join us on December 15th from 6:00-8:00pm for a Christmas Open House here at the home association. We are so excited to spread the holiday cheer with our residents, families, and staff!

**May your holidays be merry and bright,
Dan-a**

**TOYS
FOR
TOTS**





The Odd Fellow and Rebekah Home Association Board of Directors presented Char Everett, former CEO a check in appreciation of her many years of service.

Pictured are Dick Proulx, President, Char and Pat Mott, Vice President.



THANK YOU CHAR!





LODGE HAPPENINGS



Tri-County #40 initiated 4 new members: Pictured (L to R) Taylor McGee, Dillen Wedell, Adam Lindsay, Gary Tucker.





LODGE HAPPENINGS



TAMI ADAMS, NOBLE GRAND OF GREEN BAY #19

The following is her journey with cancer



My name is Tami Adams. I am 54 years old. Here is a little bit about my cancer journey. It was early in 2016 and I was working at Odd Fellows nursing home, Green Bay, WI, and I was having a lot of abdominal cramps. I came home after work and doubled over in pain. This had been going on for a few months. My husband, Jon hated seeing me in pain so he insisted on taking me to the emergency room. They took care of my pain and sent me home with instructions to follow up with a gynecologist. At the urging of my husband and son, I reluctantly made an appointment. The day of my appointment came. After a brief talk with the gynecologist, she began to examine my breasts. She felt something that just didn't feel quite right. She excused herself for a moment and asked me to stay there. When she returned to the room she asked if I was in a hurry or if I had some time right then. I said I was in no hurry and she said that's good. I'm sending you right over for a mammogram. I was starting to feel a little worried as I was only 48 years old and had never had a mammogram before. As I sat there getting more worried, they came and got me for the mammogram. As soon as I was finished, they asked me not to change, but just to go wait in the waiting room. Now I was getting really worried. I didn't have to wait long before they came and brought me into another room. Here they told me that they were going to do an ultrasound. Looking at the screen, I could tell something was in my left breast. After the ultrasound was done, they once again asked me not to change and once again to wait in the waiting room. Now I was really getting afraid and wished I would have let my husband come with me. Once again they came and got me and brought me into yet another room. They told me they were going to do a biopsy. I was really scared, they were doing all of this so fast. And a biopsy? Did I have cancer? After the biopsy, I was able to get dressed and go home. They said they would call me in a few days. I got down to my car and started to cry as I called my husband. He reassured me and made me feel much better. The next couple of days I kept my mind busy with work but I had a nagging feeling that there was something seriously wrong. Then came the call. The doctor said I'm sorry but you have cancer. I didn't hear much of what she had to say except that my husband and I had an appointment with a surgeon the next day. I quickly went outside to call my husband to let him know what was happening. While I stayed at work, my husband and oldest son left their jobs and greeted me when I got home. After a lot of crying, we all decided to not get too upset until we talked to the surgeon. The surgeon was very thorough explaining to us what my options were. He answered all of our questions. I had

stage II invasive ductal carcinoma. The tumor was too big for a lumpectomy. My options were a single or double mastectomy with or without reconstruction. After meeting with the plastic surgeon, I decided I wanted a double mastectomy with reconstruction right away. It was going to be a long surgery so it took a month to be on the schedule. That made both me and Jon nervous that it was spreading while we were waiting. The day of surgery finally came. The plan was to remove both breasts and one lymph node. When I woke up, I was told the surgery went well, but they found more tumors and found that 8 of the 14 lymph nodes that they removed had cancer. This meant that I now had to have chemotherapy and radiation. I really, really didn't want to have chemotherapy. I mostly didn't want to lose my hair. It sounds Silly but that was how I felt. The next year was a blur. I ended up with 17 surgeries and 6 hospital stays. I had 4 rounds of chemo. I felt so sick during it. I lost all of my hair and got depressed. I hated being bald. I wore a wig every time I left the house but it still didn't make me feel any better. Sometimes I wondered if it was worth it. With the support of my husband and family, I somehow made it through. I then had to endure 33 rounds of radiation, that was a piece of cake compared to the chemo. Once I finished the radiation, I went into remission. I had no evidence of the disease for the next 4 1/2 years. During this time, life got busy and returned to normal. I often talked about my cancer and tried to help those women that were just starting their journey. Fast forward to October 2021. My back started hurting off and on. This was like no pain I had ever experienced before. It came and went throughout October, November and December. In December the pain started hurting even more and became more frequent. I was taking over the counter pain meds every 4 hours with no relief. I couldn't sit, stand or lay down without pain. It was our turn to host the Christmas eve dinner with family. As I was cooking, cleaning and preparing for everyone's arrival, I had to keep doubling over in pain. It got so bad that I sent a message to my oncologist with the hopes of getting some stronger pain meds. She messaged me back saying she didn't think it was anything to worry about but she would order an MRI just to be sure. I was grateful. My work and home life were getting unbearable. The night before the MRI, I was talking to Jon about cancelling it. I didn't want it to come back normal and embarrass me. Jon said I absolutely could not cancel. He said my back pain was not normal and needed to be dealt with. So I went in and had the scan, then I went back to work. A couple of hours later, I got a call from my oncologist telling me that I would be in her office at 10 :30 the next morning. I knew this was not good. She always told me good news over the phone. I was scared. After work I let Jon know what was going on. He said he wanted to go with me the next day but due to the covid guidelines, I had to go alone. I went to work early the next day scared out of my mind. It took forever to be 10:30. I sat in her office and she came in. She said I am sorry but your cancer has metastasized. I was numb. She said we needed to schedule a PET scan right away and then a biopsy to see if this was still my breast cancer or if it was a new cancer. I got to my car and started to cry as I called Jon. We decided to meet at home. I called my job and told them I wouldn't be back that day. We hugged and cried and talked. We then had the hard



task of calling family and telling them that my cancer came back. Only this time, it is not curable. The doctor said that if we did not treat it at all, I had about 10 months to live and if I treated it aggressively, I had about 3 years. I had the PET scan and biopsy. It told us that it was my breast cancer. It had spread to my spine, ribs and hips. The largest tumor in spine was pushing on my spinal cord so we needed to do something right away so I would not become paralyzed. They were going to give me very strong radiation to that area for the next 10 days. Jon and I agreed to treat it to the best of our ability. The doctor explained that this was all going to be a palliative approach since there was no cure. She encouraged us to sign on with palliative services, which we did. They would manage my medications and help us in any way with end of life...end of life, what a scary thought. It was now my reality. I made it through the radiation. It was really tough but I made it through. Now family and friends tell me that they didn't think I'd make it. They said that I looked terrible. My next course of treatment would be an oral drug called Ibrance. First we had to see if insurance would cover it since it is a \$10,000 per month drug. It had to be given with 2 injections of fulvestrant, that would be another \$11,000 per month. So I started this treatment, taking the pills every day and going in monthly for fulvestrant injections into my butt. I was going in weekly for blood tests and check ups. After 3 months, I had another PET scan. I was feeling pretty good so I thought it would come back good. I was wrong. It was now on my entire spine, most of my ribs, my hips and my pelvis. She said sometimes it takes a while for the medication to start working so we should keep on the treatment for another 3 months then have another PET scan. This time it



came back even worse. There was no doubt that this treatment wasn't working. Our next option was chemotherapy. My heart just sunk. I did not want to go through chemo again and I definitely didn't want to be bald again. Jon and I talked it over. He wasn't ready to lose me yet and I wasn't ready to leave him. I am so head over heels in love with him! So we decided to give it a try. Unlike last time, I would have to go in every week for 3 weeks then I would get 1 week off. We would also do some geonode test to see if I had any mutations. I went in for surgery to have a new port put in my chest, no more needle sticks in my arm. Now everything would be done through my port. I went in that Friday for my first chemo. Also unlike last time, this time I had to put my hands and feet in ice from 15 minutes before to 15 minutes after. This was to hopefully prevent neuropathy. I also decided to try an ice cap to hopefully prevent losing my hair. So every Friday I would sit in the infusion room freezing my hands, feet and head while receiving

chemo. After 9 minutes of the first infusion, they had to stop the chemo because it was making me terribly sick. They gave me more anti-nausea meds and restarted it again. I was able to make it through. I had to take a leave from work due to the pain and fatigue. I felt horrible about this because we really couldn't afford to do this. Jon, as always, was wonderfully supportive. As more time went by and with frequent reminders that I was terminal, I decided there was no way I could go back to work, so I decided to apply for disability. I knew we could make it with just Jon working but it would be tight. It's embarrassing to say, but most months we end up over drawing our checkbook just to eat and pay bills. Anyway, after a couple of months, the doctor

ordered another PET scan. This one was good news. My cancer had stayed the same. My geonode testing had also come back saying I had a certain mutation and that there was only 1 oral chemo treatment that we could try. We would wait to try that until the chemo stopped working or I couldn't handle the side effects anymore. Just this last week, my tumor marker test came back very high so another PET scan is scheduled for next week. All I can do now is hope and pray. I am very blessed to have a loving and supportive husband, family and friends.



NEIGHBORS SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS

January 10th 2023

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Iowa Lodge #1
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Toy Drive

Friday, December 9th

Mineral Point High School Gym

Boys Basketball

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Grant

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Friday, December 16th

Mineral Point High School Gym

Girls Basketball

Mineral Point vs Boscobel

New toys and cash donations welcome

Thanks for helping the kids of Iowa County



Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



November 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters of all units of Odd Fellowship,

In Iowa, the fall season has arrived. Crops are being harvested, preparations are being made for cold weather, and the leaves are changing into vibrant colors. Here the changes in seasons can come quickly and unexpectedly, and we are not always ready for those changes, but it's a part of life.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are not always open to new ideas. We do not change as quickly as the seasons. Change can be good as long as it does not affect the integrity of our Organization. We need to stand firm on the foundation which makes us unique as a fraternal organization, but we also need to be open to new ideas for growth in membership, opportunities for community service, and developing new ways to promote the projects of our order to meet today's needs.

It was an honor to attend Sister Ruth Earle's Testimonial weekend in Michigan. We had a relaxed weekend of Odd Fellowship and a wonderful trip to Mackinaw Island. Sister Ruth we are here for you and so happy you are a part of our team.

I have had the privilege of visiting six jurisdictional Grand Lodges since August. I am constantly amazed at the wonderful projects our Lodges are promoting in their Jurisdictions. Helping schools by providing books for underprivileged children, scholarships, hats and mittens, back pack projects for school supplies or after school meals. Taking care of our Veterans by supporting the Honor Flight Project, reading material and clothing to our Veteran's Hospitals. Supporting

local food banks, women's shelters, and special needs children. These are just a few of the projects being promoted in our Jurisdictions.

We are doing a great job in our communities, but unfortunately, I have also realized that we have become very complacent in helping our lodges to succeed. We appoint District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Presidents to install officers, but do not encourage them or take time to train them to fulfill the rest of their duties. They are to help instruct the lodges under their care in the proper way to hold meetings, teaching them to follow the ritual, reading the fine print, checking to make sure the lodges are in good standing with the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, and instructing them on projects of the Order, membership, and code changes.

Our Grand Lodges, Rebekah Assemblies, Grand Encampments, and Department Councils need to Pull Together as a team to develop a membership program for their jurisdiction. Set realistic goals! Encourage your units to also set goals for membership and give them the tools and help needed to succeed. The SGL has a wonderful membership packet to help you with ideas and to give you the tools to get started. It is not a quick fix, the program takes time and hard work, but nothing worthwhile is ever easy. Brother Robert Kowalski, our SGL membership chairman, is also available to help you promote membership in your Jurisdiction. Give him a call for new ideas!

Every lodge in your jurisdiction should

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

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have a Jurisdictional Constitution and By-laws, as well as The SGL Code of General Laws to use as guidelines for making sound decisions based on facts not hearsay. No one person can possibly remember all the changes made to our codes yearly, so it is important that they are sent all updates in a timely manner! Education and communication are the keys to our success. Keeping our members in the dark only causes frustration and confusion.

By the time you receive this my Testimonial will have taken place in Des Moines, Iowa. I want to thank the committee and the wonderful members of my Jurisdiction for making my weekend very special and memorable. A special thank you to everyone who traveled to share this weekend with me. You are all on this journey with me. Thank you for your encouragement and continued support. You are truly the "Wind Beneath My Wings".

This is the season of Thanksgiving, and though our Brothers and Sisters here and abroad, may celebrate at different times of the year, everyday should be a time to be thankful for the Blessings we have received. Be mindful of our shut ins. Send cards, make phone calls, take them gift baskets, but especially keep them informed of your lodge's activities so they can still feel

connected to their lodge family. Remember those in your communities that are less fortunate. Share Odd Fellowship, by providing warm meals, clothing, and most of all a kind word of encouragement, lets show them we really do care. Hugs go a long way in healing those in need.

Remember your obligations, believe in our Valediction, be a positive team player, be part of the solution not part of the problem, and learn to compromise. We are all Brothers and Sisters, and by Pulling Together we will succeed and make this world a better place to live.

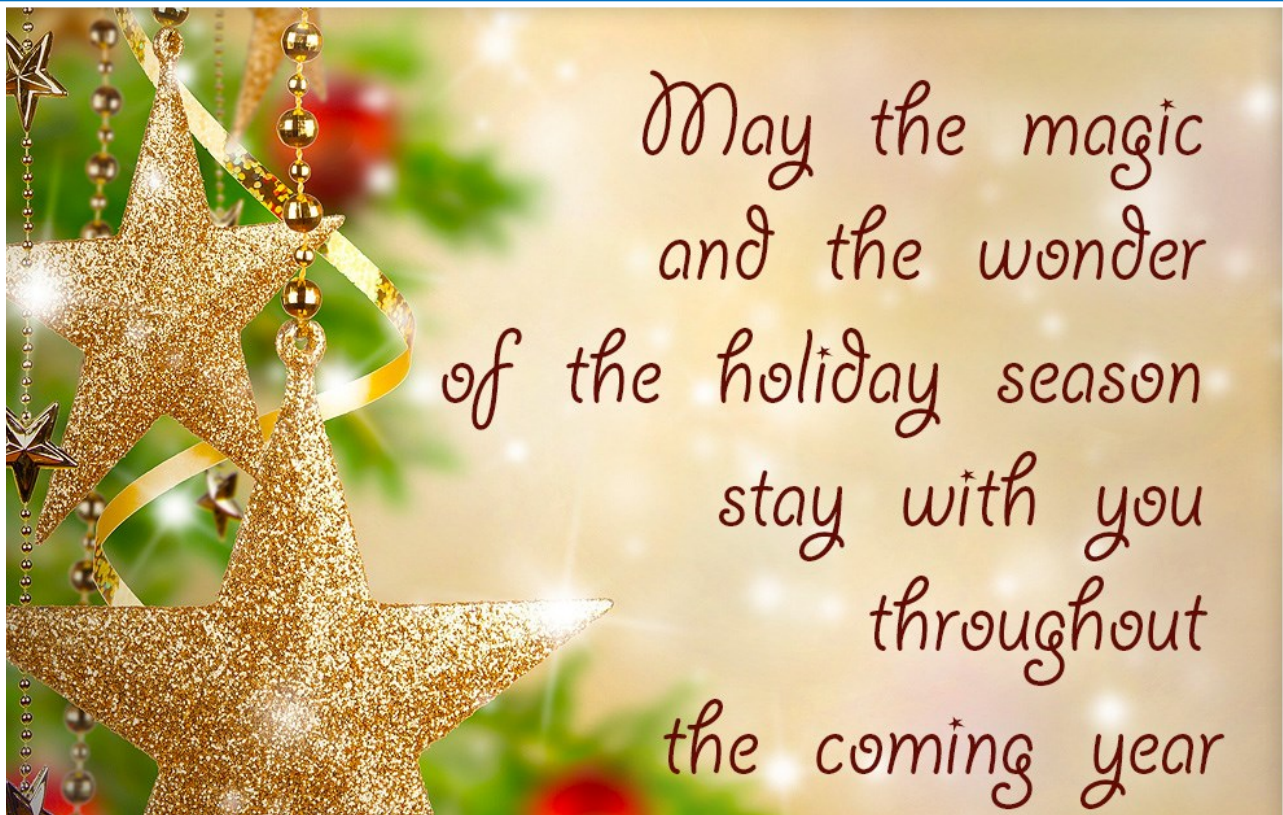
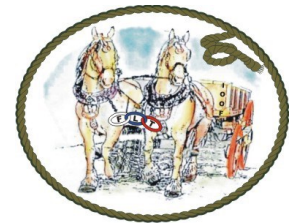
If there is anything, we can do to help you or your lodge, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Do not forget to watch for our Float in the Rose Parade!

Whatever your beliefs are at this Holiday season, my Executive Team and I wish you a healthy, safe, and Blessed Christmas.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

s/ Michelle L. Heckart

Sovereign Grand Master





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



November 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I must begin this letter with a huge thank you to everyone who had a part in making my testimonial weekend one that I will never forget! All the work and planning paid off in a big way. Even the weather cooperated with a beautiful day on Mackinaw Island and the banquet with entertainment was terrific. Thank you for all the well-wishes, cards, gifts and hugs received. I was sorry to hear that several contracted Covid, myself included, and had to quarantine when they got home, but thankfully most of the cases were relatively mild and it seems everyone is back out and going again. Just a reminder for us to remain vigilant and be careful.

October is an especially busy month for Rebekah Assembly sessions and found your IARA Executive traveling extensively in the US and Canada. I am so proud of the Assemblies and the work that is being done in the jurisdictions I have visited. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are truly remarkable people! Our mission of helpfulness and kindness at this place in history almost seems more “odd” than it was in the 18th century. We are needed just as much today, if not more, than we were in the seven-teen hundreds! While the government is supplying many of the benefits the Oddfellows once gave, the helping hand and the simple kindnesses are needed possibly more than ever. This old world can be a dangerous and unforgiving place where friendship, love and truth is rare. Show friendship and love, share truth – be “odd”.

There is a definite nip in the air, and we have had some frosty mornings here in Michigan. Our Upper Peninsula even received several inches of snow last week! It

makes me glad that I am not a yupper. The seasons change and time marches on. With Halloween behind us, many major Holidays are coming up fast. Have you a plan for how to show appreciation to the Veterans in your community this Veterans Day? How can you help the less fortunate in your area to have a better Thanksgiving? This is an especially good time of the year to involve yourself in community activities. If you do not have a project started, consider partnering with another group in helping to make the holidays happier for those less fortunate. Volunteers are always appreciated and it is an opportunity to meet new people and find potential new members! Soooooo.....get going and get growing!

The stores have been full of holiday decorations for weeks already. Boxing Day, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa are among the many special events coming up. However you celebrate the season I wish for you joyous Holidays filled with fun, family and friends.

Peace and Blessings of the Season to you all,

Ruthie

Believe in the Magic



Conceive, Believe, Achieve



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



November 2022

Greetings!

The Autumn Season is once again upon us. Our younger Family members, friends and neighbors always look forward to Halloween and I trust it was enjoyable to all. The farmers are in the process of retrieving their crops. Soon it will be time for giving thanks for the harvest. Thanksgiving is a time for reflection. In addition, to thanking our Heavenly Father for the bountiful harvest we must include all other blessings which we received through the year. Think about those joys of life which are often overlooked... Like additions to our Family (newborns, marriages, etc.), new members to our Odd Fellows, good health, promotions, renewal of old friendships, etc. Now is the time to plan and enjoy a celebration with family and friends. However, I must add a word of caution... COVID-19 Delta, etc. is still out there! Be careful, NOT sorry! If YOU are comfortable getting shots to counteract the viruses out there, keep your shots up to date.

The Winter Season is NOT that far away. Think about setting New Year's resolutions. Do NOT just set easy resolutions. Challenging resolutions will be more rewarding. One thing I started in 2022 and plan to continue into 2023, is whenever there is a special occasion, I present a gift to all my immediate family members. Birthdays, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, etc. Yes, I give all my Family member a gift even on everyone's birthday. The gift does NOT need to have great value, just something which says, I am thinking of YOU. Another rewarding resolution would be to let go of old differences with family and old friends. Life is too short to carry differences any farther down the road. The Scrip-

ture's command us to "Love one Another", let's do it! If YOU are uncomfortable in making in-person contact, please call, text and or, e-mail. It does not matter how YOU make contact, just do it. Travel safely carry blankets, candles, food, flash-light, etc. with YOU!

In 2023 there will be two Blue Moons! Do YOU know what makes a Blue Moon and when they will occur? Look for the answers in the next issue. Less than 3% of the Full Moons are a Blue Moons. Which month is least likely to have a Blue Moon and if it happens, how is it possible? Next time YOU see me, give me your answers.

October is perhaps the busiest month for Department Council Sessions. Many dates conflict and that has restricted me from going to some sessions. Just the same, YOU and your Department Council are important! ... Support your Department Council. Do not just go, get involved. Invite members to travel with YOU and get them involved as well. Membership is rapidly becoming an issue. We are all on the membership team, invite the good people in your life to become a member. I suggest YOU get your former LAPM members involved, they are a valuable resource and very capable. If they have yet to participate in the PM activities, give them a word of encouragement and offer a ride.

Thank YOU for your attention!

Chivalrously,

s/ General Earl F. Wys

We Must Pull Together!



MISTY'S Recipe Exchange

Christmas Bread

This delicious **Christmas Bread** is an easy quick bread recipe that is studded with holiday sprinkles, glazed with a delicious vanilla glaze, and then topped off with even more sprinkles. It's the perfect holiday treat everyone can enjoy!



★★★★★
4.95 from 54 votes

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| Prep Time | Cook Time | Total Time |
| 10 mins | 1 hr 10 mins | 1 hr 20 mins |

Course: Dessert Cuisine: American Servings: 1 loaf
Calories: 3586kcal Author: [Rebecca Hubbell](#)

Ingredients

Bread

- ½ cup unsalted butter softened
- 1 cup [granulated sugar](#)
- 2½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs
- ½ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup whole milk
- 1¾ cups [all-purpose flour](#)
- 1 teaspoon [baking powder](#)
- ¼ teaspoon [baking soda](#)
- 1 teaspoon [salt](#)
- ½ teaspoon [ground cinnamon](#)
- ⅔ cup Christmas sprinkles plus more for topping

Icing

- 1¼ cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and spray a 9x5-inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray; set aside.
2. In a large bowl with a hand mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Add in the eggs and vanilla and mix just until combined then mix in the sour cream and milk until incorporated; set aside.
4. In a separate large bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.
5. Add the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients and stir in until just combined and no flour streaks remain.
6. Lastly, fold in the sprinkles but do not overmix them or they could bleed into the batter.
7. Spread into the prepared loaf pan and bake for about 60 to 70 minutes or until a toothpick comes clean from the center and the top is just golden. Remove from the oven and cool in the pan for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
8. Meanwhile, make the glaze by whisking together the powdered sugar, heavy cream, and vanilla. Spread the icing over the cooled bread and smooth out with a rubber spatula.
9. Sprinkle with extra sprinkles if desired then let set then slice and serve.



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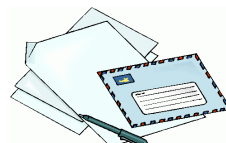
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