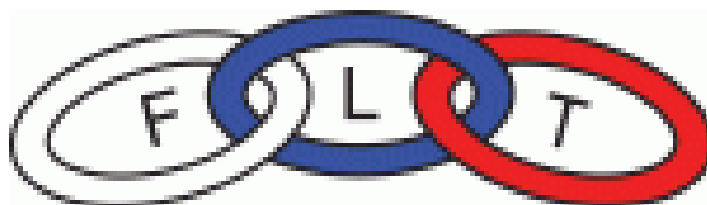


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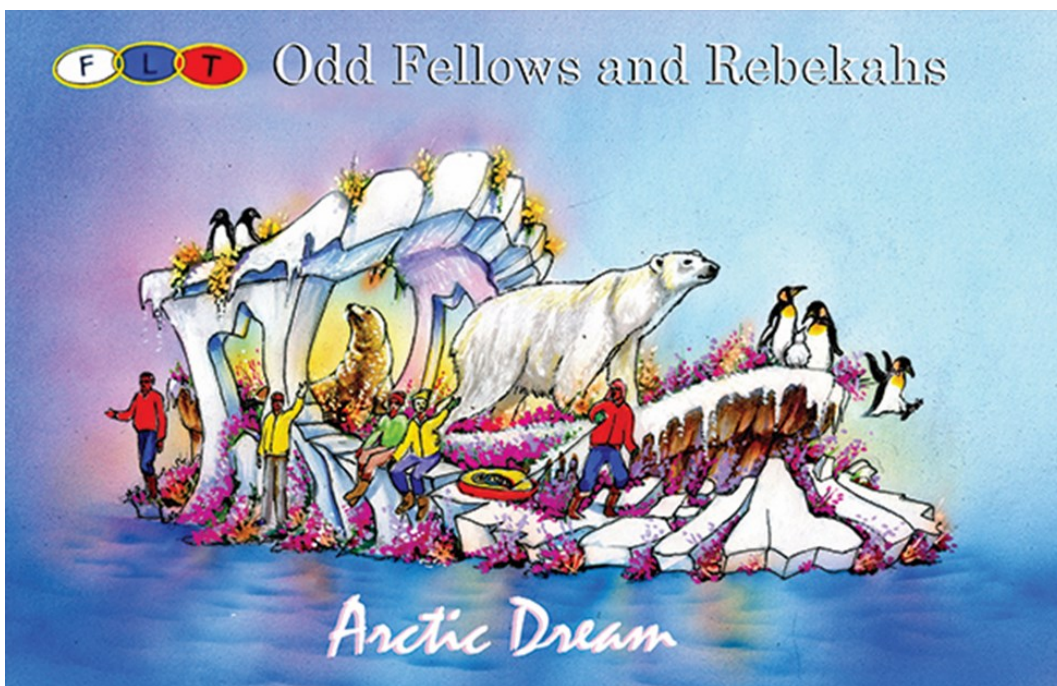
The 'L' represents 'love', the basis for all life's ambitions, service to others and family.

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let's take another look at the Rose parade float and a closer look at our Odd Fellow and Rebekah float.



First thing to tell you is these floats are self-propelled by a 350 engine. The driver sits inside the float with an observer to help navigate the float. On average 1 float takes 70,000 hours to build from start to finish. I can say I personally put over 60 hours of work into our float.

The first couple of hours on December 26 I was cutting Statice flower petals off Statice flowers.



GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER

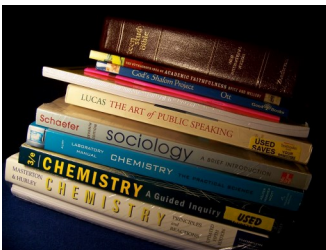


Now is the time to get back to our lodge work. Does your lodge hall need to be spruced up? Now is a good time to consider what needs to be done inside the lodge hall to make it look good so that the members will want to come to lodge meetings and bring in new members.



I hope that everyone has been going to our website (www.ioofwi.org) and checking the raffle calendar for the winner's name and city. There is a list of the winners in this issue of the paper. The final list will be in the March paper.

February is Educational Foundation Month. Why not have a collection at your meetings to go to the Educational Foundation? We lend money to students so that they can achieve a secondary education. If you need information on the Educational Foundation, please contact the Grand Lodge office and we will get the information out to you. If you want to keep the money for use for our Grand Lodge Scholarships, donate to Grand Lodge of WI and put in the memo area that it is for our Scholarship Fund. We have received the necessary information for two of our Scholarship winners from



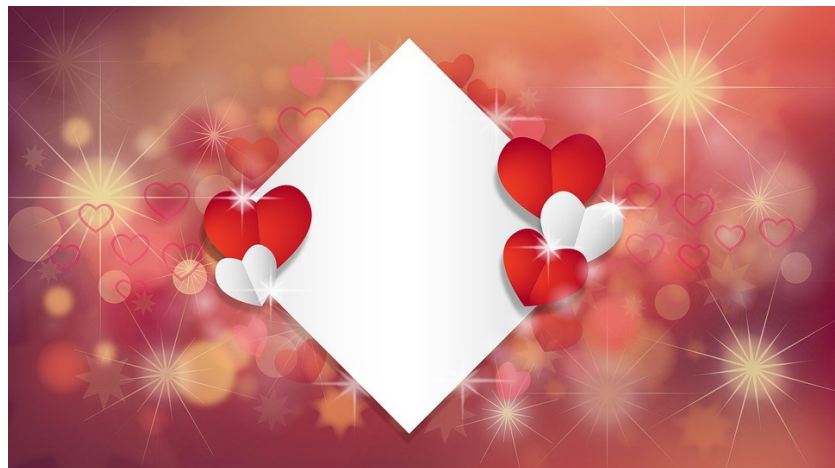
2021. They are Emily Cody of Mineral Point and Brooklyn VanNatta of Lancaster.

If your lodge has taken in new members for 2021 and haven't reported them to Grand Lodge, please do so soon. Also remember to report all new members to an Encampment, Canton, or Rebekah Lodge.

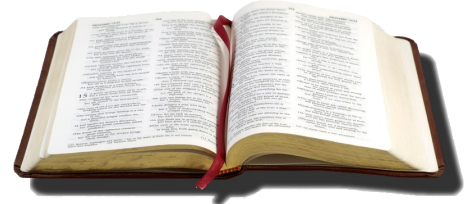
Lodge secretaries, please make sure that you return the Representative credentials so that we can get the credentials ready for our Grand Lodge Session in June. Remember you elect your Representatives at the same time as you elect your lodge officers. Also, if you have a change in your representatives after the credentials are turned in, please let the office know so that we can make new credentials out for the new representative. If I don't have credentials for people, I can't allow them to be your representative per the code of General Laws. June will be here before we know it.



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



GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER



Welcome to the New Year!

Have you made your New Year's resolutions, or are you making excuses? With the pressures of today, we could all use a change of scenery. Settle back and let me take you on a trip.

Last year, I was fortunate enough to see the Painted Desert. Words fail to convey how stunning and impressive it is, I felt as though I had been transported into an old western movie. A stagecoach was carrying its riders to new beginnings. The passengers were riding contentedly as they left behind their problems. What a freeing sensation!

Have you ever noticed how the wheels of a moving vehicle seem to be spinning backwards in a film? It's distracting – like dwelling on mistakes from our past. Unlike the stagecoach's spokes, our dwelling on the past regrets only stops us from enjoying the beauty of the present.

We live in a fast-paced society. Ghandi once said, "There is more to life than increasing its speed." He was on the right track! We need to slow down.

We tend to only react to speed and stress-related problems that demand our time, money and attention. Some of us respond to these pressures by shutting down and hiding behind our failures. Some blame others for their lack of progress. And then there are those who simply profess, "I can't change!" Those, who confess that, fail to consider the God-factor. God can do anything. Just let Him!

God wants His best for you, but He won't force His Will on you. You must believe that He can and that He will change you. God's answer to all of our personal problems is Himself. We must turn from our sinful tendencies and trust God to give us the strength for permanent change. In Lamentations 3:40 God said, "Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord."

Believe that you are forgiven by God whether others cling to grudges against you or not. Forgive yourself. Don't give up on you!

In order for change to happen, we must reflect upon the real meaning and purpose of life, which is that we are forgiven for our transgressions. Then, as we truly forgive ourselves and realize that God created everything—even us—a change can happen.

Let's follow David's example in Psalm 51:10 when he cried out, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Then as we humble ourselves to God's Will, life for us will begin anew.

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FLORENCE PLAGEMANN
Jurisdictional Lodge #500
Formerly Horicon Lodge #87
9/2/2021

CARL BENDER, PG
PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN

Mississippi Valley #86, Lancaster
50 yr. member
1/21/2022

MARIE EDBERG, PPRA
Betty Rebekah Lodge #212, Menasha
52 yr. member
12/26/2021

Coming events

FEBRUARY -Educational Foundation Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for March
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 25 Executive Meeting, 5:30 PM dinner,
Comfort Suites, Green Bay
- 26 Home Association Meeting, 8 AM,
Comfort Suites, Green Bay

APRIL – Living Legacy Month

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

MARCH – Arthritis Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for April
The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins,
Spring forward!
- 15 Deadline for all paperwork for
delegates to Pilgrimage for Youth
and 2nd ½ fee
- 20 Spring Begins
- 23 Anniversary of the birth of Schuyler
Colfax, author of the Rebekah Degree

MAY – Visual Research Month

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

This year, board God's stagecoach of change. Let God be the stagecoach driver of your life and watch with amazement the beautiful places He will take you.

Those beautiful places are the changes He will create in you. Then thank Him for the miracles of trust, faith and change.

Chaplain's Prayer: *Father God, You created the greatest change-maker of all time – man! Yet how often we get stuck in the rut of our failures. Help us to lean on You for the changes needed in our lives with the great faith of a young child. Thank You, Father, for the confidence You have in us. You elevated us to become stewards of Your world – to believe in it, to appreciate it and to care for it.*

We are part of Your world. Help us to have the same level of care and belief in our ability to change as You have faith in us. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

**Always Ask Above (AAA),
Wade Register,
Grand Chaplain**





Odd Fellow *Rebekah*

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Odd Fellow Home

Odd Fellow Home
Tel. (920) 437-6523

Friendship Place

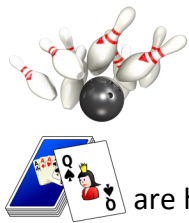
Friendship Place
Tel. (920) 593-7015

Rebekah Haven

Rebekah Haven
Tel. (920) 435-4810

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT

With the New Year I have been trying to move programs around on the activity calendar as well as adding some different programs to the rotation. I feel that even though the residents like a routine it is good to change things up once in a while, making it new and different. A way to break up the monotony. We have added a creative writing program which will be scheduled once a month and will rotate with expressive art and crafts. We added



XaviX bowling (similar to Wii Bowling) which rotates with active games which can include (indoor) lawn games, parachute, or a simple exercise. We added more table games, card club and board games. We continue with our News Currents program, word games, trivia, reminiscing and puzzle of the day. Some programs that we

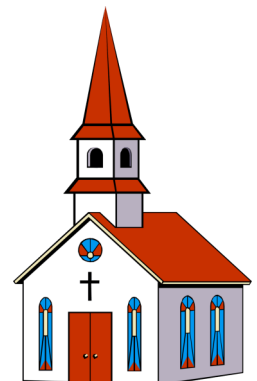


are hoping to add back to the calendar soon would be a baking group and our lunch bunch (where we make something special or order in). Hopefully we are reaching a wide variety of interests with our activity calendar. We have been in "Outbreak" status off and on for quite some time which means at times keeping the wings separate. This makes it a little more of a challenge, being sure to reach residents on both wings, so both wings can enjoy the scheduled activities for the day. We have learned to be a little more creative in how we do this.

From the community, we have started scheduling our monthly Church services with Father Brian for Catholic Mass and Pastor Rebecca for our Protestant Service. Pastor David Gallagher from Jacob's Well comes in monthly and provides Christian music until their volunteer groups can start coming back for their Sunday service with the residents. Entertainers are back on the calendar with scheduled music each month. We continue to monitor COVID numbers and we still may have to cancel some of these community volunteers/entertainers if we are in "Outbreak" status. We are grateful that these volunteers/entertainers have been so understanding throughout the pandemic. We are hoping to get our Art Class with Tonya back on the schedule as well as Rachel and her dog Lucy for pet visits on a regular basis soon.

Here's hoping that we can get back to a more "normal" routine in 2022!!

Cindy Czechanski,
Activity Director



NEWS FROM THE CEO AND ADMINISTRATOR

I sent an article out once before, a very long time ago about being prepared for winter conditions. I think it is worth doing again this time of the year. According to the news I listen to, we are living with record breaking cold and windy conditions. So, I am sending this to remind you to be careful, be aware of your surroundings, and let someone know where you are going and about when you will be back.



Blizzards, ice storms, Nor'easters and freezing cold – winter is here and, it can be a killer! The winter season has a huge impact on travel, schools, and most importantly, your health. People get trapped in their cars, in their homes, at work, and outdoors. Don't let this happen to you. The National Weather Service sends us "winter safety" each year to remind us how dangerous the months ahead can be. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe this winter:



Know your risk

Check the forecast before you leave the house. Familiarize yourself with winter watches, warnings, and advisories so you know what to do when one is issued in your area. A few inches of snow can leave you stranded or trapped at home for days. Frostbite may develop on exposed skin in minutes when the temperature dips below freezing and when you add wind – even quicker. Know the symptoms of hypothermia and get help if you are suspicious of having them.



Take Action

Make sure you have an emergency supply kit in your home and in your vehicle. If possible, avoid leaving home in hazardous weather. If you must leave, make sure you are dressed for the elements and that your phone is fully charged. Wear loose warm clothes in layers and have food, water, and a blanket in your car that is easily accessible. It can be very dangerous to leave your vehicle to open the trunk for a blanket – keep it on the back seat! Remember, your pets are cold also. Keep them in a warm place.

Be prepared to be home!

Have a supply of necessary items in the event you cannot leave your home safely.



Food, water, blankets, flashlights, etc. are all important but be sure to keep your eye on your medication and try not to get down to a single dose left before you refill.



Be a Force of Nature

Set an example and others will follow. Call friends, family, and neighbors to alert them and then to check on them. Offer assistance where you can, especially to the elderly who are particularly vulnerable

Winter weather can be deadly but with a few short steps you can stay safe! I am sending you a chart of symptoms and tips for cold weather hazards. Remember, we love you, we need you, and we want you safe and healthy!

MEDICAL CONDITION	SYMPTOMS	CAUSES	SAFETY TIPS
Hypothermia 	*Shivering *Confusion *Memory loss *Slurred speech *Drowsiness	Body temperature that is too low (below 95 degrees)	*If body temp is below 95 degrees seek immediate medical attention *Move into a warm room *remove wet clothes *Warm the center of your body first
Frostbite 	*redness or pain *white or grayish yellow skin *numbness	Freezing of body parts exposed to cold	*move to a warm room *do not walk or use frostbitten body parts *warm the area by submerging in warm water *do not massage, use heating pads, lamps, stoves, or fires to warm the area.

The State of Wisconsin has a very good winter weather toolkit with many helpful suggestions for your safety. I encourage you to locate it and read it. It can be found at; <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/climate>

Stay warm and be safe!

With our affection,
 Char and Cody



General Proclamation

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of Wisconsin of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

I, Jeffery M Jones, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

That all Odd Fellow Lodges shall drape their charter for the term of 30 days for the passing of Past Grand Chaplain Carl Bender, who passed away peacefully on January 21st, 2022. He held an appointed position as District Deputy Grand Master for 13 years. Carl was a board member of the Heartside Apartments, owned by the Odd Fellows, in Platteville since the building was built, serving as secretary/treasurer until he was unable to continue in the fall of 2021. His bookkeeping was always neat and accurate. He kept it simple so anyone could easily understand them. Carl was a member of Mississippi Valley #86 for 50 years. I, like a lot of you brothers and sisters, will miss Carl Bender.

Yours in F, L, T,

Jeffery Jones

Grand Master

Grand Lodge of WI

Then I went to gluing on Sweet pepper seeds and Brown Flax seeds to the back, left side and front on our float rock structure areas this took me 2 full days.



You have to catch all the loose seeds and not waste any of the items you are using on your float. Even though I saw a lot of large trash cans full of seeds and other items. Which was used by all the floats in the building.



The icicles on the sides and front under the polar bear and penguins are white mum tops.



The rest of the ice on our float was fine ground rice.



The Polar bear is covered with Pompous grass. Even if you were not the one working on the polar bear you still had pompous grass on you it went all over the place.

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The penguins black backs were sheets of seaweed. The orange and yellow on their necks was corn flower petals.



The sled was orange and yellow corn flower petals. The three links inside the sled were white dry beans, blueberries, and Cranberries.



The Odd Fellow and Rebekah sign was fine ground rice for the white parts and orange lentils for the letters. Placed on one at a time by tweezers in straight rows.



I ask you what other project can you work on with the Sovereign Grand Master, International Association of Rebekah Assembly President, International Association of Ladies Auxillary Patriarch Militant President and Past President. Along with other Past Sovereign Grand Masters. Their Families and other Jurisdiction officers.

Who can work on this float? It is open to anyone that can make it out there. Yes, you have the expense of traveling there and hotel room, but this you can split with others. One meal a day is provided by the local Odd Fellow or Rebekah lodges of California. I enjoyed some excellent tacos from the San Bernadino lodge. You do not need to be able to climb up on the float. There are jobs where you can sit at a table and work.

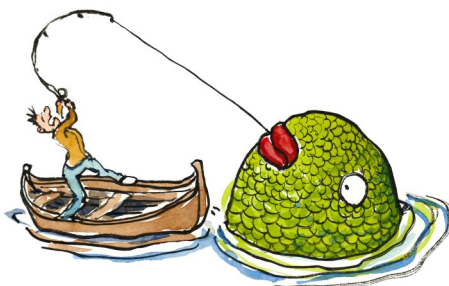
As shown by my wife, Phyllis, who worked at a table cutting flower petals off flowers and sifting flour.



This was a fun and great time for me. Something that I have wanted to do for a long time. I hope all members get a chance to do this at least once in their lifetime. If you have any questions, please ask me and I will give you your answer about this great project.

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

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





LODGE HAPPENINGS



Jeff Jones, Grand Master of Wisconsin, welcomed David Bartikofsky who was initiated on 1/22/2022 into the Green Bay Lodge #19.



Mineral Point Iowa Lodge #1, recently held a Share Night with the Dodgeville Culver's. We greeted people, held doors for employees and shared the purpose of our organization with the customers. Culver's shared 10% of their days profit with us. We received a \$700 check to help us do our community work.

RAFFLE WINNERS

- 12/17/2021 – B. Judd, Dodgeville, WI - \$50.00
 12/18/2021 – C. Bossert, Mineral Point, WI - \$50.00
 12/19/2021 – L. Parker, Janesville, WI - \$100.00
 12/20/2021 – J. & C. Ingebritsen, Lancaster, WI - \$50.00
 12/21/2021 – S. McWatters, Albuquerque, NM - \$50.00
 12/22/2021 – C. Lusk, Springfield, OH - \$50.00
 12/23/2021 – T. Adams, Green Bay, WI - \$50.00
 12/24/2021 – L. Bolton, Danville, WV - \$50.00
 12/25/2021 – M. Cohoon, Marshall, WI - \$250.00
 12/26/2021 – R. Proulx, Green Bay, WI - \$100.00
 12/27/2021 – E. Brackett, Mt. Pleasant, MI - \$50.00
 12/28/2021 – A. Ludlum, Mineral Point, WI - \$50.00
 12/29/2021 – A. & J. Bruce, Poplar Grove, IL - \$50.00
 12/30/2021 – R. Palzkill, Mineral Point, WI - \$50.00
 12/31/2021 – B. Blackbourn, Shullsburg, WI - \$50.00
 1/1/2022 – M. Heins, Mineral Point, WI - \$50.00
 1/2/2022 – B. Judd, Dodgeville, WI - \$100.00
 1/3/2022 – D. Pittman, Canon City, CO - \$50.00
 1/4/2022 – R. Coughlin, Dodgeville, WI - \$50.00
 1/5/2022 – J. Kornowski, Green Bay, WI - \$50.00
 1/6/2022 – S. Gierke, Shullsburg, WI - \$50.00
 1/7/2022 – S. Wooten, Tuckerton, NJ - \$50.00
 1/8/2022 – D. Schmitz, Mineral Point, WI - \$50.00
 1/9/2022 – B. Prock, LaGrange, CA - \$100.00
 1/10/2022 – J. Reilly, Shullsburg, WI - \$50.00
 1/11/2022 – D. Cenite, Mineral Point, WI - \$50.00
 1/12/2022 – H. Curfman, Fisher, IL - \$50.00
 1/13/2022 – J. Schnoebelen, Elm Park, IL - \$50.00
 1/14/2022 – Y. Veliz, Hempstead, NY - \$50.00
 1/15/2022 – J. Smith, Mayville, MI - \$250.00
 1/16/2022 – J. Fletcher, Mineral Point, WI - \$100.00
 1/17/2022 – J. Tews, Menasha, WI - \$50.00
 1/18/2022 – T. Froseth, Green Bay, WI - \$50.00
 1/19/2022 – T. Meikle, Madison, WI - \$50.00



Congratulations!

MISTY'S Recipe Exchange



Easy Tomato Soup Recipe

★★★★★

This easy tomato soup is the perfect quick and easy lunch or dinner. To make it, you just need one can of tomatoes, a handful of pantry staples, and less than half

an hour.

Course	Dinner, Lunch
Cuisine	American
Prep Time	5 minutes
Cook Time	22 minutes
Total Time	27 minutes
Servings	1 to 2 servings
Calories	239kcal
Author	Tracy

Ingredients

Special Equipment

- [Immersion blender](#) OR
- [Countertop blender](#)

Tomato Soup for Two

- 1 tablespoon (14g) butter
- ½ cup diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- Pinch of red pepper flakes optional
- 1 14-ounce can tomatoes whole, cubed, or crushed
- ¾ cup chicken broth or water
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- Salt and pepper

Instructions

1. In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions and cook until softened, 5 to 7 minutes.
2. Add garlic and red pepper and cook for 30 seconds.
3. Add tomatoes. If using whole tomatoes, crush with a spoon and simmer for 10 minutes to soften. If using diced tomatoes, simmer for 5 minutes. If using crushed tomatoes, continue to next step.
4. Add broth. Bring to a simmer, and cook for 15 minutes. Remove from heat.
5. If using an immersion blender, blend soup until mostly smooth. You may need to tilt the pot for the blender to work effectively. If using a countertop blender, cool the soup for 10 minutes before transferring it to the blender and blend until smooth or mostly smooth. If soup is too thick, you can blend in a little more broth or water. Return to saucepan.
6. Stir in cream and salt and pepper to taste. Reheat over medium heat if necessary and enjoy!

Notes

Approximate nutritional information is for two servings.

Nutrition

Calories: 239kcal

LET'S SHARE RECIPES!

ANYONE WISHING TO SHARE A RECIPE PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THE RECIPE AND A PICTURE TO
TERESA AT
grandlodge@ioofwi.org



Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



January 2022

Happy New Year my Brothers and Sisters:

Another year has come and gone. Seems as though we were just in Cincinnati, Ohio at the International Sessions. Our travels have been good, it was a wonderful time for all at Lady Margaret's testimonial in Buffalo. Unfortunately, the virus is still a big part of all our lives, and this has slowed down our travels a little. Seems like the past month the virus has gotten a little worse and I hope everyone has stayed safe and healthy during the holiday season. I know that several lodges have stayed dark during the pandemic, and we completely understand, but as soon as it feels safe, I hope that you get back to in person meetings. Remember to stay in touch with your shut ins and help out any way you can. Make sure your lodge gets all reports in on time, going dark will not allow you to be late on reports. I would like to welcome our newest member to the office staff, Brother Chris Emmons, a member from WV who has relocated to Winston-Salem to assume the duties of shipping and receiving clerk. He is doing an excellent job at getting orders out. If you have any questions about orders that have been placed previously and have not received them, please give him a call in The SGL office as some orders from the past have fallen through the cracks. The Executive Board and the Sub-Committee on Finance are working very hard to move the excess funds of The SGL into a better investment to increase our returns. If you have any Legislation for next year's session, please try and get it in as soon as possible so the committee can get started on it and have plenty of time to review and return to you if corrections are needed.

My main project for the year is the Pilgrimage for Youth. I support this program fully because the young men and women are the future of our society and our Order. I would like to ask that each lodge donate \$1 per member from your lodge, this will go a long way to help make sure this program is able to continue. We are leaving today to go to California to work on the Tournament of Roses Parade float. This is such an honor to get to ride this float in the parade and represent all my Brothers and Sisters in the wonderful Order and it is so great that we get all the exposure for our Order. I look forward to seeing most of you in the spring if travels allow, Please let me know if we can do anything to help you in any way, we are just a phone call away.

Fraternally,

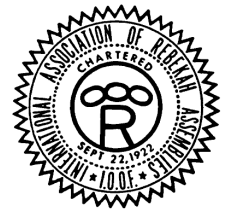
**/s/ Chuck Lusk
Sovereign Grand Master**



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



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



January 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am writing this the week before Christmas. The lights are bright, the parties festive and in spite of the ever-changing pandemic people have high spirits and seem to be looking to the future with glad hearts and optimism. My town, and I suspect yours as well, looks like a scene from a Hallmark movie with people greeting each other with a smile in place of a hug that could prove to be dangerous. I love this time of year and find that it is the season of elevated spirits. High spirits are what I want to talk about as we dive into the depths of winter. As I traveled extensively this past fall, I found that I was consistently speaking to the spirit of the work of our Order and I found that it was satisfying, and I hope inspirational. In many ways we approach our participation in the Order with uplifted hearts and spirits and it reminds me of the holiday season, the season of hope. I am sure you know what I am talking about. Here is an example. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are gathered in the lobby of the host hotel and someone comes through the door. Everyone there looks eagerly to the door to see who it is, hoping it is someone attending the session, perhaps a treasured friend. Both the newcomer and those gathered together are in high spirits and words of welcome are offered with a smile and gestures of affection shine through, a bit like a Hallmark movie. (I am in Hallmark overload, as you can surmise.) I have so many vignettes of these scenes held in my heart. And those feelings, those high spirits continue as we all do the work of the session. Of course, it is not always harmonious as problems and differences of opinion crop up, but I do believe that by the departure time, all has been set right and we are truly sorry to bid each other farewell. Our projects are always presented in a manner that demonstrates the spirit of

our Order, to elevate the character of men and women. This is not a light task and it speaks to the spirit of who we are and those we work with. We must touch others' spirit and we do that through approaching life with friendship, love and truth. Those three words light up our Order like a Christmas tree and can bring so much warmth and good to others. I am dedicating this message to someone who brought the light and love of this Order to me. Connie Miller was very dear to me. When I came through the door of the host hotel, I was likely searching the faces there to find her. We became family to each other over the years, knowing each other's patterns and looking to find time together. Several years ago, at Past Sovereign Grand Master Doug Pittman's testimonial, we had the chance to attend the Coffin Races in Manitou Springs, CO. It was possibly the most fun I have ever had with anyone in my life. Now that Connie is gone, I hold that memory of her all the more dear, keeping her safe in my heart. Connie Miller enriched my life. She raised my spirits and I will love her forever.

Fraternally,

**Kathy Richen
President I.A.R.A**



Proclamations

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Schuyler Colfax Day Proclamation

To all Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851, and the degree was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America. Whereas, the Rebekah Degree provides woman’s softening touch to Odd Fellowship, as founded upon the principles of the Order – faithfulness, hospitality, purity and dedication as portrayed by women of the Bible. Whereas, because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe. Therefore, I, Charles E. Lusk, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim, That the 23rd day of March 2022 be: Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax. Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Schuyler Colfax by initiating a ‘Colfax Class’ in honor of the celebration. Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this the 1st day of January 2022, and in the 203rd year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Charles E. Lusk Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett Sovereign Grand Secretary



Arthritis Month Proclamation

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by arthritis. I along with the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Advisory Board, in turn, are proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years. At these annual meetings we meet an enlarged family and community of arthritis chapter volunteers who become our friends and co-volunteers in a cause that makes you and me proud of our efforts in helping our fellow man. Now, therefore, I, Charles E. Lusk, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim, That the month of March be proclaimed Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada. All monies raised should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretaries to be forwarded to the Arthritis Chapter in your Province or State. Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of January 2022 and of our Order the 203rd year.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Charles E. Lusk

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