

Wisconsin ODD FELLOW

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Happy
Valentine's
Day



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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February is here. All term reports have been turned in, and officers installed.

The installed Noble Grands of all lodges are now leading the meetings. Installed Recording Secretaries are keeping the minutes of the meetings. Treasurers are keeping accurate records of all transactions.

All members if your lodge asked for special dispensation for changing the time, day of the week, or week of the month that your lodge meets realize this is only temporary, and not a permanent change. The dispensation is only good until the end of the term in which the dispensation is given. You need to make sure your lodge by laws match when you are meeting (time, day of the week,



week of the month). If you are unsure pullout your lodges by-laws and check them. If your lodge has misplaced your by-laws, and cannot find them. Contact Grand lodge to see what your lodge by-laws state. Now is the time to take care of this important item. You need to read the changes to the by-laws at two meetings, and then at the third meeting read the by-law changes and you need to have a 2/3 vote for the changes to pass. Then send the changes to Grand Lodge to make the change official. Otherwise, your meetings are to go back to what your by-laws state as meeting time, day of the week, week of the month. This can cause problems with quorum if you were

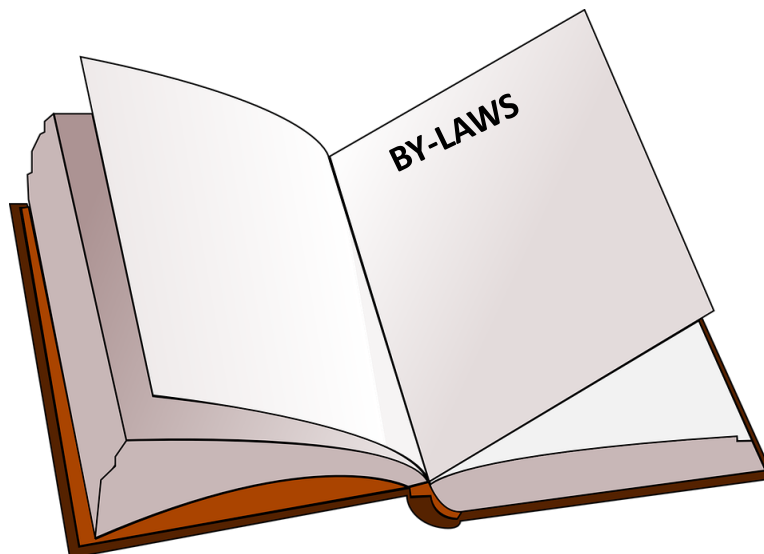
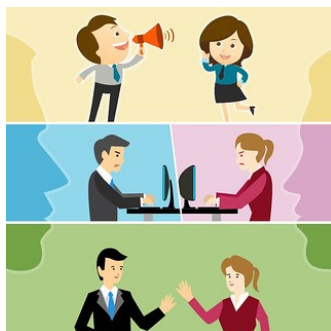


to go back to your old meeting schedule.

While you are at it, check to make sure there are no other changes to be made to your Lodges by-laws. Is the amount charged for dues correctly stated? Are your by-laws so old that it lists an address of your previous building and not the new address you meet at. I know none of us look forward to doing this job. If you need help with this please contact Grand Lodge we will gladly help you with this.

Until my next **Communication**.

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



GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER



Happy Valentine Day!



It is 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 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? The Educational Foundation lends money to students so that they can achieve a secondary education and gives out scholarships. 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 of our Grand Lodge Scholarships, donate to Grand Lodge of WI and put in the memo area that it is for our Scholarship Fund.



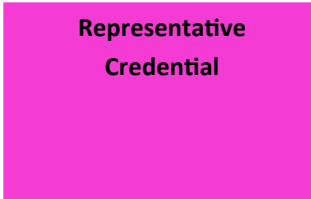
We have received the necessary information for three of our Scholarship winners from 2023. They are Krista Anderson from Green Bay who won the \$1,000 Grand Master Scholarship; Evelyn Mrizek from Beloit who won a \$500 Grand Lodge Scholarship; and Ella Woodworth from Shullsburg who won a \$500 Grand Lodge Scholarship. We are still waiting for one more student to send in their required information to receive the \$500 Rebekah State scholarship.



If your lodge has taken in new members for 2023 and hasn't reported them to Grand Lodge, please do so soon. Please remember that we need the sponsor's name and the members date of birth, date of initiation, address, telephone number and email address if they have one. 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**

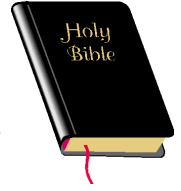


GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." (Leviticus 19:18)

Dear friends in Odd Fellowship,

It is February and love is all around us. The stores are filled with hearts and cards to express our love to others. What does the Bible tell us about love?



Wow, that is a lot to get done. It is easy to love God with all of my soul and mind. God has always provided me with what I need and made it easy for me to keep my faith in Him. He makes it easy to love Him and live a life that He wants for all of us.



And then he throws at us that "I must love my neighbors as myself"! My neighbors are easy to love. They are kind, caring, rule following people. I like being around my neighbors. We enjoy doing things together for fun and for the betterment of our community. But I do not think that God meant I should love just my next-door neighbors. He really means that I should love all people as much as I love myself.

It is easy to love the people who do the right things that God has asked us to do. They make the world a better place. But not everyone falls into that category. The world has many people that cause problems for those who wish to live in a peace-loving world.

The task of loving God is easy but loving others as yourself, sometimes is hard to do. We must find a way to love all people. When I was struggling with the loving some people that crossed my path, I found an article that said that you can love someone for being one of god's children, but you do not have to love what they have done or doing. In other words, love them but do not walk along side of them. The Bible says that we should pray for our enemies. Just maybe we need to pray for those who we find hard to love. And those prayers might make the world a better place, one person at a time.



God's call us to love others, seems rather risky. We're to put others ahead of ourselves, love people we don't like (or don't even know), and share our resources generously. It's a love that forces us to grow — we can't love like Jesus did without our hearts changing. Lord, help us to love people as you love them.

So, my friends, let's make it our mission to pray for those who are hard to love, continue to pray for those we love and for sure keep our faith in God.

Let us Pray.

Loving Father, teach us to love one another as you want us too. Give us the patience to be accepting of others that we feel do not fit in. Thank you for always being there for us even in the darkest time. It is through You that we find peace and happiness to love ourselves and pass that love onto others.

Amen

Have a great month, please love yourself and each other.

Blessing through our Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Chris Heins



COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY – Educational Foundation Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for March The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 2 Executive Committee Meeting, Comfort Suites, Green Bay, 5:30 PM dinner
Ground Hog Day
- 3 Home Association Meeting, Green Bay, 8 AM
- 9-10 Pilgrimage to Honor all Unknowns of the Civil War, Beauvoir Manor Cemetery, MS
- 9-26 Grand Secretary out of office – Vacation
- 14 Valentine’s Day
- 19 President’s Day



MARCH – Arthritis Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for April The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 12 Daylight Saving Time begins! Spring ahead
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 19 Spring begins
- 23 Anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Rebekah Degree
- 31 Easter



APRIL – Living Legacy Month

- 1 Deadline for article for May The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 16 Grand Trustees’ Meeting, Madison, WI
- 20 Odd Fellow & Rebekah Board meeting – 10 AM at the Museum in Mineral Point



LODGE HAPPENINGS



On December 18, 2023 Steve Niles, Noble Grand of Baraboo Lodge No. 51 presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the Sauk County Human Services Department to help them assist families in need over the holidays.

WooHoo!!



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Rebekah
 Home Association Inc
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Odd Fellow Home

Odd Fellow Home
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Friendship Place

Friendship Place
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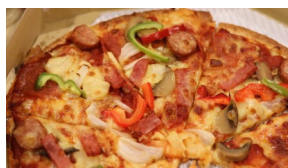
Rebekah Haven

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NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT

Happy February!

There are so many things going on in this short little month. However, it is Leap Year so we are extending the month by one Day! It is Black History Month, American Heart Month, and of course we all think of Love with Valentine's Day. Other special dates include Groundhog Day, Super Bowl LVIII, Mardi Gras or Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday, Presidents' Day, and Leap Year Day.



There are other special days to celebrate as well. The first Friday is Wear Red Day (Women's Heart Week). We encourage all to wear red for American Heart Month. Friday 2/9 is National Pizza Day. We will be ordering Pizza by the slice that we will sell to staff and residents can sign up for a Pizza Lunch



Bunch. Tuesday 2/13 is Mardi Gras or International Pancake Day. So, we will be having a Pancake Breakfast Club that residents can sign up for and a Mardi Gras Happy Hour in the afternoon. This year Valentines Day falls on Wednesday 2/14 which is also Ash Wednesday. Monday 2/19 is Presidents' Day and we will be wearing Red, White & Blue. Monday 2/26 is Levi Strauss Day so we will be wearing our Blue Jeans that day. February is National Cherry



Month and we will be making Cherry Turnovers for our baking Group. Because it is American Heart Month we will be adding opportunities for residents and staff to get more walking and exercise in.



During the month we will be having musical entertainment by Fernando and Daniel Lovett. There will be the monthly Art Class with Tonya. We have a new pet visit Birdie will be bringing in Honey to visit on Mondays at 1:30. Jacob's Well Church has recently started up the Sunday Worship service again and are here most Sundays for a 4:00 Service (Check calendars for schedule). It is a Blessing to have this church and their volunteers back.

Enjoy your February and remember, next month is spring!

Cindy Czechanski,
 Activity Director



NEWS FROM THE CEO

Hello Brothers & Sisters!

The cold air is bustling here at the Home Association!

While we are still in the throes of winter, we have made it through the darkest six weeks of the season and we can begin to look forward to brighter days, literally and figuratively!

Our campus is working on a mini-facelift with some fresh paint. We continue to look toward to our future and how freshening up areas will re-energize our team towards it.

Our staff and residents are taking heart health seriously this month as we participate in a Steps Challenge. We are excited to see everyone getting involved! Please peek at our Facebook page throughout the month to see the weekly leaderboard and their fun prizes. It is also a great way for you to see the fun things happening throughout the days on campus!

On a personal level, this month we celebrate the 2nd birthday of our sweet girl, Everleigh. She is the catalyst that started the journey of my return to OFRHA, for which I have been blessed to be a part of.

Thank you to all that assisted us this holiday season in giving our residents a joyous time. Your greeting cards and visits were truly appreciated and brightened our residents' hearts!

Blessings,

Dan-a



Raffle Winners



12/26/2023 \$50 G. Tucker, Columbus, WI

12/27/2023 \$50 V. Werner, Ray, MI

12/28/2023 \$50 G. Engel, South Elgin, IL

12/29/2023 \$50 D. Potratz, Greenfield, WI

12/30/2023 \$50 B. Lange, Hillsboro, WI

12/31/2023 \$100 T. Wenger, Sauk City, WI

1/1/2024 \$50 G. S. Bonsall, Westland, MI

1/2/2024 \$50 D. Goninen, Mineral Point, WI

1/3/2024 \$50 E. Albice, Oakdale, CA

1/4/2024 \$50 S. Larson, Fall River, WI

1/5/2024 \$50 J. Whitish, Hollandale, WI

1/6/2024 \$50 P. Cuminale, Claymont, DE

1/7/2024 \$100 L. Delony, Buckley, WA

1/8/2024 \$50 J. Keogh, Fort Atkinson, WI

1/9/2024 \$50 J. Reilly, Shullsburg, WI

1/10/2024 \$50 C. Kirch, Sauk City, WI

1/11/2024 \$50 M. Westra, Plymouth, MI

1/12/2024 \$50 D. James, Janesville, WI

1/13/2024 \$50 D. Quade, Janesville, WI

1/14/2024 \$100 B. Juedes, Mineral Point, WI

1/15/2024 \$250 T. Coogan, Mineral Point, WI

1/16/2024 \$50 M. Kuehl, Madison, WI

1/17/2024 \$50 M. Yingling, Yorkville, IL

1/18/2024 \$50 D. Schmiegel, Davis, CA

1/19/2024 \$50 S. Schell, LaValle, WI

1/20/2024 \$50 R. May, Mineral Point, WI

1/21/2024 \$100 D. Wedel, Columbus, WI

1/22/2024 \$50 T. Adams, Green Bay, WI

Museum Meanderings

Did you know that our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum sits on a rather large lot in Mineral Point. In 1954 the Grand lodge of Wisconsin purchased the lots to the south to be used as a park for Odd Fellows to enjoy free time. That land did not directly connect to the main lodge hall. In 1955 the Grand Lodge purchased a small cottage right next to the museum which allowed the connecting of the two pieces of land already owned.

That sweet little cottage housed for many years, the caretakers of the museum. The caretakers kept the lawn mowed, sidewalks cleared of snow, cleaned the museum on a regular basis and kept hours that the museum would be open for visitors. I can only recall 3 caretakers during my lifetime. A Mr. Cushman did the duty for many years. My grandmother, Mabel Lindauer, took over for Mr. Cushman in about 1962 and lovingly cared for our museum with the help of her grandchildren until 1981. Virginia McConnell finished off the task from 1981-2006.

It was a lovely home for one person and it was a great asset for the museum to have a fulltime caretaker. Over the next few years, it became more difficult to find someone to fill the position and the cottage slowly became in need of much repair.

So, the board decided to hire the lawn mowing. Much of the maintenance and care of the museum became a task that Past Grand Master Tom Heins took under his wing. He fixed what needed to be fixed, shoveled the snow and tended to the needs of the little cottage. Tom, along with Jim Heisner and Joel Gosse make themselves available by reservation to open the museum for those who wish to visit.

Now, back to that sweet little cottage that for many years I called grandma's house. This past fall, the Grand Lodge at the direction of the Museum Board decided to remove the cottage from the grounds. It had much rotting and was in need of much work. It would have been a great expense to bring the cottage back to a livable condition. Yes, it would be nice to have a full-time caretaker, but it would not have been a cost-efficient decision for our museum.

So, the little cottage is no longer, we will have a lovely lawn come spring on the east side of the museum, making the park a bit larger. As for a caretaker, we as a board may be asking for more help to maintain the building and keep our museum in its best repair and condition. It was important to many Odd Fellows way back in 1926 to preserve our past. It is now our job to keep and preserve that past, ready for all to visit. See you next month!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship reintroduces classic symbols of Odd Fellowship

Tuscola, Illinois - January 15, 2024 - Noted author and scholar John Michael Greer's new book *The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship* draws on two hundred-plus years of symbolism to explain and illustrate the concepts and beliefs of Odd Fellowship. The book is the third title published by the Heart In Hand Institute, publishers of the widely-acclaimed *Odd Fellows' Primer* and *DDGM Guide*.

Originally written in 1998, *The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship* is a book intended to bring the rich history of instructional symbolism in Odd Fellowship into a new era to be appreciated by contemporary members and non-members alike. From its roots in the 17th Century, Odd Fellowship has used symbols to teach the important concepts of the Order. *The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship* brings that tradition forward to the 21st Century with dazzling new illustrations of the emblems by well-known Odd Fellows artist Ainslie Heilich who provided artwork for the acclaimed *Odd Fellows' Primer*.

An accomplished author and researcher, John Michael Greer has written over seventy published works, including *The New Encyclopedia Of The Occult* and *Inside A Magical Lodge: Group Ritual In The Western Tradition*. His experience in Odd Fellowship includes serving as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington in 2001.

With its third title, *The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship*, the Heart In Hand Institute picks up where the great Odd Fellows literature of the past like Ford, Grosch, and Bristol left off. Their initial publication, *The Odd Fellows' Primer*, was released with great success in 2021 and has since sold several thousand copies, leading to a revival of knowledge in Odd Fellowship throughout the Order. Their second title, *District Deputy Grand Masters' Guide*, updated the piecemeal training manuals and guides of the past and consolidated them into one compact and effective training guide for new District Deputy Grand Masters. *The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship* brings the timeless knowledge of Odd Fellows symbolism to a new generation of members.

The Emblems Of Odd Fellowship is available to order on the Heart In Hand Institute website at <https://heartinhandinstitute.com/books/> and also through Amazon.

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Past Sovereign Grand Musician

Independent Order of Odd Fellows



To Be Read in All Lodges

It's Your Fault!

An open communication regarding the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

For many years the Grand Lodge leadership has heard people referring to it as the Proulx /Cunningham Grand Lodge. There is a lot of truth to that. Behind the truth there is reasoning as to why, and it is Your fault!

Before I explain, I would like to provide you with a little background on the "players".

Since I am writing this, I will go first. I became a reluctant member in 1992. With my young daughter at home and a very busy work schedule I felt that I did not have the time. I did go to meetings and found that there were at least three people in the Lodge that I knew. It made it easier to attend. In time I was elected Noble Grand. I then began attending Grand Lodge, taking vacation time to do so. Several years later I ran for the office of Grand Secretary. I knew that there was an office person that did the real work. Sometime later our Grand Master was taken ill and the DGM was not prepared to step up. I got elected as Grand Master.

As Grand Secretary I began attending Sovereign Grand Lodge. I was blown away by it. So very interesting.

In 2006 I decided to enter the election for Sovereign Grand Warden, knowing full well that they never elected non representatives to any office. Even though I did not meet that unwritten qualification, I was successful and was elected Sovereign Grand Warden. I served as Sovereign Grand Master in 2008-2009. At present I work in my Lodge, on the Home Association Board of Directors and the Grand Lodge.

Joyce Proulx began her work with Odd Fellows in approximately 1990 as the office clerk for then Grand Secretary Ralph Blanshan. Two years later she became a Rebekah and in 2001, when females were allowed, she also joined an Odd Fellow Lodge. She was elected Grand Secretary in 2004 and has been so since.

Loren Cunningham began his Odd Fellow career as a Junior Odd Fellow in 1968. He was asked to go to lunch with our Grand Master in 2000. Then he too began attending the Grand Lodge and went through the elected chairs and was elected Grand Master in 2008. He served two consecutive terms. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Home Association where he served several years as the President. He also serves as the Grand Treasurer and as a member of the Grand Lodge Trustees, and remains one of the Wisconsin Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Lastly, Sharon Cunningham. She also came from Baraboo Lodge No. 51. Having met Loren in church while in grade school, she became familiar with the Odd Fellows when they began dating in High School. She, like Joyce, decided to join the Odd Fellows in 2001 when women first were allowed to join that Order. She went

through local Lodge chairs and began attending Grand Lodge as soon as possible. Soon after she was elected to the Museum Board and appointed to several other committees.

In 2008 she began her journey through the elected chairs and in 2011 became the first female Grand Master in Wisconsin. She served two consecutive years. She was elected to that position again in 2015 when the then incoming Grand Master withdrew for personal reasons, and at that time the then Deputy Grand Master was not yet available to take the position. She served two more years and still serves on several committees as well as the Museum Board. She has stated many times how much she has appreciated the opportunity these positions have given her to meet and work with brothers and sisters in Wisconsin, the U.S. and around the World.

Both Cunninghams continue to serve in varying positions for the Grand Lodge.

So, you see, the four of us are heavily involved. Each of us is very willing to step aside and let others take the helm. It takes education and commitment. Not school education, but Odd Fellow education. How do things work? The Code of General Laws for Sovereign and for Wisconsin. You must have some working knowledge of the written rules. If we don't follow the rules, we have clubs not Lodges.

So you see, WE NEED YOU! Unfortunately, most of you have not yet stepped forward to learn outside of your Lodge and Grand Lodge. You have not gone to various Board meetings to see what they are all about. All the meetings are open to all members. The elected Boards and their members are listed each month in the back of the Wisconsin Odd Fellow magazine with the members' contact information so you may contact them at any time. A list of Boards and Committees with information about their responsibilities and meetings was available at the last Grand Lodge meeting and is now available through the Grand Lodge office. I encourage you to ask your Lodge secretary to request copies.

Yes, there is a time and travel commitment required, as with any organization. Your travel, in most cases, will be reimbursed. Being retired does help, but all of us have used vacation time during many of the years we have served.

I have painted this with a broad brush, and it is not true in all cases, but as a generality, it is Your fault. Without your participation in Grand Lodge and a willingness to serve your Jurisdiction at that level, Grand Lodge may eventually have to fold for lack of leadership. Then, your local Lodges would report directly to Sovereign Grand Lodge. Think about that. Carefully. Some of you have made strides into boards and Grand lodge. We hope that you will continue to attend and learn.

In closing, if you are approached about serving at the Grand Lodge level, please give it careful consideration. WE NEED YOU! Perhaps you will find it interesting enough to volunteer!

**In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Richard G "Dick" Proulx
Past Sovereign Grand Master**



TO BE READ IN ALL CANTONS



**PROCLAMATION
FOR
GEN. JACK L. REASONER
GENERAL COMMANDING
GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL
PATRIARCHS MILITANT**

WHEREAS: The Supreme Commander on High has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to call upon Jack L. Reasoner to become a member of His official family on 30 November 2023; and

WHEREAS: Gen. Reasoner was Department Commander of California 2001-2002 and was very active in all branches of the order and served the General Military Council of Patriarchs Militant with honor, dignity and respect for others; and

WHEREAS: Gen. Reasoner rose to receive the honor of General Commanding serving 2006-2007.

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

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

Attest:

General (Dr.) Howard G. Malin

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General Commanding
General Military Council

Lt. Gen. (R) Robert P. Henderson

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Adjutant General,
General Military Council



**Odd Fellow Rebekah Home Association Inc (OFRHA)
Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. – OFRHA Board Room – Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM by Dick Proulx, President. Richard Smith and Tom Heins were excused due to health reasons; all other Board members were present. OFRHA personnel present were Dan-a Kohn, CEO and Deb Walters, Finance Director. We had one visitor, Sharon Cunningham.

The opening prayer was given by Sharon Cunningham.

A motion was made by Tami Adams to approve the minutes from our August 12, 2023 Board meeting, seconded by Jeff Jones and carried.



Stephenson National Bank, Jeff Bauman and Aron McDonald:

Aron W. McDonald is our new portfolio manager. He is Senior Vice President & Head of Wealth Management at Stephenson National Bank.

Based on Northern Trust’s 10-year outlook, Stephenson Bank predicts:

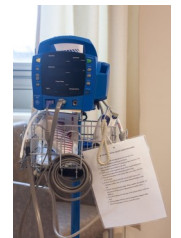
- Interest rates will not be raised much more
- We could have a recession in late 2024 or later
- The war between Hamas and Israel could help avoid a government shutdown next month
- The Covid-19 stimulus spending power is being exhausted
- De-globalization means we will be manufacturing more here
- We will see slower growth and higher inflation, both in U.S. and global economies
- The United Auto Workers’ (UAW) strike is not having much impact now
- The tide is turning toward employees
- Mass layoffs might be coming, but the workers retained after the layoffs will see benefits



Old Business:

IT Projects:

- Switches were completed on June 17, 2023 and will be depreciated over five years
- Replacing the phone system is in progress. We backed out of Heartland Business Systems for our phones, and will be staying with TDS. TDS will cost us a total of \$492.00. This includes \$.01 each for 46 regular phones and \$50.00 each for three super phones which will go to Dan-a, Dave Edwards (IT Director) and Kate (Admissions). We have a 3-year agreement.
- TVs in Dan-a’s office and the Board Room were completed in May, 2023
- Nurse Call System – we are waiting on equipment (Estimated Fall 2023)
- Vitals Mobile Carts – Completed May, 2023



Sage Intacct Implementation went live on October 1, 2023

We have switched to Nicolet National Bank and are winding down with Wells Fargo as soon as we get incoming payments switched to Nicolet Bank

Point Click Care (PCC) update – we are exploring additional modules

Infection Control

Skin / Wounds has been scrapped because we are using Wound Physicians

eInteract – Monitor change of condition earlier and keep our residents in-house, lowers rehospitalization rate



Wanderguard System is scheduled for update in Spring, 2024

We will be getting more sensors

The cost will be \$21,000 - \$22,000



Cyber Security

Cost of our cyber security insurance policy is \$7,500.00 per year

Our response plan is above average for our type and size of business, our insurance company is happy with our plan

Dave Edwards says that if there is an attempted breach at 4:50, he will know about it at 4:50 and the entire system will immediately be shut down

New Business:



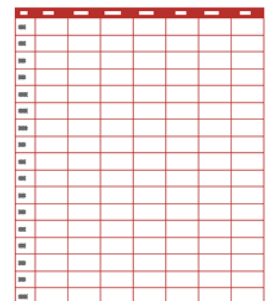
Odd Fellow Home Administrator Report:

Justis Sutheimer, Nursing Home Administrator, resigned suddenly with only one day's notice. We are currently without an administrator, so Dan-a presented the administrator's report. Dennis Videtic was scheduled to start on October 02, 2023, but resigned on September 27, 2023 before he even started. There are 240 nursing homes in Wisconsin, and not enough active licensed administrators to fill all the positions. The average tenure of a nursing home administrator is eight months. Some of the smaller homes can share one administrator, which helps alleviate the shortage.

The plan for Astor Terrace is to maintain a census of approximately 25 residents. Break even in the nursing home is 60-62 residents; the goal is 70 residents.

The new block schedule for staffing became effective on September 03, 2023.

We currently have 13-week contract nurses working for us. The plan is to transition to our staff and open the D wing, which will add 13 beds to our nursing home.



The complaint survey on September 11, 2023 went well.



QAPI (Quality Assurance and Process Improvement):

Care plans had been deleted from the residents’ care plans; they are being reinstated.

We are now using Wound Physicians to manage wounds and skin care.



Finance Director Report:

Audit Review – Hancock & Robinson audited for 2021 and 2022, and will audit for 2023. This is because Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) went back as far as 2017 and made some adjustments (to 2021, 2022, and 2023) so they cannot audit the books for the years where they made entries. Although we are not yet meeting our WHEFA bond covenant, U.S. Bank has not called our bonds. Northland Securities is confident that they can get the covenant waived if necessary. We are making all bond payments on time.



2023 YTD Financials – There was a correction to the MCD Cost report of approximately \$100,000.00, and an MCD Hold Harmless Payment in the 2nd quarter of approximately \$150,000.00. We are waiting for a check of approximately \$63,000.00 from the insurance company, for the fire panel insurance reimbursement. Medicare Claims Review is approximately \$100,000.00 adjustment.



Miscellaneous New Business:

The new Employee Handbook is still with our HR attorney for his review and recommendations. It is hoped to have it back in our hands by December 01, 2023 and implemented effective January 01, 2024.

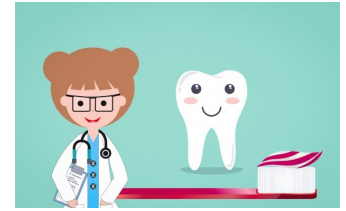
Our insurance agent for our general liability insurance, Marsh & McLennan Agency, notified us mid-July that they will not renew our policy for the coming year. Our new agent is Jesse Bewer, our previous agent was John. The non-renewal is because of potential unfavorable losses in 2021. There was an incident in 2021 with a hospice resident getting a broken hip. No claim was ever filed and we don’t expect a claim to be filed. The wrong chain of filing was followed which led to the insurance company being notified. SFM (carries our Worker’s Compensation Insurance) pays a dividend of 10% plus up to an additional 10% based on our claims experience. Marsh & McLennan was not able to obtain any other quotes for us.



We are now working with The Insurance Center, which is local and our agent is Sam Soley (she/her). The Insurance Center currently carries our health insurance; General Liability and Worker’s Comp will be in different business lines within the agency. Our new General Liability insurance policy is written by Cincinnati Insurance Company and our new Worker’s Comp is written by Accident Fund which pays a 30% flat rate dividend. For comparison, The Insurance Company was able to get us five quotes, plus cyber security.



There is no premium increase for our dental insurance, which is held by Delta Dental.



We are in year 2 of a 3-year rate lock for short- & long-term disability/basic life insurance, which is held by Equitable, so there is no premium increase.

Overall QAPI (Quality Assurance and Process Improvement Report:

KPI (Key Performance Indicators) training with each department
Benchmarks were set for data, with a focus on the type of data being tracked and what that data tells us.

Safety Program Performance Improvement

We participate in an Annual Virtual Community Based Tabletop Exercise

Our Emergency Preparedness Plan and Manual is being updated; the last update is from 2018. We are using the basic model from Med Pass, and customizing it according to our needs.

Leadership “Lunch & Learns”

Monthly leadership trainings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month.



Operation: Make Mission Visible

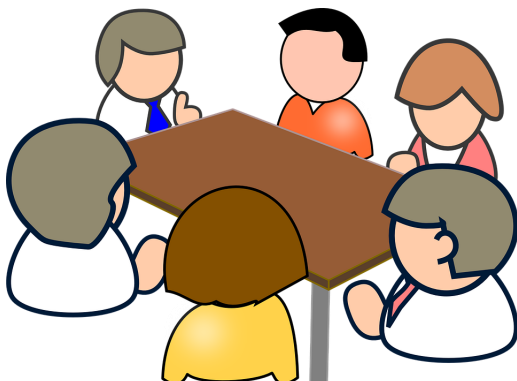
Free training is provided by Lakeland Care.

Organizational culture starts with aligning mission, vision, and values with operations and expectations.



Our next Home Association Board meeting will be **Saturday, February 3, 2023, 8:00 AM in the OFRHA Board Room.**

Before moving to closed session, we took a break for lunch. Lunch was prepared in our kitchen. Once again, it was very good.





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



January 2024

It is customary to start the January article with homage to the new year or reminiscence of the prior year. I see no reason to break this tradition. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish the best for you in the coming year. I have visited a number of different jurisdictions and enjoyed the various blends of Odd Fellowship. Each Grand Lodge is unique, but we are all the same. This apparent contradiction helps us understand our mission as we approach a new year.

For those of you who watched for me to appear in the Rose Bowl Parade, I must apologize. Ill health prevented me from traveling to California and plagued me for most of November and all of December. As you read this, I hope I have fully recovered. To those of you who are still young, enjoy your youth, it fades quickly.

In early December, we received the new applications. If your lodge does not have any, contact The SGL office or your Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly for a supply. This is a proactive application. It requires the member who passes it to a prospective member to insert the lodge name and the application fee. I wish I could say that everyone knows the correct name and application fee for his or her lodge. Such is not true. Learn about your home lodge. You should know the names of the officers and the address of the building where you meet. Prospective members are rarely mind readers. We need to explain commonly overlooked details in order to ask someone to join.

Membership applications are not commodities to be hoarded like poker chips or money. The only effective

application is the one you pass on to an interested friend.

I have visited too many lodges where all the wonderful material we have prepared sits on a window sill, collecting dust. Many times the envelopes have not been opened. Open them! There is a wide world around you and you must be attentive to it. You will not be disappointed in learning about your lodge.

Fraternal societies base their ritual on history. Tradition is merely history being followed. Read books about our Order and learn its origins and past activity. There are many books about Odd Fellowship, explore them. If you are fortunate enough to have a couple veteran members, engage them in conversation about their tenure. I understand that listening to the "way we used to do it" can become boring, but it will give you a background for why we do it the way we do it now.

Pick up a ritual. At the beginning, and throughout the ritual, you will find explanations that tell you about our Order. I challenge you to read all the explanations during January and February of 2024. By reading these notes, you will be able to understand more fully the workings of the Order. The ritual is the supreme law and should be followed.

Fraternally,

s/ John S. Cupp Jr.

Sovereign Grand Master





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



January 2024

Love + Unity = Peace

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you and your family had a most enjoyable holiday season. As I sit with the Christmas tree lit and music, I am remembering all that has happened during these two months. November and December are always busy and sometimes overwhelming. We tend to try to do too many things so that we forget what this holiday season means. This is a time for reflection on things past and what we learned about ourselves and in what direction we should go.

It is also a time to be grateful for all the blessings we have been given, new friends, and experiences we have had on our travels. To all Jurisdictions I have had the honor to attend I say thank you for your kindness, hospitality, and all you shared with me. Thank you isn't enough to convey my love, so I am rededicating my promise to you to lead the I.A.R.A. the best way I know how. My heart is full. And to the Jurisdictions I will be visiting this spring I am looking forward to being with you.

As you are reading this, we are stepping into a new year with hope for what it will bring to us in all aspects of our being. We have a lot of work to do this year. Change is not something that comes easy, but there are benefits that come from change. We must be open to suggestions and try to embrace these changes when and as they

come. One of my watchwords is Weave. Weave us together in unity and love. By working together makes our efforts come to fruition or to seek an alternate direction. Working together makes us stronger and brings ownership to our endeavors. I thank you for your co-operation in the directive for a "one time" assessment. This assessment means we can continue the work of the I.A.R.A. without having to close. This assessment will keep us solvent.

So, as we put away the ornaments, recycle the used wrapping paper, eat all the cookies and return the house to normalcy our minds return to everyday life and work. Let us come back to lodge with a new determination to embrace the tenants of our Order. Make a commitment to be more involved in our communities, be open to ideas from members and celebrate our Odd Fellowship for that is what we do. How about a birthday party for our founder Thomas Wildey at a meeting in January?

May this year bring an abundance of blessings for all.

Fraternally,

/s EllenJean



ENJOY THE PEACE OF THE SEASON.



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



January 2024

Greetings to All Chevaliers, Brothers, and Sisters:

Well, “Father Winter” is making his advent this week into this world of ours. With Winter just lurking around the corner, we may look forward to an occasional “Winter Wonderland”: the snow-covered trees with its pristine, icy branches; our ground-covered frost on grass and bushes; our buildings and rooftops covered with hanging icicles. We may even see children sledding down snowy, ice-covered slopes, or men, women, and children ice-skating on frozen ponds and lakes, or even hear snowbirds chirping away in trees. Oh, the beauty of Winter . . . and only our Creator can paint this beautiful picture on a clear, wintry day.

It’s been four months into my ensuing term as your General Commanding, and I am enjoying every moment. I had the privilege of officially attending the “Testimonial” of our Sovereign Grand Master and Commander-in-Chief, The Honorable John S. Cupp Jr., on October 27-28, 2023, which was held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA. “Fun Night” consisted of a Halloween ambience, in which all in attendance wore an original costume. Being a doctor and surgeon, I disguised myself as “your friendly proctologist.” The evening was most enjoyable and full of unexpected surprises. Albeit I did not win “First Prize” for the best costume, I did receive a lot of laughs and many “kudos” from those in attendance. In other words, the evening was what it was intended to be, that is, an evening of “fun-and-frolic.” The following evening was the “Testimonial Banquet” itself, which consisted of a delicious dinner, musical Entertainment, presentations, and greetings from General Commanding, General Military Council, General (Dr) Howard G. Malin and President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Sister Ellen Jean Whited. The entire evening was truly filled with good fellowship and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

On December 1-2, 2023, another “Testimonial” was held: this time to honor General Commanding, General Military Council, General (Dr) Howard G. Malin, which was held at the International Dulles Airport Marriott, Dulles, VA. “Fun

Night” consisted of the following: a delicious buffet-dinner, comprised of a “Potato Bar” with all its fixings and a variety of salads and desserts; following the dinner, General Malin was “roasted-and-toasted” by all in attendance; then, a slide-presentation was shown, consisting of hundreds of photos — memorabilia from my early childhood to the present — while Frank Sinatra sang “I Did It My Way” and “The Impossible Dream.” It was truly an evening filled with “fun-and-frolic.” The following evening was the “Testimonial Banquet” itself. Unfortunately, Brig. Gen. Sharon M. Harris was under the weather and was unable to attend the “Testimonial,” therefore, Gen. (R) John C. “Jack” Roberts acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening . . . and did a superb job. Gen. Roberts welcomed all in attendance and introduced the Dignitaries at the Head Table. Following Introductions, a delicious dinner was served. As December 2nd was my Birthday, all in attendance sang “Happy Birthday,” after which, to my surprise, a large, beautiful Birthday Cake was brought out. The Birthday Cake was “the dessert” for the evening and was absolutely delicious. Following dinner, the evening’s “Testimonial Program” continued with a musical Entertainment Theme: “An Evening on Broadway,” at which time our very own Soloist-General, Brig. Gen. Sandra M. Brown and her nephew, Stephen Harris, alternatively sang twenty Broadway hit songs from former Broadway Musicals. Those in attendance enjoyed the musical renditions of all the Broadway hit songs and gave Gen. Brown and her nephew a well-deserved ovation, shouting “Encore, encore, encore!” Gen. Brown and her nephew responded to the audience’s request by each singing an additional Broadway hit song. During the singing of “Hello, Dolly!” by Gen. Brown’s nephew, Dolly “Roberts” Levy herself (I think) made a spectacular “cameo appearance.” It was hilarious, to say the least, — and unexpected. The audience itself was mesmerized, realizing it had never seen anything like this before (and hopefully will never see anything like this again). The audience just loved every moment of “Dolly.” (“It was great to see you back again, once

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more,” as Gen. Brown’s nephew sang.) Dolly’s “entrée” will always be “a moment to remember.” Following the evening’s Entertainment, Master of Ceremonies, Gen. Roberts, announced presentations and then greetings, which were brought by Sovereign Grand Master and Commander-in-Chief, The Honorable John S. Cupp Jr. and by President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Sister Ellen Jean Whited. Finally, Gen. Roberts called upon Deputy General Commanding, General Military Council, Lt. Gen. Geoffrey L. “Jeff” Lasswell, to introduce General Malin. Gen. Lasswell proceeded to give a biography of me. I was then called upon by Gen. Lasswell to approach the podium for my remarks. I then proceeded to have all my Elected and Appointed Officers, all Representatives to the General Military Council, all Past Presidents, International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant, and all Generals Retired rise, at which time I brought the greetings of the General Military Council as well as my own personal greetings. I thanked my Planning Committee for their hard work and diligence during the past two years to make this “Testimonial” a beautiful reality and a huge success. Next, I thanked my Elected and Appointed Officers who supported me throughout my journey as a “Line Officer” in the General Military Council; then, I thanked my Department Council of Virginia for supporting me during my journey as Executive Officer and Deputy General Commanding by stating that, if it were not for Virginia, I would not be standing before them at this very moment as General Commanding. Finally, I thanked all in attendance for sharing their time by attending my “Testimonial” and that I was most appreciative. I thanked everyone for their donation of “would-be-Favors.” All money for Favors will go directly to my Project, St. Jude Hospital for Children’s Cancer Research — the evening’s donation totaled \$1,000.00. In addition, I announced that I was recently informed by St. Jude Hospital that an anonymous philanthropist will match ‘dollar-for-dollar’ raised, during my “Testimonial” and throughout my ensuing year, 2023-2024. Therefore, the \$1,000.00 just became \$2,000.00 for my Project. I then asked everyone in attendance to give themselves a well-deserved ovation. I stated that, at each table, all attendees at my “Testimonial” received an I.O.O.F. “Luggage Tag,” reminding them to have safe travels throughout 2023-2024.

During this month of December 2023, I look forward with great anticipation to travel to southern California, December 23, 2023 - January 2, 2024, in the Glendora/Pasadena area, where I shall help out decorating our Odd Fellows - Rebekahs Rose Parade Float along with Sovereign Grand Master and Commander-in-Chief, The Honorable John S. Cupp, Jr. and President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Sister Ellen Jean Whited. Then, on Jan-

uary 1st, 2024, all three of us, representing our respective Odd Fellow Branches, will be riding on our Odd Fellows - Rebekahs Rose Parade Float, which will move along the Rose Parade Route through the City of Pasadena. Our Odd Fellows - Rebekahs Rose Parade Float is entitled “All We Need Is Love.” What an honor, privilege, and memorable, lifetime experience, to ride in the “2024 Rose Parade” and be televised nationally! At this time, I would like to thank Col. Roberta Prosk, Chairperson of the Odd Fellows - Rebekahs Rose Parade Float Committee, for her kind invitation for my participating and for my riding in the “2024 Rose Parade”.

During the months of January and February 2024, I look forward with great anticipation to visit Madison Lodge No. 6, IOOF, thus bringing congratulatory wishes from the General Military Council upon their 185th Anniversary. In addition, I also look forward with great anticipation, going to Biloxi, Mississippi, February 9-10, 2024, thereby attending the “Annual Banquet” on Friday evening and the “Annual Pilgrimage at Beauvoir Cemetery” on Saturday.

Presently, as General Commanding, it deeply saddens me to report the passing this year of Gen. (R) Jack L. Reasoner of the Department Council of California-Nevada. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Amen.

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

Finally, during this Holiday Season, on behalf of the General Military Council, may you, my fellow Chevaliers, Brothers, and Sisters, and your Families, be watched over and blessed by Almighty G-d with health, happiness, joy, peace, and safe travels. May your hearth and home be continually blessed throughout 2024 with abundance, love, and tranquility. May you continue to spread, worldwide, Friendship, Love, and Truth; Faith, Hope, and Charity; Universal Justice; Peace, Harmony, and Goodwill throughout the world in 2024. . . . And may “peace on earth, good will to men” truly prevail throughout 2024. Amen.

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

Chivalrously,

s/ General (Dr) Howard G. Malin

General Commanding





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January 2024

To the Officers and Grand Representatives of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Officers and Members
of all Units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, beginning Monday morning, 19th August 2024, and ending Thursday afternoon, 22nd August 2024.

Headquarters and Sessions
Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
197th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
106th Annual Session

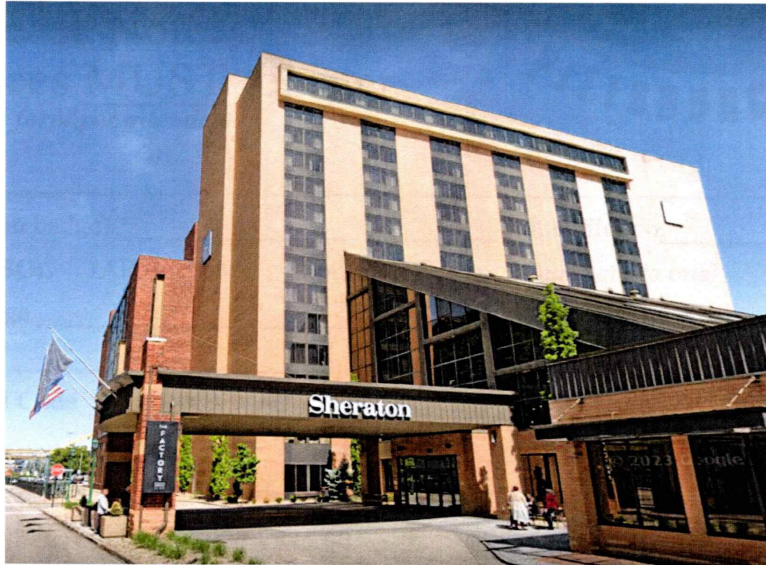
General Military Council
120th Annual Session

Youth Days
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"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN."

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**Sheraton Hotel Station Square**  
**300 W Station Square Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15219**  
**Phone: (412)261-2000**



**Group Rates—August 15-22, 2024**  
**All Rates are \$169.00—Single-Double-Triple-Quad**  
**Tax Rate Currently 14%**

**Reference Independent Order of Odd Fellows Conference**

Information to have available when calling to make a reservation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be made by: July 19, 2024**

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# MISTY'S Recipe Exchange



## Coca-Cola Pecan Pie

1 package (15 ounces) refrigerated pie crust

3 eggs

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup corn syrup

1/4 cup Coca-Cola

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 cups pecan halves

Vanilla ice cream (option)

**Preheat** oven to 350 °F. Unroll 1 pie crust and place in 9-inch pie plate. Unroll remaining crust and press over bottom crust; gently press crusts together. Fold edges under and crimp.

**Combine** eggs, sugar, corn syrup, *Coca-Cola*, butter, vanilla and salt in large bowl; stir in pecans. Pour filling into pie crust. Bake 55 minutes or until set.

Serve warm or cold with ice cream, if desired.

Makes 8 to 10 servings

**Tip:** Your kitchen will be filled with heavenly aromas when you make this family-favorite classic pie.

Recipe submitted by:

Pat Mott and Jan Hagerman



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**The next Grand Lodge Session will be held June 9-12, 2024  
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ioof51wi@outlook.com

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**HAYWARD—HAYWOOD LODGE #333**, Meets the 3rd Wed. at 6 pm (except June & July), IOOF Hall, the corner of 2nd and Main, Steve Longtine, N.G.; Ward Winton, Sec’y, PO Box 425, Hayward, WI 54843, 715-558-3235, 715-634-3763, wardo45@yahoo.com

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**PORTAGE—WAUONA LODGE #132**, Meets the 1st Tues. at 6:30 PM & the 3rd Tues. social meeting, 306 E. Carroll St., , N.G.; Arely Arias, Sec’y, 306 E. Carroll St., Portage, WI 53901

**SHULLSBURG—JUSTITIA LODGE #12**, Meets the 1st & 3rd Thurs. (except July & Aug.) at 7:30 PM, 130 W. Water St., Michael Ubersox, N.G.; Charles N. Searles, Sec’y, 233 S. Kennedy St., Shullsburg, WI 53586., 563-663-1954

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS—ENGEL FELLOWSHIP LODGE #91**, Meets the 3rd Tues. at 6 PM, 1930 7th St. So., Robert Liska N.G.; Amanda Kyle-Quaschnick, Sec’y, PO Box 41, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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**MINERAL POINT—MINERAL POINT REBEKAH LODGE #147**, Meets the 1st Wed. at 11 AM at the Pointer Café & the 3rd Wed. at 7 PM, 112 Front St. (except Jan. & Feb.), Mary Curtis, N.G.; Tom Heins, Sec’y, 309 Harris St., Mineral Point, WI 53565., 608-987-3011

**NEENAH-MENASHA—BETTY REBEKAH LODGE #212**, Meets the 2nd & 4th Tues. (except Jan. & Feb.) at 7 PM in member’s home (call lodge Sec’y), Nicole I. Hanson, N.G.; Jody L. Tews, Sec’y, 1340 Geneva Rd. #14, Menasha, WI 54952-3589., 920-740-5470



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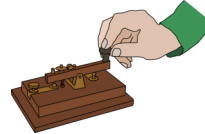
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