

# Wisconsin ODD FELLOW

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN



## SUMMER TIME!

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is my last letter as Grand Master for the 2022-2023 term. I want to thank all of you for the honor and privilege of being Grand Master for the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

*Thank you!*

Let us look back on this term to see how I spent my time serving as Grand Master.

Here are my bigger trips outside of the Jurisdiction.

Right after Grand Lodge 2022 I left Green Bay and drove to Mankato, MN to be the visitor to the Minnesota Grand



Lodge Session.

July, I went to Perrysburg, OH for the Great Lakes conference where I received a copy of the legislation that was headed to the floor during the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions.

August, I left on the 12th heading to Winston-Salem, NC to attend Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions from the 13th through August 18th as one of our Representatives.

In October I was the visitor to both Grand Lodge sessions of Illinois and Michigan.

Here are my activities in this jurisdiction,

I attended all the Executive committee meetings, all the Odd Fellow-Rebekah home association board meetings.

I attended all the Museum board Meetings.

I made all Odd Fellow Manor board meetings.

I have been to all but 1 of the district 16 meetings, missing one due to visiting another Jurisdiction Grand Lodge session.



I have helped with initiations at Justitia Lodge #12, Green Bay Lodge #19, Mississippi Valley Lodge #86, besides helping with degree work at my home lodge Wisconsin Lodge #14.

I have visited a lot of our lodges. Some of the lodges reached out to me to ask for help and guidance, others I let the lodge know I was coming to visit and let them know what was happening with Odd Fellows and to let the lodges know I am here to help you at any time.

I have shown up to multiple Lodge events and fundraisers all over the jurisdiction.

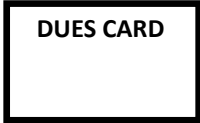
I have been to every Odd Fellow and Rebekah funeral that I knew of to give my condolences and the condolences of the Jurisdiction to the family and to help or take part in the Odd Fellow or Rebekah service.

I have answered multiple phone calls asking for advice on one item or another to help the lodge and our entire Order. Yes, I have even received calls from other Jurisdictions. I answer their questions also, as I never know when the shoe will be on the other foot and I will need their help.

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



### GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**O**ur Grand Lodge Session is this month. I sure hope that many of you will attend and that each lodge will have representation there. Remember registration is on Sunday afternoon, June 11, 1-4 PM. Remember **you must present your dues card at registration**. We wish the Officers a wonderful session.

I would like to take the time to wish our incoming officers a wonderful year. I hope that all will support our new officers.

The deadline for the Great Lakes Conference registration is July 1. Please make sure that your registration form is in by this date. The officers of the Great Lakes conference have worked hard to make this an enjoyable time and a learning experience. This year it is hosted by Illinois, and is at The Chateau in Bloomington, IL. If you need the registration information, please call or email the Grand Lodge.

The Peace Gardens Picnic is in July, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. The Peace Gardens are located on the border of North Dakota and Manitoba. I am told they are beautiful. Someday I hope to get to visit them.



August finds us travelling to The Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in Des Moines, Iowa, August 20-24 at Des Moines Marriott Downtown. This year will be very special as we have our first female Sovereign Grand Master officiating at the meetings. We wish Sister Michelle a wonderful session.

I will be out of the office from August 17<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> to attend Sovereign Grand Lodge. It is a very busy time for Grand Secretaries and Editors of newspapers. We have meetings to attend each afternoon of Sovereign Grand Lodge. These are very interesting and informative.

**In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Joyce Proulx, Grand Secretary**



Please contact Grand Lodge for information on The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning Monday morning, 21st August 2023, and ending Thursday afternoon, 24th August 2023. Phone: 920-406-9860 or email: [grandlodge@ioofwi.org](mailto:grandlodge@ioofwi.org)

## GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

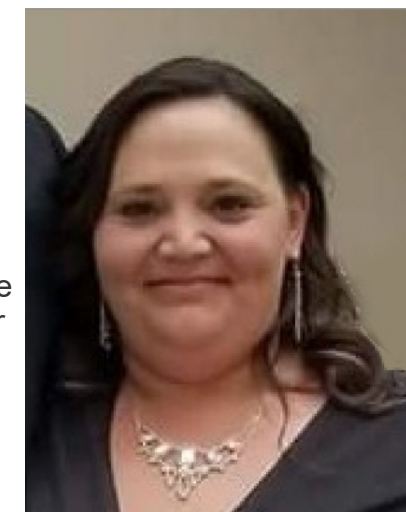
Care for those in need around you :



Abram cared for his orphaned nephew Lot and brought him with the rest of his family to Canaan (Genesis 12:5). God calls us to care for others, so we should be looking for people who need care. If you have trouble finding someone, pray for God to show you someone in your circle who is in need.

Accept less to settle a debate :

When the herdsmen of Abram and Lot began having conflicts, Abram settled it by letting Lot choose the best land (Genesis 13:5-11). If you're involved in a dispute with someone, offer to accept less to settle it. And if you've ever been mistreated in a settlement, forgive those who took advantage of you.



Help those who have been foolish :



Lot foolishly chose to live in the wicked city of Sodom, and he was later taken prisoner from there. Despite Lot's foolish behavior, Abram rescued him (Genesis 13:12-13, 14:12-16). This is symbolic of God's love and faithfulness to us despite our foolishness.

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and destitute - Psalm 82:3

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right... - Isaiah 10:1-2a

Whoever oppresses the poor taunts their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors Him - Proverbs 14:31

Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death. - Proverbs 10:2

**F.L.T.**

**Sara Fuhlbohm**

**Grand Chaplain**





**Coming events**

**JUNE**

- 1 Deadline for articles for July  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*
- 4 Wreath Laying Ceremony, Canadian War Memorial, Ottawa, ON
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Grand Lodge Registration – 1-4 PM  
Grand Lodge Dinner, 6:30 PM
- 12 Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM  
Grand Lodge Begins, 9 AM  
Grand Lodge Lunch, Noon  
All Members Banquet, 6:30 PM
- 13 Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM  
Grand Lodge Begins, 9 AM  
Grand Lodge Lunch, Noon  
Grand Lodge Dinner, 6:30 PM  
IOOF Memorial Day
- 14 Flag Day  
Grand Lodge Breakfast, 7:30 AM  
Grand Encampment and Department Council starting at 9 AM if Grand Lodge has ended
- 21 Summer Begins

**JULY**

- 1 Canada Day  
Deadline for articles for August  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*
- 4 Independence Day – Grand Lodge Office Closed.
- 18 Grand Trustees Meeting, Madison
- 21-23 Great Lakes Conference, contact Grand Lodge for information

**AUGUST**

- 1 Deadline for articles for September  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 17-30 Grand Secretary out of office
- 21-24 Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions





**Odd Fellow**  
*Rebekah*  
 Home Association Inc  
 1207 S. Jackson, Green Bay, WI 54301



### Odd Fellow Home

Odd Fellow Home  
Tel. (920) 437-6523

### Friendship Place

Friendship Place  
Tel. (920) 593-7015

### Rebekah Haven

Rebekah Haven  
Tel. (920) 435-4810

## NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT

News from the Activity Department

June is upon us and with that many good things, especially the start of summer! We have a couple of special events happening here at Odd Fellows this month. On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> the Alzheimer’s Association along with the Automobile Gallery will be having the “Drive to End Alzheimer’s”. Classic cars will drive by area Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities so residents have a chance to see these classic cars. They start at 9:00 AM and head back to the Automobile Gallery around 10:15. Odd Fellows is last on the route list so they should be driving by around 10:00 AM (give or take).



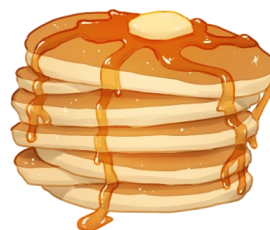
Unity Hospice is sponsoring a Flag Raising Ceremony and Veteran’s Pinning on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. The event will be held outside under the Odd Fellow Canopy (Front Entrance). All residents, staff and families are welcome to attend this special event to help honor our Veterans.

In June we will be starting our Theme Day Tuesdays. Every Tuesday will have a special theme and special activities will be planned around the themes. We are also encouraging residents and staff to dress for these themes to add to the fun. The themes for this month include “Go Fish”, “Summer Camp”, “Western”, and “Under the Sea”. With all of our theme days, there is always the opportunity for a Photo Op.

During the month we will have music by Fernando, Daniel Lovett, and Don Bongers. Thibby’s Ice Cream will stop by on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:15PM (Front Entrance of Odd fellows). There will be a Breakfast Club and a BBQ Lunch Bunch. We look forward to spending much time outdoors.

Happy Father’s Day to all of our Dads!

Happy Summer!  
Cindy Czechanski,  
Activity Director



### NEWS FROM THE CEO

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

Happy June!

While May is all about the mothers in our lives, we cannot forget the fathers who are equally important in their own ways, especially with the “dad jokes”. When does a joke become a “dad joke”? When it becomes apparent.



June is also the official start of summer. Do you have any big plans for this month? My little family and I plan to enjoy the Great Outdoors camping and visiting the zoo. That being said, I have already stocked up on sunscreen for all of us. Just 15 minutes outside without adequate protection in overcast conditions can lead to a second-degree sunburn. Be sure to protect yourselves and wear sunscreen or appropriate clothing to cover your skin.



The Home Association has added a new face to the team! Please join me in welcoming Justis Sutheimer as our Nursing Home Administrator. We are very excited to have her and her positive energy lead our Nursing Home



team.

This month, we will also celebrate National Certified Nursing Assistants Week. Our CNAs are the backbone of our quality care.

If you would like to send a shoutout or a kudos to the staff during Certified Nurse Assistants Week, please send them to our Activity Director below:

Odd Fellow Rebekah Home Association Inc  
Attn: Activity Director  
1229 S Jackson St  
Green Bay, WI 54301



We also are blessed to wish a happy retirement to Angie Stodola, Activities Assistant, who has been a member of the OFRHA team since 1987. We are grateful for your dedicated 36 years of service and hope you thoroughly enjoy every moment of your retirement.

**Blessings,  
Dan-a**



## 2024 Rose Parade Float



**ALL WE NEED IS LOVE.**

Parade theme is **celebrate music.**

Also, we are offering a ride seat for a donation of 20 dollars to be pulled in Aug. 2023.

Tickets on website:

[oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org](http://oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org)





Jeff Jones, Grand Master of Wisconsin, at the Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, VA





*IOOF Badger State Lodge 11*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHARITY RUN

All vehicles Welcome 2 & 4 Wheels

HELP US SUPPORT OUR CHARITY THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

*Sat June 24<sup>th</sup> Rain or Shine*

KEN'S GARAGE 163 W. SCHOOL ST TWIN LAKES, WI

Registration 9:00 – 11:00

Cash Bar Opens @ 9:00 Bloody Mary's \$5

Mixed Drinks & Shots \$4

Beer: Specialty or Imports \$3 Domestic \$2

Pop & Water: \$1

Bikes leave at 11:00 am



Bikes Return 5:00 pm



**\$10 Donation for Rider / Driver**  
**\$10 per passenger**

\$5 from each participant will apply to the Charity Game

Payout for Charity Game will be determined by number of entries (1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE 50%, 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 30%, 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 20%)

Ride Starts @ Ken's Garage & Ends @ Main St. Tap

*Stops include:*

*Whiskey  
Ranch*

W90002 WI-11  
Delavan WI

*Knucklehead  
Pub*

100 South Rd.  
Eagle WI

*Dirty Hoe  
Saloon*

4614 Sheard Rd  
Kansasville, WI

*Main St.  
Tap*

338 E Main St,  
Twin Lakes, WI

**Cards Drawn & Winners Announced at Last Stop**



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



May 2023

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

In Iowa, the Spring season is upon us, the lilacs are blooming, the fields are being planted, gardens are being tilled, Morel mushrooms are being found, children are anxiously awaiting for the end of school, and it's time to spring clean. There is much work to be done before we can enjoy the relaxing days of summer.

It's time for all lodges to get to work. Plan a Teamwork day to clean the lodge hall, reorganize the closets, clean out the filing cabinets of old flyers and brochures that are outdated and of no use! Make sure the outside of your building is welcoming and attractive to your community. Take pride and ownership in your building, your lodge and its members. It's a great way to spend time working together, communicating new ideas, and having fun while accomplishing the work that needs to be done.

The 89<sup>th</sup> I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is scheduled for May 5-7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you there as we pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for our Freedoms. It is truly an honor to be able to attend this ceremony and lay a wreath at the Tomb, it is a privilege that none of us should take for granted. I would like to thank the Tomb Committee in advance for all their hard work, their dedication to this event, and time volunteering in making preparations for all of us to have a memorable weekend.

May is Visual Research Month. We are so fortunate to be able to support research at the Wilmer Eye Institute and provide funds for their ongoing work. Please consider a gift to this worthwhile project.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Scholarship deadline for the Educational Foundation. We have many scholarships available to mem-

bers of our order, their children, and a loan program. All scholarship applications can be found at [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org) or [rkbabb!@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkbabb!@bellsouth.net).

I will be attending the Testimonial Banquet of General Earl Wys on May 13<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to spending time with him, his family and his officers.

June 4<sup>th</sup> I will have the Honor of laying a wreath at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario. Again, I thank the committee for all of their hard work in making this possible and for the invitation to participate in honoring those who sacrificed so much for our Freedoms.

June 13<sup>th</sup> is I.O.O.F. Memorial Day, a time for all units of the Order to meet and hold appropriate services in memory of our departed members, including all past and present members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge who died during the preceding year. They shall not be forgotten and will be remembered for laying the foundation for our future in our Order. Honor them by continuing the good works they have started and by revitalizing your lodges.

This is a busy time of year for our Executive Team. We are traveling extensively to Jurisdictional meetings and conclaves. We are enjoying our visits and hopefully we are providing you with the information needed to succeed in gaining new membership and encouraging you to continue working hard towards your goals.

I just want to remind and encourage all Executive members of all branches of the Order to remember you are the caregiver for all your local lodges. They are the foundation that supports all we do in our communities and the world. Take time to find out what they need to succeed! Provide them with the tools necessary to accomplish their goals and increase their membership. Be Team players.

August will be here before we know it and there is much work yet to be done. If you are proposing new legislation, please get that to the SGL Office as soon as possible so the Legislative Committee has time to work on it and so that it can be sent out in the Representatives packets for them to work on in advance of session.

Remember Odd fellowship is a family organization made up of volunteers working to build a better world! Leaders have many responsibilities and not enough hours in the day to accomplish what everyone thinks they should be doing, therefore it's important that as leaders we learn to delegate and share those responsibilities. Members, remember that your leaders are also volunteers, and have home lives, work obligations, and community obligations outside of the lodge. Teamwork is a positive action, taken by all members of our lodges, to pull together for the good of our Order.

**When we truly want what's best for our Lodges and Odd Fellowship more than what we want for our-**

**selves!**, and when we are dedicated to the teachings of our Order, taking seriously our obligations to not harm a member to the value of anything, then and only then will we be ready to make a difference in our lodges, communities and the world. Only then will we succeed in making a difference!

My Executive and I wish for you a safe, healthy, and productive summer. Good luck with all your community projects and fund raisers. Let your communities know what you are doing to make a difference. Remember to Not waste time on negativity, stay focused on the positives, do not quit or give up, you can and do make a difference!

This is a year of Pulling Together, Believing we can make a difference, and knowing We can do it... together.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

/s/ Michelle Heckart

Sovereign Grand Master



## Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Fundraiser

“Silent Auction”

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Exciting and interesting items to date have been pledged, ensuring the success of our Arthritis Commitment.

Items will be available for bidding Sunday thru Wednesday.

Your support is appreciated.

“2023 Session”

Des Moines, Iowa



Hosted by the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Arthritis Advisory Board





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



May 2023

Conceive, *Believe*, Achieve

Greetings my Sisters and Brothers,

Can it possibly be the first of May already?! It is truly time to brush away the mental cobwebs and zero in on a very busy summer.

By now we have made our Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and are looking to travel to Ottawa, Ontario to place wreaths at the Canadian War Memorial on June 4<sup>th</sup>. What a privilege it is for our Fraternal Order to be allowed the honor of returning year after year to remember and memorialize the brave men and women of our Military forces. As Memorial Day approaches, let us remember those who have served and protected us through law enforcement, fire & rescue departments as well as Military service. They have served us well and are laid to rest in cemeteries large and small across our two countries. Please be a part of your community's ceremony at this special time. Remember too, that June 13<sup>th</sup> is our I.O.O.F. Memorial Day. I hope you are planning a service to commemorate the Fraternal Brothers and Sisters who have been leaders, mentors, colleagues, and family over the years.

May is Visual Research Foundation month. We are so proud to be able to support not one, but two professorships at the Wilmer Eye Institute. This could not have happened without the support of each and every one of you.

I'm not sure why we have a designated Mother's Day and Father's Day only once a year. Mothers are special every day and they appreciate flowers and gifts any time. A droopy dandelion from a toddlers little hand means as much as the fanciest floral arrangements. A sticky kiss from a grandchild is sweeter than a box of candy. Yes, Mothers are special and they deserve a special celebratory day all to themselves – that's why we have Mother's Day! The same can be said for Father's Day. Maybe not the droopy dandelion and sticky kiss part, but going fishing or tinkering on an old car or bicycle with the kids and grandkids or being "grill master" for the day might be just the thing to celebrate Dad on his special day on June 21<sup>st</sup>. To all the Mothers and Fathers out there I wish a wonderful day with family and friends!

Spring visits are well under way, and I have enjoyed every one of them! I am so proud of the work being done in the name of Odd Fellowship. It is wonderful to hear the many ways we are aiding our members and communities. Please, please, please use the reporting forms provided in this issue of the IOOF News to report your accomplishments! There are awards and certificates available, and I would like to see the committees busy preparing them to recognize your Lodge, Encampment/Auxiliary or Canton.

May and June promise to be especially busy months for travel and I look forward to meeting and greeting many of you along the way. General Earl Wys has a testimonial coming up soon and I am excited to be able to be there to celebrate this special event in recognition of his achievement. The Educational Foundation will gather in Winston-Salem for their scholarship selection meeting and I am looking forward to participating in this process. Before I know it I will return to W-S to work with our secretary on Session preparations. Now that is scary!

I hope the return of spring has energized our lodges and finds you all busy and happy. Stay well and have safe travels wherever the road may lead.

Fraternal Love to all,

Ruthie





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



May 2023

Greetings:

**Summer is rapidly approaching!** I trust and hope each of YOU have an enjoyable summer. Many of us have been experiencing a challenging year so far. We have lost officers because of health issues and disruptions in their lives. Things will get better! It is time to reach out to your friends, your loved ones and those in your community who have impressed YOU as a quality person and introduce them to the joys of our Odd Fellow World. Now is the time to make contact.

**Summer Travel:** Be prepared and **be safe**, construction will dominate the landscape. This will cause delays in your travels, so allow additional time in your schedule.

**COVID-19 Delta**, etc. is still out there! **Be careful**, NOT sorry!

**Visitations:** It seems like we have been experiencing an unusual number of date changes to our visits. These alterations have caused many changes to our travel plans and have caused us to NOT have enough officers to visit all the jurisdictions. I apologize if we could NOT visit your jurisdiction.

**Health:** Many of us have Health issues, no matter what your condition is, there are many others who have more serious issues. I pray the burden which your issues have placed on YOU will be lightened and become more tolerable. I hope your issues will soon be eliminated. I wish YOU and Yours better Health. Some of YOU have lost Loved Ones and my heart bleeds for YOU and your Family. May peace soften your loss. We have a local member who has been recently diagnosed with inoperable Stage 3 Cancer and options are under review. Please reach out to those in need of comfort and spend valuable time with them as they traverse through this difficult time.

**2023-2024 term is rapidly approaching:** Plans are well under way for the upcoming change of Command in August. These new Officers will need your help, please step forward and do what YOU can to make it happen. Do NOT be afraid to step out of the box.

Pull Together and Dream ON!

Hope to see YOU soon!

Thank YOU for your attention!

We Must Pull Together!

Chivalrously,

General Earl F. Wys



## Preserving Our Future

Few of us in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows interact with the Grand United Order. Even fewer are aware of what happened to the Grand United Order in 2022 when a member filed a copyright on the ritual and other intellectual property of the Grand United Order, making their property his personal property. Because the GUOOF was not vigilant in protecting their intellectual property they lost control of it. This should be a stern, immediate warning to our Order to take every necessary precaution to safeguard our ritual and other intellectual property.

Currently our intellectual property is managed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge via the office of the Sovereign Grand Secretary. We place many demands on our Secretary, including management of the use and ownership of our intellectual property. With the significant workload we already expect of the position, it's wise to consider moving management of our intellectual property to a specialist who would not only be able to consolidate all our intellectual property, but also use it to promote Odd Fellowship. Having a professional manage our intellectual property will make it easier to monitor its use and find copyright violations more quickly before they can do damage to our reputation.

I am a professional musician by trade. Unless people know that I'm around and available for gigs, I don't get hired and don't make money. The same is true of plumbers, carpenters, electricians, and all sorts of tradesmen and small businesses. Without promotion, nobody knows to hire them or buy their products. The same is true of Odd Fellowship. Unless people know that we still exist, they're not going to join our lodges. The message most commonly spread in the mainstream media is that Odd Fellowship is dead. Every time an episode of "American Pickers" shows artifacts from a lodge, they always refer to our lodges as having closed and our Order as having existed in the 19th Century. We need to counter that message by letting the public know that we still have thousands of lodges that still exist and are welcoming new members. In an earlier era, sharing that message might have meant a big, expensive blanket advertising campaign with radio and TV commercials and print ads in newspapers and magazines. A campaign like that is extremely expensive and doesn't target

any particular demographic, spreading our message to no one in particular. Now, however, with social media, it's possible to tailor our message to a very specific group of people and send it out to just that group.

The last four or five years have seen an increase in interest in Odd Fellowship as demonstrated by the new lodges chartered in jurisdictions like British Columbia, Wyoming, Montana, California, New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, Texas, Oregon, Virginia, and various overseas destinations. There are also efforts underway to organize new lodges in places like Georgia, Florida, Minnesota, and Nevada. That dramatic increase in interest in Odd Fellowship is no accident; it correlates with the recent increase in members who are creating and promoting media content about Odd Fellowship. There have been multiple books published, podcasts created, social media networks launched, and all kinds of posts across Instagram, Reddit, Twitter, and Facebook advertising Odd Fellowship to the world. With a professional branding and marketing campaign which uses social media effectively we can use that dramatic increase in member creativity to help share our message that Odd Fellowship is vital and growing and is the place for young people to find the kind of fellowship and meaning so many are actively looking for in life.

One of the dangers of not having a branding and marketing campaign is that other people who are not knowledgeable about Odd Fellowship or don't have our best interests at heart can spread a false narrative about Odd Fellowship without any challenges to their validity. Already there are conspiracy theorists making videos on YouTube claiming that our orphanages in the 19th Century were built for various nefarious purposes. The only way to effectively counter that kind of false information online is to make sure that we are regularly creating positive, factual content about Odd Fellowship which will create a positive image of Odd Fellowship for the world.

A unified branding and marketing campaign for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will fulfill multiple goals at once. It will consolidate all of our trademarked intellectual property in one place and put it under the supervision of professionals with experience safeguarding it. Brand marketers can identify the demographic of people we most want to target as members so that our



promotional efforts have the maximum effect. They can regularly create content which will present Odd Fellowship as the positive force in our communities which we know it to be. A branding and marketing campaign can be the answer to many of our challenges in the modern world and help to stabilize and grow our membership going forward. Now is the time to make that commitment to protect the past and build the future of Odd Fellowship.

—Toby Hanson  
 Committee on Communications  
 Past Grand Master  
 Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF  
 Past Grand Patriarch  
 Grand Encampment of Washington, IOOF

# Save the Date

## *Testimonial Weekend Honoring*

The Honorable John C. Cupp Jr.

*Sovereign Grand Master*

October 27 & 28, 2023

Pittsburgh, PA

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General Howard G. Malin

*General Commanding*

December 1 & 2, 2023

Washington Dulles Airport Marriott

45020 Aviation Dr

Dulles, VA 20166

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EllenJean Whited

*President—I.A.R.A.*

April 5 & 6, 2024

Albany, NY

Return the Enclosed Reporting Forms by July 1, 2023. Make Copies if you so desire.

Mail To: Project Reporting, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830



2022-2023

Living Legacy Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch .....

Unit Name and Number .....

Planted:

Trees ..... Misc. ....

At cost of ..... ..

Contributions Money .....

Promotion .....

Years of Participation .....

Remarks

Three horizontal lines for entering remarks.

Reporting Officer

2022-2023

Community Service Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch .....

Unit Name and Number .....

Or Individual ..... Hours Volunteered .....

Participated in the following types of Programs:

Two horizontal lines for listing program types.

Contributions: Money; Promotion; Years of Participation

Two horizontal lines for entering contribution details.

Remarks

Three horizontal lines for entering remarks.

Reporting Officer

Return the Enclosed Reporting Forms by July 1, 2023. Make Copies if you so desire.

Mail To: Project Reporting, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

2022-2023

Scholarship Reporting Form



Jurisdiction and Branch .....

Unit Name and Number .....

Local Scholarship(s) Awarded

Number ..... Amount .....

Jurisdictional

Number ..... Amount .....

Total

Number ..... Contributions .....

Participated with another Community Group:

Yes ..... No ..... Amount .....

Participated in Government Matching Funds Program:

Yes ..... No ..... Amount .....

Remarks

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reporting Officer

2022-2023

Drug Prevention Program Reporting Form



Jurisdiction and Branch .....

Unit Name and Number .....

Participated in what type of Program

Contributions Money .....

Promotion .....

Years of Participation .....

Remarks

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Reporting Officer



**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE INITIATED**

**The SGL - IARA Membership Program  
Sponsor of New Member**

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
New Member's Lodge \_\_\_\_\_  
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# MISTY'S Recipe Exchange



## Stuffed Peppers Pasta Casserole

Inspired by the classic stuffed bell peppers dish, this comforting pasta casserole holds all those flavors inside.

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
10 mins	35 mins	45 mins



Course: dinner, Main Course    Cuisine: American    Servings: 4  
 Calories: 787kcal    Author: [Lyuba Brooke](#)

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### Ingredients

- 1 med. yellow onion
- 1 lg. green bell pepper
- 1 lg. orange bell pepper
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1/3 cup tomato sauce
- 5-6 leaves of basil
- 1 1/2 tsp oregano
- Salt
- Fresh cracked black pepper
- 3/4 to 1 lb dry farfalle pasta
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar-Jack cheese mix

### Instructions

1. Cook pasta according to the package directions, drain and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 350 and lightly grease a casserole dish. (2 1/2 - 3 quart baking dish will work.)
3. Slice onions and peppers thin.
4. Preheat a large cooking pan over medium heat. Add some vegetable oil, onions and peppers. Cook veggies until softened.
5. Add ground beef to the pan. Break it up as much as possible, cover, and cook for a few minutes. Stir well breaking up clumps of beef. Add tomato sauce, salt and pepper. Mix and continue to cook, covered, until beef is done.
6. Stir in oregano and chopped basil. Stir in pasta and transfer the mixture into a prepared baking dish.
7. Spread shredded cheese all over the top and bake for 15-17 minutes.

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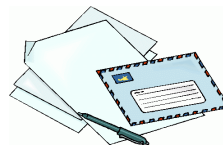
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