

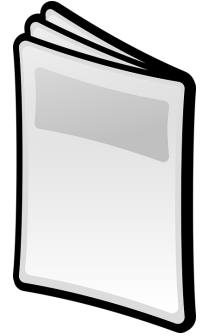
Wisconsin ODD FELLOW

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN





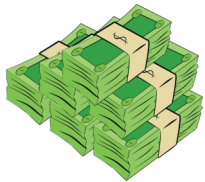
TO BE READ IN ALL ODD FELLOW LODGES: GRAND MASTER'S LETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I happen to have found a couple old Wisconsin Odd Fellow issues. As I read one of these issues, it was dated January 1939, I found an interesting article. So I am using part of it for my letter this month.

Sparta Lodge # 94 was having issues with membership. They ran a contest towards the end of the year 1938. The Noble Grand appointed a committee to work on the contest. It was decided that the Noble Grand and Vice Grand would be captains. The committee divided up the members equally, with the members who came to meetings regularly, those attending casually, and those never attending meetings into the two teams. They gave 2 points for each meeting a member attended, 1 point for each dollar of back dues collected, 3 points for each member visiting another lodge, and 5 points for each application brought in. After 8 weeks, the team with the most points would win. The losing team had to provide, cook and serve the winning team an oyster supper. During the contest \$208.00 in back dues were collected, 13 new members were added and 1 reinstatement.



What if your lodge tried a contest similar to this. Maybe you have the winning team and were served a steak dinner. I know a lot of us would try to win that contest. It would also help your lodge, the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin, and the whole Order.

What if two lodges competed against each other in a contest like this?

It was an interesting article. I might have other inspirations from the past in the coming months.

Until my next **Communication**.

In F, L, T,

Jeffery Jones
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of WI



GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER

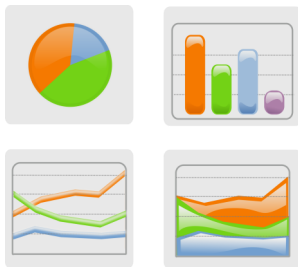


Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, I heard that the ground hog did not see his shadow, indicating that Spring should come early this year! Spring starts on March 19th this year.



March is Arthritis Month. Plan a fundraiser and send the proceeds to the Grand Lodge for Odd Fellow Lodges and Rebekah Lodges and earmark the check for Arthritis. We report to Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies the amount from each lodge so that they will receive a certificate of participation. Also, in March, we have Schuyler Colfax Day honoring him on his birthday March 23rd, 2024.



We now begin preparing for Grand Lodge in June. Invitations have been sent to other Grand Lodges to join us. I am not sure that I am ever truly ready for Grand Lodge! Despite doing this for so many years, and now with the help of Teresa, I am always caught off guard by something. To do lists, check lists, charts, and graphs! All help us get ready and all help to show us just how much needs to be done! Uneventful is good! With all the help that we receive, things always work out.



The Grand Lodge registration form is elsewhere in this paper. Grand Lodge starts on Sunday June 9th, 2024, with registration from 1-4 PM and a welcome dinner at 6:30 PM. Monday starts the session with breakfast at 7:30 AM and ends with our All-Member Banquet at 6:30 PM and Tuesday starts with breakfast at 7:30 AM and ends with dinner at 6:30 PM. We start Wednesday off with our 7:30 AM breakfast and then the Department Council and Grand Encampment. There is a sign-up sheet at registration on Sunday for the Dept. Council and Grand Encampment and their lunch. If you are a member of the Canton and Encampment why not stay and see what they are doing? They would love to have a crowd!



A reminder that the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Scholarship applications are due in the office by April 1, 2024, not post marked April 1st. This gives the scholarship committee time to review all the applications and select their winners.

Until next time,

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



**SCHOLARSHIPS
DUE APRIL 1ST!!!**

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

Isaiah 11.6 (KJV) "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

Winter is soon to leave us, we hope anyways! As most of you know I spent most of my life teaching kindergarten, such an enjoyable age to spend your day with. I cannot think of many days that going to work was a drag. Now one would think that March would be a tough act to follow after spending the month of February celebrating two famous presidents and St. Valentine's Day! But do you remember the saying, "If March comes in like a lion growling, ferocious and wild, then March will go out like a lamb cuddly soft and mild! We all hoped for this kind of month. In fact, wouldn't it be grand if all of the "lions" of the world could become more "lamb" like??



Lions and lambs have such different temperaments. I like to think of the world today with both kinds of people, too! We often are quick to temper, not patient, thinking things through while many try to be happy and content striving to make the world a better place to be, one person at a time. In looking through the Old Testament, trying to find lions and lambs existing in the same environment, I struck out. I did find *Isaiah 11:6*, putting wolves and lambs together! Living in Wisconsin, lions do not seem to be bothersome but wolves on the other hand can be a big predator for lambs.

Isaiah tells us that there is room in this world for both wolves (or even lions) to lay next to lambs and be peaceful. He tells us that all creature can be happy together and who better than a little child to show us the way.

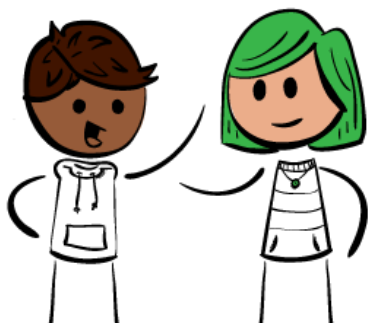


So, my friends, we all need to continue working on making this world a more peaceful place to exist. Sometimes we need to soften our "wolfy" ways and become more like lambs. Often times the things that upset us most in the end becoming nothing to remember. Go out this next month and make contact with those "wolves" in your life, just maybe they are not as scary as you might think. Just maybe together you can make a difference one day at a time.

Let us pray- Please give us the patience and ability to see both sides of issues in the world and decide which makes more sense. Help us compromise and make this world a better place to live in with peace and harmony. Amen

Think Spring! Take care of yourself and each other.

Chris Heins



COMING EVENTS



MARCH – Arthritis Month

- 1 Deadline for articles for April The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 10 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 Museum Board meeting – 10 AM at the Museum in Mineral Point
- 26 205th Anniversary of the founding of our Order in North America
Executive Committee meeting, Comfort Suites, Green Bay, 5:15 PM Dinner
- 27 Home Association Board Meeting, 8 AM

MAY

- 1 Deadline for article for June The Wisconsin Odd Fellow
- 3-5 Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA
- 18 Museum Day, Mineral Point
- 22 Deadline for Registration for Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

To be read in all lodges

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Museum board will be meeting at the museum on April 20th at 10:00 AM. All members of our Order are welcome to attend.



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



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 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

Hello from the Activity Department. We are now changing the Hearts to Shamrocks and Easter Bunnies. Spring is in the air. No matter what Mother Nature decides to throw at us, the calendar still says that Spring starts on March 19th!



Daylight Savings Time is Sunday March 10th. Our days will start to get longer now. The official start of Spring is March 19th. Another sure sign of Spring is Baseball. Spring training has been going on and the Season opener is March 28th against the Mets. The Brewers Home Opener is April 2nd so we will of course have a Brewers Day that day to kick off the baseball season.



Throughout the month there will be music by Eddie Biebel, John & Cass, and Tom's Tunes. There will be a Lunch Bunch on the 12th and a Breakfast Club on the 19th that residents will be able to sign up for. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day with mint shakes. There will be crafts for St Patty's Day, Spring and Easter. Tonya will be here to do the monthly Art Class. At the end of the month, we will be celebrating Easter with special movies, coloring Easter Eggs, and a visit by the Easter Bunny.

We continue to have a canteen for residents to "purchase" items with tickets that they win in Bingo & Jackpot. This has been very popular. I stock the canteen with different items each month with things I have purchased or with donations. Residents love the body wash/sprays, snack items, small blankets, seasonal items, just to name a few. If you have any items that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. We just ask that the items are new/unused. Thank You in advance!

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring, & Happy Easter!

Cindy Czechanski,
 Activity Director



NEWS FROM THE CEO

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

March is a busy month of recognition here at the Home Association!

We kick off the month by celebrating all our employees on National Employee Appreciation Day, March 1st. Our residents are the reason we are here, but our employees are the reason we continue to be here.



We then get to celebrate our Registered Dietitian, Amanda, on March 13th for Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day. Amanda is a member of the BSG Dietary team. She brings a wealth of insight to the clinical management of our residents.



While the month of March is Social Work Month, we get to celebrate the talent of our Social Services Director, Danielle Vandenberg, on March 19th for National Social Worker Appreciation Day. Danielle is a hard worker who is dedicated to her team and to her residents.



Our hardworking Nursing Home Administrator, Brittany, will be celebrated during Long Term Care Administrators Week which is March 11-15th. Brittany brings knowledge and balance to our nursing home team through her leadership and high standards of quality, resident-centered care.



And finally, we round out March with celebrating all our amazing doctors who help us provide the best care we can on March 30th, National Doctor's Day. We are fortunate to partner with many area doctors from the three hospital systems. We would like to give a special shoutout to our Medical Director, Dr. Schinschke, who helps us find creative ways to provide quality of care and quality of life to our residents.

If you get a chance to see anyone in these roles, be sure to give them recognition for their service to others. Each one of them is a crucial link in the chain that holds long term care and aging services together.

**Blessings,
Dan-a**

Raffle Winners

- 1/23/2024 \$50 C. Ross, Mineral Point, WI
- 1/24/2024 \$50 S. Staskal, Livingston, WI
- 1/25/2024 \$50 D. Satterlee, Baraboo, WI
- 1/26/2024 \$50 M. Jefferson, Elkhorn, WI
- 1/27/2024 \$50 S. Randall, Jefferson, WI
- 1/28/2024 \$100 D. Price, Galena, IL
- 1/29/2024 \$50 T. Fecht, Verona, WI
- 1/30/2024 \$50 K. Nilsson, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 1/31/2024 \$50 L. Hildreth, Cobb, WI



Museum Meanderings

Winter is on its way out and we are getting ready to spruce up the museum for our annual Museum Day held every third Saturday in May. This day is an event that all Odd Fellow and Rebekah members are encouraged and invited to attend. We hold our annual meeting on that day and eat a lunch together with lots of conversation and fellowship. This day has been going on since 1956. In the past it was well attended with close to 100 members joining us at the museum. The past years have not been attended by many. Your board needs your help and input to keep our museum up and running.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very faithful Odd Fellow, Rebekah, and Past Grand Master who has given of his time and talents to keep our museum in shape. Thank you, Tom Heins, for spending the last 45 years tending to our museum. You have been an incredible asset in keeping the necessary tasks completed.

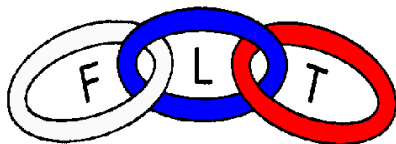
As we all know Tom had a huge set back in his health and is recovering slowly but surely. He had to give up on his museum work, much to his dismay. Tom had plans to get a project up moving that would put sliding glass doors on our display cases. His health got in the way of it, so this past spring the board decided to go ahead with his project and reached out to our members for assistance in purchasing the glass doors. Many members and lodges came forward to help see this project to its completion.

I would like to take the time to thank all of our contributors.

Donor	In Memory of	In Honor of
Mary Curtis	Del Horne, Clarence Curtis	
Family of Tom Heins	Mabel Lindauer,	Tom Heins
Elizabeth Erbe		
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Sharon &Loren Cunningham		
Lancaster Mississippi Valley Lodge #86		
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Milwaukee Crystl Rebekah Lodge #45	Kenneth Hagerman- GM 91-92 Jacque Hagerman- LAPM Pres.04-07	
Green Bay Rebekah Lodge #187		
Jim Heisner		
Badger State Lodge #11		



The cases look great , hope you can stop by and see for yourself. Until next month!



2024 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Return to:

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
1304 S. Webster Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54301-2502

JUNE 9-12, 2024

Please Note:

All Attendees MUST register, even if you are not staying at the hotel (Green Bay members). Fill out and return to Grand Lodge as soon as possible. Once the reservation is made with the hotel you will be informed of your reservation number. DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL TO MAKE A RESERVATION. ALL RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH THE GRAND SECRETARY ON THIS FORM.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Lodge Name & #: _____ Indicate if you are: PG ___ 3rd Degree ___

Registration must be at the Grand Lodge office no later than May 15, 2024.

Indicate room type below:

2 Double beds - _____ regular or handicapped please circle Arrival _____

1 King Bed - _____ regular or handicapped please circle Departure _____

2 Queen beds - _____ regular

Names of others in your room if sharing the room: _____

Dietary Restrictions : _____

Rooms will be paid by Grand Lodge provided you attend all meals and functions as follows: evening meal on Sunday evening, 6:30 PM; Monday breakfast, 7:30 AM; lunch, noon; Banquet on Monday evening, 6:30 PM; Tuesday breakfast, 7:30 AM; lunch, noon; Tuesday evening meal, 6:30 PM; and Wednesday breakfast, 7:30 AM. Functions begin Monday morning and conclude Wednesday morning. This also includes attendance at the Memorial Service and all Board meetings on Monday afternoon. Suggested banquet attire, Men: dress slacks, shirt, tie, and coat; Ladies: pant suit or dress. NO BLUE JEANS, T-SHIRTS, OR SHORTS.

Questions: call 920-406-9860 or email grandsecretary@ioofwi.org.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

10:30 AM Grand Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
1-4 PM Registration
6:30 PM Dinner - all must attend

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

7:30 AM Breakfast – all must attend
8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration
9:00 AM Grand Lodge Convenes
11:00 AM Nomination and Election of Officers
12:00 PM Recess for Lunch – all must attend
1:30 PM Memorial Service
Museum Board Meeting
Home Association Meeting
6:30 PM All Members and Past Leaders Banquet – all must attend

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

7:30 AM Breakfast – all must attend
8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration
9:00 AM Grand Lodge Reconvenes
Address by Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative
11:30 AM Recess for Lunch – all must attend
1:30 PM Grand Lodge Reconvenes
2:00 PM Manor Board Meeting
2:00-4:00 PM Installation of Officers and closing if all business is concluded
6:30 PM Grand Lodge Dinner – all must attend

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

7:30 AM Breakfast – all must attend
9:00 AM Grand Lodge Reconvenes until conclusion of business (if necessary)
(Otherwise, Grand Encampment and Department Council Session begin.)

Shullsburg's Annual Fish Fry



Public Fish Fry

Friday, March 22nd

4:30 to 7:30

American Legion

322 Hwy 11, Shullsburg

Menu:

DEEP FRIED CATFISH - COLE SLAW - POTATO SALAD

BAKED BEANS - ROLL - MILK OR COFFEE - DESSERT

\$13 - Dine-in

\$14 - ToGo



Jointly Sponsored by:
The Odd Fellows Lodge
The Masonic Lodge



All Proceeds to:

The Gingerbread Preschool of Shullsburg



**PROCLAMATION
FOR
LADY BETTY JEAN REASONER
PAST PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LADIES AUXILIARIES
PATRIARCHS MILITANT**

WHEREAS: The Supreme Commander on High has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to call upon Betty Jean Reasoner to become a member of his official family on 24 January, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Lady Reasoner joined Moonglow Theta Rho #104 in 1949 and initiated in at the age of 18 into Sarah Rebekah Lodge #364 and joined Yucca Rebekah Lodge #379, also belonged to Moose LEA #51, Riverside LAPM, Victor Odd Fellows Lodge #429, Morse Encampment #51 and Riverside Canton #25 and received the Decoration of Chivalry in 1996. She also served as Sentry, Color Bearer and on the Finance Committee in IALAPM and

WHEREAS: Lady Reasoner rose to receive the honor of President of IALAPM serving 2006-2007 with honor, dignity and respect for others; and

WHEREAS: Lady Reasoner has devoted her efforts and energies very diligently on behalf of the IALAPM and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows;

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

General (Dr.) Howard G. Malin

Gen. (Dr.) Howard G. Malin
General Commanding
General Military Council

Attest:

Lt. Gen. (R) Robert P. Henderson

Lt. Gen. (R) Robert P. Henderson
Adjutant General





Badger Honor Flight!

Here are some pretty incredible numbers that were shared last week at the Honor Flight National Summit.

Total Honor Flight Veterans to Washington, D.C. in 2023 - 22,244!

The breakdown from each conflict:

World War II - 390

Korean War - 2,340 Vietnam War -

18,357 Other - 1,157

Total Honor Flight Guardians to Washington, D.C. in 2023 - 17,444

Total Honor Flight Trips in 2023 - 360

Total Honor Flight hubs that made the trip in 2023 - 126

Thank you to everyone who supports Badger Honor Flight and our mission to give our deserving Veterans their trip of a lifetime!

Photo - November 4, 2023

Arlington National Cemetery

Schuyler Thomas Colfax Jr. 17th Vice President of the United States

Wikitree

Biography

Schuyler Colfax was born to Schuyler Colfax and Hannah Striker on Mar. 23, 1823 in Schodack, Rensselaer, New York. His father died from tuberculosis before his birth. Schuyler's mother, Han-nah, ran a boarding house, along with her mother. She eventually married George W. Matthews in 1834.

Dropped Out of School at Age 10

Schuyler attended public school in New York City until he dropped out at the age of ten to become a clerk at a store, bringing an end to his formal education. In 1836, the family moved to New Carlisle, Indiana and in 1841, to South Bend where he served for eight years as a deputy auditor for St. Joseph County under his stepfather, who was the auditor.

Editor and Publisher

He served as an assistant enrolling clerk of the state senate and also a senate reporter for the Indiana State Journal. At the age of 19, he became the editor of the South Bend Free Press which he later bought in 1845, he changed the name to St. Joseph Valley Register, which he published for 9 years. On Oct. 10, 1844, he married Evelyn Clark. They had no children and she died in 1863.

29th Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives

In 1850, Schuyler became a member of the state constitutional convention, and in 1854, he took an active part in organizing the "Anti-Nebraska men" in his state, which later, along with the northern Whigs, Know Nothings and Free Soilers, became known as the Republicans. They sent him to Congress where he served from 1855 until 1869, the last six years as speaker of the House.

Founder of Rebekah Degree of the IOOF

During this time, Colfax, who was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellow (I.O.O.F.), was appointed along with two others, to prepare a Ritual of ceremonies pertaining to the Rebekah Degree. On Sept. 1851, the degree was approved and Schuyler Colfax became its author and founder.

Eulogy for President Lincoln

Not one who was known for his eloquence, Colfax came the closest when he gave his eulogy for Abraham Lincoln:

"Murdered, confined, buried, he will live with those few immortal names who were not born to die; live, as the

Father of the Faithful in the times that tried men's souls; live in the grateful hearts of the dark-browed race he lifted from under the heel of the op-pressor to the dignity of freedom and manhood; live in every bereaved circle which has given father, husband, son or friend to die, as he did, for his country; live, with the glorious company of martyrs to liberty, justice and humanity, that trio of Heaven-born principles; live, in the love of all beneath the circuit of the sun, who loathe tyranny, slavery and wrong."

Vice President of the United States

In 1868, he accepted the Republican nomination as Vice President serving with General Ulysses S. Grant and was elected. Two weeks later, Schuyler married Ella M. Wade, the niece of Senator Benjamin Franklin Wade. They had one son, Schuyler Colfax III, who was born in 1870.

Death in Minnesota

Schuyler Colfax returned to private life and earned a living on the lecture tour. Walking between train depots in Mankato, Minnesota on Jan. 13, 1885, Schuyler Colfax died after suffering a heart attack brought on by freezing cold temperatures and exhaustion at the age of 61 yrs. He is buried in the City Cemetery at South Bend, Indiana.

Legacy

Colfax County, Nebraska and Colfax County, New Mexico are both named in Vice President Colfax's honor.



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, John S. Cupp Jr., Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim,

That the 23rd day of March 2024 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 2024, and in the 205th year of our Order.

Attest:
s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Yours in F, L & T,
s/ John S. Cupp Jr.
Sovereign Grand Master

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, John S. Cupp Jr., by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,

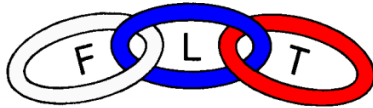
That the month of March be proclaimed **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month** in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada.

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 2024 and of our Order the 205th year.

Yours in F, L & T,
s/ John S. Cupp Jr.
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:
s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Committee on Membership

“A program of The Sovereign Grand Lodge to Obtain Membership Gains in all Units of all Branches of the Family of Odd Fellowship”

January 2024

Membership *Membership*
MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Everyone is “**CONCERNED ABOUT MEMBERSHIP**”.

The Pressing Question is, why are Fraternal Organizations losing members?

CHAPTER III MEMBERSHIP.

SEC.1 Generally.

A. Reference: to “Lodge” will also be known to mean Encampment, L.E.A. Canton Club, and Group where applicable.

B. Eligibility: a person of good character who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe sponsored by a member of the Order, shall be eligible for membership.

(2) Belief in the existence of a Supreme Being who is the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, is an integral requirement to hold membership in this Order. The denial, disbelief, or inability to believe with certainty in the existence of a Supreme Being as previously mentioned is incompatible with membership in this Order.

(a) Loss of belief in the existence of a Supreme Being is conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

Is this “Belief”, causing the Order to lose

members today? How does it apply to Odd Fellows today? Email me your feelings. (*Be respectful*). tiloyerrod@att.net

Membership has five attributes: boundaries, emotional safety, a sense of belonging and identification, personal investment, and a common symbol system.

Membership has boundaries; this means that there are people who belong and people who do not. The boundaries provide members with the emotional safety necessary for needs and feelings to be exposed and for intimacy to develop. Creating boundaries creates a definition of who can be a part of a community and who cannot.

Emotional safety may be considered as part of the broader notion of security. Boundaries established by membership criteria provide the structure and security that protect group intimacy. Such security may be more than emotional; gangs, for example, provide physical security and collectives enhance economic security. Boundaries help create emotional safety because when members know who is in the community and why, it creates trust and an openness in conversations.

The sense of belonging and identification involves the feeling, belief, and expectation that one fits in the group and has a place there, a feeling of acceptance by the group, and a willingness to sacrifice for the group.

The role of identification must be emphasized here. It may be represented in the reciprocal statements “It is my group” and “I am part of the group.” Both boundaries and a sense of emotional safety will ensure that members feel a sense of belonging. Making sure all members have a voice is important to make sure they feel like they can honestly say “this is my community”. If they truly feel like they have had a hand in making the community what it is, then they will inevitably identify with that community.

Personal investment is an important contributor to a person’s feeling of group membership and to his or her sense of community. Working for membership will provide a feeling that one has earned a place in the group and that, as a consequence of this personal investment, membership will be more meaningful and valuable. Personal investment plays a large role in developing an emotional connection (such as in-home ownership) and will be considered again. Every contribution from a member is important because they are investing their time and brain-power.

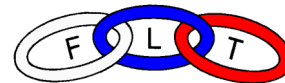
A common symbol system serves several important functions in creating and maintaining sense of community, one of which is to maintain group boundaries. Understanding common symbols systems is prerequisite to understanding community. Groups use conventions intentionally to create social distance between members and non-members. However, symbols only work when they represent an existing dynamic of reputation and community.

Each of us should examine ourselves as to why we belong to this Order today. Does it fit our lifestyles? How can we change for the betterment of mankind and get members of our community involved?

Membership *Membership*

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

s/ Rodney M. Metoyer, Chairman
Committee on Membership



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



Crock Pot Pierogies and Sausage

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
5 mins	8 hrs	8 hrs 5 mins

Servings: 8 servings Author: Gwen@SlowCookerKitchen.com

Ingredients

- 18 ounces frozen pierogies
- 1 pound sausage
- 1 can cream of chicken soup (10.5 oz)
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup (10.5 oz)
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup shredded cheddar for topping



Instructions

All Methods

1. Mix the soup and the chicken stock. Set it aside.

Slow Cooker

1. Butter or oil the insert.
2. Layer as follows: 1/2 pierogies, 1/2 sausage, 1/2 soup mixture, 1/2 cheese. Repeat.
3. Cover and cook: Low 6 to 8 hours; High 3 1/2 to 4.

Instant Pot

1. Place pierogies and sausage in insert with 1 cup water. Manual high 2 minutes, quick release. Drain.
2. Turn Instant Pot to sauté. Add soup-broth mixture, 1/2 the cheese and stir gently until combined. Add sausage and pierogies. Heat and stir until hot and bubbly.
3. Turn hot off. Add remaining cheese to top. Place lid on top and allow to rest for 10 minutes.

Oven

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Defrost overnight or place pierogies in a covered dish with 1/2 cup of hot water and microwave for 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Repeat until defrosted.
3. Butter a 9x13 casserole dish. Layer: pierogies, sausage, sauce, cheese.
4. Cover and bake 25 to 30 minutes. Remove cover and bake an additional 5 to 10 minutes to lightly brown as desired.

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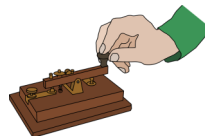
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