

# 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 was contacted by a member of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Tournament of roses parade committee to ask if Tami Adams, because of her cancer, would ride on the float this year. I said I would ask her and get back to them.

Now this is the only person I know of from the regular ranks of the Odd Fellows or Rebekah's that has been given this opportunity to ride the float. I know of only 2 members from Wisconsin who have rode on the float, that being Sovereign Grand Lodge officers during their term on Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I asked Tami and she said she was speechless. It was quite an honor to be given this opportunity. Tami said she would need to talk it over with her husband Jon. When she messaged me the next day. It was a mixed message. Tami wanted to go and knew it was a once in a life time opportunity, but she could not afford it with the expense of the plane tickets, hotel, and food. She really wanted to go more than I knew, but it is right after Christmas (Big expense) and property Taxes (another big expense). She could not see a way to make it financially. I asked her would she accept donations for her expenses to go on this trip. Tami said yes.

Now I am asking all lodges to think long and hard and send a donation to Grand lodge to help with sending Tami Adams to California to work on and ride the float. There is a little write up about her and her cancer. The float committee is hoping for some publicity about this. I am hoping that there will be some about her and the Wisconsin Odd Fellows and Rebekah's.

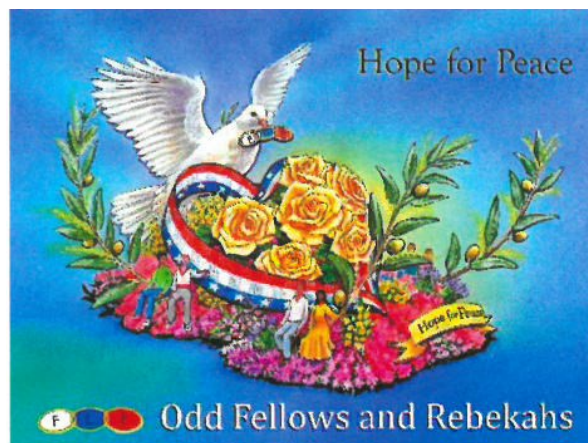
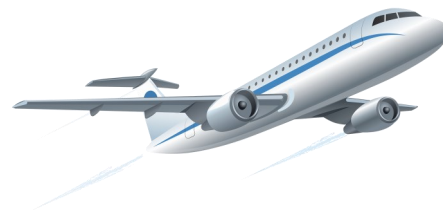
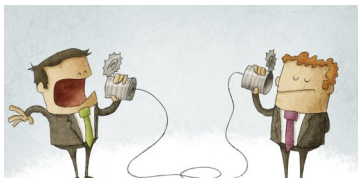
I can personally tell you about what this trip cost as I went last year as you may recall from my letters. The cost is about \$5,000.00. If we get over the cost of the trip the remaining money that is donated would go to the honor flight.

What an item to cross off Tami's bucket list of things to do.

I want to thank you in advance for your donation and support of this.

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

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



### GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,



November brings Election Day, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving Day. I hope that everyone will take the time to vote, thank a veteran and be thankful for all our blessings. Daylight Savings Time also ends this month at 2 AM November 6. Make sure you turn your clocks back before bed on November 5. Also, this month I will be sending the Annual term reports out to all secretaries. Please watch for them and start the process so that they can be returned by January 31, 2023.

Does your lodge have an event coming up that can go in the Coming Events calendar in *The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*? We would like to publish the events that lodges have and put it on the on-line calendar. We can't publish it if we don't know about it. Give the date, time, place, event name.

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Application has been sent to all Lodges. If you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, friend, neighbor or relative with a child who is a senior and can use some help getting to college please see the secretary of your lodge and get a copy of the application. If your secretary doesn't have the information, contact the Grand Lodge office and the information will be sent to you.



Also in the package with the Grand Lodge scholarship was the information on the scholarships, grants, and loans from the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Some of these are for graduate students, continuing education grants, etc. Make sure you are aware of all the types of scholarships, etc. that we have to offer members and non-members. This is one way to get our name out into your community.

If you have initiated new members since June 1, please send their information to the Grand Lodge along with the cost of your dues so that we can send you a check for their first year's dues. This is part of the Grand Master's program for this year.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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



## GRAND CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

The LORD is my strength and shield. My heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise Him (psalm 28:7)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people (psalm 105:1)

I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips (psalm 106:1)

My glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD MY GOD, I will give thanks to You forever! (psalm 30:12)

Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods (psalm 107:1)

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. (psalm100.4)

With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. (ezra 3:11)

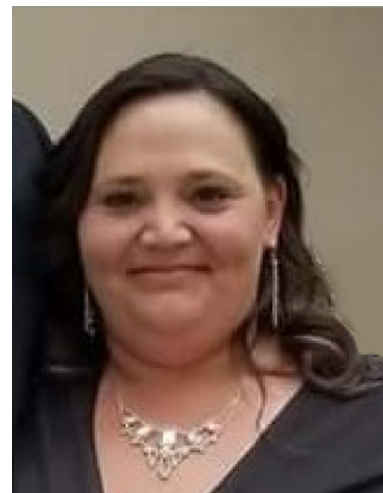
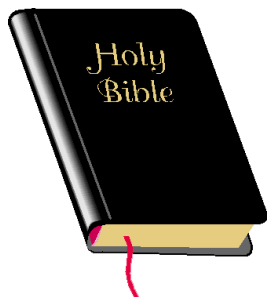
Dear Lord

Our hearts are crowded with gratitude as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving. We have come to this, our feasting table, with great joy and eagerness, for we are truly grateful to you, our God, for all that we have been given. We pause now and, in silent prayer, do thank you for the great generosity of Your gifts. We also thank one another for gifts -especially for the gifts of love and affection that we have freely shared. We are thankful. AMEN

Happy Thanksgiving!

F.L.T.

Sara Fuhlbohm  
Grand Chaplin





## Coming events

**NOVEMBER**

1 Deadline for articles for December  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*

Calendar Raffle Begins  
Good Luck to all!

3-5 Testimonial Banquet  
Michelle L. Heckart, Sovereign  
Grand Master, Des Moines, IA

6 Daylight Savings time ends – fall back.

8 Election Day – Remember to Vote!

11 Veterans’ Day

24 Happy Thanksgiving – Grand Lodge  
Office Closed!

25 Grand Lodge Office Closed!

**DECEMBER**

1 Deadline for articles for January  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*

**Deadline for names of delegates  
for Pilgrimage for Youth and ½ of  
delegate fee**

7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

21 Winter Begins

25 Christmas Day – Grand Lodge office  
Closed!

26 Grand Lodge office Closed!

**JANUARY**

1 Deadline for articles for February  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*

Happy New Year!

2 Watch for our float in the Rose  
Parade

7 Manor Board Meeting, Platteville

15 Anniversary of the Birthday of  
Thomas Wildey, founder of our Order

16 Martin Luther King Day

23-31 Grand Secretary out of Office

**FEBRUARY – EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MONTH**

1 Deadline for articles for March  
*The Wisconsin Odd Fellow*

14 Valentine’s Day

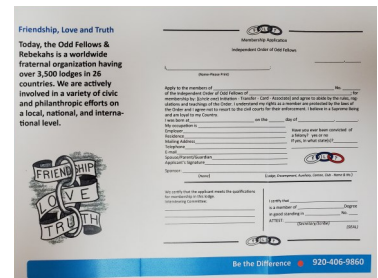
## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

New and improved membership applications will be sent to each Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge. The old application was a little tired and was missing a critical piece of information. The body of the information on the application has not changed except for the addition of two new fields.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (yes/no)

If yes, in what state?

This allows action by the Lodge if someone misstates their past.



We hope that you will make good use of the membership application and grow our Order. If at anytime you need additional applications, please contact the Grand Lodge Office.



# 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

Autumn Greetings! As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, we may find ourselves getting caught up in planning the meal, cleaning the house, and possibly starting to put up the Christmas decorations as this may be the big celebration for the holidays with the whole family present. We tend to forget to focus on what we are grateful for. It seems like this holiday gets lost in the transition to Christmas. We may focus on the football games that are on that day or the Black Friday shopping that we are going to do the next day. We may be thinking about the Christmas decorations that we may start putting up before the food hangover from Thanksgiving is even over! Take time to enjoy the family get-togethers, all of the wonderful food, and take time to focus on what you are grateful for.



On Tuesday November 22 we are planning to have a bake sale at the Odd Fellow Home. We ask staff and families to help us out by bringing in baked goods that we can sell. We have not had one for a while because of COVID. We would like to bring the Bake sales back as this was always a fun day for residents, staff and families. We set the bake sale up in the activity room and we will be selling baked goods from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM that day. We are going to use the proceeds to benefit the Holiday Food Drive that we will be doing over the Holiday season. Watch for more details on both the Bake Sale and the Food Drive.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Cindy Czechanski,  
Activity Director**



### NEWS FROM THE CEO

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

We are approaching the holiday season here at the Home Association!

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

We are grateful that CMS has lifted some of their regulations surrounding COVID-19 in that we no longer have to test residents and staff routinely. This is allowing us to give more time to residents for the care they entrusted us with. In addition to the regulation shift, we also had a Bi-Valent Booster Clinic in October for staff and residents. We know that COVID-19 is not going away so we are doing our part to keep the residents and staff as safe as we can.



We have a new therapy company, Select Rehab, that started September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our transition has been mostly seamless and our team is still as wonderful as ever.



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



We have several events planned for the remainder of the year. We are finishing up a food drive for our local food pantry in time for Thanksgiving. We are also working on a Toy Drive for local children. In addition, we are having a bake sale on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with proceeds going to assist with travel expenses for a special Rose Bowl Parade trip for Tami Adams.

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



**Autumn's Blessings,**

**Dan-a**



### LODGE HAPPENINGS



Green Bay #19 held a Degree Day on October 8, 2022. Tami Adams, Noble Grand welcomed four new members. Pictured left to right are Dan-a Kohn, Jesse Kohn, Noble Grand Tami Adams, Al Runde and Nicole Steinhoff.



# LODGE HAPPENINGS



Green Bay #19 donated several bags of candy to the activity department of the Odd Fellow Home. The candy was given to the residents to hand out to trick-or-treaters for the annual Halloween trick-or-treat event that was held on October 28, 2022. Pictured are Tami Adams, Noble Grand and Teresa Froseth, treasurer of Green Bay #19.



Mineral Point Iowa #1 members held a pulled pork fundraiser and were able to support the local youth by presenting the Pointer Pantry (weekend food gift cards for school age kids) and Mineral Points Excellent in Education with the proceeds. Members, Joel Gosse and Tom Heins, presented each with a \$500 check. Thank you Pointer Nation for always supporting our fundraisers.

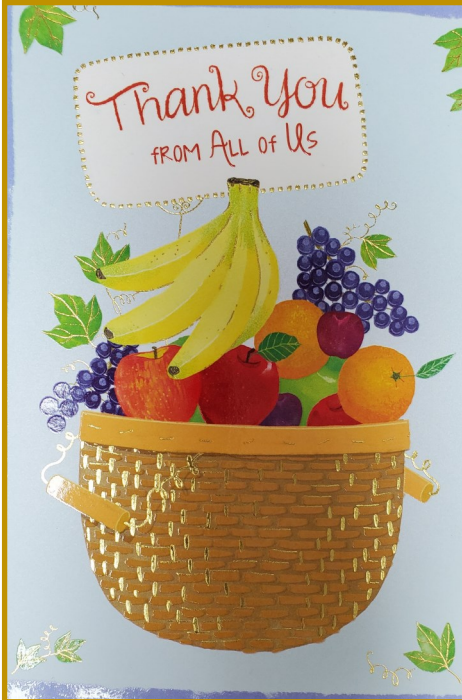


Iowa Lodge #1, Mineral Point held a food drive at the local high school football game. Food and money collected was donated to the Mineral Pont food pantry and the Iowa County food pantry. Pictured in picture to the left is Iowa #1 member Jim Heisner, middle picture is members Jim Heisner and Tom Heins.





# LODGE HAPPENINGS



*thanks for helping  
my family during  
such a difficult time*

*Your KINDNESS WAS SIMPLY DELIGHTFUL!*

*Thank You*

*Tiffany & Isaias Duena*

Green Bay Odd Fellow Lodge #19 received this thank you card for allowing this family to use the Lodge Hall for a luncheon.



Green Bay Rebekah Lodge #185 received this thank you card for their donation to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Rose Float



January 2, 2023

Dear Brothers, Sisters, & Friends:

Theme for Tournament of Roses Parade

**"Turning The Corner"**

Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Rose Float Theme

**"HOPE FOR PEACE"**

Each year we start Decorating the Float on December 26. If you would like to come to

Irwindale, California to help, please contact:

Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float  
P.O.Box 2718

Redondo Beach, Ca 90278-2718

Rosefloat@oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org  
or info@3linksfloat.org

The Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float,

Committee of the Float wishes to sincerely

Thank You for your generous Donation.

Your Donation is tax deductible as 501c(3)

EIN: #23-7439904.

Public Charity Status: 170(b) (1) (A) (vi). ID#31175.

Your Donation of **\$50.00** will help us in the work we are doing to get the Name of Odd Fellowship out into the World.

Again, Thank You very much.

*Marilyn Sue*  
Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float

## 2022 Sovereign Grand Lodge Representatives Report

We wish to thank the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Wisconsin for electing us to represent Wisconsin at the One Hundred Ninety Fifth Annual Communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held at the Embassy Suites, Winston Salem, North Carolina. Brother Jeffery Jones represented the Grand Encampment. Brother Loren Cunningham represented the Grand Lodge and was assigned to the International Issues Committee as chair and the Constitutions Committee.

Saturday Brother Loren Cunningham began his Constitutions Committee meetings. There was a welcome Dinner Buffet held Saturday evening and was enjoyed by the Wisconsin delegation.

Sunday, we attended the Sovereign Grand Lodge Representatives orientation at 10:00 AM, which was conducted by this year's Parliamentarian PSGM Charles Renninger, assisted with a slide presentation by Brother David Adams, Minnesota, of the Communications Committee. Candidates for the office of Sovereign Grand Warden addressed the representatives regarding their background and proposed plans if they were elected to the position. During the afternoon, the flag presentation was held outdoors followed by the Divine Memorial Service, held for all past Officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, and General Military Council.

Sunday evening the Grand Opening of the session was held with the presentation of the national flag, the flags of jurisdictions, and the flags of our various units worldwide. The Wisconsin flag was carried by Past Grand Master Sharon Cunningham and Grand Encampment Representative and Grand Master Jeffery Jones.

During the week, The Sovereign Grand Lodge opened at 9:00 am, and recessed in the early afternoon so we could meet with our assigned committees and/or attend various meetings scheduled for the membership.

Monday evening, we attended the Formal Banquet honoring the leaders of our Order and guests of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Tuesday morning elections were held, and Gerald V. Workman of West Virginia was elected Sovereign Grand Warden. John S. Cupp, Jr. of Pennsylvania was elected as Deputy Sovereign Grand Master. Michelle L. Heckart of Iowa was elected as the Sovereign Grand Master, the first woman ever to hold this position. In the afternoon brother Loren & brother Jeff attended their committee meetings.

Tuesday evening the change of Command and muster of Officers for the General Military Council and International Association of Patriarchs Militant was held in grand form. Installed was General Commanding, Earl F. Wys of Illinois.

Wednesday evening the Wisconsin delegation enjoyed the Officer's Banquet, along with the installation of the SGL and IARA officers. Michelle L. Heckart of Iowa was installed as Sovereign Grand Master and Ruth A. Earle of Michigan was installed as President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

Thursday the calendar was completed, and the budget was approved as presented.

Jewels were then exchanged, and new officers installed.

This session was a very active session. Many committees again met jointly to discuss the many Bills and Resolutions that were presented at this session. There were many Bills that were tabled to 2023 for various reasons.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2022 ANNUAL  
COMMUNICATION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.**

**Bill No. 9 - 2021**

**TITLE:** A Bill to Amend Chapter XXV, Section 1 A. (5) of the Code of General Laws regarding printing of the Ritual via print-on-demand.

**Bill No. 2 - 2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter II, Section 2 A (6) [Page II-13] of the Code of General Laws regarding suspension of the Executive Committee.

**Bill No. 4 – 2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter II, Section 16 (4), (6) & (7) [page II-27] of the Code of General Laws, regarding presentation and action on bills.

**Bill No. 6-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter III, Section. 6 [page III-7] of the Code of General Laws, regarding severance of membership.

**Bill No. 7-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter III, Section 13 [page III-10] of the Code of General Laws, regarding Associate Membership.

**Bill No. 11-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX [page XXX-6] of the Code of General Laws, amending the definition of Good Standing.

**Bill No. 12-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX [page XXX-12] of the Code of General Laws, adding definition of sojourner.

**Bill No. 14-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter II, Sections 1-C (1), 5 – A (16) and 16 – A (3) & B (3) [pages II – 2, 11, 27 & 28] of the Code of General Laws, deleting references to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 15-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter III, Sections 1 – A, D (1); 2 – G; & 5 – L (2) [pages III – 1, 3 & 7] of the Code of General Laws, deleting references to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 16-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to delete Chapters XVI, XVII and XVIII of the Code of General Laws, regarding the L.A.P.M. Branch of the Order.

**Bill No. 17-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXIV, Section 1 A (3) [page XXIV – 1] of the Code of General Laws, deleting reference to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 18-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXV, Section 1 A (5) (d) of the Code of General Laws, deleting L.A.P.M., regarding review of the Ritual.

**Bill No. 19-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXVI, Section 1, A (1) & B (1) & (5) [pages XXVI-1 & 2] of the Code of General Laws, Passwords deleting references to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 20-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXVII, Section 1 H (1) [page XXVII – 5] of the Code of General Laws, deleting references to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 21-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXVIII, Section 2 B and Section 3 B (7) [page XXVIII – 2] of the Code of General Laws, deleting reference to L.A.P.M. and amending units to count towards service years.

**Bill No. 22-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX, [pages XXX-1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 14] of the Code of General Laws, deleting references to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 23-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXXV, Section 1, A (2), B (2) & (3), D (3), E (2) [pages XXX-1 & 2] of the Code of General Laws, Decoration of Chivalry deleting references to L.A.P.M.

**Bill No. 24-2022**

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter II, Section 12, A, (3)(a)(ii) [page II – 20] of the Code of General Laws on an Emergency Basis regarding the duties of the Sub-Committee on Finance.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT 2022 SESSION****Resolution No. 8-2019**

*Be it Resolved,* that the ritual for the opening and closing ceremonies of Odd Fellows lodges be revised.

**Resolution No. 9-2019**

*Be it Resolved,* that the ritual, section 2, initiatory degree Odd Fellows lodges be revised.

**Resolution No. 7-2022**

*Be it Resolved,* the Patriarchs Militant Uniform Regulations be adopted.

**Resolution No. 8-2022**

*Be it Resolved,* the LAPM and DALAPM ritual be declared Historical Rituals.

**Resolution No. 9-2022**

*Be it Resolved,* changes to the Canton ritual be adopted.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

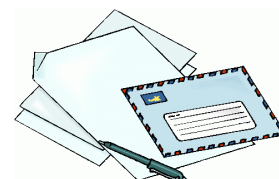
**In Friendship Love and Truth,  
Faith Hope and Charity,**

**Loren M. Cunningham, Grand Lodge Representative**

**Jeffery Jones, Grand Encampment Representative and Grand Master**

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# COMMUNICATION





Mineral Point Odd Fellow  
Iowa Lodge #1  
Is hosting a ...

# Toy Drive

Friday, December 9th

Mineral Point High School Gym

Boys Basketball

Mineral Point vs Iowa

Grant

&

Friday, December 16th

Mineral Point High School Gym

Girls Basketball

Mineral Point vs Boscobel

New toys and cash donations welcome

Thanks for helping the kids of Iowa County



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



September 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In this, my first letter to you as President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, I hardly know where to begin. The years leading up to this have been absolutely unforgettable. The warm welcomes, the many kindnesses received, the friendships made and so many wonderful experiences shared make me wonder how it can possibly get any better! By now my testimonial is past and I thank everyone who attended for coming and sharing the weekend with me. I hope you enjoyed your time in Michigan and the visit to Mackinac Island. The island has always been a favorite place of mine and having you there too just made it especially memorable.

We have a special day coming up on September 20 and I hope you will make it an occasion in your lodges. Invite friends and relatives to a tea or host an open house. It is the 171<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Rebekah Degree. Celebrate us!

Speaking of celebrations, you won't want to miss the testimonial for Michelle Heckart on November 4-6 in Des Moines, Iowa. Sister Michelle is making history as she serves as the first Sister to attain the title of Sovereign Grand Master. It is an honor for me to be able to serve with her. Don't miss out on this event.

I want to commend those lodges that are meeting regularly and functioning as they did in the past. There is so much good being done through your efforts yet the word is not getting out to our neighborhoods, villages and districts. It is imperative that we get our name out to the public and show people what we stand for. Rebekah Odd Fellowship is one of the best kept secrets around and we need to spread the word! I urge you to become a force in your communities.

We have faced so many challenges in the past couple

of years. However, things are close to being "normal" again and it is time we return to our lodge halls and get back to work. I am a bit disturbed by some of the comments I hear about the difficulty getting members back in to the lodge room. Please do not give up on these Sisters and Brothers! If they are not comfortable returning yet, call them, send them a note or a card. Let them know that you care and that you want them to return as soon as they feel it is safe to do so. We cannot afford to lose a single member because they did not feel valued.

As the days get shorter and the leaves begin their autumn transformation, we begin thinking about the holidays quickly approaching and the many Rebekah Assembly meetings ahead. I look forward to each and every one and am excited to share time with many of you. I want to extend my very best wishes for a Happy Halloween and a happy fall y'all!

In Fraternal Love,

Ruth Earle



Conceive, Believe, Achieve



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



September 2022

**Greetings!** My wildest imagination would NOT have placed me at this elevated position.

I am truly honored to be listed among those who have gone this way before.

Nevertheless, it saddens me that, but few have achieved this honor. There are many among us and even more who have passed on, who have aspired to reach for this honor, but were denied.

It most certainly pleases me to have this honor to serve YOU. I say, **Thank YOU** to those who have served and preserved this opportunity for us to reach for.

Recent past has produced a bumper crop of hurtles and obstacles to block the straight and narrow path, but yet we are here and must press on toward the light at the end of the tunnel. General Bowers, **Thank YOU** and your Officers for jumping in and clearing the path... A job well done!

Challenges are many and some yet to be revealed. I have been blessed with a Dream Team to help navigate the way. There are many along the way who need their broken hearts attended to. It is our duty to bind up the wounds of the afflicted, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. As well as, to carry the torch and pass it to those who follow.

I assure YOU, that I will do my best to preserve our History and Traditions so that the next generation may have these opportunities to experience. To our next generation... I would like YOU to know that YOU are very special.

Not only are YOU special to Odd Fellows, YOU are special to everyone YOU know and our great Coun-

try... Why? YOU are the future! The things YOU do, say and learn will help mold YOU into the leaders we desperately need to run our businesses and run our Country.

The leadership skills YOU learn in the Odd Fellows Youth organizations will help YOU lead us into the future.

Our forefathers preserved Odd Fellows so we could take advantage of this quality organization. Soon it will be your duty to pass it on to the next generation.

Ask questions, do new things, learn as YOU go. This is a Great Adventure! ... Take advantage of these opportunities. Continue your education and step into the future. Scholarships are available to help YOU get higher learning. All YOU need to do is dream about what YOU would like to do and ask for direction and help!

Thank YOU for your attention!

We Must Pull Together!

Chivalrously,

General Earl F. Wys







**Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

*Committee on Membership*

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

September 2022

Greetings to each Brother and Sister,

In reviewing the Joint Program pamphlet of our newly elected leaders, it is clear to see they share the same message on the importance of our commitment in practicing the principles of Odd Fellowship in our daily lives, where we direct our thoughts and actions to affect others in a positive way. What it means to belong to our Order will attract others if we “practice what we preach” by “walking the walk”, routinely demonstrating to others our core precepts and values. Setting an example of true fraternity, treating each other with kindness, loving one another unconditionally, and also understanding those who may feel differently about a matter, treating them with respect always. SGM Michelle’s theme, Teamwork; President-I.A.R.A. Ruth’s theme, Believe; and General Commanding Earl’s theme, “We can do it...together”; lends a perfect path towards building up our membership. If we all truly work as a team and believe in each other, then imagine the possibilities of growth!

**Make someone feel important**

**Elevate the character of Mankind**

**Mindful of your spoken words**

**Believe we can achieve together**

**Engage in recruitment**

**Respect the feelings of others**

**Seek truth in our actions**

**Help improve your community**

**Initiate friendship with love**

**Pull together for the good of our Order**

Membership growth doesn’t happen by itself or without routine attention. It takes pulling together, working in unison; **Teamwork**. If we stop and look around, how

many folks do you know who meet some of the basic standards of what it means to be an Odd Fellow or a Rebekah?

Do they believe in a Supreme Being?

Do they want to elevate Mankind?

Do they care about the future of our children and our World?

Do they practice Friendship, Love and Truth?

Many amongst us qualify as eligible, so what may be the missing link is “how to get the interest of others in joining our Order”. How do we effectively get the word out for growth, while maintaining the characteristics of our Order’s virtues? Lodge members need to shout out and share with others their excitement in belonging to an organization which can make a difference in the world by lifting up others, helping those in need or underprivileged, offering educational programs, performing charitable work for nonprofits and other benevolent interests, and engaging in activities for community improvement. Feeling good about contributing to and being involved in good causes can be contagious, leading to forward momentum. Members interacting positively with others will help promote membership retention and showing the noble values our Order upholds to those who surround us can attract new members.

Connecting our members through networking will assist in building new relationships and create opportunities for new ideas that could foster needed growth. Linking and building of different networks amongst members is a big plus for everyone within the organization by broadening our outreach, contacts and resources. Providing voluntary membership phone lists or directories to share will help expand needed communication and promote for fuller member inclusion and involvement. Keeping a calendar of ongoing

events posted, both physically and electronically, can expand member and public awareness of your activities, while inviting them to take part. How many contacts and phone numbers of members might you have, and when is the last time you reached out to confer or team build between meetings? Instituting a membership committee should one be absent and discussing during lodge meetings ideas for how to attain growth, at least intermittently if not routinely, keeps your members active in recruitment. And this line of necessary thinking remains at the forefront of their thoughts. Educating members about the many great programs and projects our Order offers will not only spark their interest and support, but aid in their ability to attract the interest of potential new members through conveying this information. Inquire of your jurisdictional leaders regarding obtaining written promotional materials that can be distributed. The Sovereign Grand Lodge is also a resource here.

As this year progresses, I look forward to working with all of you and sharing ideas for growth. Reach out and contact me to brainstorm, offer ideas you may have, or to relay successes your lodge or jurisdiction has had in garnering new members that I can communicate herein. Together, as a working family and team, we can continue to keep Odd Fellowship strong, a worthwhile endeavor for all to belong.

With fraternal regards and in your service,

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# MISTY'S Recipe Exchange



## Soft and Chewy Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies

★★★★★

These pumpkin oatmeal cookies are super soft, chewy, thick, and full of pumpkin flavor! The perfect cookie for fall!

**Course** Dessert **Cuisine** American **Keyword** pumpkin oatmeal cookies  
**Prep Time** 15 mins **Cook Time** 10 mins **Total Time** 25 mins **Servings** 24 cookies  
**Author** Danielle



### Ingredients

- 1 cup (125 grams) all-purpose flour (spooned & leveled)
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (115 grams) unsalted butter softened to room temperature
- 1/2 cup (100 grams) brown sugar lightly packed
- 1/4 cup (50 grams) granulated sugar
- 1 large egg yolk room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup (80 grams) pumpkin puree squeeze out excess moisture with paper towels\*
- 1 and 1/2 cups (150 grams) old-fashioned rolled oats

### Instructions

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt. Set aside
2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or in a large mixing bowl using an electric mixer, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar for 1-2 minutes until well combined. Add the egg yolk and vanilla extract and mix until fully combined. Then mix in the pumpkin puree until well combined.
3. Slowly mix in the dry ingredients, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. Then mix in the old-fashioned rolled oats until just combined.
4. Cover the cookie dough tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
5. Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper.
6. Using a 1.5 tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough and drop onto the prepared baking sheets. Roll the cookie dough into balls and very gently press down with your hand to flatten each ball of cookie dough slightly. Make sure to leave a little room between each ball of cookie dough as they will spread a little while they bake.
7. Bake in separate batches at 350°F for 9-12 minutes or until the edges of the cookies are lightly browned and the top is set. Remove from the oven and cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer the cookies to a wire rack to finish cooling.



**LET'S SHARE RECIPES!**

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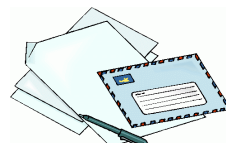
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