



# LODGE LANTERN

the Mighty Voice of Pueblo 8

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## A NEW ERA ON UNION AVENUE

*Pueblo Lodge No. 8 Secures Its Permanent Home*



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In a moment destined to be remembered as a turning point in the modern history of Odd Fellowship in Southern Colorado, Pueblo Lodge No. 8 is proud to announce the purchase of 224 South Union Avenue, a landmark building in the heart of the Historic Union Avenue District. After years of meeting in borrowed spaces and dreaming of a permanent home, the Lodge has stepped boldly into its next chapter—one rooted in stewardship, visibility, and community impact.

The acquisition was the result of months of careful planning, spirited discussion, and dedicated negotiation. Grand Secretary Chad Parker played a

pivotal role throughout the process, helping guide the Lodge through the complexities of the purchase and ensuring that the Order's long-term interests were protected. His steady hand and deep knowledge of the fraternity's operations were instrumental in bringing the deal to completion.

### *A Building With Purpose*

The three-level structure at 224 South Union Avenue is more than a building—it is a multi-use campus for the future of Odd Fellowship in Pueblo and beyond.

The ground floor will soon become the home of the Odd Fellows Platter & Pint, a public-facing gathering place designed to bring the community into direct contact with the Lodge's mission of friendship, love, and truth.

At the heart of this



*224 South Union Ave in Pueblo will become the IOOF Building*

operation will be Noble Grand Anthony Palmer, whose culinary venture, Heavenly Soul, will run the kitchen and supply the food program. His vision blends comfort, creativity, and cultural roots - an ideal match for a space meant to welcome neighbors, families, and visitors into the spirit of fellowship.

The bar program is being developed by Past Grand John Jones, who is crafting a concept that balances approachability with character. His plan emphasizes local identity, historic charm, and a sense of place that reflects both the building's 1883 origins and the Lodge's modern energy.

Together, Palmer and Jones are shaping a venue that will serve as a social anchor for Union Avenue and a revenue engine for the Lodge.

Upstairs, the second floor will be transformed into a dedicated Lodge Hall, finally giving Pueblo 8 a permanent ceremonial and meeting space worthy of its history.

The hall will also serve as the home for:

- Fremont Lodge #96
- Shalom Rebekahs #7
- Pueblo Encampment #1
- The Steel Bear Nobles

The purchase of 224 South Union Avenue is more than a real estate transaction—it is a declaration of identity and intention. Pueblo Lodge No. 8 is planting its flag in the heart of the city, committing to a future of service, visibility, and community engagement.

It will be a place where members gather, the public is welcomed, and where the values of Odd Fellowship are lived out in daily practice.



*Odd Fellows Kitchen*

**2026 SEASON GRAND OPENING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13**



# Ritual and Why it Matters and How We Can Grow

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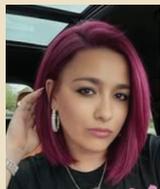
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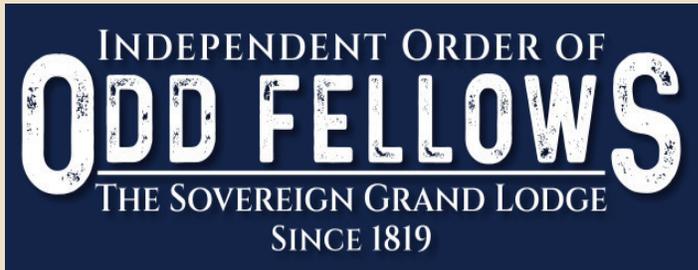
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The rituals of a Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodge are more than just scripts to be read from a "little red or green book"; they are the foundational blueprints for a life of purpose. To be viewed with the respect we desire in the Pueblo community we must first master the lessons within our own walls and then project them outward through visible, consistent action.



If we simply "sit around in a closed room" to discuss building repairs, we lose the opportunity to inspire. Instead, let us treat every meeting as a chance to practice the Odd Fellows or Rebekah Creed, ensuring that our "Golden Rule" philosophy is evident in how we treat one another.

Seeing Rebekahs in branded shirts cleaning up a local trail makes our mission undeniable.

- 2 Support Established Local Needs: Coordinate monthly donations for the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen

- 3 Modernize Our Presence: If our lodge building has "peeling paint or a shab by exterior," it tells the community we are fading. A well-maintained hall and a friendly, open-door policy for community inquiries go a long way in building trust.

By mastering our ritual internally, we build the character necessary to serve externally. When we unite these two—ritual excellence and community presence—the Rebekahs will once again be seen as a pillar of the Pueblo community.

## Understanding the Ritual as a Tool for Growth

Ritual is the "heartbeat" of our Order. When we conduct our ceremonies with precision and solemnity, we are not merely performing; we are reinforcing the values of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Every symbol—from the Beehive's lesson on cooperative industry to the Dove's message of peace—serves as a moral compass.

Educating ourselves on these rituals ensures that new members find value in our meetings.

## Building Respect Through Visible Service in Pueblo

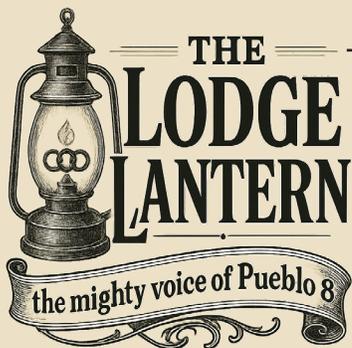
Respect in Pueblo is earned by being a "working" organization, not just a "meeting" one. To improve our community standing, we must transition from a "secret" society to a visible service force. Our neighbors should associate the Three Links with tangible help. Consider these paths to a more respectable public image:

- 1 Adopt a Local Space: Partner with Pueblo Parks and Recreation to "Adopt a Park" or a streetscape.





**2026 GRAND MASTER SCHEDULED VISIT**  
**GRAND MASTER CASSIE CONGER**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 10AM**



# Lodge Brother Enters the Kickboxing Fight Game

*Brother Slade Reardon Prepares to Heat Up the Pueblo Ice Arena on Saturday, March 21*



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Third Degree Brother Slade Reardon has been fighting most of his life—long before the bright lights of the Pueblo Ice Arena, long before the promo cameras, long before the roar of a hometown crowd. His journey started at just nine years old, when his parents signed him up for tae kwon do to keep him active. What they didn't know then was that they were lighting a fuse. Slade didn't just enjoy martial arts—he fell in love with it, and he never stopped.

That early discipline shaped everything that came after. Today, Slade's style is a true mixed martial art—rooted in tae kwon do, sharpened by Muay Thai, and constantly evolving as he experiments with whatever techniques feel right in his hands and feet. Even though this upcoming bout is a kickboxing match, he carries the full weight of his lifelong training into every strike.

His home base is On Point Striking, tucked inside the Beach Fitness Club at 521 Chinook Ln, Pueblo, CO. It's a place where sweat hits the mats daily, where sparring rounds at

6:30 p.m. turn into lessons, and where teammates push each other harder than they ever thought possible. Slade credits them as much as his own discipline.

Training for this fight hasn't been easy. It's been a grind—wind sprints with ankle weights, fast-paced bag work, endless cardio sessions designed to break limits and rebuild lungs.

**And now, the time is here.**

On Saturday, March 21st, at the Pueblo Ice Arena, Brother Reardon steps into the professional ring—representing not just himself, not just his gym, but the brotherhood of IOOF Pueblo Lodge #8. His story is written in sweat: a Pueblo fighter rising from years of discipline, community, and grit.

Tickets are available through Spartase.com, both in-person and PPV. Support Slade directly by using code REARDON at checkout - every purchase with that code helps fuel his journey.

This fight isn't just a match. It's a milestone. A hometown kid who started throwing kicks at nine years old now steps into the professional arena with Pueblo behind him, his lodge beside him, and his gym in his corner. Brother Slade Reardon is ready. And Pueblo is ready for him.



**REARDON VS PENT**  
**SAT | MARCH 21 | 2026**  
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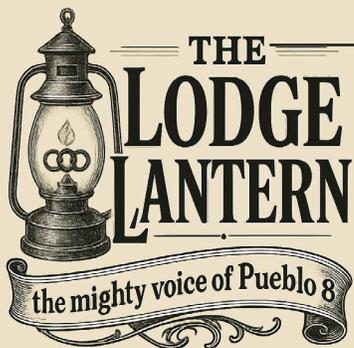
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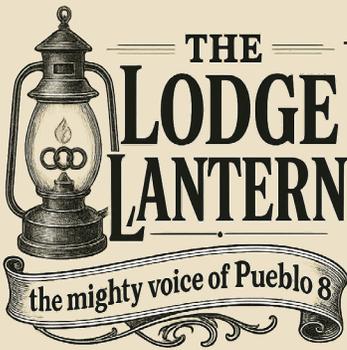
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**Pushin' Donut's from the Odd Fellows Kitchen**





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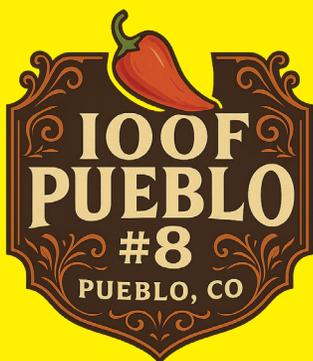


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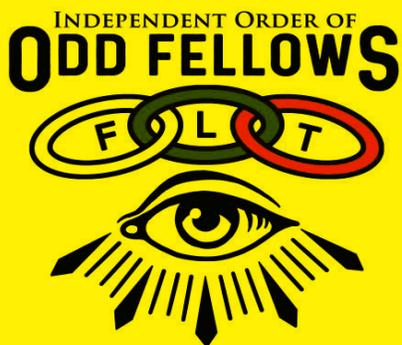
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Mar 7 • 10am • Lodge Meeting  
Mar 17 • 6pm • Lodge Meeting  
Apr 4 • 11am • Lodge Meeting  
Apr 21 • 6pm • Lodge Meeting  
May 2 • 11am • Lodge Meeting  
May 19 • 6pm • Lodge Meeting



### FREMONT 98

*To Be Determined*



### SALOME 7

Mar 7 • 10am • Lodge Meeting  
Mar 17 • 4:30pm • Lodge Meeting  
Apr 4 • 10am • Lodge Meeting  
Apr 21 • 4:30pm • Lodge Meeting  
May 2 • 10am • Lodge Meeting  
May 19 • 4:30pm • Lodge Meeting



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