

South Dakota Pasque Odd Fellow & Rebekah News

2nd Quarter-2023



Message from Grand Master Caren Howard

Greetings from the Black Hills!

Hopefully, everyone has enjoyed the cold, wet, weather that we have been having. But, the days are getting longer and summer is coming. It is nice to see all the calves and other animals out and about in the pastures and woods.

I would like the lodges to let me know if you have a Saturday in the coming month or two that you would meet so that I could visit your lodge. This would be the Gregory, Huron, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Elk Point, Lead, Vermillion lodges. Rapid City, we will work something out soon.

It can be a social meeting, I would just like to get to all of the lodges at some point this spring/summer. I would be very grateful if some of the lodges would be willing to meet with another lodge for my visit, that would be great.

Get ahold of either myself or LaDonna at the Grand Lodge Office so we can make arrangements for my visits.

Hopefully we will get see everyone at the picnic in Chamberlain, it sounds like a good time again this year, and it is always fun to see all the members and their families. Offer to car-pool with your members, especially those that have a difficult time getting out and about, it should be an enjoyable day of Odd Fellowship!

There are a lot of holidays coming up, get out and enjoy them and be respectful. Enjoy the warm summer weather when it gets here.

In F, L & T
Caren Howard,
Grand Master



2022-2023 Grand Master Program

Motto: Friendship, help others

Color/Flower: Blue, Pink/Green for my Rebekah and Sunflowers

Aim: Building Friendship

Song: Angels Among Us

Grand Masters Prayer: The Serenity Prayer

Guides: Constitution, Code, By-Laws, Bible

Emblem: Petrified Wood- What is the spiritual meaning of petrified wood? Petrified wood can assist anyone who is feeling stuck or experiencing being frozen in time. So lets get unstuck and move our order forward!

Fun Song: Kisses Are Sweeter Than Wine

Project: Help in your community in anyway. Hold a fundraiser or volunteer for your local Meals on Wheels??

My year is dedicated to my very dear friend PGM John McKnight, we did a lot of traveling together the year I was Assembly President and he was Grand Master.



2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master	Caren Howard	Grand Conductor	Cody Parsons
Deputy Grand Master	David Chang	Grand Marshal	Amy Chang
Grand Warden	Karen Bialas	Grand Chaplain	Shirley McKnight
Grand Secretary	LaDonna McKnight	Grand Herald	Paul Farr
Grand Treasurer	Sean Bialas	Grand Guardian	Paul Schaffer
Jr. Past Grand Master	Merrill McFayden		
Grand Representative	Bill Glover		



Share your Lodge Happenings!

Recognize your members, Events in your Lodge, Toot your Horn!!

I would love to see a page per lodge in every Pasque Issue!!

I will be sending out periodic updates to lodge secretaries as/when needed. If so, please e-mail your article and photos to: LaDonna at glodioof@gmail.com

WEBSTIE ADDRESS: southdakotaoddfellows.org is always a work in progress, it is the go to place for information concerning South Dakota Odd Fellows!

Dear 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 89th I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is scheduled for May 5-7 th. 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 15th is the Scholarship deadline for the Educational Foundation. We have many scholarships available to members of our order, their children, and a loan program. All scholarship applications can be found at www.ioof.org or rkbabb!@bellsouth.net.

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

June 4th 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 13th 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 ourselves!, 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



Thinking of you

All Members and Friends battling or recovering from illness—
Past Grand Master Paul Schaefer for the loss of his brother



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Please be sure to let LaDonna know of anyone we should be keeping in our thoughts and prayers.



Greetings from the Grand Lodge Office!

Spring and soon to be summer greetings from Rapid City! I love this time of year, I'm so excited to get to plant some flowers this summer since I took last year off due to my knee surgery.

I am happy to say that all Odd Fellow Lodges turned in their Annual Reports and our Sovereign Grand Lodge Annual Report was filed in a very timely manner. I have also sent in updated membership rosters for each lodge, so hopefully we are up to date with SGL. In the future I ask that all lodges fill out and send in the new member form when you initiate new members! This will help in keeping our list here in the

office and with SGL current.

I am looking forward to our Picnic in June, we will have a great time, I'm sure and this year we will be having a drawing for a \$100.00 gift card for some lucky member, will it be you? The names of only those in attendance will be put in the hat, so you better be there!

Soon it will be time to start thinking about our Grand Lodge session that will be held in Rapid City in September. Don't forget that all reports from lodges, nominations for Member of the Year, Tomb of the Unknown Pilgrimage delegate for 2025, legislative/by-law changes need to all be submitted by July 31st. More information will be sent out to lodge secretaries at a later date.

I have included the report forms for the Sovereign Grand Lodge Recognition Programs in this Pasque. If your lodge qualifies for any of the Programs please be sure to fill out and send in your Lodge's reports. You can



send to me and I will send on to the SGL Office or you can send them direct to the SGL. Please check out the due dates and get them turned in, in time. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to send an email or leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible, but don't forget, I'm in the office mainly in the evening and on weekends.

Your Grand Secretary, LaDonna

Rushmore Lodge #39 Donates over 150 children's books to the REDIATRICS Book Drive this spring!

The collected books will be donated to the families of children receiving services at the SD Department of Health. The SD Department of Health has expanded its service area from six to sixteen clinics across the area. When a child comes to the clinic for a shot or a wellness check, the child is gifted with a book at the end of their appointment to keep. The REDIATRICS Book Drive has donated tens of thousands of books to Western South Dakotan children to build literacy in the home since the drive's creation in 2001.



SAMANTHA'S CREATIONS

2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Anna Dargatz
Gregory



Gracie Kenzy
Gregory



Jaslee Kerner
Gregory



Vy Nguyen
Gregory



Christian Spann
Gregory



Dakota Timanus
Gregory



Ashlee Glandt
Rapid City



Jonathon Falconer
Sioux Falls



Trevor Fredenburg
Sioux Falls



Rachel Fredenburg
Sioux Falls



Jonah Kocer
Sioux Falls



Erika Langloss
Sioux Falls



Ty Schafer
Sioux Falls



Kylie Schneider
Sioux Falls



Morgan Whiting
Sioux Falls

Congratulations to each and everyone of you!

*Special Recognition goes to Jonathon Falconer who will receive
the Odd Fellow/Rebekah Memorial Scholarship!*

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

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:

Contributions: Money; Promotion; Years of Participation

Remarks

Reporting Officer

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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

Reporting Officer



2024 Parade Theme: “Celebration of Music”

The Odd Fellow Member of the Year and Odd Fellow Lodge of the Year Programs will continue with the following guidelines:

Lodge of the Year

Member of the Year: Each lodge shall nominate 1 member that they feel embodies the principles of Odd Fellowship. A form will be sent out in July that will need to be completed and submitted by August 15th. Each nominee will be a guest of the Grand Lodge-room and per deim provided. So all nominees are encouraged to attend Grand Lodge. The Odd Fellow of The Year will receive a plaque and a \$250.00 donation to the charity of their choice. So be thinking about who from your lodge deserves to be recognized for their good work in promoting the principles of Odd Fellowship.

Odd Fellow of the Year

Lodge of the Year: Each year before Grand Lodge, Lodges are “required” to submit a report of what they have done in their lodge and community. Once these reports are turned in they are included in the Advanced Reports that are used at Grand Lodge as lodge reports. The Lodge will receive a plaque and a \$500.00 donation from the Grand Lodge. Be sure to work on your lodge reports and get them turned in on time to be considered for this honor. More information will be sent to lodge secretaries in the following months.

Nominations for both programs will be due August 15th 2023.

Rustic Orange-Rhubarb Tart

Total Time Prep: 20 min. + standing Bake: 30 min. + cooling, Makes 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1 sheet refrigerated pie crust
- 2 tablespoons apricot preserves
- 1 cup sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
- 1 can (15 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1 large egg white, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 cup white baking chips
- 1 tablespoon shortening

Directions

On a lightly floured surface, roll out crust into a 14-in. circle.

Spread preserves to within 2 inches of edge. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the rhubarb, oranges, 1/2 cup sugar, tapioca and cinnamon; let stand for 15 minutes.

Spoon over crust to within 2 in. of edge; sprinkle with almonds. Fold edge of crust over filling, leaving center uncovered.

Beat egg white and water; brush over folded crust. Sprinkle with remaining sugar.

Bake at 375° for 30-35 minutes or until crust is golden and filling is bubbly.

Using parchment, slide tart onto a wire rack to cool.

In a microwave, melt white chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Drizzle over tart.

Nutrition Facts: 1 piece: 432 calories, 18g fat (7g saturated fat), 10mg cholesterol, 163mg sodium, 65g carbohydrate (40g sugars, 2g fiber), 4g protein.



Springtime Penne

Prep/Total Time: 20 min, Makes 5 servings

Ingredients

- 3 cups uncooked penne pasta
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 pound cubed fully cooked ham
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Shredded Parmesan

Directions

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, saute asparagus and onion in butter for 5-8 minutes or until asparagus is crisp-tender.

Add the ham, cream, pepper and salt; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; cook over low heat for 1 minute.

Drain pasta. Add to the asparagus mixture; toss to coat. If desired, top with shredded Parmesan cheese.

Health tip: Although this pasta dish tastes light and fresh, it does contain butter and cream. Use just 2 tablespoons of butter and half-and-half in place of heavy whipping cream to slim this dish down to just under 300 calories per serving.

Nutrition Facts: 1-1/2 cups: 389 calories, 21g fat (12g saturated fat), 75mg cholesterol, 617mg sodium, 37g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 3g fiber), 16g protein.



JANUARY 2023

1 New Year's Day—Rose Parade –
Watch for the Odd Fellow/Rebekah Float!!
**15 Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Wildey,
Founder of our Order**
16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
**21 Executive Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge
Office-Rapid City**

FEBRUARY 2023

2 Groundhog Day
12 Lincoln's Birthday
14 Valentine's Day
20 Presidents' Day
22 Washington's Birthday/Ash Wednesday

MARCH 2023

1 Annual Reports Due to Grand Lodge Office
1 Scholarship Application Deadline
12 Daylight Savings Time begins
17 St. Patrick's Day
20 First Day of Spring
23 Schyler Colfax Day
25 Executive and Scholarship Meeting
————Chamberlain-Baymont Inn

APRIL 2023

2 Palm Sunday
7 Good Friday
9 Easter Sunday
22 Earth Day
27-Founders Day Celebration for Odd Fellowship
18 Holocaust Remembrance Day

MAY 2023

1 May Day
4 National Day of Prayer
14 Mothers Day
20 Armed Forces Day
22 Victoria Day (Canada)
29 Memorial Day



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

JUNE 2023

6 D-Day
14 Flag Day
17 Membership Picnic/Executive Board
————Chamberlain-Cedar Shores
18 Father's Day
19 Juneteenth Holiday
20 Frist Day of Summer

JULY 2023

1 Canada Day
4 Independence Day

AUGUST 2023

15 ADVANCEDED REPORTS DUE TO GL OFFICE
21-24-Sovereign Grand Lodge-Des Moines IA

SEPTEMBER 2023

4 Labor Day
11 Patriot Day
10 Grand Parent Day
14-16 GRAND LODGE—Rapid City
23 Autumn Begins

OCTOBER 2023

9 Columbus Day/Native American Day
9 Thanksgiving (Canada)
31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 2023

1 All Saints Day
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
11 Veterans Day
23 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2023

21 Winter Begins
24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day
31 New Year's Eve

Announcement!!

Annual Membership Picnic

June 17, 2023

Arrowwood/Cedar Shores
Resort at Oacoma

Picnic lunch served at

12:30 PM Central Time

All members and guests welcome!

Please RSVP to the Grand Lodge Office
by June 9th

Register for a door prize drawing!

(must be present to win)

Stay and Play Games and
win Prizes

Come join us for this great
opportunity to see old
friends, make new friends and

have a great meal provided by the Grand Lodge!

