

# South Dakota Pasque Odd Fellow & Rebekah News

3rd Quarter-2023



Games and Door Prize Winners!!



Lodge of the Year-Sioux Falls  
Lodge #9-receives their plaque

**2023 Membership  
Picnic**  
**A great time was  
had by all!!**



Memorial Scholarship Recipient-  
Jonathon Falconer



## 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](mailto:glodioof@gmail.com)

**WEBSTIE ADDRESS:** [southdakotaoddfellows.org](http://southdakotaoddfellows.org) is always a work in progress, it is the go to place for information concerning South Dakota Odd Fellows!



## 2023 South Dakota Grand Lodge Session Plans!!

Please use the following information for reserving your rooms for our Grand Lodge Session to be held in Rapid City in September. We will be having practice for the Grand Lodge Officers on Thursday night—so please keep that in mind when making arrangements for travel and rooms. We will be finished Saturday afternoon after Installation of Officers—so if you have been asked to be an officer or may be elected to an office. Please plan to be at installation, and the newly elected Grand Warden will need to be available to attend the Executive Board meeting on Sunday morning.

Registration paperwork will be emailed and posted on the Grand Lodge website by Mid-July the 1st of August at the latest—be watching for it!!

<b>Grand Lodge of SD</b> <b>Arriving Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>(departing Saturday or Sunday, please be sure to specify arrival and departure)</i>
<u>STANDARD RATE:</u> <b>\$154 per night</b> For a Single King w/ Sofa-sleeper or Double Queen <b>**Upgrades Available**</b> <i>(Rates are offered on a first call/first served basis. No guarantee after August 16<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<b>Reserve your room today!</b>
Call 1 <b>888-HOLIDAY</b> (888-465-4329). Reference the <b>Grand Lodge of SD</b> and <b>Block Code: GLS.</b>

### Very Tentative Working Schedule of Events!!

Details will be included in the Official Registration form to be sent out shortly.

You should be able to plan accordingly with this schedule as far as arrival and departure plans.

#### Grand Lodge

**Thursday--September 14, 2023**

**5:30 pm Supper for all Elected and Appointed Officers for this Session**

**7:00 pm School of Instruction** for all officers to practice for the Session—Grand Master Caren Howard asks that all Officers attend the School of Instruction!!  
Supper provided by the Grand Lodge

#### Grand Lodge

**Rebekah District Meeting**

**Friday--September 15, 2023**

**Friday Morning**

7:30-8:45—Breakfast buffet for all that RSVP'd

9:00-10:30—Grand Lodge Opens

10:30-12:30—Rebekah District Meeting

12:30-1:30—Luncheon for all that RSVP'd

2:00-3:30—Grand Lodge Reconvenes

3:30-4:30—Friendship Village Meeting???

4:30-6:00—Planned activity/adventure to be determined

7:00 pm—Membership Banquet & Entertainment

#### Grand Lodge

**Saturday--September 16, 2023**

**Saturday Morning**

7:30-8:45—Breakfast buffet for all that RSVP'd

9:00-12:00—Grand Lodge Reconvenes

12:15—Past Grand Masters Luncheon

Everyone else--Lunch on your own

2:00—Memorial Service & Installation of Officers and Grand Master Reception

**Sunday—September 17, 2023**

Grand Lodge Executive Board Meeting

8:30--?—All Executive Board members should plan on attending. (elected officers)

Session dress attire is Business Casual

Banquet is Business Casual

Installation on Saturday afternoon is Business Dress (no blue jeans please)

# Thinking of you

All Members and Friends battling or recovering from illness—

Shirley McKnight-recovering from fall-broken arm

Joe Vallette-Health concerns

Donnie Howard-Health Concerns



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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 Beautiful Black Hills!

It's time again to write a letter. I hope that all of you are having a good summer. The weather here has been raining, hailing and a little cold at night. My garden got hailed out, hopefully not yours.

It's hard to believe that it's July already, a couple more months and our Grand Lodge Session will be here. Plans are being made and we are looking forward to a great time. Be sure to get your rooms reserved.

We had a good time when I hosted a Meals on Wheels fundraiser meal in Hot Springs at the Senior Center. Raising over 450.00 for the program in the Southern Hills!

Soon we will be heading to Iowa for the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session. It will be different going into the Odd Fellow Session instead of the Rebekah session.

I hope that everyone is having a great summer.

In F L T

Caren Howard

Grand Master



# Summer time!

## What a Lodge Needs

A Lodge needs people with spunk and grit who work with zest and just won't quit.

A Lodge needs people who encourage and share, on whom you can depend and know they'll be there.

A Lodge needs people who are **MOVERS AND SHAKERS** who make things happen and are image makers.

A fire will burn when it has air. A Lodge will thrive when members care.

A Lodge needs members just like you. That's all we need for the work we do. Rekindle the fire, it's burning low, make new plans then get up and go!

There's a secret ingredient as you will see as it all depends on you and me.

*Borrowed from The Hoosier Odd Fellow Booster the Grand Lodge of Indiana*



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June 19, 2023

Dear LaDonna,

Thanks so much for the outstanding opportunity to attend the Odd Fellows annual meeting and wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown. As a career Air Force officer, it was a truly moving event. To be able to participate as South Dakota's representative was a lifetime experience.

I also appreciate the opportunity to meet and visit with Odd Fellows from across the nation. The Kentucky and California representatives were particularly outgoing and shared their ideas on growing our lodge.

Please pass my thanks to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota for their support. I feel very fortunate to have been able to experience Odd Fellowship at its best.

FLT,

Jim Boensch  
Treasurer  
Rushmore Chapter #39



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

## Odd Fellow 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.

## Lodge 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 1st 2023.

||| **Lodge Secretaries**-Don't forget to get your Lodge Reports and all other forms and nominations turned in ||| by August 1st. Be watching for the Grand Lodge Session Information in the next coming weeks!

||| **Grand Lodge Officers**-Don't forget to get your Officer Reports turned in by August 1st!

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

In Iowa, the summer season has arrived. The sun is hot, crops are growing, the smell of sweet hay fills the barns, the days are longer, and families are swimming, going on picnics, having cookouts, and enjoying time together. It's also a time to get ready for county and state Fairs. This is a time for our lodge families to work on special community events. Hold fund raisers for special projects of our Order and look for ways to be of service to others. Participate in local fairs, parades, and community gatherings. Summer is a great time of year to meet new people and share Odd Fellowship in the community. Have fun in your lodges! Plan a picnic, an outing to a ball game, a special meal and invite those members who haven't been attending your meetings to join you. Get them involved in what you are doing, letting them know they haven't been forgotten and that you miss them at Lodge.

My year as Sovereign Grand Master is coming to a close, and there is still so much to accomplish, but not enough hours in the day. I have truly enjoyed my time traveling to jurisdictional meetings and meeting all the wonderful Brothers and Sisters involved in Odd Fellowship. Your dedication, enthusiasm, community involvement, service to one another and others in your community has encouraged me to be a better person, a better Oddfellow, and to stay committed to the principals of our beloved Order. Even when there are concerns and disagreements, we have learned to compromise and work for the good of our Order, our lodges, and our communities. More than ever before, I've realize that there really are no problems that can't be overcome if we practice Friendship, Love, and Truth and solutions are easier to achieve when we as Brothers and Sisters take ourselves out of the equation and want what's best for our Lodges. When we decide not to be part of the problem, only part of the solution everyone wins.

I would like to thank all of you for the many courtesies extended to myself and my executive committee as we have traveled this past year making visitations. I hope we have encouraged you to keep working towards membership, also working on ways to improve communications with your members, and how important it is to spend time training yourselves as well as your lodge members in proper use of your rituals, using them to run efficient meetings, studying the degree work to learn about Odd Fellowship, and giving all members the opportunity to participate in meetings.

It has truly been a privilege to work with Sister Ruth Earle, President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, and General Earl Wys, General Commanding GMC these past three years. Your respective units of the Order can be proud of the job you have done this past year.



I want to thank my executive committee, appointive officers and Past Sovereign Grand Masters for their continued support, encouragement, and hard work this past year. It took us working as a team to accomplish many difficult tasks. I have been truly blessed to have worked with all of you. I hope to finish up several tasks before August, so as not to leave anything I've started undone for Brother John and I pledge him my support and wish for him a harmonious and productive year.

As Sovereign Grand Master you are always concerned that you are making the best decisions you can for the Order and its members, knowing full well that someone will not be happy about those decisions made. I sincerely hope that I have represented all of you with integrity, dignity, honor, and fairness. I want to thank the Representatives for giving me the opportunity to represent you as your Sovereign Grand Master and for trusting me to uphold the principals of our Order. I thank the membership for your encouragement, support, and for all of your hard work in keeping Odd Fellowship alive. You are the foundation that keeps us strong, without you there is no need for Grand Lodges or Sovereign Grand Lodge. Thank you for believing this Order makes a difference in the World.

I want to thank my home Jurisdiction of Iowa for their love, support and encouragement. You have worked so hard to make these past four years successful and enjoyable. I couldn't have done it without all of you helping me with this journey. You are all so special and appreciated.

I'm very excited for our session in Des Moines, Iowa in August. I want to thank the Jurisdiction of Iowa for all of their hard work and dedication to making this session memorable and fun for everyone in attendance. If you haven't made your reservations yet, please do so now. If you have any issues please contact our Planning Committee Co-Chairs Marty and Sue Zylstra, 211 Thornton Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50315-3179. To my family, Thank you for allowing me to travel these past four years, for taking care of things at home, and for supporting this adventure. You are the "Wind Beneath My Wings."

I wish for all of you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer. Hope to see many of you in Des Moines. Remember, Pulling together to speak wisely may not always be easy, but not speaking ill, requires only silence.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,  
s/ Michelle Heckart  
Sovereign Grand Master



## Grilled Chicken Ramen Salad

Total Prep Time: 30 min. Makes 8 servings

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 packages (3 ounces each) ramen noodles, crumbled
- 2/3 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 package (14 ounces) coleslaw mix
- 1/2 cup minced fresh cilantro
- 3 cups fresh snow peas, thinly sliced lengthwise
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 4 cups torn mixed salad greens
- 3 thinly sliced green onions
- 1/3 cup crumbled cooked bacon, optional

Send me your favorite recipe to go into the Pasque!!  
I would love to put recipes from our members!!  
Please send in a word document or typed into the  
body of an email so I can cut and paste! Pictures  
would be great but not required.

## Watermelon Sherbet

Total Time Prep: 15 min. + chilling Process: 20 min./batch  
Makes 1/2 gallon

### Ingredients

- 8 cups seeded chopped watermelon
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 cups whole milk

### Directions

In a large bowl, combine watermelon, sugar and lemon juice. Chill for 30 minutes; place half in a blender. Blend until smooth; pour into a large bowl. Repeat with the other half; set aside. In a saucepan, cook and stir gelatin and water over low heat until gelatin dissolves. Add to watermelon mixture; mix well. Stir in the milk until well blended. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's directions. Serve immediately or freeze and allow to thaw before serving, about 20 minutes.

### Nutrition Facts

1/2 cup: 120 calories, 1g fat (1g saturated fat), 4mg cholesterol, 18mg sodium, 26g carbohydrate (25g sugars, 0 fiber), 2g protein.



### Directions

In a large saucepan, heat over medium-low heat.

Add ramen noodles; cook and stir until toasted, 5-8 minutes. Remove from pan; set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk oils, vinegar, sugar and soy sauce until blended.

Sprinkle chicken with pepper and salt. Place chicken on a lightly oiled grill rack. Grill, covered, over medium heat, or broil 4-5 in. from heat until a thermometer reads 165°, 8-10 minutes on each side. Cool slightly and chop into 1/2-in. pieces.

In a large bowl, combine coleslaw mix and cilantro. Layer coleslaw mixture, peas, chicken, carrots, salad greens, noodles and green onions in an 8- to 10-qt. dish. Sprinkle with bacon; serve with vinaigrette.

Nutrition Facts: 1 serving: 458 calories, 29g fat (4g saturated fat), 47mg cholesterol, 738mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate (10g sugars, 4g fiber), 22g 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 First Day of Summer

## JULY 2023

- 1 Canada Day
- 4 Independence Day

## AUGUST 2023

- 1 ADVANCED 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