

South Dakota Pasque Odd Fellow & Rebekah News

2025 4th Quarter Pasque



Greetings

I want to thank you for your support for the coming year. I am looking forward to a great year of serving as your Grand Master. Thank you Vermillion Lodge #3 for the wonderful reception you hosted after installation at Grand Lodge.

Please check out my program and the honor roll I have set up-Lodges that complete my Honor Roll will receive recognition at Grand Lodge next September.

I would like to remind all lodges that an updated copy of their bylaws must be submitted to the Grand Lodge office as soon as possible to be reviewed by the Bylaws committee. If you need a copy of your bylaws please contact the Grand Lodge Secretary. Also a reminder that if a lodge doesn't submit, the representative will not be seated at the next Grand Lodge. See section 10.3 (bylaws) (b) of the Grand Lodge bylaws.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 712-541-2226 or email me at barbbaisden@yahoo.com and I will get you the answers.

I hope everyone enjoyed Halloween and wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

In Friendship, Love and Truth

Grand Master Barb Baisden



2025-2026 Grand Master Program

Motto: Be Kind, Be Faithful, Be Respectful

Color/Flower: All Colors of Roses, Lily of the Valley

Aim: To continue working toward promoting our Order and getting members

Song: *Blessed Assurance* by Alan Jackson

Project: Support the Shriner's Transportation Fund

Scripture: Psalms 24: 8 – 10

Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of Hosts,
he is the King of Glory!

Guides: General Codes, Constitution, By-laws & Bible

Emblem: The Three Links, the All-Seeing Eye & the Odd Fellow Flag

Fun Emblems: Denim Days Debbie & Danny, Cup & Saucers

Fun Song: *The Fireman* by George Strait

Dedication: To my late husband Ike, my family and all I.O.O.F. Brothers & Sisters



2025-2026 Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master	Barb Baisden
Deputy Grand Master	Brad Schneide
Grand Warden	Alisa Schmidt
Grand Secretary	LaDonna McKnight
Grand Treasurer	Sean Bialas
Grand Conductor	Chuck Yarbrough
Grand Marshal	Larry Cross
Grand Chaplain	Amy Chang
Grand Herald	Steve Munro
Grand Guardian	Sandy Glover
Jr. Past Grand Master	Karen Bialas
Grand Representative	Paul Schaefer

2025-2026 Appointed Committees

Education Committee:

Carol Woltjer, Joe Vallette, Bill Glover, John McKnight Jr., Colleen Smith

Credentials Committee:

Colleen Smith, Paul Schaefer, David Chang

Finance Committee:

Paul Hagenbaugh, Pam Falconer, Merrill McFayden

Property Committee:

Lyle Ratliff, Ronell Beers, Larry Cross

Membership Committee:

Alisa Schmidt-GW
Lori Clausen, Lisa Kerner, Caren Howard



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 glstdioof@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!



Newly installed Grand Master
Barb Baisden-Congratulations!!



Lodge of the Year-Gregory Lodge #189, and Member of the Year from Gregory Lodge #189-Aliza Wonnenberg—Pictured SGW Kelly Hughes and Lodge Representative Merrill McFayden of Gregory.



Larry Cross-James River Lodge #32-Special Recognition Award from SGW Kelly Hughes

2025 Grand Lodge Happenings!

Medallion Award Recipients Amy Chang of Vermillion #3 and Paul Schaefer of Sioux Falls #56 presented by SGW Kelly Hughes.

Paul Schaefer also received the Torchbearer Award presented by Grand Master Karen Bialas for sponsoring the most new members in the past year!

Past Grand Master/Grand Treasurer Sean Bialas presented outgoing Grand Master Karen Bialas with her Past Grand Master Jewel at the installation of officers on Saturday afternoon of Grand Lodge.



Grand Master Karen Bialas and her family enjoying the banquet and music bingo!!



Thinking of you

All Members and Friends battling or recovering from illness—

Bill Glover-waiting for hip surgery



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

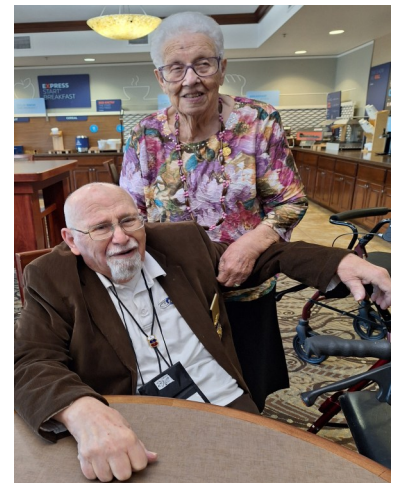
Lodge Honor Roll

1. Honor a member at each meeting
2. Support another community fund raiser than your own
3. Promote Odd Fellowship in your community or communities
4. Support my project

Report your accomplishments to me by August 1, 2026 and your lodge will receive recognition at my Session in September



Congratulations
and so well
deserved to both
of you!



Shirley McKnight Past Assembly President and Past Assembly Treasurer and Lyle Ratliff Past Grand Master and Past Grand Treasurer were both award the Meritorious Service Award at Grand Lodge by resolution. The Meritorious Service award is to be awarded to brothers and sisters of the Order that have performed beyond the usual and customary duties of membership.

Shirley and Lyle have both served the Order in many capacities for many years.

Shirley is a 70 year member of the Rebekah's and a 24 year member of the Odd Fellows. Shirley served as Assembly President in 1994-1995 and 1998-1999 then served as Assembly Treasurer from 2005-2023 (the last few years was as district treasurer after the Assembly closed). Shirley has served as Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge several times and on various committees.

Lyle is a 53 year member of both the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's. Lyle served as Grand Patriarch in 1990-1991, Grand Master in 1994-1995 and served as Grand Treasurer for the Grand Lodge from 2011-2017. Lyle has served as various appointed Grand Lodge offices and committees. (Lyle your medallion is to be delivered to you soon!!)

Dakota Rebekah Lodge #1

Invites all Rebekah's and
prospective members to a
Degree Rally for the
Rebekah Degree!



To be held December 6th

at 11:00 am CT in Gregory SD-IOOF Hall

We will open lodge at 11:00 am, conduct a short
meeting and ballot on candidates, take a brief
recess and then do the Rebekah Degree work

(Candidates need to be available by 11:30 am)

**If you have any aspirations of becoming an
Elected Grand Lodge Officer you must have
the Rebekah Degree, this is a prime
opportunity to join Dakota #1!**

A great big THANK YOU to the
Gregory Lodge #189 for hosting us!
Of Course this is weather permitting!

If you are wanting to or needing to join the Rebekah's please complete an
application form (check with your local lodge secretary or Sandy for an
application) and return to Sandy Glover by December 1st, at 14 Crescent
Street in Deadwood, SD 57732 or email at sglover@spe.midco.net

Please let Sandy Glover know if you plan to attend by December 1st so
we know how many people to expect for the lunch committee. Also we
will need Rebekah's to participate in the Degree work—Let Sandy know if
you are willing to help with initiation.

Slow-Cooker Apple Cobbler

Ingredients

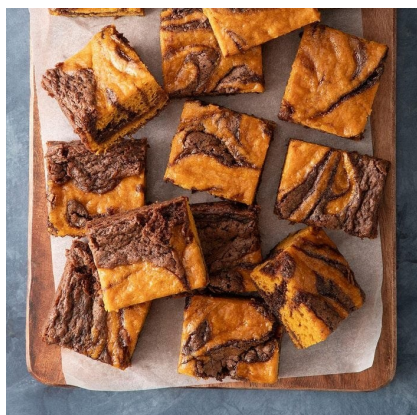
- 6 medium apples, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch wedges
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 3 tablespoons honey
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/4 cup dried cranberries
 - 2 cups granola without raisins
- Optional: Milk and maple syrup



Directions

1. Place apples in a greased 3-qt. slow cooker. In a microwave, melt butter; stir in honey and cinnamon. Drizzle over apples. Sprinkle cranberries and granola over top.
2. Cook, covered, on low 6-8 hours, until apples are tender. If desired, serve with milk and syrup.

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.



Pumpkin Brownies

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

PUMPKIN BATTER

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 large eggs, room temperature

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 13x9-in. baking pan with parchment, letting ends extend up sides; grease paper. In a large bowl, whisk sugar, flour, cocoa, salt and baking soda.
2. In a small bowl, whisk oil, eggs and vanilla; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened.
3. For pumpkin batter, in a large bowl, combine sugar, flour, salt, pumpkin pie spice and baking soda. In a small bowl, whisk pumpkin and eggs; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Spread half the cocoa mixture into prepared pan (layer will be thin). Drop half the pumpkin mixture by tablespoonfuls over top; gently spread to cover most of brownie mixture. Drop remaining pumpkin and cocoa mixtures by tablespoonfuls over pumpkin layer. Gently spread and swirl.
4. Bake until a toothpick comes out clean, 25-30 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Lifting with parchment, remove from pan. Cut into bars.



JANUARY 2025

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
18 Executive Committee Meeting
20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 2025

2 Groundhog Day
12 Lincoln's Birthday
14 Valentine's Day
15 Annual Reports due to Grand Lodge Office
17 Presidents' Day
22 Washington's Birthday

MARCH 2025

1 Scholarship Application Deadline
5 Ash Wednesday
9 Daylight Savings Time begins
15 Executive and Scholarship Meeting
——Oacoma-Baymont Inn
17 St. Patrick's Day
20 First Day of Spring
23 Schyler Colfax Day

APRIL 2025

18 Ash Wednesday
20 Easter Sunday
22 Earth Day
26-Founders Day Celebration for Odd Fellowship

MAY 2025

1 May Day
1 National Day of Prayer
6 Holocaust Remembrance Day
11 Mothers Day
17 Armed Forces Day
19 Victoria Day (Canada)
26 Memorial Day



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

JUNE 2025

6 D-Day
14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day
19 Juneteenth Holiday
20 First Day of Summer
21 Executive Board/Membership Picnic
American Creek Campground—Chamberlain

JULY 2025

1 Canada Day
4 Independence Day

AUGUST 2025

1 ADVANCED REPORTS DUE TO GL OFFICE
18/21-Sovereign Grand Lodge-15-22-Charleston,
WV

SEPTEMBER 2025

1 Labor Day
7 Grand Parent Day
11 Patriot Day
18/21 GRAND LODGE—Rapid City
22 Autumn Begins

OCTOBER 2025

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

NOVEMBER 2025

1 All Saints Day
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
11 Veterans Day
27 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2025

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