

South Dakota Pasque Odd Fellow & Rebekah News

2025 2nd Quarter Pasque



**Greetings Brothers and Sisters from the Grand Lodge of
South Dakota,**

Grow Our Order This Spring – Invite a New Member Today!

Help Our Fraternal Family Bloom This Spring

Spring is in the air—a time of renewal, growth, and new beginnings. It's also a perfect moment to welcome new members into our shared tradition of brotherhood/sisterhood, service, and unity. As spring brings new life and fresh energy, it's the perfect time to grow our fraternal family. As you know, in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, our strength lies in our unity, service, and shared values—and now, we can extend that bond to others.

As a valued member, you've experienced firsthand the camaraderie and purpose that define our organization. Now, we're asking you to help us extend that experience to others.

How You Can Help:

- Invite someone you know to attend an upcoming event or meeting.
- Share your story—why you joined and what it's meant to you.

Encourage potential members to apply through our website:

<https://southdakotaoddfellows.org>

Special Member Incentive:

Members who referred a new applicant with a signed application **and** they received the initiatory degree anytime during the time frame of my tenure as Grand Master starting September 21, 2024 until September 15, 2025 will receive a commemorative pin, public recognition in the Pasque, certificate of appreciation at the Grand Lodge Session in Rapid City, and entry into a raffle drawing for **each** new member they bring in. The drawings will take place at Grand Lodge in September. The more members you bring in, the greater your chances of winning! More details will follow in June at the Annual Picnic in Chamberlain.

Honor our legacy by ensuring our future. With your help, we can welcome new faces, fresh ideas, and renewed energy into our ranks. Let's plant the seeds for our future—together. Your voice, your example, and your invitation could be the start of someone else's lifelong journey in the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship.

Community news: Please remember to send in your photos, articles, and upcoming special events so we can promote the great works of our members and give you well deserved recognition.



Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission and values.

Fraternally yours,

Karen Bialas
Grand Master
South Dakota

Hope – we can't have hope without faith
If you have hope, your faith is not gone.
If you have faith, you will always have hope.

Spring into Brotherhood/Sisterhood

Join the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and be part of something greater than yourself.

Looking for Meaning, Friendship, and Service?

Odd Fellows is a nonprofit fraternal organization rooted in tradition, community service, and lifelong connection.

- What We Offer:
- A welcoming brotherhood/sisterhood
- Community service opportunities
- Social and networking events
- A chance to be part of a legacy
- Friendship, Love, and Truth

Spring Membership Special (Effective March 15 - Sept. 15)

Join by September 15, and receive a swag bag, shirt, and your name will go into a prize drawing (prizes valued up to \$500).

Learn More & Apply Today:

Visit: <https://southdakotaoddfellows.org/>

Phone: 605-719-7092

Email: glsdioof@gmail.com

***Be more than a member - be part of a tradition that matters.
We're saving a seat for you!***



2024-2025 Grand Master's Program

Motto: Today's dreams are tomorrows future

Colors: Violet, Pink, Peach

Flower: The Snapdragon – represents grace and strength, when it is done blooming and goes to seed, and it forms the shape of a skull. The tiny seeds spill out and become new flowers in the spring. Plant tiny seeds of hope, for a brighter future.

Aim: Motivate, Rejuvenate, Innovate

Attract new members with increased outreach and focus on accessibility. Place more emphasis on the value of Odd Fellow membership, while honoring the traditions and mission of our order to elevate mankind. Implement strategies to make your lodges easier to find.

Song: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" – Simon & Garfunkel

Projects: Support the Epilepsy Foundation. Support Domestic Violence Prevention programs. Do a project for/or visit Veterans in your community.

Scripture: 2 John, verses 2 and 3

Because of truth that abides in us and will be with us forever. Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's son, in truth and love.

Guides: The Holy Bible and the wisdom of my amazing parents Joan and Martin Erck

Emblems: Dove – for peace and freedom, Globe – for unity of mankind, Heart in Hand – love and help each other

Fun Songs: "You've Got a Friend in Me" by Randy Newman (Toy Story Movie)

Quote: "There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people" – Vincent Gogh



2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master Karen Bialas

Deputy Grand Master Barb Baisden

Grand Warden Brad Schneider

Grand Secretary LaDonna McKnight

Grand Treasurer Sean Bialas

Grand Conductor Carol Woltjer

Grand Marshal Nate Hadrick

Grand Chaplain John McKnight Jr.

Grand Herald Aliza Wonnenberg

Grand Guardian Joe Vallette

Jr. Past Grand Master David Chang

Grand Representative Paul Schaefer



Left to right-front row Brad Schneider, Karen Bialas, Barb Baisden, Back Row: David Chang, Sean Bialas, Nate Hadrick, LaDonna McKnight, Carol Woltjer

Not pictured: John McKnight, Joe Vallette, Aliza Wonnenberg, Paul Schaefer

2024-2025 Appointed Committees:

Education Committee:

Beth Leber, Carol Woltjer, Joe Vallette, Bill Glover, John McKnight Jr.

Credentials Committee:

Sandy Glover, Colleen Smith, Paul Schaefer

Finance Committee:

Larry Cross, Paul Hagenbuch, Pam Falconer

Property Committee:

Barb Baisden, Chuck Yarbrough, Ronell Beers

Membership Committee:

Brad Schneider Chair, Lori Clausen, Alisa Schmidt, Lisa Kerner



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 glsdioof@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!

Thinking of you

All Members and Friends battling or recovering from illness—

Sandy Glover-Having knee surgery on June 23rd

Cheryl McKnight-John McKnight's wife-cancer diagnosis



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



Rushmore Lodge #39 participated in the Bowl for Kids Sake Bowling Tournament for Big Brothers and Big Sisters



The newest member of Rushmore #39 was one of our Minions!



Chuck Yarbrough of Rushmore Lodge #39 and his wife Jane at the Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington DC



Chuck and Sovereign Grand Master Jerry Workman at Arlington



The Sovereign Grand Lodge celebrates 200 years since its formation 15 January 1825

The Grand Lodge of the United States: 1825. — A preliminary meeting of the “Grand Lodge of the United States” was called, and met “in the new Hall,” January 15, 1825, for the purpose of organizing the Grand Lodge of the United States. Four jurisdictions were represented: Maryland, by a representative; Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, by proxies. The separation of the body from the Grand Lodge of Maryland was approved, and the new constitution was adopted. Thomas Wildey was unanimously elected Grand Master; John Welch, Deputy Grand Master; William Williams, Grand Secretary; and Thomas Mitchell, Grand Guardian. Information of the work done at this meeting was sent, by letters, to the several Grand Lodges; a resolution to print the “Past Grand’s charge book,” and the portion of the “Remembrance and Third degrees which the Vice Grand was to repeat,” were adopted, and the first session of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, passed into history.

**HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY**



The Bee-Hive.—What a beautiful emblem of the power of association, order, and industry in the promotion of good works! As in heraldry the good qualities only are counted, and the evil dropped, so in this emblem we see only what is good and worthy of imitation. Subordination and good government, proper distribution of tasks and labors, gathering sweets from even the refuse of life, and honey from poisonous weeds, and unity of purposes and works for the interests and welfare of all. It thus “admonishes us to avoid indolence, and wisely improve our time. It teaches us the important lesson, that if we would pass the winter of our age in comfort and cheerful abundance, we must improve the summer of our being under the guidance of economical and well-directed industry.” [*“Odd-Fellow”, 1842.*]



Grand Master Karen's Lodge Honor Roll

1. Go visiting-arrange for your lodge to visit another lodge in our jurisdiction
2. Sponsor a new activity or event that benefits the community
3. Host a friendship night, invite neighboring lodge(s) to your lodge meeting
4. Support one or more of my projects

Report your accomplishments to me by August 1, 2025 and your lodge will receive recognition at my Session in September.



Memorial Day

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Memorial Day (originally known as **Decoration Day**) is one of the federal holidays in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

It is a day for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries. Others such as family and

friends will also come to lay flowers and grieve on the graves of those who died in the US military.

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as *Decoration Day* and observed on May 30, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the American Civil War. This national observance followed many local observances which were inaugurated between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credits Mary Ann Williams with originating the "idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers—Union and Confederate" with flowers.



2025 Scholarship Recipients



Morgan Whiting
Sioux Falls #9



Kamryn Whiting
Sioux Falls #9



Dakota Timanus
Gregory #189



Jordan Spann
Gregory #189



Christian Spann
Gregory #189



Tate Schafer
Sioux Falls #9



Vy Nguyen
Gregory #189



Preston McFayden
Gregory #189



Luke Krempges
Sioux Falls #9



Milan Kocmick
Sioux Falls #56



Jonah Kocer
Sioux Falls #9



Cruz Klundt
Gregory #189

Congratulations!



Cindy Khuu
Gregory #189



Rane Kenzy
Gregory #189



Gracie Kenzy
Gregory #189



Gabbryel Jung
Gregory #189



Ashlyn Johnson
Sioux Falls #9



Kelly Clauson
Rushmore #39



Ashlee Glandt
Rushmore #39



Jared Fredenburg
Sioux Falls #9



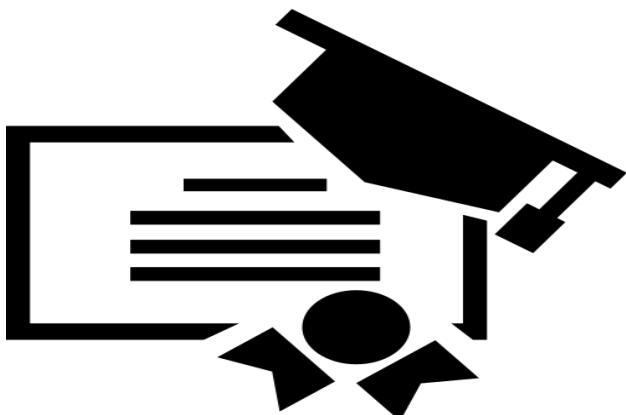
Jonathon Falconer
Sioux Falls #9



Mya Determan
Gregory #189



Carson Clark
Sioux Falls #9



**Jayden Clark
Sioux Falls #9
Memorial
Scholarship
Recipient**



You are invited to the Annual Membership PICNIC



June 21, 2025

American Creek Campground in Chamberlain, SD
701 N. Main Street Chamberlain, Shelter #3

Picnic Lunch served at **12:30 pm Central Time**

All Members and Guests Welcome!

Please RSVP to the Grand Lodge Office by June 12th
for estimates on amounts of food needed

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the picnic!

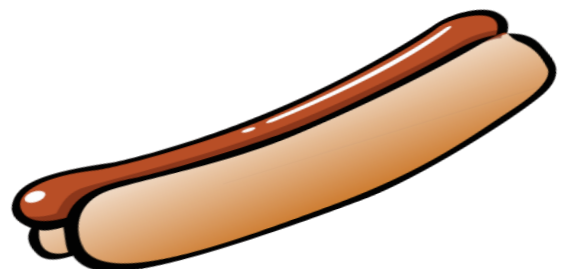
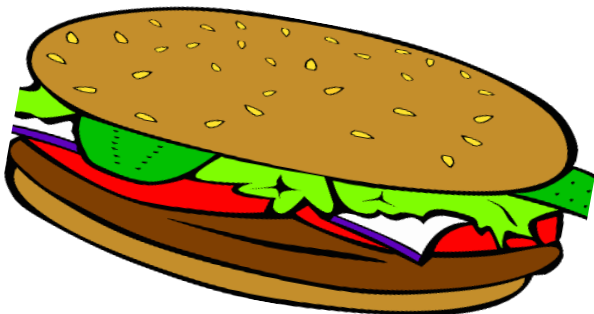
Come join us for this great opportunity to see old friends,
make new friends and have a great meal

Burgers and Hot Dogs/Brauts will be provided by the Grand
Lodge, along with all the fixings!

(buns, condiments, plates, silver and beverages)

Members are asked to bring salads and/or desserts!

Play Games and Win Prizes!!



Summer Pasta Salad

Ingredients

- 1 box (16 ounces) uncooked farfalle or fusilli pasta
- 1 package (16 ounces) grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 heads of broccoli florets
- 1 package (16 ounces) sharp cheddar or Colby cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup green onions, chopped
- Optional: crushed red pepper flakes, 1/4 pound sliced salami

Dressing

- 1-1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Cook a 16-oz. box of pasta according to the box directions.

1. As the pasta cooks, chop broccoli and green onion, slice tomatoes, and cut cheese into cubes.
2. Mix dressing by adding mayonnaise to a medium-sized bowl, and adding Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste.
3. Once pasta has finished cooking, rinse with cold water to stop it from cooking. Place the cooled pasta in an extra-large bowl. Add broccoli, tomatoes, cheese, dressing and green onions to the bowl and mix.



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.

Carol Burnett's Raspberry Riches Cake

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled to room temperature
- 1-1/4 cup fresh red raspberries

For the sugar-crumb topping:

- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 ounce semi-sweet chocolate, finely grated

Directions

Step 1: Make the sugar-crumb topping. Add the brown sugar, flour, unsalted butter and grated semi-sweet chocolate to the bowl of a food processor with the metal blade attached. Pulse until fine crumbs form. Transfer the topping to a bowl and set aside.

Editor's Tip: You can easily make this topping without a food processor. Add the brown sugar, flour and grated chocolate to a bowl and stir to combine. Use a pastry blender or two forks to cut the butter into the sugar mixture until it resembles coarse sand.

Step 2: Preheat the oven to 375°F. Butter a 9-inch round or 8-inch square baking pan.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg, buttermilk and vanilla until smooth. Stir in the melted butter.

Pour the liquid mixture into the flour mixture and stir until just combined.

Step 3: Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.

Top with raspberries.

Sprinkle everything with an even layer of the sugar-crumb topping.

Step 4: Bake until browned, about 30 to 40 minutes.

Allow the cake to cool on a rack. Serve warm.

Raspberry Riches Cake Tips

Serve this versatile cake alongside brunch recipes, as a mid-morning snack cake with a cup of coffee or for dessert with a dollop of fresh whipped cream.

You can use fresh or frozen raspberries. You could also try this cake with blackberries, blueberries or chopped strawberries in place of the raspberries, or use a mix of your favorite berries.



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
218/21-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

