Units of the Order
* Odd Fellows Lodge
* Rebekah Lodge
* Encampment
* Ladies Encampment Auxiliary
* Patriarchs Militant
* Junior Odd Fellows Lodge
* Theta Rho Girls’ Club
* United Youth Groups

The World of Odd Fellowship
1 Australia
2 Belgium
3 Belize
4 Brazil
5 Canada
6 Czech Republic
7 Chile
8 Cuba
9 Denmark
10 Dominican Republic
11 Estonia
12 Finland
13 Ghana
14 Germany
15 Iceland
16 Italy
17 Kenya
18 Lebanon
19 Mexico
20 Netherlands, The
21 New Zealand
22 Nigeria
23 Norway
24 Philippines
25 Poland
26 Spain
27 Sweden
28 Switzerland
29 United Kingdom
30 USA

Happy Birthday to:
Schuyler Washington Colfax Jr.
23 March
Anniversary:

200 years:

Grand Master Wildey instituted the respective subordinate and Grand Lodges as follows:—

“Massachusetts, No. 1”, June 9th, 1823, and Grand Lodge, June 11th, 1823;

Grand Lodge of New York, June 24th, 1823;

“Pennsylvania, No. 1”, and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, June 27th, 1823.

Sympathy to:

The family of Gen.-R Robert D. Vickrey, General Commanding—08-09

Thank you:

To each and every one of you who sent a card, made a telephone call, or said a prayer for our family in the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather or friend Robert Vickrey, General Commanding (R), who passed away January 21, 2023. He loved his Odd Fellow Brothers and his Rebekah Sisters with every bit of his being. With Fraternal Love, Edonisa "Eddy" Vickrey and family.
Dear Brothers and Sisters of all units of Odd Fellowship,

In Iowa, the winter season is coming to a close and spring is just around the corner. The weather cannot decide if it is cold or warm, calm or turbulent, and early spring flowers are starting to break through the frozen ground offering a promise of warmer weather. Baby calves, baby lambs, and flocks of geese heading north are a sign of new beginnings and the hope of brighter tomorrows.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs should be following nature’s examples of brighter tomorrows. Our lodges need to realize that even though we have moments of turbulence, our differences can be overcome if we practice and truly believe in the teachings of our rituals, watchwords and valedictions. Noble Grands need to take charge of their meetings and not allow negativity to fill our lodge halls, remembering there are no problems only solutions! Oswald Shallow said “It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult undertaking which more than anything else, will determine its successful outcome.” I challenge you to fill your lodge halls with positivity and watch Friendship, Love and Truth grow your membership.

The Rose parade committee has been sent an official invitation to attend next year’s Rose Parade. The theme for the next float will be “Celebrating a Year of Music” something very dear to my heart! This was an awesome opportunity to see Teamwork at its best. When you walk into the float barn and see this huge blank slate of what is to become an amazing floral creation, just waiting for all of these volunteers to add seeds, flower petals, fruits, and thousands of flowers to create this beautiful float, it's very overwhelming! If you want to be a part of something special, I encourage you to come help decorate our float. Its hours of hard work, but the friendships made with members old and new, and the new acquaintances of wonderful volunteers who become a part of our family, is priceless. Roberta and JR do an excellent job of attending to every detail and keeping everyone busy and staying on task. Donations are needed to help get us started on the next float, so please don’t wait till the end of the year to make your donations, the first payment was due March 1st.

March is the Anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah. This is a beautiful Degree. Many Grand Lodge Jurisdictions are not aware of the Qualifications needed as Odd Fellows to become a Grand Lodge Elective Officer in your jurisdiction: Chapter IV Sec 7 E. (1) (a) of the SGL Code of General Laws states: Qualifications for Elective Officers – A past Grand in good standing in an active Odd Fellows Lodge and a member of an active Rebekah Lodge, and in possession of the

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“we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind”
Springtime wishes to my Sisters and Brothers.

I have had a very hard time getting my thoughts together to write this article. I am going to blame it on the mid-winter blahs! I have often heard “if March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb”. With that thought in mind, I am hoping for a blizzard on March 1st. Spring can’t get here soon enough for me!

With spring comes several dates to remember. March is Arthritis Month. Most of us experience some kind of physical limitation due to arthritis. Your continuing support of this project helps in the search for a cure. As an advocate for the wives of Odd Fellows, we Rebekahs have a lot to thank Schuyler Colfax for. Remembering his birthday on March 23rd is a celebration of Rebekahs! April is Living Legacy Month; be thinking about what you can do to make a greener world by planting trees, shrubs and flowers. I touched on Make a Difference Day in my last communication. I hope you have a plan in place to do something special on April 15 that will make a difference in your community. Please be sure to send a report of your activities and let us know what you are doing to promote the projects of our Order.

As the days lengthen and travel conditions improve, I find myself eager to begin traveling again. The time spent in the jurisdictions with the membership is my favorite part of the job! However, I am very concerned with the health and condition of our Assemblies. The loss of membership is evident in the attendance at these sessions and I fear for our future. We are family and we have differences of opinion, we may speak without thinking how it sounds to others, we unwittingly do things that hurt others; but no matter what, we are bound together in fraternity. Too often I hear of grievances that occurred many, many years ago and are still festering. This only causes dissention in our lodges and forces people to take sides. Please do not let grievances become big problems that result in driving members away or destroying a lodge.

I was not familiar with the Collect until I began attending the IARA. I love its message and went to Google for a definition. “A collect is simply a prayer meant to gather the intentions of the people and the focus of worship into a succinct prayer”. I leave you with the Collect that was used for many years in our IARA and trust that in it you find peace and understanding:

Keep us O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.
May we put aside all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.
Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create difference; that in the big things of life we are as one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the common human heart of us all; and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

If we live this simple prayer, we have a future.

Thoughtfully with hope,

Ruthie

Conceive, Believe, Achieve
March 2023

Greetings!

Spring is rapidly approaching! St. Patrick’s Day is in just a short time away. Wear something green and enjoy the celebration.

Easter is in early April and is a special time of the year. Easter is one of the principal holidays for Christianity. It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. It also tells us spring is upon us.

It is an excellent time to plan our Memorial weekend activities. In years gone by parades were a popular activity. Please consider this a prime activity in your Lodge, Encampment and/or Canton. If a Parade does NOT work out, for your Jurisdiction, consider a Memorial service at a local Cemetery. Salute all fallen Veterans, Odd Fellows and Family members. In addition, on Armed Forces Day acknowledge our service members. On Veterans’ Day acknowledge all who have served in the Armed Forces and those who are serving. On Flag Day, honor the Flag of your country and the Odd Fellows Flags.

Put onto your calendar a day for YOU to contact an Odd Fellow, a Friend and a Relatives which YOU have NOT spoken with for a long time (making in-person contact, phone call, text and or, e-mail) ... Do it!

Blue Moon: Continuation... February is the month that is least likely to have a Blue Moon... Why, the average numbers of days from a full moon to the next full moon is 29.53 days. Stay tuned to find out how a Blue Moon could occur in February.

Health: Be careful and be safe. I wish YOU and Yours good Health. Pull Together and Dream ON! Hope to see YOU soon!

Thank YOU for your attention!

We Must Pull Together!

Chivalrously,

s/ General Earl F. Wys

Remember:

Theme: We can do it...together.

Motto: YOU are important!

Goal: Light the candles at the end of the tunnel.

Aim & Challenge: Step forward, hand in hand, into the future. Let us not leave anyone behind.
Grand Lodge Degree is eligible to hold any office. I am often asked why this is necessary. My response is, how can you Charter or govern a Rebekah Assembly if you don’t know anything about them?

March is also Arthritis Month, so plan a fund raiser to support this project of the Order. If you have any questions on how to promote this worthwhile project, which affects every age group, contact Brother Clarence Plant, Chm. of the Arthritis Advisory Board.

The Executive Committee are preparing for the spring visits. The next four months will be very busy. If your jurisdiction has any special requests let us know in advance so we can come prepared, also please let us know of any date changes or cancellations, so we can plan accordingly.

The 89th I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown is scheduled for May 5-7th. Just a reminder to make your reservations for the hotel and fill out your registrations early. It is an Honor and a privilege to be able to lay a wreath at the Tomb, and show our respect for the men and women who so bravely served and sacrificed their lives for our freedoms. Please, do not take this opportunity or their sacrifices for granted!

Please continue to keep our Brothers and Sisters abroad in our prayers, as the unrest in the Ukraine is still a concern. We will continue to take donations to help.

In February, I and Brother Terry had the privilege of being invited to attend the Grand Sires meeting, of the member Grand Lodges of Europe, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Prior to that meeting we met with the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Europe at noon on the 5th floor of the Odd Fellow Palais. We shared a typical Danish lunch and then were given a wonderful guided tour of the Palais. We met the Grand Sires at a Dinner, in Mirror Hall, and had an opportunity to visit informally, before meeting the next day for the “Grand Sires meeting”. The meeting was very informative and enlightening. The lodges in Europe have the same concerns as we about retaining and gaining members. We have many differences, but at the end of the day we are all Brother and Sisters working together to make the world a better place to live. I am looking forward to many of them attending The SGL in August and hope you will take the time to make them feel welcome. We have much to discuss, much to learn, and much to accomplish. I want to Thank Brother Morten Buan, GLE Grand Sire and his Executive Board for the invitation and all courtesies extended to us during our stay. A special thank you to Brother Erling for the lovely meals and tour provided at the Palais.

This is the season of new beginnings. The Executive Committee and I want you all to know how important each of you are to the success of Odd Fellowship in your jurisdictions. The individual lodges are the foundation that supports all we do. We truly do care about your concerns and are committed to providing you with the tools you need to succeed. It is true we cannot be everywhere at once, but we are willing to listen, discuss, and guide you as needed. Pulling together is a must if we are to accomplish anything worthwhile.

My Executive Team and I wish you a safe, healthy, and blessed Easter season. It is a time of hope and new beginnings, do not waste this time on negativity, stay focused on the positives, do not quit or give up, a new day is just around the corner!

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

/s/ Michelle Heckart
Sovereign Grand Master

Slogan: Pulling together to speak wisely may not always be easy, but not speaking ill, requires only silence. Now is the time to Pull Together, accept our fraternal challenge, and gather new members.
Ukrainian Relief donations received:

From:

NJ GL - Ukraine Donation
OH - David and Patricia Robinow (Yellow Springs Lodge #279)
NJ - Burlington Lodge #22
NY - Sacarissa Bell Rose Lodge # 301
WA - Buckley Lodge #75
NY - Mineola Pacific Lodge #125
CT - Nosahogan Lodge #21
NY - Rockville Center Lodge 279
WV - IOOF Reader Lodge
VA - Grand Lodge
VA - Michael Boyd Donation
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MA - Grand Lodge
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WV - Craigsville Lodge
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NY - Orchard Park Lodge #187
NY - Grand Lodge
CT - Bonnie Butcher-Smith
IN - Robert and Dorothy Nellans
CT - Mechanics Lodge 73 IOOF
CT - Winona Rebekah Lodge No. 8
ME - Albion IOOF #149
MA - Dennis and Mary Crowley
ME - ACME Rebekah Lodge 75
MA - Estate of Elizabeth A. Slaney
NV - Colfax Rebekah Lodge #1
NH - Michael and Pamela Kolodziej
MN - Grand Lodge
WA - Mt. Constitution Lodge #88
CT - Grand Lodge
NY - Lane Lodge #36
OH - Billy and Bonnie Lusk
LA - Rebekah Assembly
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NM - Santa Fe Lodge #2
SD - Grand Lodge
DE - Centreville Lodge #37
NY - Lafayette Lodge #18
PA Triune Lodge No 307
MA Zenith Lodge #42
SD Rushmore Lodge #39
UT Utah Lodge #1
CT Rebekah Assembly
NJ Miriam Rebekah Lodge #112
CT Townsend Lodge #89
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IN Tyner Rebekah Lodge #865
NH White Mountain Lodge #5
NH - Sullivan Lodge #12
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NC - Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge #411
NH - Chocorna Lodge #51, IOOF
VA - Rappahannock Rebekah Lodge 14, IOOF
VA - Washington Lodge 5, IOOF
NH - Quocheech GE #4, IOOF
NH - Wechomet Lodge #3, IOOF
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NH - Forest Lodge #69
WV - IOOF/GL & RA H&D Fund
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OK - Rebekah Assembly
OH - Fidelia Rebekah Lodge
TX - Grand Lodge
WV - Bradshaw Rebekah Lodge
NH - Grand Lodge
UT - Naomi Rebekah Lodge #1
TX - Grand Lodge
AB - Lethbridge Lodge No 2
AP - Scotia Lodge - Nova Scotia
FL - Leesburg Lodge #58 IOOF
NJ - Naomi Rebekah Lodge #1
GA - Heidelberg Lodge #92 IOOF
WV Grand Lodge
TX - Grand Lodge
NY - Wawayanda Lodge #34
AZ - Charity Rebekah Lodge
IN - Harrison Lodge #140 IOOF
OH - Middletown Encampment
NH - Osgood Lodge
OH - Grand Lodge (for Beebe RL, OH GE, OH GLEA)
TX - Grand Lodge
CA - Davis Odd Fellows Helping Hands
FL - Bonnie D. Cole
FL - Bonnie D. Cole
FL - Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #60
FL - Capt. Richard and Mrs. Janet Walker
FL - Coral Rebekah Lodge
FL - Coral Rebekah Lodge #13 - Leesburg Donations
PA - Grand Encampment
OH - Grand Lodge
PA - Grand Lodge
TX - Grand Lodge
FL - Latin American Rebekah Lodge #66
MI - Eva Rebekah Lodge #299
NV - Boone Lodge #170
CA - Ocean View Lodge
AP - NS - Union Lodge #30
ME - Grand Lodge
IN - Evergreen Rebekah Lodge #57
NV - Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #6
IN - Rebekah District 23
NV - Rebekah Lodge #7
PA - Sarah and Mark Baer
ND - Crofton Lodge
IL - Grand Lodge
MI - Clara Rebekah Lodge
CO - Grand Lodge
MA - Sincerity Lodge #173
CO - Grand Lodge
AB - Grand Lodge
RI - Grand Lodge
PA - Grand Lodge
UT - Grand Lodge
WA—Grand Lodge
AP— Lodge #4
IN—Rebekah Assembly
NV—PPs
MA—Rising Sun Lodge # 99
FL - James Willenbrink
WI - Grand Lodge
TN - Grand Lodge
SD - Grand Lodge

Total Received as of 2.28.23

$227,823.27

Website Building Program for Small Jurisdictions by Toby Hanson, Committee on Communications:

The Internet has become the preferred medium for communication and research in the contemporary world. In an earlier time, people used to shop at a single, trusted store like Sears to buy whatever they needed, knowing that a department store like Sears would have the best value and quality to meet the needs of the average person. In the rare case that Sears couldn’t meet a shopper’s needs, they would frequently turn to the phone book to track down whatever it was that Sears didn’t have.

Times have changed, however, and Sears is now almost non-existent. The days of driving down to the local department store to get paint, housewares, mechanics tools, or kids’ clothing is mostly over, with big-box stores or online sellers taking over that role. Similarly, the phone book has become a relic of a bygone era. (I once had to explain to my daughter’s friends that the phone company used to send us a book every year with the names, addresses, and phone numbers of everyone in the local area printed in it.) The most common means of getting information now is on the Internet, either by a specialized app like Yelp or just through a regular Google search. Because of that, websites have become essential parts of modern life. To anyone under 40, nothing exists in the world unless it has a presence on the Internet. The most important form of Internet presence is a website.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge and many of our more populous jurisdictions already have websites. They are invaluable tools for sharing information about Odd Fellowship and promoting membership. When inquiries come into The Sovereign Grand Lodge website asking about how to join a lodge in, say, Pennsylvania, The SGL Webmaster can refer potential members to the Pennsylvania website where those potential members get their first impression of membership in the Order and can find out information about the lodges in that jurisdiction. But what happens when an inquiry comes in from a smaller jurisdiction that doesn’t have a website? The best our Webmaster can do is give out the email address of the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction and hope that the potential member remains interested long enough to email the Grand Secretary (and hope the Grand Secretary emails back).

To help remedy this situation, the Communications Committee has developed a new program to build websites for jurisdictions that don’t currently have the means or ability to develop their own website. To be eligible for the program, a jurisdiction should not have a website currently, must be able to appoint a website development contact with regular email access, and must be willing to provide information about their lodges. There is no cost to the jurisdictions to build the websites; they will only be responsible for website hosting fees, which will be around $10 a month depending on the length of the hosting contract chosen.

All of us on the Communications Committee want every jurisdiction to have the benefit of a website. By embracing modern communication standards we can help tap into the increasing interest in Odd Fellowship that is coming up all around the US and Canada. All of the jurisdictions that have been experiencing growth recently are jurisdictions with websites. We want to ensure that even the smallest jurisdictions have the opportunity to share in that growth. Those interested in participating in the program should email the Communications Committee at:

IOOFcommunications@gmail.com. We will respond to all inquiries and answer any questions you may have about the program. It is our hope that by the time we gather again in Iowa this August that all jurisdictions will have their own website.

—Toby Hanson, member Committee on Communications
**Founder’s Day Proclamation**

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy two hundred and one years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

Therefore, I, Michelle L. Heckart, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

That the month of April be declared **Odd Fellows Anniversary Month** throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That **April 26, 2023** be known as **Founder’s Day** throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 204th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: *Degree Day* (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), *Anniversary Ball*, *Community Work Project*, et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2023 and of our Order the 204th year.

[Seal]

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Michelle L. Heckart
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

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**Make A Difference Day Proclamation**

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy two hundred and two years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

I, Michelle L. Heckart, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

that the Saturday the 15th day of April be declared **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Make a Difference Day**.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: *Community Work Project: Hands Across Your City, Town, Village, Community* followed by an open house in the lodge hall; et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2023 and of our Order the 204th year.

[Seal]

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Michelle L. Heckart
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
2023 Annual Communication of:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Des Moines, Iowa

‘WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN’
January 2023

To the Officers and Grand Representatives of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Officers and Members of all Units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraterna] Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning Monday morning, 21st August 2023, and ending Thursday afternoon, 24th August 2023.

Headquarters and Sessions
Des Moines Marriott Downtown

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
196th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
105th Annual Session

General Military Council
119th Annual Session

Youth Days

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN."

Des Moines Marriott Downtown
700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA  50309
Phone: 515/245-5500

Group Rates—August 17-26, 2023
All Rates are $175.00—Single-Double-Triple-Quad
Tax Rate Presently 12%

Reference Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge 2023

Information to have available when calling to make a reservation:
Name: __________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City/State/Postal Code: ____________________________________________
Additional Guests: ________________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________ Email: _______________________
Card Number: ____________________ Exp. Date: ______________
Arrival Date: ____________________ Departure Date: ______________

Reservations must be made by: July 26, 2023
# 2023 Pre-Registration Form

The Sovereign Grand Lodge  
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies  
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant  

Des Moines, Iowa  
August 21 to 24, 2023  

Please Note:  
All Attendees MUST register  
*(One form per attendee)*

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## Registration Information

- Registrations on or before July 27, 2023, $75.00  
  - $__________
- Registrations after July 27, 2023, $100.00  
  - $__________

### Highlight Events

- Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 18 — $60.00 (Fried Chicken)  
  - (Formal Attire - Youth; Semi-formal Attire - Guests)  
  - $__________
- Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 19 — $65.00 (Sliced Ham/Seared Chicken Breast) (Business Casual Attire)  
  - $__________
- Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 21 — $75.00 (Grilled Pork Chop) (Western/Casual)  
  - $__________
- Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 23 — $80.00 (Beef Brisket) (Formal Attire — Installation to follow dinner)  
  - $__________

**Total Fees for the session, in US dollars**  
- $__________

*No refund on meals if not attending when canceled after the 27th of July, unless your reservation is picked up at registration by another attendee.*

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:  
2023 I.O.O.F. Session Committee  
Marty and Sue Zylstra, Co-Chairs  
211 Thornton Avenue  
Des Moines, IA  50315

Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here:  
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CITY LIGHTS DINNER – Thursday, August 24, 2023

Please join us in closing out the 2023 Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge with an evening of fellowship, dinner and entertainment at the Des Moines Embassy Club. The Des Moines Embassy Club is conveniently located directly across the street from the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, The Sovereign Grand Lodge host hotel. Enjoy a picturesque view of the city of Des Moines at night from high atop the Des Moines Embassy Club, including a spectacular view of the Iowa Capitol and its beautiful gold domes.

The evening will begin with a social hour from 5:00-6:00 p.m., with dinner and entertainment to follow. The cost for this event is $75.00 and is non-refundable. Dress is Western/Casual.

Please send your reservation, paid in full, by July 15, 2023 to: (One Form Per Person)

2023 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
Marty and Sue Zylstra, Co-Chairs
211 Thornton Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50315

Name: ______________________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _________________ Zip: __________________
Phone Number: ________________________________________________________________
Date: _____________________________  Amount Enclosed: ___________________________
Special Event Request

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting, or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Marriott Des Moines. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule—also see the menus on line.

Group Name: __________________________________________
Contact Person: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________
City, St./Prov., Postal Code: ________________________________
Telephone: __________________ Email: ________________________
Type of Event: __________________

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktail reception, etc.)

Date and Time: __________________________________________
Number expected: _________________________________________
Special requests: _________________________________________

(Mics, Podium, PowerPoint, etc.)

Mail all requests to:
2023 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
Marty and Sue Zylstra, Co-Chairs
211 Thornton Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50315-3179

QUESTIONS: 515/244-7618 (Home Phone) 515/360-4589 (Sue’s Cellular)

Need Mobility Assistance? Reach Our Office

Do you have any questions about Central States Mobility or about our services? If so, contact Nigel Chapman at 515/528-2013 We are located in Johnston, IA. Or, if you prefer send an email to: nigel@centralstatesmobility.com.

Phone: 515/528-2013

https://centralstatesmobility.com

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**HOTEL SHUTTLE INFORMATION**
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council

Name ______________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________
Email _____________________________________________________
Phone _____________________________________________________

**Note:** The Des Moines Marriott Downtown located at 700 Grand Avenue in Des Moines will provide shuttle service from the airport to the hotel and return. Please provide us with your flight information and we will make arrangements to have you transported to the hotel and return to the airport.

**Flight Information:**
Arrival Date __________ Arrival Time ________ Airline ___________ Flight # ________
Departure Date __________ Departure Time ________ Airline ___________ Flight # ________

☐ I WILL need hotel shuttle transportation  —  ☐ I will NOT need hotel shuttle transportation

Return this form to:
2023 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
Marty and Sue Zylstra, Co-chairs
211 Thornton Avenue
Des Moines, IA  50315-3179

**Questions:** 515/244-7618 (Zylstra Home Phone) or 515/360-4589 (Sue’s Cell Phone)

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**Shirt Order Form**

*Make checks payable to and mail to:*
2023 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
Attn: Marty and Sue Zylstra
211 Thornton Avenue
Des Moines, IA  50315-3179

**Men**

**Size:**  __ Small  __ Medium  __ Large  __ XL  __ 2XL  __ 3XL  __ 4XL
**Color:**  __ Red  __ White  __ Blue
**Price:**  $25.00 S-XL  —  $27.00 2XL-4XL

**Women**

**Size:**  __ Small  __ Medium  __ Large  __ XL  __ 2XL  __ 3XL  __ 4XL
**Color:**  __ Red  __ White  __ Blue
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SOCKS FOR VETS

At the 2022 IARA Sessions held in Winston-Salem, NC the Rebekah Sisters and Brothers were invited to bring pairs of socks for veterans. The program is called “SOCKS FOR VETS”.

On November 11th the United States of America and Canada will honor the men and women who have or are serving in the Armed Forces. These veterans have left their family and friends to protect their country. Some have returned home suffering from both physical and mental health issues. They often end up homeless and in need of food, clothing and health care.

Our program aimed to provide socks to veterans in a shelter called "SERVANT CENTER" located in Greensboro, NC. They provide care for homeless service men and women. The Director of Management and Development, Leah Murray, came to speak with our members on Thursday, August 18, 2022. She was overwhelmed at the generosity of the Rebekahs. We presented her with 1100 pairs of socks.

Being from a military family, my heart was touched by the generosity shown by the Rebekahs that week. REBEKAHS DO CARE AND SHARE. Thank you to all who participated.

I would like to challenge everyone to participate in SOCKS FOR VETS at their lodge. Please let me know the results so that we can announce your success this year in Iowa.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Gail Weatherhead, PP-I.A.R.A.

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SOCKS FOR Vets
[Rebekahs and Odd Fellows do care and share –
let us take this project to the next level.]

The program called “SOCKS FOR VETS”, is an opportunity for the community and our lodges to give back to Veterans.

Let us as Americans and Canadians honor the men and women who have or are serving in the Armed Forces. These veterans have left their family and friends to protect their country. Some have returned home suffering from both physical and mental health issues. They often end up homeless and in need of food, clothing and health care.

Ask local businesses or place of worship to set out a collection bin asking the community or congregation to participate.

Contact your local Veterans Shelter/Program for a contact and date of transfer; contact the local newspaper and/or television/radio station for that added publicity. Let’s collect and donate 500,000 socks in 2023 by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Rebekah Lodge / Lodge No. ______
Jurisdiction of ____________________________
Pairs of Socks donated: ________________
Donation to buy Socks: ________________

Mail your report to: Socks for Vets, 422 N Trade St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830
or email: ioofthesgl@ioof.org
Let us Remember and Honor our Veterans all year long

Collecting Socks for Vets in conjunction with:

____________________________ Rebekah Lodge / Lodge No. ______
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The socks collected will be donated to ___________________
How to get new members — Ask.

Use a prospective member scheme.

Be active in a community project.

Host a community function in the lodge.

Ask the Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly for a copy of the membership packet for additional ideas and training lessons.
PLEASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE

The SGL - IARA Membership Program
SPONSOR of NEW MEMBER

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New Member’s Lodge ______________________________________
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Address __________________________________________________
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MAIL, FAX, E-mail TO:

Attn: I.O.O.F.
The SGL / IARA MEMBERSHIP
422 N Trade Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830

Fax: 1-336-722-7317 — Email: sgldataentry@ioof.org
March 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters, one and all:

Warm greetings once more from rural Northern Michigan. While some previous Winters have had greater snowfall, I am appreciating the days getting longer nonetheless, and looking forward to the cyclical growth Spring brings about. One could associate this renewal force to our fraternal order, offering reminders and a possible path towards a membership resurgence. Let’s spring forward and have a growth spurt. It’s up to us collectively. The central values our order represents remain as valid and relevant today as they ever were. Practices like loving one another as Brothers and Sisters, following the Golden Rule, lifting up the afflicted and those with other hardships and limitations, and providing wholesome and satisfying direction for youth still apply. Helping out members who could benefit from assistance, supporting the community while enhancing it, filling a niche for some aspect or element of the community in great need; or even just having some mutual fun and camaraderie that creates a healthy outlet outside the home is spot on for attracting new members.

While some may get sidetracked on whether the language or phraseology contained within the written ritual is as contemporaneous as it could be; it’s all in there still, profound and meaningful. Continue to regularly read and follow it. There is deep significance within, and if we truly apply a fraction of the worthy and noble maxims and principles outlined to our everyday circumstances, life would be better overall. Interpersonal strife and divisions would lessen, resulting in increased satisfaction, and attractiveness which follows to any onlookers, and possible newcomers. It’s an exceedingly rare situation today where appreciable membership growth will flourish organically on its own without some individual tailoring and planning, teamwork and assistance, with essential elements and resources put in place to facilitate desired and necessary outcomes.

Obtaining this goal need not always be elaborate or sophisticated and can be done by simply getting back to basics and sticking to it, addressing any obvious gaps or shortcomings, and remembering what’s really important to focus on in “making a difference”. While constantly keeping our eye on the ball and diligently plugging away, even if just slowly and incrementally initially, we can move in a more positive direction to get us on a sure and stable footing presently and into the future. Each individual Lodge needs to ceaselessly consider and revisit membership development, if not just because everything is more dynamic now, but as times change and circumstances evolve, we must too. It’s an exceedingly rare situation today where appreciable membership growth will flourish organically on its own without some individual tailoring and planning, teamwork and assistance, with essential elements and resources put in place to facilitate desired and necessary outcomes.

We need to have goals on the front line at each and every Lodge should they be lacking, and cohesively address matters head on. Time is of the essence. I have said prior, though it bears repeating, “a goal, even a noble one, without a plan is merely a wish”. Should your membership levels be strong, even on the upswing, or just stable, kudos, though without work and ongoing attention they may not always stay that way, and I ask you wouldn’t growth and the vibrancy it brings always be more desired then merely preserving the status quo? Progressive and continuous momentum is what it will take, nothing less, to secure our future for the 21st-century and beyond. To make for a strong, resilient team, you may need to reassess your groups combined and overall vision/direction, and the action plan to get more helpers on board.

Free and respectful speech should always be encouraged, demonstrated, and valued in guiding the team building process. Member satisfaction and being able to provide their input, free of unnecessary judgment, is not just fraternal, but central to our important task. The Lodge situation, home or otherwise, needs to be inviting in all ways,

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going beyond the obvious of having a clear schedule well communicated, and decent physical surroundings. A core part of the definition of the word inviting, as when you say something is inviting, you mean it has good qualities that attract you or make you want to experience it. Not just knowing when and where the activity will occur is central, but so must the atmosphere be welcoming, where a member wants to come back routinely and be part of our great order. Where the sense of family exists. As we grow and move forward together, we should invariably strive to foster this togetherness in our words and actions.

Should your Lodge be a larger one, think about completing a member survey regarding the Lodge programs, charities, community service projects, member recruitment strategies, and so on, compile and summarize the data, and mutually share the conclusions moving forward. Through better listening and understanding of what is important to all team members, we demonstrate our fraternity, and can craft and refine our programs to be better fitting. With the varied backgrounds and diverse skill sets our members bring to the table and organization, and as our plan and commitment is clear to them, much good work and resultant personal satisfaction can occur. The more satisfied the members become, not only are they more likely to faithfully attend to work together, the more they will likely recommend us to their friends, coworkers, extended family, church or temple members, etc.

A project currently underway which practically and creatively addresses promotion of the Order while looking to get members involves the 2023 Boy Scout of America National Jamboree. This takes place at Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, West Virginia, from July 19, through July 28, 2023, with exhibition dates July 20 - 27th, closed on the 23rd. The event will host some 15,000 to 30,000 youth and their supporters, from all around the country and beyond. Now you take an exemplary idea, commit to and fund some of it, quality leaders with vision within the local jurisdiction step up to coordinate and implement where the event will take place, and make it happen. Bingo! Setting up an informational booth at the upcoming jamboree was the want and brainchild of Brother Michael Horowitz of Nassau County New York. We had talked about the notion. He had reached out to Sovereign Grand Master Michelle for some support and approval. Brother Mike really wanted the project to happen and took initiative with follow up. He reached out to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia regarding the idea and with the bold leadership of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Alan Kerns, Grand Master, the support of Brother Adam Kerns, PGM, and their membership committee, headed by Grand Guardian of West Virginia Mary Jo Wallace, the idea will become a reality. Imagine the exposure! I know of many Brothers who are Eagle Scouts still doing the good work. There are more than 31 million scouts, youth and adults, boys and girls, in 216 countries and territories. What an expansive pool of possible candidates for member recruitment, and to increase our visibility through educating this vast group who we are.

While members are needed to staff an informational booth from 8 AM to 5 PM each day, 2 to 3 persons present minimally, and the Jurisdiction of West Virginia is planning and meeting in covering the bases, coordinating and running this event, Sister Mary Jo generously offers volunteer opportunities for help on site for individual members of other jurisdictions possibly interested. You would need to cover your own travel to get and stay there, but if the idea strikes your interest or heart, please reach out to her at mjwallace62@comcast.net to inquire about volunteer availability.

As always, please let me know of potential recruitment projects in your area, or any strategies successfully employed in garnering new members we can promote right here in this space. Eagerly anticipating your contributions. Make this your own and spread the word. Send an email if you like, or I’m never greater than a phone call away.

Most appreciatively and in your service,

Robert L. Kowalski, PGM Michigan
IOOF Membership Chairperson
Email: bobfebo@comcast.net
Telephone: (313)505-4446

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How to get new members —

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When sending in Veteran members, list only those turning an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5 (starting at 50, 55, 60, etc.). Thanks.
Be a Partner
in the 2023
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs
Pilgrimage for Youth
Program

The Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth program is looking for Partners to sponsor one or more activities for the 2023 Program tour.

You and Your Lodge can be that Partner, reach out, “Make a Difference” in a young person’s life and future. The Pilgrimage for Youth program belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and your generosity has made this program a success for over 70 years. Through your continued Donations, You and Your Lodge will help to keep this program funded into the future.

Over the past 74 years did your lodge feed a bus as it crossed the country, host or sponsor a bus, a delegate, a bus tour leader? You may do so again, be a participant in the Pilgrimage for Youth program, donate today.

Besides sponsoring a young person for this program, there are many ways you can help sponsor this program:

- Sponsor Lunch for ______ Delegates @ $10.00 each $ _______________
- Sponsor Dinner for ______ Delegates @ $15.00 each $ _______________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate Tee-Shirts @ $10.00 each $ _______________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate Room Nights @ $40.00 $ _______________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate United Nations Tours @ $14.00 $ _______________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate 911 Museum Tickets @ $15.00 $ _______________
- Sponsor ______ Statue of Liberty Tickets @ $19.00 $ _______________
- Partner with another Lodge to feed a bus on a route $ _______________
- Help with the Cost of an Adult Bus Tour Leader $ _______________
- Help with the Cost of the Buses $ _______________

(Donations in the United States are tax deductible)

Gift From:
Name: .................................................................
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Return this Form & Your Donation to:
I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc.
422 N Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC  27101-2830

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The next deadline is fast approaching. All applications and second half of payments are due by April 1, 2023.

All payments and applications are to be sent to me at:
Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
6223 Six Mile Road
Danville, WV 25053

I would like to thank all of our Jurisdictional Chairmen and Grand Secretaries for their hard work that insures the success of our program. Our Delegates will gather in Philadelphia on July 1 and depart for home from Philadelphia on July 14. This year we have 82 delegates representing 22 Jurisdictions. Our itinerary has been finalized and a few adjustments have been made.

2023 ITINERARY
- July 1, Students fly in to Philadelphia, PA
- July 2, Tour Philadelphia and travel to NYC
- July 2-6, NYC
- July 7-8, Boston, MA
- July 9, Niagara Falls, NY
- July 10, Gettysburg, PA
- July 11-12, Washington, DC
- July 13, Philadelphia, PA
- July 14, Fly home

We have not raised our fees since 2017. In order to keep our fees as low as possible we depend on donations from our brothers and sisters. If you have donated this year—Thank You! If you have not; please consider! The fee to send one delegate is $2,000.00. The actual cost last year was almost $2,700.00. Keeping our program alive, keeps our Order alive. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
New items at The Sovereign Grand Lodge—
contact your Grand Body Secretarial Officer to order

See Chris at the **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center**
during the **Pilgrimage to the Tomb weekend**.

**Odd Fellows & Rebekah Key Chain**
Item number: 0220

**License Plate**
Item number: 0250

There is also a License Plate Bracket
available: 0249

**Ornaments:**
Item number:
- 0180-30 — 3 Links
- 0180-31 — all Seeing Eye
- 0180-32 — Bundle of Sticks
- 0180-33 — Heart & Hand
- 0180-34 — Bible

**Fleece**
Gray — 0117
Blue — 0118

Sizes: small—4XL

**Beanie / stocking cap**
Black — 0303
Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

**ODD FELLOWS**

Alabama – 13 June 2023, Grand Secretary – John H Boshell, 2527 Pleasant Hill Rd, Townley, AL 35587

Alaska – 15-16 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, #1-280 Centre Ave NE, Calgary, AB T2A 7P5

Arizona – 20-22 October 2023, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

Arkansas – September 2023, Grand Secretary – Jon R Petersen, 5469A E Highway 14, Lead Hill, AR 72644-9729

Atlantic Provinces – 12-13 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Jim Wilson, 5013 E River West Side Rd, Springfield, NS B0K 1B0

Australasia – 11 November 2023, Grand Secretary – Heather Bitter, PO Box 668, Lyndoch, SA 5351

Belize – Daniel J Gorham, Deputy, PO Box 90, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize

Brazil – Henry L Dupray, DDSGM, 1922 Jackson St, Wilmington, NC 28401-6722

British Columbia – 21-23 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Becky Auld, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V82 718

California – 17-20 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Barry Prock, 122 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

Chile – DDGM – Mario Casassus Gabellini, Avda Quilin 2068 B Depto 31, Santiago, Chile

Colorado – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Douglas E Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

Connecticut – 22-23 September 2023, Acting Grand Secretary – Edith Kalin, PO Box 11075, Waterbury, CT 06703-0075

Cuba – May 2023, Grand Secretary Javier Sanchez Magadan, 20 de Mayo No 615, esq. a Maso, Cerro, La Habana, Cuba

Delaware – Spring 2023, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713

District of Columbia – 4 March 2023, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Europe – 12-14 May 2023, Grand Secretary, Anna-Birte Gjerlove, Lathyrusvej 15, 7000 Fredericia, Denmark

Florida – 17-19 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012

Georgia – 15 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Jimmy C Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

Ghana – Afamefuna Nwankwo, Noble Grand – mazalgroup@yahoo.com

Hawaii – DDSGM – Steven F Tseu, 1086 Uluophi Loop, Kailua, HI 96734

Idaho – October 2023, Glen Shultz, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605

Illinois – 8-11 October 2023, Grand Secretary – Rich Herring, 845 Wyatt Ave, Lincoln, IL 62645-0248

Indiana – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Diana Merritt, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

Iowa – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Lawrence Shilling, 5850 Oakwood Dr NW, Des Moines, IA 50322

Kansas – October 2023 – Grand Secretary – Kenneth Edgett, PO Box 549, Great Bend, KS 67530

Kentucky – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Arthur Light, PO Box 1208, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-1208

Kenya – Secretary – Benson Sereria – blessedbenson82@gmail.com

Lebanon – Secretary – Hanibal Ayoub – jakin1@hotmail.com

Louisiana – 11 March 2023, Grand Secretary – Sandra K Young, 9797 Kinglet Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Maine – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Michael Anderson, 80 Caron Ln, Auburn, ME 04210


Maryland – TBD May 2023, Grand Secretary – Laura Teate, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222

Massachusetts – 2-3 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606

Mexico – DDSGM – Henry L Dupray, 1922 Jackson St., Wilmington, NC 28401-6722

Michigan – 16-18 October 2023, Grand Secretary – Brian D. Barr 440 Deign Ct., Brighton, MI 48114

Minnesota – 14-16 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Alex Salom, PO Box 7415, Hutchinson, MN 55350-7415

Mississippi – 9-10 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Ken Howard, PO Box 1127, Greenwood, MS 38935

Missouri – 21-23 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Anna Lee Martin, PO Box 816, Mexico, MO 65265

Montana – 9-11 June 2023, Grand Secretary – George E Hill, 12865 Mill Creek Rd, LoLo, MT 59847

Nebraska – 18-19 October 2023, Grand Secretary – Rick Simmons, 237 S 70th St Ste 103, Lincoln, NE 68504

Nevada – 19-20 June 2023, Grand Secretary – William B Knight, 2230 South Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703

New Hampshire – 20-22 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Ernest Courcy, PO Box 4147, Concord, NH 03302-4147

New Jersey – 14-16 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Debbie L McClelland, 4527 Rte 130 S, Burlington, NJ 08016

New Mexico – September 2023, Grand Secretary – Barbara J Corfield, PO Box 9234, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9234

New York – September 2023, Grand Secretary – Thomas Buchanan, 5 Melody Ln, Warwick, NY 10990

North Carolina – October 2023, Grand Secretary – R Kenneth Babb, 315 N Spruce St Ste 250, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

North Dakota – 16-17 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Mark Ulrich, 1107 Walnut St, Devils Lake, ND 58301

Ohio – 22 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Penny Castle, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088

Oklahoma – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Jayne Pender, 2205 N Portland Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73107-1537

Ontario – 9-10 May 2023, Grand Secretary – John R Nichols, 157 Frederick St, Stratford, ON N5A 3V6

Oregon – 11-14 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Ronald L Kunze, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

Pennsylvania – 25-28 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Justin C Bailey, 1001 W Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4899

Philippines – October 2023 – Ian Irving C Bacungan, 8R Road 8, 1st Crame, San Juan City 1500, Metro Manila PH

Quebec – 26-27 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Ed Copping, 2815 Dussault, Sherbrooke, QC J1L 2Z7

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Rhode Island – April 2023, Grand Secretary – Barbara A. McLaren, PO Box 296, Bristol, RI 02809-0296
Saskatchewan – DDSGM – E. Wesley Nelson, 55 Bedridge Way NE, Calgary, AB T3K 1M2
South Dakota – September 2023, Grand Secretary – LaDonna McKnight, 550 N 5th St Ste 103, Rapid City, SD 57701
Tennessee – 14-16 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Harrell D. Ward Jr, PO Box 515, Gallatin, TN 37066-0515
Texas – 20-21 March 2023, Grand Secretary – James Curtis, 3440 W Second Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110
Utah – April 2023, Grand Secretary – Linda R. Shilton, 3287 E Kenton Dr, Millcreek, UT 84109
Vermont – 13 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Edward Spaulding, 786 VT Rte 10, Chester, VT 05143
Virginia – 14-17 May 2023, Grand Secretary – Jack Gibson, PO Box 22458, Newport News, VA 23609
Washington – 22-28 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Laurel Delony, 711 Main St, Buckley, WA 98321
West Virginia – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Michael H. Dumiaki, 610 Stonewall Dr, Charleston, WV 26302
Wisconsin – 11-14 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Joyce M. Proulx, 1304 S Webster Ave, Green Bay, WI 54301
Wyoming – 12-14 June 2023, Grand Secretary – Jim Wilson, PO Box 1375, Rock Springs, WY 82902-1375

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Alabama – 13 June 2023, Secretary – Julie Barinear, 2601 Hamilton Blvd, Mobile, AL 36605
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Colorado – October 2023, Secretary – Stacey Mortensen, 15955 Columbine St, Thornton, CO 80260
Connecticut – September 2023, Secretary – Carol A Maggi, 891 Pearl Lake Rd, Waterbury, CT 06706
Delaware – Spring 2023, Secretary – Judy A Bertino, 1 S Lunenburg Dr, New Castle, DE 19720
Florida – 17-19 May 2023, Secretary – Martha Cox, 2135 Traymore Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32207-3623
Georgia – April 2023, Secretary – Marie B Poole, 3904 Fraser Cir, Gainesville, GA 30506
Idaho – October 2023, Secretary – Vicky L Kiele, PO Box 359, Kooskia, ID 83539
Illinois – 9-10 October 2023, Secretary – Janet L Bruce, PO Box 1806, Belvidere, IL 61008
Indiana – October 2023, Secretary – June Mengedoht, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224-9211
Iowa – October 2023, Secretary – Gladys Pettengill, 560 SE Brick Dr #320, Waukee, IA 50263
Kansas – October 2023, Secretary – Carol Scott, 1135 Locust St, Eudora, KS 66025-9551
Kentucky – October 2023, Secretary – Carolyn Crawford, 107 Princess Dr, Ashland, KY 41101
Louisiana – 9-12 March 2023, Secretary – Sandra K Young, 9797 Kinglet Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-4612
Maine – October 2023, Secretary – Kera Ashline, 24 Nealley St, South Berwick, ME 03908
Manitoba – 23-25 April 2023, Secretary – Dorothy Mann, 58 Cabot Cres, Winnipeg, MB R2M 2H1
Maryland – May 2023, Secretary – Sharon P Thomas, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222
Massachusetts – the June 2023, Secretary – Cynthia Schofield, 36 Branch St, Malden, MA 02148
Michigan – 15-18 October 2023, Secretary – Kathleen Shary, 405 Walnut Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178
Minnesota – 14-16 June 2023, Secretary – Eva Steele, 16875 Hwy 169, Winnebago, MN 56098
Mississippi – 9-10 June 2023, Secretary – Linda L Kumpunen, 113 Gettysburg Cir, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Missouri – 21-23 May 2023, Secretary – Carolyn Schultheis, 5168 Kings Park Dr, St Louis, MO 63129
Montana – 9-10 June 2023, Secretary – Barbara Scott, 109 Riverview 5W, Great Falls, MT 59404
Nebraska – October 2023, Secretary – Linda Purser, 6000 Walker Ave, Lincoln, NE 68507-2464
Nevada – 19-20 June 2023, Secretary – Shirley Knight, 2230 S Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703-5906
New Hampshire – 21-22 April 2023, Secretary – Lucile Gaskill, PO Box 4147, Concord, NH 03302-4147
New Jersey – October 2023, Secretary – Victoria L Burger, PO Box 457, Rancocas, NJ 08073-0457
New Mexico – September 2023, Secretary – D’Elva Emert, 2113 Smith Ln, Farmington, NM 87401
New York – May 2023, Secretary – Donna J Miller, 205 Stafford Ave, Syracuse, NY 13206-3312
North Carolina – October 2023, Secretary – Barbara S. Heavner, 1865 Westbridge Ln, Lincolnton, NC 28092
Ohio – 21-22 April 2023, Secretary – Diana Kurzawa, PO Box 296, Willoughby, OH 44096-0296
Oklahoma – October 2023, Secretary – Kathy Bridgett, 4520 SE 25, Del City, OK 73115
Ontario – 7-10 May 2023, Secretary – Carson Shulist, 5207 Valley View Cres, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 7E5
Oregon – 11-14 May 2023, Secretary – Mary Houle, 27997 Cottage Grove Lorane Rd, Cottage Grove, OR 97424-9736
Pennsylvania – 24-28 June 2023, Secretary – Sarah M Baer, 115 N Centre Ave, Leesport, PA 19533.
Saskatchewan – 6-7 June 2023, Secretary – Laura Argue, 202 Westpointe Estates, Regina, SK S4Y 1A4
Texas – 20-21 March 2023, Secretary – Rosie McMillin, 16400 KC Rd 4060, Scarry, TX 75158
Virginia – 15 May 2023, Secretary – Sharon Harris, 90 Back Creek Ln, Buchanan, VA 24066
Washington – 26-28 June 2023, Secretary – Cathy Garcia, 5010 103rd Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98513
West Virginia – October 2023, Secretary – Barbara Zimmerman, PO Box 264, Valley Bend, WV 26293-0264
Wyoming – 11-14 June 2023, Secretary – Jennifer Page, 5844 Indigo Dr, Cheyenne, WY 82001
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