

## ODD FELLOW DEGREE RALLY



The members of Houston Heights Lodge #225 provided a degree rally on Saturday, July 19, 2025, that elevated three initiates to third degree level. Two were members of #225, Laura Brady and Damon "Winn" Walton. The third was a member of Greater Houston Lodge #6, Colin Haile. An honored guest was DDGM John Elkinton. Members of both lodges enjoyed a fellowship lunch afterwards. As Noble Grand Natasha Thornton reminded the attendees, it is wonderful for all to review the excellent teachings contained in the degrees of Fellowship, Love, and Truth.



## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Greetings,

As July comes to a close, I am happy to report on our accomplishments.

I hope your lodge reviewed the forms Sovereign Grand Lodge sent to report your projects for Scholarships, Drug Prevention, Living Legacy, Community Service, and Make a Difference. Take credit where credit is due.



**Terry McElligott** 

We were all saddened by the flooding in Texas. Odd Fellows have responded. Your lodge has received my letter suggesting donations. The Grand Lodge has contributed \$5,000 to the effort. I received a call from Ray Jackson, Grand Master of Illinois, donating \$10,000. Thank you. I pray for all the people who have suffered so greatly.

I attended a meeting of the Mid-South Conclave. While many have forgotten about it, there is still interest in holding another meeting. Plans are for a meeting in Shreveport July 17-19th, 2026. Let me know what you think: Yay or Nay.

Nancy received a call that someone had books belonging to the Odd Fellows. I was able to meet them and have had a chance to identify them. One in particular is the Proceedings of the 1920 Grand Lodge. 492 representatives were identified. I think what a commitment it was to visit all the lodges without an Interstate.

Vivian and I had a busy and lovely round of visitations. Thank you to Smith-ville, and especially to the visitors who came out to welcome me. Thank you to Gonzales Lodge for a fine welcome. Larry Mercer was an excellent host and tour guide to the city. Thank you to Fred Ende for the warm welcome and fellowship. Thank you to DDGM John Elkinton and all the members from Houston who turned out to meet me in Conroe. And thank you to Houston Heights who were so welcoming. Congratulations on the recognition of their building as a historic landmark.

In Friendship, Love, & Truth Terry McElligott Grand Master



**James Curtis** 

## FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Hello to all members,

As you all know, Texas had a really bad flood this month. A lot of lives were lost, and property was destroyed. I have been getting calls from our friends from other states about making donations. On July 8th, Brother Al London of Florida called and on July 10th Sister Laurel Delony of California called to make donations. I referred them to Arro Smith of Capital Lodge No. 23 who grew up in that part of Texas and knew where to send the

donations. My thanks to all of you who have made donations as I did not keep a good record of those who donated.

On July 9th, I was very sad to read where Brother John Reynolds had passed away. I have known John since I met him at the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

On July 11th, Past Sovereign Grand Master Danny Wood came by the office for a visit, and we had lunch together. He decided to stay for the Grand Lodge Executive Committee meeting as we were meeting that afternoon. Before having lunch, we were talking about the Retirement Center and Brother Ray Parrish. Danny and Ray are very close friends and he told me that Ray loves living at the Retirement Center. That's what the Board members like to hear as we are working hard to provide a good home for our residents. Levonne is doing a fantastic job as our Director. We are currently in the process of doing some upgrades to the Home. We would love for our members to check us out at the Home when you think you are unable to continue living at your home alone. The food is great, and you will have company when you want it and will have other things to do as well. We have a sewing room, a puzzle room, and a game room and every now and then the residents play Bingo.

On July 22nd, Junior Past Grand Master Charlie Stephenson, Rebekah Assembly Past President Terry Adams, and I met with the staff of the Embassy Suites in Frisco, Texas, where the 2026 Sovereign Grand Lodge Session will be held. Everything is working out really well for us so far. The Committee has really put in some time on this project. Deputy Grand Master Jason Ottwell was also in attendance at the meeting. I want to say a great big thanks to Charlie, Terry, and Nancy for all their help. Together we will pull this through!



FLT,

James Curtis Grand Secretary Grand Instructor

# GRAND MASTER'S Official Visits





Smithville Lodge No. 393

## **CAPITAL LODGE NO. 23**



Capital No. 23 July Gifts

The Capital Lodge No. 23 in Austin made two substantial gifts in July. We have a commitment to give an annual gift of \$12,000 each to two local children's homes: The Settlement Home for Children and The Helping Hand Home for Children.

Our gift to The Helping Hand Home is made during the summer to support their Summer Enrichment Program when their kids are not in school. We literally support "Educating the

Orphan" by funding this program every summer.

Pictured is Noble Grand Steve Johnson and the brothers and sisters of Capital No. 23 in the new Education Wing of the Helping Hand Home. We are arrayed under their "butterfly" on the donor wall recognizing the additional \$50,000 gift for the capital campaign funding the new building in 2022.

As we received the increasingly dire news from Kerrville over the Independence Day holiday, I went to work to identify the best local relief agency in Kerr County to potentially support. After networking with some local Kerrville friends, I identified the Community Foundation of the Hill Country as the most responsible and trustworthy charity to support.

At each lodge business meeting we hold a raffle for the members present to select a 501(c)(3) charity to earmark a \$200 gift. Our Vice Grand, Brother Keith Crippen, selected the Community Foundation of the Hill Country to receive his \$200. Our membership then held a general vote to donate an additional \$5,000 for the Kerrville flood relief.

Over the next few days, our Grand Secretary, Brother James Curtis, directed several out-of-state Odd Fellow Lodges my way for counsel. I fielded calls from Illinois, Washington State, and Florida. As of this writing, I know the Tuscola Lodge No. 316 in Illinois raised \$1,710; the Leon Lodge No. 5 in Tallahassee, Florida, contributed \$7,500; and the Buckley Lodge No. 75 of Washington State mailed \$1,000 to the Community Foundation.

Our Grand Master Brother Terry McElligott has spearheaded a collection from the Texas Lodges and pledged \$5,000.

The Capital Lodge No. 23 of Austin is very proud of all our brothers and sisters across the jurisdiction of the Independent Order as well collectively work to "Relieve the Distressed" along the Guadalupe River in Kerr County.

Brother Arro Smith, Secretary of Capital Lodge No. 23

## Official Visits



Houston Heights Lodge No. 225 enjoyed a visit from the Grand Master and hosted a potluck following a meeting.

## Installation of Officers – Ennis Lodge No. 227



Pictured here is Ennis Lodge No. 227 at the installation of officers. Dan Reynolds, D.D.G.M., Troy Pennington, P.G.M. and Billie Pennington of Athens Lodge No. 961, Bart McGibboney of Athens Lodge No. 961, and Ray Parrish pictured.



Corsicana Lodge No. 63, I.O.O.F. 2025 Raffle Drawing to be held August 21, 2025 \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

- \$100 Gift Card to Academy Sports + Outdoors
- ♦ \$100 Visa Gift Card
- Two 18 Hole Green Fees with cart (\$75 value)
   Donated by The Oaks Golf Course
- \$50 Walmart Gift Card−Donated by Walmart
- ♦ \$50 Walmart Gift Card—Donated by Walmart
- ♦ Ryobi 18v 3/8" Cordless Drill (\$50 Value)
- \$25 Applebee's Gift Card—Donated by Applebee's
- ♦ \$25 Applebee's Gift Card—Donated by Applebee's
- ◆ 4Opc Performance Tool Socket Set (\$25 Value)
   Donated by B&G Auto Parts
- ◆ Dual Hot Plate (\$25 Value)
- Mr. Coffee 5 Cup Coffee Maker (\$25 Value)
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To purchase tickets, please call the Grand Lodge at 844-872-7438 and ask for Nancy. Thank you for your support!



#### GRAND LODGE

#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF TEXAS

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July 16, 2025

TO ALL ODD FELLOW LODGES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Everyone's thoughts and prayers have turned to the area of Kerr County, Texas and the devastating floods that have claimed the lives of so many innocent victims along with the complete destruction of property, businesses, and livelihoods.

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee has pledged \$5,000 from the Grand Lodge Disaster Fund to be donated to the relief of our fellow Texans. The Grand Lodge Office has received calls from other jurisdictions wanting to help in the relief effort as well.

Please be advised that a special fund has been established for the benefit of those affected by the flooding and we are asking that you consider sending a monetary donation to the Grand Lodge office. The Grand Lodge Office will compile the donations received and forward them to the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country. Please make a notation on your check that it is for the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Let's work together to extend the hand of Friendship, Love, & Truth to those in need. I know those affected will be eternally grateful for your compassion.

Fraternally,

Attest:

James Curtis Grand Secretary

James Curtis

Terry McElligott Grand Master 810-338-7329

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# What's happening @ the Retirement Center



Cathy and Iva



Bartine, Laura and Ann



Cathy, Iva, Ann, Laura, and Bartine



Patsy and Ray



Jan, Patsy, and Ray

The residents enjoyed a trip to Dairy Queen for an ice cream treat!





## Do you have ten years continuous membership in an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge?

If so, you qualify for the lowest rate at the I.O.O.F. Retirement Center in Ennis, Texas. For details, please call Director Levonne Cannaday at 972-875-8641.

## share with us!

DEADLINE IS THE 25TH OF THE MONTH
FOR THE NEXT EDITION.
EMAIL TAMARA.FRANKS@GLIOOFTX.ORG OR
MAIL TO OFN OF TX, 3440 W. 2ND AVE,
CORSICANA, TX 75110

EXAMPLES/IDEAS: LODGE ACTIVITIES &
EVENTS, PHOTOS, FUNDRAISERS, SOCIAL
NIGHT, DATES TO REMEMBER OR ANYTHING
YOU WANT TO SHARE!



## *REBEKAH LODGES*

#### ATHENS REBEKAH LODGE NO. 23

Meets 2nd & 4th Monday – 7 PM @1301 Cayuga Drive, Athens, TX 75151 MAIL: 8833 CR 1406, Athens, TX 75151 08/2025

#### • DENTON REBEKAH LODGE NO. 18

Meets 1st & 3rd Monday – 4:30 PM @14115 Eden, Denton, TX 76209 MAIL: 1018 Manhattan Drive, Denton, TX 76209 10/2025

#### • HARLANDALE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 179

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday -- 7 PM @8707 Laurel Canyon Drive, Universal City, TX 78247 MAIL: 14215 Cradlewood, San Antonio, TX 78233 10/2025

#### CYPRESS REBEKAH LODGE NO. 22

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday – 7 PM @VFW Post 8905 21902 Northwest Fwy, Cypress, TX 77429 MAIL: 3114 Pathfinders Pass, Spring, TX 77373 05/2026

If you need information on other Rebekah Lodges, please contact Pam Isenhower @ (713) 775.9726

## UPCOMING events

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
AUGUST			
08/09/25	W. & O. Homes Board of Turstees Meeting	9:30am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
08/15-21-25	SGL Session		Charleston, WV
08/20/25	Texas Tribute to Pam Isenhower		Charleston, WV; following installation of President of I.A.R.A.
08/25/25	Odd Fellow News Deadline		All submissions are welcome.
SEPTEMBER			
09/01/25	Labor Day		
09/12/25	Grand Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	1:00pm	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
09/13/25	W. & O. Homes Board of Trustees Meeting	9:30am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
09/13/25	Grand Lodge Board of Trustees Meeting	11am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
09/25/25	Odd Fellow News Deadline		All submissions are welcome.
09/26/25	Grand Lodge Finance Committee Meeting	9:30am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.



Please join us for our **23rd Annual** I.O.O.F. Picnic!

We will be providing lunch, but please remember to bring drinks & desserts, and don't forget the chairs, bug spray, and sunscreen! Lunch will be at noon.

This is a day of fun and no business. There will be games, contests, and prizes to win.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend; we will need a headcount for food. You may email info@iooftx.org or call the Grand Lodge Office @ 844-872-7438. We hope to see you all there!



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Abernathy No. 809 - 728 Avenue C, Abernathy, TX 79311.

Meets: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 2:30 pm

Athens No. 961 - 1301 W. Cayuga Dr., Athens, TX 75751, Mail: 8833 CR 1406, Athens, TX 75751.

Meets: Thursday at 7:00 pm

Austin - Capital No. 23 - 6809 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78752. Mail: PO Box 49113, Austin, TX 78765.

Meets: 1tt & 3td Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Balch Springs No. 64 - 12001 Crumpton, Balch Springs, TX 75180. Mail: PO Box 800514, Balch Springs, TX 75180.

Meets: 1st and 3rd Saturday at 2:00 pm

Bryan - Brazos Valley No. 76 - 107 A S. Main St., Bryan, TX 77803. Mail: 4798 Holm Oak Rd., College Station, TX 77845

Meets: 1st and 3rd Saturday at 10:30 am

Carthage - Gaiety No. 84 - 106 E. Sabine, Carthage, TX 75633. Mail: PO Box 616, Carthage, TX 75633.

Meets: 1st Monday at 6:30 pm

Commerce No. 234 - 1210 1/2 Alamo Street, Commerce, TX 75428. Mail: PO Box 323, Commerce, TX 75429.

Meets: Thursday at 7:30 pm

Conroe No. 67 - 1018 N. Roberson, Conroe, TX 77301. Mail: PO Box 1332, Conroe, TX 77301.

Meets: 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 pm

Corsicana No. 63 - 3330 W. 2nd Ave., Corsicana, TX 75110. Mail: 7361 SE CR 3060, Corsicana, TX 75109.

Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm

Dallas No. 44 - 1808 S. Hampton, Dallas, TX 75208.

james.curtis@gliooftx.org Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm

www.iooftx.org Denton No. 82 - 1415 Eden, Denton, TX 76209. Mail: PO Box 1233, Bridgeport, TX 76426.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Ennis No. 227 - 2309 S. Kaufman, Ennis, TX 75119. Mail: PO Box 283, Ennis, TX 75120.

Meets: Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Farmersville - Pride No. 228 - 803 Windom Street, Farmersville, TX 75442, Mail: PO Box 263, Farmersville, TX 75442.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm

Ft. Worth - White Settlement No. 52 - 550 NW Summercrest Blvd. Burleson, TX 76028. Mail: 324 S. Fox Ln., Burleson, TX 76028.

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Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm

Fort Worth No. 251 - 1501 Hemphill St., Ft. Worth, TX 76104.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Garland No. 304 - 125 E. State Street, Garland, TX 75040. Mail: 118 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Fate, TX 75189.

Meets: 2nd Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Gonzales No. 38 - 1405 Conway Street, Gonzales, TX 78629. Mail: 562 CR 238, Gonzales, TX 78629.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Grapevine No. 402 - 330 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. Mail: PO Box 385, Grapevine, TX 76099.

Meets: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Greenville - Fred Ende No. 87 - 3013 Washington Street, Greenville, TX 75401. Mail: PO Box 33, Greenville, TX 75403.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm

Houston - Greater Houston No. 6 - 2401 W. Bellfort Houston, TX 77054. Mail: 217 Williamsburg Ave., Clute, TX 77531.

Meets 1st Thursday & 3rd Saturday at 10:30 am

Houston - Houston Heights No. 225 - 115 E. 14th Street, Houston. TX 77008.

Meets: 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm; Meet & Greet Social Meeting 1st Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Mineral Wells No. 440 - 1234 E. Lake Dr., Weatherford, TX 76087. Mail: Same.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm

New Boston No. 110 - E. Hoskins Street, New Boston, TX 75570. Mail: 713 Anderson Street, New Boston, TX 75570.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm

Plano No. 114-1111 Jupiter Road, #105b, Plano, TX 75074. Mail: PO Box 860643, Plano, TX 75086.

Meets: 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Smithville No. 393 - 406 Turney, Smithville, TX 78957.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm

Springtown No. 75 - 112 S. Main Street, Springtown, TX 76082. Mail: PO Box 924, Springtown, TX 76082.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Tyler - William Tell No. 27 - 1617 Golden Road, Tyler, TX 75701 Mail: 1107 Gardenia Drive, Longview, TX 75601

Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30 pm

Waco No. 137 - 3135 Franklin Ave., Waco, TX 76710. Mail: Same.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm

Waxahachie No. 80 - 208 1/2 S. Rodgers, Waxahachie, TX 75165. Mail: PO Box 324, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

UPDATED 06/26/2025 Meets: Monday at 6:30 pm dinner; 7:30 pm meeting.

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