

ODD FELLOW NEWS

O F T E X A S



NOVEMBER 2025

Promoting Odd Fellowship through Positive Communication



Congratulations, Jackie Laney!



Congratulations to *Jackie Laney*, P.G.M., who was honored to serve as Grand Marshall of the New Boston City Parade on October 11, 2025. Pictured here is Jackie with his daughters, DeAnna and Darla.



FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November is here, summer is gone. If you didn't get enough summer, it's going to be a long six months. I hope all of our Brothers and Sisters have a warm home for the holidays.

Our I.O.O.F. picnic was great. Perfect weather. Plenty of good food. I want to thank Christina and her "Team Frank" for all the work they put in both setting up and cleaning up. Thank you to Karen June for volunteering her husband on short notice. Thank you to all the people who brought side dishes and desserts.



Terry McElligott

I had a very nice meeting with Garland October 13th. I love these meetings for the chance to see so much history, meet the members and realize the good works being done in the name of our Order.

Balch Springs will be welcoming us all for dinner on the 9th. There's going to be a lot of friendship, love, and good food as always. Looking forward to seeing you. I'm also looking forward to meeting with Springtown on the 18th. If you're in the neighborhood, join us.

I sent a letter scheduling a special session and then another letter canceling the session. Our arrangements committee has been working since April striving to make our session in March 2026 organized, successful, and even affordable. After a great deal of time and effort researching facilities and not being able to satisfy all parties, the Trustees have voted to allow the Event Center to open for next Session. I want to express my appreciation to all the members who have been diligently putting in not only time but effort to provide a successful Session.

Christmas is coming. If you've been in Walmart, they think it's already here. December 14th — Save the Date and meet us at the Home to celebrate with the residents.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

In Friendship, Love, & Truth
Terry McElligott
Grand Master



703 million people lack access to safe water

MORE THAN 820,000 people ARE ESTIMATED TO DIE EACH YEAR DUE TO WATER-RELATED ILLNESSES

1 in 5 children LACKS ACCESS TO BASIC WATER SERVICE

2.5 billion people LIVE IN WATER-STRESSED COUNTRIES

WOMEN SPEND 200 million hours EACH DAY COLLECTING WATER

\$260 billion IS LOST EACH YEAR DUE TO INADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION



Everything begins with water.

Join us at Living Water International in our mission to bring hope and transformation to millions around the world through access to safe water. Together, we can break the cycle of poverty, improve health and education, empower women, boost economies, and quench spiritual thirst with the life-changing message of the gospel.



Let's create a world where everyone can flourish, just as God intended.
Scan here to learn more.

Grand Master's Project— Please consider supporting the Grand Master's project, Living Water International, which provides access to clean, safe water to families & communities around the world. For more information, please visit water.cc. Thank you for your donations & support!



James Curtis

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Hello to all Brothers and Sisters,

Well, the Fall of the year is here in full swing. When I come to the office each morning, the temps are in the high 50's or low 60's. On October 21st, Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry Barrett called and said it was 25 degrees in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

We had a really nice picnic this year as it was not so hot. While there, I met the Noble Grand of Houston Heights Lodge No. 225, Natasha Thornton. She and her husband, Matthew, came up for the picnic along with their Vice Grand, Steve Nolin, and Secretary Bill Carson. They are very young members and are getting active in the Order.

On October 3rd, my good friend and Secretary of the Waxahachie Lodge, Tom Wright, came down for a visit. It is always a pleasure to visit with Brother Wright.

On October 25th, Deputy Grand Master Jason Ottwell made his official visit to Athens Lodge and our Master Cook, Past Grand Master Dan Reynolds, fired up the grill and cooked hamburgers for all of us. We had a great time with Brother Jason.

Secretaries, the month of November is the nomination of Officers. You will nominate the last two meeting nights in November and hold your elections on the first meeting night of December. Remember that Thanksgiving falls on us in November, we have to have the nominations done before that time.

I would like to take this time to tell my very good friend, Past Grand Master Jackie Laney, congratulations on being the Grand Marshall in the New Boston parade. I bet after the parade he had to stand outside his home to allow his head to shrink before he could get it through the doorway! Again, congratulations my friend!

The Grand Lodge Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All of us here in the office wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and we hope all stay safe.

I will close for now and hope to see you all soon.

In FLT,
James Curtis
Grand Secretary
Grand Instructor





Pam Isenhower

President

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

Testimonial -- February 6th & 7th, 2026

Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental

Make your reservations by clicking on this link:

“ [Book your group rate for Pam Isenhower IOOF Testimonial](#) “

Special Rates (\$159.00 + Taxes) OR SEE PAGE 2 for more details.

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____

Title for name badge _____

Mailing Address _____

City, St./Prv, Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Friday, February 6th - "Denim and Diamonds" (Western Night)

(Dust off your boots, shape up your hat & wear your favorite jeans)

5:30 pm - Social and Seating *(Cash bar available)*

6:00 pm - Dinner - ____ BBQ Brisket or ____ BBQ Chicken *with ...fixin's....* (\$ 80.00) \$ _____

(Select One) Enjoy a fun night of entertainment - Texas style.)

Saturday, February 7th -

9:00 - 12:00 Musical Bingo Game *(Dress Mardi Gras or casual and wear your colorful beads)*

12:00 - 1:30 IMPORTANT- Immediately following, Pick up your special "Goodie Bag" from Hospitality.

Saturday, February 7th - "Putting On The Ritz" (Semi-Formal/ Formal Attire)

5:30 pm - Social and Seating

6:00 pm - Dinner ____ Chicken Fried Steak or ____ Grilled Pork Chop *with ...fixin's*

(Select one) (\$ 84.00) \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: *** Rebekah Assembly of Texas **TOTAL - \$ _____**

**Earmark Check - Pam Isenhower's Testimonial*

Mail to: Pam Isenhower, Secy. Rebekah Assembly of Texas
27210 Kendal Ridge Lane
Cypress, TX 77433

Please forward all questions to: Terry Adams, terrydadams02@gmail.com 936-581-3133
Peggy Idom, perkypeggy34@yahoo.com 832-419-2368

NOTE—— Dietary restrictions should be indicated here:

Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental

18700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032

Ways to make your reservations:

1. To call **Hotel direct - 281-443-2310 Ask for Veronica Ortiz**
OR
Hours M-Fri 10:00 to 4:00 Central Time
2. Make your reservations by clicking or using the following link:
[Book your group rate for Pam Isenhower IOOF Testimonial](#)
Special Rates (\$159.00 + Taxes) – 2 Queens
OR
3. Call Marriott Central Reservations at 888-236-2427
Mention ***Pam Isenhower IOOF Testimonial Feb 6, & 7, 2026***

***** Handicapped Rooms are limited, early registration is preferred.***

***** Make your reservations early.***

Parking Information and Directions –

Self-Parking

********Attendees have complimentary Self-Parking, depending on availability.

Coming north on JFK Blvd, you will follow the signs into the airport for Terminal A B and Hotel. From the far-left lane, you will proceed to the sign

that says hotel self-parking. When entering the hotel from our Self-parking Garage you are entering our South Tower Ballroom Entrance.

Valet Parking

Coming North on JFK Blvd, you will follow the signs into the airport for Terminal A B and Hotel. If you stay in the left lane, you will pass the first sign for hotel labeled self-parking and proceed to the main hotel entrance, turn left after the stop light and immediate left again up the ramp to proceed to the main entrance.

Airport Arrival Look for Signs and “IOOF Texans” who will greet you.

If you are flying in, take the inter-terminal tram one level below baggage claim to the Marriott hotel stop. The Tram runs every 3 – 5 minutes. You will take the elevators or escalators to the L level.

You will be in the lobby of the North Tower.

Pam's Testimonial Information

Registration: **Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental**
18700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, TX 77032
(281) 443-2310
800-228-9290

When making reservations, please mention the following:

"Pam Isenhower IOOF Testimonial Feb2026" *(no space here)*

*Room Rates up to four persons per room: **\$159.00** plus taxes **Double occupancy***

Reservations must be received on or before **Friday, January 9, 2026** (the Cut-Off date).

Complementary self-parking for Feb. 5th - Feb 7 (based on availability).

Otherwise, the following parking fees may apply.

Valet - Overnight registered guest - \$ 34
Self-Parking -Overnight registered guest - \$ 29

Parking rates are subject to change without notice.



Flight Information:

If you are flying into **Intercontinental Airport -(IAH)---**

Please give the following information:

Name: _____

Your Cell : _____

Airline: _____ Flight # _____

Date and Time of Arrivial: _____

If there are any changes to your arrival /departure dates, please reach out to

Texas Contacts: Crystal Baker - 512-227-6398
 Garry Bolch - 903-456-1282
 Connie Baker - 940-391-8104

***** Your Texas Sisters and Brothers will greet you with signage in the Baggage Claim area and direct you to the Tram which will take you to the Marriott on property.



SEE YA'LL IN TEXAS !

For Driving Directions, see Google maps.



Testimonial Program Booklet

Pam Isenhower, IARA President
February 6 & 7, 2026, Houston, TX

A souvenir program booklet is being developed for President, Pam Isenhower’s Testimonial, in Houston, Texas. Program size of booklet - (8.5 x 11) folded in half

Ad prices are as follows:

Full Page	\$60.
Half Page	\$30.
Quarter Page	\$25.
Booster, one line, Individual or couples	\$ 5.

PLEASE consider purchasing an ad.
Please make checks payable in U.S. Dollars to:

Rebekah Assembly of Texas
Earmarked- Pam Isenhower Testimonial
27210 Kendal Ridge Lane
Cypress, TX 77433

Submit your ad copy to -	Karen June Bays	940-255-1584
By mail or email	P. O. Box 1233	
	Bridgeport, TX 76426	
	kalenajune@yahoo.com	

Absolute Deadline for all ads and boosters is January 1, 2026

Annual I.O.O.F. Picnic October 4, 2025



Dorothy Sumpter, Lodge Secretary at Fort Worth #251



Vicky Flutey



Arlene Martin, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly



Liz Cook, Treasurer of the Rebekah Assembly & Barbara Curtis, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly



Pictured are members of Houston Heights #225: Steve Nolin (VG), Bill Carson (Secretary), Matthew Thornton and Natasha Thornton (NG)



Houston Heights #225

Sausage Fest Fundraiser 2025

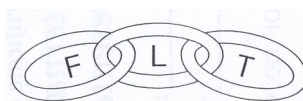


Houston Heights #225 had another extraordinary fundraiser this Fall, raising approximately \$2,600 while having a lot of fun fellowship! Some of the money earned will be designated for their scholarship fund and part will be used to maintain their 100+ year old lodge building.



Noble Grand, Natasha Thornton, and Vice Grand, Steve Nolin, grilled the sausage and their Treasurer, Marilyn Brooks, cooked and served the hot German potato salad, red cabbage, and sauerkraut. The lodge had many members pitch in to donate beverages and cash, decorate, set up, serve, bus, clean up and tear down. They appreciate the communal effort and the Event Chair, Lodge Secretary Bill Carson.

Once again, everyone had a lovely day weatherwise for the event and got to see old friends and new ones. It has been one of their favorite yearly events since 2009 when it was begun.



Degree Rally Held in Gonzales



Pictured L to R: Larry Mercer, JoAnn Mercer, John Creamer, Mike Aufdenkamp, Mary Jo Creamer, Mari McDonald, Nathan Neuse, Melissa Bullerwell, Loy Smith, Barry Boothe, Darrell Catchings. Not pictured is Yvonne DeLuca.



Pictured L to R are the candidates: Mike Aufdenkamp, Mari McDonald, Melissa Bullerwell, and Loy Smith.

On Saturday, September 27, 2025, a degree rally was held at the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall in Gonzales, Texas. Candidates taking the Initiatory Degree, the First, Second, and Third Degrees were Mari McDonald and Melissa Bullerwell from Smithville I.O.O.F. Lodge #393 and candidates taking the First, Second, and Third Degrees were Mike Aufdenkamp and Loy Smith from Gonzales I.O.O.F. Lodge #38.

Lodge was opened at 10:30am and the Initiatory Degree was given. The meeting adjourned for a delicious barbecue lunch hosted by Gonzales Lodge #38. After lunch, the First, Second, and Third Degrees were given to the candidates.

Members from Gonzales #38 participating in the Degree Work were: Larry Mercer (DDGM), Jo Ann Mercer, Nathan Neuse (NG), Barry Boothe (Lodge Deputy), and Darrell Catchings. Members from Smithville #393 participating in Degree Work were John Creamer, Mary Jo Creamer, and Yvonne DeLuca.

Many thanks to Gonzales #38 for hosting this rally.



GRAND MASTER'S
 Official Visits

Garland Lodge No. 304



Pictured L to R: John Beaber (Lodge Secretary), Chance Ables, James Freeland (Noble Grand), Chris Lambert (Vice Grand), Peggy Smith, Terry McElligott (Grand Master), and Grady Smith (Past Grand Master, seated)



Pictured L to R: John Beaber, Chance Ables, James Freeland, Chris Lambert, Chris Smith, Terry McElligott, and Grady Smith (seated)

Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth



APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 26, 2026

Please submit \$2,100 non-refundable delegate fee along with the completed application by *January 26, 2026*. For more information, please visit ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com.



YOUTH TOUR DATES: July 17—30, 2026

Tour will begin and end in Philadelphia.

All applications and fees should be forwarded to Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas, 3440 W. Second Avenue, Corsicana, TX. 75110.

For delegate general information, please visit ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com or send an email to pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. For fundraising ideas, please email Terry Adams, Jurisdictional Chairperson for Texas, at terrydadam02@gmail.com for assistance.

**ATHENS
LODGE
#961**

Fish Fry



FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fish fry, benefiting Athens, Brownsboro, Crossroads, Eustace, La Poynor, Mabank, Malakoff, and Trinidad Scholarship Fund

**Sunday
NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

11 AM - 2 PM (or till we run out)

**ATHENS LODGE HALL
1301 CAYUGA
ATHENS, TX 75751**



\$15

*Dinner include: fresh fish, fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, & dessert
Tea included for dine-in orders*

Kids 10 & under \$7.50

Contact James Curtis for Info, to donate or purchase in advance. 903-872-7438



GRAND LODGE
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF TEXAS

-INSTITUTED 1841-
3440 WEST SECOND AVENUE
CORSICANA, TEXAS 75110
(903) 872-7438
(844) 872-7438
FAX (903) 872-7277



October 16, 2025

SPECIAL SESSION CANCELED

TO ALL ODD FELLOW LODGES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please be advised that the Grand Lodge Executive Committee has made the decision to cancel the Special Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 2025.

The original need for the Special Session was centered around the need to provide a meeting place for the Rebekah Assembly of Texas to hold their March 2026 Annual Session. However, the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees has agreed to allow the temporary use of the I.O.O.F. Event Center for the 2026 Assembly Session, thereby eliminating our need to change the time of our election of officers at our own March 2026 session.

The Board allowing the use of the Event Center will also provide a place for a limited number of meal functions, namely the Grand Master and President's Banquet, the S.G.L./I.A.R.A. Luncheon, and the Deputy Grand Master and Vice President's Banquet. Details about these events will be provided to all lodges at a later date as the General Arrangements Committee finalizes their plans.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions or comments.

Fraternally,

Attest:

James Curtis
Grand Secretary

Terry McElligott
Grand Master
810-338-7329
tmcelligott@gmail.com

TM/nc

2026 Annual Communication of

**The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

Frisco, Texas



Additionally meeting

**International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
108th Annual Session**

**General Military Council
122nd Annual Session**

**Youth
Youth Day - Banquet - Talent Night**

14-20 August 2026

'WE COMMEND YOU TO VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN'



**Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas-Frisco
Hotel & Convention Center**

**7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, TX 75034
972-712-7200**



Group Rates - August 14-20, 2026

All Rooms are \$179.00 + tax

No Reservation Prior to: September 1, 2025

Link: I.O.O.F. TEXAS 2026

Information to have available when calling to make a reservation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Additional Guests: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Card No.: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

Reservations must be made by: July 31, 2026



2026 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council
Patriarchs Militant
Frisco, Texas - August 14-20, 2026



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

Name _____
 (Name as desired on badge) _____ Jurisdiction _____
 Unit attending: (Please circle one) SGL IARA GMC Youth Guest
 Title for name badge _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City State/Postal Code _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- ★ Registrations on or before July 27, 2026 - \$75.00 \$ _____
 ★ Registrations after July 27, 2026 - \$100.00 \$ _____

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS:

- ★ Youth Dinner, Friday, Aug. 14, 2026 - \$60.00 *(Chicken Fingers)* \$ _____
(Formal Attire for Youth; Semi-formal Attire for Guests)
 ★ Welcome Dinner - Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 - \$70.00 \$ _____
(Merlot Chicken Breast) (Business Casual Attire)
 ★ Officer's Banquet, Monday, Aug. 17, 2026 - \$75.00 ** \$ _____
(Formal Attire)
 **Choose Entree ____ Roasted Sugar Pork Loin ____ Pan Seared Barramundi (White Fish)
 ★ Installation Dinner, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026 - \$85.00 \$ _____
(Char grilled Sirloin Steak) (Formal Attire)

TOTAL FEES FOR THE SESSION, IN U.S. DOLLARS: \$ _____

No refund on meals when canceled after the 1st of August, unless your reservation is picked up at registration by another attendee.

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:

2026 I.O.O.F. Session
 3440 W. Second Avenue
 Corsicana, TX 75110-2414

Any special requests, such as a special diet, should be indicated here. This information is needed by August 1, 2026:



2026 SESSION SHIRT ORDER FORM

(Red or Blue Polo Shirts)

All Sizes are \$25 each - Shipping included!

Make checks payable to and mail to:

Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas

3440 W. Second Avenue

Corsicana, TX 75110-2414



Shirt Style: ☐ Men ☐ Women ☐ Youth
Shirt Color: ☐ Blue ☐ Red
Size: ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

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 Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas-Frisco. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule.

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: (Mikes, Podium, PowerPoint, etc.) _____

Mail all requests to:
2026 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
3440 W. Second Avenue
Corsicana, TX 75110-2414





The 29th Annual Arthritis Charity Ball

**Sponsored by The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows
and the Rebekah Assembly**

**Saturday, December 20, 2025, Social Hour 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00 pm
The Manor Restaurant, 42 West Boylston Street, (Route 12), West Boylston, MA. 01583**

Ticket Donation: \$75.00 ~ Dress: Business Attire



Arthritis Foundation

Program Book Ads

Full Page: \$400
Half Page: \$300
Quarter Page: \$200
Business Card: \$100

Guest Speaker

Mr. Robert Santiago,
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs,
Board of Director, National Arthritis
Foundation

Award Recipients

The Community Service Award

Congressman James P. McGovern

The Odd Fellowship Award

Ms. Susan Needle, Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of MA.

For Tickets and Ad Information please contact:
The Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. of MA, 7 Newton Street, West Boylston, MA 01583

Please respond by November 20, 2025

All checks are to be made payable to the Arthritis Committee
Mail to the Grand Lodge, IOOF, 7 Newton Street, West Boylston, MA 01583

Fall Dinner



November 9, 2025

11:00a.m.-2:30p.m.

Ham

Pork Chops

Chicken

Vegetables

Dessert

Rolls

Tea and Coffee

\$10.00 adults to 11 years

\$5.00 2 till 10

Under 2 free

Balch Springs Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge

120001 Crumpton

Balch Springs, Texas



What's happening

@ the Retirement Center

77th Annual Home Pilgrimage



Pictured L to R: Micki Jones-Hollaway, Director Levonne Cannaday, and Rebekah Assembly President Christina Jones-Hollaway



Pictured L to R: Jan Wilson, Bill McElroy, and Mack Newman

GOOD
TIMES

Guests and residents of the Annual Pilgrimage enjoyed a wonderful meal and lots of visiting and enjoyable conversations at the Pilgrimage on September 14, 2025.

Grand Master Terrence McElligott and Rebekah Assembly President Christina Jones-Hollaway welcomed everyone and spoke to the group. Everyone enjoyed a presentation from the Creature Teacher as entertainment for the day.

What's happening

@ the Retirement Center

77th Annual Home Pilgrimage September 14, 2025



Carol Slowik and Shirley Malone



Ann Clagett and Martha Schlottman



Pictured L to R: Patsy Goss, Iva DeSmidt, and Bartine Dickerson

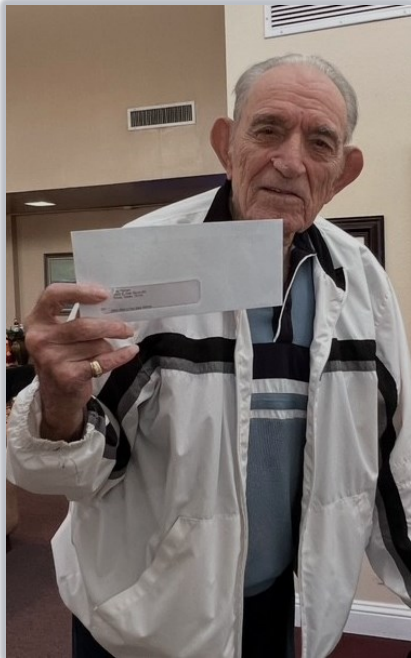


Pictured L to R: Kathy Dlabaj, Joan Fraticelli, and Donna Miller

What's happening

@ the Retirement Center

Congrats



Congratulations to the I.O.O.F. Retirement Home in Ennis, TX, for being named the Best Retirement Home in Ennis' 2025 Best of the Best Winners; also congratulations to two residents, Carol Slowik and Ray Parrish (pictured here), as well as Cheryl Baldridge, an employee at the Retirement Home, for being the 2025 Contest Winners!



ODDFELLOWS REBEKAHS ROSE FLOAT 2026 "TOGETHER WE GROW"

Parade Theme is "THE MAGIC OF TEAMWORK"

It takes \$135,000 dollars each year to operate and pay for a Float (our size); so please donate:

**The float represents the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
It will help our Footprint in being Recognized by the world.**

Our float really needs your donations. Please help. We still owe for the 2025 float. We are behind due to the COVID years. Help us build our garden this year.

We are ALWAYS LOOKING for Riders with a good story. Send us a rider request with your story.

To Help Pay for the Float, Send your Donations to:

ODD FELLOWS REBEKAHS ROSE FLOAT, P.O. BOX 2718, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

Or DONATE ONLINE AT: [HTTP://ODDFELLOWS-REBEKAHS-ROSEFLOAT.ORG/paypal](http://ODDFELLOWS-REBEKAHS-ROSEFLOAT.ORG/paypal)



For additional info: Email us at: info@3linksfloat.org

Thank You for Your Support

<http://www.oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org>

Your donations are tax deductible as we are a 501 3(C) organization

What's happening @ the Retirement Center

Residents Visit the State Fair!



The residents visited the State Fair on October 2. Everyone had a wonderful time, especially at The Petting Zoo!

What's happening @ the Retirement Center

Ennis Garden Club Visits Residents



PICTURES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

What's happening

@ the Retirement Center

Ennis Garden Club Visits Residents



Ennis Garden Club decorated and delivered pumpkins to the residents for the fall season.

Pictured: Ennis Garden Club Members: Penny, Donna, and JoAnn.

Residents: Patsy Goss, Donna Miller, Martha Schlottman, Bill McElroy, Jan Wilson, Bruce Reiben, Iva DeSmidt, Mack Newman

Not Pictured: Ann Clagett, Bartine Dickerson, Kathy Dlabaj, Joan Fraticelli, Shirley Malone, David Newman, Betty Oates, Ray Parrish, Carol Slowik





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



Obituaries



Jimmy C. Humphrey

October 2, 1942—September 25, 2025

Jimmy Craig “Jay Sea”/”DeDe” Humphrey, 82, surrounded by those he loved, peacefully passed away on September 25, 2025, in Savannah, Georgia, the city where he was born and spent most of his life. Born on October 2, 1942, in Savannah, Jimmy lived a life marked by service, faith, and deep devotion to his family and community. He dedicated over three decades (1969-1999) to the Savannah Fire Department, rising through the ranks to become a respected captain. His commitment to protecting others never wavered, and even after retirement, he remained connected with his fellow firefighters—gathering often for breakfasts and lunches that kept their bond strong.

Jimmy’s life was deeply rooted in faith. Since 1963, he had been a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Temple. There he served as Chairman of the Deacons and as a member of the deacon body. He also served as a Sunday School department director and teacher at Rivers Edge for twenty years and lent his voice to the church choir. His unwavering belief in Jesus Christ as his Savior guided every aspect of his life. Those who knew him take great comfort in knowing that he is now rejoicing in Heaven—healed and whole—praising Jesus with the angels. In addition to his spiritual leadership at Calvary Baptist Temple, Jimmy was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows beginning in 1971. His dedication to this international fraternal organization culminated in his service as Sovereign Grand Master (2013-2014). In this role he traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Along the way, he forged friendships and left a lasting impact on all of those he met.

Jimmy’s love for travel extended beyond his fraternal duties. He especially cherished time spent exploring new places with his family. Among his most treasured memories involved two cross-country camping trips taken with family including his grandchildren—adventures filled with laughter and discovery that became beloved family lore.

He is survived by Joyce Humphrey, his devoted wife of 63 years; their daughter Monica; their son Edward (Cindy); grandson Taylor McMasters; granddaughter Brooke Humphrey; brothers Johnny Humphrey (Anne), Jerry Humphrey (Jenny), and Richard Henderson (Kim); Cindy’s mother Libby Page; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and cousins who held a special place in his heart.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mother Ludelia Dowdy Humphrey Henderson and stepfather Richard Henderson, Sr. Their memories were precious to him throughout his life. Those who knew Jimmy will remember him for his warmth, humor, and boundless generosity. He never met a stranger and had the uncanny ability to make everyone feel welcome. Whether it was sharing stories over coffee or offering encouragement during difficult times, Jimmy’s presence brought comfort and joy.

He loved deeply—his family, friends, fellow firefighters, lodge brothers—and found happiness in simple pleasures: a good pair of Birkenstocks or a Dairy Queen Mint Chocolate Chip Blizzard could always bring a smile to his face.

Jimmy leaves behind a legacy of faith and love that will continue to inspire all who knew him. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we rejoice knowing that he is now at peace in God’s eternal embrace. May his memory be a blessing and bring comfort to all who mourn him today—and may we honor him by living with the same kindness,, strength, and unwavering faith that defined his remarkable life. A Visitation was held at 10AM followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11AM on October 4, 2025, at Calvary Baptist Temple in Savannah, Georgia.

Obituaries

Betty Arlene Masters

January 23, 1936—October 3, 2025

Betty Arlene Masters passed away Friday, October 3, 2025, at the age of 89. Betty was born January 23, 1936, in Bristow, Oklahoma, to Cora Mae Hopkins Ford and Wendell Franklin Ford.

She was married to Robert Lee Masters January 28, 1954. They were happily married until Bob's passing April 25, 2012. Bob and Betty loved their immediate and extended family very much and for many years hosted reunions at their home in Bristow where that love was felt.

Betty was a proud long-standing member of the Rebekah Lodge. She joined in 1968 and held many offices in her tenure with the organization including president.

Betty leaves behind her sons Steve Masters, wife Suzann, Bill Masters, wife Redonna, Roger Masters, wife Cochise along with five grandchildren, Erica, Anna, Tashina, Kalenna, and Sam—and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers Betty asked you to make a donation to St. Jude's or your favorite charity.

Memorial Service was held on October 25, 2025, at 1PM at Hutchins-Maples Matherly Funeral Home in Bristow, Oklahoma.



UPCOMING *events*

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
NOVEMBER			
11/01/25	Grand Encampment & Dept. Council of TX Annual Session	9am	Corsicana #63 Lodge Hall, Corsicana TX
11/02/25	Athens Fish Fry	11am	Athens Lodge Hall, Athens, TX
11/07/25	Grand Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	1pm	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
11/08/25	W. & O. Homes Board of Trustees Meeting	9:30am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
11/08/25	Grand Lodge Board of Trustees Meeting	11am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
11/09/25	Fall Dinner	11am	Balch Springs Lodge, Balch Springs, TX
11/15/25	Deadline to Submit Legislation to Grand Lodge Office		
11/25/25	Odd Fellow News Deadline		All submissions welcome.
11/27/25	Happy Thanksgiving		Grand Lodge Office Closed 11/27-30.
DECEMBER			
12/13/25	W. & O. Homes Board of Trustees Meeting	9:30am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg
12/13/25	Grand Lodge Board of Trustees Meeting	11am	Grand Lodge Admin. Bldg.
12/14/25	Grand Master's & President's Christmas Party for Residents		Retirement Center, Ennis, TX
12/25/25	Merry Christmas		
12/25/25	Odd Fellow News Deadline		All submissions are welcome.





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Meets: Thursday at 7:00 pm

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

Meets: 1st & 3rd 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

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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

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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.

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

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.

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, 3rd 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 5:30 pm

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

Meets: Monday at 6:30 pm dinner; 7:30 pm meeting.

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