

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'*



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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

Fraternal 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
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*"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)*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Name as desired on badge) \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC Youth Guest *(please circle one)*

Title for name badge \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St./Prv, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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](mailto: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

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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

**Price:** \$20.00 S-XL — \$22.00 2XL-4XL



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ — Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_