

DRIVING ILLINOIS INTO THE FUTURE

Grand Master's Coin Chase

Illinois Odd Fellows 2026–2027

The Grand Master's Coin Chase is a statewide adventure designed to get Illinois Odd Fellows out of their own lodges and visiting others. The goal is to encourage fellowship, support lodge events, make new friends, and have some fun along the way.

And yes, you now have an official reason to tell your spouse:

"I have to visit another lodge. The Grand Master said so!"

HOW IT WORKS

A lodge earns one coin for each different lodge it visits or qualifying event it attends.

Visit the same lodge five times? Still one coin.

Visit five different lodges? Five coins!

Every qualifying visit must be recorded on the official tracking form with the lodge visited, date, and type of visit.

No paperwork, no coin.

"I swear we were there!" is not acceptable documentation.

ROAD RULES

Grand Lodge Officers: You're already in enough meetings. You're exempt!

DDGMs & Regional Directors: No coins from lodges in your own district or region. You can't just yell, "HAND OVER THE COIN!"

Associate Members: No coin from your Associate Lodge. Nice try!

Accurate records are required. Mystery coins, bonus coins, and coins discovered under the car seat do not count.

AWARDS

Coin Champion

The lodge with the most verified coins.

Prize: Grand Master's Choice to be given at 2027 Grand Lodge Session

Road Warrior

For the lodge that travels the most to visit fellow Odd Fellows.

Fellowship Award

For the lodge that does the most to welcome visitors and build relationships with other lodges.

Odd Fellows Spirit Award

For a lodge that demonstrates outstanding fellowship, service, and commitment to Friendship, Love & Truth.

“We Had Fun!” Award

For the lodge that brings the most creativity and enthusiasm to the Coin Chase.

Matching shirts, crazy road trips, creative events, great photos—we want to see them!

FINISH LINE

The Coin Chase runs throughout the year. All required paperwork must be submitted to the Grand Lodge by September 1, 2027.

Winners will be announced at the 2027 Grand Lodge Session.

So check the oil, fill the tank, grab your fellow Odd Fellows, pack some snacks, and hit the road

Or for you true Odd Fellows you could saddle up the goat and ride it.