



**GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE**  
**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**  
AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ODD FELLOWSHIP  
IN THE JURISDICTIONS OF  
**ILLINOIS - INDIANA - MICHIGAN - OHIO - WISCONSIN**

April 27, 2026

Brothers and Sisters of the Great Lakes Conference Jurisdictions,

Another year has passed and we are looking forward to the summer months to enjoy the nice weather, and with that come the Great Lakes Conference weekend. This year, Ohio is our host state and we are looking forward to all of our out of state visitors coming to spend the weekend, get together with old friends, and learn a few things about what will be happening at our Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions which will take place August 15-20<sup>th</sup> in Frisco, Texas.

I have chosen a hotel *in Toledo, Ohio* which is in the Northwest corner of Ohio in hopes that it is accessible for all to attend. Enclosed, please find the registration for this event and the hotel information which is also listed on our Ohio Grand Lodge Website [ioofohio.org](http://ioofohio.org).

Here is some information about the event:

**Friday –**

Hotel check in is at 3pm.

4:50pm – We will meet in the lobby and take a short 12-minute drive to visit the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavillion where we can enjoy looking at the rich history of Toledo and its Glass Manufacturing past. A cash bar and a string band will play from 5pm – 6pm and a museum docent will be on hand to answer any questions we may have. At 6pm, our group will have a private demonstration of glass blowing in the glass workshop. The artist will explain the techniques used and the tools used to create these beautiful works of art. (This event is optional and at no additional cost for our members)

7:00 – We will depart the Museum and head to a local restaurant for dinner. This dinner is also optional and will be at the member's own expense.



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Saturday –

- 6am – 8am                      Breakfast is served in the hotel breakfast area.
- 8am –                              Opening of the Great Lakes Council Meeting
- 11:30 – 1:00pm                Break for Lunch
- 1pm – 4pm                      Sovereign Grand Report, Guest Speaker on Increasing Membership
- 5pm                                Dinner Buffet Served, Followed by Odd Fellowship Time

Sunday –

- 6am – 8am                      Breakfast is served in the hotel breakfast area.
- 8am – 9:30am                 Sunday Service & Farewell

So, please try to make it. For those of you who have never been to a Great Lakes Conference, come join us, we are open to all Odd Fellows and Rebekah's in our Jurisdictions. Membership for the year is \$10 and will be collected on Saturday during registration.

Please remember to have your registration in to me before June 24<sup>th</sup> and make your hotel reservations early and remember to tell them you are with the IOOF Great Lakes group so you can get your special rate.

If you have any questions, or need special arrangements made, please email me at [rparson@ioofohio.org](mailto:rparson@ioofohio.org) or call me at 330-233-4916 any evening or weekend.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

In F-L-T,

*Roger L Parson*  
Roger Parson, PGM/Ohio  
President, Great Lakes Conference

PS: Find out more about the Toledo Museum of Art, Glass Pavillion visit their website:  
<http://toledomuseum.org>



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**FRIDAY—SUNDAY, JULY 24, 25 & 26, 2026**

**Hampton Inn & Suites**

3434 Secor Rd, Toledo, OH 43606

419-214-5555 Be sure to include "Odd Fellows" when reserving you room to get the group rate.

**Registration**

(One Form Per Person)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] ODD FELLOW [ ] REBEKAH JURISDICTION: [ ] IL [ ] IN [ ] MI [ ] OH [ ] WI

TITLE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast Saturday & Sunday is provided by the Hotel.**

**Saturday Lunch Choices: (Choose One)**

Roast Beef & Swiss Sandwich w/ Horseradish  
Sauce on Side

Turkey & Gouda Cheese Sandwich with  
Curried Mustard

**Saturday Dinner Buffet:**

Carved Breast of Turkey, Beef Bourguignon,  
Garlic Smasher Potatoes, California Blend Veg,  
Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert

\*Lunches Include Fresh Fruit, Chips & Cookie

I plan to attend the Friday Evening Event at the Glass Pavillion: YES NO

Registration is \$100.00 per person which includes all meals and trip to Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavillion.

On Friday, from 5pm-6pm we will have time to enjoy the Glass Studio while a string band performs. At 6pm, we will experience a private Glass Blowing Demonstration while learning about the process, tools and history of Glass Blowing. (1hour). Following our visit we will head to a local restaurant for dinner. This, along with dinner is an optional event. The Museum is a 12 minute drive from the hotel and the museum activities are included in your registration, the dinner following is at your own expense.

**Please Mail This Registration (one per person) along with you Registration Check**

**Made Payable to: IOOF Grand Lodge of Ohio Memo: Great Lakes**

**Mail to: Roger Parson, 1869 S. Raccoon Rd #5, Austintown, OH 44515 by June 24, 2026.**



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## **Book Your Room**

**Event dates:** July 24, 2026 - July 26, 2026

**Book before:** June 20, 2026



### **Hampton Inn & Suites Toledo/Westgate**

Address 3434 Secor Road, Toledo, OH 43606USA

phone+1 419-214-5555

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/tolwghx-oo-d24a3a26-b149-49d0-978e-ba93c28f5ab9/>

### **Special Group Rooms & Rates for IOOF Great Lakes Council**

- 2 Queen Beds / Non Smoking - **\$139.00**
- 1 King Bed / Non Smoking - **\$139.00**