



# THE GRAND LODGE OF EUROPE

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The Executive Committée met on the 2nd of February and could welcome the Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart and the Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry L. Barrett to Copenhagen and the Odd Fellow Palae. They joined for lunch and talks whereafter there was a guided tour all around the Palae during a couple of hours. The next day, Friday the 3rd of February, the Board of Grand Sires ( BGS) and the Executive Committée met together with our guests.

The main topics were:

1. The GLE meeting in Wroclaw 12th-14th of May 2023  
Information and programme has been sent to each jurisdiction from the Polish steering committée. The Executive Committée has sent out applications for the degree of Wisdom to the jurisdictions and 115 has applied for the Degree of Wisdom this far. Each participant - applicants, spouses and other grand officers have to register by the Polish steering comm. according to information sent out.
2. European Youth Tour- 2023  
The tour will be conducted July 21st - July 29th in Iceland and New York with about 34 participants of whom one is from Canada.
3. Report from Ukraine  
OF4UKR is the official name of the aid distributed via the Polish Grand Lodge. There is a dynamic support group in Poland which is in constant contact with the Ukranian brothers. The support consists of material assistance, financial support and care for refugees in Poland. This far around 700.000 Euros have reached OF4UKR. They pay great attention to see that the help comes into right hands. For example they have rented a warehouse in Lviv where they store for long term food, medical aid etc. They have a number of transport cars, ambulance and spareparts. There is also electronic devices and material for tele communication. This year they have pulled up 30 Aid Tents in different parts of Ukraine where it is warm and electronic devices as mobiles can be loaded. The OF Club in Lviv has today 46 brothers and a lodge under Poland will be inaugurated in June 2023.
4. Orientation about the situation in the SGL  
There was a discussion about similarities and differences between the SGL and the GLE. We all agreed upon the importance that we work together for the best of the



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Odd Fellow Order worldwide. We planned together the meeting in the International Advisory Board where we will discuss matters of interest for the development of the Odd Fellow Order.

## 5. Meeting plan

- 2023** Extra Grand Lodge Meeting with the Degree of Wisdom in Wroclaw  
May 12th -14 th  
SGL meeting and meeting in International Advisory Board in Des Moines, Iowa  
BGS meeting November 9th-10th
- 2024** BGS meeting February 2nd- 3rd  
12 th Annual Meeting in Berlin May 24th-26th  
SGL meeting in Pittsburg
- 2026** Annual meeting in Sweden
- 2028** Annual meeting in Finland
- 2030** Annual meeting in Norway
- 2032** Annual meeting in the Netherlands
- 2034** Annual meeting in Denmark

With sisterly and fraternal greetings in  
Friendship Love Truth

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European Grand Sire

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European Grand Secretary