



ODD FELLOWS FOR UKRAINE



IN THE FACE OF THE DIFFICULT SITUATION CAUSED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE, THE POLISH ODD FELLOWS UNDERTOOK A NUMBER OF PARALLEL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SUPPORTING PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HOSTILITIES.

AMONG THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR THERE ARE SEVERAL DOZEN OF OUR BROTHERS. OUR HELP IS DIRECTED TO THEM IN PARTICULAR, BUT IN FACT WE DIRECT IT TO THEIR ENTIRE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CURRENTLY FUNCTION.



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THE BOARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF POLAND DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO HELP UKRAINE. FROM THIS FUND, THREE DIRECTIONS OF ASSISTANCE ARE FINANCED:

- MATERIAL ASSISTANCE,
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT,
- CARE FOR REFUGEES ARRIVING IN POLAND.

A SUPPORT GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED IN POLAND, WHICH IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH OUR UKRAINIAN BROTHERS. THIS GROUP IS DEDICATED TO RECEIVING REAL NEEDS FROM THE BROTHERS AND MEETING THEM IN A TARGETED MANNER.



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MOST OF OUR BROTHERS WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE UKRAINIAN TERRITORIAL DEFENSE SERVICES. SINCE THEY ARE NOT A REGULAR ARMY, THEY ARE VERY POORLY SUPPLIED.

IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUESTS, WE OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ARTICLES AND DELIVER THEM TO THE BORDER WITH UKRAINE EVERY FEW DAYS. THE BROTHERS ARRANGE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ON THE OTHER SIDE AND COLLECT THE ARTICLES WE DELIVER.

WE DO NOT SUPPLY TYPICALLY MILITARY ITEMS. BUT APART FROM THEM, WE PROVIDE THE BROTHERS WITH EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO SURVIVE AND PROTECT THEIR LIVES.





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SO FAR, WE HAVE ORGANIZED THREE TRIPS, AS PART OF WHICH WE HAVE PROVIDED:

- 2,000 ITEMS OF WARM CLOTHING,
- 1000 FOOD RATIONS WITH CHEMICAL HEATERS,
- SEVERAL THOUSAND CANNED FOOD AND SOUPS,
- SEVERAL THOUSAND DISPOSABLE DISHES,
- OVER A THOUSAND PACKAGES OF BOTTLED WATER AND ENERGY DRINKS,
- SMALL FOOD ITEMS (COFFEE, SWEETS)





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WE ALSO DELIVERED TECHNICAL ARTICLES:

- 4000 ALKALINE BATTERIES,
- 50 WALKIE-TALKIES ENSURING ENCRYPTED COMMUNICATION,
- PROFESSIONAL LONG-RANGE FLASHLIGHTS AND POWERBANKS,
- QUADROCOPTERS FOR SAFE OBSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT,
- SURVIVAL ACCESSORIES,





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IN ADDITION, WE HAVE PROVIDED:

- 120 SURGICAL GOWNS,
- SEVERAL DOZEN TOURIST MATTRESSES,
- SEVERAL SLEEPING BAGS,
- 3 HIGH-CLASS THERMAL IMAGING DEVICES,



WE ALSO MANAGED TO GET 2 SAFETY HELMETS BUT ARE STILL TRYING TO GET MORE.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE PROTECTIVE VESTS FOR WHICH THE FRIARS HAVE BEEN BEGGING US FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

CURRENTLY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE BROTHERS, WE ARE PREPARING TWO OFF-ROAD VANS. WE WILL PACK THEM UP TO THE CEILING WITH NEW GOODS AND HAND THEM OVER IN THE COMING DAYS.



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ONE OF OUR POLISH BROTHERS HAS A HOLIDAY CENTER WHERE OVER 100 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATED.

WE SUPPORT ITS ACTIVITIES BY FINANCING FOOD AND ENERGY PURCHASES.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE WAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE BROTHERS' FAMILIES FROM UKRAINE AND WE ARE PREPARING PLACES FOR A LONG STAY FOR THEM.

SO FAR 2 FAMILIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM OUR HELP, BUT WE EXPECT MORE OF THEM SOON.





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SO FAR, WE HAVE ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY PLN 120,000 (EUR 25.000) TO HELP UKRAINE. FURTHER PURCHASES FOR THE AMOUNT OF APPROX. NEXT PLN 45,000 (EUR 10.000) ARE UNDERWAY.

WE ARE AWARE THAT THE WAR SITUATION IS CONDUCTIVE TO MANY ABUSES. THAT IS WHY WE MAKE SURE THAT OUR HELP IS CLOSELY SUPERVISED AND REACHES DIRECTLY TO THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE WE SUPPORT.

OUR GIFTS ARE ALWAYS MARKED WITH OUR LOGO. AS LONG AS POSSIBLE - WE PHOTOGRAPH EACH DELIVERY OF OUR HELP.





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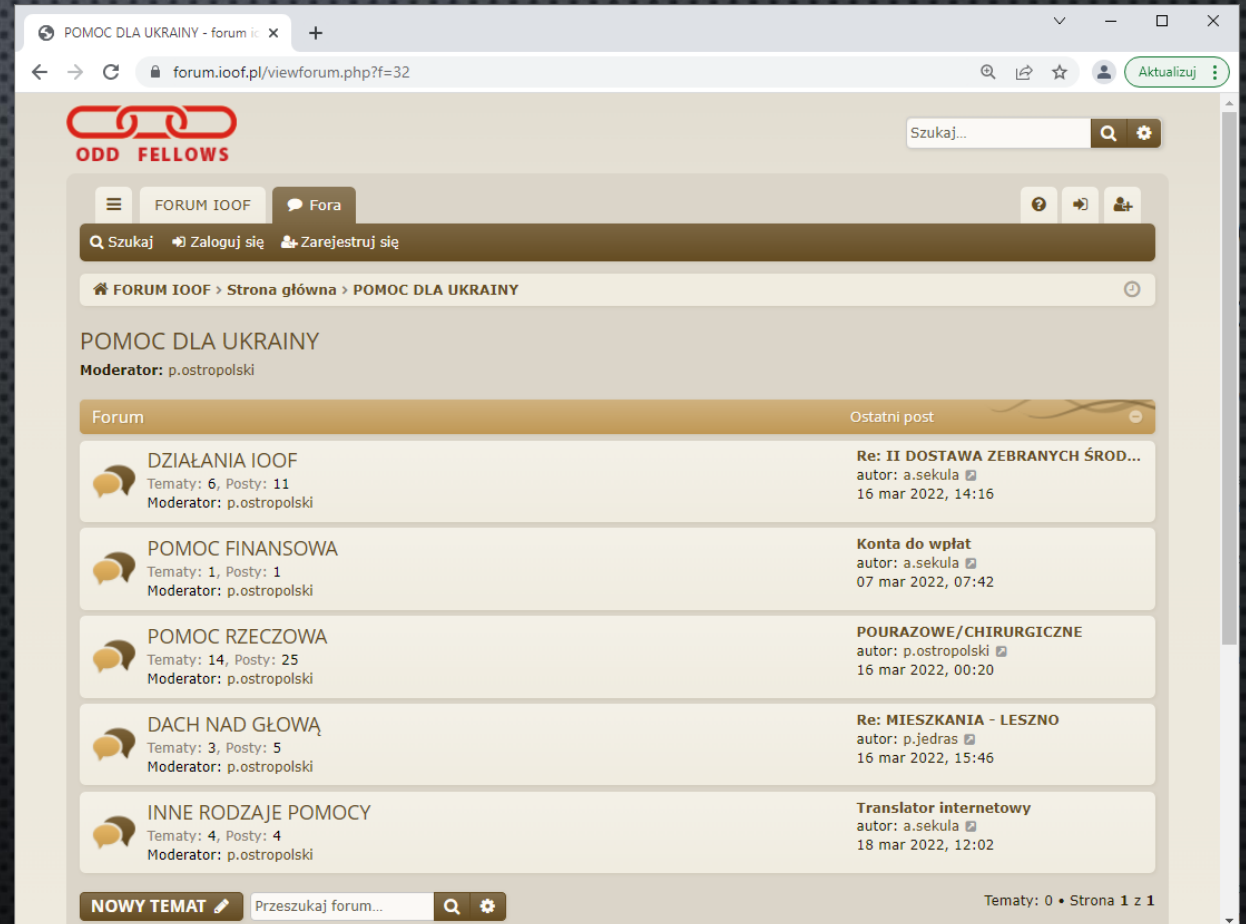


IN ORDER TO BETTER COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENTIRE POLISH ODD FELLOWS, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A SPECIAL INTERNET ADDRESS:

HELP4UKR@IOOF.PL

WHICH IS RECEIVED BY NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING THE NEEDS AND OFFERS OF HELP.

WE HAVE ALSO CREATED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A SECTION OF OUR INTERNET FORUM, WHICH IS OUR ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD.





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OUR UKRAINIAN BROTHERS ARE GRATEFUL TO US FOR EVERY HELP.



WHENEVER WE CAN, WE ALSO
TRY TO SUPPORT THEM
SPIRITUALLY.

WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THEY
WILL STILL NEED A LOT OF THIS
HELP, BUT AS LONG AS THEY FEEL
OUR SUPPORT - THEY WILL HAVE
THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE.

THEREFORE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP SO FAR —
WE KINDLY ASK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT...

