



# Seventy-seventh I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns April 30—May 2, 2010, Arlington, Virginia

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*Greetings* to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Seventy-seventh Annual I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2010 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 2 at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremonies will begin at 1:00 PM with a Parade from the USS Maine Mast staging area, followed by the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Tomb. The Pilgrimage Address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Paul J. Cuminale, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You **MUST** mention "Odd Fellows Pilgrimage" when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$125.00 plus hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations.)

The Annual Pilgrimage Banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. (Advance ticket purchase required – see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable Paul J. Cuminale, Sovereign Grand Master, from the Jurisdiction of Connecticut; Sister Brenda L. Reed, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Tennessee; General Joseph M. Strausser, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania; and Lady Frances Fraley, President, International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant from the Jurisdiction of Kentucky.

For those staying Sunday evening, there are a limited number of seats available at the Annual Sunday Dinner (4:00-6:00 PM) at the IOOF Temple in Falls Church, Virginia.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to take advantage of the free shuttle service to the hotel provided by the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport.)

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you April 30-May 2, 2010 in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,  
Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger  
General Co-Chairmen