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THOMAS WILDEY (1782–1861) founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) in North America.

Wildey was born in London, England, 15 January 1782. He was left an orphan five years later - and the I.O.O.F. pledge to "Educate the Orphan" sprang from his personal childhood experiences. At the age of 14, Wildey went to live with an uncle. After he had 9 years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the British Oddfellows in 1804.

When Wildey emigrated to America in 1817, the British were still unpopular in the States because of the War of 1812. In that year Baltimore was suffering both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. An outgoing personality, Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore; he requested them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn.

On 26 April 1819, Wildey and the four men who responded to the advertisement, John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatam, and Richard Rushworth, formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to achieve philanthropic goals. Other Englishmen who were Odd Fellows had grouped in the states along the Eastern Seaboard, and Wildey gathered them all into the newly formed fraternity. He traveled widely to set up lodges in the most recently settled parts of the country.

At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the I.O.O.F. in 42 states. In the late 19th century and early 20th century the I.O.O.F. became the largest Fraternal Order in North America with more than two million members.

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109 years—
Calvin K. Quier of PA
4 February

90 years an Odd Fellow
2 March

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Orchard Park Lodge No.
187, NY—100 years

Sympathy to:

The family of Lady Durea Russell, PP-IALAPM 90-91 from Ohio — 14 November 2014.

The family of Donna J. Larrison, PP-IARA 85-86 from Michigan — 13 December 2014.

Jan Simmonds, PP-IARA of Nebraska and family with the death of her husband Earl — 20 December 2014.

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Thank you from:

SGM Jimmy Humphrey for the many kindness offered during the testimonial weekend.

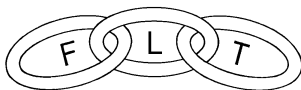
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Thinking of you:

Jenny Sue Pearson, PP-IARA

Lady Patty White, PP-IALAPM

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Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



January 2014

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings all,

I wish to share this article from Rick Boyles, a Past Grand Master of California because it speaks to a subject we all need to address.

To Change or Not to Change — that is the Question...

Whether 'tis nobler . . . just joking, to continue my Shakespearean appropriation. . . . Almost all members I have met of late feel that at least some change is needed, but what form of change? The sad thing is that often lodges finally decide change is needed when it has pretty much become too late. Lodges that have 5 or fewer members in attendance, often members of one family, are already dead lodges walking. The Lions' club near my lodge, conversely, is panicking because their lodge has fallen below 600 members! Do we really think 5 members makes up an adequate lodge structure? In reality, it is only the skeletal vestige of a lodge. We must change to include today. What does that mean? We must accept the simple fact that much has changed since 1850 and show the world that we realize that. One of the questions I generally hear from those outside our order is "do you guys wear funny hats?" Thank goodness we do not. The point is that the interested onlooker is asking such questions trying to ascertain whether or not we have climbed into today's world. In my year as Grand Master, I found that some lodges really have not advanced at all. To an outsider contemplating membership, it is not about charitable deeds (because they don't know of them), it is not about cash handling (also an internal issue), it is not about some sort of political disagreements

within the Order; it is quite simply the perception they get with their brief view in. Tom Peters, the management guru, coined the phrase "perception is all there is" meaning that first impressions by an interested onlooker may be all the attention one receives. If they perceive disharmony, distrust, hatred, or a general sense of malaise, they will shut off any further view of such things. A happy, outgoing lodge spawns members. This should be obvious.

So then, the question should arise as to how do we become a happy lodge? Simple, really, we must put our heads together within our individual lodges and see what makes us happy, not some external group or mentality. Different lodges have different interests. There is no worth in being a cookie cutter lodge. No two lodges are alike, and it can be our differences that attract. The problems within our Order come from our expectations that everyone should behave in an identical manner. This will not and should not happen, and clearly our name proves this out. While the Declaration of Independence declares "All Men are Created Equal", which is a perfect statement, it does not translate to "All Men are Created Identical". If everything were identical where would the flavor and depth of life occur? No, it is our differences which are of most importance, our personalities. It could easily be proven that most conflict arises in the world out of someone's misguided need to have everyone else walk in lockstep. This must never happen to our Order, but you can see the vestiges of that whenever you go into a troubled lodge, a few misinformed members squeezing the life's blood out of their own

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"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"



Office of the President
International Association
of
Rebekah Assemblies
I.O.O.F.



January 2015

Greetings Sisters and Brothers all,

Here we are in a bright New Year. promote our Order.

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and the holidays were great for you.

Our lodges here in Fort Worth work with the UFO to get much needed supplies to our troops.

My congratulations to all of the new officers. I hope your installations go well.

Brother Gordon and I attended the testimonial weekend for our Sovereign Grand Master Jimmy Humphrey. It was a good time had by all. I thank you all for the love extended to me in the past and I look forward to seeing and meeting you in the coming months.

I hope you all look forward to your lodge meetings. Do you try to do something different some of the time? That is what makes our Order so great. We can and should try different things to keep it interesting. Do you look forward to the meetings as a time to be with friends and as an opportunity to do the work that we can do or just hurry up and get through so we can go home and watch the football game or just watch TV? I truly hope you look forward to the meetings as I do.

Fraternally,

Sharon L. Burt

Sharon Burt, President

Our Order needs more publicity. Our Order is civic welfare and our fraternal accomplishments should furnish our greatest publicity. Let the world know that Odd Fellowship is right. The future of our Order depends on how active we are in our Order. Please get out into the community and

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Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



January 2015

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

Hello Brothers and Sisters I hope everyone had a thankful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and joyous Hanukah, and a Happy New Year. Sharon and I want to thank everyone for all of the Christmas cards, they meant a lot to both of us. Since my last article I went to Carol Schoolcraft's Testimonial weekend. Sharon and I enjoyed the whole weekend. Thanks Carol for the basket of fruit we enjoyed it very much and for the invite to your home for Dinner on Thursday it was nice to relax after a long drive. After her testimonial we headed home to get ready for my Testimonial on November 14 & 15. I had a lot of last minute things to get finished. I had to change the transportation for the tour, I had a bus for 44 people

but I only had 15 sign up for the tours so I rented a 15 passenger van – It work out great. Everyone that went on the tour had a great time and enjoyed it very much. I had a great turn out I hope everyone had a good time while they were in Louisville.

I hope everyone got home safe and sound before the snow hit on Monday. On December 3rd we were on our way to the Sovereign Grand Master's Testimonial in Savannah, Georgia. Sharon and I went to Jimmy's lodge on Thursday night for dinner which was great. The Lodge out did themselves on food. If you went away hunger it was your own fault. Savannah is a beautiful city and we had a good time visiting it. The Sovereign

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Office of the President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant



Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

January 2014

Where is all the time going...also where has our winter gone, as I am writing this, it is the last week of December and we have **no** snow in Weirton, WV, guess I should shout YEA, as I know a lot of you have had mounds of the stuff.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and all your Christmas dreams came true.

The New Year is upon us, and as we look forward to establishing new goals for our branch of the Order, now would be a perfect time to reflect back on 2014 and ask some questions:

1. What did we accomplish during the year?
2. Were we appreciative of our Officers?
3. What can we do to attract new members and/or bring back members?
4. Have we promoted our Order in our community, if so, did we advertise?
5. Did we try to attain new members?

And the most important: Where are we, the LAPM, going in the future?

As brother Jimmy said in his Nov./Dec. article *"Our success begins at the local lodges with brothers and sisters working together"*. Over all the LAPM only gained 3 new members last year, let us ALL work together to do better in 2015. We can't let our lodges and auxiliaries fold or die because lack of membership and/or enthusiasm! Hopefully we can begin anew, attend our meetings, do the Inspection and Floral March (which is still beyond me!) keep our members informed of what is going on...I know each of you can come up with lots of answers on how we can improve, and hopefully you will share them with our IALAPM Officers. Please let me know your thoughts and answers on this subject.

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lodge by presuming that they know the only way to growth and happiness.

Then there are various statements and points of view which tend to be derogatory or negate another group or mentality within the Order. Some members call lodges which attract members at a higher pace “clubs” as if this is a bad thing, the statement being that these are not “True Odd Fellows”. I am still waiting their description of a “True Odd Fellow”. Am I to understand that a “True Odd Fellow” is an octogenarian who reels off the ritual, eats a snack, spreads gossip and goes on home is a “True Odd Fellow” while someone who joined to be part of a shared interest promoted by the lodge is less of an Odd Fellow? Hardly, in fact, it could be easily proven that the more admirable Odd Fellow is the new member wanting to make a

new path, not locked on the old path. A real Odd Fellow is a man or woman who sees the worth in all souls, who does not question humanity in general, who marvels at the world in total who loves mankind, who sees the joy in reality, who greets each new face with a look of love and joviality and can see the world as not a glass half full or half empty but rather with an all-encompassing and complete and total rapture. Happy New Year!

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Fraternally yours,



Jimmy C. Humphrey



UNITED WE STAND!

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Grand Master had a good turnout for his testimonial his committee did an outstanding job.

I met with the study committee at my testimonial and they are working very hard to come up with something that everyone can live with and will get behind to help us build our membership. I know everyone does not want change but we cannot keep going the way we are going. They are going to try and have something by May when we meet in Washington, DC. I hope that the Ladies and Chevaliers will stand with the committee and support what they come up with. I want to commend the committee for all the hard work they are doing.

By the time this is printed Sharon and I will be

on our way to the site inspection in Fort Worth, Texas we are looking forward to going there. I have enjoyed Meeting new friends and having fellowship with old friends as we travel. Please, if you see someone selling my pins please buy one as all of the money goes to the Wounded Warrior project or send a Donation to me and I will add it to my donation.

Chivalrously,



General Donald R. Thomas



UNITED WE CAN CARRY ODD FELLOWSHIP INTO THE FUTURE. WEAR YOUR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE. {TOGETHER WE CAN REACH NEW HEIGHTS.}

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I received a card that said: “New Year’s is like a new chapter in a journal—you get to write just what you want.”

Have a Happy and Safe New Year & a lots of hugs and chocolate kisses for a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Chivalrously,



Lady Carol Schoolcraft





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January 2014

To the Officers and Grand Representatives of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Officers and Members
of all Units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, beginning Monday morning, August 17, 2015, and ending Friday afternoon, August 21, 2015.

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The Sovereign Grand Lodge

189th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

99th Annual Session

General Military Council

112th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

77th Annual Session

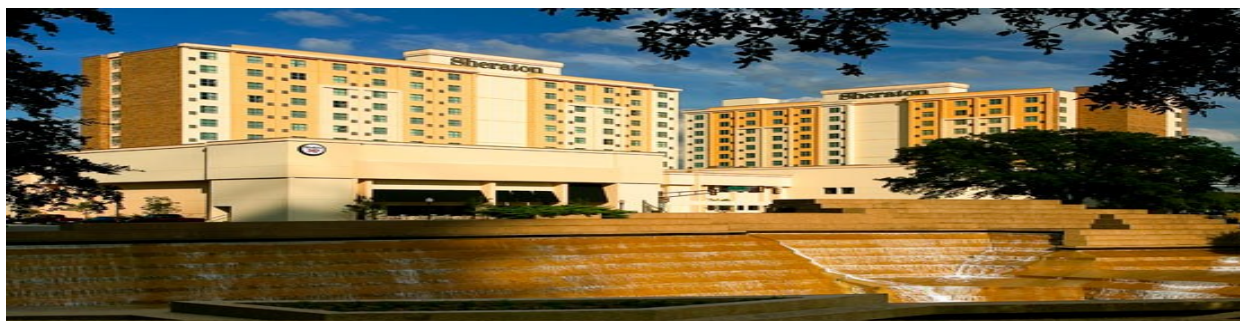
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See 'Youth Informer' for Details

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 The Sovereign Grand Lodge
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 and the Youth
 Independent order of Odd Fellows

Pre-Registration

One form per person. Please register by July 15, 2015

Name: _____

(Highest Current or Past Title) (Unit of the Order Attending – SGL/IARA/GMC/IALAPM)

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____, _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Arrival Date/Time: _____ Departure Date/Time: _____

Will you be flying or driving? _____

Pre-Registration Fee (on or before July 15, 2015)	USA \$75	
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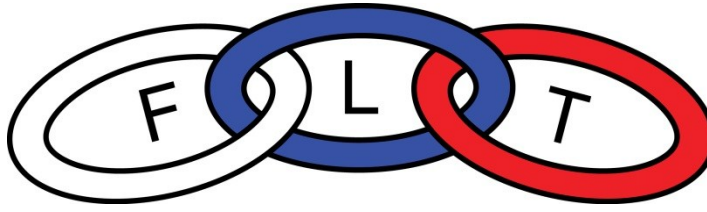
- No Fee for Youth Registration, but Youth must register-Advisor **MUST REGISTER**

~~~~ SPECIAL EVENTS ~~~~

Youth Banquet	USA \$45	
Youth Accommodations – please contact James Daniel at jamesrdaniel@nctv.com		
Officers' Banquet – Monday August 17, 2015	USA \$ 75	
Dietary Requirements:		
Fun Night – Western – Wednesday 19, 2015	USA \$70	
TOTAL ENCLOSED USA FUNDS	\$	

Make checks payable to:
 SGL 2015 Session Committee
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The Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows

SPECIAL EVENT REGISTRATION

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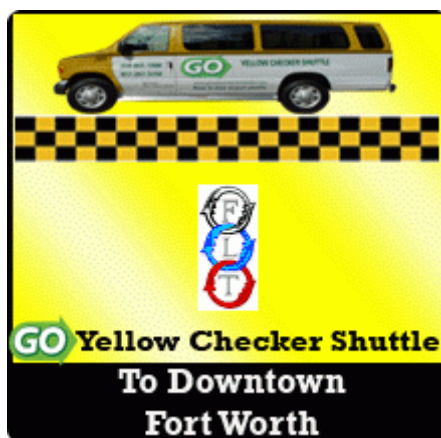
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Schuyler Colfax Day Proclamation

To all Officers and Members of all Degrees
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851, and the degree was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree provides woman's softening touch to Odd Fellowship, as founded upon the principles of the Order – faithfulness, hospitality, purity and dedication as portrayed by women of the Bible.

Whereas, because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe.

Therefore, I, Jimmy C. Humphrey, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim,

That the 23rd day of March 2015 be: ***Schuyler Colfax Day*** throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax.

Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Schuyler Colfax by initiating a '***Colfax Class***' in honor of the celebration.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this the 1st day of January 2015, and in the 196th year of our Order.



Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey
Sovereign Grand Master



Schuyler Colfax
Grand Representative from Indiana

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*How time has changed...*

### **The Degree of Rebekah**

This Degree of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of North America, and the Jurisdictions thereunto belonging, was adopted at the Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on the fifteenth day of September, Anno Domini 1851, and the year of the Order in North America the thirty-third.

The Committee by whom the Degree was matured and reported.

#### *Representatives to wit:*

Schuyler Colfax, Indiana  
Wm. T. Martin, Mississippi  
E. G. Steel, Tennessee

TEST: Jas. L. Ridgely, Corresponding Secretary

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The GRAND SIRE, in reply to inquiries respecting the manner of conferring this degree, having found it necessary to give instructions on several points not provided for in the printed work, deems it expedient to prefix a copy of those instructions to the present edition, as follows:

The Degree of Rebekah is a side degree of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or in other words, an "Honorary Degree", and, as such, is to be conferred on such qualified persons as may desire to receive it.

It is the privilege of every member of the

Scarlet Degree, in good standing, to have the Degree of Rebekah conferred upon him if he shall desire it, but it can only be conferred at a special meeting, called for that purpose. The brother receiving it is not required to give previous notice to the Initiatory Lodge of his intention to take the degree, but if present at such a meeting as is above described, whether it be of his own or any other Lodge, he may receive the degree, on assuming the obligation attached to it.

It is also the privilege of the wife of every Scarlet Member, in good standing, to have the Degree of Rebekah conferred upon her, if she shall desire it, provided that her husband makes previous application therefor to the Initiatory Lodge of which he is a member; and in this case, also, the degree can only be conferred at a special meeting called for that purpose.

The degree can be conferred on any convenient number of persons at the same time; but it should in no case be conferred at one and the same time upon males and females. The sexes should receive it separately. No member who witnesses the conferring of the degree can fail to comprehend it. Besides, he will have frequent opportunities at subsequent meetings to become familiar with it. Therefore, when members are present who have not received the degree, the obligation, with the amendment above suggested, should be administered to them before the ladies are admitted to the Lodge room. They would then be privileged to witness the conferring of the degree, and would thus be put in possession of it, as they could avail themselves of all the instruction given.

In the absence of applications to have the degree conferred upon ladies, the members of a Lodge can have a special meeting called for the purpose of having the degree conferred upon such of themselves as are qualified to receive it.

The special meetings in every case must be called by the Noble Grand, and, when assembled, the Lodge must be opened in the Degree of Rebekah. The officers should be stationed, as they are during the usual business sessions of the Initiatory Lodge, with all the chairs filled, and all the members in full regalia. Ladies who have previously taken the degree can, of course, be present in the Lodge.

After the Lodge has thus been prepared for the admission of lady candidates, and the obligation of the degree has been duly administered to such qualified brothers within the Lodge as have not before taken it, no person shall be admitted unless it

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be a lady who is in possession of the degree, and can give the password of the degree, or a brother who is in possession both of the term password and the password of the Degree of Rebekah; and when such brethren are admitted, they should gracefully address the two principle chairs with the sign of that degree, provided the officers are not engaged at the time in conferring the degree.

In the ceremony to be observed by the lady candidates on entering the Lodge room, there can be no objection to their being attended by their husbands. Indeed unless there be a crowd of ladies, such a course appears to be peculiarly appropriate, at least until the ladies are presented to the Vice Grand by the Conductor, when the gentlemen could stand back.

As soon as the special object of the meeting shall have been accomplished—viz. the conferring of the degree—the Lodge will be closed, and then the brethren present will have an opportunity to pay due respect to the ladies.

At these special meetings, it is optional with the officers of a Lodge for the time being either to preside and officiate in conferring the degree themselves, or to call past officers to the chairs for that purpose.

All applications made in the Initiatory Lodge for degrees to be conferred on ladies, should be recorded, and, after the degree shall have been conferred, the officers should make due report thereof to the Lodge, that the fact may also appear of record, both as regards males and females.

Degree Lodges would, it is inferred, be justified in conferring the degree at special meetings called for that purpose, provided it be done at the instance of Subordinate Lodges, as in the case of other degrees.

The object that appears to have been in view by that part of the work which ungallantly requires the lady to be deprived of the badge of distinction which has been previously bestowed upon her, might be accomplished by letting the ladies retain these badges, and requiring them to be furnished by or charged to the husbands, in advance of the ceremony.

The initiatory steps towards putting the degree in possession of the Subordinate Lodges should be something after this form: Let a Past Grand Master administer the obligation to the Grand Master; he then, either himself or by a delegate, can administer it to his Deputies or other qualified brethren, who in turn should administer it to the Noble Grands of Lodges, when the work is committed to their

charge.

By the Grand Sire.

James L. Ridgely, *Corresponding Secretary*
January 27, 1852

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*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Undersigned, the special committee to whom was referred the business of reporting on opening and closing Ceremony for the Degree of Rebekah, would respectfully present the following as their report.

Wm. Rounsville  
Schuyler Colfax  
G. W. Race

*Herewith in the report the Degree of Rebekah followed—the annual communication being in secret session.*

### **General Instructions**

When application is made by any Scarlet member in good standing for this Degree, to be conferred on his wife, the Noble Grand shall call a special meeting at some future time for the purpose of conferring said Degree upon the applicant or applicants. The officiating officers of the Lodge have the right to call some experienced Past Officers to their chairs, during the conferring of this Degree.

The Lodge being regularly opened in this Degree, with the officers and such brethren of the Scarlet Degree as see fit to attend, clothed in full regalia, the Warden shall examine the brethren in the Pass Word of the Degree, and if any brother of the Scarlet Degree present is found wanting, he shall be required to take the Obligation of this Degree before instructing him therein or permitting him to remain.

Upon the Inside Guardian announcing the Ladies as waiting admission in the anteroom, the Noble Grand shall call the Lodge up, and direct the Conductor to introduce them (*after they have removed their bonnets and shawls*) to the Hall, entering with one rap, which is the usual alarm of this Degree. After passing once around the Hall, two by two, the brethren remaining standing, the Conductor shall present them to the Vice Grand, which officer shall call the brethren down.

# Arthritis Month Proclamation

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees  
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by arthritis. I along with the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Advisory Board, in turn, are proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years.

At these annual meetings we meet an enlarged family and community of arthritis chapter volunteers who become our friends and co-volunteers in a cause that makes you and me proud of our efforts in helping our fellow man.

Now, therefore, I, Jimmy C. Humphrey, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,

That the month of March be proclaimed **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month** in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada.

All monies raised should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretaries to be forwarded to the Arthritis Chapter in your Province or State.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2015 and of our Order the 196<sup>th</sup> year.



Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey  
Sovereign Grand Master



# 2015 — Is it time for your Lodge to make a change?

## First Things First will assist your lodge to evaluate its status...

### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

#### What is it?

- ♦ A Fraternity — meeting in a Lodge system.
- ♦ Striving to make the world a better place in which to live.
- ♦ A way of living life, in which you care about your fellow man.

#### 1. What is an ideal Lodge?

- The ideal Lodge is a group of people (Brothers and/or Sisters) who enjoy each other's company.
- Men and women who have a common bond, a common purpose to 'Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.'

#### 2. What does the ideal Lodge consist of?

- A group of at least 5 people.
- Who spend time and effort with service to their members, family, fellow man, children and community.
- Who reach out to Others.
- Who perform service to/for others, is seen as a useful and needed organization thereby receiving publicity (public relations).

#### For you as a member of the Order:

3. How many members does it have? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What does an ideal Lodge do? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are Lodges different from community to community? \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Lodge –

1. What is the number of members in your Lodge?

- a) How many under 30? _____
- b) How many over 70? _____
- c) What is the average attendance at a meeting? _____
- d) How often do you meet? _____

2. How many Units of Odd Fellowship in your community? _____

- a) Do they all meet in the same building? Y/N
- b) What is the relationship between the Units? _____

3. What community affairs is your Lodge involved in? _____

- a) Does your Lodge have a committee or Member who is responsible for Community affairs? Y/N

4. Is your Lodge able to confer Degree Work? Y/N

- a) For Odd Fellows Lodges – which degrees? _____
- b) Does lack of proficiency in the Degree work embarrass you? Y/N

5. What is the application fee of your Lodge? _____

6. What are the membership dues? _____

7. Is your Lodge financially sound? Y/N

8. Does your Lodge have fundraising projects? Y/N

a) If so, what are they? _____

b) Are applicable to the project? Y/N

9. Does your Lodge have a committee or member responsible for recruitment? Y/N

a) If so, is there a developed plan? Y/N

b) If so, what is the plan? _____

c) Did anyone join your Lodge in 2014? Y/N

d) If so, how many? _____

e) Are any new members serving on committees or in an office? Y/N

♦ Potential Members – *not names of people*

⇒ Types of people _____

⇒ Age range _____

⇒ Relationship to members _____

⇒ Interest _____

⇒ Et cetera _____

10. Do you enjoy your Lodge meetings? Y/N

a) If yes, why? _____

b) If no, why? _____

11. Other than the Order of Business, what happens in your Lodge meetings? _____

12. Has a member stopped attending the Lodge meetings or dropped out who was upset or frustrated at someone or something that took place at a Lodge meeting, function or action taken by the Lodge? Y/N

13. Does your Lodge have a visitation committee? Y/N

a) What is its function? _____

b) Does your Lodge have a relationship with the widows and widowers of your deceased members? Y/N

14. Would you be comfortable inviting your best friend, boss or employees, parents, children or other relative to a Lodge meeting as a prospective member? Y/N

a) If yes, why? _____

b) If no, why? _____

15. Have you invited someone to join your Lodge? Y/N

16. Has anyone in your Lodge invited anyone to join? Y/N

17. Why do you belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows? _____

a) Why do you belong to your Lodge? _____

18. Do you think the Officers and Committees are doing their job properly? Y/N

a) If not, is it an elected or appointed position or both? _____

19. Does the Noble Grand or the Lodge have a plan of work for the Lodge term / or a lodge calendar of events? Y/N

20. Do the same members serve year after year? Y/N

21. Are there members in your Lodge that disrupt the meeting? Y/N

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a) If so, describe. _____

22. Does your Lodge adopt a budget? Y/N

a) Do you follow it? Y/N

23. Does your Lodge use the committee method or do you discuss most items that need action in detail in the Lodge meeting? _____

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In the processes of collecting information from the membership the Committee on State of the Order will compile a current statement similar to the following:

#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

##### *Mission Statement — Valediction / Creed / Perspective*

A mission statement describes the goals, objectives and underlying principles of the Order and your Unit. It states simply what we/you are trying to accomplish. An example is the popular Sam's Club. They try to give the members a sense of ownership and belonging. Their stores are not located in shopping centers but are accessible and not obvious. You have to be a member to get in, and you are in on something special.

Any successful organization or business describes the main goal of their planning process as stating their mission. All other aspects of the organization should be aimed at achieving the organization's mission.

You should be able to sum up the basic objectives of your Lodge in just a few sentences. One statement should describe in a condensed fashion the nature of your Lodge, your Lodge's philosophy, your membership goals, your style (*how you are or can be different from other organizations*) and how you expect to have your Lodge viewed in your community. A statement of mission provides focus for your Lodge and should be the guiding principle of your Lodge for the future until the mission is changed by the Lodge.

##### *A mission statement might be:*

'ABC Lodge' is a spunky group of imaginative men and women that seek to associate fraternally. We see ourselves also as partners with our community and our environment, and we seek a close connection with our Rebekah Lodge and our aging members. We aim to become a recognized organization capitalizing on the need for wholesome family activities and the fulfillment of cheerfully serving others. Our goal is to grow slowly in membership and maintain our sense of humor while giving our membership a sense of belonging and a feeling that we care about them.

To help organize your thoughts for a mission statement, you may want to use the worksheet below to get an outline of what direction you think your Lodge should be headed in. (This would be a group project, using a blackboard or large sheet of paper on the wall for all to see and use in the final phase.)

A. What does and what would you like to see your Lodge offer its members? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Describe the basic style of what the members in your

Lodge should be like (*spunky, imaginative, active, caring, ugly, courageous, lazy, creative, determined, enthusiastic, foolish, happy, kind, benevolent, honorable, helpful, friendly, cheerful, rich, persistent, proud, prosperous, reasonable, reputable, secret, sincere, thoughtful, ambitious, argumentative, charitable, envious, lucky, old, prejudice, wise, etc.*).

C. Describe what you think should be your Lodge's philosophy in terms of the following areas:

1) Relationship to members \_\_\_\_\_

2) Relationship to other units of the Order \_\_\_\_\_

3) Relationship to the community \_\_\_\_\_

4) Any other relationship \_\_\_\_\_

D. Describe how you would like your community to feel about your Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

##### Mission Statement and Lodge Plan of Work:

A. Write the Mission Statement for your Lodge as you would like it to be: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Use the following worksheet to develop a plan of work for your Lodge:

1. Membership chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Community affairs chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Visitation committee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Finance committee will present a budget for Lodge consideration by: (meeting before end of the term for the coming term): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Presiding officer of other Units: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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6. Joint projects with other Units: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. The following members joined the Lodge since last election: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Appointed offices and committees offered to new members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Publicity chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local newspaper that will print news items about Lodge projects and activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact at the newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Plan of communicating with members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. The following work needs to be done on the Lodge building and in the Lodge hall: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Estimated cost of repairs and proposed work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Funds on hand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fundraising projects as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Recognition of members for outstanding work: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recognition of someone in the community for outstanding service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. District meetings are as follows:  
*Place* *Time/Date*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Planned visits to other Lodges or invitation to Lodges to visit for 'friends, officer's, etc. night' \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Plan for Lodge meetings other than the routine business: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Policy with regards to committees handling matters referred to them and matters that are their responsibility. This policy should be explained to the members and then attempt to not allow the Lodge to spend its meeting time in discussion matters that take away from the flow of the meeting. Listen to

members concerns about a particular matter; however, if the concern has been referred to committee, the member will be asked to meet with the committee for a resolution of the matter. The committee's recommendation will be addressed at the time it is brought before the Lodge.

18. The following are the objectives for the Lodge for the year and the plan to accomplish them:  
Installation of Officers \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee assignments \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer appointments \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership plan \_\_\_\_\_  
Community projects adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Meetings planned \_\_\_\_\_  
Repairs or improvements to be made to the building or hall \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting with presiding officers of other units \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge communications \_\_\_\_\_  
Fund Raising projects \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Attendance at District meetings \_\_\_\_\_  
Attendance at Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial condition of the Lodge \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopt a Budget \_\_\_\_\_  
News items to local media and jurisdictional paper \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership retention \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee activities \_\_\_\_\_  
Replace inactive committee members \_\_\_\_\_  
Social activities \_\_\_\_\_  
Visitation of non attending members \_\_\_\_\_  
Teamwork \_\_\_\_\_  
Attitude and behavior in Lodge \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

From this exercise the lodge should be able to write a mission statement and goals for the coming year; set a calendar of events; restructure the committees to involve new members or new participants; start junior members on the path through the chairs—RSS, LSS, IG, OG, Cond, Ward, Chap; et cetera.

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For additional membership tools see the web site:

www.ioof.org

under Members-contact the webmaster for your login

1. Attracting New Members
2. First Things First
3. Have You asked Someone to Join today?
4. Presenting odd Fellowship
5. Informing the Public
6. Helpful Hints
7. Dealing With conflict
8. Calendar
9. Parliamentary Procedure and Schools
10. Book of Odd Fellowship



FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL WEEKEND

June, 5th, 6th, 7th, 2015

Ottawa, Ontario

To All Members and Friends of Odd Fellowship:

Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend the 46th Annual Canadian War Memorial Celebration and Wreath Laying **Ceremony** to be held on June 5th, 6th & 7th 2015. Our headquarters hotel will be the Best Western Plus Ottawa Civic Centre, 1274 Carling Ave. Ottawa, Ontario. Same hotel as last year but a different name. Room rates are \$115.00 per night (Canadian funds plus applicable taxes). Breakfast is not included but there is an on-site cafe. Reservations can be made by calling 1 613 728 1951 or 1 800 268 5531 no later than **May 8, 2015**. Please inform the registration desk that you are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to receive this discounted rate. Rooms in our block are limited, so please **RESERVE EARLY**.

There will be a Meet and Greet reception on Friday evening from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM. Banquet tickets will be available for pick up at that time.

On Saturday morning, arrangements have been made to visit the Governor General's residence. Following this visit we will stop at the Byway Market. Members will have an opportunity to visit the many interesting novelty shops and have lunch. We will return to the hotel approx. 2.00 PM.

Our Annual Banquet will be held in the hotel dining room on Saturday June 6th 2015. The evening will begin at 5.30 PM with a time of fellowship and a cash bar. A plated dinner will be served at 6.30 PM. Tickets are \$42.50 each (Canadian Funds). Dinner will include your choice of (a) Chicken; (b) Salmon; or (c) Beef- Rare; Medium; or well done. Please indicate your choice on your registration form. Suggested dress for men is tuxedo, business suit or military uniform. For the ladies is street-length dress, dress suit or formal gown.

Wreaths used for the Sunday ceremony are made with artificial flowers so they can be used for many years. Those jurisdictions who currently have wreaths are urged to send a delegate to lay the wreath. The name of your representative who will be laying your wreath should be sent to the Secretary by March 1st. 2015.

Jurisdictions who have not previously participated by presenting a wreath are asked to seriously consider doing so in 2015. Wreaths can be purchased at a cost of \$125.00 (Canadian Funds) by contacting the undersigned **no later than March 1, 2015**. Delivery of wreaths ordered after March 1, 2015 cannot be guaranteed for the 2015 ceremony.

The members of the committee look forward to greeting you in Ottawa, June 5th, 6th 7th 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Ronald L. Wanamaker, PGM Secretary
1322 Pinehurst Ave., Oshawa, Ontario. L1H 8G5
Phone – 905 725 2297: E mail ron.l.wanamaker@gmail.com

46th Canadian War Memorial Weekend
Ottawa, Ontario

June 5, 6, 7, 2015



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM **(One Form Per Person)**
Registration Fee MUST be paid by all attendees)

All registrations **MUST** be received no later than May 8, 2015. (If mailing from the United States, please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery).

Note: There is no shuttle service between Airport and the Hotel. Approximate cost of taxi is \$40.00

☐ **REGISTRATION FEE** is \$5.00 per person if paid prior to May 8, 2015
OR \$7.00 per person if paid after May 8, 2015

☐ **Annual Banquet** is \$42.50 Canadian Funds

☐
☐
☐

Chicken

Salmon

Beef

Rare

☐

Medium

☐

Well Done

☐

(Please advise **in advance** if you have any dietary restrictions and what they are so that we can arrange for an alternative)

☐ **Saturday Sightseeing** Governor General of Canada Residence and Byway Market and Shops
\$10.00 CDN per person (a minimum of 25 people required for tour)

NOTE: Tickets will not be mailed. They can be picked up Friday between 7-9 p.m. or Sat. 9 a.m. – 12 noon. All payments are to be in **Canadian Funds only** and payment **must** accompany all orders!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____

My Title on June 1/15 _____

MAIL TO: Mrs. Sue Geurts
 688 Down Cres.,
 Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7Y1

Amount \$ _____

Make all cheques/Money Orders payable to "The Canadian War Memorial Committee"

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE ADMITTED

The SGL - IARA Membership Program
SPONSOR of NEW MEMBER

Sponsor Name _____

New Member's Lodge _____

Lodge Secretary Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Postal/Zip Code _____



NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted _____ Bro. ____ Sis. ____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Postal/Zip Code _____

Date of Birth: M/D/Y _____

E-mail: _____

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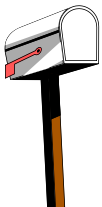
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E-mail: _____

Phone: _____



**MAIL, FAX, E-mail
TO:**

**Attn: I.O.O.F.
The SGL / IARA MEMBERSHIP
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Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830**

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Membership Committee

"A PROGRAM OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP
GAINS IN ALL UNITS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE
FAMILY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP"

January 2015

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and Hanukah as well a Happy New Year.

We have started on another year of our Order 2015!!! Wow how the years fly. With the start of a New Year, we ALL need to make a New Year's Resolution to bring in some new members. Our membership has shrunk to a critically low level. The time has come that we can no longer wait and say "someone else will do it". There is not a "someone else" left—it is up to you and me!

We will celebrate the 200 years of Odd Fellowship in North America in 2019, just 4 years from now. I hope we are still around. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are still doing fantastic works. Educational funds, Visual Eye funds, United Nations trips, Living Legacy trees, and literally hundreds of local projects in our respective communities.

WE ARE GREAT PEOPLE AND A MARVELOUS ORDER. Let our family, friends, and neighbors know how great we are and ask them to join our great little club. If you do not, we will not be able to continue our fantastic works.

Thanks for your efforts and your support. Together we can make Odd Fellows and Rebekahs the biggest and best fraternal Order in the world.

Fraternally,

Jon Petersen, Membership Chairman

New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. '14 to 31 Dec. '14

Jurisdictions	OF Ldg	Bros	Sis	Reb Ldg	Sis	Bros	Enc	Pat	Mat	PM	Chev	Ladies	LEA	LAPM	Jr Ldg	TRGC	UYG	Totals
Alabama	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Alberta	4	2	2	7		0	4	4	0	0			0	0	0	0		15
Arizona	4	4	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		4
Arkansas	2	0	2	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		2
Atlantic Provinces	0			3		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		3
Belize	0																	0
British Columbia	7	4	3	1		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		8
California	125	74	51	14		2	0			0			0	2	0	0		141
Chile	0			0														0
Colorado	7	4	3	10		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		17
Connecticut	14	14	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		14
Delaware	4	4	0	4		1	0			0			0	0	0	0		8
Dist. of Columbia	6	4	2	1		0	0			0								7
Dominican Republic	0			0			0			0								0
Florida	1	1	0	3		1	1	1	0	0			0	0	0	0		5
Georgia	0			1		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		1
Hawaii	20	14	6	4			0			0								24
Idaho	9	5	4	3		0	2	1	1	11	7	4	0	0	0	0		25
Illinois	57	54	3	4		1	0			2	2	0	0	0	0	0		63
Indiana	14	10	4	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		14
Iowa	14	8	6	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		14
Kansas	1	0	1	8		0	1	1	0	0			0	0	0	0		10
Kentucky	16	16	0	6		2	0			0			0	0	0	0		22
Louisiana	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Maine	9	9	0	9		6	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0		21
Manitoba	1	0	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Maryland	8	6	2	0			2	2	0	0			0	0	0	0		10
Massachusetts	6	5	1	8		3	0			0			0	0	0	0		14
Mexico	0			0			0			0								0
Michigan	7	7	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		7
Minnesota	15	12	3	2		2	0			0			0	0	0	0		17
Mississippi	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Missouri	21	16	5	0			0			0			0	1	0	0		22
Montana	4	3	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		4
Nebraska	4	4	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		4
Nevada	1	1	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		1
New Hampshire	24	19	5	1		1	1	0	1	0			0	0	0	0		26
New Jersey	6	1	5	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		6
New Mexico	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
New York	6	5	1	7		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		13
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VETERANS

90 years

Calvin K. Quier, PA

85 years

80 years

75 Years

Annis Webb, ON

70 Years

Vi Yates, BC

Milt Kiefhaber, NY

65 Years

Stanley Brown, NY

60 Years

Mike Davidovich, NY

55 years

Hal Schoonover, NY

Marlene Foster, ON

Helen Farrow, ON

50 Years

Robert Benning, NY

Marianne Flindall, ON

Orlene Lott, ON

Delbert L. Kennedy, OR

When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5. (starting at: 50, 55, 60, etc.) Thanks.



Odd Fellows

Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years

Item No. 1227—1242

May be ordered
through your Grand Lodge



Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years

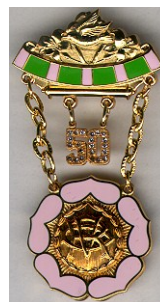
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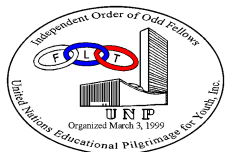
May be ordered through your

Rebekah Assembly

Buttons are not to scale.

Also the following Jewels are available from your grand body secretary:





Odd Fellows & Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth



We would like to:

Sponsor lunch for _____ Delegates @ \$8.00 ea.	_____
Sponsor dinner for _____ Delegates @ \$15.00 ea.	_____
Sponsor _____ Delegate T-shirts @ \$10.00	_____
Sponsor _____ Delegate Room-Nights @ \$40.00 ea.	_____
Sponsor _____ Top of the Rock Tickets @ \$18.00 ea.	_____
Sponsor _____ Statue of Liberty—Ellis Island—cruise @ \$18.00 ea.	_____
Team with a lodge along the bus route to furnish a meal	\$300.00
Other [Please specify] _____	_____

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Fraternally,

Your UNEPY, Inc. Board of Directors

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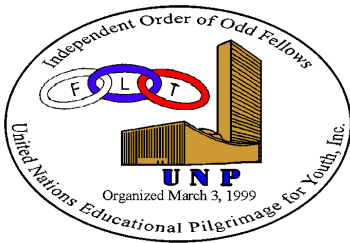
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Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The first deadline for the 2015 Tour was January 15 and you should already have your non-refundable holding fee of \$800.00 for each delegate sent to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth at 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Please use the new Delegate Report Form to show how many delegates you are paying for. If you missed the deadline and have delegates, contact me to see if there is any space on one of the Buses, a late fee will be assessed if there is space on a bus and the delegate is accepted.

April 1, 2015 is the second deadline date. By this date or before, you are required to have the balance of your delegate's fees and your tour leader fees (if applicable) in to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth at 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. You are also required to have your delegate's **2015 Completed Registration Forms and all Required Documents** in to my office at the address listed above. **Remember** missing any of these deadline dates will result in your jurisdiction be charged a late fee of \$50.00 per delegate per requirement missed. Contact your Jurisdictional Chairman for specific Jurisdictional Deadline Dates.

2015 Delegate Registration Forms and 2015 Tour Leader / New York Staff Applications are found on our website: www.unpilgrimage.org, or you may contact me.

The **Week 1 Tour** starts in Philadelphia on July 11th – July 24th; **Week 2 Tour** starts in Ottawa and Harrisburg on July 16th – July 29th.

Fees Payable in US Funds is \$1,600.00 for Delegates and \$1,300.00 for Tour Leaders.

Fees do not include the cost of transportation from the assigned point of departure to Philadelphia, Ottawa or Harrisburg.

The New York Tour generally includes tours of Top of the Rock, 911 Memorial, Ellis Island and Educational workshops. The Tour may have stops in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Niagara Falls and Ottawa.

Are you interested in being a Tour Leader or New York Staff Member? Please fill out an application and submit it to me at my home address above, by January 15, 2015. These applications will be submitted to your UNEP Board Members for consideration in February 2015.

All FEES, PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS should be mailed to: UNP IOOF, 422 Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830.

All DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORMS and TOUR LEADER APPLICATIONS with all Required Documents should be mailed to my home office listed above in Illinois.

DEADLINE DATES:

April 1st – Final payment for all delegates along with **All 2015 Completed Registration Forms in Duplicate with All Required Supporting Documents.**

April 1st – **Tour Leader and Assistant Tour Leader Fees** – Fees are due in full, along with a copy of your physicians' statement no later than April 1st.

REMEMBER: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED. A Passport Card is not acceptable. Airline tickets, for your jurisdiction, which I order, cannot be obtained until I have a color copy of all your delegates Passport Page.

Looking forward to the 66th Year of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour in 2015, thank you for your continued support.

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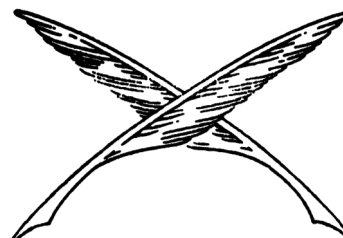
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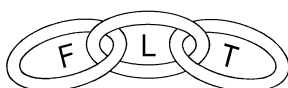
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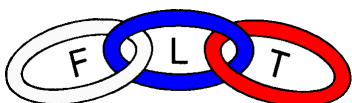
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