



# I.O.O.F. NEWS

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows News

July—August 2015

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## The Bundle of Sticks

AN OLD man on the point of death summoned his sons around him to give them some parting advice. He ordered his servants to bring in a bundle of sticks, and said to his eldest son: "Break it." The son strained and strained, but with all his efforts was unable to break the Bundle. The other sons also tried, but none of them was successful. "Untie the bundle," said the father, "and each of you take a stick." When they had done so, he called out to them: "Now, break," and each stick was easily broken. "You see my meaning," said their father.

"UNION GIVES STRENGTH."

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## Celebrating

San Pablo Lodge No. 43,  
CA—160 years

St. Helena Lodge No. 167,  
CA—145 years

Montezuma Lodge No. 172,  
CA—145 years

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge No.  
2, WA—130 years

## Thank you:

From Joyce Link, Warden-IARA — for the many kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of her brother.

The Pursells for the many cards, calls and e-mails at the time of her brother Berle Wiggins passing—25 May 2015

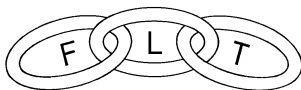
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## Sympathy to:

Gen. John P. Fox Sr. with the death of his wife Lady Frances—9 June 2015

Yvonne R. Isenor, PP with the death of her husband Gordon—1 July 2015

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## Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



July 2015

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The adventure is almost ready to change gears again. We are reporting, packing and looking back as we get ready to leave for Texas. There have been some really great and fun times that I will have with me forever, some speed bumps along the way that we just have to overcome.

We have had a lot of trials this year, members against members, Grand Bodies against members, both ways there, even The SGL getting into some of it. This is not what we are about, this is not the way we should spend the little time we have with one another. The major issues that we have are the disagreement over money (either too much or the lack thereof) and personalities. It is OK to disagree but it is not acceptable to be disagreeable. As good Odd Fellows any disagreement should end when the gavel sounds at the end of the meeting and we should go away as loving brothers and sisters.

We need to leave self out of the mix when we are at lodge, there is no I, it should always be, WE, US, Together we can, TOGETHER WE WILL. There is no success for us unless that attitude is taken. We all took the same obligation, I ask you, re-fresh, look back at the obligation, read it again in the lodge, put that in your heart and head.

I found that a number of Grand Lodges do not understand what their function/purpose is. The Major, Number One (1) purpose of a Grand Lodge is to assist the local lodges. TO ASSIST THE LOCAL LODGES.

Help them with membership, help them with reports, help them with community affairs and help them become the lodge in their community that they need to be in order to be successful. It pains me when I see small lodges struggle to pay bills, yet work hard, gain members, do good things while the Grand Body goes on with everyday business forgetting their obligation to help the member lodge. My brothers and sisters, this is not right, this is not the reason we were formed, not the reason we are in business today.

Our function is the local lodge, in house programs designed to 'improve and elevate the character of mankind' so that we can open our doors to the community, become a vital part of the community, let the community come into our lodge so that we are indeed making them a part of who we are. Understand this: we must become a better lodge for our members in order to become a better lodge for our community. If no one is knocking on your lodge door to join, you need to take a long hard look at who you are, how you look to your members, your community.

Our friend (Grand Master Spitznagel) from Rhode Island wrote in their newsletter and it does give us hope, a hope that we must reach for.

"Each Lodge is its own living, breathing, being. They are all different. Within each Lodge lies at least one match waiting to be lit, one spark ready to ignite. It means welcoming our Brothers and Sisters, reminding them about meetings, getting back to more of the fraternal part of our Order. Give them something to join!"

My good Brothers and Sisters, it is not a matter of saying: 'Yes we Can'—It is a matter of saying, "YES WE WILL"

It is up to us, each member, making a difference in someone's life today, move forward.

Let's go to Texas with a good attitude, become the spark that we need to be.

I thank you for some wonderful times and wonderful lifelong friendships that have been established for me this year.

Fraternally yours,

Jimmy C. Humphrey



UNITED WE STAND!

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



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



July 2015

Greetings Sisters and Brothers all,

It is hard to believe that this will be my last letter to you as your President of the I.A.R.A. Everyone told me how fast it would go and it certainly did. It has been an awesome journey. I have met so many wonderful Rebekahs and Odd Fellows in the last 3 years.

I thank all of you for the wonderful times I had in each jurisdiction I visited. Thank you for all the gifts, love, and courtesies extended to me and especially all the great memories I have of all of you.

I hope my presence at your sessions was in some way a help to you. We officers of the International Association Rebekah Assemblies and The Sovereign Grand Lodge are there as your link to our Order. I hope I have given you some ideas on gaining memberships in your lodge, different ideas for conducting your meetings and ways to promote Friendship, Love and Truth in our Order.

I thank you all for having the confidence to elect me as your President of the International Association Rebekah Assemblies. I hope and pray I have been worthy of this awesome responsibility.

I hope to see all of you in TEXAS in August for the meeting of The SGL and IARA. We will have a great time.

Thank you all again for giving me this opportunity of a lifetime.

Fraternally,

*Sharon L. Burt*

Sharon Burt, President



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*Together we can succeed!*



## Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



July 2015

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

I want to bring you Greetings from the General Military Council, my personal greetings and those from the Jurisdiction of Kentucky. Hello Brothers and Sisters I hope everyone has had a great year so far. This will be my last chance to thank everyone for all the kindness they have shown Sharon and me this last year as we have traveled to your Jurisdictions. I want to thank all of you for electing me General Commanding. I want to thank all my elected and appointed officers for severing this year with me.

Sharon and I have visited the Jurisdiction of Michigan, Wisconsin, Maine, Pennsylvania, Iowa Camp and session. I placed the Wreath at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa since the last

paper. All of the Jurisdictions have welcomed us with open arms. I would like to thank the Study Committee for all the hard work they did this year. And I hope everyone will support them, as their job is a difficult one. I would like to thank the committee for the Youth Canton that we are trying to get started I know they put in a lot of hours in order to get everything wrote up so we can present it to the GMC and The SGL in Texas.

I would not trade this experience of being General Commanding for anything. I will cherish the memories and all my friends that I have made over the last three years. They will always be in my heart and I will always remember them in my prayers. I am looking forward to going to Session in Texas. It has been an honor to serve with

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## Office of the President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant



Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

July 2015

It does not seem like this can be my last article for the newsletter as your President-IALAPM. Thank You ALL, for the support, words of encouragement, hugs, smiles, gifts and most of all your love and understanding from all during my 3 years representing our wonderful International Association has been incredible. All the Jurisdictions we visited treated us like family, we met old friends and made lots of new, each made us feel welcome, and we laughed together at our mistakes. I found the officers and members of each jurisdiction to be knowledgeable in the Ritual work, but...all of us need to practice...practice...practice. Even if we just pick a different duty from the Ritual and practice that each meeting, we will gain knowledge AND confidence in how our meeting is to be conducted.

I could not have picked better co-partners than our Sovereign Grand Master, Brother Jimmy Humphrey; President-IARA, Sister Sharon Burt; and General Commanding, Gen. Donald Thomas. From the very first meeting, we bonded and hopefully made lasting friendships.

To my officers, a BIG Thank You for agreeing to serve with me. I am looking forward to working with you at our session in Fort Worth.

My Objective was: Encourage members to attend meetings. Build on...Support & Maintain

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Sovereign Grand Master Jimmy Humphrey, President-IARA Sharon Burt, and President-I.A.L.A.P.M. Lady Carol Schoolcraft; the friendship between us will last a life time. And wish them a great Session. I also want to thank Terry Barrett and Gen. {R} Clement Olson for all the help this year and for keeping me on track.

I want to thank everyone for the support with my charities I raised almost \$2,800 dollars for my two charities, I was hoping for \$3,000 and I might get it by Session in Texas. I still have people that still owe me for some of my pins. I do appreciate

all the help from everyone it made my year a lot easier. May the lord bless and keep you safe in all your travel.

Chivalrously

*Donald R Thomas*

General Donald R. Thomas



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our existing Auxiliaries and Department Associations. Institute new ones. Gain new members. I am proud to say, some of these objectives was obtained. BUT, we all need to work on encouraging members to attend the meetings and we need to gain new members.

We still do not know what the future holds for our Military Units. The Study Committee has a wonderful plan to be presented, hopefully it will be passed and we can continue to be viable units.

The IALAPM will continue to send Representatives to the Jurisdictions, the support we receive is greatly appreciated. The IALAPM also has a new uniform to be presented for vote at our meeting in August.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Fort Worth. Faye, Margaret and the Session Committee are doing a superb job, doing everything possible to make our stay enjoyable. THANK YOU!!!!

Chivalrously,

*Lady Carol Schoolcraft*  
Lady Carol

*Dare To Follow Your Dreams*



## Arthritis Advisory Board—Silent Auction

Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
Fort Worth, Texas



Please join us in the fight against Arthritis  
and bring your silent auction items to Fort Worth to auction for the benefit of the Arthritis Foundation and Society.

## 2015 Annual Sessions

**189<sup>th</sup> annual communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge**  
**112<sup>th</sup> annual session of the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant**  
**99<sup>th</sup> annual session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies**  
**77<sup>th</sup> annual session of the International Association of**  
**Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant**

Friday—August 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday—August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Fort Worth, Texas

Tentative Schedule of events: check your session schedule for exact times and functions.

### **Friday—August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
Youth Orientation  
Youth to the Stock Yards  
Youth Dance

### **Saturday—August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
Youth Sessions  
Youth Banquet &  
Youth Talent Program  
UNEP Board  
International Advisory Board  
United Past Grand Matriarchs Meeting  
Homes Association Meeting

### **Sunday—August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
I.A.R.A. Representative Orientation  
Joint Secretaries & Scribes Meeting  
The S.G.L. Grand Reps Orientation  
I.A.L.A.P.M. Practice  
Parade & Flag Raising  
Memorial and Divine Worship  
Flag Presentation Practice  
Official Opening

### **Monday—August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
The S.G.L. Session  
I.A.R.A. Session  
G.M.C. Session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. Session  
UNEP board  
Fraternal Press Association Meeting  
“Officers Banquet” - ‘Eddie Stevens Music’

### **Tuesday—August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
The S.G.L. session  
I.A.R.A. session  
G.M.C. session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. session  
SGL/I.A.R.A./GMC/IALAPM Joint Program Presentation  
UNP for Youth Forum  
G.M.C./I.A.L.A.P.M.  
Installation & Change of Command

### **Wednesday—August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
The S.G.L. session  
I.A.R.A. session  
G.M.C. session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. session  
Arthritis Raffle  
“Fun Night” - ‘Double Take Band’

### **Thursday—August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
The S.G.L. session  
I.A.R.A. session  
G.M.C. final session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. final session  
The S.G.L. / I.A.R.A. Installation

### **Friday—August 21<sup>st</sup>**

The S.G.L. final session  
I.A.R.A. final session

There will be various breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, Boards & Committee Meetings, etc.—see program for times and rooms.

Sheraton Hotels & Resorts  
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Fort Worth, TX 76102  
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Single or Double Rooms \$119.00 ~ Triple \$129.00 ~ Quad \$139.00  
Plus applicable state and local taxes (currently 8.25% per room)

A block of rooms has been reserved for November 12-15, 2015. Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the Sheraton Hotel (817) 335-7000. Be sure and state you are with the IOOF – Danny Wood. Deadline for hotel reservations is November 2, 2015.

Airport Shuttle Service will be available to and from DFW Airport between the hours of 7a.m. to 11p.m.





Testimonial Weekend Honoring  
Brother Danny Wood – Sovereign Grand Master  
Fort Worth, Texas  
November 12 – 15, 2015

Registration Form  
(One Per Person Please)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, November 13, 2015

Cocktails 6:00pm (cash bar) / Dinner 7:00 pm

Menu: Texas Barbeque – \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Peppercorn Smoked Brisket/Smoked Sausage  
Entertainment

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Cocktails 6:00 pm (cash bar) / Dinner 7:00 pm

Menu: 8oz Chef Rib Eye Steak \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Entertainment

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to:

Margaret Snyder or Faye Brothers  
Special Acct – Danny Wood  
PO Box 111443  
Houston, TX 77293

**Registration Deadline is October 31, 2015**



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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.

***Headquarters and Sessions***

**Sheraton Hotels & Resorts**

1701 Commerce Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

**The Sovereign Grand Lodge**

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**Youth**

**Youth Day, Banquet, and Talent Night**

See 'Youth Informer' for Details

14-15 August 2015

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Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa  
1701 Commerce Street ~ Fort Worth, Texas 76102

ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUEST FOR:  
The Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

August 12 ~ 23, 2015 – Event Dates  
August 1, 2015 ~ **Reservation Due Date**

**Toll Free Reservations: 1.888.627.8556**

Reservations:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1502067144&key=16D4F836>

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There are so many things to do in Fort Worth. Downtown Fort Worth is ideally situated across the street from the Fort Worth Convention Center and near Fort Worth Sundance Square, Billy Bob's, the Fort Worth Cultural District and more. Whether you choose to explore the historic Stockyards, marvel at exotic animals in the Fort Worth Zoo, or spend the day in the Arts District, Fort Worth has it all.

Rooms \$159.00 (Single, Double, Triple, or Quad)  
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| E-mail: _____                                | _____                       |
| required for confirmation No.: _____         | _____                       |

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| <p><b>PLEASE CHECK PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS</b></p> <p>All accommodations are based on availability</p> <p>Special Odd Fellows Texas discount rate<br/>\$159.00 based on single/double/king occupancy<br/>Current Tax Rate: 15% total:<br/>Subject to change:</p> <p>Single Bedded Guestroom<br/>(1 bed – 1 or 2 people)</p> <p>Double Bedded Guestroom<br/>(2 beds – 1 or 2 people)</p> <p><b>Please note all rooms are non-smoking</b></p> <p>Special Requests: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> | <p><b>PLEASE CHECK METHOD OF PAYMENT</b></p> <p>A credit card guarantee must be given with this form.<br/><b>DO NOTE SEND CASH</b></p> <p>If you elect to pay by cheque for guest rooms, please<br/><b>Wait</b> for confirmation number to be received.</p> <p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE CHEQUE WITH THIS FORM</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>American Express</td> <td>Visa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Master Card</td> <td>Discover Card</td> </tr> </table> <p>Card # : _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p><b>We look forward to seeing you in<br/>Fort Worth, Texas.</b></p> | American Express | Visa | Master Card | Discover Card |
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**\*\*\*\*All Members Attending All Units MUST Register\*\*\*\***

SGL SESSION 2015  
Fort Worth, Texas, USA  
The Sovereign Grand Lodge,  
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council,  
International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant and the Youth

**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 - Youth)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be flying or driving? \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Pre-Registration Fee (on or before July 15, 2015) | US \$75 |  |
| Registration Fee (after July 15, 2015)            | US \$85 |  |

- No Fee for Youth Registration, but Youth must register – **Advisor(s) MUST REGISTER**

**~~~~~SPECIAL EVENTS~~~~~**

|                                                                                             |          |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Youth Banquet                                                                               | US \$45  |  |
| Youth Accommodations – please contact James Daniel at: 903.872.7438 or jamesdaniel@nctv.com |          |  |
| Officers' Banquet – Monday August 17, 2015                                                  | US \$ 75 |  |
| Dietary Requirements:                                                                       |          |  |

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| Fun Night – Western – Wednesday 19, 2015 | US \$70 |  |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED USD FUNDS                 | US \$   |  |

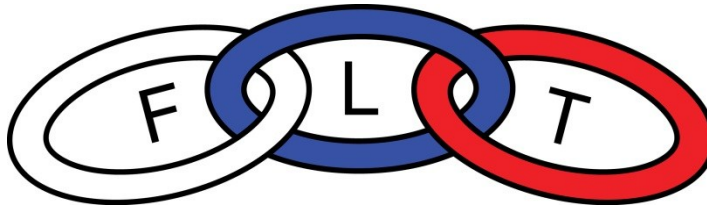
**Make checks payable to:**

**SGL 2015 Session Committee**

**Mail to:**

**SGL 2014 Committee  
PO Box 111443  
Houston, TX 77293**





## **The Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

### **SPECIAL EVENT REGISTRATION**

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Sheraton Hotel & Resorts. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule.

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

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY, STATE/PROV: ZIP/POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Cocktail Receptions, etc.)*

PREFERRED DATE & TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER EXPECTED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: SGL 2015 Committee  
8186 Record St  
PO BOX 111443  
Houston, TX 77293**



**Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Airport Transportation Web Reservation Portal  
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Please follow the instructions below to make your airport transfer reservations:

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(service provided by GO-Yellow Checker Shuttle)**



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\$50.00 per Day ~ \$140.00 Weekly



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\$55.00 per Day ~ \$155.00 Weekly

## 2014 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

ALISON NEPHEW from Hanover, Ontario, Region Five had the highest overall score in the Ingstrom competition. As a result she is the winner of the **Flora Sheets award for Academic Excellence** which carries an award of \$5,000.00.

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

#### **CHRISTINE SMITH GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP**

Lauren Hall – Winner \$15,000.00

Indiana University

PHD Candidate

Field of Study: Neuropsychology of Childhood Trauma and Treatment

Rachael Rifkin – Finalist \$6,000.00

St. Louis University

Masters Candidate

Field of Study: Social Work (Clinical Practice Children & Youth)

Muriel Stadick – Finalist \$4,000.00

Smith College School of Social Work

Masters Candidate

Field of Study: Child and Family Services

#### **INGSTROM SCHOLARSHIP – \$3,000.00**

##### **Region One**

Sonny Kingsbury

Goffstown, New Hampshire

Liberty University

Sponsor: Mystery Rebekah Lodge, Goffstown, NH

##### **Region Two**

David Young

Charlerai, Pennsylvania

The Ohio State University

Sponsor: Nucleus Lodge #377, Gastonville, PA

##### **Region Three**

Joshua Childs

Morgantown, West Virginia

West Virginia University

Sponsor: Monongalia Lodge #10, Morgantown, WV

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**Region Four**

Amber Cowan  
Vero Beach, Florida  
Indian River State College  
Sponsor: Harmony Rebekah Lodge #96, Canon City, CO

**Region Five**

Allison Nephew  
Hanover, Ontario  
York University  
Sponsor: Hillhurst Rebekah Lodge #116, Calgary, AB

**Region Six**

Zachary Boden  
Bushnell, Illinois  
Western Illinois University  
Sponsor: Bushnell Lodge #322, Bushnell, IL

**Region Seven**

Jared May  
Batesville, Arkansas  
University of Arkansas  
Sponsor: Aaron Lodge #4, Scotland, AR

**Region Eight**

Amanda Guimont  
Anoka, Minnesota  
University of Minnesota, Crookston  
Sponsor: Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge #9, Devils Lake, ND

**Region Nine**

James Manning  
Riley, Kansas  
Kansas State University  
Sponsor: Wamego Lodge #80, Wamego, KS

**Region Ten**

Jennifer Welch  
Decatur, Texas  
Baylor University  
Sponsor: Springtown Lodge #75, Springtown, TX

**Region Eleven**

Alicia Seitz  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
University of Regina  
Sponsor: Triple Links Rebekah Lodge #136, Regina, SK

**Region Twelve**

Kevin Bagley  
Aurora, Colorado  
Metropolitan State University of Denver

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Sponsor: Adair Lodge #96, Kirksville, MO

**Region Thirteen**

Kyle Wilson

Kaneohe, Hawaii

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Sponsor: Excelsior Lodge #1, Honolulu, HI

**Region Fourteen**

Brittany Hargrove

Cove, Oregon

Eastern Oregon University

Sponsor: Willow Lodge #66, Heppner, OR

**Region Fifteen**

Courtney Korff

Vacaville, California

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Sponsor: Coulterville Lodge #104, Coulterville, CA

The **Ohio 2012 Session Committee** \$4,500.00 Award of Excellence was made to Brittany Hargrove of Cove, Oregon, Region Fourteen for the second highest score in the Ingstrom competition.

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University of New Hampshire

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Thomas Greidanus

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Calvin College

Sponsor: Eastwood Lodge #496, Eastpointe, MI

Holly Lobb

Lititz, Pennsylvania

York College of Pennsylvania

Sponsor: Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #144, Leesport, PA

Kassia Rudd

Portland, Oregon

University of Washington

Sponsor: Baxter Lodge #3, Western Grove, AR

**VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP – \$1,000.00**

Chaze Wiant

Saratoga, Wyoming

Western Dakota Technical Institute of Technology

Sponsor: Saratoga Lodge #43, Saratoga, WY

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Jason Skory

High River, Alberta

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

Sponsor: High River Lodge #22, High River, AB

Alexa Garcia

Riverside, California

Riverside Community College

Sponsor: Capital City Rebekah Lodge #160, Sacramento, CA

Logan Rachford

Agency, Iowa

Indian Hill Community College

Sponsor: Magnolia Lodge #24, Agency, IA

#### **NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP – \$3,000.00**

Diane Walsh

Victoria, British Columbia

St Andrews University

Sponsor: Victoria Lodge #1, Victoria, BC

Allyssha Ernst

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

First Nations University

Sponsor: Golden Links Rebekah Lodge #6, Prince Albert, SK

Sarah Zettle

Rose City, Michigan

Kirtland Community College

Sponsor: Mio Rebekah Lodge #16, Mio, MI

#### **COURSEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP – \$3,000.00**

Victoria Riback

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Texas A & M

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Thor Burnside

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Fort Hays State University

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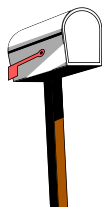
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## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

### *Membership Committee*

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“A PROGRAM OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP  
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July 2015

Greetings our Brothers and Sisters,

It is the most difficult and the easiest to talk about. IF—you are not proud or excited about being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and do not know about the advantages of being a member, it is very difficult to talk to another person about becoming a member. However, if you are knowledgeable and proud and excited about being a member, it is not only easy to talk about it, but you can't hardly help but talk about your lodge. Membership is generally a boring subject to talk about—we whom have been members for many years have heard numerous people talk about membership at every general meeting for years in almost every possible way.

BUT—If YOU & I don't acquire some additional members, Odd Fellows & Rebekahs will cease to exist!!!! The reason I say YOU & I is because we are all that is left!!

According to our last published Journal of Proceedings, there are 56 jurisdictions in North America, with 1,439 Odd Fellow lodges that have 39,084 members, while Rebekahs have 1,121 lodges with 27,522 members. Encampments account for 351 lodges with 4,205 members. The L.E.A.s have 113 lodges with 1,419 members. As anyone can readily see, the critical point of existence has been reached. Not only has the actual number of members dropped to low levels but look around in your meeting—the average age is probably in excess of retirement age. We are losing many members to death that we are not replacing.

We receive many ideas about our Order, things to change—some are worthy of further discussions, others are a little questionable. It is something we should all think about, what we are, what we stand for, where we want to go, and what we are trying to accomplish in the future, to keep Odd Fellows and Rebekahs alive and thriving for many years to come.

We currently sponsor or endorse 8 programs. Educational Foundation, United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, Joint Youth Programs, Living legacy Program, Hunger & Disaster Fund, Visual Eye Research Foundation, S.O.S. Villages for Children, and the Arthritis Foundation along with a membership program each year. Do you know about all of these benefits?? There is a list of addresses listed elsewhere in this issue where you can call or write for forms, brochures, or information about each of these programs.

This is a short report, but if every member can realize that we really need new members and it isn't just talk, then it has done its job.

Jon Petersen, P.S.G.M.  
Membership Chairman

# New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. '15 to 31 Dec. '15

| Jurisdictions      | OF Ldg | Bros | Sis | Reb Ldg | Sis | Bros | Enc | Pat | Mat | PM | Chev | Ladies | LEA | LAPM | Jr Ldg | TRGC | UYG | Totals |
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| Alabama            | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Alberta            | 2      | 2    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1  | 1    | 0      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| Arizona            | 3      | 3    | 0   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| Arkansas           | 8      | 3    | 5   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 8      |
| Atlantic Provinces | 0      |      |     | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Belize             | 0      |      |     |         |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| British Columbia   | 0      |      |     | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| California         | 61     | 38   | 23  | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 61     |
| Chile              | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Colorado           | 5      | 2    | 3   | 2       | 2   | 0    | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 8      |
| Connecticut        | 21     | 19   | 2   | 0       | 2   |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 21     |
| Delaware           | 2      | 2    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Dist of Columbia   | 0      |      |     | 6       | 6   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 6      |
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| Florida            | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Georgia            | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Hawaii             | 6      | 5    | 1   | 6       | 3   | 3    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 12     |
| Idaho              | 10     | 5    | 5   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 6   | 3   | 3   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 17     |
| Illinois           | 9      | 6    | 3   | 4       | 4   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 13     |
| Indiana            | 11     | 11   | 0   | 7       | 4   | 3    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 18     |
| Iowa               | 5      | 4    | 1   | 0       | 4   |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 5      |
| Kansas             | 5      | 5    | 0   | 8       | 8   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 13     |
| Kentucky           | 3      | 3    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1  | 1    | 0      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 5      |
| Louisiana          | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Maine              | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Manitoba           | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Maryland           | 2      | 1    | 1   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Massachusetts      | 10     | 8    | 2   | 1       | 0   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Mexico             | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 11     |
| Michigan           | 14     | 14   | 0   | 3       | 3   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Minnesota          | 0      |      |     | 3       | 3   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 17     |
| Mississippi        | 1      | 1    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| Missouri           | 4      | 4    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 01     |
| Montana            | 7      | 5    | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
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| Nevada             | 0      |      |     | 4       | 2   | 2    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| New Hampshire      | 2      | 0    | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| New Jersey         | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| New Mexico         | 0      |      |     | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| New York           | 0      |      |     | 14      | 6   | 8    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Nigeria            | 4      | 3    | 1   |         |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 2    |     | 16     |
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## VETERANS

### 80 years

Katherine Mueller, NY

### 75 Years

Irene Conover, IL

### 70 Years

Mary Ann Rogers, IL

### 65 Years

Mary Roberts, AB

Anne Belle McKinnon, AB

Jeanne Harrison, AB

Robert E. Ward, CA

Alice Shubin, CA

### 60 Years

Ruth Cole, AB

Ruth Angelo, CA

Mary Marble, CO

Margaret Swink, FL

Hazel Andrews, MB

Merry Berry Hill, MB

Charlotte Schiffler, NY

Charles E. Worrell Sr., TN

Patricia Newell, WA

Allen McCumber, WY

Frances McCumber, WY

Vivien Kosmann, WY

### 55 years

Mary Hamilton, AB

George C. Kasolas Jr., CA

Fred L. Marble Jr., CA

Glendolyn Gregg, KS

Elsie Fraser, MB

Marjorie Peasley, NH

Warren Ridder, NY

Jeanne Elder, WA

### 50 Years

Shirley Tessmer, AB

Joyce Kisko, AB

Harold P. Busselen, CA

Bessie Burr, CO

Donna Grable, IL

Mary White, NH

Rita Dobbin, NY

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

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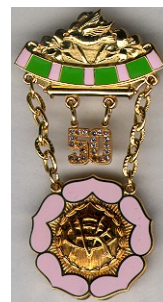
Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years

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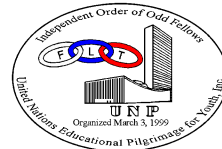
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Rebekah Assembly

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Also the following Jewels:



# Odd Fellows & Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth



We would like to:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sponsor lunch for ____ Delegates @ \$8.00 ea.                   | _____    |
| Sponsor dinner for ____ Delegates @ \$15.00 ea.                 | _____    |
| Sponsor ____ Delegate T-shirts or ponchos @ \$10.00             | _____    |
| Sponsor ____ Delegate Room-Nights @ \$40.00 ea.                 | _____    |
| Sponsor ____ Delegate's U. N. Tour @ \$12.00 ea.                | _____    |
| Sponsor ____ Top of the Rock Tickets @ \$18.00 ea.              | _____    |
| Sponsor ____ Statue of Liberty Ferry—Ellis Island @ \$18.00 ea. | _____    |
| Sponsor ____ Gettysburg Bus Tour @ 170.00 per bus               | _____    |
| Team with a lodge along the route to furnish a meal             | \$300.00 |
| Other [Please specify] _____                                    | _____    |

## Put U in UN Pilgrimage

Reach out and make a difference in the world today and the future! The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth belongs to YOU the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. YOUR generosity has made this program a success for over 60 years. YOUR generosity will allow the program to continue growing, for another 60 years.

Fraternally,

*Your UNEPY, Inc. Board of Directors*

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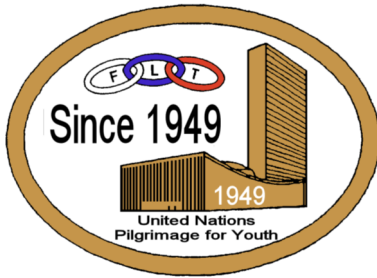
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Return this form & your donation to:

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Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc.  
422 Trade Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

The UN Pilgrimage is looking for partners to sponsor one or more activities of the UN Pilgrimage. If you know a company (or other source) that supports youth activities, please send their name, address and phone number or email to UNPINC@aol.com.



## ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

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July 2015

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The 66<sup>th</sup> Year of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour has begun, and what a journey it is for not only the delegates, but the bus tour leaders, New York staff and many of you, who volunteered to serve a meal, provided lodging, offered advice and assistance, or provided a monetary donation. The word THANK YOU is not big enough to express the most heartfelt feelings of myself and the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth for your continued support of this program.

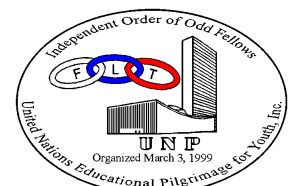
259 delegates, 13 tour leaders, 8 New York staff, a representative from the I.A.R.A. and The S.G.L., from 41 states, provinces and foreign countries, spent time between July 11 to July 29, learning, listening, forming lifelong friendships, riding (the bus), and walking (many many miles). The United Nations provide excellent speakers on world issues, the delegates give inspirational fantastic speeches competing for scholarships from the Educational Foundation I.O.O.F.

Tours of historical sites in New York, Washington, DC, Boston, Gettysburg, Ottawa, getting wet at Niagara Falls, visiting the Corning Glass Museum. These are some of the stops along the way. 54 nights of hotel rooms, totaling approximately 990 rooms, 222 meals, unknown boxes of Band-Aids, bottles of water, uncharged cell phones or tablets.

This is all from the year 2015, but what about the upcoming years. Now is the time to start planning for sponsorship of a delegate in 2016 or beyond. The September-October issue of the I.O.O.F. News will have information on the 2016 tour and deadline dates. Apply as a Tour Leader or serve on the New York Staff. Applications to download for delegates, tour leaders or New York staff are on our website [www.unpilgrimage.org](http://www.unpilgrimage.org).

The 66<sup>th</sup> Year of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour may be over, but the memories will last a lifetime. What a grand experience for a teenager to have, and all because of you. THANK YOU.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Janet L. Bruce, Executive Director





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# Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

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**Alabama** – June 2016, Grand Secretary – John Boshell, 1301 Viking Dr, Jasper, AL 35501  
**Alberta** – 16-17 April 2016, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 432-28<sup>th</sup> St., NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3  
**Arizona** – 16-19 October 2015, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326  
**Arkansas** – 16-17 October 2015, Grand Secretary – Jon R Petersen, 5469 A E Hwy 14, Lead Hill, AR 72644  
**Atlantic Provinces** – July 2016, Grand Secretary – Walwin Blackmore, 11 Park St, Grand Falls-Windsor, NL A2B 1C8  
**Australasia** – November 2015, Grand Secretary – Richard C O'Connell, PO Box 3340, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, South Australia 5000  
**Belize** – Daniel J Gorham, Deputy, PO Box 90, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize  
**British Columbia** – May 2016, Grand Secretary – 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E9  
**California** – 11-14 May 2016, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 14414-B Oak St, Saratoga, CA 95070-2669  
**Chile** – DDGM – Salomón Meyohas R, Rodrigo de Triana 4235, Depto. 93, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile  
**Colorado** – 10-11 October 2015, Grand Secretary – Douglas Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212  
**Connecticut** – 18-19 September 2015, Grand Secretary – Warren Smith, PO Box 1055, New Milford, CT 06776-1055  
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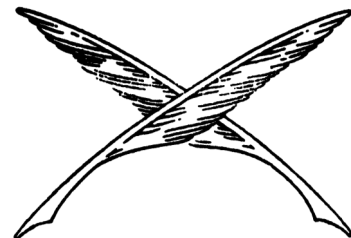
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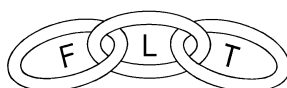
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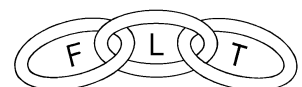
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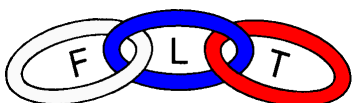


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