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* Odd Fellows Lodge
* Rebekah Lodge
* Encampment
* Ladies Encampment Auxiliary
* Patriarchs Militant
* Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant
* Junior Odd Fellows Lodge
* Theta Rho Girls’ Club
* United Youth Groups

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MIGHTY OAKS
from little acorns grow:

Meaning
Great things may come from small beginnings.

Origin
The word acorn does not come from ‘oak’ and ‘corn’, as is popularly supposed, but from the Old English ‘aecern’, meaning berry or fruit. The tree genus Acer comes from the same root.

Before oaks were mighty they were first either great, tall, sturdy or even just big. Examples of early variants of ‘mighty oaks from little acorns grow’ are found in Geoffrey Chaucer’s Troilus and Criseyde, 1374,

“as an ook cometh of a litel spyr” [a spyr, or spire, is a sapling]

Thomas Fuller's Gnomologia, 1732:
“The greatest Oaks have been little Acorns.”

and in an essay by D. Everett in The Columbian Orator, 1797:
“Large streams from little fountains flow, Tall oaks from little acorns grow.”

The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations states that ‘great oaks from little acorns grow’ is a 14th century proverb. Unfortunately, they do not include any details to support their view.

The ‘mighty’ version is known, in the USA at least, from the middle of the 19th century. It appeared in A. B. Johnson’s The Philosophical Emperor a Political Experiment, 1841

Sovereign Grand Master’s Message

President - I.A.R.A. - Message

General Commanding / President - I.A.L.A.P.M. - Messages

2015-2016 Joint Program

Membership
Celebrating

Degree of Rebekah —
September 20th — 164 years

Patriarchs Militant Degree —
September 24th — 130 years

L.A.P.M. Degree —
November 4th — 114 years

Sympathy to:

The jurisdiction of Kansas on the loss of their 85 year member; Anna Pilot Stubbs—103 years of age at the time of her passing.

The jurisdiction of Pennsylvania on the loss of their 90 year member; Calvin Quier—age 109 at the time of his passing.

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Please see below my remarks given at the 2015 installation of office:

Master & Mistress of Ceremonies, Sister Kathy, Brothers and Sisters, friends all,

I would like to start with a Thank You to all of those who are helping tonight.

A Special Thank You to the Wm. Tell Lodge No. 27 and Fort Worth Lodge No. 251 for their support and going above and beyond to make this session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge happen in Fort Worth. A special thanks to our Committee (Faye, Margaret, and James Daniels) for all of their hard work.

I would like for my lodge Fort Worth Lodge No. 251 and all of my Texas brothers and sisters to please stand, I thank you for all of your encouragement and support.

I would like my family to stand at this time, Thank You for being here; also, a big thank you to my three granddaughters Reagan, Oliver and Hollyn for being a part of this installation. Thank you to my wife and soul mate for all of your support. I could not have gotten here without you.

This is an extremely emotional time for me to be here in Texas for my installation. When I became the Grand Representative, Brother Bill Guy came to me and in his words: “You know you have to carry the banner ‘Well’” and with that all I can say is Thank You for your confidence in elevating to this exalted position.

In the upcoming year, we have some rough roads ahead and the only way we can overcome them is to unite. We need to strive to get along and work with one another and work together for the Good of the Order.

Another thing we need to do is move ourselves into the 21st century. We have gotten a small taste this year by using the electronic voting.

We should also use the other tools that technology has given us over the past few years. Social Media such as Twitter, Facebook and others, “But” in using these, we need to remember what you say can never be taken back because when you press the Post or Send Button, you have sent whatever you said to the world. Use it wisely!!!

Most of you have heard Chris Burt speak about his trip with the UNP Tour. He is from Texas and is not a Grandson, but I would be very proud to call him one. The point I am making is that I believe in this program and will be strongly supporting it. I am selling my pens and all the proceeds will go to that program. There are more belt buckles so get ready!

I want to Thank You once more and say “I will do the best job I can do, so don’t be surprised if you get a phone call. I can’t do this by myself!

Thank You Very Much.

Fraternally yours,

Danny M. Wood

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"
Greetings Sisters and Brothers all,

At this time I wish to share my remarks of the august session installation of officers:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As President of the I.A.R.A., I pledge my support to all Units of Odd Fellowship. We must stand together if we are going to change and grow. No one assumes this office without the support, encouragement and help of many. To Sovereign Grand Master Danny M. Wood; General Commanding Emil R. Suder; and President Lady Cathy Doub it is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve with you.

I believe that in order to survive another 100 years, we must become relevant in today’s society. There is nothing wrong with our teachings and our principles but the way we approach our Mission must be in ways that today’s society understands. We can no longer be behind closed doors. We must go out into our communities, be active in community projects, let people get to know us, familiarize others about the projects of our Order and most important what we have to offer and how membership is a real benefit. Each one of us must ask the question: “Would my Lodge be missed if we were no longer in the community?” and if the answer is “No.”—what are you going to do about it? Membership is the most important part of the program this year and is not to be taken lightly. It’s no longer just your replacement that’s needed but enough new members to really make a difference.

My program for this year is as follows:

- Emblem is the Bell—to ring out the praises of Rebekah Odd Fellowship.
- Motto: Share the future by extending your hand in Friendship.
- Theme: Take time to be a Friend.
- Aim: Together, we make a difference.
- Flowers: American Wild Flowers
- Colors: Green and Yellow
- Songs: “Make Me A Blessing” and “I’m Glad That I’m A Rebekah”
- Hymns: “This is my Father’s World” and “Precious Lord”
- Scripture: Psalm 9:1 “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

To the Installing Staff, I thank you for a job well done. To the Jurisdiction of Michigan, I thank you for your encouragement and love. This is the beginning of a new chapter in Rebekah Odd Fellowship. We must work together if we are to move forward! Together, we do make a difference. This will be a wonderful year of friendship and service and to every one of you, I ask that you join me in proudly proclaiming “I’m Glad That I’m a Rebekah”.

Fraternally,

Kathy Shary, President
Office of the General Commanding  
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant

September 2015

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

It is a delight to be your General Commanding for the 2015-2016 term. This is, indeed, an exciting adventure for not only me but for you as well.

I joined the Order looking for scholarships and grants and found much more than that. I found an extended family who believes in friendship, love, and truth. However, to have that family, one must want to be part of the family. The question is on how do we approach prospective members? The answer is simple – become friends.

The Patriarchs Militant branches are taking a closer look into increasing membership through marketing and sales campaigns. So many times we take for granted that everyone hears about the last branch of Odd Fellowship when they become Third Degree Odd Fellows and Rebekah Degree members.

By Building a Team, we can work together to not only increase our membership in the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges, but also in other branches. We are worldwide organization; let the public hear about the good works we do.

The General Military Council is moving forward with the Youth Cadet Corp program. By bringing in the youth, we all have a fighting chance for another 200 years. In the next few issues, you will see more about this fantastic opportunity for us.

Chivalrously,

General Emil R. Suder

Office of the President  
International Association  
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

September 2015

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

At this time I wish to share my remarks from the muster of officers in Fort worth:


To all the Ladies of the International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, Thank You so much for electing me to this Office of President. I’m very proud, and humbled to be your President for the coming year. I promise that I will do my very best to live up to your every expectation.

I would like to bring you the Greetings of the International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, my own Personal Greetings and that of my jurisdiction of California/Nevada.

To my family which consisted of my Daughter Mary, Son-in-law James, the light of my life grandchildren Ainsley who is 10, Twins Seth and Ellie who were 8 in June, I wish you could be here but I know you can’t but I know that I have your Love and Support for all I do. Love you all and miss you. To my wonderful Husband Ed, we have been though a lot over the last 17 years and I would not trade them for anything except your accident. You are always there to calm me down and stand up for me when you think you need to. I Love You.

I’m a 61 year member of the Order and I’m very proud to be a member of all branches except the Canton and Encampment.

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I was born on February 22, to George and Gladys Ramos. My Grandparents John and Gladys Hansen were members in all the branches of our Order and I spent plenty of time as an Anti-Room-Kid.

I would like to say “Thank You” to Lady Judy Gordon, Installing Officer, Aide Lady Kathryn Bellmore, Secretary Lady Barbara McLaren, Chaplain Lady Linda Fogelsonger, and Sentry Lady Debra LaVergne, each one of you have had something to do with my running for 2nd V.P., and on up the chairs to President of the International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant. I’m sure I will be calling on you at one time or another. Lady Betty Jean Reasoner, Thank You for always being there for me.

“Thank You” to Lady Patricia Wilson my Musician for the evening and “Thank You” to Lady Sandra Brown my Soloist for Installation and my sessions next year.

“Thank You” to all the Brothers, Sister, Chevaliers and Ladies from the Jurisdictions of California/Nevada. It means so much to me to have you here.

I would like to introduce some very special friends of mine: Lady Ruth and Maj. Gen. Will Schuyler, Sally Johnston and a very special friend Karla Bareilles. Karla, her brother Bobby and I were very close and good friends. Karla and I as well as others will miss Bobby. Last but not least I would like to introduce my Husband Ernest Edward Doub, I Love You.

Thank You all for coming to our Installation and Change of Command.

Have a great year and let me know what I can do to assist your Association.

Chivalrously,

Lady Cathy

You’ve got to stick your head out in order to move forward.

Oak of Mamre or the Oak of Abraham

The Oak of Mamre (also called the Oak of Sibta), at Hirbet es-Sibte, two kilometres (1.2 miles) southwest of Mamre near Hebron, Palestinian Territories, also called The Oak of Abraham is an ancient tree which, in tradition, is said to mark the place where Abraham entertained the three angels or where Abraham pitched his tent. It is estimated that this oak is approximately 5,000 years old.

Abraham’s camp near the oaks of Mamre is identified in Genesis 14:13 and 18:1-8.

Oak Trees of Mamre

The great trees of Mamre are Quercus calliprinos, called Palestinian oaks. Some Bibles translate oak as terebinth; however, the oak and terebinth are different trees. The Palestinian oak originated in the Mediterranean Basin. It is the most common tree found in the wildlife of Israel. Fine specimens grow the Biblical Landscape Reserve in Israel. Palestinian oaks propagate by producing acorns. Ripe acorns drop from trees and germinate in 1 week. Seedlings grow slowly. At one time the Palestinian oak was an important source of hard wood for ships, ploughs, yokes, canes. Bark was a source of tannin to dye skins and leather. Acorns were roasted and eaten during famine. The tribe of Dan made way-bread from acorns and took it to war.

Symbolism: Longevity

In the Bible, oaks were associated with power, strength, or longevity in the sense of long life. The great oaks of Mamre symbolized Abraham’s long life. A Palestinian oak near Hebron, called Abraham’s Oak, is thought to be over 850 years old.

God promised that he will be with his servants through life, even into their old age and gray hairs (Isaiah 46:4). God’s people don’t need to be concerned about aging, or what they will do in retirement. They can use Abraham as their model. God called Abraham to a new life and adventure when Abraham was 75 years old. Abraham lived 175 years. Following Noah’s death, the Bible documented that after the flood, only Isaac lived as long as Abraham.

An Israeliite proverb is that the fear of the Lord adds length to life; but the years of the wicked are cut short (Proverbs 10:27). Perhaps the underlying logic of this proverb is as simple as individuals who fear the Lord live more prudent lives than do the wicked; therefore, they live longer. Whatever the cause and effect of the proverb, it is important and true because it is God’s word.

February 22, 2015; Carolyn A. Roth.
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 – Peppercorn Smoked Brisket/Smoked Sausage
Entertainment
$60.00 ________

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Cocktails 6:00 pm (cash bar) / Dinner 7:00 pm
Menu: 8oz Chef Rib Eye Steak
Entertainment
Total Amount Enclosed $___________

Please note any special dietary needs: _______________________________________

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Make Checks payable to: Margaret Snyder or Faye Brothers
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Registration Deadline is October 31, 2015
The Sheraton Ft. Worth Hotel and Spa is located in downtown Ft. Worth and across from the beautiful Ft. Worth Water Garden. Club level accommodations state-of-the-art innovations with the warmth of our friendly, western crossroads city. Our hotel as an exclusive in the downtown, Spa Beaubelle features a yoga room, Pilates studio, and six treatment rooms.

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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.
**Motto:**
Deep Roots Build Strong Branches!

**Emblems:**
The Mighty Oak Tree and a Bundle of Sticks.

**Theme:**
Unity.

**Scripture:**
I Corinthians 12:14-26
"...one body, many parts..."
'one tree — many limbs!
one Order — many branches'

**Program:**
All youth programs no matter which one: United Nations Pilgrimage, Lodges, Clubs or Groups. **Youth Is Our Future.**

**Challenge:**
For each Brother and Sister to take to heart the watch words of our Order and work together in **Unity.**

**Goal:**
To have Brothers and Sisters working as one to increase membership through Community involvement.

**Guides:**
Bible and Ritual

**Song:**
The Tree of Peace
The Yellow Rose of Texas

**Flower:**
Yellow Rose

**Dedication:**
My year is dedicated to Fort Worth Lodge No. 251 as well as all of my friends that have supported and encouraged me along this wonderful journey and last but surely not least my wonderful wife and family without their support I could never have done this—**Thank You** all.

THE HONORABLE
DANNY M. WOOD
SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

2015-2016 OFFICERS
OF
THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

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Brig. Gen. J. Walker Houchins, NCAide-de-Camp

Jimmy C. Humphrey, GA  Past Sovereign Grand Master
MOTTO: Share the future by extending your hand in Friendship.

THEME: Take time to be a Friend.

AIM: Together, we make a difference.

GUIDE: Rebekah Creed

FLOWERS: American Wild flowers

COLORS: Green and Yellow

SONGS: Make Me a Blessing
I'm Glad That I'm a Rebekah

HYMNS: This is my Father's World
Precious Lord

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 9:1
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

DEDICATION: I dedicate this year to my family and friends who have always given their full support and to the Jurisdiction of Michigan who have opened their arms and embraced me in their friendship.
GENERAL EMIL R. SUDER
GENERAL COMMANDING

2015-2016 OFFICERS
OF THE
GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL
PATRIARCHS MILITANT
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

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Lt. Gen. S. Ray Johnson, IN .. Grand Representative to The S.G.L.
Lady Roseann Turner, WV ......................... Ambassador of Goodwill

THEME: Working Together for the Good of the Order.
MOTTO: BUILDING A TEAM
AIM: To increase awareness and promote membership into the Patriarchs Militant Army. Members must be proud of being a Chevalier or Lady and encourage others to become involved in a worthwhile branch of Odd Fellowship.
GOAL: Increase Pride and Membership
GUIDES: The Holy Bible, Rituals, By-laws, and Code of General Laws
FLOWERS: The Red Rose and Yellow Lilac
COLORS: Black, Gold, and Purple
HYMNS: Amazing Grace
Wind Beneath My Wings, Bette Midler (1988)
Winds of Change, Scorpions (1989)

Scritptures: I Corinthians 12:14-16
Hebrews 10:24-25

EMBLEMS: Oak Leaf, PM Emblem, Three Links, and the Acorn

DEDICATION: I dedicate this exciting and wonderful year to all my brothers and sisters who have faith in me. Without you, I would not be here. I dedicate much of this year to my friends, my family, and more importantly, my fraternal family throughout the world.

PROJECTS: United Nations Educational Pilgrimage. Gesundheit Institute— Dr. Patch Adams
**Theme**  
Join the Greatest Organization in the World, Muster in One or More new Recruits into the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

**Motto**  
You've got to stick your head out in order to move forward.

**AIM**  
Build up our Order.

**MASCOT**  
Desert Tortoise.

**GUIDES:**  
Bible and Ritual

**COLORS:**  
Red, White and Blue

**EMBLEM:**  
Red, White, Blue  
Heart with White Rose and Stars.

**FLOWERS:**  
Red, White, Purple and Pink roses

**SONGS:**  
I Believe  
Little Things Mean a Lot  
Wind Beneath My Wings  
God Bless the USA

**HYMNS:**  
Let There be Peace on Earth  
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
The Old Rugged Cross

**SCRIPTURE:**  
I Corinthians 13:4  
Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

**PRAYER:**  
The Lord’s Prayer

**DEDICATION:**  
I dedicate this year to all of the Lodges and Auxiliaries that I belong to, my family and last but not least my loving husband Ed. I love you all.

**PROJECTS:**  
I.A.L.A.P.M. Treasury/Travel  
United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Visual Research Foundation
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GOALS

◊ Each member to recruit one new member
◊ Increase membership in each unit of our Order.
  ♦ Through community involvement
  ♦ Through public awareness
◊ Continue to take actions to implement the five year plan

AWARDS FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS

◊ “I Got One” button to each sponsor.

◊ $25.00 to the I.O.O.F. program of the sponsors choice for sponsoring 10 new members into the Order— in the sponsors name.

◊ PM/LAPM AWARDS
  Sponsor one (1) new member: ribbon bar
  2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf
  Add a bronze oak leaf for each additional 2

  January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

◊ To all new members a ’three link’ pin
◊ To the Unit sponsoring the most new members a ’3 link’ rug.
◊ To the Grand Body with the largest net gain a plaque.

◊ Units being instituted will receive an altar Bible and Institution Kit from the International Leaders upon notification from the Grand Body secretarial officer. Please send name and number, date of institution and location to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade Street NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

BUILD STRONG BRANCHES!

COMMUNITY SERVICE by involving your Lodge in Community activities and civic projects; through this involvement we will increase awareness of Odd Fellowship in our Communities. Branch out into your community, be part of the community.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Support the projects of the Order:
United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth

I.O.O.F. Educational Foundation
Visual Research Foundation
Hunger & Disaster
Living Legacy
Arthritis (Foundation and Society)
I.O.O.F. SOS Children’s Village—Cambodia

Support local projects:
In addition certificates will be awarded for participation in local projects: Scholarships; Drug Awareness Programs, and Community Project(s) of your choice.
See the I.O.O.F. News — issues of March-April & May-June for the reporting forms.

‘DEEP ROOTS’

AWARDS

For outstanding performance by a Unit promoting Odd Fellowship through a community project.

For outstanding performance by an individual member promoting Odd Fellowship through a public awareness program.

The OAK Tree— A Message of Encouragement

A mighty wind blew night and day.
It stole the oak tree’s leaves away,
then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
Until the oak was tired and stark.
While other trees fell all around.
The weary wind gave up and spoke,
"How can you still be standing, Oak?"
The oak tree said, "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two,
Carry every leaf away, Shake my limbs, and make me sway.
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see
They are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn’t sure
Of just how much I could endure
But now I've found, with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew."

Whatever it is that you are going through...try to remember that you're stronger than any problem you encounter or any disappointment life will bring ... I'm thinking of you ... believing in you ... and caring for you.

And they shall be called Oaks of Righteousness a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor...Isaiah 61:1-3
GENERAL PROCLAMATION

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

Fraternial Greetings:

I, Danny M. Wood, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

September 20, 2015: Rebekah Degree Day, commemorating the 164th Anniversary of the Degree of Rebekah. All Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate an ‘Anniversary Class’ commemorating the day.

October 2015: Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Month. All units are asked to make immediate plans for their delegates or to support the Pilgrimage in all ways possible.

January 15, 2016: Thomas Wildey Day, in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America. All units are encouraged to initiate a ‘Wildey Class’ in celebration of the occasion.


April 16, 2016: Make a Difference Day.

April 26, 2016: Founder’s Day, commemorating the 197th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland. All units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.

June 14, 2016: Memorial Day, for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. All units are asked to set aside time to remember.

I ask that you observe the above-mentioned days on the date noted or a date as near as possible.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 22nd day of August 2015 in the 197th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Danny M. Wood

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Master

Sovereign Grand Secretary
REBEKAH DEGREE PROCLAMATION

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

Fraternal Greetings:

September 20, 1851 the Rebekah Degree became another Degree of Odd Fellowship bringing woman’s softening influence into the Order.

Now, 164 years later the Rebekah Degree has spread throughout the world.

Therefore, I, Danny M. Wood, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim that,

September 20, 2015 be proclaimed REBEKAH DEGREE DAY, in observance of the 163rd Anniversary of its inception. Lodges are asked to hold a special ceremony to celebrate the occasion.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 22nd day of August 2015, in the 197th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

[SEAL]
/s/ Danny M. Wood
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Odds Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth having been organized in 1950 has just concluded its 65th annual educational tour to the United Nations and other historical landmarks. Approximately 40,000 students have participated in the program since its inception.

The 66th tour is now being organized whereby additional students will ‘live the Spirit of Odd Fellowship’ in the coming years. These young people are the future leaders and this is our contribution to society.

Therefore, I, Danny M. Wood, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim that:

The month of October is Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Month.

All units are asked to make immediate plans for their delegates and to support the Pilgrimage in all ways possible.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 22nd day of August 2015 in the 197th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

[SEAL]
/s/ Danny M. Wood
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
THE DEGREE OF REBEKAH,
OR LADIES’ DEGREE
[As adopted in 1851]

§ 1. Prefatory Remarks.

This degree was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session in September, 1851, and went into operation with the year 1852. The Committee previously appointed to prepare it, were Representatives Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana; Wm. T. Martin, of Mississippi; and E. G. Steele, of Tennessee. But it is understood that the Chairman, Br. Colfax, is the author of the degree, as he has been from the beginning the earnest and able advocate for it.

“The degree of Rebekah is an honorary degree, to be conferred upon such scarlet members and their wives as may desire to receive it.” It “is a necessary qualification for office in all lodges that are in possession of it.” It is to be conferred without pecuniary charge of any kind, and “on the wives of scarlet members as a matter of course;” so no ballot is had. And it “may be conferred upon the widows of Odd Fellows who were in good standing at the time of their death, upon application therefor in open Lodge,”—they being accompanied by other ladies who have received or are to receive the degree. Any Grand Lodge may charter “Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah,” (each Lodge of not less than five members of each sex,) to confer that degree on such candidates as present the required certificates from a proper Lodge—to choose officers of the same titles, etc., as in a working Lodge, (except that the N. G. must be a P. G., and the Warden and both Guardians must be of the Scarlet Degree,)—and to enact By-laws regulating membership, dues, benefits, etc., as in other subordinates, and as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.—Condensed from Jour. G.L.U.S., pp. 2655, 2673, 4383, 4384; and from Digest, pp. 44, 45.

Application having been made to the working Lodge, and granted, for this degree—and the appointed time for conferring it having arrived—the ladies will be brought into the anteroom, and will there take off shawls or cloaks, and bonnets, for their own comfort. As there is nothing improper or offensive in the ceremonial, (which must be conferred in the presence of their husbands and each other,) none need feel the least hesitancy or timidity about entering the Lodge-room.

As the “Daughter’s” standing depends on her husband’s, it is her interest (and her right) to know that he is “free from all charges,” moral and pecuniary, that she may retain her “good standing,” and the benefits and advantages accruing to her family through his connection with the Order. This degree makes manifest to both their mutual interests and duties in Odd Fellowship, and thus qualifies each to be a better “helpmate” for the other.

§ 2. Of the Degree.

1. As the degree is designed to unite the wives and widows of members more intimately with the work of Odd Fellowship, we address our remarks to the women only.

2. No lady should assume the responsibilities of this degree, who feels not a desire to devote herself for life, when her other duties will permit, to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan.” She who feels this desire, and is resolved to follow its dictates, whatever the circumstances, or whatever the opinions of the world around her, is worthy to receive its honors.

3. Not only should such a resolve exist, but a determination to obey it in the true spirit of our Order and of religion itself, quietly and noiselessly, like the droppings of the gentle rain, or the distillations of the silent dew on parched herbage and drooping flower. In Bible language, “let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.”

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4. Can you, will you thus promise to do good to your fellow-beings, as good should always be done by the votaries of our Order? Such is the path we have trodden. The malice of bigotry, the opposition of ignorance, the misrepresentations of prejudice assailed us at every step, but our Order pressed onward, not pausing even for defence doing good for evil, giving blessing for curses, and even benefiting those who most aided to injure us. Will you walk with us in this path? Can you resolve to labor with us in such works of forbearance and love?

5. Before you answer, consider well. Our Order scorns to receive unwilling vows. Though arduous and difficult its duties, they are joyous in themselves and rich in their compensations. We offer you no worldly honor for your sacrifices; for often the world knows not or understands not either your motives or your deeds. We can only promise our countenance and aid, the approval of your own conscience, the blessings of those you have succored, and the rewards of our Great Parent. Consider, then, what is involved in the duty of loving your neighbor as yourself. It may call you from the bowers of pleasure to the couch of the pained and suffering; from amid the joyous and gay to the abode of poverty and wo; from a social or domestic circle of peace and comfort to watch through the weary night hours; to wipe the clammy death-sweat from the brow, or press with balmy hand the bounding pulse; to give the healing medicine, or speak calmness to the delirious thoughts; to pour oil into the flickering lamp of life, or close the fading eye as the last prayer bears on its wings the departing spirit into the presence of its God. Is this too much, too great a sacrifice for you? Then, retire in peace: pronounce not the vows we ask!

6. You hear all this, you consider it well, but you waver not, you draw not back! Such is woman’s courage and humanity! We welcome you, therefore, to duties so honorable, so peculiarly adapted to your loving hearts and sympathizing natures. Through long, long years you cheered us onward, rejoicing in our prosperity and blessing our labors. Advance, now, with us, by receiving this degree, which we have established as a pledge of our confidence in your goodness and fidelity.

7. Sacredly guard from exposure by any means the signs and words by which you may be known as a member of this degree, and demand aid and counsel from the brotherhood in seasons of difficulty, danger, or distress. Make full trial of those whom you would address, and confide in them only after careful and rigid examination.

8. These signs and words are never to be used in a light or trifling manner, or for purposes of mere curiosity. They are meant to be useful, and their utility makes them important. One of them is changed every year. So long as your husband retains his moral and pecuniary standing in his Lodge, it will be given you, annually, by him, or, in his absence, by the presiding officer of his Lodge.

9. Having united with our Order, we would direct and stimulate you in the performance of the duties it enjoins, by referring you to illustrious examples in your own sex. And nobler specimens of humanity and true womanhood can nowhere be found in past ages, than are named to us in the BOOK OF BOOKS.

10. Behold the hospitality of the modest and graceful REBEKAH, readily ministering to the stranger and his

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thirsty, way-worn cattle. It was her characteristic when Isaac became her husband, as God had appointed; it remained hers when she was the aged mother of a family. Mark the confiding piety of the wife of Manoah, encouraging her husband to trust in God, and herself to hold converse with the Angel which gave her promise of Samson. Also, the devotion of Hannah, dedicating her child Samuel unto God from his infancy. See also the zeal and courage of patriotism in Deborah, the widow who was a bright star of hope in her country’s trouble; and at whose word, it was said, “the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.” And the self-sacrificing love of countrymen, so like that of Moses, by whom was it better evinced than by the queenly Esther? —risking station, and life even, to save from massacre her father’s people. The steadfast filial piety and devoted affection of Ruth fills one of the most beautiful biographical narratives of the Bible. How tender and how beautiful her language to her widowed and childless mother-in-law, Naomi! “Entreat me not to leave thee for whither thou goest I will go; where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.” Consider also the virgin prophetess, Miriam, the sister, the almost mother of Aaron and Moses. From the hour in which she watched over the latter as he was rocked by the waters of the Nile, to the hour of her death, she proved herself a noble, high-minded, generous, brave, loving sister and woman. And thus, from Sarah, the wife of the Friend of God, and the mother of patriarchs, down to Martha and Mary, to the women who watched when the disciples fled, to Dorcas who cared for the poor, the history glows and brightens with woman’s worth and loveliness. Before these, how the glory of Cleopatra and Aspasia, of Elizabeth of England, or Catharine of Russia, “loses, discountenanced, and like folly shows.” We therefore hold up for your imitation the goodness of those whose modesty and worth, whose domestic and public virtues, prove them women indeed.

11. For woman’s work is to do good. Men need banding together, to stimulate their better affections; but in woman, benevolence and humanity are spontaneous. In entering into closer union with our Order, therefore, you need only follow, as before, the promptings of your ever-ready sympathies, to perform its duties and fulfil its obligations. In your families and neighborhoods, wherever misery can be relieved, want supplied, or sorrow consoled, there is the work of a daughter of Rebekah.

12. And in return for the aid you bring us, we pledge duty and devotion to you. For at no time has woman been excluded from our cares or labors. Rather, for her has our Order been founded and improved. For wife and children, rather than for self, has the husband and the father given it his labors and his means. For them has the largest portion of our benefits been provided. When her partner in the household is laid on the bed of sickness, for her we pay the benefits. When she is weary with watching at his bedside, we send brethren to relieve her. When death removes him, we give her double what he is allowed when she is taken away. And when the widow’s home is hers, with its loneliness and gloom, strong hands and warm hearts form a protection around her, to supply her wants, and cherish her and hers, for the sake of him to whom they pledged a love “Failing not when life has perish’d, Living still beyond the tomb.”

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we pledge our means, resources, and powers, to promote your welfare and secure your interests.

13. You learn, then, that our Odd Fellowship is a unity of hearts and purposes to resist the heartlessness and selfishness of the world around us. Having become one with us and of us in that fellowship, and assumed our obligations, we can better demonstrate to you that our greatest duty and highest aim is the promotion of a practical, loving fraternity of mankind. For the entire human race is but one family, not only physically, but spiritually, not only theoretically, but really and truly. Each member, therefore, is bound to aid the rest. Our mission is not a narrow one. “None of us liveth to himself.” We are created and placed here to labor for our fellow-men, to advance our age, elevate our country, and improve our race.

14. With such teachings within our Temple, leading to corresponding practices without, our Order will withstand all the shocks of opposition, and the changes of public opinion, and grow firmer and stronger in moral power, until “the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds” changes our theatre of action to one of repose, our labor to reward.

§ 3. Regalia of the Degree of Rebekah.

The regalia of this degree (out of the Lodge) is a pink and green ribbon intertwined and twisted together, which may be worn as a bow, collar, bracelet, or as a trimming on any part of the dress, according to the wearer’s taste and fancy.


The colors (for there are two) of this degree are pink and green, whose emblematic significations have already been explained in our remarks on the Covenant Degree and the Degree of Remembrance, to which the reader is respectfully referred.

§ 5. Emblems.

The Grand Lodge of the United States attached no special emblems to this degree. Our lady readers can find, in the symbolical language we have unfolded in the other degrees, not a few which may be chosen as mementos of duty and encouragement. And every female example of the Old Testament, to whom we have referred them, will furnish an abundance in her eventful history.

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1 The great traveler, Ledyard, truly says—“I have observed among all nations, that the women are the same kind, civil, obliging, humane, tender beings; that they are ever inclined to be gay and cheerful, timorous and modest. They do not hesitate, like man, to perform a hospitable or generous action; not haughty, nor arrogant, nor supercilious, but full of courtesy and fond of society; industrious, economical, ingenuous; more liable in general to err than man, but in general, also more virtuous, and performing more good actions than he. I never addressed myself in the language of decency and friendship to a woman, whether civilized or savage, without receiving a decent and friendly answer. With man, it has often been otherwise. In wandering over the barren plains of inhospitable Denmark, through honest Sweden, frozen Lapland, rude and churlish Finland, unprincipled Russia, and the wide-spread regions of the wandering Tartar, if hungry, dry, cold, wet, or sick, woman has ever been friendly to me, and uniformly so; and to add to this virtue, so worthy of the appellation of benevolence, these actions have been performed in so free and so kind a manner, that if I was dry, I drank the sweet draught, and if hungry, ate the coarse morsel, with a double relish.”—Sparks’s Life of Ledyard, 252.
Living Legacy lives through Odd Fellowship.

The **Tree of Peace** is a symbol of peace in the Iroquois culture.

According to Iroquois tradition, the Great Law of Peace ended the ancient cycle of enmity and continuous conflict between the separate tribes and united them into the Iroquois Confederacy that made them into the most powerful force in North America until the rapid expansion of European colonization in the 18th century.

Between 1710 and 1713, the Tuscarora tribe was forced out of its homeland by white settlers and following the Tree of Peace, relocated to reside with the Oneida tribe in central New York. In 1722, they were officially incorporated into the Five Nations creating the Six Nations.

Another Tree of Peace was planted in Latina, Italy in 2013, September 29 by Alex Levinci. As a symbol of peace, it was aimed to find common points in belief and to unite three monotheist religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The particularity of this fir tree is that it has three main branches growing from one root.

The Tree of Peace is an important symbol of peace in Iroquois tradition and in the historical record of diplomacy between the Iroquois and Westerners. Weapons would be buried under a tree to seal a peace agreement. A tree might even be uprooted to create a cavity for the weapons. The replanted tree on top would become a tree of peace.

A specific Eastern White Pine was the symbol of the Iroquois constitution known as the Gayanashagowa or Great Law of Peace given by The Great Peacemaker to the Iroquois people hundreds of years before the European arrival in America. Its characteristic bundles of five needles became the symbol of the Five Nations joined together as one.

Plant **your** Tree of Peace: plant **your lodge’s** Tree of Peace — during the 2015-2016 term.

Be it a White Pine of the Iroquois; or Abraham’s Oak; that of Willow, Myrtle, or your own choice—let the 2015-2016 term be the beginning of your lodge’s renewed peace with one another.
### NEW MEMBER

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September 2015

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We have just returned from the Annual Sessions in Fort Worth, Texas. On Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. the published schedule listed a membership program. Joy and I were there along with eight people out of the approximately 900 attending the sessions. Seven Odd Fellows and one Rebekah. Not one officer of the four units holding sessions—past, present, or officers elect for 2016 was present! Does that make a statement as to the dedication we have in saving our membership??? Joy and I traveled thousands of miles and spent many days on the road attending local lodge meetings during 2014/2015, where we presented a mini seminar about the benefits of being a member of this organization. We talked about all of the programs of The Sovereign Grand Lodge – i.e. Educational Foundation, Visual Research Foundation, United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, Hunger and Disaster Fund, Living Legacy, S.O.S. Children’s Villages, Arthritis Foundation, and of course, Membership. After our presentation and distribution of printed brochures, numerous local lodge members came to us and said, “I didn’t know about all of these programs and benefits we had!” This is exactly what I have suspected for a long time: The information regarding our programs and benefits are NOT REACHING the local membership. I challenge each jurisdiction to immediately appoint at least one and maybe two or three good and knowledgeable members to travel to each local lodge and talk about the benefits of belonging to the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs. You can obtain printed material from the Sovereign Grand Secretary’s office just by asking.

Joy and I, along with P.S.G.M. Humphrey will be traveling again this year to as many local lodges as we can to present our program and hopefully inspire members to ask someone they know to join. It is a slow process, but what we have been doing for many years certainly hasn’t worked—so it is time to try something different.

According to this year’s just published report, we now have 18 Odd Fellow jurisdictions and 21 Rebekah jurisdictions that have fewer than 200 members. We have a total of 35,167 Odd Fellows and 22,538 Rebekahs in North America. If these figures don’t concern you, then we will probably no longer exist past our 200 year anniversary. Please ask someone to join. Informational brochures and Application blanks are free for the asking!

Jon Petersen, P.S.G.M.
Membership Chairman 2015/2016
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80 years

75 Years

70 Years

65 Years

60 Years
Mary Marble, CO
Nancy Farmer, KS

55 years

50 Years
Bessie Burr, CO
Clara Kay Thompson, IL
Nancy A. Curfman, IL

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Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The Board of Directors of the UN Educational Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. is pleased to announce the beginning date for the 2016 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour Program and that tour fees will remain the same. All buses will travel the same route. The bus route is being determined and will be announced when completed.

Date for 2016 Tour - (starting in Philadelphia) July 9th (week 1 of tour) (starting in Ottawa and Middleton) (week 2 of tour) date to be determined based upon bus route

2016 Tour Fees in US Funds - $1,600.00 Delegates
$1,300.00 Tour Leaders
Delegate Age Requirement - Age of 16-17 with one year of high school remaining – NO EXCEPTIONS.

These fees do not include the cost of transportation from your jurisdiction to the originating point in Philadelphia, Ottawa or Middleton.

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

All 2016 REGISTRATION FORMS and 2016 TOUR LEADER APPLICATIONS with all Required Documents should be mailed to my office listed above in Illinois.

All 2016 Registration Forms and Tour Leader Applications are on the website: www.unpilgrimage.org

DEADLINE DATES:

January 15th – Confirm number of delegates and pay non refundable holding fee of 1/2 delegates fee per delegate ($800.00 each).

April 1st – Final payment for all delegates along with All Completed 2016 Registration Forms in Duplicate with All Required Supporting Documents.

January 15th – Tour Leaders and Assistant Tour Leaders must submit applications approved by their Jurisdiction no later than January 15th for approval by the Board of Directors. These applications can be found on our web site at: www.unpilgrimage.org. A color copy of your Passport along with proof of insurance must be included with your application.

April 1st – Tour Leader and Assistant Tour Leader Fees - Tour Leaders must be approved by the U.N.E.P.Y. Inc., Board. Fees are due in full, along with a copy of your physicians’ statement no later than April 1st.

The above Deadline Dates reflect receipt of payments in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a completed 2016 Registration packet at my office. Any payments or forms and documents received after these dates will be assessed a $50.00 per delegate late fee.

Please contact your Jurisdictional Chair for specific deadline dates in your Jurisdiction.

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