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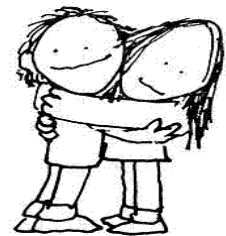
PSALM 133

The Benefits of Brotherly Concord

¹A song of ascents. Of David.
How good and how pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell together as one!

²Like fine oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron,
upon the collar of his robe.

³Like dew of Hermon coming down
upon the mountains of Zion.
There the LORD has decreed a blessing,
life for evermore!



*[Psalm 133] A BENEDICTION over a peaceful community, most probably the people Israel, but appropriate too for Israelite families (Ps 133:1). The history of Israel, whether of its ancestors in the Book of Genesis or of later periods, was a history of distinct groups struggling to live in unity. Here that unity is declared blessed, like the holy oils upon the priest Aaron or the dew of the rainless summer that waters the crops (Ps 133:2–3).

*[133:1] BROTHERS: in biblical Hebrew this word includes both the male and female members of a group united by blood relationships or by shared experiences and values. In this Psalm, the term could be applied most appropriately to the people of Israel, those privileged by God to be his chosen children.

*[133:2] OIL ON THE HEAD: oil was used at the consecration of the high priest (Ex 30:22–33).

*[133:3] DEW: dew was an important source of moisture in the dry climate (Gn 27:28; Hos 14:6). Hermon: the majestic snow-capped mountain visible in the north of Palestine.

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Thank you from:

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General Daniel E. Mathews
Lady Tracy L. Boyer

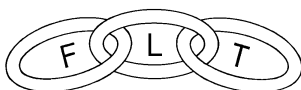
For all of the kindnesses, courtesies and good wishes extended at the sessions in Rapid City—we look forward to seeing many of you in our up coming travels.

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Sympathy to:

The family of Gen. Dino P. Fiorin, General Commanding 1998-1999—date of death: 8/11/16

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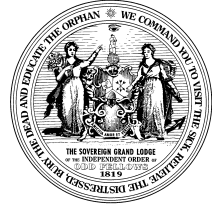
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Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



September 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to share with you my remarks that I gave at The Sovereign Grand Lodge installation in Rapid City.

I would like to thank the members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for electing me as Sovereign Grand Master. It has been a humbling experience to serve the past two years. Also I want to thank Joyce Link, President of the I.A.R.A., General Dan Mathews General Commanding GMC, and Lady Tracy Boyer, President of IA-LAPM for their support and guidance thru the years of service.

I would like to welcome the overseas visitors and thank them for all their support they give to the Odd Fellows world wide.

Also a thank-you to the installing staff for their fine job in installing us tonight. Your kindness and support will always be remembered, again thanks for a job well done.

I would like also to thank those members who agreed to be part of my Staff.

My goal this year is to have a Year of Unity through Peace and Harmony. My Motto "Be a Lover not a Fighter", in other words let us work together in Unity and Understanding and not have conflict in our Order.

Our goal is to increase membership and Educate the members at the grass roots level. Go out into the community and recruit members by talking to groups like the Rotary, Chambers of Commerce, Church Groups, Sport Teams, coaches and school teachers. Tell them about the United Nations Pilgrimage Program for Youth, Camps for Youth and the Education Funds. This will be a way to increase membership and get younger people involved in the Order.

Rebuild membership by having programs on the Local Lodge Level. Educate the members on the projects of the Order. Many members are not aware of what we do as an Order. Have District Deputies set up district meetings to encourage visitation among the members. Have social meetings and invite non members to the events. Get involved in the community and have projects in the local areas to promote the Order. Like the Humanitarian and Good Samaritan Awards. This program recognizes people that are non members, but promote the principles of the Odd Fellowship.

Contact local news media when special events are planned and invite them to the events.

Rededicate ourselves to the Order by reaching out and help our Fellowman. Help families in need, such as ones that had illness, death, house fires or other needs. Go back to the basics on how Odd Fellowship was formed.

Thank You,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,

W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master



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



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



September 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

To the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Sovereign Grand Master Larry, General Dan and Lady Tracy. To our fraternal guests from overseas and each and every one of you present on this very special evening of installation and the start of a new fraternal year.

I am honored and privileged to stand before you – my heart is filled with joy, happiness and excitement as I take this fraternal journey thru the International and represent each of you in a proud and commendable manner. No one takes this journey alone.

Thank you to all of the Sisters and Brothers of California, including my home Rebekah District Nos. 6 & 1 and Odd Fellow District No. 3.

The tribute was an outstanding presentation I thank you for your love and support since I started this journey. It means so much to me to have all of you here this week.

Installing Staff – Thank you for accepting to be a part of the ceremony – there was never a “NO” when asked for your participation. To my soloist and musician Penny – thank you for the beautiful song of ‘*imagine*’. To the Convention Committee and the hotel and convention center staffs – thank you for all you have done to make our week a success.

Without the continuing support, understanding and love of a very caring family this endeavor would be impossible. I would like to introduce you to my family at this time.

Two years ago when Larry and I were elected Wardens and met for the first time we realized our vision and goals were very similar. From that day on we planned our “Year of Unity” together. Our program this year is an easy one – very simple – the grass roots of the Order or as I say “down to earth”.

My motto is: “UNITY Through UNDERSTANDING” – a link to the future. We must respect each other and respect the strengths and weakness of each other as we work together.

My aim is to assist and strengthen all Jurisdictions as I, or my Representatives, travel throughout the United States and Canada.

I have chosen the ‘forget-me-not’ as my flower. The meaning of the forget-me-not is a connection that lasts thru time. I hope I have made that connection with you.

54 years ago I was initiated into Elk Grove Rebekah Lodge No. 136 in Elk Grove, California. The memories of that evening are as clear as if were yesterday. The hall was filled to capacity as the very solemn ceremony of initiation for 5 young women was about to take place. From that evening on we were mentored in the Ritual and the tenets of our Order – Friendship – Love – Truth. Those Sisters that taught us became very special. I admired and respected them. They are all gone now but I know on this very special important evening up in the heavenly skies they have called a Special Session of Rebekah Assembly and are sitting around a big table and saying “We taught her well – she did listen” – and I did.

I have a short story which inspired me that I wish to share with you. Many years ago I attended a reception in California honoring a Sister for her office in the Assembly. Her daughter was on the

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“UNITY Through UNDERSTANDING” – a link to the future.



Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



September 2016

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

Greetings to all!

I thank all the members of the General Military Council for electing me General Commanding for the coming year. We have many challenges before us and many hopes and dreams fortifying our ambitions, so let us get after it and build a great future and a wonderful world.

My concentrated efforts these past years have been to mold and bring to life a youth version of the Patriarchs Militant. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has granted a provisional one-year opportunity for us to demonstrate that such an endeavor may contribute mightily to Our Order.

Qualifications for Cadet Corps Platoon membership:
Individuals between the ages of 8 and 18 may apply for membership in the Cadet Corps.

All Cadets shall become a member of our Order having joined either a Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Girls' Club or a United Youth Group within a 12 month period of the date of mustering.

When of sufficient age, any Cadet may continue as an Odd Fellow or Rebekah and then a join a Canton; however at age 19 Cadets shall graduate from the Corps with no exception and may become a Junior Advisor provided they are members of our Order and the PM.

A couple of years ago, do to circumstances my home Canton moved our meeting to the 2nd Monday of each month after having asked the United Youth Group if we could share the Lodge Hall. The level of interest and the depth of questions regarding our PM Uniforms astonished me. How could they become members? and get a uniform? and when can they learn to march? And can they march in the 4th of July Parade? And so on.

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Office of the President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant



Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

September 2016

Installing officers, Dignitaries, my co-partners SGM-elect Brother Larry, IARA President-elect Sister Joyce, General Commanding General Dan, Brothers, Sisters, Chevaliers, Ladies, Friends and Family.

As I met the first International Officers as visitors to my jurisdiction of West Virginia, I was in awe of them, their knowledge and confidence was very inspiring. With all of your help, support, and encouragement I am now able to stand here tonight as your newly elected president. This is truly a honor. Thank you so much for allowing me to fulfill a dream. I will do my very best to make everyone proud of me.

I am looking forward to the coming year and what it might have in store. I am traveling to new jurisdictions and look forward to meeting new friends along the way, as well as revisiting

jurisdictions and rekindling old friendships. To the Jurisdictions I visited in the past two years, thank you very much for all of the warm welcomes and courtesies extended to us, you did a fantastic job making us feel right at home.

To the installing staff, my sincere thanks for your acceptance and for a job well done. To the Honor Guard you did a outstanding job. To my family, my Dad Chief of Staff David Schoolcraft, my mom PP-IALAPM Lady Carol Schoolcraft, my daughter Lady Ashley Boyer who could not be here this year. I would not be able to do this without you. Your support, understanding, and encouragement means the world to me. To the audience, my friends, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be here, this is a special evening and I love that everyone choose to

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program to introduce her to those assembled. When called upon the daughter walked to the podium and took her mother's hand and said the following: "We always knew when it was lodge night at our home for at 5:00 mom put on her apron and served dinner to our family of 4. At 6:00 mom took off her apron and proceeded down the hall to the bedroom. At 7:00 she appeared in the living room looking so pretty in her formal dress ready to go to her Rebekah lodge meeting. Through my eyes she looked like Cinderella.

Well, I kind of feel like Cinderella tonight and why not – I have my beautiful family and my prince charming, a fine gentleman from West Virginia as my co-worker and most importantly I have YOU, each and every one of you – for YOU have made a difference in my life. You have touched my life in some way and made that difference. We have laughed together, cried together and disagreed together but we got over it and have moved on for that is what we should do. So for that difference in my life I dedicate this fraternal year to you.

This evening would not be complete without remembering a very special friend, fraternally and personally. Donald R. Smith, Past Sovereign Grand Master 1969-1970 from the Jurisdiction of California. Don was a mentor to many and a friend

to all. He was always eager to listen and encouraged you in all you wanted to pursue. He exemplified Odd Fellowship. I know he would be very proud this evening.

Tonight is a celebration and Larry and I and our Jurisdictional committees invite you to a reception immediately following this ceremony here in the hotel.

I thank you for this honor and opportunity to serve you and the International.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your support and invite all of you to join with me in this incredible journey. I will be looking for you along the way.

Fraternally with Love,



Joyce Link, President I.A.R.A.



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I was raised in a small community that had no organized youth activities and was a UNP Delegate in 1967, and I made the connection that these United Youth Group members were reaching out and asking us for guidance and help in developing into great adults. So my challenge to you is to go forth and start a Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Girls' Club, United Youth Group or Cadet Corps Platoon. All of our future members are in Grade School today; let us meet with our future and help them build their world.

My motto is "If it is to be, it is up to us". Let us join together and all of us work toward offering Odd Fellowship and our Principles to all youth.

I wish to extend a Thank You to all the members of Pacific North West Department Council and a special Thank You to Oregon's fantastic Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for their unwavering support.

Chivalrously,



General Daniel E. Mathews
General Commanding



'a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier'

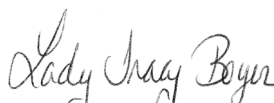
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share this evening with us.

At this time can I please have all the the Ladies of the LAPM stand, if you can, this is dedicated to you. "What a difference you've made in my Life" performed by Lady Sandra Brown and Lady Pat Wilson.

To my co-partners, congratulations and I hope each of you have the year that you dream and aspire to have, I hope that we continue to work together and support each other. To everyone, as we begin our new year of Odd Fellowship together, always remember that "Our Rewards are equal to Our Deeds", so let us all do our best to be the best we can be.

Thank You!!



Lady Tracy U. Boyer
President IA-LAPM





THE HONORABLE
W. LARRY FERGUSON
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SLOGAN: THE 3 R's

RECRUIT— REBUILD— REDEDICATE
 — ODD FELLOWSHIP

EMBLEMS:

The 'all seeing eye' and 'three links.'



THEME: Year of Unity.

MOTTO: Be a Lover not a Fighter

SCRIPTURE: *John 3:11*— For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning that we should love one another.

Psalms 133:1— Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

1 Corinthians 12:26— If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

PRAYER: Lord's Prayer

GUIDES: Bible, Rituals, Code of General Laws and Constitutions and By-laws

SONGS: *Thank you Lord for your Blessings*
It's a Small World

FLOWER: Red Rose

RECRUIT— REBUILD— REDEDICATE
 — ODD FELLOWSHIP

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



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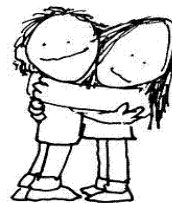


A CONNECTION
 THAT LASTS
 THROUGH TIME.

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MOTTO: Unity through understanding—
 a link to the future.



THEME: Respect each other
 as we work together.

AIM: Assist and strengthen
 jurisdictions.

GUIDE: *The best thing in life is a friend.*
 From a book given to me by a friend; a
 collection of poems edited by Susan
 Polis Schutz.

FLOWERS: forget-me-not
 yellow rose

COLORS: shades of blue and silver

SONGS: *Imagine*—by John Lennon
*What a Difference You've Made
 in My Life.*

HYMNS: *Blessings*—by Laura Story

Life is Good
 Unknown

The more we give, the more we'll get;
 The more we laugh, the less we'll fret;
 The more we do unselfishly,
 The more we'll live abundantly;
 The more of everything we share,
 The more we'll always have to spare;
 The more we love, the more we'll find,
 That life is good and friends are kind;
 For only what we give away,
 Enriches us from day to day.

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.





GENERAL DANIEL E. MATHEWS
GENERAL COMMANDING

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MOTTO: If it is to be, it is up to us. – With 20 letters and 10 words, this odd sentence contains 5 i's; none of which stands alone or has meaning without a partner and demonstrates that teamwork, in reality, starts with "I" and ends with us.

AIM: Make our PM Uniform and the Patriarchs Militant branch into the goal of every member of our Order. Smile at and thank everyone inspiring cooperation and greatness within others and to always do unto others, as I would have them do unto me; no matter what they do unto me; for that really messes with their minds.

CHALLENGE: Grow the Patriarchs Militant and our Order. Also, to represent the P.M. with Honor and Respect while inspiring all mankind that Friendship, Love and Truth are the true watchwords as we work together to build our Order and a better world.

GUIDES: The Rituals and Code of General Laws

FLOWERS: Red, White, Blue, Yellow and Purple ones

COLORS: Black, Gold, and Light Blue

HYMNS: *Silent Night*

SONGS: *Wabash Cannonball*, all Holiday Music

Scripture: Genesis 4:9 — Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

EMBLEMS: A PM shield with crown, lamb, lion and crossed crook and sword. Friendship, Love, Truth; Faith, Hope, Charity; and Justitia Universalis.



DEDICATION: The Lord, who blessed me by sending me my soul mate and wife, Shirley; who has for 45 Years been the angel in my life. Also, I bless all who have guided me on this journey called life; your wisdom has been my inspiration and my thank you will always be inadequate.

I.O.O.F. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION—WINSTON-SALEM, NC

I was awarded an I.O.O.F. Continuing Education Grant, and used the funds to take the course ED 750-Action Research in Schools, as part of my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. The course was rigorous and relevant to my professional development as a teacher. It allowed me to gain new understanding of how educational action research can be used as a tool to inform my professional practice, enhance my teaching, and

positively influence my student's learning. I have also further developed the skills necessary to implement an action research study using several different research methods. Finally, be able to apply what I have learned to take a leadership role in my professional learning community supporting the academic and professional goals of my colleagues in my department, school and district, the I.O.O.F. Continuing Enrichment Grant has enabled me to further develop as a professional educator and an individual. Sean Bialas, Rushmore Lodge No. 39—SD.



LADY TRACY L. BOYER
PRESIDENT— I.A.L.A.P.M.

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MOTTO: Our rewards are equal to our deeds.

EMBLEM: Crown



GUIDE:

The Crown illustrates the compensation of life. It signifies that our rewards are equal to our deeds, that if we would be crowned with happiness, we must in turn strive to make others happy. It also reminds us of the eternal Crown of Glory, which we are taught is given as a reward for a well spent life; it impresses upon us the fact that, if we would obtain this reward, we must practice the lessons taught by the obligations we have so voluntarily assumed.

THEME: Unity within our Order

COLORS: Purple, White and Gold

FLOWERS: Iris, Hydrangea and Sunflowers

HYMNS: *In the Garden*
Because He lives
I Love to Tell the Story

SONG: *What a Difference You've Made in My Life.*

SCRIPTURE: *Mathew 7:12—So in everything do to others what you would have them do to you.*

Dedication: I dedicate this year in memory of my grandfather, his fraternal love was unending, my parents, without their love and support, I would not be able to do this, my Daughter she is the light of my life. And my family and friends for their support and encouragement along the way. I cannot say Thank You enough.

Poem: When good friends walk beside us...
On the trails that we must keep...
Our burdens seem less heavy...
And the hills are not so steep...
The weary miles pass swiftly...
Taken in a joyous stride...
And all the world seems brighter...
When friends walk by our side.



The LIVING LEGACY PROGRAM of the was the idea of Sovereign Grand Master Wilson D. Berkey, who in 1989 noticed many dead trees in the jurisdictions that he was visiting which aroused his concern for global tree loss. He commissioned this worthy project as 'The Living Legacy Program' of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His untimely passing in March 1990 caused the program to become his own 'Living Memorial' for his untiring work for Odd Fellowship!

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a 'Family

Fraternity'. While it was first organized with only men in Odd Fellows Lodges in 1819 on the North American Continent, the Rebekah branch was organized in 1851 and women were admitted to Odd Fellowship, as were other Units organized — Encampment, Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, Patriarchs Militant, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho Girls' Clubs and United Youth Groups to complete the 'Family Fraternity'. The branches of the 'Family Fraternity' have planted over two million trees since the program's inception and we have only begun!

This is our gift to future generations! So please join Odd Fellows and Rebekahs worldwide in planting trees which will

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.

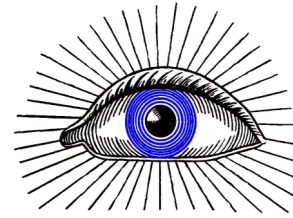


- ◇ \$25.00 to the I.O.O.F. program of the sponsors choice for sponsoring 10 new members into the Order— in the sponsors name.
- ◇ PM/LAPM AWARDS
Sponsor one (1) new member: ribbon bar
Additional 2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf
3 oak leaves per ribbon bar.

January 1, 2017— December 31, 2017

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



‘UNITY’ 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.

I. THE ALL-SEEING EYE.

Emblem of Omniscience:

“Enveloped in a blaze of light and glory, it reminds us that the scrutinizing gaze of Our Father is ever upon us,” beholding all our actions and even our thoughts; for He “searcheth the heart and trieth the reins.”

On entering or leaving a Lodge, we note it as a reminder of the instructions at our initiation, and it serves to keep us steadfast in our integrity. Although, to mortal vision, “clouds and darkness are round about” the Invisible One, yet we know that “judgment and justice are the foundations of His throne,” and that “He dwelleth in light,” and “in Him is no darkness at all.” “If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, — even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.”

But this emblem also teaches us the soul-cheering truth that God looketh kindly and pityingly upon us; for “He remembereth that we are dust,” and that He provideth for all our wants, and is so minute in His paternal care, that even the hairs of our heads are numbered.

Let us, then, gratefully, as well as reverently, so live under His all-seeing eye, that we may thank Him for the past, rejoice before Him in the present, and cherish an humble hope in Him for the future thus fulfilling the great motto of our Order: “IN GOD WE TRUST”.

better the community in which we live while helping to beautify the world!

Fighting global warming is a priority of all countries and governments. Planting trees has been advocated by scientist for years due to the ability of trees to absorb carbon dioxide, store the carbon and release oxygen for human use. **Man’s best environmental cleaners are trees; as long as air pollution continues — let us plant trees!**

You too can help, plant a tree on or as close to “Arbor Day”, during the last week of April, but planting anytime can make a difference in our environment.

Make contacts in your communities of potential recipients of

the trees such as the libraries, schools, churches, retirement complexes, playgrounds, parks, cemeteries, etc. **You will be surprised how easy it is to donate and plant a tree!**

Remember to notify the local media in your community to let them know where and when you will be doing this community service, whether you are a member of or a working friend of the ‘Family of Odd Fellowship’. In this endeavor remember to request mayors, premiers and governors to make proclamations for the ‘Living Legacy Program’ for the days that you intend to do the planting.



Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the
Tomb of the Unknowns
May 6-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia

May 2016

SAVE THE DATE:

The 2017 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial service will start at 12:00 noon followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2017. We will be at the same hotel as this year.

The buses and trams will be used like they were this year. More information and details will be sent when they become available.

Please pass this information on to the members of your jurisdiction.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger
General Co-Chairmen



Testimonial Weekend Honoring

General Daniel E. 'Dan' Mathews and Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting

3—6 November 2016

REGISTRATION FORM
(please use one form per person)

Please make reservations by 15 October 2016

Name: _____ Unit of Order _____

Highest Current or Past Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Thursday November 3, 2016

A bus trip to Multnomah Falls. The bus will load at the Hotel at 1:00 p.m.	Free	_____
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BBQ dinner 6:00 p.m. Bus leaves hotel 5:00 p.m.	Free	_____
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Friday November 4, 2016

Pacific North West Department Council Session at 9:00 a.m.		_____
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Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting	\$ 15.00	_____
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Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Banquet	\$ 40.00	_____
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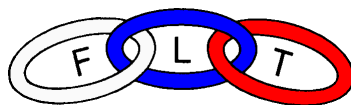
Chicken Marsala _____ Caraway Crusted Pork Chop _____		
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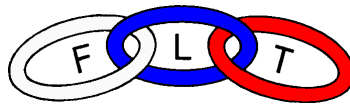
Saturday November 5, 2016

Testimonial Banquet and Entertainment	\$ 50.00	_____
All American Buffet		

Please make checks payable and mail with this form by 15 October 2016, to:

Grand Lodge of Oregon I.O.O.F., 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202





OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN PREARRANGED WITH THE:

Holiday Inn Portland Airport
8439 NE Columbia Blvd. | Portland, OR 97220 | www.holidayinnportlandairport.com
Please call direct (503) 256-5000 or Toll Free Reservation Line (855)642-6271
Group Name: **Grand Lodge of Oregon Independent Order of Oddfellows**

Standard Room \$99.00 plus tax single/double occupancy
Triple occupancy \$109.00 plus tax/Quadruple occupancy \$119.00 plus tax
Special room prices are available three days prior and three days after the event dates.

Breakfast coupons are included in guest room rate. Four per room, per night maximum.

Reservations can be made beginning now and prices will be in effect until October 13, 2016
Or until the room block is filled. We advise you to book early to secure that room rate.

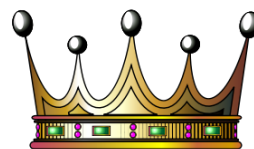
The Holiday Inn Portland Airport has a free shuttle service to and from the Portland Airport.
Parking is free to guests if you are driving in for the event.

Come early and enjoy a trip to our Multnomah Falls and enjoy an evening of BBQ.





Testimonial Weekend
Honoring
LADY TRACY BOYER, PRESIDENT
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militants
November 18th and 19th, 2016



Fun Night, Friday 11/18/16: 6:00 p.m. with social hour (cash bar) @ 5:00 p.m. **\$30.00**

Tailgate Party—Please come dressed in your favorite sports team attire.
dinner includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, desserts, coffee and Tea

Testimonial Banquet, Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

with social hour (cash bar) @ 5:00 p.m. 11/19/2016 **\$45.00**

Formal attire, please.

Dinner includes: Hand Carved Prime Rib, Roasted Red Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Salad, Cake, coffee and Tea

Please advise if you have any special dietary needs.

Rooms at the: Holiday Inn, 350 Three Springs Dr., Weirton, WV 26062 are :\$115.00/night

Call 304-723-5522 for reservations. Group name is: Testimonial for Lady Tracy Boyer

Mention code **LTB** when calling for the group rate.

Please call Lady Tracy or Lady Carol if flying with your flight information and transportation will be arranged.

Please contact Lady Tracy at 304-374-0688 cell or 304-748-4721 home or
Lady Carol at 304-748-5921 home, 304-374-4888 cell or email dacschooly@comcast net
for any further information

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Registration Form  
one page per person please, tear off and send with check

Name .....

Unit in the Order .....

Highest Current or Past Title .....

Address .....

Phone .....

e-mail .....

Total Enclosed ..... \$ .....

Please make checks payable to: Tracy Boyer and in the memo section put Testimonial dinner  
Mail to: Lady Tracy Boyer—160 Laurel Drive, Weirton, WV 26062 or



## Ferguson West Virginia Testimonial Tribute Committee

### ORDER FORM

Please fill in and return with your check, payable to:  
Ferguson Tribute Comm.

**Friday, December 2, 2016**

Yes

No

Dinner: "Taste of Italy"

☐☐

American Mtn Theatre Musical Program

☐☐

Per Person: Total Cost for Both: \$50

**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

Dinner (Choose One)

Salmon

☐

\$30.00

Chicken

☐

\$30.00

Pasta

☐

\$20.00

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Area \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN FORM AND MONEY TO:

June Miller (FTC)

P.O. Box 202

Cowen, WV 26206

**By: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 Deadline**

June's Telephone No. 304-226-3448





Ferguson West Virginia Testimonial  
Tribute Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO SAID COMMITTEE:

Yes, I will be in West Virginia for the Ferguson Event:

.....  
name

.....  
address

.....  
city, state/province, zip/postal code

.....  
phone/e-mail

I will arrive on: (date) .....

I will fly: \_\_\_\_ - I will be driving: \_\_\_\_

Airport: .....

Arriving on: flight and time: .....

I have made reservations to stay at the:

Isaac Jackson Hotel, Elkins, WV:

Yes \_\_\_\_ - No \_\_\_\_

RETURN FORM AND MONEY TO:

June Miller (FTC)  
PO Box 202  
Cowen, WV 26206

By Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 - Deadline

June's Telephone No. 304-226-3448



ISAAC JACKSON  
HOTEL

Welcome to

The Isaac Jackson Hotel

At our beautifully appointed Elkins, WV Hotel, we know comfort personally. Let us introduce you.

Start with a room professionally designed for relaxation, and add all of the top-quality amenities: mini-fridges, coffee makers, free WIFI, and DirectTV in every room. Those finer details? We've taken extra care with those as well. From the high-quality shampoos to the real glassware, we've crafted every detail to give you an elegant stay. Every convenience is here, including a fitness center and state-of-the-art business center. We even have large conference rooms, perfect for business meetings, banquets and gatherings.

Do you want to know what's about town? We'd be happy to help you explore Elkins. Hungry? Breakfast each morning is included, and features a wonderful array of hot and continental treats and with our restaurant on site, and be a mere stroll from juicy burgers and tasty sandwiches for lunch and our chef's succulent steaks, seafood, and Kansas City-style barbecue for supper.

855.229.9109  
304.636.1400  
info@ijhoteljackson.com  
830 Harrison Avenue  
Elkins, WV 26241



Invitation

to

"Ferguson Weekend Wonder"



The Honorable W. Larry Ferguson,  
Third Sovereign Grand Master  
From West Virginia in 197 Years!

December 1, 2, 3, 2016

in the Unique Historic Beautiful  
Isaac Jackson Hotel, Elkins, WV  
in Thriving Randolph County!

Larry Wanted His Celebration  
in His Hometown -

"The Land of His Birth!"

You'll Never Want to Leave,  
Breathe the Fresh Mountain Air!  
Get A Hearty Handshake from  
It's Friendly People!

## ISAAC JACKSON HOTEL

Your eyes will feast upon the magnificent wood beauties in this amazing site. Also, the home of the 1863 Grill. You will find every comfort in your beautiful rooms.

Call 304-636-1400 for reservations - mention "Ferguson IOOF Testimonial" to get group rate.

Single - Double Rate - \$89.00  
Triple - Quad - \$109.00  
Both have 2 queen beds (Triple and Quad)  
No Rollaways. (Plus 6%)

Check In 3 p.m. - Check Out 12 p.m.

Room Rate includes a Deluxe Continental Breakfast Served in the Hotel Lobby Daily 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Address: 830 Harrison Ave.,  
Elkins, WV 26241

[www.isaacjacksonhotel.com](http://www.isaacjacksonhotel.com)

Top amenities: Free WiFi, Mini Refrigerators, DirecTV. Located Near Area's Most Popular Attractions.

*We plan to take you to "Hiawatha's" - a new shopping experience!*

Thursday Night - Randolph IOOF Lodge #116, Elkins will offer Dinner, Free to those early arrivals.

Hospitality Room - Open Friday, Saturday and after Testimonial Dinner. Enjoy Delish Treats Fellowship, Relax

**Plan to Visit Wild, Wonderful West Virginia as Randolph County Honor Its Very Respected Citizen.**

## FRIDAY NIGHT

**December 2, 2016 - 5 p.m.**

**Randolph Room, Hotel  
"Taste of Italy" Buffet Dinner**

Spaghetti/Meatballs  
Vegetable Lasagna  
Penne Alfredo  
Italian Marinated Chicken  
Garlic Bread, Salad  
Assorted Desserts, Cinnamon Rolls,  
Coffee, Tea, Water

Then, off you go to enjoy a Christmas Spectacular Show

Wonderful Musical  
American Mountain Theatre, Elkins  
Pay Only \$50 per person for  
Both Meal and Show

## SATURDAY NIGHT

**December 3, 2016 - 6 p.m.**

**Randolph Room, Hotel  
Choose One of Three Choices:**

1. Poached Salmon: in Lemon Capon Sauce, Wild Rice, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables - \$30
  2. Madeira Chicken Breast: Sautéed Chicken Breast, Topped with Madeira Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables - \$30
  3. Pasta Primavera: Linguini Noodles, Spinach, Tomatoes, Zesta Garlic Sauce - \$20
- All of the above served also with Salad, Cinnamon Rolls, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Water

## WV IOOF Ferguson Testimonial Tribute Committee

### Co-Chairmen

Ronald B. Fletcher, PGP-Grand Scribe  
(Res.) 304-242-3960  
(Cell) 304-281-5535  
Email: [rfletcher304@comcast.net](mailto:rfletcher304@comcast.net)

Wanda F. Ashcraft, PP-APP, Secy.  
Emeritus DA  
(Res.) 304-592-2015

*Send Your Food Reservations and  
Traveling Data to:*

June Miller, PP  
P.O. Box 202  
Cowen, WV 26206  
Ph.: 304-226-3448

Use forms if possible to place food orders and specify mode of travel for shuttling.

*If all else fails,  
Call Larry 304-636-2072*

West Virginia has a 18 Member Tribute Committee ready to insure you a fabulous visit as we home a beloved Odd Fellow.

**Deadline:  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

# General Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

I, W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

*September 20, 2016: **Rebekah Degree Day***, commemorating the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Degree of Rebekah. All Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate an **'Anniversary Class'** commemorating the day.

*October 2016: **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, 2017: **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.

*March 23, 2017: **Schuyler Colfax Day***, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah. Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate a **'Colfax Class'** in honor of the occasion.

*April 15, 2016: **Make a Difference Day***.

*April 26, 2017: **Founder's Day***, commemorating the 198<sup>th</sup> 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 13, 2017: **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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016 in the 198<sup>th</sup> year of our Order.



Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ W. Larry Ferguson  
Sovereign Grand Master

# 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, 165 years later the Rebekah Degree has spread throughout the world.

Therefore, I, W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim that,

September 20, 2016 be proclaimed **REBEKAH DEGREE DAY**, in observance of the 165<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016, in the 198<sup>th</sup> year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ W. Larry Ferguson  
Sovereign Grand Master

[Seal]

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary

# Odd 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 66<sup>th</sup> annual educational tour to the United Nations and other historical landmarks. Approximately **40,000** students have participated in the program since its inception.

The 67<sup>th</sup> 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, W. Larry Ferguson, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016 in the 198<sup>th</sup> year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ W. Larry Ferguson  
Sovereign Grand Master

[Seal]

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary



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

**The SGL - IARA Membership Program**  
*SPONSOR of NEW MEMBER*

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Member's Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Secretary Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



**NEW MEMBER**

Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. \_\_\_\_ Sis. \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: M/D/Y \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**NEW MEMBER**

Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. \_\_\_\_ Sis. \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW MEMBER**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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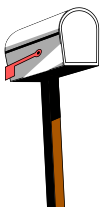
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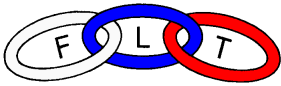
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**MAIL, FAX, E-mail  
TO:**

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

**Fax: 1-336-722-7317 — Email: [sgldataentry@ioof.org](mailto:sgldataentry@ioof.org)**



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  
GAINS IN ALL UNITS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE  
FAMILY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP”

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September 2016

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Our annual sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are over and we all had a wonderful time in Rapid City, South Dakota. Our new Sovereign Grand Master is Larry Ferguson; John Miller was elevated to Deputy Sovereign Grand Master; and Doug Pittman from Colorado was elected Sovereign Grand Warden. Congratulations to these officers.

We are now headed into the fall season, a time for harvest from our bountiful spring and summer. This means (for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs) to pick the fruits from our trees and vines that have been growing all year. By fruits, I mean: your relation, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, anyone to whom you have spoken to about our Order during the past year and time to (pick that fruit) ask them about signing up to be a member.

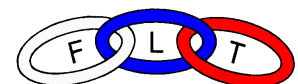
If you need reasons to tell them to Join, ask your secretary to get you the various pamphlets regarding our programs—i.e. Visual Research Foundation, Educational Foundation, SOS Children’s Villages, Arthritis Foundation & Society, United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, Living Legacy Program. Get one of the small “blue” pamphlets that tells about the Order to give to prospective members, or spend \$2.00 and buy a “Members Handbook”, it’s a wonderful tool.

During this fall season we have numerous holiday times to pass out gifts. Have your secretary order some ‘FREE’ pencils, litter bags, and rulers to put in your gift boxes/bags. What a better way to leave an “Odd Fellow/Rebekah” laying around the house for a long time.

We all pass up numerous opportunities to get new members. We all MUST put forth a renewed effort to get new members if we are to survive. In North America, we have 1,229 Odd Fellow lodges with 33,763 members and 900 Rebekah Lodges with 20,609 members!!!! No longer can we wait for someone else to do it, because it’s only you and me left to turn out the lights.

Let’s make 2016/2017 the year we turned around membership!!!!

Jon Petersen, P.S.G.M.  
Membership Chairman 2016/2017



# Final—New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. ‘16 to 31 Dec. ‘16

| Jurisdictions      | OF Ldg | Bros | Sis | Reb Ldg | Sis | Bros | Enc | Pat | Mat | PM | Chev | Ladies | LEA | LAPM | Jr Ldg | TRGC | UYG | Totals |
|--------------------|--------|------|-----|---------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|--------|-----|------|--------|------|-----|--------|
| Alabama            | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Alberta            | 0      |      |     | 3       | 3   | 0    | 2   | 2   | 0   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 5      |
| Arizona            | 3      | 1    | 2   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| Arkansas           | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Atlantic Provinces | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Belize             | 0      |      |     |         |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| British Columbia   | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 1  | 0    | 1      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| California         | 59     | 31   | 28  | 11      | 8   | 3    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 70     |
| Chile              | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Colorado           | 2      | 2    | 0   | 3       | 3   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 5      |
| Connecticut        | 13     | 11   | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 13     |
| Delaware           | 5      | 5    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 5      |
| Dist. of Columbia  | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Dominican Republic | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Florida            | 0      |      |     | 2       | 2   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Georgia            | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Hawaii             | 6      | 3    | 3   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 6      |
| Idaho              | 2      | 1    | 1   | 7       | 6   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 9      |
| Illinois           | 18     | 12   | 6   | 4       | 4   | 0    | 2   | 0   | 2   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 24     |
| Indiana            | 6      | 6    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 6      |
| Iowa               | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| Kansas             | 3      | 2    | 1   | 2       | 2   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 5      |
| Kentucky           | 8      | 8    | 0   | 2       | 1   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 10     |
| Louisiana          | 1      | 1    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Maine              | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Manitoba           | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Maryland           | 7      | 5    | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 7      |
| Massachusetts      | 13     | 12   | 1   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 13     |
| Mexico             | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Michigan           | 11     | 6    | 5   | 3       | 3   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 2    | 0      | 0    |     | 16     |
| Minnesota          | 0      |      |     | 2       | 2   | 0    | 2   | 1   | 1   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| Mississippi        | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Missouri           | 12     | 9    | 3   | 3       | 3   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 15     |
| Montana            | 2      | 0    | 2   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| Nebraska           | 1      | 1    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Nevada             | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| New Hampshire      | 7      | 5    | 2   | 2       | 2   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 4    | 0      | 0    |     | 13     |
| New Jersey         | 1      | 1    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| New Mexico         | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| New York           | 1      | 0    | 1   | 1       | 0   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Nigeria            | 0      |      |     |         |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |

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|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| North Carolina           | 2          | 1          | 1          | 1         | 5         | 4        | 1         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 7          |
| North Dakota             | 1          | 0          | 1          | 1         | 0         | 2        | 0         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 3          |
| Ohio                     | 40         | 38         | 2          | 2         | 2         | 2        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 2        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 44         |
| Oklahoma                 | 4          | 2          | 2          | 2         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 0         | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 4          |
| Ontario                  | 2          | 2          | 0          | 0         | 1         | 1        | 0         | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 6          |
| Oregon                   | 43         | 29         | 14         | 10        | 5         | 5        | 0         | 0         | 4        | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3        | 1          | 51         |
| Pennsylvania             | 50         | 40         | 10         | 10        | 9         | 8        | 0         | 7         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 66         |
| Philippines              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Puerto Rico              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Quebec                   | 1          | 0          | 1          | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 1          |
| Rhode Island             | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 1          |
| Saskatchewan             | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| South Carolina           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| South Dakota             | 7          | 5          | 2          | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 7          |
| Tennessee                | 11         | 11         | 0          | 0         | 1         | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 12         | 12         |
| Texas                    | 49         | 26         | 23         | 1         | 1         | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 1          | 53         |
| Utah                     | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 1          |
| Vermont                  | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Virginia                 | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 1          |
| Washington               | 5          | 3          | 2          | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 5          |
| West Virginia            | 17         | 14         | 3          | 3         | 8         | 8        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 25         | 25         |
| Wisconsin                | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 1          |
| Wyoming                  | 3          | 3          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          | 1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>423</b> | <b>299</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>535</b> | <b>535</b> |

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## VETERANS

### 80 years

### 75 Years

John Wilkening, IA

### 70 Years

### 65 Years

### 60 Years

Janet Pickett, KS

### 55 years

### 50 Years

Janet Lasco, WY

Judy Richardson, WY

Sheri Vickrey, WY

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.

*Items are not to scale.*



Odd Fellows

Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years

Item No. 1227—1242

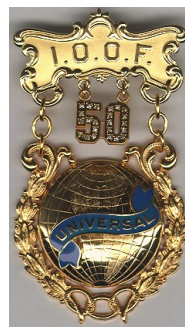
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Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years

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# Odd Fellows & Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth



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|                                                                  |                 |
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| Sponsor _____ Delegate United Nations Tours @ \$12.00            | _____           |
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September 2016

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

The Board of Directors of the UN Educational Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. is pleased to announce the dates for the 2017 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour and that tour fees will remain the same. All buses will begin and end in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

|                              |                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dates for 2017 Tour -</b> | July 8 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> (week 1 of tour, 11 days)<br>July 15 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> (week 2 of tour, 11 days) |
| 2017 Tour Fees in US Funds - | \$1,600.00 Delegates<br>\$1,300.00 Tour Leaders                                                                                         |
| Delegate Age Requirement -   | Age of 16-17 with one year of high school remaining.                                                                                    |

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

**All FEES, PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS** should be mailed to: UNP IOOF, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830.

**2017 REGISTRATION FORMS and 2017 TOUR LEADER APPLICATIONS** with all Required Documents should be mailed to my office listed above in Illinois.

**2017 Registration Forms and Tour Leader Applications are on the website:** [www.unpilgrimage.org](http://www.unpilgrimage.org)

### DEADLINE DATES 2017:

**Delegates: January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Confirm number of delegates and pay non refundable holding fee of 1/2 delegates fee per delegate (\$800.00 each).

**Delegates: April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Final payment for delegates along with **completed 2017 Registration Forms in Duplicate with All Required Supporting Documents.**

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

**Tour Leaders: April 1<sup>st</sup>** – **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

The above Deadline Dates reflect receipt of payments in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a completed 2017 Registration packet at my office. **Any payments, 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.

To those jurisdictions that have sponsored a delegate, volunteered to serve a meal or donated to the tour, THANK YOU for your commitment to this program of the Independent order of odd Fellows. The Board of Directors would like to thank the following for their donation: Carnation Rebekah Lodge No. 376 Iowa for \$5,000.00.

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**Alberta** – 8-9 April 2017, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 432-28<sup>th</sup> St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3  
**Arizona** – October 2016, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326  
**Arkansas** – 14-15 October 2016, Grand Secretary – Jon R Petersen, 5469A 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 2018, Grand Secretary – Richard C O'Connell, PO Box 3340, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000  
**Belize** – Daniel J Gorham, Deputy, PO Box 90, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize  
**British Columbia** – May 2017, Grand Secretary – Gordon Gale, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E9  
**California** – 17-20 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 14414-B Oak St, Saratoga, CA 95070-2669  
**Chile** – DDGM – Mario Casassus Gabellini, Avda Quilin 2068 B Depto 31, Santiago, Chile  
**Colorado** – October 2016, Grand Secretary – Douglas Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212  
**Connecticut** – 16-17 September 2016, Grand Secretary – Warren Smith, PO Box 1055, New Milford, CT 06776-1055  
**Cuba** – 26 May 2017, Grand Secretary Jorge Castellanos Milan, 20 de May No 615, esq. a Maso, Cerro, La Habana Cuba  
**Delaware** – November 2016, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713  
**District of Columbia** – March 2017, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007  
**Europe** – May-June 2017, Grand Secretary, Andre Kuy, Selnaustrasse 3, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland  
**Florida** – 17-19 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42<sup>nd</sup> St, Hialeah, FL 33012  
**Georgia** – 15 April 2017, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39<sup>th</sup> St, Savannah, GA 31404  
**Hawaii** – DDSGM – Charles A VanGieson, 95 1050 Makaikai St # 20G, Mililani, HI 96789-4329  
**Idaho** – October 2016, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605  
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**Manitoba** – April 2017, Grand Secretary – Dorian Sherman, 118-4025 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5  
**Maryland** – 19-20 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Laura Teate, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222  
**Massachusetts** – 2-3 June 2017, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606  
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**Nebraska** – 19-21 October 2016, Grand Secretary – Jim Standerford, 237 S 70<sup>th</sup> St Ste 103, Lincoln, NE 68510  
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**New Jersey** – 22-23 June 2017, Grand Secretary – Debbie L McClelland, 4527 Rte 130 S, Burlington, NJ 08016  
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**North Carolina** – 13-15 October 2016, Grand Secretary – R Kenneth Babb, 315 N Spruce St Ste 250, Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
**North Dakota** – 16-17 June 2017, Grand Secretary – Mark Ulrich, 1107 Walnut St, Devils Lake, ND 58301  
**Ohio** – 25-26 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Penny Castle, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088  
**Oklahoma** – October 2016, Grand Secretary – Jandryd Lawson, PO Box 588, Perry, OK 73077-0588  
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**Oregon** – 17 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Ronald L Kunze, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202  
**Pennsylvania** – 19-21 June 2017, Grand Secretary – Justin C Bailey, 1001 W Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4899  
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**Quebec** – 27 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Wilhelm Loken, 15 Rue Flynn, Trois Rivières, QC G8W 1E7  
**Rhode Island** – April 2017, Grand Secretary – Maurice W Warren, 120 Water St., Portsmouth, RI 02871  
**Saskatchewan** – 6-7 June 2017, Grand Secretary – Nick Seneshen, Box 1060, Unity, SK S0K 4L0  
**South Carolina** – May 2017, DDSGM Jimmy C Humphrey, 2304 e 39<sup>th</sup> St, Savannah, GA 31404-3835  
**South Dakota** – 16-17 September 2016, Grand Secretary – PO Box 1213, Spearfish, SD 57783  
**Tennessee** – 27-28 June 2017, Grand Secretary – C E Worrell Sr, PO Box 323, Ridgetop, TN 37353-0323  
**Texas** – March 2017, Grand Secretary – James Curtis, 3440 W Second Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110  
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**Vermont** – 13 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Edward Spaulding, 786 VT Rte 10, Chester, VT 05143  
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**West Virginia** – October 2016, Grand Secretary – Paul L Hevner, 1465 Tremont Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505  
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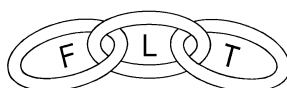
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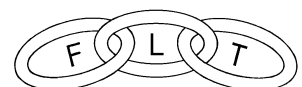
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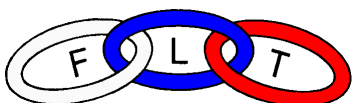


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