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Recruit, Rebuild, Rededicate Odd Fellowship!



Year of Unity—the way forward in Odd Fellowship!

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Celebrating

Tennessee Lodge No. 1, TN—
175 years

Fisher Lodge No. 704, IL—
135 years

Thoughts and Prayers to:

Chuck Renninger, PSGM convalescing from
knee and foot surgery.

Betty Moates, PP-IARA—will be missed in
St. Louis.

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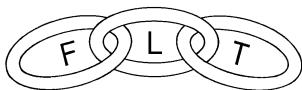
## Sympathy to:

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Thank You from:

Kathy & Aurel Bellmore (PP-IALAPM) for
the many cards, calls, and prayers while
Aurel was in the hospital.

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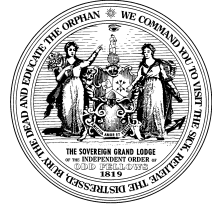
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Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



July 2017

To All My Fraternal Brothers and Sisters
of all Units of Odd Fellowship,

Greetings,

Realizing that this will be my final article as Sovereign Grand Master, I find it hard to know where to begin. I must take this opportunity to “THANK” each of you for the many kind words of encouragement and your continued support of our many projects and programs during this past year. I realize that without your help and support they could not have been achieved.

When I think of the special projects we have as an Order. I realize, again that the success of these projects are due to your continued support and dedication to make our world a better place to live. Projects like the Educational Foundation, Visual Research and the S.O.S. programs.

When I think of the Educational Foundation. I think of all the many deserving young people we have assisted with their higher education through your continued support and dedication to this program. Likewise, I also think of the many jurisdictions that award scholarship and bursaries within their own area to provide financial assistance to deserving young people. Education is a wonderful thing and one of our best ways to get new members in the Order.

You are to be commended and ‘Thanked’ for your dedication to all our projects. Through your planting of trees, shrubs and flowers you are helping to make our environment a safer place to live. Through your contributions to Arthritis, you are helping to research of this crippling disease and maybe one day, the discovery of a cure. With the S.O.S. we are continuing to raise funds to support this program.

When I think of the many Memorial Ceremonies that have been conducted this year, particular ones that come to mind: the Canadian National War Memorial and the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns.

In closing I want to extend an open invitation for each of you to be in St. Louis, MO for The Sovereign Grand Lodge session.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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.



July 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Fraternal Order,

As I write my final Article as President-I.A.R.A. I take such wonderful memories with me. It seems like only a few short months ago I started this marvelous journey and here it is time for me to preside at our upcoming sessions in St. Louis.

Meeting so many dedicated and loving members of this Order has been the highlight of these last three years. The 'Good Works' in your Jurisdictions – big or small – made my visits complete.

I think over and over about the kind hostesses that were always there to greet me and the many generous gifts of kindness I received from your Jurisdictions and members. Love those Cheezies!!

These last two months I have had the honor and privilege of taking part, along with SGM Larry, General Dan and Lady Tracy in the ceremonies at Arlington and Ottawa, laying wreaths at the 'Tomb of the Unknown' and the 'Canadian War Memorial'. These are very special memories I will never forget. Thank you to the hard working committees that do so much to see that the plans all go well and the ceremonies are performed with perfection, grace and dignity.

This August we will meet for a 4 day session.... Yes, a change but we will make it work. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you who give of your time and energy to attend our session and take a part in the business at hand.

Each and every one of you have touched my life in some way and made a difference. We have worked together in "Unity Through Understanding".

See you in St. Louis – safe travels!!

With Fraternal Love – "Forget-Me-Not"

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



"UNITY Through UNDERSTANDING" – a link to the future.



Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



July 2017

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

On August 21 in St. Louis the planet Earth will witness a Total Solar-Eclipse, so bring your Eclipse glasses to protect you eyes. The Eclipse will cover the convention center, so being there and seeing it is a great possibility and opportunity. The next Solar-Eclipse will be in 14 or so years.

Our Cadet Corps in Virginia is a great success and has graduated members into Odd Fellows Lodges and Rebekah Lodges. This program is and can continue to be a great success for Our Order, but we need you to spread the word. Our future is currently in Grade School through High School. We need to touch this age group and help them to become the future of Our Order while they learn to conduct democratic meetings and how to work for the betterment of mankind.

I wish to thank all the wonderful members who welcomed Shirley and I as well as the other GMC officers into their meetings during the past year. Your gracious hospitality deserves more than the feeble thank you that I offer here.

I hope to see you and your Eclipse glasses in August.

If it is to be; it is up to us!

Chivalrously,


General Daniel E. Mathews



'a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier'



Office of the President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant



Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

July 2017

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as your International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant President. It has truly been a wonderful experience. Thank you for all of the courtesies that have been extended to me. Your love and friendships have meant so much.

My year is passing by very fast. I am looking forward to our annual session in St. Louis this August. I hope that you are able to attend the IALAPM this year; your presence will make a difference.

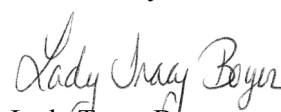
I would like to thank my officers for agreeing to serve this year. I would like to thank the Past Presidents for their advice and guidance. The Executive Committee, we have worked hard and spent many hours visiting jurisdictions and making decisions that we believe is in the best interest for the good of the Order. I would like to thank my home jurisdiction of West Virginia and my home Auxiliary Friendly No. 11 for your love, encouragement, and support over the last three years. They have helped make this a memorable

experience and I am very grateful.

To Larry, Joyce and Dan, I have enjoyed working with you and thank you for your friendship. I hope that your term was rewarding and successful and the goals set for this year came true. May your upcoming sessions go well.

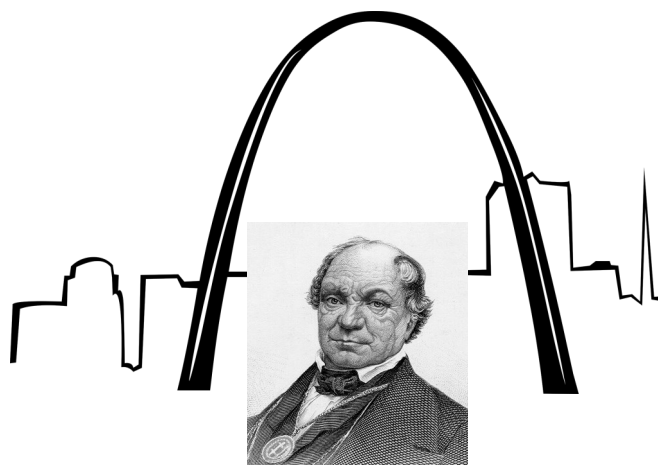
Thank you all for making a difference in my life.

Chivalrously,


Lady Tracy Boyer
President-IALAPM



2017 Annual Communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows



Commemorating Willey's travels west

The westward expansion of Odd Fellowship—the Second Meridian:

The eastern Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes—Grand Lodges

Ohio—2 February 1833
Indiana—14 August 1837
Michigan—5 November 1844
Illinois—22 August 1838,
lapsed and reorganized 1840
Wisconsin—25 December 1846

Kentucky—14 September 1836
Tennessee—10 August 1841
Alabama—23 April 1837
Mississippi—4 May 1838
Louisiana—5 March 1832

The western Mississippi Valley

Missouri—13 June 1838
Texas—29 April 1841
Arkansas—10 June 1849
Iowa—1 May 1848
Minnesota—5 May 1853

Nebraska—27 April 1858
Kansas—2 June 1858
Dakota and the present SD—13 October 1875
North Dakota—22 May 1890
Indian Territory (Oklahoma) —26 April 1893

'WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN'



THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
OFFICE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND SECRETARY
422 N. TRADE ST. NW, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27101-2830



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August 2017

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

Fraternal Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, beginning Monday morning, 21st August 2017, and ending Thursday afternoon, 24th August 2017.

Headquarters and Sessions

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, Saint Louis, Missouri

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
191st Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
101st Annual Session

General Military Council
114th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
79th Annual Session

Youth Days
Friday & Saturday the 18th and 19th

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

2017 Pre-Registration Form

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

St. Louis, Missouri
August 18 to 25, 2017

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register



Name (as desired on badge) _____

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM Youth (please circle one)

Title for name badge _____

Mailing Address _____

City, St./Prv, Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Registration Information

Registrations on or before July 21, 2017, \$75.00 \$ _____

Registrations after July 21, 2017, \$80.00 \$ _____

Highlight Events

Officer's Banquet, Monday Aug. 21, \$70.00 \$ _____

East to West Night, Wednesday Aug. 23, \$50.00 \$ _____

The SGL / I.A.R.A. installation to follow dinner

Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 19, \$50.00 \$ _____

Youth dinner, Friday Aug. 18, \$40.00 \$ _____

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars \$ _____

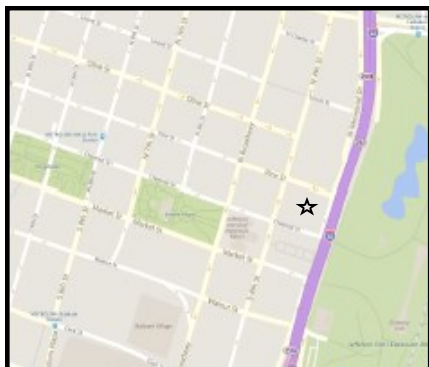
Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2017 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Tours of the St. Louis Area, may be picked by searching St. Louis, MO city tours—there are a number of options.

Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here: _____

I have a reservation at the
 Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch for _____
 Check in Time 3:00 p.m.— Check out Time 12:00 noon

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
 315 Chestnut St
 St. Louis, MO 63102
 (314) 655-1234
 (314) 241-9839 (Fax)



Please mail the following information to the
 above address-
 Attention: Kellie Cowser

Driving Directions:

From I-70 East, exit at Memorial Drive; Go
 Right at Market Street, then right at 4th Street,
 then right at Chestnut St.
 From I-55 North, exit at Memorial Drive, turn
 left at Market Street, then right at 4th Street,
 then right at Chestnut Street.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS

The Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch is pleased to host:

The **Independent Order of Odd Fellows**, August 15 to 25, 2017

To ensure accurate reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it **before 07/15/17**. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability.

Room Type Preference: Single Double Triple Quadruple—Number of Guests: _____

		Special Requests (subject to availability)	
Special Group Rate	\$159 \$159 \$169 \$179	Roll Away Bed	Crib (No Charge)
Regency Club Level Room	\$219	Wheelchair Accessible Room	
Junior Suites	\$259	Nonsmoking Room	
		Queen Bed	Two Beds

Name: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Address: _____ Departure Date: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Additional Guest: _____

Telephone: _____

Please provide a credit card to hold your reservation

☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express ☐ Carte Blanche/Diners Club

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE _____

NAME OF CREDIT CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER

- ◆ Check in time after 3:00p.m. Check out time if 12 noon. Taxes are subject to change. Current tax percentage is 16.929%
- ◆ Cancellation or modification of reservation must be made at least 48 hours prior to arrival.
- ◆ No charge for children under 18 when sharing room with parent and using existing bed space.
- ◆ All hotel accounts are subject to credit arrangements at time of registration and payable at departure.

**Please call 888-421-1442 for reservation assistance
 WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING OF SERVICE!**

Special Event Request

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting, or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch Hotel. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule—also see the menus on line.

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, St./Prov., Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Event: _____

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktail reception, etc.)

Date and Time: _____

Number expected: _____

Special requests: _____

(Mikes, Podium, PowerPoint, etc.)

Mail all requests to:

2017 I.O.O.F. Session Committee

422 N. Trade St.

Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Shuttle Service

There are a number of Shuttle Services and taxis from Lambert International Airport to the Hyatt Regency at the Arch available for those desiring it. Below are some suggestion—please make your reservations direct.



ROYAL CAR SERVICE LLC
DBA: CHESTERFIELD TAXI & CAR SERVICE



314.222.5300 * 877.STLGOVAN (785.4682)

Offering **15% OFF** standard rates!!

Call the reservations department at 314-222-5300 and provide code: **IOOF2017**

Discount rate **ONLY** available by booking through the provided link no later than August 17th, 2017.

Reservations made on the spot at the counter will be subject to standard rates of \$45 roundtrip.

Parking



There are a number of parking facilities available in St. Louis, MO
In your search type: **parking Downtown STL**

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## Scooters

Drop off and pick-up service.

MedXChange LLC  
325 South Fifth Street  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Phone: 636-949-5660  
Toll-Free: 1-855-410-MEDX (6339)  
Fax: 636-949-5665

Email: [info@medxchangestl.com](mailto:info@medxchangestl.com)



We accept Master Card, Visa, American Express, Discover and PayPal.



## Summer Floats

Participate in your community festivities:  
Founder's Day—Labor Day

Enter a float in the parade or

Have Fun in the Park with a Root Beer Float stand, or a  
Wading Pool to cool the tired weary feet.

Let us know how you celebrated your summer.

## 2017 Annual Sessions

**191<sup>st</sup> annual communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge**  
**114<sup>th</sup> annual session of the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant**  
**101<sup>st</sup> annual session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies**  
**79<sup>th</sup> annual session of the International Association of**  
**Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant**

Friday—August 18<sup>th</sup> through Thursday—August 24<sup>th</sup>  
St. Louis, Missouri

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

### **Friday—August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
Youth Orientation  
Youth Banquet &  
Youth Talent Program

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

Registration  
Youth Sessions  
Pilgrimage for Youth Board  
International Advisory Board  
United Past Grand Matriarchs Meeting  
Homes Association Meeting  
Welcome Dinner—Cat Fish  
Youth will be off site in the evening

### **Sunday—August 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday—August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Registration  
The S.G.L. Session  
I.A.R.A. Session  
G.M.C. Session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. Session  
Fraternal Press Association Meeting  
“Officers Banquet”

### **Tuesday—August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday—August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Registration  
The S.G.L. session  
I.A.R.A. session  
G.M.C. session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. session  
Arthritis Raffle  
East West Night  
The SGL/IARA Installation

### **Thursday—August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Closing Sessions:  
The S.G.L. session  
I.A.R.A. session  
G.M.C. final session  
I.A.L.A.P.M. final session

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

*President-Elect Lady Estella Crowder*

International Association Ladies Auxiliary  
Patriarchs Militant

Testimonial Dinner



Saturday September 30, 2017

Best Western Stone Ridge Inn & Conference Centre  
6675 Burtwistle Lane, London, ON  
519-652-6022  
1-888-471-2378  
Code word for rooms: IALAPM

Tickets \$65.00 per person  
Canadian or American

Social hour 5 p.m.  
Dinner 6 p.m.

*Advance Tickets Only by September 15, 2017*

Cheques payable to:

Kathryn Bellmore  
285E Rd 11, R.R. # 2  
South Woodslee, ON N0R 1V0

519-839-4202

# The Grand Bodies of Connecticut

cordially invite you to a Testimonial Weekend in Honor of

## The Honorable John A. Miller Sr. Sovereign Grand Master

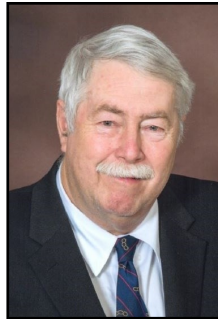
*Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

October 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Sheraton Bradley Hotel

1 Bradley International Airport  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
1-860-627-5311

The Hotel is in the airport. You will be able to go from the luggage pickup area easily to the hotel front desk without going outside of the building.



You must make your own room reservations directly with the hotel.

Rooms are \$119.00 per night + 15% tax  
When calling to reserve your rooms, please refer to **"Odd Fellows"** to secure this special rate.

**Room Reservations Deadline October 1, 2017**

**Friday October 27, 2017 6:00pm: Fun evening -- Fun Night**

### **"Yankee Doodle Buffet"**

New England Pot Roast, Filet of Sole with seafood stuffing with all the fixings:

**\$60.00 per person**

Great entertainment is planned for your enjoyment It's Halloween weekend - come in costume if you choose.

(A cash bar will also be available.)

**Saturday October 28, 2017:**

A hotel shuttle bus will be available to take you to the attractions of your choice in the area, including:



*New England Trolley Museum and Fire Museum*

Lunch is on your own. A hospitality room will be available for you to socialize with each other.

6:00 pm Cash bar

7:00 pm Banquet consisting of your main course choice of:

**Petite Filet Mignon and Chicken Roulade**

**or Atlantic Salmon Filet burre monte**

**or Vegetarian Meal**

**\$75.00 per person**

Dress: Formal, Social Dress Military Uniforms or Business Attire

All food and event reservations should be made **no later than October 14, 2017** on the special "Registration Form" and sent with check payable to: **The Grand Bodies Planning Board of CT IOOF**



**Mail to: →**

Bro. Marshall D. Kalin PDC

Reservations Chairman

72 Mill Plain Avenue

Waterbury, CT 06705-2327

(203)-574-4897

marshdk@aol.com



October 26 – 29, 2017 Testimonial Weekend  
in Honor of

**The Honorable John A. Miller, Sr.**

Sovereign Grand Master  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Sheraton-Bradley at the Airport  
1 Bradley International Airport  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
1-860-627-5311

**PLEASE:  
Only One Person  
per Form**

Please use additional  
forms for other people in  
your group.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title / Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch/Unit & Jurisdiction Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL be staying at the Sheraton: **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ If "YES": Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Note: You must make your own hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton at 860-627-5311.  
Please refer to "**Odd Fellows**" to secure the group room rate of \$119.00 per night +15% taxes. **Room Reservations Deadline October 1, 2017.**

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

If you are flying into Bradley International Airport (BDL) please provide the following information:

Arrival Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Hotel is in the airport. You will be able to go from the luggage pickup area easily to the hotel front desk without going outside of the building.

**MEAL RESERVATIONS**

(Deadline: October 14, 2017)

**FUN NIGHT**

☐ 6:00pm Friday October 27, 2017 → **\$60.00** per person

**TESTIMONIAL BANQUET**

☐ Cocktails 6:00pm – Banquet 7:00pm → **\$75.00** per person  
Saturday October 28, 2017

Banquet Meal Choice

☐ Filet Mignon & Chicken Roulade or ☐ Atlantic Salmon Filet *burre monte* ☐ Vegetarian Meal

Total of All Above Meals → \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(payment enclosed)

Please make checks payable to: **"The Grand Bodies Planning Board of CT IOOF"** and mail to:

Marshall D. Kalin PDC, Reservations Chairman  
72 Mill Plain Ave  
Waterbury, CT 06705-2327

(203)-574-4897 — marshdk@aol.com

If you have any special requirements, please attach a separate sheet and let us know what they are. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Schedule a training session with your Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly

## Train the Trainers – A Membership Program

Includes the following—both power point and printable files:

### How to get New Members: **Ask!**

Introduction to Odd Fellowship – includes the programs of the Order

Presenting Odd Fellowship – and a pamphlet to leave with the prospective member

### Attracting new members:

Link your World to your Lodge

Gaining influence

Prospective Member Card – a great recruitment tool (John and/or Sally know a lot of people who would make great members, but they are either new and not conversant in the programs or a type B personality; but Gary and/or Judy are type A and mingle well with others and have been members for a while).

### For the active and organized lodge —

First Things First—a great tool to assist in planning the 2018 calendar

Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodge manuals of instruction

Parliamentary procedures and Motions at a Glance

Book of Odd Fellowship

This program has been distributed several times over the years, check with your Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly office for a copy.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**The SGL - IARA Membership Program**  
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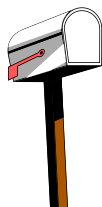
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## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

### *Membership Committee*

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

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May 2017

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is certainly here! We have had very warm and humid weather here. I have had the pleasure of speaking with the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Missouri and the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Mississippi within the last month. Our message was received very well in both places. I again encourage each jurisdiction to order a "Membership Handbook" for each member if at all possible. They are extremely informative and educational.

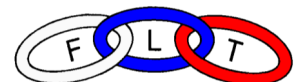
Summer months are sometimes very slow months in our lodges. A lot of vacations, hot weather, recesses, etc. It gives us lots of excuses not to worry about our members or obtaining some new ones. But it is a great time to hold some informal events to introduce our Order to prospective new members. What a better time to hold a Picnic in the park, a fishing trip to the lake, a nature hike, or some other social event to Host some friends and neighbors or family members. A lot of communities have summer celebrations or fairs where you can have a booth. Don't forget that we can furnish you with pencils, rulers, and letter bags along with information pamphlets about our Order that you can hand out for free. Just have your Grand Secretary order them from the office.

Also, we are looking forward to seeing many of you again in St Louis for The Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

I hope all of you have gotten the message to submit the names, addresses and sponsors name of any new member to the office so they can be recorded. I am sure we are obtaining many new members whose names are not being added. Please send into the office any reports of volunteer hours your members have done, trees planted for the Living Legacy Program, donations to Arthritis, or community projects your lodge has participated in. We would like to recognize your efforts.

Have a great summer, but please don't forget your lodge or its members—give them a call—everybody likes to know they are important and are not forgotten.

/s/ Jon Petersen  
Membership Chairman



# Final—New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. ‘17 to 31 Dec. ‘17

| 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            | 8      | 5    | 3   | 0       |     |      | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 9      |
| Arizona            | 0      |      |     | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Arkansas           | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Atlantic Provinces | 4      | 3    | 1   | 2       | 2   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 6      |
| Belize             | 0      |      |     |         |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| British Columbia   | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| California         | 84     | 51   | 33  | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 19 | 19   | 0      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 103    |
| Chile              | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      |     |     |     |    |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Colorado           | 7      | 4    | 3   | 9       | 8   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 7  | 3    | 4      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 23     |
| Connecticut        | 8      | 6    | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 8      |
| Delaware           | 3      | 3    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| Dist. of Columbia  | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
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| Florida            | 2      | 1    | 1   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Georgia            | 8      | 6    | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 8      |
| Hawaii             | 5      | 4    | 1   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 5      |
| Idaho              | 2      | 1    | 1   | 1       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| Illinois           | 38     | 36   | 2   | 4       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 5  | 4    | 1      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 47     |
| Indiana            | 2      | 2    | 0   | 0       | 2   | 2    | 0   |     |     | 0  | 4    |        | 0   | 2    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| Iowa               | 10     | 7    | 3   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 10     |
| Kansas             | 0      |      |     | 8       | 7   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 4  | 4    | 0      | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 12     |
| Kentucky           | 2      | 2    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Louisiana          | 2      | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| Maine              | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Manitoba           | 0      |      |     | 2       | 2   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Maryland           | 0      |      |     | 1       | 0   | 1    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 1      |
| Massachusetts      | 2      | 2    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
| Mexico             | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        |     |      |        |      |     | 0      |
| Michigan           | 12     | 10   | 2   | 13      | 12  | 1    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 25     |
| Minnesota          | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Mississippi        | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Missouri           | 19     | 13   | 6   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 20     |
| Montana            | 3      | 1    | 2   | 1       | 1   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 4      |
| Nebraska           | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| Nevada             | 3      | 1    | 2   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| New Hampshire      | 8      | 6    | 2   | 1       | 0   | 1    | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 10     |
| New Jersey         | 3      | 3    | 0   | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 3      |
| New Mexico         | 0      |      |     | 0       |     |      | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 0      |
| New York           | 0      |      |     | 2       | 2   | 0    | 0   |     |     | 0  |      |        | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    |     | 2      |
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## VETERANS

### 80 years

### 75 Years

Reva Jeane Beard, KS

### 70 Years

Edwin Nelson, AB

Leta Dixon, AP

Martha MacLean, AP

Orville Hartman, ID

Sammy Cope, KS

Maxine Phelps, KS

### 65 Years

Eileen Spallin, AB

Eldon Couey, AB

Don Jackson, AB

Roy Nelson, AB

Dave Jensen, AB

Don Thurlow, AB

Gordon Lowe, AB

Ken Brooks, AB

E. Lawson Haines, AB

Gwen Foley, AP

### 60 Years

Norma Hilton, AB

Lorraine Rath, AB

Fred Hall, AB

Al Sim, AB

Norm Kakke, AB

Bert Johnsson, AB

Niels Jensen, AB

Peter Bobryk, AB

Ken Meers, AB

### 55 years

Ron Patton, AB

Larry Moore, AB

David Kaun, AB

Laverne Eskeland, AB

Jack Reed, AB

Alan Alsgard, AB

Marjorie Saunders, AP

Gloria Cunningham, AP

June Strobe, AP

Jim Hunter, ID

### 50 Years

Dianne Yarmoloy, AB

Bertha Barron-Blanchard, AB

Charles Bates, AB

Doug Hilton, AB

Dave Jessey, AB

Robert Wenstrom, AB

Art Scott, AB

Ron Feyer, AB

Kendall Allonby, AB

Garry Robinson, AB

Myrna Newell, AP

Violet Knickle, AP

Helen Shaffner, AP

Jean Edwards, AP

Shirley White, AP

Richard Miller, ID

Warren Blessings, ID

Jerry Louis Laneer, KS

Janet E. Gibson, VA (CA-TRGC)

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

May be ordered  
through your Grand Lodge

Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years

Item No. 2202—2216-80

May be ordered through your  
Rebekah Assembly



Veteran Jewels



## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows began its operation on September 20, 1927. The purpose of the Foundation is to operate a revolving loan fund for qualified students dependent in part, or wholly, on their own efforts for an education, and to award scholarships to students based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Since the beginning of the Foundation, donations of approximately \$3,500,000 have made it possible for over 3,500 young people to receive student low interest loans amounting to over \$6,800,000, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship awards.

### *First Chairman and Director/Secretary:*

#### **Ernest W. Bradford**

Brother Ernest Wilder Bradford's name should always stand at the head of the list of those who have given most to advance the work of the Educational Foundation. He was born May 23, 1862 in Penobscot County, ME and left as an orphan at the age of 5 when his mother died in 1867 and father in 1868 and taken by his father's cousin to live on a farm in Winslow, ME. In 1882 he took a 3 year course and graduated from the Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro, ME, having paid his expenses with money earned during his vacations and outside of school hours. During 1882-1887 he was clerk in the office of his brother, Chester Bradford, who was conducting a patent law business in Indianapolis, IN. He studied law at the Central Law School in Indiana and was graduated with an LLB in 1883, second in a class of 20 students, having completed a two year course of study in one year. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Indiana, and other state courts, and the Federal Court of the 7<sup>th</sup> circuit. He purchased a ½ interest in his brother's law business in 1887 and the firm of C. and E.W. Bradford, attorneys and counselors at law and patent attorneys, was formed, with offices in Indianapolis. In 1893 he disposed of his partnership interests with his brother and established a law business on his own in Washington, DC. That same year he was admitted to practice in the US Supreme Court and later many of the District Courts of the United States. He is now (1918) senior member of the law firm of Bradford & Doolittle specializing in federal trade commission and federal tax law. He was a joint author of Harvey & Bradford's manual of the Federal Trade Commission (1916). He was president of the American Patent Law association for two terms and since 1914 has served as secretary of the patent and trade mark section of the American Bar Association. He was secretary of the

Society of Mayflower Descendants of DC, his right of decent from William Bradford, being the 8<sup>th</sup> generation in lineal descent. He was a Republican and never married.

He was elected Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF on September 21, 1926. At the 1927 session of this Order, Brother Bradford served the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as Grand Sire and then chairman of the Educational Foundation, IOOF from 1927 until his death. He gave tirelessly of his time to establish and promote the Foundation. He served as the first permanent chairman in 1927. He died March 30, 1934. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery on Lincoln Road, NE in the District of Columbia.

#### **Flora E. Sheets**

It was a dream of Sister Flora Sheets who realized the importance of a continued education beyond High School, and the difficulty for not only children in orphan homes but others to have adequate funds for college.

From a humble beginning in 1927 of assisting 11 students for a total of \$3,100, the Educational Foundation has grown into a large operation. Since its inception, donations of \$2.7 million have made it possible for over 3,500 young people to receive loans amounting to more than \$6.5 million.

Flora E. Sheets was born on September 5, 1888 and passed away on October 3, 1975 in the Odd Fellows Home in Mattoon, IL. Due to the loss of her mother and father when she was 12, Flora with three sisters and one brother entered the Odd Fellows Children's home in Lincoln, IL.

At the age of seventeen, she entered Southern Illinois University and later studied at Illinois State and Lincoln College. After one year as a rural teacher, she returned to the Children's Home as a teacher for ten years. The following five years she served on the faculty of the Junior High School in

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Lincoln.

In 1908 she was initiated a member of Orphans Home Rebekah Lodge No. 9 in Lincoln and five years later served as Noble Grand. She served as President of the Rebekah Assembly in 1921-1922. She was representative to the Association of Rebekah Assemblies in 1924 and was appointed chairman of the Educational Committee. After three years of study, legislation creating the Educational Foundation was adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge on September 20, 1927 at its session in hot Springs, AR. She was appointed on the first board of Trustees and served as Executive Secretary. At the 1936 session it was voted that the Executive Secretary should not be a Board Member. She resigned from the Board and was employed as Executive Secretary until she retired in 1955.

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The Loan Program

Who Is Eligible to Receive a Loan?

It is required that applicants must be, or have a relative who is an active member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. A student desiring a loan must write personally to the Executive Director for an application. A maximum of \$16,000 can be borrowed for a complete course of four years or more. The maximum is \$5,000 for one year of study. All applicants must be attending school halftime or more to be eligible. See the I.O.O.F. web site for further details.

2017 – Scholarships Awards:

Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship - \$3,000.00 – regional scholarships are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. \$3,000.00 is awarded annually to a student in each of 15 Regions of the US & Canada.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must have completed one grading period in a College or University.
- Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge.
- The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge to verify membership.

Completed Applications are due by May 15th. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

Region One

Casey Kurpiel

Massachusetts

The University of Vermont

Sponsor: Kersarge Lodge No. 217 – MA

Region Two

Dayle Hill

New York

Cazenovia College – NY

Sponsor: Syracuse Reb. Ldg No. 650 – NY

Region Three

Emily Sparks

Kentucky

Hazard Community and Technical College

Sponsor: Prestonsburg Lodge No. 293 – KY

Region Four

Amber Cowan

Florida

Everglades University

Sponsor: Harmony Reb. Ldg No. 96 – CO

Region Five

Tattianna Bureau

Quebec

Champlain Regional College

Sponsor: Knowlton Lodge No. 28— QC

Region Six

Alexandra Wood

Illinois

Carroll University – WI

Sponsor: Rockford Lodge No. 140 – IL

Region Seven

Patrick Hirsh

Arkansas

North Arkansas College

Sponsor: Diamond Reb. Ldg No. 75 – AR

Region Eight

Karen Bialas

South Dakota

Black Hills State University

Sponsor: Rushmore Lodge No. 39 – SD

Region Nine

Haley Olsen

Missouri

Drury College – MO

Sponsor: Hartville Reb. Ldg No. 236 – MO

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Region Ten

Jennifer Welch

Texas

Baylor University – TX

Sponsor: Springtown Lodge No. 75 – TX

Region Eleven

Lim Hyun-Joo

Alberta

University of Alberta – Augustana

Sponsor: Jewel Rebekah Lodge No. 25 – AB

Region Twelve

Erik Nutting

Colorado

Colorado State University

Sponsor: Loveland Lodge No. 36 – CO

Region Thirteen

Marian Hart

Arizona

Grand Canyon University – AZ

Sponsor: Kingman Reb. Ldg No. 12 – AZ

Region Fourteen

Rebekah Pennington

Oregon

Oregon Health and Science University

Sponsor: Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47 – OR

Region Fifteen

Chelsey Visant

California

Sacramento State University

Sponsor: River City Lodge No. 17 – CA

Rebekah Pennington from Oregon, Region Fourteen has the highest overall score in the Ingstrom competition. As a result she is the winner of the *Flora Sheets Award* for Academic Excellence which carries an award of \$5,000.00.

The *Ohio 2012 Session Committee Award of Excellence* \$4,500 will be made to **Haley Olsen** of Missouri, Region Nine for the second highest score in the Ingstrom competition

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**Charles J. & Christine Wirz Scholarships - \$2,000.00** - are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. Usually, two \$2,000.00 scholarships are awarded annually to

students without regard to Order affiliation.

*Eligibility Requirements:*

- Applicants must have completed one grading period in a College or University.
- The Application must have a Lodge endorsement.
- Completed Applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Winners will be notified prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Holly Lobb**

Pennsylvania

York College of Pennsylvania

Sponsor: Mt Zion Lodge No. 74 – PA

**Victoria Riback**

Oregon

Texas A&M University

Sponsor: Redmon Reb. Ldg No. 204 – OR

**Dillon Campbell**

Texas

Texas A&M University at Gavelston

Sponsor: Garland Lodge No. 304 – TX

**Bailey Reynolds**

Oregon

Oregon State University

Sponsor: Montezuma Lodge No. 50 – OR

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Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship - \$15,000.00

– Christine Smith served as a member of the Educational Foundation, I.O.O.F. for 24 years. Her generosity through her estate has initiated the Educational Foundation's Graduate Studies Scholarship to respond to the need for research and study focused on Children & Family issues.

The scholars who receive the \$15,000.00 Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarships conduct critical inquiry and evaluation that impacts the disadvantaged and underserved, becoming highly trained professionals working in the area of social intervention after completing a specialized program at the masters or doctoral level addressing the needs of society relating to Children & Family issues.

The Foundation selected the first Christine Scholar in 2004.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. Have a superior record in previous academic work.

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- Have two or more years of recent professional experience in the field of social work or a related field.
- Propose a program of study specializing in children and families, at the master's or doctoral level. Submit evidence of graduate school admission (copies of formal acceptance letters), to an accredited university.
- Preference will be given to US & Canadian applicants.

Haley Webb

Oregon

Eastern Kentucky University

Masters Candidate

Hilary Kelly

Minnesota

University of Minnesota

Masters Candidate

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**Continuing Education Career Enrichment Grants** – the Educational Foundation, I.O.O.F. endorses career development by supporting members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in job related fields, or for enrollment in continuing education courses in a new field to further their occupational goals. Grant funds will be awarded as an incentive for individual growth and development.

*Eligibility Requirements:*

- The grant application should be made at least 60 days before the grant funds are required.
- Grant applicants must be member of a branch the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
- Eligible expenses:
  - o Required books/publications for continuing education courses;
  - o Tuition and student fees for continuing education courses.
  - o Individuals may apply for up to \$1,500.00 for expenses not covered by their employer or someone else.

Recipients will submit a 100-150 word signed article for the I.O.O.F. News about the class they attended. The article should include a review of the class, highlights of what was learned and how it will be useful on their job. The article is subject to editing by the Educational Foundation, I.O.O.F.

staff and will be published by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as space allows.

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Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Vocational Technology Scholarship - \$1,000.00 – are based on Financial Need and Leadership. This scholarship evolved from the Lawson/Pezo scholarships that were awarded in 2005 from the efforts of LaVaughn Lawson, PGM and Martha Pezo, PP. \$1,000.00 is awarded to eligible students annually.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must have completed High School or have a GED equivalent.
- Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge.
- The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge to verify membership.
- Completed Applications are due by May 15th.
- Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

Amber Carter

North Carolina

Kings College – NC (Charlotte?)

Sponsor: Mountain Lodge No. 19 – NC

Jason Skory

Alberta

Sait Polytechnic – Calgary

Sponsor: High River Lodge No. 22 – AB

Dillon Confer

Pennsylvania

South Hills School of Business and Technology

Sponsor: Lady Emily Reb. Ldg No. 452 – PA

Nathaniel Kiele

Idaho

Lewis and Clark State College – ID

Sponsor: Kooskia Rebekah Lodge No. 64 – ID

Chevelle Murk

Kansas

Manhattan Area Technical College

Sponsor: Kansas Lodge No. 1 – KS

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### **Glenn Coursey Agriculture Scholarship:**

Glenn Coursey grew up on a farm in Warren County, Illinois. He worked for the State Highway Department, eventually becoming employed as a railway postal clerk. He also farmed most of his life. A bequest from his estate was received in 2007 to fund this scholarship.

#### *Eligibility Requirements:*

Students who have completed one semester in college in an agriculture field and have an average to above average academic record. They must show a need for financial assistance, demonstrate leadership ability, be enrolled in an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technology school and pursue a career in agriculture

- Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge.
- The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge to verify membership.
- Completed Applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be notified prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Thor Burnside**

Oklahoma

Fort Hays State University – KS

Sponsor: Turley Lodge No. 28 – OK

### **Alec Lester**

Illinois

Black Hawk College – IL

Sponsor: Military Tract Lodge No. 145 – IL

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Non-Traditional Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements:

To apply for the Educational Foundation Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be at least 30 years of age and not dependent upon parents or another person for support, or
- Be married and not dependent upon parents or another person, other than your spouse, for support, or
- Be supporting your own child and not dependent upon parents or another person for support.
- Hold a high school degree or its equivalent.
- Apply and be accepted into a degree program at an accredited college or university.

- Enroll in college.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Applicants must be, or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.

The funds may be used for tuition, books and other educational expenses including transportation and child care. One-half of the award will be paid prior to enrollment of the student. One-half of the award will be paid when the Educational Foundation receives a transcript of the student's grades for the semester for which the student was enrolled to receive payment of the first installment of the award.

General Information:

- The deadline for submission of applications is May 15th.
- Applications received in the Educational Foundation office after this date will be rejected.
- Send only the documents and information requested on the application.
- Do not send any other documentation or surplus information not asked for.
- Documents will not be returned. You should, therefore, send copies of all supporting documentation and not the originals except for grade transcripts.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The decisions of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation, IOOF are final and confidential.



Scholarships Through the Years

As a result of many generous bequests, the Foundation was able to establish Scholarships based on leadership, need and academic achievement. In the 1980s the Charles J. and Christine Wirz Scholarship was launched to provide scholarships to students without regard to Order affiliation. It is presently a \$2,000.00 scholarship.

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To memorialize our beloved Christine Smith, PPIARA who served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation for 24 years, the Foundation, with funding from the estate of Christine Smith and the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established the Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship for graduate level studies specializing in children and family issues in 2004. The Educational Foundation awards a \$15,000.00 scholarship to an individual to undertake a masters or doctoral degree program specializing in children and family studies at a notable university. Typically the applicants are narrowed to three and the second and third place applicants are awarded Scholarships of lesser amounts.

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Beginning in 2009, the Foundation established Continuing Education Grants with funding from the Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia. These Grants were the idea and inspiration of Peter F. Geolot, a Board member from the District of Columbia Grand Lodge. These Grants support members of the Order who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in job related fields, or for enrollment in continuing education courses in a new field to further their occupational goals. Grant funds are awarded as an incentive for individual growth and development. In 2017 the Continuing Education Grants were renamed the Peter F. Geolot Continuing Education Grants.

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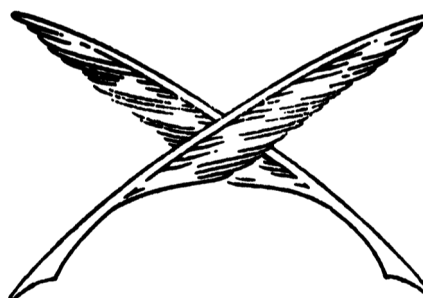
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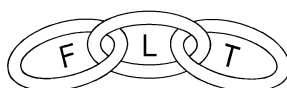
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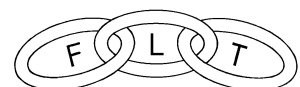
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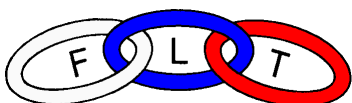


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