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A YEAR OF UNITY

The Bundle of Rods.

Just as Wildey called together the former members of the English Order to form a new beginning; we too must come together to continue the lesson taught in the Bundle of Rods.

It reminds us of the united power of each member to sustain, and be sustained by others when bound together by the bands of Friendship, Love and Truth.

For if we are to survive in the 21st century with the many distractions and opportunities abound, we must come together and work as one, leaving the I at the anteroom door.

As a whole we can do and do many things when set to the challenge:

- ◆ Over \$900,000,000.00 spent on relief since 1819.
- ◆ The Educational Foundation has invested over \$4,500,000.00 to provide \$7,419,794.00 in student loans, not to mention the thousands awarded in scholarships.
- ◆ The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth has sent over 48,000 delegates on an educational and life changing summer tour.
- ◆ The Visual Research Foundation through a \$2.5 million deposit funds the Odd Fellows Research Chair at Johns Hopkins Wilmer Institute for Eye Research.
- ◆ Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have raised over \$10 million for Arthritis programs and research.
- ◆ The leader in homes for the aged and orphans.

None of these programs would have been possible if not for the membership coming together to continue the commands of the Order: 'visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan.

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Katherine Mueller, PP, of New York—100 years

Charleroi Lodge No 1030—125 years, PA

State College Lodge No. 1032—125 years, PA

Falls Creek Lodge No. 957—125 years, PA

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74—175 years, PA

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57—180 years, PA

Wawayanda Lodge No. 34—150 years, NY along with the town of Warwick where the lodge resides.

Thoughts and Prayers to:

SGM W. Larry Ferguson
SGT Harless A. Turner
Lady Roseann Turner
Maj. Gen. Marie Greger-Smith,
Quartermaster General

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## Sympathy to:

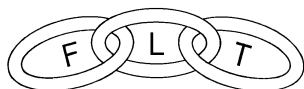
The family of Lucille Mulligan, PP-IARA  
1979-1980 — date of death: 16 December  
2016

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Thank You to:

Members of the greater Nashville area for assisting in delivering \$3,500.00 worth of clothing and personal hygiene items for 'Operation Stand Down', a project of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in Tennessee under the direction of GM Bob and P-RA Sharon Leib along with members of Tennessee Lodge No. 1 and Harpeth Lodge No. 2 — items collected from the membership across Tennessee.

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Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



January 2017

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. This is the time of year for a fresh start - planning for growth, start bringing non-members into your lodge room, start demonstrating the value of Odd Fellowship and start reaching out in the community to recruit members, rebuild your lodge and rededicate yourselves.

I wish to thank my Testimonial Committee for the outstanding weekend the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of December at the Isaac Jackson Hotel in my home town of Elkins. One hundred and fifty brother and sisters from the United States and Canada attended. I pray that everyone in attendance had great time.

I hope each of you will enjoy watching the Rose Parade on the second of January. Sister Joyce Link, Gen. Dan Mathews and I will have the honor and distinct pleasure to be able to represent every Odd Fellow and Rebekah as we ride down Colorado Boulevard on the float.

My brothers and sisters, let us unite ourselves and wholeheartedly go out and actively recruit new members into the lodge. It needs to begin at the local lodge level. Let us not just talk about it, but let us go out and do it and make substantial membership gains to our Order. United in our efforts we will succeed. Together, let's go and do it.

Please remember to "Be a Lover not a Fighter" by being kind to everyone and have this a year of Unity.

Fraternally,
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.



January 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Fraternal Order,

2016 has been a most memorable year as I was installed as President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. I will always cherish the honor of this office.

My husband and I participated in a wonderful 'home town' Testimonial honoring our Sovereign Grand Master, Larry Ferguson, even the local Sheriff was in attendance. The hospitality shown by the Brothers and Sisters of his local lodge was outstanding!!

At the time of this report I am on my way to Pasadena to participate in the Rose Float activities. I expect this to be a wonderful experience as Larry and I are riders on the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Float.

2017 – A wish for you. “May each of you look forward to a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.”

January 15th is the birthdate of Thomas Wildey, founder of our Order. How about celebrating with a birthday party to honor him – a good idea for a lodge activity where you can promote good fellowship by inviting friends and members of your community. Have a presentation on the story of our founder and how Odd Fellowship was formed.

Please submit to the UNP a holding fee by January 15, 2017 to secure your delegate a place on the 'tour'. This committee works very hard all year to make sure each delegate will have an educational experience they will always remember.

February is 'Educational Foundation' month. Please support this worthwhile project by submitting the names of qualified students in your region. I look forward to the presentation of winners, at our session in St. Louis in August.

I, and my representatives, look forward to visiting the Jurisdictions and greeting each one of you along the way as we strive for “Unity through Understanding”.

With Fraternal Love – “Forget-Me-Not”

Joyce Link

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



January 2017

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

If we think of our New Year's resolutions as goals what a wondrous and caring world we can build together.

Goals are truly achieved when the results have an impact. It is imperative that we build a set of goals that we can achieve, and then use the results of those goals to create impact on our communities and Lodges.

When individuals are impacted by our good work those achievements will pay us back in membership. We have been so successful in achieving our goals to bury the dead, which today is a function of every community; to relieve the distressed who are aided by several public agencies; while widows and orphans are cared for and educated by Social Security. That hard work has served us well for 200 years and now we are in search of ways of extending to the rest of the world our program of good, and developing further goals that will further aid in the betterment of mankind.

To do nothing is to avert change. Our goal to work

for the betterment of mankind is lofty and we have been successful. As an Order, we have achieved such superb goals in the past, while before us lies the challenges that require that we look to new and innovative ways of grooming new members.

Our Order needs to turn our attention to the needs of today. We need to look to the future and find our place in it and then mold our goals to serve mankind in new ways that meet the new needs of our changing world.

I challenge all PM members to embrace the goal that they wear their Class A uniform to an Encampment meeting and to their Lodge at least once each quarter. When we are seen as PM members, we are fulfilling our duty to spark interest in our Order's Uniformed Branch and help our Order to grow.

Chivalrously,

General Daniel E. Mathews



Office of the President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant



Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

January 2017

I hope that each of you had a most joyful holiday season. Over the holidays I had the pleasure of attending Brother Larry Ferguson's Testimonial. It was a wonderful weekend and I had a great time with all of the Brothers and Sisters. I would also like to thank everyone that attended my Testimonial in November. You each helped make it a very special event, one that I will not forget and for that I cannot say thank you enough.

The New Year has arrived! It can be a start of many great things: time to ask someone new to join our great Order and then the LAPM, time to get involved in the projects of our Order or make new projects, time to get involved in community work. I read somewhere that "Odd Fellowship is not just an organization to occupy our time; it is a

way of life". Let us not forget this as we make our journey through 2017, this is the year that we can make it a "great way of life" again by living by our principles and obligations and making a difference. Always remember that "OUR REWARDS ARE EQUAL TO OUR DEEDS." Have a very blessed new year.

Chivalrously,

Lady Tracy Boyer
President-IALAPM



SCHUYLER COLFAX DAY PROCLAMATION

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

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

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

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

That the 23rd day of March 2017 be:
Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax.

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

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this the 1st day of January 2017, and in the 198th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Arthritis Month Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

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

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

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

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

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of January 2017 and of our Order the 198th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

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



Commemorating Wilkey'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
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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
78th 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, \$ TBD \$ _____

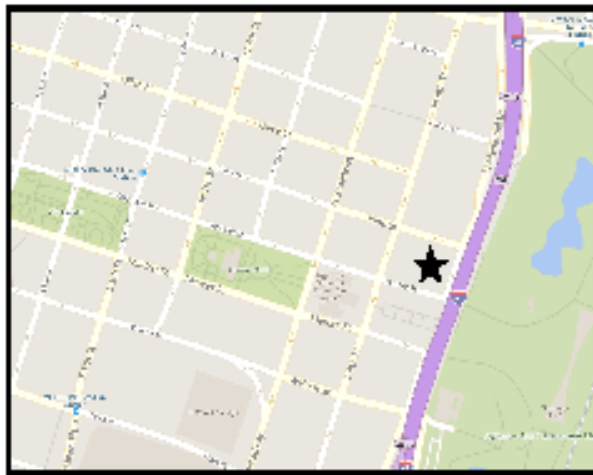
Total Fees for the session, in US dollars \$ _____

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 _____
 Check in Time 3:00p.m. Check out time 12:00 noon



Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
315 Chestnut Street
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 Dr. Go Right at Market St., then right at 4th St., then right at Chestnut St.. From I-55 North, exit at Memorial Dr., turn left at Market St., then right at 4th St., then right at Chestnut.

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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Group Rate	\$159 \$159 \$169 \$179	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Away Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Crib (No Charge)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regency Club Level Room	\$219	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Accessible Room	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Suites	\$259	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonsmoking Room	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Queen Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Beds

Name: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____
 Address: _____ Departure Date: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ Additional Guests: _____
 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.



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DBA: CHESTERFIELD TAXI & CAR SERVICE



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Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier Beauvoir Confederate Cemetery, Biloxi, Mississippi

11 February 2017 at 11:00 a.m. officers and members of the General Military Council will gather to pay tribute to the unknown soldier of the Confederacy with a wreath laying ceremony.

Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier. In late 1979, the remains of an unidentified soldier from the Civil War were discovered on a battlefield of the Vicksburg Campaign. The remains were carefully authenticated from artifacts accompanying them confirmed he was a Confederate soldier, but the identity of his unit and his place of origin are not known. The soldier's remains were buried there in a cypress casket in 1980, which led to the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier in the Beauvoir Confederate Veterans Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi. Approval of the plan and official designation was recognized by Confederate organizations including the Sons of Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Military Order of the Stars and Bars and Children of the Confederacy. On June 6, 1981, the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier was dedicated. On two sides are inscribed, The Unknown Soldier of the Confederate States of America. The head of the tomb bears the inscription, Known but to God. Atop of the tomb is the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America and at its foot is a stanza from a poem by Father Abram Joseph Ryan, poet-priest of the Confederacy.

CSA

Ah! fearless on many a day for us,
They stood in front of the fray for us,
And held the foeman at bay for us;
And tears should fall
Fore'er o'er all
Who fell while wearing the Gray for us.



Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns May 5-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia

November 2016

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-fourth Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2017 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 7 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at **noon** followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. ***Please note the dates and times the program will be held this year.*** The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You **MUST** mention “Odd Fellows Pilgrimage” when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$115.00 plus hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations).

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM. (Advance ticket purchase required - see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia; Sister Joyce P. Link, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of California; General Daniel E. Mathews, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Oregon; and Lady Tracy L. Boyer, President, International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to take advantage of the free shuttle service to the hotel provided by the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport).

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 5-7, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger
General Co-Chairmen



Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns May 5-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia



HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311
1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible.

The **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** is the headquarters hotel for the 2017 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. To receive the special rate of \$115.00 plus hotel tax, available for the nights of May 5-7, reservations must be made **no later than April 2, 2017**. You must mention the **"ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE"** when making your reservation in order to receive this rate and to obtain the specially reduced parking rate. The hotel will accept reservations **on a space available basis after April 2, 2017, but not at this reduced price**. Only telephone reservations are accepted 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

It is imperative that reservations are made as early as possible. Although the deadline to place a reservation is **April 2, 2017**, occasionally in past years the hotel has sold all the rooms set aside for the IOOF Pilgrimage at the reduced rate **BEFORE** the deadline. So, although a person may call to place a reservation before April 2, if there are no more rooms available **AT THAT RATE**, the person will be faced with a choice of **reserving a room at a higher rate**, if any are available, or seeking a room at another hotel. **If you have any problems with hotel reservations, please call Chuck Renninger at 1-301-350-4495 or Jennie Sue Pearson at 1-301-662-0749.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 5, 2017

3:00-8:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

Saturday, May 6, 2017

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5:45-6:45 PM CASH-BAR SOCIAL HOUR, hotel lower level

7:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE BANQUET, hotel lower level. **Prepaid reservations required.** (See attached pre-registration form) Open seating. *Dress code for men:* business suit, military uniform, or black tie;

Dress code for women: street-length dress, dress suit, or formal dress.

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Please note earlier times for all events

8:30-10:00 A.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

10:30 A.M. BUSES LOAD-DEPART 10:45 AM promptly from the hotel lobby entrance. No cars or buses will be allowed in the cemetery. Commercial parking lot available. No exceptions.

*****ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY SCREENING*****

Noon Memorial Service followed by wreath laying after 1:00 P.M. changing of the guard

NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR WOMEN IS PERMITTED FOR WREATH LAYING.

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform.

Dress code for women: street-length dress, dress suit or Lady's military uniform.

No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, etc.

Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns May 5-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia



PRE-REGISTRATION AND PURCHASE OF TICKETS FORM ONE FORM PER PERSON

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$5.00 per person, pre-registration deadline: **April 1, 2017.**

Registrations postmarked after April 1, 2017 or in-person registrations: **\$8.00 per person.**

Any questions about registration? Contact **Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee, Treasurer Wanda Smith**

Phone: 1-703-590-1267 or E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK (upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center)

Open Friday, May 5, 3:00-8:00 P.M.; Saturday, May 6, 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.; Sunday, May 7, 8:30-10:00 A.M. Pre-registered participants must pick up their registration envelopes which include the Pilgrimage badge and certificate of attendance and any pre-paid tickets as requested on **this form**. In-person registrations are accepted. Any tickets still available may be purchased.

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE – ONE FORM PER PERSON – (Please copy this form as needed)
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 1, 2017

Name _____ Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Jurisdiction _____ Highest Title you want printed on the certificate _____

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. NO REFUNDS.

- () **\$ 5.00 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE** available until April 1, 2017, after **April 1, 2017**, fee is \$8.00
- () **\$ 50.00 SATURDAY PILGRIMAGE BANQUET** – **MUST** be reserved and pre-paid by **April 1, 2017**. Unless there are canceled reservations, **no additional banquet tickets** will be available.
- () **\$ 40.00 ARLINGTON CEMETERY TRANSPORTATION TICKETS** - round-trip bus from the Hilton to the Visitor Center; round-trip shuttle from the visitor center to the tomb for Sunday, May 7, 2017 only.

NO PRIVATE VEHICLES or BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CEMETERY AND PARK. PRIVATE VEHICLE AND BUS PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR A FEE AT THE COMMERCIAL PARKING GARAGE AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY SCREENING AT THE CEMETERY.

Check # _____ Amount of check _____

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars.

Make checks payable to: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee and send with this form to:

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee

P.O. Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA 22195

Phone: 1-703-590-1267 or E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com

Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns
May 5-7, 2017 Arlington, Virginia

Jurisdictional Wreath Order Form

Your jurisdictional wreath must be ordered directly from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee. The cost of the wreath is **US \$60.00**. No other wreath option is available. Payment for the full amount (payable to Independent Order of Odd Fellows *Pilgrimage Committee*) must accompany this order.

Only one (1) wreath per jurisdiction may be ordered. It may be placed by **no more than four** (4) representatives from your jurisdiction. A jurisdiction with no representative in attendance may order one wreath to be placed by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee's designee. **Questions: Wanda Smith, 1-703-590-1267.**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES MUST ABIDE
BY THE FOLLOWING DRESS CODES,**

or they will **NOT** be permitted to participate in laying a wreath.

NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR FOR WOMEN IS PERMITTED.

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform.

Dress code for women: street-length dress, suit or Ladies' military uniform

No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, etc.

Reservation Deadline: April 1, 2017

Order forms will NOT be processed without the following information:

Jurisdiction: _____ Person ordering wreath: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Print the name(s) (maximum of 4) participating in wreath laying for your jurisdictional wreath:

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

OR _____ **No jurisdictional representative will be in attendance.** Please have our jurisdictional wreath placed by the I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage Committee's designee.

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Check # _____

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FORTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL WEKEND JUNE 2, 3, 4, 2017



To All Members and Friends of Odd Fellowship:

Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend the 48th Annual Canadian War Memorial Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony to be held on June 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2017. Our headquarter hotel will be the Best Western Plus, Ottawa Civic Centre, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. Room rates are \$120.00 per night (Canadian funds plus applicable taxes). Reservation can be made by calling **1-613-728-1951** no later than May 5, 2017. Please inform the registration desk that you are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to receive this special rate. Rooms in our block are limited and must be ordered before **May 5, 2017**.

On Friday evening there will be a meet and greet informational reception from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Banquet tickets will be available for pick-up at that time.

On Saturday transportation will be available to take you downtown to be on your own too participate in special 150th birthday events. The bus will leave the hotel at 10:00 a.m. and pick you up at one agreed location at 2:00 p.m. Cost of the bus per person will be determined by the number of people signing the attached registration form. Cost is based on participation.

Our annual banquet and entertainment will be held at the hotel dining room on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a time of fellowship and cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the banquet are \$40.00 and must be ordered in advance. Your choice of chicken or salmon must be shown on the **pre registered form attached**. Suggested dress code is men in tuxedo, business suit or military uniform. For the ladies is street length dress or formal gown.

Our Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 4th, 2017 at the cenotaph commencing at 11:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided. Wreaths are made of artificial flowers and can be used for many years. Those Jurisdictions who currently have a wreath are urged to have a representative available to present your wreath. The name of the person should be sent to the Secretary no later than May 5, 2017. If no representative is available, the committee cannot guarantee that your wreath will be presented.

Jurisdictions that do not have a wreath and would like to order one may do so by contacting the Secretary. The cost of a new wreath is \$125.00 and must be ordered no later than March 1, 2017.

The committee look forward to greeting you in Ottawa June 2,3,4, 2017.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the secretary

Ronald L. Wanamaker, PGM, Committee Secretary
1322 Pinehurst Ave., Oshawa, ON L1H 8G5
Phone 905-723-2297 – e-mail: ron.l.wanamaker@gmail.com

48th Canadian War Memorial Weekend
Ottawa, Ontario
June 2,3,4, 2017
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM —
(One Form Per Person
Registration Fee MUST be paid by all attendees)



All registrations **MUST** be received no later than May 5, 2017 (If mailing from the United States, please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery).

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

☐ **REGISTRATION FEE:** is \$5.00 per person if paid prior to May 5, 2017
OR: \$7.00 per person if paid after May 5, 2017

☐ **Annual Banquet:** is \$40.00 Canadian Funds (**Please choose one of the following**)
() Chicken () Salmon

(Please advice **in advance** if you have any dietary restrictions and what they are so that we can arrange for an alternative) Place information on back of form: →

() **Saturday - On Your Own** – Bus to leave hotel at 10:00 a.m. Will drop off downtown
Bus to return from drop off point back to hotel at 2:00 p.m.
Price to be determined by # of people using service. Cash payment to be made day of.

MINIMUM OF 20 PEOPLE REQUIRED FOR TOUR

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____

My Title on June 1, 2017 _____

MAIL TO: Mrs. Sue Geurts Amount \$ _____
688 Down Cres.
Oshawa, ON L1H 7Y1

Make all cheques/Money Orders payable to:
“The Canadian War Memorial Committee”

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

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. If one is not to be found the Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly needs only to e-mail or write The SGL office for a copy.

Maintenance Replacement Report

Members Dropped for NPD in 2017

Members Deceased in 2017

Members Transferred/Withdrawn in 2017

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Members Initiated, Consolidated/  
Transferred in/Admitted by Card in 2017

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## Count

January 1 beginning membership \_\_\_\_\_ (a)

Jan. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Feb. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Apr. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

May + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Jun. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Jul. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sep. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. + gains \_\_\_\_\_ - losses \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

December 31 ending membership \_\_\_\_\_ (b)

Beginning Count \_\_\_\_\_ (a)

Ending Count \_\_\_\_\_ (b)

Gain (Loss) \_\_\_\_\_ (c)

\_\_\_\_\_ (c) / \_\_\_\_\_ (a) = \_\_\_\_\_ %

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Maintenance Report for

No. _____

Lodge, camp, etc.

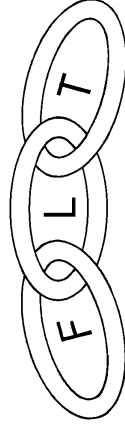
(Jurisdiction)

Total Membership

January 1, 2017 = _____

Members needed to obtain a 2%
gain by December 31, 2017 = _____

The World
of Odd Fellowship



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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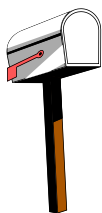
State/Province _____

Postal/Zip Code _____

Date of Birth: M/D/Y _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____



MAIL, FAX, E-mail
TO:

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

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Membership Committee

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

January 2017

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful holiday period and are dedicated to forwarding our marvelous Order in 2017. I hope everyone got to watch the Rose Bowl Parade to see the Odd Fellow/Rebekah float. The California delegation does a great job each year to put this float in the parade.

We are continuing to visit local lodges and talk to individual members and give them printed informational material to keep. If you have not seen or acquired a copy of the "Membership Handbook", you really need to contact your jurisdictional secretary and have them order some from The S.G.L. office. There is so much valuable information in this book.

Most of us are, or rapidly becoming, senior citizens. It becomes harder each year to get enthused and excited about our lodges. However, if you love our Order as much as I do, then we MUST give 2017 our best shot in renewing the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to keep from fading into history.

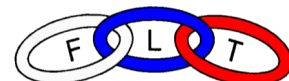
Is your lodge hall clean, painted, and inviting both inside and out for prospective members to visit? If they are like many, kind of old, junky, with faded paint peeling off of the walls, they do not look very attractive to gaining new members. Does your meeting have anything interesting or entertaining to keep new members active? Does your lodge do anything???? If not—can you start something to have your lodge have a purpose of being?? Like I said, most of us are becoming older and I hear the same excuse everywhere—I am too old to do these things! Even if you are 90 and in a wheel chair, your mouth still works and you can assist in talking about our Order to people you interact with. If nothing else, just lend encouragement!!

I have tremendous amounts of hope and encouragement about 2017 and beyond. I have talked to several hundreds of members about the benefits of being a member, and found the information we passed on has given these members renewed hope and pride in being a part of a fantastic organization. Several have already received some of these benefits in terms of scholarships, etc.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge and their executives are working on ways to expand the program of lodge visitations for the future. We are excited about the prospective of seeing you at your lodge in the future.

Have a super New Year and get excited about being a member of the finest organization in the world.

Jon Petersen
Membership Chairman



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	2	2	0	10		1	2	2	0	0			0	0	0	0		14
Arizona	5	3	2	1		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		6
Arkansas	1	0	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		1
Atlantic Provinces	1	0	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		1
Belize	0																	0
British Columbia	0			1		0	0			1	0	1	0	0	0	0		2
California	82	48	34	23		6	0			0			0	0	0	0		105
Chile	0			0														0
Colorado	4	4	0	5		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		9
Connecticut	17	14	3	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		17
Delaware	7	7	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		7
Dist. of Columbia	0			0			0			0								0
Dominican Republic	0			0			0			0								0
Florida	0			4		1	0			0			0	0	0	0		4
Georgia	0			0			0			0								0
Hawaii	6	3	3	0			0			0								6
Idaho	2	1	1	9		3	0			2	1	1	0	0	0	0		13
Illinois	42	30	12	6		0	2	0	2	0			0	0	0	0		50
Indiana	7	7	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		7
Iowa	5	2	3	1		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		6
Kansas	3	2	1	2		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		5
Kentucky	9	9	0	24		7	0			0			0	0	0	0		33
Louisiana	3	1	2	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		3
Maine	4	0	4	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		4
Manitoba	1	0	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		1
Maryland	9	7	2	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		9
Massachusetts	28	19	9	1		1	0			0			0	0	0	0		29
Mexico	0			0			0			0								0
Michigan	12	7	5	5		0	0			0			0	2	0	0		19
Minnesota	0			2		0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0		6
Mississippi	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Missouri	18	13	5	3		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		21
Montana	7	5	2	1		0	0			0			0	0	0	0		8
Nebraska	1	1	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		1
Nevada	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
New Hampshire	18	12	6	3		0	0			0			0	4	0	0		25
New Jersey	8	8	0	2		1	0			0			0	0	0	0		10
New Mexico	2	1	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		2
New York	6	5	1	5		1	1	1	0	0			0	0	0	0		12
Nigeria	0																	0

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VETERANS

80 years

75 Years

70 Years

65 Years

60 Years

55 years

50 Years

Charles Carson, OH
Gerald Neff, OH
Kenneth R. Reffeitt, WV

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

Also the following Jewels are available:



Odd Fellows & Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth



We would like to:

Sponsor Lunch for _____ Delegates @ \$10.00 each	_____
Sponsor Dinner for _____ Delegates @ \$15.00 each	_____
Sponsor _____ Delegate Tee – Shirts @ \$10.00	_____
Sponsor _____ Delegate Room - Nights @ \$40.00	_____
Sponsor _____ Delegate United Nations Tours @ \$12.00	_____
Sponsor _____ 911 Museum Tickets @ \$18.00	_____
Sponsor _____ Empire State Building Tickets @ \$22.00	_____
Sponsor _____ Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Tickets @ \$18.00	_____
Sponsor _____ Gettysburg Bus Tour @ 170.00 per Bus	_____
Join with a Lodge along the route to provide a meal (suggest)	\$ 300.00
Other [Please specify] _____	_____

Reach out and ‘Make A Difference’ in a young person’s future and the world! The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth program belongs to you, the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Your generosity has made this program a success for over 67 years. Your generosity allows the program to continue and grow. Donations in the United States are tax deductible.

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

Fraternally,

Your UNEPY, Inc. Board of Directors

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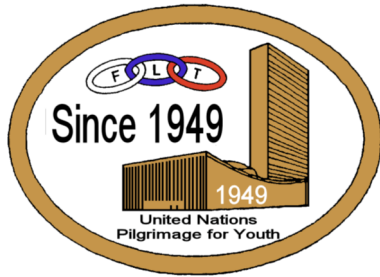
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Return this Form & Your Donation to:

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January 2017

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Week 1 Tour starts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 8th – July 18th

Week 2 Tour starts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 15th – July 25th

*** * Jurisdictional Chairs contact my office to reserve the week your delegates prefer * ***

Are you interested in being a Tour Leader or New York Staff Member? Please fill out an application and submit it to my home address above, by January 15, 2017. These applications will be submitted to the UNEP Board Members for consideration in February 2017.

The first deadline for the 2017 Tour was January 15 and the non-refundable holding fee of \$800.00 for each delegate should have been sent to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth at 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101. Please use the Delegate Report Form to show how many delegates you are paying for. If you missed the deadline and have delegates, contact me to see if there is any space on one of the Buses, a late fee will be assessed if there is space on a bus and the delegate is accepted.

April 1, 2017 is the second deadline date. By this date or before, the balance of your delegate's fees and your tour leader fees (if applicable) are required to be in to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth office at 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101. You are also required to have your delegate's **2017 Completed Registration Forms and all Required Documents** in to my office at the address listed above. **Remember** missing any of these deadline dates will result in your jurisdiction being charged a late fee of \$50.00 per delegate per requirement missed. Contact your Jurisdictional Chairman for specific Jurisdictional Deadline Dates.

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

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

Fees do not include the cost of transportation from the assigned point of departure to Philadelphia.

The New York Tour generally includes tours of 911 Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and a Broadway play. The Tour may have stops in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Ottawa.

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

2017 Delegate Registration Forms and 2017 Tour Leader / New York Staff Applications are found on our website: www.unpilgrimage.org, or you may contact my office.

DEADLINE DATES:

April 1st – Final payment for all delegates along with **All 2017 Completed Registration Forms in Duplicate with All Required Supporting Documents.**

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

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

Looking forward to the 68th Year of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour in 2017, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Janet L. Bruce, Executive Director



Odd Fellows Insurance Program

Endorsed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Odd Fellows Insurance Program is designed specifically to meet your Lodge's unique insurance needs. We offer:

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Now we offer you a choice. And one could save you up to 40%.

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Or perhaps you'll decide our **Premier Coverage**, offering more comprehensive protection, is what your Lodge needs. The choice is yours.

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E-mail: IOOFinsurance@locktonrisk.com

Insurance Program Administered by Lockton Risk Services

Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

ODD FELLOWS

Alabama – 9-10 June 2017, Grand Secretary – Timothy A Lansford, 4155 Holley Grove Rd, Jasper, AL 35501
Alberta – 8-9 April 2017, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3
Arizona – 20-23 October 2017, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326
Arkansas – 13-14 October 2017, Grand Secretary – Frank Webster, PO Box 84, Atkins, AR 72823
Atlantic Provinces – 7-8 July 2017, 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 – April 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 – 6-8 October 2017, 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 – 28 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Angel Dagas Garcia, 20 de Mayo No 615, Habana 6, Ciudad Habana CP10600
Delaware – 11-12 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 – 19-21 May 2017, Grand Secretary, Andre Kuy, Selnaustrasse 3, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland
Florida – 17-19 May 2017, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012
Georgia – 15 April 2017, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404
Hawaii – DDSGM – Charles A VanGieson, 95 1050 Makaikai St # 20G, Mililani, HI 96789-4329
Idaho – 15-18 October 2017, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605
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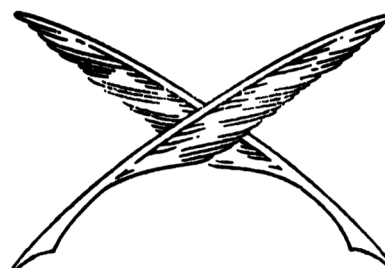
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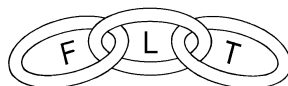
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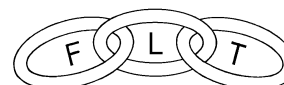
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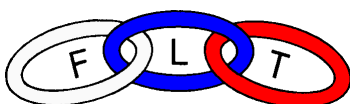


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