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198 years — Washington Lodge No. 1, Maryland

170 years — Friendship Lodge No. 27, Illinois

Thoughts and Prayers to:

Sis. Janet Gibson, Sec’y-IARA
Gen. Dan Mathews, General Commanding
Maj. Gen. Marie Greger-Smith, Quartermaster General

Sympathy to:

Lynda Baker, PP-IARA on the death of her sister Nanette W. Comer, 2.3.17
The family of Anna Lee Lockhart, PP-IARA, 87-88—date of death: 2.11.17
The Grand Lodge of Manchester Unity on the death of Dave Nelson, PGM, 2.10.17

Thank You from:
Rob and Sherri Robbins for the many cards, calls, e-mails and prayers during Rob’s recent health issues. (Looking for a new back.)
Greetings Brother and Sisters,

Spring is just around the corner as we watch the winter weather disappear and the long days of summer arrive.

My trip to California for the Rose Parade was a trip of a lifetime. I will never forget all the kindnesses from our Brothers and Sisters while I was there. One never knows all the details that go into making the float. Thanks to all who volunteered, your time makes the float great.

We have many events to celebrate and work for during the months of March and April. March is designated as Arthritis Month. Make plans for your lodge to have a fund raiser and donate to your local arthritis foundation or society to help research and hopefully one day there will be a cure to this crippling disease. March is also the month to celebrate the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, the author of the Degree of Rebekah.

Looking to April we begin with our Living Legacy program. Remember to plant those trees, shrubs and flowers as a tribute for the ones who comes after us.

This year we celebrate 198 years of Odd Fellowship on the North American Continent. I look forward to hearing about the many classes of members initiated.

Have you scheduled your ‘Make a Difference Day’ project? This day is a great way to get out into the community and share your fellowship.

As we take a look ahead to the month of May. Let me remind you to make plans to attend our annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Also, in June we have the Canadian War Memorial wreath laying in Ottawa, ON – hope to see many there too.

Remember our goal this year is to increase membership by Recruiting, Rebuilding and Rededicating ourselves to work on Membership. Keep up the good work on getting Members. Remember to “Be a Lover not a Fighter”. Let us have good will in all our Lodges.

My thanks to all who have spread the word and are doing the work of Odd Fellowship.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"
Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Fraternal Order,

My incredible journey continues as Ray and I traveled from our home to the Embassy Suites in Old Sacramento for my Testimonial.

Prayers were answered – the rain and snow ceased and cool, crisp, sunny weather prevailed allowing the many Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends to arrive safely.

Then it all began! A ‘Welcome’ dinner preceded the weekend. A wonderful evening with Fellowship in abundance as we all enjoyed greeting each other.

On Friday evening’s ‘Fun Night’ aboard the Delta King (Suspects Mystery Dinner Theater) on the Sacramento River was so entertaining and held us in suspense. You would never guess ‘Who Done It’ and of course who the ‘Hero’ was – just ask me and I will tell you. NO, it was not Terry B.

Saturday was a day to explore Old Sacramento and the many shops and cafes. The Testimonial banquet that evening was fit for a Queen as Shirley Streck presented me with a Tiara and Elvis led the audience with ‘Happy Birthday’ greetings.

My sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the ‘Link to the Future Committee’ for an outstanding Testimonial weekend and all of the tireless work and support of my journey thru the I.A.R.A. The many gifts of kindness presented to me from the Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends were greatly appreciated. This weekend was filled with many memories that will be cherished forever – thank you.

I now look forward to the Jurisdictional visits that will begin and attending your Assemblies and meeting each one of you.

March is ‘Arthritis’ month – how about a fundraiser to support this very worthy project. March 23rd is the birthday of Schuyler Colfax; honor his memory in your lodge meeting.

April is ‘Living Legacy’ month – plant a tree in your community in recognition of our Order.

I hope to see many of you at ‘The Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown’ in Arlington, VA on the first weekend in May and the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario on the first weekend in June.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE TODAY.

With Fraternal Love – “Forget-Me-Not”

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

“UNITY Through UNDERSTANDING” – a link to the future.
Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

Most of us are unaware of the meanings associated with the word ‘CANTON’.

In Middle Ages times, the upper left corner of a banner or Family Crest referred to a special symbol and was the “Canton” of the family. The blue area on the American Flag is a field of Stars and forms the Canton of the American flag. And so, the members of the PM are acknowledging that by joining the PM we are expecting ourselves to perform above the call of duty and with added zeal while representing our order as the showcase of Odd Fellowship.

Today, we have the opportunity to extend the influence of our canton as leaders within our Order to the youth the world. If we contact these youngsters and help them to understand how our world works, then we are cultivating the future of Our Order and the prosperity of the world. Whether we are speaking of Junior Lodges, Theta Rho, United Youth Groups, or Cadet Corps; our emphasis should be on how we can impact young minds with thoughts of helping to improve our world. 50 years from now, most of our membership will look at today as when they were in Grade School. We should look at today as our opportunity to help them make their world a better place.

Spring is the time of renewal and regrowth; let us all grow our Order anew by helping these youth understand Odd Fellowship. Join with me to extend a welcome to our new Cadet Corps and its members. By working together we can truly shine our Patriarchs Militant as the canton of our Order.

Chivalrously,

General Daniel E. Mathews

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

SPEAR, it is in the air and hopefully just around the corner! Our weather here has been unseasonable warm. It has not felt much like Winter at all this year, at least here. I hope that this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

Our visitations will be starting soon. This is a time to visit with old friends and make new friends. A time to see how the jurisdictions are doing. If there is anything that you may need, either myself or my Representative would be glad to help. I have one jurisdiction, the Department Association of Indiana, that I would like to report has mustered in five new members with the potential of a few more. This is great and exciting news. They are doing something that I hope as we travel to the jurisdictions this spring and summer we find others were able to do as well. I would love to report in August during our sessions that we have had an increase in membership! So let’s use Indiana as an example and ask our friends, family and neighbors if they would like to join this great fraternal organization.

I hope to see everyone this May at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, VA or June at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa, ON. These are memorable and rewarding experiences. I am very proud to represent the International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militants this year. Please Ladies when you attend wear your uniforms, let us show up in great numbers and be noticed.

Always remember that “Our Rewards are equal to Our Deeds”.

Chivalrously,

Lady Tracy Boyer
President-IALAPM

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Commemorating Wildey’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’
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

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**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 | $ |
| 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: _____

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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 3:00 p.m. Check out time if 12 noon. Taxes are subject to change. Current tax percentage is 16.929%
- Cancellation of 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 suggestions—please make your reservations direct.
Visual Research Foundation Proclamation

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

Fraternally Greetings:

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of Johns Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision.

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

The month of May as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Further, this program needs our support through: Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations, and Publicity.

Donations and communications should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretary who will in turn forward same to Visual Research Foundation, Inc., 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight, only a few have Vision.

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

[Seal]

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

To date we have not received any nominations for the Hugh J. Bradley Award—these were due 15 March 2017.

The following jurisdictions have contracts with the Visual Research Foundation:

Alberta - 4th December 1971
Arizona - 1st January 1972
British Columbia - 8th February 1974
California - 21st September 1966
Colorado - 30th January 1979
Connecticut - 6th February 1961
Delaware - 10th April 1972
Florida - 10th September 1992
Georgia - 1st May 1973
Idaho - 4th December 1971
Illinois - 9th June 1978
Iowa - 14th October 1976
Kansas – 22nd August 2001
Louisiana - 29th June 1985
Maine - 2nd February 1977
Manitoba - 4th December 1976
Maritime - 14th October 1972
Massachusetts - 25th October 1979
Michigan - 5th February 1972
Minnesota - 18th June 1974
Mississippi - 16th June 1976
Montana - 4th December 1971
Nebraska - 20th October 1977
Nevada - 16th June 1992
New Hampshire - 24th February 1974
New Jersey - 19th September 1977
New York - 1st May 1976
North Carolina - 7th July 1973
Ohio - 16th March 1977
Oklahoma - 22nd October 1986
Oregon - 7th October 1989
Pennsylvania - 19th June 1972
Saskatchewan - 4th December 1971
South Carolina - 16th May - 1977
Tennessee - 3rd December 1971
Texas - 13th August 1988
Vermont - 18th February 1979
Virginia - 27th May 1982
Washington - 19th April 1972
West Virginia - 2nd May 1980
Wyoming - 11th June 1971

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WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 1.

I swear
By the simplicity of Venus’ doves,
By that which knitteth souls, and prospers loves,
In the same place thou hast appointed me,
To-morrow truly will I meet with thee.
—SHAKSPEABE.

To a vast brotherhood residing in all parts of the United States, in the Provinces of British North America, in Australia, South America, and Germany, this work will be welcome. Their intelligence requires no apology for such a publication; but, to the contrary, the facts and incidents here recorded will be to them of supreme importance. Indeed, we have every reason to believe that they ardently desire this history, to vindicate their adherence to Odd Fellowship, by giving them a true and connected view of the early days of its obscure but honorable origin. The prosperous family naturally turns to its ancestors for the secret of the merit which has caused its rise, and glows with pride to find it in the sturdy industry and sterling integrity of the fathers. A similar sentiment must stir the heart of a fraternity so great and powerful as that of Odd Fellows. We are irresistibly led to seek out our predecessors, and with filial care to learn all we can of our venerated founders: to gaze upon the “rude forefathers” in the costume and with the manners and habits of their age and condition; to view the rise of our Order to its present magnitude, and to know the reasons that exist to cause us to fear nothing in looking backward to the days of its obscurity. But the outside world may not be so easily satisfied. It is too busy in church and state to concern itself with the affairs of a secret society. The general reader, too indolent to discover our importance, may dismiss this volume with a smile at the credulity that produced it. And really we can scarcely blame such an one, when we consider the narrow vision of many who ought long since to have been enlightened. At all events, we invite all fair men to peruse the following statement.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows has 4 Supreme Grand Lodges, viz. in the United States, the German Empire, Australia, and New Zealand. It has 48 subordinate Grand Lodges in the United States, and 4 in the German Empire; 39 Grand Encampments in the United States and one in Australia. The subordinate lodges are in the United States 6,734, in the German Empire 42, in Australia 63, and in New Zealand 20, making a total of 6,859. In the United States there are 1,818 subordinate encampments, in the German Empire 5, and in Australia and New Zealand 4, making in all 1,827. In the encampment or superior branch there are 87,896 members. There are also 870 Rebekah Degree Lodges, composed of members of the Fifth degree and their wives. During the past year there have been 40,578 initiations, and the sum of $1,702,774.82 has been spent for relief of members. The total revenue for the year was four million, five hundred and sixteen thousand, six hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-three cents. From 1830 to December 31, 1877, we find the following aggregates: Initiations 1,064,928; members relieved 816,882; widowed families relieved 108,385; members buried 74,226; the whole amount of relief was sixty-nine million, two hundred and thirty-five thousand, nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars and forty-five cents. What we have paid in charity and for the education of orphans would fill a volume and today we number a membership of 465,466. When we speak of the Order in the United States we include the Provinces of British North America. No man can read these figures without being penetrated with an intense desire to know the source of such benefactions. In these pages will be found an answer to all questions worthy of reply and true men everywhere will rejoice at a spectacle which we fondly hope is already blessed by Heaven. The facts we shall narrate are stranger than fiction, and the whole subject is full of romance. The calendar of good men will have added to its pages names now merely known, but ever after to be held in grateful memory. The story will appeal to national pride, for it is all American; the scenes are in our own States and cities, and the incidents will show that the spirit of the country inspired them. In all the hundred years since 1776, no more glorious fruit of independence has been gathered from the tree of liberty. In the year of jubilee, 1876, no voices were louder than ours to rejoice, for none had greater reason. No more costly merchandise, no more precious gem, no greater instrument for the common good, no more beneficent out-

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growth of our civilization appeared at the Centennial. We carried to the exhibition our works of charity and benevolence, and on and above them in golden lettering wrote the proud inscription, “These also are American”.

**WILDEY AND WELCH.**

The city of Baltimore, the great seaport and entrepot of commerce of the State of Maryland, is too well known to require description. For many years it ranked the third among the cities of the United States in size and population. In the year 1818 its inhabitants were less than sixty thousand, and the whole State was not then more populous than the present city. The war with England had just closed, in which the city had been attacked, and Washington, the capital of the country, but thirty-nine miles distant, was captured and its public edifices barbecuously burned. It followed that England was much hated by our countrymen, and nowhere was that hatred more intense than in Baltimore. To be an Englishman was an offence to both pride and patriotism, and all such were considered public and pernicious enemies. It was at this period, say in the winter of 1818, that one Thomas Wildey and a certain John Welch, both natives of England, were residents of that city, and as fellow-countrymen were in the habit of spending much of their leisure time together. Wildey had been initiated into an Odd Fellows lodge in the city of London about 1804, when he was twenty-two years of age, and subsequently took an active part in starting another in the same city, under the style of Morning Star Lodge, No. 38. Both of these were subordinate to a body then known as the Grand Lodge of England, but whose authority was little recognized outside of London city. There were then, as there are now, in England, many separate organizations and independent lodges; they were secret, and the only bond of union was the use of the same form of what was denominated “work”. Thus a change of membership from one to the other was provided for, and such arrangements were made with the utmost facility. Wildey emigrated to this country in 1817; the movement which resulted in the formation of the Manchester Unity was so entirely provincial that no knowledge of it had reached the metropolis, and hence he left England without instruction in the work of the Independent Order. During his membership in the two lodges referred to, he had passed through all the offices, having filled the chair of Noble Grand as many as three times. Welch had also been a member of a London lodge, and had passed the chairs before his emigration.

**A LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS TO BE FORMED.**

The two friends, among other souvenirs of the old country, were loud in their regrets that a change of residence had deprived them of the social pleasures of a lodge. Soon an intense desire arose to bring about similar relations, and they mutually resolved, if possible, to form a lodge of Odd Fellows. The first difficulty was to find the proper number for the purpose. Private efforts were made, and every means at hand exhausted to discover other brothers, but in vain. It then occurred to them that a resort to the newspapers might prove more successful, and this happy thought resulted in the following, which appeared in “The Baltimore American” on the 13th day of February 1819:

“NOTICE TO ALL ODD FELLOWS. A few members of the Society of Odd Fellows will be glad to meet their brethren for consultation upon the subject of forming a Lodge. The meeting will be held on Friday evening, the 2d March, 1819.”

At the time and place designated two recruits made their appearance, namely, John Duncan and John Cheatham; the latter had been initiated in England, and was proficient in the old work; the former claimed to have been initiated in the city of Baltimore seventeen years before, but he could give no satisfactory account of the lodge in which it was done, neither its name, location nor membership, but he retained an accurate knowledge of the ancient password, sign and grip. As cards were then not in use by the London Order they proceeded by mutual examinations to test one another, and the result was entirely satisfactory. But the further difficulty arose that they were in all but four, and by ancient usage the number of five was necessary to form a lodge. The method they were adopting was known as “self-institution”, and they might have been irregular in their preliminaries, but the temptation was not sufficient to affect their fidelity to a fundamental regulation of the Order. Ardently as they desired to organize, they would not violate the organic law. Frequent conferences were held, and new search made for an additional member, but without success. Again they had recourse to the newspaper, and the following advertisement appeared in “The Baltimore American” on the 27th day of March, 1819:

“NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS. A few members of the Society of Odd Fellows will be glad to meet their brethren for the purpose of forming a Lodge, on Friday evening, 2d April, at the Seven Stars, Second Street, at the hour of seven P.M.”

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This had the effect of bringing to the surface a certain Richard Rushworth, another initiate of the London body, and so the magic number was completed. Not a moment was lost, but all the necessary arrangements were speedily made, so that on Monday, April 26th, 1819, the five brothers met at the sign of “The Seven Stars” on the south side of Second Street, between Frederick Street and Market Space, at a public house kept by a certain William Lupton; and then and there, with all the forms of which they possessed any knowledge, they solemnly instituted and opened a lodge, which they named “Washington Lodge of Odd Fellows”. Thomas Wildey was installed as Noble Grand, and John Welch as Vice Grand; the other brothers were also given offices, but it is not certain how they were distributed. In such haste, but also with all due formality and dignity, was the first stone laid in the foundation of American Odd Fellowship! Five Englishmen separated themselves from a community in which they were already condemned by a national prejudice. The object was one of English origin, and the place and order of their meetings were calculated to increase the feeling of bitterness against them: but they were in earnest, and had no thought of failure. Efforts were at once commenced to add to their number, and within two or three weeks they had increased their membership to fifteen.

THE LODGE OBTAINS THE ENGLISH WORK.

It was at this time that one Henry M. Jackson arrived in Baltimore from Liverpool, and on learning of the existence of the lodge he was much surprised; for, under the impression that there was no lodge of the Order in the United States, he had come provided with copies of the charges, then recently revised by the still incipient Manchester Unity, as well as the lectures just issued by the same authority; and he had fondly hoped to become the pioneer of Odd Fellowship in America. He made his appearance at the house of Lupton, and without loss of time secured an introduction to the Noble Grand. Wildey met him with pleasure, and gave him a cordial invitation to attend the lodge at its next meeting. At that meeting he was well received, and, as a compliment, was invited by the Noble Grand to occupy the chair of the Warden at the opening of the lodge. This position enabled him readily to ascertain, before the lodge was opened, that it was not being worked on the reformed plan adopted by the Manchester Unity. Of course he made the point, as he had no doubt come there for that as well as for other purposes; and so he gravely announced to the astonished Noble Grand, “Nobody in the lodge is correct”. The consternation that ensued was followed by a recess, when all were requested to withdraw from the lodge-room except N.G. Wildey and V.G. Welch; Jackson then produced his revised documents, and proceeded to inform the two officers of the manner in which the changeable password was operated in conjunction with the old permanent one, which was then in use by all divisions of the Order. It is presumed that he submitted the whole of the improvements made by the Manchester Unity, so far as they had progressed, which consisted of:

1st. The weekly benefit system, on which the Unity had been formed in 1813;
2d. The renewable password agreed upon by the Unity as a body, in 1815, at first ordained to be changed monthly, but in a year or two was made changeable quarterly;
3d. The Code of General Laws, adopted also in 1815, but not fully enforced for several years;
4th. The “Funeral Fund” system, adopted in 1816, but not made obligatory on the lodges;
5th. The three original degrees, with their lectures, which were also adopted in 1816;
6th. The old charges as revised in 1817, with a new Past Grand’s charge adopted at that time.

This information having been imparted, the other members of the lodge were recalled, and were duly instructed in the mode of work practised by the “Independent Order of Odd Fellows” of the Manchester Unity. The first person initiated in accordance with the revised work was a brother Ireland. The membership, however, did not seem to increase more rapidly by reason of the change of the work. When Bro. Ireland was initiated, about the middle of May, 1819, he was registered as Number 16; and when Brother John Boyd deposited his card in the lodge, in September, he was registered as Number 19; so that but three additions were made in that time, and Jackson must have been one of the three, as his was the first card the lodge had received on deposit. It may here be remarked, that the Manchester Unity Lodges were the only ones that at that time issued cards, and we have every reason to believe that they expired only in case of emigration. It is uncertain when or for what cause the lodge ceased to meet at Lupton’s. Wildey was used to say that Lupton “tried to overreach them”, but gave no further explanation. Jackson insisted that he left the lodge at “The Seven Stars” in June, when he went to Philadelphia, and that on his return in September he
was informed that no meetings had been held during his absence. This is probably nearly if not entirely correct, as a severe epidemic broke out in Baltimore early in July, 1819, which created great alarm, and undoubtedly had such an effect upon the young lodge as to cause a suspension of its meetings. That sterling Odd Fellow, John Boyd, concurs with Jackson infixing the time when the lodge was removed to Thomas Woodward’s in September, 1819. This testimony enables us to estimate pretty accurately the progress made by the lodge in the first five months of its existence. To the first five, such accesses had been made as to reach in all the number of nineteen; of these, Jackson and Boyd were affiliated by the deposit of cards, and the remaining twelve were most probably received by initiation. Under all the circumstances, the condition of its affairs would seem to be of no unfavorable augury.

**JACKSON THE RIVAL OF WILDEY.**

But an element existed among the members which had of necessity to breed a spirit of discord. The ambition of Jackson to supplant Wildey in the esteem of the brotherhood, and to be recognized as the real founder of the lodge, kept him busy in stirring up discontent and controversy. To break down Wildey, who had been elected for a second term, and to take away his leadership, all his energies were directed. He claimed above all others to be the oracle of that code of unwritten law called “Ancient Usage”, and exerted much ability in misquoting and distorting it into many shapes to suit his selfish purposes. What his arguments were is scarcely worthy of mention; one only may be inserted as a specimen. He contended that by ancient law a Noble Grand was not eligible to succeed himself in office. But, to the contrary, it was shown that it had not been unusual for that officer to be retained in his place for years. This special effort was directed towards defeating Wildey, should he become a candidate for re-election in October. On the other hand, the majority, composed of the friends of Wildey, regarded it dangerous to make any such change; and although the other party offered as a substitute that most amiable of men, Vice-Grand Welch, they insisted upon Wildey, and again elected him to preside over the lodge. This produced a crisis, the results of which will be detailed in the course of this narrative.

**PAST GRAND CROWDER’S MISSION TO ENGLAND.**

It was when this conflict was at its height that P.G. Crowder of Preston, Lancashire, England, made a tour of the United States, and having reached the city of Baltimore, he accidentally obtained information which led him to visit the infant lodge. His appearance and sympathy at this juncture infused new energy into the minds of the perplexed and desponding brotherhood. New hopes were inspired, and new plans were speedily projected for future success. At his suggestion, an application was prepared in suitable form to be presented to any competent authority of the Independent Order in England, for a Dispensation admitting the lodge into the regular fellowship of the Order. At the suggestion of someone present it was added, that said lodge, when so established, should be clothed with power and authority to extend the benefits of the fraternity “throughout the whole land”. This large provision, in which lay the germ of the American system, was so little considered at the time, as to provoke neither comment nor debate, and even the name of its mover is unknown. So little are we cognizant of the planting of those potent seeds that have grown to giant oaks and waving forests. On such apparently trivial accidents do many of the great events of history depend. The polished Roman attributed such things to the gods, and could not be persuaded that they exist but by the aid of some divinity. Jews and Christians ascribe them to that interposition of the hand of God which we revere under the name of Providence. And certainly we may well believe that some invisible and divine influence shed the light which was destined to produce such an illumination of the moral firmament. Brother Crowder soon afterwards returned to his country as the willing messenger of the Baltimore brethren. Upon his arrival at Preston he presented the petition to Duke of York Lodge at that place, where he held his membership. This was in accordance with the practice which then prevailed, and that lodge promptly granted the petition, within sixty days after the agent had left Baltimore. This celebrated document reads as follows:

**THE ORIGINAL CHARTER FROM DUKE OF YORK’S LODGE.**

No. WASHINGTON LODGE, 1.

*Pluribus Unum.*

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of the United States of America, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship. To all whom it may concern:

This Warrant or Dispensation is a free gift from the Duke of York’s Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, holden at Preston, in the County of

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Lancaster, in Old England, to a number of brothers residing in the City of Baltimore, to establish a Lodge at the house of brother Thomas Woodward, in South Frederick street, in said City: Hailed by the title of “No. 1. Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America”. That the said Lodge being the first established in the United States, hath the power to grant a Warrant or Dispensation to a number of brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship in any State of the Union, for the encouragement and support of brothers of the said Order when on travel or otherwise. And be it further observed that the said Lodge be not removed from the house of brother Thomas Woodward, so long as five brothers are agreeable to hold the same. In testimony hereof, we have subjoined our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge, this the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

James Mandsley, G.M.
John Cottam, N.G.
Geo. Nailor, V.G.
John Eccles, Sec.
John Chowder, P.G.
W. Topping, P.G.
Sam’l Pembeiton, P.G.
Geo. Ward, P.G.
John Walmslies, P.G.
Geo. Bell, P.G.

It is very evident that this paper was not wholly prepared in England, but that a draft was made in this country and accompanied the petition. The several errors of style and deficiency in expression in portions of the warrant, were the result of defective education in all the parties, and the lack of experience by the Preston Lodge in the issue of such instruments; thus they were passed over as immaterial, or it may be without detection. But the correct and precise manner in which the geographical divisions of the country are treated, establishes beyond controversy that it was not solely prepared in England, much less in an English inland village. The warrant is dated February 1st, 1820, but did not reach Baltimore until October of the same year, and on the 23d of that month it was formally accepted, and the lodge thenceforth regarded itself as duly constituted and began its new career. So slow and uncertain was the transmission of important papers fifty years ago, that it required nearly nine months for the warrant to reach its destination; the mails could not be trusted, and the package express had not yet been started by Past Grand Hale of New York. Recourse was therefore had to private hands, as the safest, if not the most expeditious mode of transmission. When the document reached the lodge, nearly a year had elapsed since the application had been sent to England.

In the interim, in the absence of intelligence from Bro. Crowder, the lodge had determined to avail of another opportunity which had presented itself. Bro. John Yates, a member of the lodge, undertook to visit England on private business, in the early part of October, 1820, and to him was committed an application for a Dispensation, addressed to the authorities of the Order in Manchester. On the arrival of Yates at Liverpool he managed to have the petition forwarded to Manchester; and according to the printed records of the Manchester Unity, it came before a “special committee”, January 7th, 1821, and induced the following action:

“Resolved, That the Washington Lodge, Baltimore, North America, be allowed a dispensation from the Abercrombie Grand Lodge, but the profits thereof to go to the Grand Committee. They are likewise allowed Lecture Books, By-laws and Articles; and that John Yates be written to, in answer to the American letters, desiring his attendance at Manchester, from Liverpool, or if he cannot attend, to desire that he will send an answer by return, to know if an officer must go to meet him at Liverpool with them; and that if an officer be deputed, he be cautioned to be as reasonable in his charges as possible, and not at any rate exceed one pound for expenses.”

This proceeding is evidence that the Duke of York Lodge had failed to report to the Grand Committee at Manchester, to which it was subordinate, that a warrant had been granted eleven months before to the Washington Lodge at Baltimore; it can be explained on no other hypothesis. But the documents from some cause failed to reach Bro. Yates, arid he returned to Baltimore, where he found the lodge in full operation under the warrant issued by the Duke of York Lodge. It is presumed, however, that he received information from Bro. Crowder, or some other brother at Preston, that a free Dispensation had already been forwarded to Baltimore. This, in those days of poverty and economy, must have been good news indeed; and Yates was no doubt glad to abandon his application, and so save some money for his constituents. Thus the long suspense was over, and the lodge was no longer in danger from irregularity; the tie with the mother Order being lawfully and perfectly formed.
Founder’s Day Proclamation

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent order of Odd Fellowship

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety-eight years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

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

That the month of April be declared Odd Fellows Anniversary Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That April 26, 2017 be known as Founder’s Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 198th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encourage to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.

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

[Seal] Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Make A Difference Day Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

That the Saturday the 15th day of April be declared Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Make a Difference Day.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Community Work Project; Hands Across Your: city, town, village, community followed by an open house in the lodge hall; et cetera.

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

[Seal] Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
DeMoulin Museum

offering tours

A great day trip while in St. Louis.

Founded in 1892 as a manufacturer of lodge paraphernalia and regalia, DeMoulin Bros. & Co. of Greenville, Illinois is one of the nation’s leading makers of marching band uniforms. The company’s diverse production history has included graduation caps and gowns, choir robes, church and lodge furniture, and lodge initiation devices.

The DeMoulin Museum, founded in 2010, pays tribute to the founders, employees, and amazing products created by this unique factory. Though the museum contains examples of many of DeMoulin’s creations, the lodge initiation devices—including the Bucking Goat; Invisible Paddle Machine; and Lifting and Spraying Machine—are what have attracted visitors from over 30 states.

Hours
September through May:
Sat: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

June through August:
Fri: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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DeMoulin Museum
110 W. Main, Greenville, IL, 62246
One block east of the Greenville square.

Call for a Tour appointment: (618) 664-4115

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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.
### Maintenance Report

**Lodge, camp, etc.**

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The World of Odd Fellowship
### The SGL - IARA Membership Program

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Attn: I.O.O.F.  
The SGL / IARA MEMBERSHIP  
422 Trade Street  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830  
Fax: 1-336-722-7317 — Email: sgldataentry@ioof.org
Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The flowers are blooming, the trees are starting to bud, and the grass is beginning to green up. Yes, springtime is coming. It seems like it has been a long winter, but as always, hope for new life is coming again.

This time of year, we all start to think about our annual “spring house cleaning”. It sure is a good time to think about cleaning and sprucing up our lodge halls. Then we can “restock them” with an entire group of new members!!

We have had the opportunity to visit at least twelve jurisdictions and approximately 100 individual lodges, to inform them of all of the fantastic benefits each one of us receives from being a member of the greatest Order in the world. Several jurisdictions have held open houses in their communities to let the people know about Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

This brings me back to the start—if we are going to introduce ourselves to the community; we need to make a good impression on the people when they visit us for the first time. If your hall is a mess, it isn’t very inviting. This also applies to our existing members. We all like to be proud of our own places.

Be like the new growth of spring—go forth and be excited about our Order and sign up a new member. Let us all begin again, and get our lodges going strong.

This time of year is also the closing time for most school years. Seniors will be graduating. They are all looking for scholarships. Both college and technical schools. The scholarships from our Educational Foundation are not limited to colleges. They are also not limited to high school seniors! Maybe YOU need to get additional education: YOU can apply!!!!!

Be aware of all of our fantastic programs and take advantage of them where you can. Have your secretary get you a “Membership Handbook”. They are full of information about our Order as well as all of our programs.

Springtime is a beautiful time of year for rebirth. Let’s make it the year of the “Rebirth of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs”. Let’s all try really hard to sign up at least one new member. Smell the Roses!!!!!

/s/ Jon Petersen
Membership Chairman
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