This **Memorial Day**, (Tuesday the 12th day of June 2018, I.O.O.F. Memorial Day), let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us.

As we mourn their loss let us reflect on Psalm 23:

...‘Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul’...
Sympathy to:
The family of Lady Anna Laurie Cassell, PP-IALAPM 1998-1999 — 22 February 2018

Thinking of you:
Linda Thompson, recovering from a fall during the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown weekend.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is my next to last message to all of the members of our great Order. I have written before about the importance of “Making a Difference” in our world and remind you that it is a basic tenet of our Order we are commanded to “Do It”. We sometimes make a difference without even realizing we have and I would like to relate to you my personal experience.

As I have told you about the experience I had decorating and then riding on the Rose Parade Float which is indeed a cause worthy of our support. It will certainly continue to have mine. The great people I met and worked with will remain in my memories. Roberta Prosk, J.R. Prosk, Dave Reed, GM-CA, along with John Bircher (National Director, Public Relations, MOPH) and Neil Van Ness (National Commander, MOPH) are incredibly dedicated people. I consider them all to be true friends. I am taking this time to share with you a communication I received from Neil. As a veteran from that era the experience was, for me, a life changing moment. With Neil’s approval I quote the following letter in it’s entirety as sent to me by Neil;

“Dear Mr. Miller,

“Thank You” doesn’t seem enough to express our gratitude to you and the entire Independent Order of Odd Fellows organization for the honor paid to the Purple Heart recipients at the Rose Bowl Parade. We are most appreciative that you chose the Military Order of the Purple Heart to help represent all Purple Heart recipients and we do sincerely thank you and all of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Roberta and J.R. Prosk were remarkable and “took us under their wing”, allowing us to assist in some small way decorating the float, while they directed the entire float decoration committee. It was a privilege to be a part of this incredible event and we all felt as though we were a part of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs family.

For me personally, it was a profound experience. As the Purple Heart float glided down Colorado Boulevard, I literally felt the weight of 50 years of shame, disappointment and resentment being lifted from my shoulders. As we waved to the crowds, I could hear the individual voices of many of the bystanders calling out, “Thank You” and “Thanks for your Service”. For me, I literally felt that I was finally receiving the “Welcome Home” that had eluded me for so many years. As I reflected on the week’s events, I kept thinking that this is the type of experience that comes only once in a lifetime. I am just so thankful that it came in MY lifetime.

Again, the Military Order of the Purple Heart thanks you and all in your organization that made this possible for four of our members to be riders on the float and enjoy a very special event – we salute you and all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs!

Sincerely,
Neil Van Ness
National Commander”

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Hello to my Odd Fellow and Rebekah Family,

As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, let us pause and reflect on these times and review why we make pilgrimages to the Tomb of the Unknown and the Canadian War Memorial; as well the many local monuments and graves that we pay tribute to.

A selection of poems for your reflection:

“PEACE” by Amanda Bradley:

Peace will come when people live
In friendship, side by side,
And cherish understanding
More than hatred, greed and pride.

Peace will come when people see
All people as the same,
And no one has to live in fear,
In ignorance, or shame.

Peace will come when people
Who are needy can reach out
For shelter, food, or love,
And no has to do without.

Peace will come when people
Learn to listen and to care
About the rights and dignity
Of people everywhere.

Peace will come when love and trust
And kindness know rebirth,
And on that day all people
Will rejoice in peace on earth.

Thy comrades of old have borne it hence,
Have borne it in triumph hence.”
Then the soldier spake from the deep dark grave: “I am content.”

Then he heareth the lovers laughing pass, and the soldier asks once more:
“Are these not the voices of them that love,
That love—and remember me?”
“Not so, my hero,” the lovers say,
“We are those that remember not;
For the spring has come and the earth has smiled,
And the dead must be forgot.”
Then the soldier spake from the deep dark grave: “I am content.”

“In FLANDERS FIELDS”
by John McCrae:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

With fraternal love,

Linda L. Thompson

“Friendship is a little sunshine
and a lot of love.”

Bloom Where You’re Planted.
Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

I have been to the following places since my last newsletter. I not sure if I mentioned that I was in MS twice, once for an All Degree Day that got us 11 new canton members. Great job to Mitzi, Benny, and MS. Another time for the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Warriors and I mean Warriors, as the Choctaw Nation there, also laid a Special Wreath, as they had fallen warriors on both sides. The usual staff was with me with many more from all over the US.

I and the usual staff also went to the Ozarks for Missouri Department Council Sessions. The official visitor was Maj. Gen. Jack Roberts, and he did an impressive job.

We then had, the biggie, my Testimonial at East Peoria, IL. As far as I find out, it was well received by all, even though we had 5 inches of snow on Saturday. I was very proud of the people that came and put up with me for two days. The experience is life changing, and a lot, a lot, of work.

The next one was the Department Council of Kentucky. We were well received there, and they taught me some more tricks for Euchre. I think that I am going to have to go back many times to learn how to win, those guys are good. Again, it was enjoyable to be there.

After that we went to the Department Council of NNE at Dover, NH. We all had a Great time there and seemed to be liked by all.

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Department Commander Dennis did a great job with the meeting. They really took good care of us.

The next trip was to the Department Council of Ohio. We were well received and had a very good time. It looks like they there have a handle on all. Probably had a lot to do with Bob Henderson.

Of course, the big problem across the Order is Membership, how do we get new members? Ask!

The first weekend in May we will be participating in the Pilgrimage and wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery; then the first weekend in June is the wreath laying at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Chivalrously,

/s/ Gen. R.L. ‘Ken’ Lasswell
General Commanding, GMC

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

Don’t just say “Make a Difference” do it! Remember to carry a jar for change when you travel. I really would like to fill a 5 gallon pail with change for our youth at the session in Baltimore—August 2018.
2018 Annual Communication of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Commemorating the founding of Odd Fellowship
on the North American Continent

26th April 1819

at the Seven Stars

Baltimore, Maryland

‘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 Baltimore, Maryland, beginning Monday morning, 20th August 2018, and ending Thursday afternoon, 23rd August 2018.

Headquarters and Sessions
Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor
Baltimore, Maryland

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
192nd Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
102nd Annual Session

General Military Council
115th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
79th Annual Session

Youth Days
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“WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN.”
2018 Pre-Registration Form

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

Baltimore, Maryland
August 17 to 23, 2018

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register

Full Name ________________________________
Name (as desired on badge) _____________________ P.M. rank: ____________________
Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM Youth Youth-Adult (please circle only one)
Title for name badge ________________________________
Mailing Address ________________________________
City, St./Prv, Postal Code ________________________________
Telephone ________________________________ E-mail ________________________________

Registration Information
Registrations on or before July 23, 2018, $75.00 $ ____________
Registrations after July 23, 2018, $80.00 $ ____________

Highlight Events
Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 20, $75.00 $ ____________
Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 22, $60.00 $ ____________
Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 18, $60.00 $ ____________
Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 17, $ 46.00 $ ____________

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars $ ____________

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2018 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Tours of the Baltimore Area, may be picked by searching Baltimore, MD city tours—there are a number of options.

Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here: ________________________________
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Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor
300 Light St, Baltimore, MD 21202

800-223-1234 or 888-421-1442
*Reservations: https://aws.passkey.com/go/240dd522
is the link to book online.

I have a reservation at the
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
300 S Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201

888-627-7061 or 844-531-4770

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Additional Guest: _________________________________
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Departure Date: ________________________
2018 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 Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule—also see the menus online.

Group Name: __________________________________________
Contact Person: _________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________
City, St./Prov., Postal Code: ________________________________
Telephone: __________________________ Email: ______________
Type of Event: __________________________ (Breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktail reception, etc.)
Date and Time: _________________________________________
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422 N. Trade St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

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UPCOMING 200TH ANNIVERSARY
AFTER THE 2018 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF
THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

CRAB AND SHRIMP FEAST

Thursday AUGUST 23, 2018 @ 4:30 PM

REFLECTIONS HALL AT BEEFALO BOB’S
8015 FORT SMALLWOOD RD, BALTIMORE, MD  21226

EAT ALL THE STEAM CRABS, STEAM SHRIMP, PIT BEEF AND ALL THE
OTHER FIXINGS YOU LIKE

Name ___________________________________________________________
Mailing Address _________________________________________________
City, St./Prv. Postal Code __________________________________________
Telephone ______________________ E-mail ____________________________

Feast on or before July 23, 2018, $75.00 $______________
Feast after July 23, 2018, $85.00 $______________
Round Trip Bus Transportation Pick-up at 3:00 pm
From Hyatt Regency, $30.00 $______________
Total in U.S. dollars $______________

Benefit the Restoration of Thomas Wildey’s Tomb at Greenmount Cemetery
and Education Scholarship Fund

Please mail this form with a check or money order to:
Washington Lodge #1, I.O.O.F.
Upcoming 200th Anniversary
7306 North Point Road
Edgemere, MD  21219

RAFFLES & PULL-OFFS
MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

To all Units
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Greetings:

This Memorial Day let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us.
As we mourn their loss let us reflect on Psalm 23:

...’Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul’ ...

Therefore, in accordance with our laws and customs, I, John A. Miller Sr., by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows do hereby proclaim that, Tuesday the 12th day of June 2018 to be MEMORIAL DAY throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

All Units of Odd Fellowship shall hold appropriate observances in memory of our departed members.

Information has been received of the death of the following past officers and members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and officers and past officers of the various grand bodies.

8 September 2017 – Lady Frances Mae Fraley, age 81 – PP-IALAPM – 2009-2010
Nebraska 22 February 2018 – Lady Anna Laurie Cassell, age 84 – PP-IALAPM – 1998-1999

Alberta 10 November 2017 – Lady Geraldine R. Brandt, PS, PP-RA, age 65
8 February 2017 – Richard B. Percifield, PGM, age 93
Atlantic Provinces 28 December 2017 – Mary K. Patterson, PP, age 81
29 December 2017 – Eleanor E. Downing, PP, age 86
Connecticut 18 May 2017 – Marguerite E. Smith, PP, age 78
15 July 2017 – Dorothy I. Titus, PP, age 89
Delaware 30 March 2018 – Betty L. Stump, PP, age 85
District of Columbia 8 April 2016 – Paul P. Becker, PSGcr., age 91
Finland 1 August 2017 – Poppe Karamko, PGT, age 91
29 September 2017 – Marie Hytti, PT-RA, age 82
19 December 2017 – Salome Rytölä, PS-RA, age 83
27 February 2018 – Hjördís Lagerblad, PS-RA, age 76
5 March 2018 – Asta-Kaja Bergman, R-PDGM, age 83
Florida 27 February 2018 – Dawn E. Kenniston, PGMat., PP, age 55
Georgia 28 July 2017 – Walter Kuttleswascher, PGSr, age 77
Iceland 20 August 2015 – Valur Páll Þórðarson (Thordarson), PDC, age 75

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Idaho
- 5 May 2016 – Jimmy G. Ogilvie, PGP, age 95
- 11 May 2017 – Charles Deland, PGP, age 75
- 28 June 2017 – Kenneth B. Averill, PDC, PDA, PGP, GGM, PGS, PGR, age 91
- 11 July 2017 – James O. Self, GHP, PGM, age 90
- 26 September 2017 – Lady Stella D. Beard, PP, PGMat., age 89
- 11 May 2017 – Charles Deland, PGP, age 75
- 28 June 2017 – Kenneth B. Averill, PDC, PDA, PGP, GGM, PGS, PGR, age 91
- 11 July 2017 – James O. Self, GHP, PGM, age 90
- 26 September 2017 – Lady Stella D. Beard, PP, PGMat., age 89

Illinois
- 2 May 2017 – Lady Margaret ‘Jean’ Clayton, PP, PGMat., PP-RA, PR, age 93
- 24 July 2017 – Lady Barbara A. Brown, PP, age 78
- 25 November 2017 – Marlyn R. Cox, PGMat., PP, age 77
- 16 January 2018 – Mona Lee Healy, PVP, age 79

Indiana
- 20 May 2017 – Lady Naomi L. Boitet, PP, age 92
- 31 May 2017 – Lady Catherine E. Dawald, PP, age 98
- 6 August 2017 – Sharon A. Roberson, PGM, PP-RA, PR, age 74

Kentucky
- 12 July 2017 – Waldean M. Hammons, PP, age 93
- 16 January 2018 – Winthrop B. ‘Windy’ Osborn, PGM, age 84

Maine
- 14 May 2017 – Lady Lois Eloise Ogilvie, PP, PGMat., PGScr., age 94
- 10 January 2018 – Lady Catherine E. Dawald, PP, age 98

Massachusetts
- 15 January 2018 – Elmer S. Bowman, PGP, age 85
- 2 October 2017 – Emma M. Lowenberg, PP, age 97

Michigan
- 4 June 2017 – Lady Marian A. Reau, PP, PGMat., age 79
- 10 March 2017 – Lady Mary Jeanne Rimmel Barnes, 1st Vice Pres., age 91

Montana
- 18 March 2018 – Byron M. Lindsay, PGP, PGM, age 88

Nevada
- 9 September 2017 – Ernest W. Jahn, PGM, age 89
- 3 April 2018 – James S. “Jimmy ‘Jim’” Lambert, PGP, PGM, age 80

New Hampshire
- 9 September 2017 – Ernest W. Jahn, PGM, age 89
- 6 July 2017 – Eugene D. Wright Sr., PDC, PGP, PGM, age 81

New Mexico
- 27 January 2018 – Della I. Baker, PP, age 92
- 4 June 2017 – Lady Marian A. Reau, PP, PGMat., age 79

New York
- 19 April 2017 – H. R. J. Levert, PGFS, age 89
- 19 September 2017 – A. S. de Lange, PGS, age 97
- 24 December 2017 – Dorothy M. ‘Peggy’ O’Hearn, PP, age 91

New Jersey
- 13 November 2017 – Deborah Mildred ‘Mille’ Hofmann, PP, age 98
- 27 January 2018 – Della I. Baker, PP, age 92

New Mexico
- 14 August 2017 – Mary E. Merril, PP, PR, age 82
- 4 February 2018 – Carroll B. Leone, PGM, age 88

Norway
- 19 July 2017 – Johan L. Krohn, PGFSr, age 95
- 14 May 2017 – Evelyn V. Ballou, PGMat., age 101

Ohio
- 3 August 2017 – Sally L. Dennis, PP, age 76

North Carolina
- 6 July 2017 – Eugene D. Wright Sr., PDC, PGP, PGM, age 81
- 3 April 2018 – James S. “Jimmy ‘Jim’” Lambert, PGP, PGM, age 80

North Dakota
- 29 April 2017 – Margaret J. Featherstone, PP, age 99
- 22 May 2017 – MerlJean Montgomery, PP, age 93
- 11 August 2017 – Bessie A. Jorgensen, PP, age 102

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Oklahoma
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South Carolina
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Tennessee
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Wyoming
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Ohio—cont.

22 November 2017 – Lady Catherine H. Dix, PP, PGMat., PP-RA, age 95
3 January 2018 – Lady Paula E. Lewis, President, PP-RA, PR, age 62

Ontario

18 February 2017 – Sarah ‘Sally’ Laidlaw, PP, age 98
5 May 2017 – Donald E. Wright, GSE, PGR, age 87
11 June 2017 – Gordon Wells, GJW, age 69
11 July 2017 – Marilyn A. Sterling, PGMat., age 75
23 March 2018 – John D. Savage, PGM, age 78

Oregon

21 May 2017 – S. Marie McVay, PP, age 98
10 June 2017 – Marguerite D. ‘Maggie’ Sweetin, PGMat., age 83
14 October 2017 – Lady Joyce F. Lynn, PP, PGMat., PGScr., PP-RA, age 85
15 October 2017 – Edward S. Tillis, PGM, PGR, age 89
30 December 2017 – Lady Patricia A. Anderson, PP, PS, PGMat., GT, PP-RA, age 88

Pennsylvania

24 June 2017 – Lady Claire M. Renshaw, PP, T-RA, PP-RA, PR, age 79
26 October 2017 – Fred M. See Jr., PGM, PG, PGR, age 97
4 January 2018 – Arthur R. Moyer Sr., PGP, PGM, age 84
25 January 2018 – Irene S. Kelly, PP, age 87

Rhode Island

18 October 2017 – Marilyn P. Scott, PP, age 86
26 January 2018 – Arthur C. E. Perry, PGP, PGM, age 76
6 March 2018 – Michael S. Massa Jr., PGP, age 90
15 March 2018 – Theresa Ann Grande, PP, age 60

Tennessee

17 July 2017 – Carl W. James, PGP, PGM, age 68
27 March 2018 – Edward H. Powell, PGP, age 66

Texas

27 November 2017 – Katharina Maria Parrish, PGMat., age 87
18 December 2017 – Derrell C. Hollingsworth, PGP, PGM, age 84
22 January 2018 – Rosalie B. Hill Gant, PP, PR, age 90
2 February 2018 – Lady Mary M. Overturf, PP, age 73

Vermont

13 June 2017 – Isabel M. Bell, PP, PR, age 96
8 November 2017 – Susan E. Tillson, PP, PR, age 73
7 March 2018 – Margaret S. ‘Peggy’ Bruce, PP, age 64
7 March 2018 – Cheryl Hoffman, PP, age 75

Virginia

29 July 2017 – Dewey E. Toms Jr., PGM, age 80
9 April 2018 – James H. Tabor, PGM, age 81

Washington

6 November 2017 – Judith A. Inman, PGMat., age 76
3 December 2017 – Lady Elizabeth M. Morgan, PP, PGMat., PP-RA, age 88
9 December 2017 – Sandra L. Moon, PGMat., PP-RA, age 73

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the 30th day of April 2018 and of our Order the Two Hundredth year.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ John A. Miller Sr.
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
2017-2018
Living Legacy Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch ..............................................................
Unit Name and Number .................................................................

Planted:
Trees ....................... Misc. ............... 
At cost of ................. ............... 

Contributions Money .................................................................
Promotion .................................................................

Years of Participation .................................................................

Remarks

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Reporting Officer

2017-2018
Community Service Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch .................................................................
Unit Name and Number .................................................................
Or Individual ......................... Hours Volunteered ............... 

Participated in the following types of Programs:

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Contributions: Money; Promotion; Years of Participation

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Remarks

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Reporting Officer
2017-2018 Scholarship Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch .................................................................
Unit Name and Number .................................................................
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Participated with another Community Group:

Yes  No

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Participated in Government Matching Funds Program:

Yes  No

Amount

Remarks

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Reporting Officer

2017-2018 Drug Prevention Program Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch .................................................................
Unit Name and Number .................................................................

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Years of Participation

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Reporting Officer
**Nomination(s) Form For:**

**‘Coming Together’ Award**

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

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

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Individual: ..............................

Or Unit Name and Number: ..............................

Jurisdiction: ..............................

Is hereby nominated to receive the “Coming Together Award” for:

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Include hours, project, et cetera. Attach pictures as necessary.

Recommended by: ____________________

**Mail to:**

**Coming Together Award Nomination**

I.O.O.F., 422 Trade St NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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**2018 — Make a Difference Day — Reporting Form**

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Or Individual .............................. Hours Volunteered ..............................

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Reporting Officer

**Mail to:** I.O.O.F. Make a Difference, 422 Trade St NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
The SGL - IARA Membership Program

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New Member’s Lodge _______________________________________________________
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MAIL, FAX, E-mail TO:

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

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I have been stewing and fretting over this article (I guess my last) and my Annual Report to The S.G.L. I have visited numerous jurisdictions and their individual lodges within them over the last three years to hopefully educate and inform the members of the benefits of being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Odd Fellow and Rebekah). At the conclusions of those meetings, I was encouraged by the responses we received. However, the numbers have not shown we made much of a difference.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has spent many thousands of dollars and tried numerous types of programs to encourage membership over the years. None of which has been successful! We have had any number of printed material produced, regional meetings, had a membership chairman appointed in each jurisdiction and each lodge, and I personally have attended Grand Lodges, Regional Conclaves, and over 100 individual lodge meetings to encourage us to retain and recruit new members, without success.

There is no reason to continue any membership program as we have known it since nothing we have done so far has worked.

After many hours of thinking, I am sad to report to you that I think the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Odd Fellow Lodges and Rebekah Lodges) as we know it is DEAD!

As of the last annual report, we have 32,426 Odd Fellow members in 1,236 lodges. We have 18,602 Rebekah members in 841 lodges. We lost 1,319 Odd Fellows and 34 lodges last year. The Rebekahs lost 1,852 members and 58 lodges last year. I suspect a great number of these members/lodges are “on paper” only. I doubt very many meetings are held with more than a bare minimum of a quorum?? I suspect that the average age of the members attending are 65+.

We support seven programs at The Sovereign Grand Lodge level (two of which are totally someone else’s charity) and each officer at each level has a program in 56 jurisdictions.

We are so spread out with our works, we do not receive any major notice from anywhere! Our Creed of “Visit the Sick, Relieve the Distressed, Bury the Dead, and Educate the Orphan” was admirable and very much needed 200 years ago. It is no longer relevant today in 2018. Your fraternal organization was a very beneficial membership to have at that time. No so today! Changes in transportation, education, communication, and society in general have made us entirely obsolete! Governmental and social programs have replaced our needed place. We meet for social reasons. No one under the age of 50 wants what we offer. WHAT DO WE OFFER????

Unless we set down and reconsider what we stand for, where we are going, what we are attempting to accomplish, and change to 2018 needs and requirements—WE ARE DEAD and should start making arrangements for an orderly demise within the next very few years. It was a noble organization who had great people, programs, and ideas but did not change with the rest of the world.

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/s/ Jon Petersen
Membership Chairman
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65 Years

60 Years

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Michael W. Dutton, TN

50 Years
Preston O. Conaway, DE
George E. Ford, DE
Max Priddy, OH
Dorothy Stolnes, WY

When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5. (starting at: 50, 55, 60, etc.) Thanks.

Odd Fellows
Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
Item No. 1227—1242
May be ordered through your Grand Lodge

Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
Item No. 2202—2216-80
May be ordered through your Rebekah Assembly

Veteran Jewels
Be a Partner of The 2019 Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth

The Pilgrimage for Youth program is looking for Partners to sponsor one or more activities for the 2019 Program tour.

You and Your Lodge can be that Partner reaching out to “Make a Difference” in a young person’s future. The Pilgrimage for Youth program belongs to the Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and your generosity has made this program a success for over 69 years. Through your continuing Generous Donations, You and Your Lodge help to keep this program funded into the future. Besides sponsoring a Young person for this Tour, there are many other ways you can help sponsor this program:

Would you like to:

- Sponsor lunch for #_______ of Delegates @ $10.00 each $_______________
- Sponsor Dinner for #_______ of Delegates @ $15.00 each $_______________
- Sponsor #_______ Delegate Tee-Shirts @ $10.00 each $_______________
- Sponsor #_______ Delegate Room Nights @ $40.00 $_______________
- Sponsor #_______ Delegate United Nations Tours @ $12.00 $_______________
- Sponsor #_______ Delegate -911 Museum Tickets @ $18.00 $_______________
- Sponsor #_______ Statue of Liberty Tickets @ $18.00 $_______________
- Partner with another Lodge to feed a bus on the route $_______________

Other ways to sponsor:
- Help with Cost of Adult Bus Tour Leaders $_______________
- Help with Cost of the Buses $_______________

Gift From:
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Return this Form & Your Donation to:
I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc.
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC  27101-2830
WE ARE BACK
Pilgrimage for Youth Tour 2019

Yes…you may start Fund Raising Immediately

1. **Tour Dates** will be announced at The Sovereign Grand Lodge in August 2018.
2. Two (2) Tours will be available, a 7-day or a 12-day tour.
3. **Delegate Application** with Guidelines, **Tour Leader Application** with Guidelines, **Staff Application** with Guidelines, **Chaperon of Delegate Application** with Guidelines, and a **Jurisdictional Chair General Information Packet** will be available at SGL session in August. All will be emailed to jurisdictional secretaries and jurisdictional chairs in June 2018.
4. **New Deadline:** *November 1, 2018*
   - Submit number of Delegates to Program Office (use Program Payment Form).
   - Submit number of Delegates requiring personal Chaperon to Program Office.
   - One Half (1/2) total registration fee for each Delegate and Chaperon due to Program Office.
   - Tour Leader Application due to Program Office.
   - Staff Application due to Program Office.
5. **New Deadline - Due:** *April 1, 2019*
   - All listed below are sent to the Program Office:
     - 2 copies completed Delegate Registration packet.
     - 2 copies completed Chaperon to Delegate Registration packet.
     - 2 copies completed Tour Leader Registration packet.
     - 2 copies completed Staff Registration packet.
   - Use Program Payment Form for the Following:
     - Remainder of registration fee for Delegate.
     - Remainder of registration fee for Chaperon.
     - Remainder of fee for Tour Leader.
     - Remainder of fee for Staff.
6. Additional Information will be Sent as it becomes Available.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Inc. will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity from the full and equal enjoyment of its services, unless the individual possesses a direct threat to the health and safety of others, or him/herself, that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures by the provision of auxiliary aids or services, or exclude any individual because of the individual’s association with a person of disability, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity.
The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee, I.O.O.F.
and the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Inc.
on behalf of Yvonne R. Isenor, PP-IARA
Present The
Isenor – Rose Scholarship
(for Sponsoring Adult Lodges of a Youth Lodge Member to the)
Pilgrimage for Youth Tour

**Youth Application**

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**Who is Eligible?**

- Competition is open to all Lodge, Club and Youth Group Members who will be 16-17 years of age with one year of high school remaining during the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour dates.
- For this Scholarship the following Eligibility Requirements must be met by the Youth Applicant.

**Eligibility Requirements**: (use a separate paper as needed)

1. Applicant must be an active member and have belonged to a Jr. Lodge, TRGC or United Youth Group for three years, unless they are a member of a newly instituted Jr. Lodge/TRGC/UYGroup.

   - List the offices held in your Lodge Youth Group:
   - List jurisdictional community service completed:
   - Submit a 250-word essay on a topic selected by your joint youth committee in your own words.
   - The Applicant must complete all registration requirements of the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour and adhere to and participate in all the rules of the Tour. Scholarship is conducive on being accepted as a delegate from your jurisdiction for the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour.

   - Applicant must agree to continue membership in their Jr. Lodge/Club/Group, promote the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour in their jurisdiction and submit an article to the Youth Informer upon completion of the Tour to receive this scholarship.

   - All information to be verified by a letter from the Advisor under seal of the Lodge/Club/Group including date of institution.

   - The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee reviews all applications and selects the winner. All applicants will be notified of result.

   - Failure to comply with these requirements will result in said Applicant having to reimburse the Isenor – Rose Scholarship back to The SGL-IARA JYC Committee for ALL expenses.

**What Does it Cost?**

- The Isenor-Rose Fund will contribute 1/3rd of the Applicant’s total cost of the Tour fee. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the Jurisdiction/Sponsor Lodge and/or the parents/guardians of the Youth member. The Youth member also provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and some optional entertainment events.

**Deadline for Applications:**

- All applications must be in the hands of the Chairman of The SGL / IARA Joint Youth Committee no later than November 1st of the year prior to the Tour. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Mail all Applications to:** Chairman SGL IARA Youth Committee, 422 North Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
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**Odd Fellows**

Alabama – 9 June 2018, Grand Secretary – John H. Boshell, 973 4th St NW, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

Alaska – 13-14 April 2019, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3

Arizona – 19-22 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

Arkansas – 14-15 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Franklin Webster, PO Box 84, Atkins, AR

Atlantic Provinces – 5-7 July 2018, Grand Secretary – Janet Mattatall, 91 Lake John Rd, Jordan Falls, NS B0T 1J0

Australasia – October 6, 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 2019, Grand Secretary – glofbc@telus.net

California – May 2018, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 122 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

Chile – DDGM – Mario Casassus Gabellini, Avda Quilin 2068 B Depto 31, Santiago, Chile

Colorado – 5-7 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Douglas Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

Connecticut – September 2018, Grand Secretary – Warren Smith, PO Box 1055, New Milford, CT 06776-1055

Cuba – May 2018, Grand Secretary Jorge Castellanos Milan, 20 de May No 615, esq. a Maso, Cerro, La Habana, Cuba

Delaware – November 2018, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713

District of Columbia – March 2019, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Europe – May-June 2019, Grand Secretary, Andre Kuy, Selnaustrasse 3, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

Florida – March 2018, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012

Georgia – April 2019, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

Hawaii – DDGM – Charles A VanGieson, 95 1050 Makaikai St # 20G, Mililani, HI 96789-4329

Idaho – 15-17 October 2018, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605

Illinois – 8-9 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Jerald T Sarnes, PO Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62644-0248

Indiana – 12-13 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Diana Merritt, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

Iowa – October 2018, Grand Secretary – Lawrence Shilling, 5850 Oakwood Dr NW, Des Moines, IA 50322

Kansas – 10-11 October 2018 – Grand Secretary – Kenneth Edgett, PO Box 549, Great Bend, KS 67530

Kentucky – 11 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Arthur Light, PO Box 1208, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-1208

Louisiana – March 2019, Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

Maine – 19-20 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Mike Anderson, 80 Caron Ln, Auburn, ME 04210

Manitoba – April 2019, Grand Secretary – Dorian Sherman, 118-4025 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5

Maryland – May 2018, Grand Secretary – Laura Teate, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222

Massachusetts – 14-16 June 2018, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606

Mexico – DDGM – Mary Ann Tschernosca, PO Box 1976, San Pedro, CA 90733-1976

Michigan – 14-17 October 2018 Grand Secretary – Anthony Poma, PO Box 437, Eastpointe, MI 48021

Minnesota – 15-17 June 2018, Grand Secretary – Alex Saloum, PO Box 7415, Hutchinson, MN 55350-7415

Mississippi – June 2018, Grand Secretary – Ken Howard, PO Box 1127, Greenwood, MS 38935-1127

Missouri – May 2018, Grand Secretary – Kenneth D Higgins, PO Box 336, Fulton, MO 65251

Montana – 8-10 June 2018, Grand Secretary – George E Hill, 12865 Mill Creek Rd, LoLo, MT 59847

Nebraska – October 2018, Grand Secretary – Jim Standerford, 237 S 70th St Ste 103, Lincoln, NE 68510

Nevada – 18-19 June 2018, Grand Secretary – William Knight, 2230 S Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703

New Hampshire – April 2019, Grand Secretary Kevin Taylor, 200 Pleasant St, Concord, NH 03301-2505

New Jersey – 21 June 2018, Grand Secretary – Debbie L McClelland, 4527 Rte 130 S, Burlington, NJ 08016

New Mexico – September 2018, Grand Secretary – Barbara J Corfield, PO Box 9234, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9234

New York – July 2018, Grand Secretary – Thomas Buchanan, 5 Melody Ln, Warwick, NY 10990

North Carolina – 18-20 October 2018, Grand Secretary – R Kenneth Babb, 315 N Spruce St Ste 250, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

North Dakota – 15-16 June 2018, Grand Secretary – Mark Ulrich, 1107 Walnut St, Devils Lake, ND 58301

Ohio – April 2019, Grand Secretary – Penny Castle, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088

Oklahoma – 19-20 October 2018, Grand Secretary – Jandyrd Lawson, PO Box 588, Perry, OK 73077-0588

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