Contest for Youth Sessions

Pin Design:
Submit your design for the Youth Pin. The winner receives a cash prize. The design must include the year of the pin, the Junior Odd Fellow, Theta Rho, and United Youth Group emblems, and the colors to be used. Keep the design simple, as the finished size is approximately 1” diameter. Please make sure your name and address are on the back of the design.

Advisor of the Year:
Submit in writing why you feel your advisor should receive this award. Tell us the special things that he or she does to make your meetings more fun. Let us know what your advisor has taught you and how you have grown in knowledge of our order. Although we realize that Assistant Advisors are very special too, this particular award is for the Club/Lodge/Group Advisor only.

Irene Meigs Award:
COMMUNITY SERVICE
Send us a list of your community service activities in which your lodge, club, or group participated in without compensation. Provide the description of the projects, amount of money collected/donated, the number of participants and the hours of service provided. A cash prize is awarded to the winner.

ALL OF THE ABOVE CONTESTS ENTRIES ARE DUE BY April 30, 2013
Send all entries to: Bob Kowalski
2032 Oxford Road Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Remember the contest to be judged at Youth Days. Your Community Service Projects. Watch the website, and our Facebook page in the next few months for the SGL-IARA Youth Days Community Project. The project will also be in the next Youth Informer.
Shamrock #4 Junior Odd Fellows out of Eastpointe, Michigan completed an international, fraternal brotherhood project involving "recycling and paying forward". We heard of a growth occurring in Junior Lodges in Cuba, where in the last year three have re-opened, yet the boys there are lacking in regalia and other essentials. It so happens, several pieces of our Lodge's regalia were broken and we were given replacements of extras on hand at our Grand Lodge.

The Juniors then decided to fix what was broken, with bits of small metal rings and tiny pieces of matching chain links we purchased at a craft store. All worked diligently after a regular meeting, by hand and with pliers neatly mending the regalia, which weren't even really visible as repairs by the time our boys were finished. After obtaining permission from our Leaders, the group then moved to help a Junior Lodge in Cuba by forwarding on the extra 11 pieces of chain regalia we restored and ended up with.

Shamrock #4 Junior Odd Fellows are modestly proud.

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Last year the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho girls had such a great time participating in the Pierce County Hunger Walk, they wanted to do it again. Their hope for this year was to at least match their previous fundraising goal of $250 and to get a few more people to join their team. With an amazing outpouring of support from family, friends, and the good folks of our Order, they did both! And in the process became one of the top 3 Pierce County Hunger Teams for 2012! (Final team results are not yet posted).

As generous donations began to come in, the girls upped their goal first to $600 and then to $1000. In the end they had raised over $1,100. And just as exciting, on the day of the walk,

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Pictured: Spunky Bluebirds: Lauren Lozano, Ally Emmons, Faith Ghramm
To all Youth that may be attending, Members of this committee will be taking pictures for further publications. We will identify ourselves and ask permission to print the photo. Your name will not be printed.

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The Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel is the location for this year’s Sovereign Youth Days and Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions. Located in Schaumburg, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, this hotel features a saltwater pool. The hotel has a shuttle that will go to nearby restaurants within a 3 mile range. For those who will want to shop, the second largest mall is only a few miles from the hotel and the shuttle will go there. There are Pizza places that do deliver. Other restaurants close by are buffalo Wild Wings, Cheesecake Factory, T.G.I. Fridays, Chevy’s Fresh Mex, to name a few and other fast food places. Some of these are within walking distance. We are working on a food kiosk within the hotel. If this is worked out, we will provide a menu to anyone that will be attending.

The Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel
1551 N Touroueu Drive
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Please let us know when you hold your sessions, campouts, rallies, or any other activity you have.

International Assoc. of Rebekah Assembly President Laura Argue - March 22, 23, 2013
Delta Convention Center Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Proclamations by the Sovereign Grand Master, Charles Renninger
Month of March — Odd Fellow Arthritis Month Schuyler Colfax Day — March 23rd, 2013
April 27th, 2013 — Make a Difference Day — See IOOF NEWS January - February 2013

Tomb of the Unknown Pilgrimage Annual Dinner May 4th, 2013 Alexandria, Virginia
Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown May 5th, 2013 Arlington National Cemetery Washington, D.C.
Canadian War Memorial Weekend May 31, June 1st and 2nd, 2013 Ottawa, Canada
Region X - April Colorado TRA session 2nd weekend in June
Washington TRA session 3rd weekend in June Texas GJL & TRA sessions June 13—16, 2013 DeSoto, TX.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Arlington National Cemetery

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2013 YOUTH DAYS APPLICATION FORM

⇒ One Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per form.
⇒ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Send to Youth Day Coordinator:
Gregory (Greg) W. Simpson Sr. 1306 Palmer Drive  Laramie, WY 82070
Cell (307) 721-3836  Fax (307) 721-3836  E-mail: slow57@bresnan.net
⇒ DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 1, 2013—NO EXCEPTIONS

Please check one:
☐ Junior Lodge  ☐ Theta Rho Club  ☐ United Youth Group

Unit Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________
Advisor Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________
Advisor Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________
Advisor Telephone: ___________________________  Advisor E-mail: ______________________________________

MC/Moderator:  ☐ Banquet  ☐ Session  ☐ Talent Night
Name (s) __________________________________________

Chaplain:  ☐ Banquet  ☐ Session  ☐ Talent Night
Name (s) __________________________________________

Flag/Banner Bearers:  Names (s)
American __________________________________________
Canadian __________________________________________
Illinois __________________________________________
Junior Odd Fellow __________________________________
 Theta Rho ________________________________________
 United Youth Group _______________________________

Honor Guard:  Names (s)
American __________________________________________
Canadian __________________________________________
Illinois __________________________________________
Junior Odd Fellow __________________________________
 Theta Rho ________________________________________
 United Youth Group _______________________________

Talent Program Distribution: _______________________________________

Escorts:  ☐ Banquet  ☐ Session  ☐ Talent Night
Name (s) __________________________________________
Guidelines for Jurisdictional Reports

The following guidelines are suggested for writing the SGL/IARA Jurisdictional youth reports given at Youth Day.

 Theta Rho, Junior Oddfellow and United Youth Group reports shall be written. The reports may be given separately or together. Jurisdictions are called alphabetically. When called, all Representatives from that Jurisdiction are called up at the same time.

 Reports are no more than five minutes in length.

 Scope of the report includes the entire jurisdiction.

 Report information spans from the last SGL-IARA Youth Day to the present.

 Reports are typed if possible and must be turned in to the SGL-IARA Youth Committee.

 Reports need to include the following information:

 * Addressed to the SGL-IARA Youth Committee.
   Dated with the date the report is given.

 Names, titles and jurisdiction of the youth giving the report.

 Number of junior lodges, clubs and youth groups active. Also lodges, clubs, or groups that still have members but may not be meeting on a regular basis.

 Total number of members in Junior Oddfellows, Theta Rho and United Youth Groups.

 Comparison of membership with prior years.

 Interesting fund raising projects.

 Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, and Youth Group activities.

 Significant membership drive recognition.

 Visitation activities to other jurisdictions.

 Recognition of special events.

 Future plans.

 Grand Junior Lodge/Theta Rho Assembly information such as numbers attending, when and where held, and significant activities.

 Those of you who attended SGL-IARA Youth Days of 2012 remember this guy? Well, this is Brother Robert “Bob” Smith from the Jurisdiction of Illinois. He entertained us with his magic tricks. Like this tea pot that always had water in it? How about the book that ignited every time it was opened? During the SGL sessions after Youth Days, Brother Bob was elected as the next Deputy Sovereign Grand Master. Brother Bob, Congratulations on your newly elected office. And we want to THANK YOU for entertaining us.
Talent Entry Requirements

The talent show will be held on Saturday night. This is a formal event and proper dress is expected.

To enter the competition, fill out the form attached and send it in. Make sure your performance follows these basic guidelines:

Five Categories – Dance, Drill, Skit, Vocal/Instrumental Group, or Individual.

Time limit is five minutes; any performance over the limit will be penalized.

One entry per Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per category.

No Advisor or Adult can participate except as musician or for set up.

All participants must be active members between the ages of 8-21.

All entries must consist of appropriate music and action; no reference to sex, drugs, or violence will be allowed. Final approval will be at the discretion of the SGL-IARA Youth Committee at the time of practice. Opportunity will be given for revisions.

The drill category is specific to precision drill routines. Drill routines must not include tumbling, gymnastics, or obvious dance moves.

No routines in any category shall include participants being thrown in the air, this is for the safety of the participants, and liability issues.

Vocal entries other than acappella, accompanying music must be instrumental, with background vocals only.

CD or cassette tape must have only the performance song on it.

Each routine must be performed on the stage provided.

Entry deadline is July 1st, 2013. There will be no exceptions. (entry form is included)

Every COMPLETE routine shall be performed during the practice sessions in the presence of the SGL-IARA Youth Committee members for compliance to the above requirements, NO EXCEPTIONS. If routine is changed at time of performance, without notice to this committee, points will be deducted.
One category per entry form (make copies as necessary) - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Send to Youth Day Coordinator:

Gregory (Greg) W. Simpson Sr.
1306 Palmer Drive   Laramie, WY 82070
Cell (307) 721-3836   Fax (307) 721-3836   E-mail: slow57@bresnan.net

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 1, 2013 — NO EXCEPTIONS

Please check one type of entry:

___ Dance
Name: _____________________________________________

___ Drill
___ Junior Lodge

___ Vocal/Instrumental group
___ Theta Rho Club

___ Skit
___ United Youth Group

___ Individual

Number of Participants: ______

Description of entry:

________________________________________________________________________________________

Advisor Information: Name:________________________________________________________________

Address:

________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone:_______________ E-mail:_______________________
Poster Session for 2013 Youth Days

This year we want to have an increased emphasis on Youth from your area sharing your community service projects with other youth. Please follow the “Guidelines” which describe the rules, poster construction, scoring, and the winning awards.

The poster session is held with all projects presented simultaneously. A youth representative or a few will stand by their poster/project, share the details of what the project’s focus involved, and any outcomes of the group’s efforts. Purpose is to get to better know Youth from other regions through sharing creative and helpful ideas, involving Odd Fellow values of assisting the needy, or making our communities or the world better through service to others.

The poster session itself will last for one hour. The audience moves about at their own pace, from poster to poster, asking questions, seeking information, learning who and how we help, and to better understand the nature of your specific help or assistance.

Leaders of our Order will be part of the audience, and after reviewing the contents and construction of the poster, will affix a “star” to the poster of the project of their choosing. After all the judging has been completed, the Lodge/Club whose poster has the greatest number of stars attached wins the $100 cash prize, and another $100 is also donated towards their project.

Posters will remain up throughout the Youth Days, as reminders to those members who couldn't attend the Poster Session of the kinds of work or assistance your group provides.

Did you watch the New Years Day Parade? If you did, did you see that the Odd Fellows Float won a trophy? Well, for those who did not see or hear, the float won the “Princess Trophy”. Here is part of an e-mail the editor received from the float committee.

**Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float**

2013 Rose Parade Float** "Elevated Adventures"

WAS AWARDED THE

PRINCESS TROPHY

MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOAT UNDER 35 FEET

Our float expressed the concept that we seek to elevate the character of humankind and we will go anywhere to spread our message of Odd Fellowship.

As it we went down the Parade route 700,000 people were chanting “Odd Fellows”
Guidelines for SGL-IARA Youth Committee Poster Session

One sheet, per project, using standard size, 22 inches x 28 inches poster board. Poster board will be made available for all entries. No need to travel with your poster board.

Tape, rubber cement, scissors, rulers, markers, push pins, a stapler, and other basic office supplies, will be available to the Youth to assist in the assembly or construction of their Poster.

Easels or a means to affix posters to a wall will be provided.

All projects/programs implemented to be presented need to be Youth operated. Adult advisors and supporters may provide supportive guidance.

Projects may serve your Community, or to larger purposes like World problems or issues.

Maximum of three entries per Lodge/Club/Group, whether presented by an individual or group.

Now what to bring. Sheets of paper with printing, computer or otherwise, with the name of the Lodge/Club/Group as a heading, the title of the project, for captions of any photographs, etc.

Also, consider bringing printed material large enough to read from several feet, a brief description of what the project or program involved, so the audience will know at a glance what you did and accomplished.

If you used handouts about the project that helped you, bring those to be attached.

All written materials brought are to be affixed neatly to the poster provided.

One hour is the time limit to transfer the materials you brought with you in advance, to the actual poster where your contents will be displayed.

To bring your posters to life, please bring a few or several photographs of the project underway, those it may have helped, of any actual work done, or describe the outcomes on another sheet of paper, etc. Remember, “A picture is worth a thousand words”, and have your poster board tell the complete result.

Once poster is assembled, there will be a one hour, informal question and answer informational period, where the Youth share their projects, ideas and common interests with one another, and with members of the audience, as they move about from Poster to Poster.

The winner(s) will be selected by the Leaders of the Order who will vote by placing a star on the project they choose. Poster with the most stars wins!

Posters will remain on display throughout Youth Days, to visually inform visitors and other members of your community activities and involvement.

The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee

Did you know you can find us at these places?

FACEBOOK PAGE:  SGL-IARA Youth

Use Facebook to share your activities with others.
Use Facebook as a question and answer page.
Keep in touch with everyone that attended Youth Days in the past or just this year.
Share your organization’s website with others.

WEBSITE:  ioofyouth.ca

We are making changes to our website. If you have any suggestions, changes, enhancements, or games that you might like to see, please forward them to our Chairman at:

Bob Kowalski  2032 Oxford Road
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI  48236
Or e-mail: bobfebo@comcast.net
nearby military base. It was a proud day for Odd Fellowship! Led by our Theta Rho girls, our Order helped to make a real difference in our community. Working and walking together we joined the fight against hunger.

In F.L.&T.,

Bob Kowalski
Shamrock #4 Youth Advisor
Eastpointe, Michigan

In Happiness Through Service,

Submitted by:
Sylvia Summers, Advisor
Spunky Bluebirds #93
Tacoma, Washington

Team Spunky had grown to 32 participants. Proudly carrying the I.O.O.F. banner, the Spunky girls lead members from South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge #211, Olympia Odd Fellows Lodge #1, and Des Moines Odd Fellows Lodge #305 plus friends from a

TRIVIA TIME

Who is the new Sovereign Grand Master? A) Bob Kowalski  B) Delmar Burns  C) Charles Renninger Did you answer C?

Where will the 2014 Youth Days be held? A) Winston Salem, N. C.  B) Detroit, MI.  C) British Columbia Again C.

Who is Sharon Sells? A) Secretary of De Fence  B) Secretary of SGL-IARA Youth Committee  C) Secretary IARA Answer: B

How many members serve on the SGL-IARA Youth Committee A) 3  B) 9  C) 5

Answer C Chairman, appointed by the Incoming SGM, yearly, Two members qualified to attend SGL, and Two members qualified to attend IARA. Of these four members, 1 from SGL and 1 from IARA are appointed yearly to serve a two year term.

How many states are totally surrounded by water? A) 2  B) 4  C) 6

Who is the Current International Association Rebekah Assembly President? A) Laura Argue  B) Martha Pezo  C) Mary Houle’


During Sovereign Youth Days, what are the two youths conducting the ceremonies called?
**YOUTH ONLY** Youth Banquet - Friday Evening, August 16, 2013 - $25.00
Reservation Request for:  
The Sovereign Grand Lodge  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
August 15 – 24, 2013 – Event Dates  
Reservations due by: 2 August 2013  
Use Code: SGL

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| PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS                                                      |
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Please make copies and send to the following,

- Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Committee,
- Grand Secretary, Rebekah Assembly Secretary, whichever may apply.
- Your Jurisdictional Joint Youth Committee Chairman
- SGL — IARA Joint Youth Committee Secretary

Keep one copy for YOUR records

**Anyone Graduate from your lodge, club, or group? Is your Jurisdiction working on the Youth Honors Program?** We would like to add any of this information to our Newsletter for mailing and recognition purposes. This new section will be included whenever this committee receives any of the information below.

**Graduate Members:**

- Jurisdiction: ____________________________
- Graduate Name ________________________

**Youth Honors Program:**

- Level __________ Name ________________________

Please send this form to the SGL-IARA JYC Committee Secretary:

Sharon Sells 13550 Washington Street # 7B  Thornton, CO 80241

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**SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR ADULTS**

- New ☐ Renewal ☐ Address Change ☐
- Name ____________________________
- Advisor (No Charge) ☐ Youth Committee Chairman (No Charge) ☐
- Address OR Email ____________________________
- City ____________________________
- State/Province ____________________________
- Postal Code ____________________________

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VISITATION INFORMATION

Any Jurisdiction interested in having a member of the SGL/IARA Youth Committee attend a function needs to send a written request by mail or email to receive a visit. The Committee Chairman will consider if a committee member will attend an event in your Jurisdiction. Please provide ample time for plans to be made. The committee looks forward to helping with your program.
Send your request to the committee Secretary:
Sharon Sells  13550 Washington Street # 7B    Thornton, CO 80241  Sharon.Sells@MileHiFire.com.