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SGL – IARA JYC I.O.O.F YOUTH INFORMER



CONTEST FOR YOUTH

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, 2014

Send all entries to: Bob Kowalski 2032 Oxford Road Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236
or email at bobfebo@comcast.net

Victoria, British Columbia is pleased to host the 2014 Sovereign Grand Lodge Session!

Make your plans now to attend an exciting session in the "City of Gardens"! Your Youth Committee is hard at working planning this year's session to be one you will remember for a lifetime! Victoria is the capital city of British Columbia, Canada and is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island of Canada's Pacific coast. Get your passports ready!

Youth Days! August 15 - 16, 2014 in Victoria, British Columbia!

Important!!! You will need to have a "passport" for this year's session! Please apply for this as soon as possible as it might take a while to obtain your passport.

Youth will be staying at the "Harbour Towers" at 345 Quebec St, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
Phone #: (250) 385-2405

Breakfast is included with your room rate of \$140 per room. Rooms are 2 double beds with occupancy of 4 per room.

Special and exciting things are being planned for you by the Youth Committee.



Youth hotel accommodations are through the Harbour Towers, where a block of 15 rooms have been set aside for our Youth. Up to four may stay in the same room for a total of \$140 CA plus taxes and assessed fees per room per day, with inclusive hot breakfast. This is for the standard room with two double beds. There are also a limited number of 1 bedroom suites at \$170 CA plus surcharges. There is also the possibility of a two bedroom suite(s) available, for \$210 CA plus, but could accommodate six individuals. These suites have an additional, larger sitting area and a kitchenette. Yvonne Isenor will keep a listing of those who plan to stay at the Harbour Towers, ensuring they are indeed youth or their chaperones, so the room block is sufficient for the needs of the Youth.

All Youth events will be held at Harbour Towers, including the Friday Orientation, Friday Evening Dinner, Friday Night Pool Party, and the Saturday Youth Session itself, with the exception of the Talent Show. The Talent Show will be held at the Theatre of the Victoria Conference Center, adjacent to the Fairmont Empress. The Harbour Towers are on the other side of the small inner harbor from the Empress. This is just a short 10 minute walk. Arrangements will be made for transportation for the adults to and from the Youth Banquet to facilitate their attendance.

*Please refer to www.ioof.org and click on "News/Media" for more information, directions and options of getting to downtown Victoria, British Columbia.

Eighty-first I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

May 2-4, 2014, Arlington, Virginia

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311

1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Arlington National Cemetery May 2-4, 2014

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.



The 2014 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 4 at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremonies will begin at **noon** with a parade from the USS Maine Mast staging area, followed by the memorial service and wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb. **Please note the program will begin an hour earlier than previous years.** The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Robert W. “Bob” Smith, Sovereign Grand Master.

Important Dates:

March 21-22, 2014 Weekend Honoring Sister Dorothy Laycock – President International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in Louisville, Kentucky

May 2-4, 2014 Eighty-first I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, Virginia

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 7:00 PM.

Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown May 4, 2014, Arlington National Cemetery Washington, D.C.

August 15-22, 2014 Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

August 15-16, 2014 Youth Days in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



Get your creative thoughts moving! We need your ideas for next year's Youth Pin design! If you are the winner, you will receive a cash prize and your design will be on the cover of The Youth Informer for the year 2015!



What's happening in your neighborhood?

"Tell us what your Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Clubs or United Youth Groups have been doing to help your community."



This was submitted by Amy S. from Eta Theta Rho Girls Club #94 in Lorane, Oregon.

Our club recently had an activity night that we thought was worthy of the Youth Informer. We hope you think so too. The girls were visiting Coast Fork Nursing Home in Cottage Grove, Oregon. They helped the local residents work a puzzle and brought a little sunshine to their day. All the girls were singing "Singing in the Rain" (a silly version) to the residents at Coast Fork Nursing Home. All of the 11 girls who attended the slumber party in front of the Lorane Rebekah Lodge # 252 Lodge Hall the next morning shortly before going home. In the back row: May H., Siera L., BreAnna C. The next row: Stephanie W., Bethany S., and Samantha L. The next row: Moira S., Julianna K., and Clara S. In the very front: Emma L. and Emma K.

Mary Houle' - Assistant Advisor and Tara Wigle - Head Advisor both dressed in their PJ's and ready for bed despite the fact they didn't sleep much.

Did you know: you can find us at these places?

Website: ioofyouth.ca

FACEBOOK PAGE: SGL-IARA Youth

Michigan's Shamrock #4 Junior Odd Fellows, family, and friends both donate and serve a Thanksgiving meal to the Developmentally Disabled in the inner city at the ARC Detroit (Association for Retarded Citizens). The boys donated Turkeys and Cranberry Sauce, while the Irish Belles #16 Theta Rho and PGM Sonny gave funds to purchase the Pumpkin and Sweet Potato pies. Helping the ARC Detroit has been an on-going project of the Shamrocks for several years now. It's nice to share the Bounty during this Holiday Season, to understand how truly blessed and fortunate we are, and how it is through giving we receive.

Shamrock #4 Junior Odd Fellows held their Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser. A tradition that has been one of the mainstays in generating income to fund their various programs. They feel blessed to have such loyal Lodge Brothers and Sisters, whose on-going participation and generosity helps make continuation of the Junior Odd Fellows here possible.

Great idea! Keep up the great work!



Keep sending in your articles. I will always make room for you! We enjoy seeing what you are doing in and for your community!

2014 YOUTH DAYS APPLICATION FORM

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

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Send to Youth Day Coordinator:

Carla Branton PO Box 658 - Clifton, Colorado 81520

(970)462-3781 or (970)216-7275 Email: carla.branton@yahoo.com

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 1, 2014—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)

Canadian

American

British Columbia

Junior Odd Fellow

Theta Rho

United Youth Group

Honor Guard:

Names (s)

Canadian

American

British Columbia

Junior Odd Fellow

Theta Rho

United Youth Group

Talent Program Distribution:

Escorts: ☐ Banquet

☐ Session

☐ Talent Night

Name (s) _____



2014 Youth Days Talent Entry Form

One category per entry form (make copies as necessary) - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Send to Youth Day Coordinator: Carla Branton
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(970)462-3781 or (970)216-7275
Email: carla.branton@yahoo.com

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 1, 2014 — 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 2014 Youth Days

You enjoyed last year's Poster Session and have asked us to include it again this year. This session's intention is to give an in-creased 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. The purpose of this project is to better know our 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 it-self will last for one hour. The audience moves about at their own pace, from poster to poster, asking questions, seeking in-formation, 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 Lodge/Club whose poster has the greatest number of stars attached wins a \$100 cash prize, and another \$100 is also donated to pay forward towards one of their projects.

Guidelines for SGL-IARA Youth Committee Poster Session

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tape, glue, 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.</p> <p>Easels or a means to affix posters to a wall will be provided.</p> <p>All projects/programs implemented to be presented need to be Youth operated. Adult advisors and supporters may provide supportive guidance.</p> <p>Projects may serve your Community, or to larger purposes like World problems or issues.</p>	<p>Maximum of one poster entry per Lodge/Club/Group, whether presented by an individual or group. Several projects can be placed on one poster.</p> <p><u>Now what to bring:</u> Sheets of paper with printing, computer or otherwise, with the name of the Jurisdiction or Lodge/Club/Group as a heading, the title of the project, for captions of any photographs, etc.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you used hand-outs about the project that helped you, bring those to be attached.</p> <p>All written materials brought are to be affixed neatly to the poster provided.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Posters will remain on display throughout Youth Days, to visually inform visitors and other members of your community activities and involvement.</p> <p><i>The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee</i></p>
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Guidelines for Jurisdictional Reports

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

*Theta Rho, Junior Odd Fellow 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 Odd Fellows, 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.

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 a cappella, 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, 2014**. 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 de-ducted.

****All Members Attending All Units MUST Register****

SGL SESSION 2014

Victoria, British Columbia

The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies,
General Military Council, International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs
Militant and the Youth.

Pre-Registration

One form per person. **Please register by July 15, 2014**

Name: _____
(Highest Current or Past Title) (Unit of the Order Attending)

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Arrival Date/Time: _____ Departure Date: _____

Will you be flying or driving? _____

Pre-Registration Fee (on or before July 15, 2014)	CDN \$55	
Registration Fee (after July 15, 2014)	CDN \$65	

*No Fee for Youth Registration, but Youth must register

~~~~SPECIAL EVENTS~~~~

Youth Banquet	CDN \$35	
Youth Accommodations – please contact Yvonne Isenor glofbc@telus.net		
Officers' Banquet	CDN \$70	
Dietary Requirements:		

List the group that you wish to be seated with, make sure all the same designation, all seats will be reserved.

(Name of Group)

Fun Night – Old England	CDN \$70	
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TOTAL ENCLOSED CDN FUNDS	\$	
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Make cheques payable to: SGL 2014 Session Committee
Mail to: SGL 2014 Committee
1153 Esquimalt Rd, PO BOX 36067 Esquimalt
Victoria, BC V9A 7J5



SGL-IARA JOINT YOUTH COMMITTEE
And
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

Presents the

ISENOR-ROSE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
FOR YOUTH TRIP

APPLICATION

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____

REQUIREMENTS:

1. PLEASE ADVISE THE NAME OF YOUR YOUTH CLUB, LOCATION OF YOUR YOUTH CLUB, LIST THE OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD IN YOUR YOUTH CLUB, YOUR JURISDICTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED AND THE DATE YOU JOINED YOUR YOUTH CLUB. THIS MUST BE CERTIFIED WITH A LETTER FROM YOUR ADVISOR/CHAIRPERSON UNDER SEAL OF THE CLUB WITH THE CLUBS INSTITUTION DATE.
2. YOU MUST SUBMIT A 500 WORD ESSAY ON THE UNITED NATIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS
3. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A 3 to 5 MINUTE SPEECH CONTEST WHILE ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Competition is open to all Club Members who will be 16 years of age by December 31st of the year of the trip, or who will not turn 18 years of age until after August 1st of the year of the trip, and applicants must continue membership in their Youth Club and promote the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth trip in their own Jurisdiction and submit a write up to the Youth Informer upon completion of said trip.

Applicants must be an active member and have belonged to a Youth Club for three years unless they are a member of a newly Instituted Youth Club. This information should be in the Certified Letter from the Advisor.

A panel of markers, who select the winners, reviews all applications.

Failure to comply with requirements will result in the said Delegate having to reimburse the Committee for all expenses.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The Isenor-Rose Fund will contribute \$1,000.00 towards the total cost of the trip. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the Jurisdiction and/or the parents 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 Sovereign Grand Lodge-International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Joint Youth Committee no later than April 15th of the year prior to the trip. NO EXCEPTIONS. Mail all applications to Youth Committee Chairman:

Bob Kowalski 2032 Oxford Road Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313) 505-4446 E-mail: bobfebo@comcast.net

Did you initiate a new member? Reinstate a member?

SPONSER OF A NEW MEMBER

Sponser Name _____
 New Member's Lodge _____
 Lodge Secretary Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Postal/Zip Code _____

NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted _____ Bro. _____ Sis. _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Postal/Zip Code _____
 Date of Birth: M/D/Y _____

Please make copies and send to the following:

-Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Committee,
 Grand Secretary, Rebekah Assembly Secretary,
 which ever may apply.

ONE LINERS

What's the difference between a nickel and a dime? 5 cents!

-Your Jurisdictional Youth Committee Chairman

How do you keep a skunk from smelling? Hold his nose

-SLG-IARA Joint Youth Committee Secretary

What kind of dog tells time? A watch dog

-Keep one copy for YOUR records

What do you give a sea sick elephant? Lots of room

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:

Graduate Members: Jurisdiction: _____ Graduate Name: _____

Youth Honors Program: Level _____ Name _____

Please send this form to the SGL-IARA JYC Committee Secretary: Raymond Lessans 19306 Dunbridge Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20886

SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR ADULTS

NEW ☐

RENEWAL ☐

ADDRESS CHANGE ☐

NAME _____

ADVISOR ☐ (NO CHARGE)

YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIR ☐ (NO CHARGE)

ADDRESS OR EMAIL _____ CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____ ZIP _____

FILL OUT COMPLETELY **NO CHARGE FOR EMAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS** OR MAIL WITH \$10 (U.S. OR CANADIAN) PER YEAR TO:

SGL-IARA JYC YOUTH INFORMER, Gwen Wixom 2816 IRISH RIDGE RD., BURLINGTON, IA 52601

OFFICE USE: AMOUNT SUBMITTED \$ _____ U.S. _____ CANADIAN



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STICKDUKU Use your logic to find the correct number for each square. When finished, all nine rows across, all nine columns down and all nine 3 x 3 boxes must contain all nine numbers, 1 through 9 with no repeats.

DONE

ANXIETY

| STORY |

| STORY |

| STORY |

After me....

After me...

After me...

After me...



Q: What do you get from an Alaskan cow?
A: Ice Cream

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9	4	1	2	9	7	3	5	8
3	7	2	8	5	9	6	1	4

1. One and done
2. Separation Anxiety
3. Repeat after me
4. 2 sides to every story



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