Youth Days will be in Baltimore, Maryland
August 17 & 18, 2018

The founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was in
Baltimore, Maryland April 26, 2018
This year marks the 199th Anniversary
of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

This year will be big! You won’t want to miss it!

Pin Design for 2018:
Submit your design for the Youth Pin to Steve by
May 1, 2018

Advisor of the Year 2018
Submit in writing why you feel your advisor should receive this
award to Steve by
May 1, 2018

Irene Meigs Award 2018
COMMUNITY SERVICE
Submit your community service activities from your Youth Groups
to Steve by
May 1, 2018

Reminder of the Sovereign Grand Master’s project this year.
It is our youth programs. He is challenging everybody to SAVE
YOUR CHANGE for the coming year. We will gather the change at this
year’s Session in Baltimore. Be prepared to count all pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters!

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Patriarchs Militant

A few words taken from the IOOF News…

...Well, it is time to let you all know what I have been doing for the last two months: On January 20, 2018, I went to Gulfport, MS and assisted Brig Gens Mitzi and Benny Rayborn in Mustering in 11 Chevaliers. Four of them being Choctaw Indians, with the Chief of the Tribe, Chief White-Eagle, being one of them. It was awesome and great for MS. On February 17, 2018, my staff and myself went to Biloxi, MS and assisted Brig Gens Mitzi and Benny Rayborn with Laying the Wreaths at the MS Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I went to Phoenix, AZ for President I.A.R.A. Linda Thompson’s Testimonial. Linda Rayborn with Laying the Wreaths at the MS Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. 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 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...

“Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Happy Easter and a Happy Passover” to all…

Chivalrously,
Lady Estella Crowder

Chivalrously,
Lt. Gen. R.L. “Ken” Lasswell

‘a peaceful ruler, serving as a soldier’
ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman

As the flowers and trees begin to grow, so are our clubs. In the past year so far, we have three United Youth Groups that are forming in the East. How is your club growing? As the weather is turning nicer again and school is almost out, are you reaching out to your friends and neighbors? Only you can be the voice of your club or lodge. Be proud and tell everyone the great things you are doing in your communities. Spread the word of Odd Fellowship so we can continue to grow.

Your JYC committee is beginning to prepare for another great Youth Days 2018 in Baltimore. If you haven’t been, you need to come experience the excitement! For you regulars, we have taken all your advice and comments to make this year the best one yet. We look forward to seeing you all there.

As of today, I have not received a single Youth Pin Design or Advisor of the Year submittals. Remember there’s a monetary prize? These need to be sent to me or any committee member by May 1st. I’d like to see some new clubs win this year. I know you are doing great things out there. Get those submittals in, please.

This year Sovereign Grand Master John Miller has made the Youth his project. He has been collecting change all year. I need your help this year at Youth Days. We are going to strive to fill a five gallon bucket of loose change. So I need you to start collecting. Fill a jar in your club and bring it with you to Youth Days.

Thank you to everyone, especially my JYC committee for helping make this year a huge success.

See you in Baltimore.

Steve Adams
JYC Chairman

Contests for Youth  Deadline: May 1, 2018

SEND YOUR CONTEST ENTRIES TO:
Chairman, Steve Adams
114 Galleon Run Dr. SE
Poplar Grove, IL  61065
Email: seawyo@yahoo.com

We want to see you at Youth Days!
Share with us how your group is raising money for your trip.
Are you flying, driving, taking a bus?
Here’s what’s happening in your neighborhood!

**Alpha Theta Rho #1 of Clifton Colorado...**

Celebrated Christmas with helping a family with a 6 year old girl that needs a new heart. They purchased clothes and toys for all the kids in the family. This year’s president’s project is to help the heart kids.

As reported by Carla, Advisor

As reported through: **Jasons Ever-Giving Heart**

As posted on their Facebook page…

Congratulations to Darcey and other members of Alpha Theta Rho Girls Club #1 as a part of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Grand Junction, CO. Darcy is the new term president for 2018 of Alpha Theta Rho. As a service project, her and her club members will be supporting Jason’s Ever-Giving Heart for her presiding year. Alpha Theta Rho Girls Club is a non-profit that promotes responsibility, morals and faith in God through service to others. We look forward to working with these young girls as they support CHD Awareness.

Thank you for sharing!

**Contests for Youth  Deadline: May 1, 2018**

**Pin Design for 2018:**
Submit your design for the Youth Pin. Please remember the finished size of the pin is approximately 1” diameter. Keep the design simple. The design must include: the year of the pin, Emblems of the 4 units; Junior Odd Fellow Lodge, Theta Rho Girls Club, United Youth Group & Cadet Corp, the colors to be used. Please make sure your name and address are on the back of the design.

**Deadline: May 1, 2018**

**Irene Meigs Award 2018**

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.

**Deadline: May 1, 2018**

**Advisor of the Year 2018**
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.

**Deadline: May 1, 2018**
March 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

First, I would like to thank all of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampments, LEAs, Cantons and LAPMs that have worked very hard to remove all reference to the old incorporation name, United Nations reference, and logo from your websites, constitutions, by-laws and other paper work. Please keep updating your websites.

Second, the Board of Directors has been working very hard to update the Incorporation and Program. We have changed the name of the Corporation to “Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Inc.” The Program name is “Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Program”. We are incorporated in the state of North Carolina, U.S.A.

Third, the most exciting news…we are back and starting to make plans for a Tour in 2019. There is a lot of work to be done yet, but the planning process has begun.

The Board of Directors met in February, working in 6 groups for several hours with a working lunch. The groups met later in the day to share each other’s ideas and concerns. With continued work by the Board, you will have a great tour in 2019.

The Board of Directors will meet on May 5, 2018. If you have any suggestions or concerns, just email us at our new email address: pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com.

Friendship, Love, & Truth,
Faith, Hope, & Charity, and
Universal Justice,

Rodney Metoyer, Chairman of Board
Founder’s Day Proclamation

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

Fraterna1 Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety-nine years of fraternity, let us not become complacent but strive towards 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, John A. Miller, Sr., 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, 2018 be known as Founder’s Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemoration the 199th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged 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 2018 and of our Order the 199th year.

Yours, in F, L & T,

Attest

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

/s/ Terry L. Barret
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Are you coming?

2018 Youth Days is in Baltimore, Maryland August 17 & 18, 2018!

Headquarters and Sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor

Room reservations can be made at either of these hotels:

Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor
300 Light St, Baltimore, MD 21202
800-223-1234 or 888-421-1442

OR

Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
300 S. St. Charles St,
Baltimore, MD 21201
888-627-7061

What is this place? Do you know?

SGL-IARA Jurisdictional Youth Reports needed at Youth Days

*Please have your report written as it will be turned in to the SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee
*Your report should include your entire jurisdiction.
*Report information spans from the last SGL-IARA Youth Days to the present.

SGL-IARA Jurisdictional Youth Reports need to include the following information:

*Names, titles and jurisdiction of the Youth giving the report.
*Total number of Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho, United Youth Groups and Cadet Corps and total number of members.
*Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho, United Youth Groups and Cadet Corps that are not meeting.
*Comparison of membership with prior years.
*Interesting fund raising projects.
*Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, Unite Youth Group and Cadet Corps activities.
*Significant membership drive recognition.
*Visitation activities to other jurisdictions.
*Recognition of special events.
*Future plans.
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)   ________________________________________________________________

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  ___________________________________ Email  ______________________________________

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 $_____________________

East to West Night, 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: _________________________________
I have a reservation at the
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/ 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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Information to have available when making a reservation:

Name: ________________________________
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Departure Date: ________________________________

*To book your Reservation on line, use this link: https://aws.passkey.com/go/240dd522
IT’S ALL FOR FUN!

Trivia Time

What is the major difference between a bird and a fly?
Answer: A Bird can fly but a fly cannot bird!

What ended in the year 1919?
Answer: 1918 – yes, the year 1918 ended when the New Year 1919 begins!

What Am I?

Q: I am light as a feather, but the strongest man can’t hold me for more than 5 minutes?
A: breath

Q: What has a single eye but can not see?
A: needle

How many things can you see?

How fast can you find all the animals?

**ANIMALS**

- CAT
- DOG
- BIRD
- ELEPHANT
- HIPPO
- SQUIRREL
- MOUSE
- MONKEY
- TIGER
- GIRAFFE
- FISH
- ALLIGATOR
- LION

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Did you know: you can find us at these places?
Website: www.ioof.org (Click on YOUTH)

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.

We’re here for you!
Do you need us? Do you need help? Advice? Or just an ear to listen? Request a visit by contacting Youth Committee Chairman Steve Adams directly by phone, email or letter and we will be there. We only ask that you contact us as soon as possible to enable us time to make arrangements to get to you as quick as we can.