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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 pen-
nies, nickels, dimes and
quarters!



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NEWS FROM THE TOP!



John A. Miller Sr Sovereign Grand Master I.O.O.F.

A few words taken from the IOOF News...

I am halfway through my term and have had some of the most memorable experiences of my life. I have been so fortunate to have been able to meet and get to know my brothers and sisters from across the U.S. and Canada. Each of my messages has been an attempt to remind all of us to focus on the projects of our great Order and this one will be no different.

Among the experiences that I will remember most was working on the Rose Parade float and participating in the parade. It was an experience of a lifetime. I am asking that all of our Brothers and Sisters support the best publicly known project we have.

The Jurisdiction of California has been participating in The Tournament of Roses Parade since 1906. It is a non-profit incorporated as the Oddfellows Rebekahs Rose Float. Visit their website @ oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org or look at their Facebook page to see the photos of the floats and learn more about this project...

...There were 7 Purple heart recipients riding the float, some of them were members of our Order and some were from the "Military Order of the Purple Heart". The Grand Marshal, actor Gary Sinise, came to our float before the parade started, shook our hands, and spoke with the purple heart recipients and the rest of the float riders. We won the Director's Trophy.

If we want this project to continue, we need to help. They need supplies such as tweezers, sponges, small throw away paintbrushes (1"– 2" wide), scissors and blenders. ...

...With April being the month of our Order's "Make a Difference Day", remember to support ALL projects of our Order, do something to support your members and your communities. Report what you do. The projects not only give us recognition in our communities, but they definitely make a difference in our world. If we are committed to making a difference, we will make a difference.

Fraternally yours in FLT,
John A. Miller, Sr

Don't just say: "Make a Difference" — Do it!
Please remember to report it

Lt. Gen. R. L. 'Ken' Lasswell General Commanding General Military Council 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. While at Linda's Fun Night, with everyone having a great time, she slipped while dancing and fell. She was able to return the next evening about ½ hour before the Banquet. I guess all the prayers that she got from everyone must have helped. Makes a believer in the power of prayer. Even after all the excitement, everyone had a great time. Don't forget to keep Linda in your prayers, so that she can properly heal. The next thing coming up is my Testimonial on March 23rd and 24th, hope that all of you can come and help me have a good time.

Chivalrously,
Lt. Gen R.L. "Ken" Lasswell

'a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier'

The Youth Informer will be looking forward to upcoming articles from our leaders to share with the Youth!

Linda L. Thompson, President International Association Rebekah Assemblies

A few words taken from the IOOF News...

Hello to my Odd Fellow and Rebekah family,

A few weeks ago I lost my keys. On the key ring were my house keys, car keys, bank key, my shop key and mailbox key. Needless to say I was very upset and just a little crazy. If you have ever misplaced your keys, you may understand my frustration. A good Samaritan came to my rescue and the keys were returned. All was well. This adventure brought to mind other keys that are important to all of us:

Key to Kindness: Let us add kindness to each of our three Links, a kind word, a kind look, a kind deed. **Key to Knowledge:** We must continue to educate our members in Odd Fellowship. Mentor new members and improve ourselves. **Key to Charity:** Charity if silence when a word would hurt. Think first, speak last. As members we pledge forever that Charity faileth never. **Key to Honor:** It is Honor that binds our triple chain. Honor and integrity means dependability, uprightness, moral soundness, faithfulness, to be fearless and straightforward. **Key to Duties:** It is our duty to contribute our share to the success of our Order and for the benefit Odd Fellowship. **Key to Prayer:** Prayer is for anyone and everyone. It is a quiet uplifting that looks for the good in everything and everyone. **Key to Smiles:** A smile reveals much about 3/13/18 but our sister's and brother's emotions. A smile is like sunshine and can replace the dark clouds of gloom. **Key to Leadership:** All members today are our potential leaders of tomorrow, if they desire to give their service to this Order. The responsibilities of leadership are varied and far reaching and the obligations are many. Inspire others to desire leadership. **Key to Music:** Music like Odd Fellowship bridges all borders and differences created by languages and dialects. Language separates and music unites. **Key to Unity:** The dictionary says the definition for unity is a state of being one, as oneness or condition of harmony. It is unity that holds our Order together. There are many other Keys: **Key to Etiquette, Key to Involvement, Key to Talent, Key to Hope, Key to Improvement, Key to Happiness.**

I hope you think of these "Keys" once in a while. A wonderful friend of mine, Ida Holzer, shared many keys with me which I now share with you. In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the many well wishes I have received. You lift me up.

With fraternal love,
Linda L. Thompson

"Friendship is a little sunshine and a lot of love."
Bloom Where You're Planted

Lady Estella Crowder, President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

A few words taken from the IOOF News...

...I have just had the privilege of attending the second annual Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier in Mississippi and lay a wreath on behalf of the International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

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

"Take time to be a friend."

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 prt of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Grand Junction, CO. Darcey 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



Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Inc.

422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Phone: 336-528-3518

Email: pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com

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

Fraternal 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!**



What is this place?



Do you know?

**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

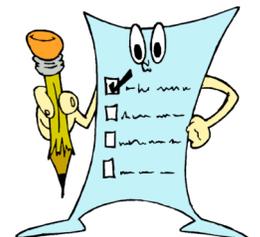
**Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
300 S. St. Charles St,
Baltimore, MD 21201
888-627-7061**

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.

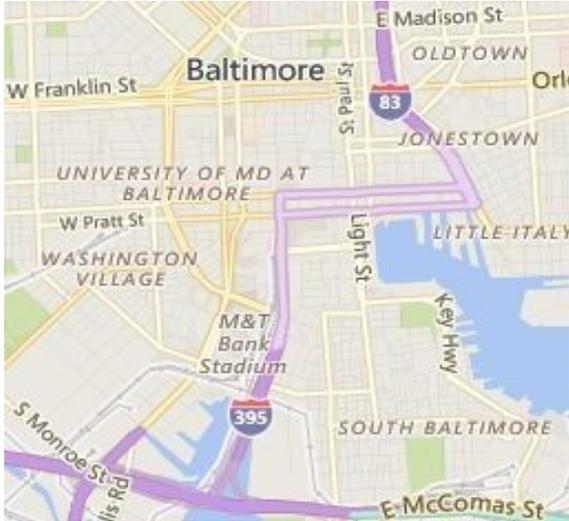
Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here: _____

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/> 2
 is the link to book online.



15-25 August 2018

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

888-627-7061 or 844-531-4770



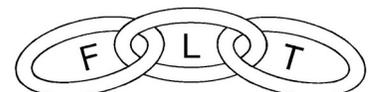
16-25 August 2018

Sngl/Db1 169.00	Triple 194.00	Quad 219.00	Sngl/Db1 169.00	Triple 189.00	Quad 209.00
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Plus local taxes — which are subject to change.

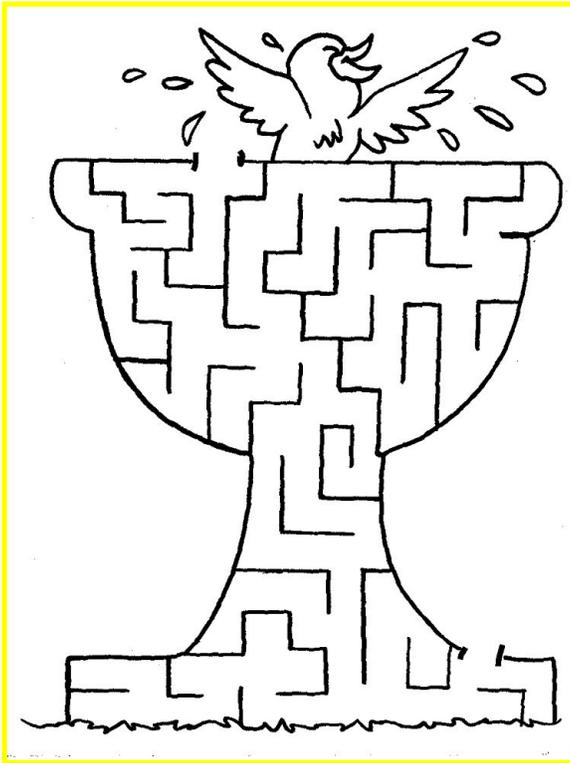
Information to have available when making a reservation:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Postal Code _____
 Additional Guest: _____
 Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____
 Arrival Date: _____
 Departure Date: _____



*To book your Reservation on line, use this link: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/240dd522>

IT'S ALL FOR FUN!



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



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!

How many things can you see?



How fast can you find all the animals?

ANIMALS

G E S U O M H N W R B W C W L
 X D A Q H J X O O M L T H W J
 B W S H N L H T P I C R A W M
 Y W M E F F A R I G L K D O G
 R C K R R R S Y K T H I P P O
 J T O W I E F B X X L Q R J E
 D R O T A G I L L A E B Z H X
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 N Z A C S T Y X L W I N H F L
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 V Q Q D P O Y K N V Q Z A T V
 X M T L Q E T J Y E S Y R C H
 T A C K Q C L K M O N K E Y R
 P T S H W L Y E T D R A H T L

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



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