SPECIAL EDITION!!!

Counting down to Youth Days 2018!
Are you registered?

If you have not yet registered, please do so now. We want to see you!

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

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ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman

There’s always One More Cast, One More Thing, One More IDEA!

Wow!! Summer is half over already. Is everyone enjoying theirs? I know I have. Lots of fishing, swimming, parades and B-B-Q. Not to mention our Lodge functions and fundraisers. I’d like to give all the Jurisdictions a huge Congratulations from the JYC, on the amazing sessions they had this summer! Most of you shared your experiences on social media and I was able to witness a lot of them first hand. Great Job Youth. Send your pictures to SGL/IARA Youth Facebook page they’d love to hear from you. Share your Ideas.
  Hope everyone enjoys the second half of summer.
  Your JYC Chairman
  Steve Adams

Your JYC Committee have begun final preparations for the 2018 Youth Days to be held in Baltimore. Are you coming? Most have replied, but a few have not. Send me an email let me know if your club/jurisdiction is coming to Youth Days (PLEASE) It helps us to communicate before sessions so we can get the information to you faster.

This year is special to Odd Fellowship. It will kick off a yearlong celebration of our 200th year in North America. It’s going to be a party. Don’t miss out!!

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!
Here’s what’s happening in your neighborhood!

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

was June 8-10, 2018 in Clifton Colorado. The Banquet theme was “Harry Potter”. As reported by Carla, Advisor, they had 21 in attendance with President Isabelle Parker who then stepped down to incoming President Summer McKinley. Check out the pictures from their Assembly. Congratulations!

We hope to see you in Baltimore!
Here’s what’s Happening at Youth Days 2018!

Schedule of Events
(subject to change)

Friday
11:00– Icebreaker
Noon– Lunch
1:00—Orientation
3:00– Practice for Youth Banquet
6:00– Formal Dinner/Theater & Awards

Saturday
9:00– Session
10:00– Incoming Officer’s Visit
12:00– Lunch
1:00 - Fun with the Youth!
6:00 - Pool/Pizza Party

*A Rap session is scheduled for Youth only without the Advisors.

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Let us Entertain You! Formal Dinner/Theater!

This year’s Formal Banquet will be on Friday evening. Bring your skits and musical talent! We look forward to having this year’s talented Youth not only hosting the Dinner but entertaining the audience as well! During our Banquet on Friday evening, we will be featuring the talents of all our Youth while we enjoy a Formal Dinner!

*And YES, there will be dessert!
Hello to everyone! We would like to refresh all of you of the rules for Youth Days.

Those present, range in age from grade school to grandparents. We are asking to respect those around you in what you say and how you present yourself with your actions. Have a positive attitude. By joining us at Youth Days, we expect participation from everyone.

The guidelines for dress: There are many different events scheduled throughout the weekend.

—When attending Session, we ask that you dress in formal or dress attire. Girls should be in dresses and boys are to be in shirt and tie with dress slacks. If a member of Cadet Corp, Military Dress is appropriate. No shorts, jeans or sloppy clothes.

—When attending the Banquet, we ask that you dress in formal or dress attire. Girls should be in dresses and boys are to be in shirt and tie with dress slacks. If a member of the Cadet Corp, Military Dress is appropriate.***You will have time to change into your costume, if you need to do so for the Dinner Theater/Talent Show. If you do have a specific outfit that you want to wear for your act, we ask that it is modest and respectful.

—When we are outside of the hotel, jeans are acceptable. Wear clothes that you would wear to school. ***Chaperones are otherwise responsible for their groups. If in doubt, you probably shouldn't wear it.

Language: Please think before you speak. Chaperones and leaders are not exception to this rule. Keep it clean.

Smoking: We don’t want to see anyone puffing on cancer sticks or E-Cigarettes. We are not saying you can’t smoke, unless you are old enough, we are asking you to be discreet.

Cell Phones: We would ask for you to please turn off your ringer. No texting during the session. While we are out as a group, we expect participation from everyone as we have fun during our “off site” activities.

Next, we would like to address the adults: Advisers must be present at all times. We are not chaperones, you are. Please be aware of how your group is acting. Are they being respectful and following the rules? For the adults who have the need to keep your cell phone with you, we ask for you to please turn the ringers off. If you need to take a call, please excuse yourself and take it out of the room.

Photos: Pictures of you might be published in the Youth Informer and posted on our website and therefore we must have your permission to do so. By your attendance at the events here at Youth Days, you are granting permission.

Safety: We ask that you stay with your group at all times. Do not go wandering off alone when we are away from the hotel. Use the buddy system. Chaperones, when we are outside of the hotel, have a system ready and use it to assure your group is accounted for at all times.

Finally, enjoy the weekend. We have a lot of things going on for you! We hope you have a blast, learn a lot and go home with many wonderful memories from this year’s Youth Days in Baltimore, Maryland!
Get your Jurisdictional reports ready!

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

**What to wear???

By request of you, our Youth, this year’s Banquet is a formal “sit down” meal.

**Formal / Military dress is expected.**

Please bring appropriate attire for both Session and Banquet.

Those of you who have a special outfit for your Act/Entertainment, you will have time to change.

**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?
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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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*
Get ready for this! We are taking a Water Taxi to Fort McHenry! We will tour the Fort and soak in some history.

The battle fought at this sight, Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812, was the inspiration Francis Scott Key had when he penned what would become our national anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”.

Francis Scott Key was a witness to the Battle of Baltimore while watching this terrible fight from the harbor on a ship. After the battle, through the night sky and through the smoke from the battle, he seen our flag still waving high.

Did you know the original title for the song was “Defense of Fort McHenry”?

Fort McHenry is primarily known Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812, for the when American troops stopped a British invasion.

During the Civil War, the fort served as a military prison.

Today, the park has the same commanding view of the Patapsco River as it did back in 1814.
It’s all for fun!

A little Trivia

What is faster, Hot or Cold?

**Hot, you can easily catch cold!**

Forwards, I’m heavy. Backwards I’m not.

What am I?

**Ton**

What question can you never answer “yes” to?

**Are you asleep/dead?**

Facts

- The Maryland colony was founded in 1633 by George Calvert, Lord Baltimore in Baltimore.
- Maryland was named after King Charles I’s wife Queen Henrietta Maria
- Maryland was the 7th of the 13 colonies

Can you find your way from Start to Finish?
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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.

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.