Introducing the 2014-2015 Leaders of our Orders

Jimmy C. Humphrey
Sovereign Grand Master
I.O.O.F.

Sharon Burt, President
International Association of
Rebekah Assemblies

General Donald R. Thomas
General Commanding
General Military Council

Lady Carol Schoolcraft
President,
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs
Militant

Winner of this year’s Irene
Meigs Award for Community
Service is Acorn Theta Rho #76
of Oak Harbor Washington.
Congratulations again for your
continuing dedication and hard
work!

Winner of this year’s Pin
Design is Acorn Theta Rho
#76 of Oak Harbor Washing-
ton. Congratulations! Your de-
sign will be featured this
year on the front cover of
The Youth Informer (see top
left) Outstanding!

Winner of this year’s Poster
Contest is Texas’ Junior
Lodge and Theta Rho. Your
poster shows the story of your
past year’s work within your
community and excitement
and care given to do it! Well
done!

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

CONTEST WINNERS FOR 2014 YOUTH SESSION

*2015 Youth Days will be in
Fort Worth Texas August
14 & 15! Make plans now
and watch for more infor-
mation in the coming
Youth Informer. Saddle Up!
Ya’all Come!
Greetings,

I want to thank you for being a part of our Youth program and at the same time to encourage you to be a bigger part of it, helping us to expand this wonderful opportunity into every community that we can. One of the major keystones in my program is to increase our Youth Activity, starting from the SGL to the Joint Youth Committee to the State Associations to the Local lodges. The new Chairman is James Daniels of Texas and I believe that he is committed to get into all of the Jurisdictions that he and the other members can, in order to sell our program to more of the Youth.

That is just one step, each Lodge needs to re-examine itself, see who you are, who you want to be. Take a long look, what do you need to reach other youth, bring them into the fold, help them to enjoy some of the programs that we have, both on the local/state level and from the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

My favorite program of all time is the UNP, United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. Our new director, Janet Bruce did a really great job this year, pulling rabbits of the hat at the last minute when necessary and has gotten us started for 2015. This did indeed help us to have one of the best tours in some time. Next year will be better, it will be even better if you are on it.

One of my major aims this year is to get our program of opening lodge doors to the community, getting the community into the lodges. I have one video clip on You Tube, can also be reached on Face book. Another will be out after Sept 16. I will also give more info on the UNP in the first Oct Clip. I would like feedback from any of the youth who have questions about the Order, what you can do, what we will do for you.

I have a lot of Faith and Love for our Youth and want very much for us to become more active, in both our own fun lodges and in the communities. The future of our order is with you, and we are committed to assisting, teaching you all we can.

Thank you for your assistance

Jimmy

You tube address of the first Clip
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2DshxowtLI

Pictured above Gwen Wixom, James Daniel, Ted Yeates and Mary Houle'

The Charity the Youth chose to help this year at International Youth Days, was Big Brothers Big Sisters International.

We received a big thank you from Ted Yeates, Board Member of Big Brothers and Sisters International upon accepting our gift from you the Youth and from others donating at this year’s International Session in the amount of $2338.71!

Ted told the Youth Committee that it takes $1500 per year to support a community match for each child with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

On behalf of Rhonda Broom, Executive Director (who did attend the Youth Talent Night) and the organization, Ted humbly sends his thanks to all of you who helped make a difference in the life of the Youth.
Here’s what happened at Youth Days!

**JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS**

Jurisdictional Reports were given with wonderful ideas for making extra money that we would like to share from each group. Here are a few that might work for your group:

- Texas sells ads in their Grand Junior Lodge & Theta Rho Assembly Programs to the public for those businesses to advertise. Charging $2.00 for a small space and $50.00 for a full page. This group uses the money for travel & hotels to sessions and also gives 1/2 profit to send Youth to Camp.
- Texas also sponsors monthly spaghetti and bar-b-que dinners as well as car washes.
- Colorado tells us they sell wonderful fresh Butter Braid Rolls that you bake when you are ready. Yummy!
- Colorado also helped at a concert and was given a donation for their assistance.
- Washington shared with us they sold Papa Murphy Pizza Cards and earned extra money from the profits.
- Washington also has done Raffles and a Shoe Recycling Fund Raiser
- California has an interesting deal with some of their Restaurants who will give a donation to Theta Rho if the Theta Rho Clubs send them patrons.
- California has made some sweet spending money by having Rummage and Garage sales.

**WHAT WAS OUR TOTAL NUMBER, YOU ASK?**

This year we had 12 youth @ Youth Days with a total of 42 in attendance. The Talent Night boasted 160 watching our creative youth show off their talents! The Flag and Banner Bearers did a great job marching in step and in respect of their duties to present the Flags at all of their events. We were all very proud of each one of our young people as they took every job with respect to each duty. Following the Talent Program, a Pizza and Pool Party was held at the Hotel. We would like to extend our thanks to Bob Kowalski, Immediate Past Chairman, Youth Committee for stepping in as our Life Guard!

**YOUTH PIN SALES**

Pin sales were crazy this year! We are sold out!!! We did not expect to run out at session, but that is exactly what happened. Awesome for us but sad that we have no more to sell.

- Lesson for next year?
  “Order more pins!”

**SODUKO TIME!**

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  2  8  6  4
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**A VISIT FROM OUR LEADERS AT SESSION**

Jimmie Humphrey, Sovereign Grand Master I.O.O.F. Shared with us his program: The Youth. We are the future of our Order! His hope is to build the Youth this year in Lodges, Clubs and Groups. His heart is great and his hand is ready to help the Youth grow larger and stronger! He also shared with us the desire and support of the I.A.R.A. President Sharon Burt, General Commanding Donald Thomas Of the General Military Council Patriarchs Militant I.O.O.F. and Lady Carol Schoolcraft, President, International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant I.O.O.F. stating “the words on his medallion “Believing and Working Together We Accomplish Dreams”.

Lady Debra La Vergne, Immediate Past President International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriots Militant gave the Youth a little insight regarding the Rose Parade Float. The first float interred by International Association of Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s was in 1908. Currently it costs $100,000 per year to produce and build the Float. The float is to be completely covered with only natural ingredients; seeds, flowers, bark, grass, etc. This year the design is reflective of “The Tomb of the Unknowns” with the caption “Always Remember”. Be sure to watch for it!

It was great to see friends again! It is always hard to leave knowing it might be a year before we meet again. Email works great!
What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

This is what happened at Youth Days!

**Poster Contest**

Trip to the Royal Museum of British Columbia where we learned about the Vikings who took roots in Victoria, British Columbia

**Trip to the Royal Museum of British Columbia**

**Junior Lodge and Theta Rho, Texas**

**Youth Days Banquet with Faith and Olivia as Moderators**

**Poster Contest**

Acorn Theta Rho #79
Washington

California and Colorado

**Who won this game of pool?**

**Honorable Mention went to Spunky Blue Birds #93**

**Washington**

**Poster Contest**

**Vocal Group**

Spunky Blue Birds
Theta Rho #93
Washington

Winner of Vocal Group

**Individual Acts**

Cassandra
Acorn
Theta Rho #79
Washington

**Winner of Individual Acts**

Faith
Acorn
Theta Rho #79
Washington

**Group photo of participants Everyone is a winner at Youth Days!**

Olivia
Acorn
Theta Rho #79
Washington

**Spunky Blue Birds Theta Rho #93 Washington Winner of Vocal Group**

**Skits**

Acorn Theta Rho #79 Washington

Preston Balch Springs Jr Lodge #64 Texas

Faith
Acorn
Theta Rho #79
Washington

**Winner of Individual Acts**

Who won this game of pool?

Kiersten
&
Kiersten Youth of Colorado

**Vocal Group**

**Skits**

Acorn Theta Rho #79 Washington

**Who won this game of pool?**

**Group photo of participants Everyone is a winner at Youth Days!**

Winner of Vocal Group

Winner of Skits
IT’S A CONTEST!!

“Scholarship Contest for UNEP from the Youth Committee”
Write us an essay with at least 500 words but no more than 750 words on this subject:  
“What does UNICEF do for children throughout the world?”  
(We will count your words.)
Winner will receive air travel and cost of trip paid directly to United Nations Pilgrimage on your behalf.
Deadline for this contest is December 31, 2014.
*Remember: you will need your passport for this trip.

CONNECT THE DOTS
Connect all 9 dots with 4 straight lines without lifting the pencil off the paper, and without going over the same line twice.

CONTESTS 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.

BRAIN TEASERS
1. Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?
2. What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?
3. Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?
4. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

These contests are for gearing up to our 2015 Youth Days in Texas! Yahoo!

THESE CONTEST ENTRIES ARE DUE BY APRIL 30, 2015
Send all entries to: James Daniel
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SPONSER OF A NEW MEMBER

SPONSER NAME ____________________________ DATE ADMITTED ____________ BRO. _____ SIS. _____

NEW MEMBER’S LODGE ______________________ NAME ______________________

LODGE SECRETARY’S NAME ______________________ ADDRESS ______________________

ADDRESS ______________________ CITY ______________________

CITY ______________________ STATE/PROVINCE ______________________

STATE/PROVINCE ______________________ POSTAL/ZIP CODE ______________________

POSTAL/ZIP CODE ______________________ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) ______________________

We want to include you in The Youth Informer!
The Youth Informer would like to publish your article in our next publishing. Please submit your articles to: Gwen Wixom at 2816 Irish Ridge Road, Burlington, IA 52601. E-mail gwen.wixom@century21.com Remember, this is your paper. Take an interest in being a writer for your community and let us know what your club has been up to. Send me your pictures and articles and we will try our best to get all entries in the Youth Informer.

Did you know: you can find us at these places?
Website: ioofyouth.ca

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.

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: Mary Houle’ - 27997 C. G. Lorane Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

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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

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Do you need us? Do you need help? Advice? Or just an ear to listen? Request a visit by contacting Youth Committee Chairman James Daniel 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.