Introducing the 2014-2015 Leaders of our Orders

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Youth Days 2016 will be in Rapid City, South Dakota!

Youth Pin Sales

The Joint Youth Committee received no entries for the Youth Pin this year. Because of this, we created this year’s pin of the Cowboy Boot and Hat.

“Step up our future. Hat’s off to Youth”

This will be featured at the top left corner of your Youth Informer for the 2015-2016 year.

Pin sales were awesome! Again, we sold out!

Thank you to our Youth at Youth Days for your fantastic job in sales!

We will be at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Waterpark!
2111 North LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, SD
*Be sure to mention the SGL-2016 for the special rate!
Phone (605) 343-8550

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

**MOTTO:** Share the future by extending your hand in Friendship.

**THEME:** Take time to be a friend.

**AIM:** Together, we make a difference.

**GUIDE:** Rebekah Creed

**FLOWERS:** American Wild flowers

**COLORS:** Green and Yellow

**SONGS:** Make Me a Blessing

**HYMNS:** This is my Father’s World Precious Lord

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this year to my family and friends who have always given their full support and to the Jurisdiction of Michigan who have opened their arms and embraced me in their friendship.

**EMBLEM:**

The Bell— to ring out the praises of Rebekah Odd Fellowship!

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**THEME:** Working Together for the Good of the Order.

**MOTTO:** Building a Team

**AIM:** To increase awareness and promote membership into the Patriarchs Militant Army. Members must be proud of being a Chevalier or Lady and encourage others to become involved in a worthwhile branch of Odd Fellowship.

**GOAL:** Increase Pride and Membership

**GUIDES:** The Holy Bible, Rituals, By-laws, and Code of General Laws

**FLOWERS:** The Red Rose and Yellow Lilac

**COLORS:** Black, Gold, and Purple

**HYMNS:** Amazing Grace


**EMBLEM:** Oak Leaf, PM Emblem, Three Links, and the Acorn

**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this exciting and wonderful year to all my brothers and sisters who have faith in me. Without you, I would not be here. I dedicate much of this year to my friends, my family, and more importantly, my fraternal family throughout the world.

**PROJECTS:** United Nations Educational Pilgrimage. Gesundheit Institute—Dr. Patch Adams

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**THEME:** The Mighty Oak Tree and a Bundle of Sticks.

**EMBLEM:**

**THEME:** Unity.

**SCRIPTURE:** I Corinthians 12:14-26

“...one body, many parts...”

‘one tree — many limbs!

‘one Order — many branches’

**PROGRAM:** All youth programs no matter which one: United Nations Pilgrimage, Lodges, Clubs or Groups.

**YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE.**

**CHALLENGE:** For each Brother and Sister to take to heart the watch words of our Order and work together in **UNITY.**

**GOAL:** To have Brothers and Sisters working as one to increase membership through Community involvement.

**GUIDES:** Bible and Ritual

**SONG:** The Tree of Peace

*The Yellow Rose of Texas*

**FLOWER:** Yellow Rose

**DEDICATION:** My year is dedicated to Fort Worth Lodge No. 251 as well as all of my friends that have supported and encouraged me along this wonderful journey and last but surely not least my wonderful wife and family without their support I could never have done this—**THANK YOU** all.

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**THEME:** The Red Rose and Yellow Lilac

**COLORS:** Red, White, Blue Heart with White Rose and Stars.

**EMBLEM:** Red, White, and Blue

**FLOWERS:** Red, White, Purple and Pink roses

**SONGS:** I Believe, Little Things Mean a Lot Wind Beneath My Wings, God Bless the USA

**HYMNS:** Let There be Peace on Earth All Hail the Power of Jesus Name The Old Rugged Cross

**SCRIPTURE:** I Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

**PRAYER:** The Lord’s Prayer

**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this year to all of the Lodges and Auxiliaries that I belong to, my family and last but not least my loving husband Ed. I love you all.

**PROJECTS:** I.A.L.A.P.M. Treasury/Travel United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Visual Research Foundation
Here’s what happened at Youth Days!

This year at Youth Days, we had a total of 51 Youth registered and in attendance. We changed several things around this year. First, at Session and during Orientation we asked for volunteers for Flags/Banner Bearers, Escorts, Chaplains and Moderators positions. This helped solve any issues of someone not being able to attend at the last minute and having those appointments already in print.

Second, we wanted to express the importance of each person who attended Youth Days. This year, we did not introduce the Heads of each state. To us, no one person is any more or less important than the other.

Third, we had a Dinner/Theatre with the Youth rather than a competition. We also made that entertainment be expressed to showcase all of the Youth and not just those who brought skits, music or other talents to share. We had room for all the members to be a part of the Dinner/Theater and to enjoy being involved in that event.

During the Dinner Theater, we heard from our current leaders, Lady Carol Schoolcraft, President, I.A.L.A.P.M., Gen. Donald Thomas, G.M.C., Sharon Burt, President, I.A.R.A. and Jimmy Humphrey, S.G.M. We did not have special tables for the Youth this year. Our Youth were scattered throughout the room so that all present were able to mingle with our Youth. We sold 182 tickets this year and had the highest number present for both the Banquet and Talent Show for the Youth in many years. We thank everyone who came to support our Youth!

We treated you, our Youth to a Rodeo this year! It was a big hit and also had many adults asking for tickets to join us. We were treated to a Hayride that took everyone to and from the Rodeo and Cattle drive. We had over 203 youth and adults join together at the Rodeo!

We had Jurisdictional Reports from 5 Jurisdictions. Those that were present were from Colorado, Michigan, Texas, California and the joint jurisdiction of Washington/Oregon. During session, we allowed for a time to have the Advisors separate from the Youth for a one on one rap session. We had a question and answer session separately. With this little change, it allowed the Youth to open up with questions they had regarding issues with possible changes that may or may not happen as well as concerns of anything that was happening within their own individual Lodges, Clubs and Groups. We also had the opportunity in turn, for the Advisors to tell us of any concerns that we might be able to work on for them. We wanted to give the opportunity to both our Youth and our Advisors to speak freely. We feel this was a positive and very constructive meeting. During Session, we heard from our incoming leaders, Danny Wood, DSGM, Kathy Shary, VP, I.A.R.A., Lt. Gen. Emil Suder, DGC and Lady Cathy Doub, 1st V.P. I.A.L.A.P.M. They presented the Youth with their programs. The Youth were allowed to ask questions and also for autographs! The discussion led to the possibility of moving the youth to a camp type youth days and away from SGL/IARA Sessions. This is a possibility and we want to hear more from you about this.

The winner of the Irene Meigs Memorial Community Service Award went to Florin Theta Rho # 68 of California. The Advisor of the Year Award went to Mary Sellers from Florin Theta Rho #68 of California.

We had a visit from Jennie Reed, who spoke to the Youth regarding the Educational Foundation and visited with them about the Scholarships and how to apply. Roberta Prosk spoke to us about the Rose Float Parade and that this year is their 200th Anniversary. Janet Bruce brought information to us about the UNEP. She informed us the UNEP is 66 years old and it sends kids on an educational tour of the United Nations, Washington DC along with other locations and also offers Scholarships to our Youth.

The Community Service Project for the 2015 Youth Days was Buchner’s Children’s Home in Balch Springs, Texas. The youth brought school supplies and monetary donations for the project. Total monetary donations from all 4 branches and the Youth brought over $1000. Thank you for your contributions!

Next year we will be in Rapid City, South Dakota and the Youth will be treated to staying at a hotel that is also a Water Park. We will again be having a Dinner Theater, as it was a great night of entertainment with no pressure of who is better with talent. The Youth Banquet is open to everyone. However, you must buy a ticket for the Dinner Theater to see the Entertainment. Space will be limited, so be sure to tell everyone to sign up early!
**CONTESTS FOR YOUTH!**

**Pin Design for 2016:**
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 2016:**
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 2016:**
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.

**SEND YOUR CONTEST ENTRIES TO: James Daniel**
1826 N. Emerson
Tyler, Texas 75702
Email at: jrdglyc@live.com
NO LATER THAN: APRIL 30, 2016

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**IT'S ALL FOR FUN!**

**Can you figure it out??**

1. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you.

2. Brothers and sisters I have none but this man's father is my father's son. Who is the man?

3. If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?

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**What’s the word?**

1. OGDL RHUS
2. EKOPR
3. TOOB LIHL

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**SADUKO TIME!**

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**What’s the phrase?**

- AID AID AID
- NV
- MOONEON

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Daily SuDoku for Kids: Fri 18-Sep-2015

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Did you know…

**The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth  U.N.E.P. Tour is July 9, 2016**

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth is an educational tour of approximately two weeks duration for 16 and 17 year old young people who have at least one year left in high school.

This unique Educational Program was established by The Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1949 when the United Nations was just a four year old “toddler.” Annually the UN Pilgrimage brings together high school students from around the world to study and learn about the United Nations. For young adults interested in world affairs, international relations, economics and/or political sciences this is an opportunity of a lifetime to observe the United Nations in person while exchanging views on education, politics and religion. Students tour the United Nations building and listen to behind-the-scenes briefings conducted by specialized United Nations agencies and departments including Ambassadors, Minister Counselors and Country Representatives. Each student (delegate) will participate in in-depth discussions with other young people from around the world as well as make new and lifelong friends. In addition, students experience one of the greatest cities in the world: New York. Attending a Broadway play; St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center and much more.

United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Scholarship

United Nations Pilgrimage For Youth Scholarship $1,000.00 Scholarships are awarded annually to the weekly speech contest winners during the United Nations Pilgrimage For Youth Tour in New York sponsored by the Order.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Winners must comply with the age and school class requirements of the Tour.
- The scholarships are sent to the winners when they enroll in a College or University.
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**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.

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**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.

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