Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

The Pilgrimage will be May 4-6, 2018 at Arlington, Virginia. We will be staying at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311. Banquet will be Saturday evening. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns will take place on Sunday, May 6 at Arlington National Cemetery. The Memorial Service will be held in the Amphitheater and the Laying of the Wreath will again, be below immediately following the Memorial Service.

For reservations call: 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)
You MUST mention “Odd Fellows Pilgrimage” when reserving your room to receive the special rate offered to us for the event.

For Schedule of Events, Registration Form and more details for the 2018 Pilgrimage, please go online to ioof.org and click on “NEWS/MEDIA” go to January/February IOOF News.

Contests for Youth!

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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…

...The Rebekahs are an integral part of our Order. They give us, our Order, the strength to carry on our many missions. What do you think of when we speak of a Rebekah? Most of them are our wives, our mothers, our daughters and our sisters. Some are our brothers as well. Rebekahs are strong in spirit. They are hard workers. They reach out to their communities with their projects. They are there for the members who are most in need of our help. They remember and visit our sick. Most importantly they reach out and help wherever it is needed to benefit and improve mankind. They do not ask for any reward. They just do it!

...A few more thoughts, do not forget to “Make a Difference” by doing one simple thing each day. Don’t just say “Make a Difference” do it! Remember to carry a jar for change when you travel I really would like to fill that 5 gallon pail with change for our youth. Remember to support our “Living Legacy” program. It can be something as small as a bush that is planted to support the program and make a difference in our world. Keep in mind to remember to bring a canned food item with you if you are attending next year’s Session of The SGL in Baltimore. Support the Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float, this project provides great publicity for our Order and they need our help. In conclusion, do something to make a difference every day! Remember to report it so that you receive the recognition for what you have done. Last but not least, Have you “Thanked a Rebekah” today?

Fraternally yours in FLT,
John A Miller, Sr.

Don’t just say: “Make a Difference” — Do it!

Linda L. Thompson ,President
International Association
Rebekah Assemblies

A few words taken from the IOOF News...

...I am reminded of the members who came before us. I think of their good works and deeds. I remember that they too had many challenges, different from ourselves, but none-the-less, often difficult. While it is good to love the old, it is also important for all of us to keep progressing forward. We can now reach our members through social media on many levels. As technology has transformed our society, including our organization, there is no reason to be bound by the “old” rules: We’ve never done it that way! “or ‘We have always done it this way!’ ” Martin Luther said, “We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished.”

As I have traveled to different Jurisdictions and witnessed the meetings, events and celebrations there, it has been a wonderful experience to see the new and different ways members are connecting. Reaching out to their communities while sharing the principles of Odd Fellowship. Clearly, this proves to those involved, that when Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, including all branches of the Order, work together for the good of the Order - the outcome is success. Success that involves members young and old, and an organization where prospective members want to belong. Louis Dearborn L’Amour said, “There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be a beginning.”

I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this fine Order and experience “my” beginnings, while also enjoying my “old loves.”

Fraternally,
Linda L. Thompson President-I.A.R.A.

“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 am so glad to hear that my ladies are accepting my challenge to obtain new members.

December is the month of giving. It is the generous time of year when all of us look for gifts that keep on giving. Why not give the gifts of Friendship, Love, and Truth and Universal Justice to your friends during the New Year? I wish for you a very ‘Happy’, ‘Healthy’, ‘Safe’ and ‘Peaceful’ New Year. Enjoy this holiday season with family and friends sharing and caring among all.

In Universal Justice,
Lady Estella Crowder
President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

Take time to be a friend.

General Commanding
General Military Council
Patriarchs Militant

A few words taken from the IOOF News...

...Life with the GMC has been like a journey traveling down a major Interstate, stretching across our great country from coast to coast. Jam packed with obstacles and challenges (hills and valleys, flat lands and mountains, potholes and road construction areas [a lot of construction!]). Of course, dealing with good-weather and bad weather…...I’m thankful for those who pull us out of the deep potholes and direct us through and around the road construction areas...

...YOU MUST believe in the future. Our forefathers entrusted us with the complete I.O.O.F. package as we know it. It is our responsibility to carry it to the next generation. We MUST “Do What Ever It Takes To Survive”. We must get our members involved. I will be pushing the 4-R’s” Retention, Re-Activation, Recruiting and Reaching-Out to the next generation, our Youth. How can we accomplish the 4-R’s…: By Planning, Scheduling, Communicating and Executing. We must develop and implement Plans concerning the 4-R’s. We must Schedule visitations and attend activities… ....In addition, we must execute those plans we make and schedules we set.

Chivalrously,
Gen. R. L. ’Ken’ Lasswell

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’
Did you know …

The “Changing of the Guard” is a very humbling and amazing event to see. If you have the opportunity to witness, you will never forget. Please be sure to look us up. We would love to see you!

Here’s a few facts about the Guard, also known as “the Sentinel”.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Tomb) was established in 1921. The Unknown Soldiers laid to rest at the Tomb represent all missing and unknown service members who made the ultimate sacrifice – they not only gave their lives, but also their identities to protect these freedoms. The Tomb is the final resting place for Unknowns from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, and is guarded at all times.

The Sentinel’s Creed
My dedication to this sacred duty is total and whole-hearted.
In the responsibility bestowed on me never will I falter.
And with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection.
Through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements, I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability.
It is he who commands the respect I protect,
his bravery that made us so proud.
Surrounded by well meaning crowds by day,
alone in the thoughtful peace of night,
this soldier will in honored glory rest under my eternal vigilance.
– Simon 1971

The tomb guard marches 21 steps down the mat behind the tomb, turns and faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat and repeats the process. After the turn, the sentinel executes a sharp “shoulder-arms” movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to the visitors, signifying that the sentinel stands between the tomb and any possible threat. The number 21 was chosen because it symbolizes the highest military honor that can be bestowed posthumously — the 21-gun salute, according to arlingtoncemetery.mil.

The gloves are moistened to prevent losing grip on the rifle.

From 1926 through 1937, the Tomb was guarded only during daylight hours. Ever since 1937, the Tomb has been continuously guarded 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Tomb guards are changed every thirty minutes between 8 AM and 7 PM during the period from early Spring to early Autumn (April 1 through September 30), and every hour between 8 AM to 5 PM the rest of the year. At all other times (i.e., while the cemetery is closed), the guard is changed every two hours.

There have been 4 female sentinels that have served at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In 1996, Sgt. Heather L. Johnsen became the first woman to earn the Tomb Guard Identification Badge.

Women must meet the same requirements as male Soldiers to be eligible as tomb guards. The only difference is that women have a minimum height requirement of 5 feet 8 inches, which is the same standard to be a member of the Old Guard. Male sentinels must be between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet 4 inches tall.

Sentinels at the Tomb do not have to commit to serving there for any fixed period of time, and the average tour of duty is only about half the two year period claimed by some. Like most servicemen, Tomb guards may live either on-base (at nearby Fort Myer) or off-base in housing of their choosing.

Once the sentinel has completed his or her training, he or she is examined formally for proficiency in performing the duties and in knowledge of ANC (Arlington National Cemetary). He or she must first pass a written examination of 100 questions about ANC and then be evaluated on proficiency in keeping watch at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Upon successful completion, the soldier is awarded a temporary Tomb Guard’s Badge at a ceremony presided over by the company commander.

The Badge is one of the Army’s higher honors and can be taken away from the soldier if he or she does not continue to maintain the highest military standards.
Happy New Year Everyone

Hope everyone had a great holiday season, I know a lot of your clubs did awesome things in your communities this season as you always do. Did you send pictures to the youth informer? Its great to share these events with the other clubs so maybe they can do the same thing to. We really need articles for your youth informer so please send those in.

The JYC has started working on this year’s sessions in Baltimore. We have many great activities and events planned for both young and old. Is there something maybe you’d like to see! Send me an email and maybe we can make that happen.

Lately we have been having problems making sure the clubs and individuals are not receiving a copy of the Youth Informer. So I need a favor from ALL CLUBS: Email me your contact information  seawyo@yahoo.com
Include “Club Name, address, email “
This way we make sure your getting the information we send out.

REMEMBER: The SGL/IARA Youth Days in Baltimore, MD August 17th and 18th
Have you made your plans yet? Where do I register? Do you need more information? What If you can’t attend? Should I bring anything with me? Or are there any questions you have? We love to know your coming? (even if you’ve already registered with SGL, please let me know if your coming or not)

Have a safe winter.
Steve Adams
JYC Chairman

ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman

CONTESTS FOR YOUTH!

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: April 30, 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: April 30, 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: April 30, 2018

SEND YOUR CONTEST ENTRIES TO :  
Chairman, Steve Adams  
114 Galleon Run Dr. SE  
Poplar Grove, IL  61065  
Email: seawyo@yahoo.com  
Deadline: April 30, 2018

Website: www.ioof.org  (Click on YOUTH)
We want to see you!

2018 Youth Days will be 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

You will not want to miss this historic year for Youth Days!
Make plans now to attend!
Now is a great time to have some fundraisers. Save up $$ and start thinking of what to pack!

It’s going to be BIG!

Here’s a little trivia about Baltimore...

- The official state dog is the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, named after the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.
- The state bird is the Baltimore Oriole, also the mascot for our MLB team, the Baltimore Orioles.
- It is the birthplace of Babe Ruth.
- The state flower is the Black Eyed Susan.
- Maryland became the 7th state in the USA on April 28, 1788.
- The largest city in Maryland is Baltimore, however the capital is Annapolis.
- The state beverage is “Milk”.
- Baltimore is the birthplace of the American Railroad.
- It is the birthplace of the American National anthem, penned by Francis Scott Key.
- The first post office system in the United States was inaugurated in Baltimore in 1774.

- John Hopkins Hospital Was Built On An Old Insane Asylum. In the late 19th century wealthy philanthropist and banker Johns Hopkins was looking for a place to found his hospital and medical school. He found an abandoned mental hospital and purchased it at a bargain price. Hopkins made the deal and also made Baltimore history by founding what is arguably the most important institution in Maryland.
Baltimore has had a few “first’s” to be proud of!

- The first umbrella factory in America was established in Baltimore in 1828.
- The first railroad station in Baltimore was built in 1830.
- The first dental school in the world was founded in Baltimore in 1840.
- The first telegraph line in the world was established between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore in 1844.
- Baltimore was the first city to implement 311 service as a non-emergency hotline.
- The first civic monument dedicated to President George Washington, Baltimore's Washington Monument, is located in Mount Vernon.
- The first successful manned balloon launch in the United States launched from Baltimore and was operated by 13-year-old Edward Warren in 1784.
- The first professional sports organization in the United States, The Maryland Jockey Club, was formed in Baltimore in 1743.
- America's first Catholic cathedral, the Baltimore Basilica of Assumption, is located in Baltimore.
- Baltimore was the first city to illuminate its streets using hydrogen gas in 1816. Electricity replaced these lamps a considerable time ago.
- The first bloodshed of the Civil War, a clash between pro-South civilians and Union troops in Baltimore, happened in 1861.
- The first black-owned shipyard in the United States is now an African American heritage site, the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park Museum.
- Snowballs—grandfathers to slushies, snow cones, and shave ice—were invented in Baltimore during the American Industrial Revolution.
- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is the first and only United States airport to have a dedicated trail for hiking and biking.

Interesting facts about Baltimore “by the numbers”!

- The 40-story Legg Mason Building is the tallest building in Baltimore.
- The 1,200-foot Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore is the third longest continuous truss bridge in the nation.
- Baltimore is a city of more than 220 neighborhoods.

Now, let’s check out a few historical facts about this city.

- Francis Scott Key wrote America's National Anthem while watching the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812.
- During the 1800s, Baltimore served as the second greatest port of entry for United States immigrants.
- The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 burned for 30 hours, destroying 1,5000 buildings and leveling entire neighborhoods. A large part of the reason the fire blazed out of control was due to a problem with mismatched hose couplings. After the fire, firefighting equipment was standardized across the United States.
- The USCGC Taney, the last ship to survive Pearl Harbor afloat, is docked in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Any “famous people” from here?

- Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time with 22 medals, was born in Baltimore.
- Baseball players Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, Jr., Billy Ripken, Lefty Grove, Frank (Home Run) Baker, and Harold Baines were born in Baltimore.
- Sideshow performer Johnny Eck, known as the amazing "Half Boy," is a Baltimore native. Catch a display about him at Ripley's Believe it or Not!
- David T. Abercrombie, the founder of Abercrombie & Fitch brand, was born in Baltimore in June 1867.
- Edgar Allan Poe mysteriously passed away in Baltimore and is buried at Westminster Hall and Burial Grounds.
- Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, was born in Baltimore in 1908.
- Reginald F. Lewis, the first black owner of a billion dollar company, was born in Baltimore. The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History is named in his honor.
- Billie Holiday, the jazz singer, was born in Baltimore. A monument in her honor stands on the corner of Lafayette and Pennsylvania Avenues.
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

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

888-627-7061

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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: 

[Image of map and drawing]
IT’S ALL FOR FUN!

Mr. Snowman!

Let’s build a snowman! First we need to have a really ______ snowstorm, of course on a ______ day. Watching all that ______ snow fall makes me ______ for a bowl of ______ and there’s a lot of it! Let's go! Next is ______ to go out in the cold. Once that is done, we need to get busy. We make a ______ and ______ it in the ______. It gets so ______ we can’t roll it anymore.

It’s SuDoku Time!

1.2
6.4
3.4
1.2
6.3

Rhyme Time

1. She’s the head of a hive
   On a chessboard she is seen
   She’s in a deck of cards
   Which means that she is a ______

2. It is there from the very start and will be there until the end. To end you must cross over. And you must pass through it to begin.

3. I live in the oceans, the rivers and seas, when I’m cold I float, when I’m hot, I’m free.

Who Is It?

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

Answer: the man is my son

What Is It?

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

Answer: a stamp
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

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 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. Or E-mail to gwen.century21@aol.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 your Youth Informer.
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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.