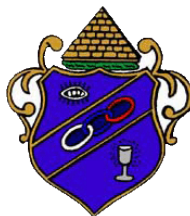




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SGL - IARA JYC I.O.O.F. YOUTH INFORMER



2015 Youth Days are coming!

August 14 & 15 in Fort Worth Texas! Get your reservations made soon! You won't want to miss this year's exciting event. We have some unforgettable adventures ready for you! A visit to Texas wouldn't be complete without seeing a Rodeo! And don't forget about bringing in your special talent to share at the Saturday night Talent Show! This will be one year you won't want to miss! Start packing and Saddle Up! Ya'all Come!!!



Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns



The Pilgrimage will be May 1-3, 2015 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 3 at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremonies will begin at noon with a parade from the USS Maine Mast staging area, followed by the memorial service and wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb.

For reservations call: 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED

We will be reviewing those entries for the
***"Scholarship Contest for UNEP
from the Youth Committee"***

Your instructions were to write an essay with at least 500 words but no more than 750 words on the subject:

***"What does UNICEF do
for children throughout the world?"***

We will be reading your essay and counting your words to see who the lucky winner will be. Winner will receive air travel and cost of trip paid directly to United Nations Pilgrimage on your behalf. Watch the next Youth Informer for the name of the winner!

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NEWS FROM THE TOP!



Gearing up right now for the UNP. We finished a weekend in frozen Philly getting the plans in place for the tour 2015. It looks great, we are adding another bus, giving us more opportunity for more young people to join this wonderful adventure.

We have started a number of United Youth Lodges so far and are in hopes of more before the summer. We seem to hear lots of stories about some of our Youth not being able to come to the session in August. Now I know that some schools have started back by then, so what should we do?. Could we consider having the Youth meet at another time, somewhere in the middle of the country, or having one of the jurisdictions host the event.

Lots of items to be considered but think about that as just one idea of how to get more of the young folks into this social/ educational part of our program.

I would like to know what you think we should be doing for this program. So, let me know your thoughts.

What should the SGM do to assist this Youth Program??

What can the Sovereign Grand Lodge do to assist this Youth Program??

How can we get the Grand Lodges/Rebekah Assemblies into the program??

What can the local Lodge do to help??

If all of the Youth will give me some thoughts, we will start some movement on what we can do. Lets keep moving forward, Text the old folks, make them move into this modern age.

Thank you'

Jimmy



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

I want to bring you Greetings from the General Military Council, my personal greeting and from the state of Kentucky. It is an honor to address the Youth of our Order. We need to get more Youth active in the Order and their communities. The General Military Council is trying to get a Youth Group started that will be in uniform. We think this will help our Order grow. I have a committee working on this and I hope it works out. The Committee is supposed to have something on it by the time we go to The Tomb of the Unknowns. I have a lot of Faith in our Youth Program and I would like to see them get more active in our communities. If we plan on being here in the future, we need to work on our membership. The future of our Order is with our Youth. Sharon & I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And everyone is staying warm and safe this winter. I just got back from the site inspection in Fort Worth, Texas and the Committee has done a great job getting everything ready for our Session in August. I think everyone will enjoy this year's Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Chivalrously

General Donald Thomas



General Donald R. Thomas
General Commanding
General Military Council



What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

74th Theta Rho Assembly of California

was held in Clovis, California February 14 & 15, 2015. The state of California currently has 3 active Theta Rho Clubs and 1 active Jr Lodge. 31 Youth attended the event.



Sigma Tau #92

Present at this years Assembly were California's President of the Rebekah Assembly, Debbie Shuler, Grand Patriarch of CA Gena Breeland, Grand Matriarch, CA Sally Minker, Grand Mast CA Tim Brown, Dept Commander of PM of CA Bobby Keller and President LAPM of CA Ruth Rumney. Total members, guests and youth registered was 61. Thank you for your invitation to attend. You all did an outstanding job and it was my pleasure to attend your session! SGL-IARA JYC, Editor, Gwen Wixom



Quicksilver Jr Lodge #113



Mary Sellers, Advisor of Florin Theta Rho #68, was nominated as California's Advisor of the Year



Florin Theta Rho #68



Rhododendron #67



Theta Rho Assembly and the Jr Lodge did an outstanding job with flags!



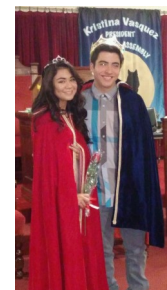
Initiation on Saturday morning brought in 7 new members!



Graduation ceremony for Chelsea Vinsant of Florin Theta Rho #68 with Arielle as Conductor. Chelsea is stepping into Assistant Advisor of Florin Theta Rho. Congratulations Chelsea!



Fresno Rebekah Lodge #158 and Odd Fellows from #186 have been in charge of all the meals at this Theta Rho Assembly for the past 7 years! No one went away hungry! Many thanks from all of us! You ran a tight ship and the food was great!



Amazing Talent! Skits, Piano and Dancing! King and Queen were also named! Entertainment was excellent!



Registration was smooth and easy!



How are you funding your trip to this year's Youth Days?



We asked you for creative ways to raise money to enable you to fund the trip to this year's Youth Days. We have heard of some interesting things we are passing on to you. Maybe you could use some of these great ideas with your Youth Group:

Shamrock #4 is having a Soup Cook Off! Cost per registration fee is \$8.00. Judging fee is \$5.00 This event is to be Sunday, March 22 @ 1:00. For more information contact Bob or Judy at (313) 505-4446 or email bobfebo@comcast.net Another group has asked one of their area restaurants permission to act as Waiters and all tips go toward the trip. We have heard of Car Washes, too! Spaghetti Suppers, Ice Cream Socials, Yard Clean ups, Baby Sitting on a large group scale for a day for moms to drop off at the area Lodge Hall or Church and giving those moms a day off!



All wonderful ideas that we are sharing with you to get your creative thoughts moving!

"Texas is calling and your SGL-IARA JYC wants to see you ride into this this year's Youth Session in Fort Worth!"

REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES FOR 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.



***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 Daniels
c/o Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. Texas
3440 West 2nd Ave.**

Corsicana, TX 75110

Email at: jamesrdaniel@nctv.com

2015 YOUTH DAYS APPLICATION FORM

One Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per form.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Send to Youth Day Coordinator: Raymond Lessans

19306 Dunbridge Way, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20886

(202) 438-7424

Email: raylessans@icloud.com

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 1, 2015—NO EXCEPTIONS

Please check one: ☐ Junior Lodge ☐ Theta Rho Club ☐ United Youth Group

Unit Name: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Advisor Address: _____

Advisor Telephone: _____ Advisor E-mail: _____

MC/Moderator: ☐ Banquet ☐ Session ☐ Talent Night
Name (s) _____

Chaplain: ☐ Banquet ☐ Session ☐ Talent Night
Name (s) _____

Flag/Banner Bearers: Names (s)
Canadian _____
American _____
British Columbia _____
Junior Odd Fellow _____
Theta Rho _____
United Youth Group _____

Honor Guard: Names (s)
Canadian _____
American _____
British Columbia _____
Junior Odd Fellow _____
Theta Rho _____
United Youth Group _____
Talent Program Distribution: _____

Escorts: ☐ Banquet ☐ Session ☐ Talent Night

Name (s) _____

****All Members Attending All Units **MUST** Register****

SGL SESSION 2015

Fort Worth, Texas, USA
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council,
International Association Ladies Auxilary Patriarch Militant, and the Youth

Pre-Registration

One form per person. Please register by July 15, 2015

Name: _____

_____(Highest Current or Past Title)

_____(Unit of the Order Attending: SGL-IARA-GMC-IALAPM-Youth)

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Arrival Date?Time: _____ Departure Date/Time _____

Will you be flying or driving? _____

Pre-Registration Fee (one or before July 15, 2015) US \$75 _____

Registration Fee (After July 15, 2015) US \$85 _____

*No Fee for Youth Registration, but Youth must register - Advisor(s) **MUST REGISTER**

-----SPECIAL EVENTS-----

Youth Banquet US \$45 _____

Youth Accommodations-please contact James Daniel at: 903-872-7438

Or email at: jamesdaniel@nctv.com

Officer's Banquet - Monday August 17, 2015 US \$75 _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Fun Night - Western - Wednesday August 19, 2015 US \$70 _____

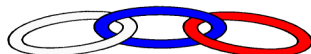
TOTAL ENCLOSED USD FUNDS US \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: SGL 2015 Session Committee

Mail to: SGL 2015 Committee

PO Box 111443

Houston, TX 77293



SGL-IARA JOINT YOUTH COMMITTEE
And
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

Presents the

***UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
FOR YOUTH TRIP***

APPLICATION

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE _____

REQUIREMENTS:

1. PLEASE ADVISE THE NAME OF YOUR YOUTH CLUB, LOCATION OF YOUR YOUTH CLUB, LIST THE OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD IN YOUR YOUTH CLUB, YOUR JURISDICTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED AND THE DATE YOU JOINED YOUR YOUTH CLUB. THIS MUST BE CERTIFIED WITH A LETTER FROM YOUR ADVISOR/CHAIRPERSON UNDER SEAL OF THE CLUB WITH THE CLUBS INSTITUTION DATE.
2. YOU MUST SUBMIT A 500 WORD ESSAY ON THE UNITED NATIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS
3. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A 3 to 5 MINUTE SPEECH CONTEST WHILE ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Competition is open to all Club Members who will be 16 years of age by December 31st of the year of the trip, or who will not turn 18 years of age until after August 1st of the year of the trip, and applicants must continue membership in their Youth Club and promote the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth trip in their own Jurisdiction and submit a write up to the Youth Informer upon completion of said trip.

Applicants must be an active member and have belonged to a Youth Club for three years unless they are a member of a newly Instituted Youth Club. This information should be in the Certified Letter from the Advisor.

A panel of markers, who select the winners, reviews all applications.

Failure to comply with requirements will result in the said Delegate having to reimburse the Committee for all expenses.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The Isenor-Rose Fund will contribute \$1,000.00 towards the total cost of the trip. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the Jurisdiction and/or the parents of the Youth Member. The Youth Member also provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and some optional entertainment events.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Sovereign Grand Lodge-International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Joint Youth Committee no later than April 15th of the year prior to the trip. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mail all applications to:

James R. Danial, Chairman, SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee
C/O Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. Texas
3440 West 2nd Ave.
Corsicana, TX 75110



DID YOU KNOW?



The ***EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION*** of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows began its operation on September 20, 1927. The purpose of the Foundation is to operate a revolving loan fund for qualified students dependent in part, or wholly, on their own efforts for an education, and to award scholarships to students based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Since the beginning of the Foundation, donations of approximately \$3,500,000 have made it possible for over 3,500 young people to receive student low interest loans amounting to over \$6,800,000, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship awards.

The Scholarship Program are as follows:

Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship - Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship

The regional scholarships are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. \$3,000.00 is awarded annually to a student in each of 15 Regions of the US & Canada.

Charles J. & Christine Wirz Scholarship - Charles J. & Christine Wirz Scholarship

The Wirz scholarships are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. Usually, two \$2,000.00 scholarships are awarded annually to students without regard to Order affiliation.

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.

Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship - Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship

Christine Smith served as a member of the Educational Foundation, IOOF for 24 years. Her generosity through her estate has initiated the Educational Foundation's Graduate Studies Scholarship to respond to the need for research and study focused on Children & Family issues.

The scholars who receive the \$15,000.00 Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarships conduct critical inquiry and evaluation that impacts the disadvantaged and underserved, becoming highly trained professionals working in the area of social intervention after completing a specialized program at the masters or doctoral level addressing the needs of society relating to Children & Family issues.

The Foundation selected the first Christine Scholar in 2004.

Continuing Education Career Enrichment Grants - Continuing Education Grants Career Enrichment Grants

The Educational Foundation, IOOF endorses career development by supporting members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in job related fields, or for enrollment in continuing education courses in a new field to further their occupational goals. Grant funds will be awarded as an incentive for individual growth and development.

Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Vocational Technology Scholarship - Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Vocational Technology Scholarship

The Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Vocational Technology scholarships are based on Financial Need and Leadership. This scholarship evolved from the Lawson/Pezo scholarships that were awarded in 2005 from the efforts of LaVaughn Lawson, PGM and Martha Pezo, PP. \$1,000.00 is awarded to eligible students annually.

Glenn Coursey Agriculture Scholarship - Glenn Coursey Agriculture Scholarship Glenn Coursey grew up on a farm in Warren county, Illinois. He worked for the State Highway Department, eventually becoming employed as a railway postal clerk. He also farmed most of his life. A bequest from his estate was received in 2007 to fund this scholarship.

Non-Traditional Scholarship Application - The funds may be used for tuition, books and other educational expenses including transportation and child care. One-half of the award will be paid prior to enrollment of the student. One-half of the award will be paid when the Educational Foundation receives a transcript of the student's grades for the semester for which the student was enrolled to receive payment of the first installment of the award.

You can find applications and eligibility requirement to these Scholarships by going online to:

www.ioof.org click on "OUR WORK" then "EDUCATION".

Treasure Island

Find and circle all of the words and names from the book *Treasure Island*.

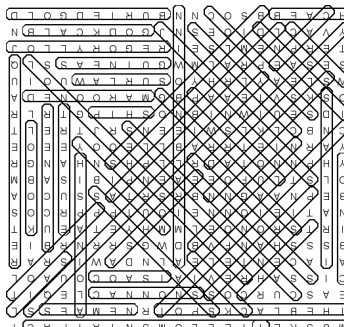
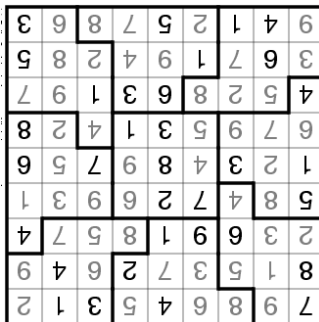
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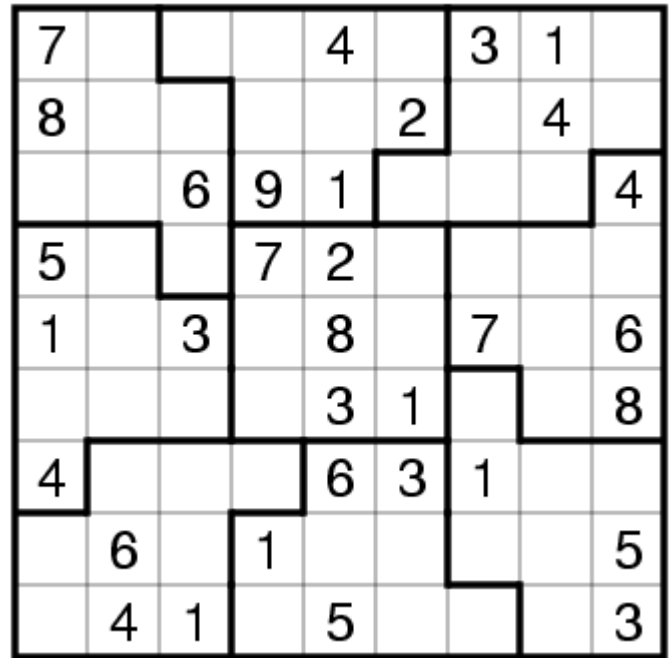
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WALRUS



SODUKO TIME!

Same game/Different shape!



SHORT LINERS

*A Horse goes into a bar and the bartender says
"Hey buddy, Why the Long Face"*

*What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A fsh*

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

*Teacher: Did your father help you with your homework?
Student: No, he did it all by himself.*

COLOR SCRAMBLE

1. CLBKA 2. ULEB
3. REPPLU 4. NGERE 5. PNKI
6. STIUUQRE 7. QAAU
8. RLAEDVNE 9. RISEVL
10. EWTIH

1. BLACK 2. BLUE 3. PURPLE 4. GREEN 5. PINK 6. TURQUOISE
7. AQUA 8. LAVENDER 9. SILVER 10. WHITE

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We want to include you in The Youth Informer!

The Youth Informer would like 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: 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.

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

SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR ADULTSNEW ☐RENEWAL ☐ADDRESS CHANGE ☐

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:
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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.*

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