Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

The Pilgrimage will be May 6–8, 2016 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 8 at Arlington National Cemetery. The Memorial Service will be held in the Amphitheater at 3:00 this year with the Laying of the Wreath at 4:00.

(*Please note the change of time this year.)

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

Youth Days 2016 will be in Rapid City, South Dakota!
August 12 & 13

Mark your calendars now! Youth Days will be in the great city of Rapid City, South Dakota! Be ready to hit it big this year! We don’t want you to end up on Boot Hill for missing out on this year’s exciting events at Youth Days! More information inside this Edition!

Remember to bring your Youth Reports!

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NEWS FROM THE TOP!

A few words taken from the IOOF News:

..."As you know, my motto for the year is “Deep Roots Build Strong Branches” and my emblem for the year is the mighty oak tree and a bundle of sticks. I encourage you to take a look at your lodge charter to see the date of institution. We have lodges that have been in existence for over 100 years. I think it is safe to say that those lodges definitely have deep roots and we can thank our forefathers for that. Perhaps you are a member of a new lodge. If that’s the case then it’s up to you to cultivate and grow the roots of your lodge. In either case, we must remember that our lodges are in constant need of care and maintenance. By saying this I am not just referring to the physical maintenance of the lodge but rather the members and relationships within those lodges. Our relationships with one another must be cultivated to remain strong and healthy.”

“The month of October was proclaimed to be “Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Month”. “I have been personally involved with the tour for the past two years and it is hard for me to put into words how impressed I have been with the delegates who have participated in the program. This is a very unique and outstanding educational program that only the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has the privilege to conduct.”

To conclude, he states: “Please know that I am want the best for each unit of Odd Fellowship. If there is anything I can do for you, please contact me at: dannymwo@yahoo.com.”

A few words taken from the IOOF News:

..."The first few months as your General Commanding have been and continue to be exciting and rewarding. I had the pleasure of visiting, along with the Commander-in-Chief and other dignitaries from around the globe, the Republic of the Philippines in October. There, Odd Fellowship is vibrant and everlasting and with the institution of their Grand Lodge, it is sure to become a great pillar in the communities.” He adds: “Membership is a vital component in any organization. What we are doing around the world is a fantastic effort. Helping to elevate mankind through friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity, and universal justice, is what the world is about. Without these pillars of Odd Fellowship, the world wouldn’t be what it is today. Without you, the Order would not be what it is today.”

“I invite you to e-mail me at esuder@ioofpm.org with questions, concerns, and suggestions. I would like to hear from you!

The holiday season is upon us and I am thankful for Odd Fellowship around the world and I am especially thankful for you.”

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

Danny M. Wood
Sovereign Grand Master
I.O.O.F.

Kathy Shary, President
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

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

A few words taken from the IOOF News:

“We as an Order must embrace our mission—find new ways to serve our community and develop new approaches to making us relevant in today’s society. We can no longer be complacent about membership. Ask someone to join today and keep asking until they say “Yes”. Then keep them active, do not let new members sit on the sidelines, guide them and let them be involved in all our good works. Together we do make a difference.” She tells us to remember those serving our country and those that are alone during the holiday seasons. Then she adds this: “We can each do something to help our sisters and brothers and those within our community. One person can change a life by extending their hand in friendship.”

A few words taken from the IOOF News:

For the past many years, Lady Cathy has driven to Pasadena where she and her husband assist in creating the IOOF Float that we see each year in the Rose Bowl Parade. She shares with us: “…We drive back and forth until December 30th and then we stay at the Hotel for the float people and we are there for the 30th and 31st. December 31st is the dress rehearsal and judging of the Float. At this time the float has to be completely done and the people riding it has to be in full dress that they are wearing on the float in order to be judged. They take the floats out of the barn during the night and at 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2016, the riders have to catch the bus to take us to the Float. We board the float about 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., and at 8:00 a.m. the float starts down the Blvd., until it gets to Colorado Blvd., turns right and there are the cameras and the Television Crews ready to take your picture. We then ride for 5 miles in the heat or the cold until we get to where the float will drop us off and we catch our ride back to the Hotel. If you ever want to come out and work on the float we would love to have you. It is fun and you meet new people all the time.” Lady Cathy has also given everyone this challenge: “Why don’t we see who can bring in the most members this next year? If you need to contact me, here is my address: Lady Cathy Doub, President-I.A.L.A.P.M., PO Box 1004, Adelanto, CA 92301.”

‘You’ve got to stick your head out in order to move forward.’

Lady Cathy Doub
President,
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries
Patriarchs Militant

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SGL Session 2016 -- Registration
Rapid City, South Dakota, USA
***All Members Attending All Units MUST Register

The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies,
General Military Council, International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant
and the Youth

One form per person – register by July 20, 2016 – made additional copies if necessary

Name: ____________________________________________

________________________________________________

Highest Current or Past Title ___________________________ Unit of the Order Attending

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 (before July 20, 2016) | USA $75.00 |
| Registration Fee (after July 20, 2016) | USA $85.00 |
| Registration Fee for Youth | USA $0.00 |

No registration fee for Youth — however they MUST register.

Special Events

| Youth Banquet for Adults | USA $45.00 |
| Youth Banquet for Youth | USA $35.00 |
| Officers' Banquet – Monday August 15th | USA $60.00 |
| Holiday Inn - Formal |
| Fun Night – Wednesday – August 17th | USA $60.00 |
| Chuck Wagon – Mt. Rushmore |
| Total Enclosed | USA $ |

No Meal Tickets will be sold at the Session – ALL tickets must be ordered by July 20, 2016.

Please note any special dietary needs:

Make Checks payable to SGL 2016 Session Committee and mail them to:

SGL 2016 Session Committee
P.O. Box 1213
Spearfish SD 57783

*Very important info – so that our committee will be able to make sure you have transportation.
Tid-Bits to know and share about South Dakota!

Rapid City was named for Rapid Creek which flows through the town. It was founded in February 1876 by a group of men who had visions of this new town becoming a major site of commerce for the mining communities of the Black Hills and surrounding agricultural region.

South Dakota’s state insect is the honey bee.
- Honey is the only food that does not spoil.
- Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian Pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.
- To make a half kilo, bees must collect nectar from over two million individual flowers.

Here’s how the Badlands were named: The French trappers who explored the west in the early 1800’s called the area a “bad land to cross”. The Dakota Sioux Indians labeled it “makosica”. Meaning “land bad”.

Gold is the only metal that will not oxidize, even if it’s buried in the ground for thousands of years.

All official Black Hills Gold jewelry is made in the Black Hills with most of it being created at factories in Rapid City.

In the Spring of 2007, Disney spent two weeks in the Black Hills and at Mt. Rushmore filming “National Treasure 2” starring Nicolas Cage.

The largest trout caught in South Dakota was a Lake Trout caught in Pactola Reservoir July 16, 2003 in the Black Hills. Weighing almost 28 pounds!

The Black Hills Spruce is South Dakota’s State tree. (A notch in a tree will remain the same distance from the ground as the tree grows.)

Crazy Horse was a brilliant military strategist. His methods of warfare are still being taught at West Point Military Academy.

As a Lawman, Wild Bill Hickok killed 36 outlaws. He was once fired after he accidentally shot his own Deputy in Deadwood.

The shotgun rider on gold shipments from Deadwood, South Dakota, in the 1880’s was none other than Wyatt Earp.

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CONTEST ENTRIES ARE DUE BY APRIL 30, 2016
Send all entries to: James Daniels
1826 N. Emerson
Tyler, TX 75702
Email at: jrdglyc@live.com

Youth Reports
Don’t forget your Youth Reports!
Be ready to give yours on Saturday.

REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES FOR

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.

Youth Days 2016 is fast approaching! August 12-13
This 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 be showcasing our Talent Night with a Dinner Theater. We will not be judging the Talent Show. Everyone is awesome and a winner to us! The Youth Banquet is open to everyone. However, you must have a ticket for the Dinner Theater to see the Entertainment. Space will be limited, so be sure to tell everyone to sign up early!

Save the date!
August 12-13, 2016

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

We will learn some of the history of South Dakota including Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Gold Rush and more!

These will be on the schedule of events for Youth Days:

*Orientation will be at 1:00 Friday Afternoon Sharp!
  *Friday Night is Fun Night!
  *Youth Reports will be heard by you on Saturday. Come prepared!
  *Incoming Officers Visit

*Youth will have an opportunity with the JYC for a group Rap Session without the Advisors.

*Advisors will have an opportunity with the JYC for a group Rap Session without the Youth. (We are encouraging all Advisors and Youth to bring thoughts, issues and feedback to the Rap Sessions with the JYC.)

*Dinner Theater on Saturday night. Talent can be skits, music, a short story you have written or something else that you can share with us. You are the entertainment!

This is an exciting event that many wait for all year! Renewing friendships and learning new things are only part of what happens at Youth Days. In joining us at Youth Days, we expect participation from everyone.
Did you know?

Odd Fellows and Rebekah are in many places.
Did you know we are in 26 countries?
Take a look at where we are now!

The Junior Lodge was established in 1921 initially under the name the Loyal Sons of the Junior Order of Odd fellows, for boys interested in odd fellowship. The ritual and ceremonies were supervised by a member of the senior order. There were 4,873 members in 1970. Membership is open to boys of age 8-21, its motto being "Honor and Fidelity", and its symbolic colors silver and dark blue.

The Theta Rho Girl's Club was authorized in 1931, with repeal and re-adoption in 1933. The Theta Rho Girls' Club comprises of girls from 10-18 years of age (8 years of age if jurisdictional laws allows) who are entitled to remain until 21. The present Ritual dates from the Revision of 1989. The current Code of Laws for Theta Rho Clubs was tentatively authorized and adopted in 1956. "Theta" and "Rho" are two Greek Letters, "O" and "P" initials of two Greek words that can be interpreted to mean "Daughter of Rebekah". The emblem of the Theta Rho is the Blue Bird, the Motto is "Happiness Through Service" and the colors are yale blue and light peach.

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A few famous people who were also Odd Fellows

Charlie Chaplin    Wyatt Earp    Charles Lindbergh
And these Presidents

Ulysses S. Grant    Thomas Hendricks
Warren Harding    William McKinley
Franklin Roosevelt    Rutherford Hayes

The World of Odd Fellowship
1 Australia
2 Belgium
3 Belize
4 Canada
5 Czech Republic
6 Chile
7 Cuba
8 Denmark
9 Dominican Republic
10 Estonia
11 Finland
12 Germany
13 Iceland
14 Italy
15 Mexico
16 Netherlands, The
17 New Zealand
18 Nigeria
19 Norway
20 Philippines
21 Poland
22 Spain
23 Sweden
24 Switzerland
25 United Kingdom
26 USA

Where did it all begin?

Odd Fellowship began in England sometime previous to 1745, with the earliest mention being of a Loyal Aristarco Lodge meeting held at the Oakley Arms, Borough of Southwark, London.

While several unofficial Odd Fellows lodges had existed in New York City sometime in the period 1806 to 1818, because of the charter relationship, the American Odd Fellows is regarded as being founded with Washington Lodge No 1 in Baltimore at the Seven Stars Tavern on April 26, 1819, by Thomas Wildey along with some associates who assembled in response to a newspaper advertisement. The following year, the lodge affiliated with the Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity and was granted the authority to institute new lodges.

Previously, Wildey joined the Grand United Order of Oddfellows (1798-) in 1804 but followed through with the split of Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity (1810-) before emigrated to the United States in 1817.
IT’S ALL FOR FUN!

Winter Wonderland

LOKILLABWONSTE
NSWWLKNNSWNLW
SNKHKALTINSO
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NNOGTIBDYTBBD
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LLNTFRIGIPRKRIR
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IOWNBFLSGNRTZA
CDFZIWNLTEOIAN
INLDNTEFEYZNRD
BLAGIOLEEEGDO
ZWKLDSHNHLNLOO
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Can you figure it out???

1. Why did the Chicken cross the playground?
2. What do you call a pig that knows karate?
3. What’s black and white, black and white, black and white?
4. What did the snail say as he was riding on the turtle’s back?
5. How did the barber win the race?

Knock! Knock!

Who’s there?
Cows say
Who?
No silly, cows say moo!

Knock knock

Who’s there?
Owls say
Who?
Yep!

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SADUKO TIME!

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Don’t forget!!!

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.

January 15th, the first deadline date, will be here before you know it. Everyone should have their non-refundable holding fee of $800.00 per delegate in to The Sovereign Grand Lodge office at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to secure a seat on this year’s tour. April 1, 2013, is the second deadline date. By this date or before, you are required to have the balance of your delegate’s fees and your tour leader fees in The Sovereign Grand Lodge office in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. You are also required to have your delegate’s Completed Registration Forms and all Required Documents, including Pass Port Information Page, in Janet Bruce’ office at this address:

Janet L. Bruce, Executive Director
205 Hastings Way SW
Poplar Grove, IL 61065-9090

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.

Check the website www.unpilgrimage.org for further details.
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SPONSOR 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 ____________________________

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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.

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.

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 ADULTS

NEW □ 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:
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 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.

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.
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