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Introducing the 2016-2017 Leaders of our Orders

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Winner of this year’s Irene
Meigs Award
for Community Service goes to
Washington’s Acorn Theta Rho #79
A year of wonderful dedication and great
deeds to be proud of! Well done!

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Winners of this year’s Pin Design
Oregon’s Eta Theta Rho #94
“Your: Golden Nuggets Of The Future”
Congratulations!
Your art will be featured in the
2016-2017 Youth Informer at the top left corner.
Outstanding!
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"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"

A few words taken from the IOOF News:

....Our goal is to increase membership and Educate the members at the grass roots level. Go out into the community and recruit members by talking to groups like the Rotary, Chambers of Commerce, Church Groups, Sport Teams, coaches and school teachers. Tell them about the United Nations Pilgrimage Program for Youth, Camps for Youth and the Education Funds. This will be a way to increase membership and get younger people involved in the Order. Rebuild membership by having programs on the Local Lodge Level. Educate the members on the projects of the Order. Many members are not aware of what we do as an Order. Have District Deputies set up district meetings to encourage visitation among the members. Have social meetings and invite non members to the events. Get involved in the community and have projects in the local areas to promote the Order. Like the Humanitarian and Good Samaritan Awards. This program recognizes people that are non members, but promote the principles of the Odd Fellowship. Contact local news media when special events are planned and invite them to the events.

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A few words taken from the IOOF News:

....My concentrated efforts these past years have been to mold and bring to life a youth version of the Patriarchs Militant. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has granted a provisional one-year opportunity for us to demonstrate that such an endeavor may contribute mightily to Our Order.

Qualifications for Cadet Corps Platoon membership:
-Individuals between the ages of 8 and 18 may apply for membership in the Cadet Corps.
-All Cadets shall become a member of our Order having joined either a Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Girls’ Club or a United Youth Group within a 12 month period of the date of mustering.
-When of sufficient age, any Cadet may continue as an Odd Fellow or Rebekah and then a join a Canton; however at age 19 Cadets shall graduate from the Corps with no exception and may become a Junior Advisor provided they are members of our Order and the PM ...

....So my challenge to you is to go forth and start a Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Girls’ Club, United Youth Group or Cadet Corps Platoon. All of our future members are in Grade School today, let us meet with our future and help them build their world.

My motto is “If it is to be, it is up to us”. Let us join together and all of us work toward offering Odd Fellowship and our Principles to all youth.

Chivalrously,
General Daniel E. Mathews
General Commanding

A few words taken from the IOOF News:

....Two years ago when Larry and I were elected Wardens and met for the first time we realized our vision and goals were very similar. From that day on we planned our “Year of Unity” together. Our program this year is an easy one – very simple – the grass roots of the Order or as I say “down to earth”.

My motto is: “UNITY Through UNDERSTANDING” – a link to the future. We must respect each other and respect the strengths and weakness of each other as we work together.

My aim is to assist and strengthen all Jurisdictions as I, or my Representatives, travel throughout the United States and Canada.

I have chosen the ‘forget-me-not’ as my flower. The meaning of the forget-me-not is a connection that lasts thru time. I hope I have made that connection with you.

Fraternally with Love,
Joyce Link, President IA.R.A.

We look forward to more information and inspiration from our leaders in our next Edition of the Youth Informer.
Here’s What Happened at Youth Days!

Youth Days began Friday evening with a Fun Night for the Youth. South Dakota hosted a great evening with a trip to the Presidential Wax Museum followed by a tasty supper of pizza. Always a favorite of the 4 food groups! We then were taken up to Mount Rushmore. What an amazing experience to see the national monument at night. Thank you, again to our Host Committee from South Dakota.

Youth Days were held at the Ramkota Convention Center/ Water park. 24 Youth and 9 Advisors/ Assistant Advisors registered for Youth Days. In counting the total youth that were present, California had 6 members, Michigan-6 members, Oregon/Washington-4 members and Texas-8 members. We had representatives from the states of Michigan, California, Texas, Oregon and Washington.

Jurisdictional Reports were heard from Texas, Oregon/Washington, Michigan, California and Colorado. (Colorado was not represented but a report was sent.) Steve Adams gave a report from Illinois.

The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee then split the group up to allow the Youth an opportunity to visit with the Youth Committee with no adults present. We also gave the Advisors and Assistant Advisors an opportunity to visit with the Youth Committee with no Youth present.

We also had a short discussion of a way we could bring all the groups together for an annual session within their states with each of the groups represented. United Youth Groups, Theta Rho Girls Clubs, Junior Lodges and the New Cadet Youth Core to meet as a group to then work toward becoming future Rebekahs and Odd Fellows.

The Youth were also asked what would they prefer, to either have a camp or join with us at Session. They voted with the majority to continue having Youth Days during the regular annual session to be a part of the SGL-IARA session. They are also excited about a desire of wanting to go out within the community during the next year’s session of Youth Days for the Community Service Project.

Jenny Reed, from the Educational Foundation and Janet Bruce, Chairman of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth came in to speak with us.

The 4 in-coming Heads of the Order were unable to attend our Youth Days this year due to their busy schedules. We look forward to seeing them at the 2017 Youth Days in St. Louis, MO!

The evening brought us to the Banquet and Dinner Theater. The Heads of the Order brought their greetings during the Banquet. Our Youth were amazing in every way. All conducted themselves with respect and had a wonderful time with those who attended the Banquet. Fried Chicken Dinner was a hit! They did tell us they expect a dessert this next year.

We had lots of wonderful Talent showcased during the evening!

Fried Chicken and all the trimmings!
CONTESTS FOR YOUTH!

**Pin Design for 2017:**
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 2017**
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 2017**
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, CHURCHES, OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
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 2017**
will be an exciting time you won’t want to miss! Make plans now to join us in St. Louis, MO! Youth Days will be held August 18-19, 2017 at Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO. For Reservations assistance, call 888-421-1442.

A message from Laurel…
Greetings to all the IOOF Youth from the SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee.

I want to thank all the Youth that came to South Dakota SGL Youth Day Sessions and for making my first sessions as your Chairman a breeze. You all were GREAT and I had a lot of fun. Hope you did too. Next year is going to prove to be even better! With your great suggestions and ideas we are working on a “hands on” community service project. So be ready to get busy! We’ll be mixing sessions up a little bit this next year as well.

Our dinner theatre will be on Friday night with sessions and fun night on Saturday.

On another note if you have any ideas, suggestions, need any help or just need an ear to listen please feel free to e-mail, text, or call any of my team members or myself. We’re here to help and listen. You’ll find our information in any of the current Youth Informers.

Fraternal Hugs
Laurel (LoLo) Delony, Chairman
SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee
**IT’S ALL FOR FUN!**

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**Halloween Crossword**

![Halloween Crossword](image)

**Spot the Differences!**

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**Rhyme Time**

Work out the letter from each line of the rhyme. Write them on the lines below to solve the riddle.

My first is in Giggle and also in laugh,
My second is in third and also in half,
My third is in horror and also in bone,
My forth is in sun but never in moon,
My fifth is in castle and also in night,
My whole walks through walls to give people a fright.

What am I?

______   ______   ______   ______   ______

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**Halloween Treats**

![Halloween Treats](image)

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**Halloween Word Scramble**

1. fhgretn   __________
2. huatn      ________
3. serca      ________
4. siehrk     ________
5. skherec    ________
6. holw       ________
7. sokop      ________
8. scmaer     ________

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Q. What is a Witch with poison ivy called?
   A. An itchy witchy

Q. What runs around a cemetery but doesn’t move?
   A. A fence

Q. What did one ghost say to the other ghost?
   A. Do you believe in people?

Q. What do you call a fat Jack-O-Lantern?
   A. A Plumpkin
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*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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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 ___________________________________________

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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.

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