Don’t end up on “Boot Hill” for missing this year’s Youth Days!

You won’t want to miss out on a great session this year! Remember to make your reservation for your 2016 Youth Days in Rapid City, South Dakota @ 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

Community Service project this year at Youth Days is to Fire and Rescue Service in Rapid City. Please bring Stuffed Animals for the Fire and Rescue to give to the children for comfort.
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!

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

- Youth Days begins Friday @ 1:00
- 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!

Remember: Bring your Youth Reports!

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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?

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No registration fee for Youth – however they MUST Register.

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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, PO Box 1213, Spearfish, SD 57783

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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 requirements to these Scholarships by going online to:

[www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org) click on “OUR WORK” then “EDUCATION”.

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May 2016

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The bus routes, hotels and meals are being finalized; the delegates are getting ready to begin a memorable journey in July on the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth 2016 tour.

To those jurisdictions that have sponsored a delegate, volunteered to serve a meal or donated to the tour, THANK YOU. Your commitment to this program of The Sovereign Grand Lodge proves our Order is the best fraternal organization in the world. Without you, the cost of the tour would be out of sight and unattainable for many. The Board of Directors would like to thank the following for their donation: Grand Lodge of Louisiana $10,000.00 and Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia $8,000.00.

Adult tour leaders who have volunteered, and in some cases take time off work, to spend 2 weeks with complete strangers, and teen agers to boot, are to be thanked for their commitment to this program. The New York staff will spend 2 weeks making sure all aspects of the New York experience will be unforgettable and deserve a big thank you also. Coordinating bus routes in the city is no easy task, and feeding 182 delegates at one time is a challenge, but one the New York staff handles with ease. And walking, walking, walking, all will walk many miles during the 2 weeks on the tour. Last year in New York alone, a staff member walked over 45 miles. Maybe this year a delegate will have one of those new electronic gadgets and keep track of the entire tour. How many miles do you think they will walk?

To date the delegate total is 270 young people, 12 tour leaders and 9 New York staff from 43 states, jurisdictions and countries. Would you like to volunteer in 2017 to experience our diverse group?

Did your lodge, encampment, district, or jurisdiction, send a delegate this year or did you have to cut back and not sponsor this year? Now is the time to plan for the 2017 tour. Ask another lodge or unit to jointly sponsor a delegate or provide funds for a meal or hotel. Any donation, no matter how small or large, makes a difference to the program and is greatly appreciated.

The 67th Year of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour is just about here, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Janet L. Bruce, Executive Director
Guidelines for Jurisdictional Reports

The following guidelines are suggested for writing the SGL/IARA Jurisdictional youth reports given at Youth Day:

*Theta Rho, Junior Odd Fellow and United Youth Group reports shall be written. The reports may be given separately or together. Jurisdictions are called alphabetically. When called, all Representatives from that Jurisdiction are called up at the same time.

*Reports are no more than five minutes in length.

*Scope of the report includes the entire jurisdiction.

*Report information spans from the last SGL-IARA Youth Day to the present.

*Reports are typed if possible and must be turned in to the SGL-IARA Youth Committee.

Reports need to include the following information:

* Addressed to the SGL-IARA Youth Committee.
* Dated with the date the report is given.
* Names, titles and jurisdiction of the youth giving the report.
* Number of junior lodges, clubs and youth groups active. Also lodges, clubs, or groups that still have members but may not be meeting on a regular basis.
* Total number of members in Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho and United Youth Groups.
* Comparison of membership with prior years.
* Interesting fund raising projects.
* Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, and Youth Group activities.
* Visitation activities to other jurisdictions.
* Recognition of special events.
* Future plans.

*Grand Junior Lodge/Theta Rho Assembly information such as numbers attending, when and where held, and significant activities.

Talent Entry Requirements

The Dinner Theater/Talent Show will be held on Saturday night.
This is a formal event and proper dress is expected.

All Youth are invited to participate to share their talents in Dance, Drill, Skit, Vocal/Instrumental Group, or Individual.

*Please be sure your performance follows these basic guidelines:
*Time limit is five minutes. Please be considerate of your time. We want everyone to have an opportunity to perform.
*Advisors or Adults can assist only as musician or for set up.
*All participants must be active members between the ages of 8-21.
*All entries must consist of appropriate music and action; no reference to sex, drugs, or violence will be allowed.
*The drill category is specific to precision drill routines.
*No routines in any category shall include participants being thrown in the air, this is for the safety of the participants, and liability issues.
*Vocal entries other than a cappella, accompanying music must be instrumental, with background vocals only.
*CD or cassette tape must have only the performance song on it.

Each routine must be performed on the stage provided.

*Final approval will be at the discretion of the SGL-IARA Youth Committee at the time of practice. Opportunity will be given for revisions.

*If you need someone to play keyboard or piano for your act, please bring that music with you. Sister Penny Furnald, our Honorary Musician, will be happy to assist if you need her.

*If you need to contact Sister Penny prior to Youth Days:
email: pfurnald@yahoo.com Phone 319-752-3899

IMPORTANT FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW
What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

Lamplighters Way
United Youth Group
we missed you!!!

In the Spring Youth Informer, we gave you information of Michigan and the great things they are doing within their Youth Groups. We missed giving you all the facts!

In addition to Michigan’s 3 Theta Rho Youth Groups and 1 Jr. Lodge, Michigan has an active United Youth Group. Lamplighters Way, United Youth Group #1 from Fowler, MI.

Our sincere and humble apologies to Michigan and their outstanding Youth!

Generosity United Youth Group #1
was instituted May 14, 2016 in Plano, IL. Our newest member to your Youth Committee, Steven E. Adams, was honored to attend this great event and snapped this picture of the Youth Group.

Congratulations! Welcome to the Order!

Sneak peek… Plans are now in the works for Fun Night at Youth Days! Where are we going and what are we doing, you ask? All we are saying for now is we will be seeing Mount Rushmore. What lies ahead beyond that little hint is a mystery! You won’t want to miss this year’s Youth Days! Come ready for fun and excitement!

There’s GOLD In Them Thar Hills
Additional Youth Days information:

*Don’t forget to buy a ticket to the Banquet! Space is limited and you won’t want to miss out! You must have a ticket to enjoy the talent of our Youth!!!

**Let us Entertain You! Dinner Theater!**

We are having our talented Youth host a Dinner Theater! During our Banquet on Saturday evening, we will be featuring the talents of our Youth. We want to showcase your skits and musical talents this year featuring all the Youth. While we enjoy a fantastic dinner, the Youth will be performing during the Banquet.

**Community Service** project this year at Youth Days is to Fire and Rescue Service in Rapid City. Please bring Stuffed Animals for the Fire and Rescue to give to the children for comfort.

**Schedule of Events (subject to change)**

Friday
1:00—Orientation *Let’s Break the Ice!
4:00—Fun Night Begins!!!

Saturday
8:00—Session
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Incoming Officer’s Visit
3:00—Break into 2 groups (8-12 & 13-up)
4:00—Practice for Dinner Theater
6:00—Banquet and Dinner Theater

A Rap session is scheduled for Youth only without the Advisors.

A Rap Session is scheduled for Advisors without the Youth.

**SWIMWEAR ALERT!!!!**

As we will be staying at the Ramkota Waterpark Hotel, remember to bring your swimwear. Please be modest in your choice of swimwear. No string bikini’s please.
IT'S ALL FOR FUN!

It’s SuDoku Time!

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BRAIN TEASERS

1. When liquid splashes me, none seeps through,
   When I’m moved a lot, liquid I spew,
   When I am hit, color I change,
   And colors I come in, quite a range,
   What I cover is quite complex,
   Yet I am very easy to flex.
   What am I?

2. I beam, shine and sparkle white,
   I brighten the day with a single light.
   I charm and enchant one and all,
   I can counter the darkest pall.
   What am I?

3. I make you see the beauty of nature through colors,
   My name makes things weigh less
   And I have no weight at all.
   What am I?

Disney Villains

G O R K A A K D S E K Y S S
S N A H C F R O L L O P G H
H N O T Y A L C N S S O Y E
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Play this puzzle online at: http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1993/
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

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. Or E-mail to 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 your Youth Informer.

Anyone graduate from your lodge, club or group?
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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

OFFICE USE: AMOUNT SUBMITTED $___________ U.S. _________ CANADIAN
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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 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.

Did you know: you can find us at these places?
Website: www.iiof.org (Click on YOUTH)

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