

General Proclamation

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

I, Richard G. Proulx, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

1. *September 20, 2008: **Rebekah Degree Day***, commemorating the 157th Anniversary of the Degree of Rebekah. All Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate an '*Anniversary Class*' commemorating the day.
2. *October 2008: **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Month***. All units are asked to make immediate plans for their delegates or to support the Pilgrimage in all ways possible.
3. *January 15, 2009: **Thomas Wildey Day***, in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America. All units are encouraged to initiate a '*Wildey Class*' in celebration of the occasion.
4. *March 23, 2009: **Schuyler Colfax Day***, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah. Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate a '*Colfax Class*' in honor of the occasion.
5. *April 26, 2009: **Founder's Day***, commemorating the 190th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland. All units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: *Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera*.
6. *June 9, 2009: **Memorial Day***, for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. All units are asked to set aside time to remember.

I ask that you observe the above-mentioned days on the date noted or a date as near as possible.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 25th day of August 2008 in the 190th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Richard G. 'Dick' Proulx
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary