Units of the Order
* Odd Fellows Lodge
* Rebekah Lodge
* Encampment Lodge
* Ladies Encampment Auxiliary
* Patriarchs Militant
* Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant
* Junior Odd Fellows Lodge
* Theta Rho Girls’ Club
* United Youth Groups

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

Clasped Hands: An emblem used in the early days of the Order, and abandoned, probably, because of its having come into too common use among other fraternities. It is of Ancient Roman origin, and is symbolical of Fidelity and Trust. Doubtless it was introduced into England at a very early day, as it is found upon not a few very ancient monuments, as well as in other situations equally old. A notable use, the age of which cannot now be ascertained, though known to be over 500 years.
Celebrating

166 years of the Rebekah Degree
132 years of the Patriarchs Militant Degree
116 years of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant Degree

Thoughts and Prayers to:
Family and friends affected by the recent storms Harvey and Irma.

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Sympathy to:
The family of Lady Frances M. Fraley, PP-IALAPM 2009-2010 on her death 8 September 2017

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Thank You from:
Joyce Link PP-I.A.R.A. for your generous support of the Mind Institute — the Money Tree—the response was overwhelming.

Notice:
New Members are given a one year subscription to the I.O.O.F. News. Please check the expiration on your paper and make sure to continue your subscription by sending in the proper fee shown on the back of your paper.
To All My Fraternal Brothers and Sisters of all Units of Odd Fellowship,

Greetings—Brothers and Sisters,

Speech at Installation 23 August 2017—St. Louis

Who are we? // I CAN’T HEAR YOU!!! // Once again – WHO ARE WE???

We are Oddfellows and Rebekahs!! We are a group of men and women who try every day to help others, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphaned. By our very existence, we make a difference and we need to remember this.

This is a year of Unity and Togetherness. Brothers and Sisters, we need to take this opportunity to return to our basic principles and start to live our beliefs. We need to start in our lodges, by setting an example for our members to be kind to each other, to put aside petty differences and treat each other as we would like to be treated. Only then can we reach out to our communities and work within them to grow our order through increasing membership. People want to be a part of something POSITIVE. They want to be treated with dignity and respect and, more importantly, they want to make this world a better place for themselves and their children.

As your Sovereign Grand Master for the coming year, I have a few simple things I am asking for from all of us;

First – Growth in Membership: We are all very aware that we need to increase membership and there is no need to remind anyone in this room about the fact that we continue to lose members.

I am asking that each lodge grow its NET membership by ONE. For example, if your lodge has 25 members now it would need to have 26 members at the end of this year.

We currently have nearly 4000 lodges. If every lodge increases their roles by 1 member, that would mean nearly 4000 new members in a year. This is an attainable goal.

Second – Community Outreach: We have a “Make a Difference Day” each April 15th. Does your lodge participate? If not, start today. Get out there and help the people in your community. If your lodge is too small, partner with another organization and come up with a plan. In addition, everyone is aware that 9/11 has been designated as the national make a difference day. I’d like to see every member take part in this as well. Do something for your firefighters, police officers or other emergency personnel. Show them how much they are appreciated and maybe they will take an interest. Volunteer at your local hospital, hospice or nursing home, after all isn’t one of our commands to visit the sick? You don’t have to do much. Maybe you can just sit with a patient or resident who doesn’t get any visitors. Let them know they have somebody who cares.

Third – My Project: My project this year is our youth programs. I am challenging everybody in attendance here, and everyone who reads this speech, to SAVE YOUR CHANGE for the coming year. I further challenge all Reps to bring a jar with them to gather change as they travel. We will gather the change next year at Session. Just imagine the look on the Youth committees faces if we present them with a box or pail of change? Of course, they will be the ones to count it, not me!

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"

September 2017
Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Fraternal Order,

Installation speech—23 August 2017, St. Louis

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, SGM “Ollie”, Lady Estelle and General Ken, to our distinguished visitors and guests, members and loved ones and my family who have traveled so far to join us. Will my friends from Arizona and my family from Salt Lake City please stand and be recognized. Thank you to the Installing staff for their good work and the Committee for making this evening special for all of the officers Installed.

I dedicate this year, to our beloved Ruth Battaglia and my Grandmother, Coie Smith. Both were my friends, my confidants, my mentors. Remember my Apron Story? I have worn the same jewel that Ruth and so many of you have worn so I feel like she has been with me all the way. Many of you have encouraged me, given advice and sometimes strong warnings. I am grateful to you all.

Our SGM has issued an edict that I make my speech short and sweet. He has been saying this for a year now. We all know that our SGM has the last say, or at least he thinks he does. He is the head, but remember the neck holds the head and turns it. Besides we both know who the REAL boss is. Miss Connie. However, as much fun as we have, the Millers and I, please know that I support our Sovereign Grand Master 100%.

My program is a simple one, BACK TO THE BASICS. It was an unexpected gift that our two programs supported each other. Interesting also is the fact that our friend, Jane Nelson, from across the pond has a similar program.

Certainly we cannot and would not like to go back in time, but we can go back to the basics of our Order. So often we get caught up in the way we do things that we forget why we are doing them.

To go back to the basics means to remember and implement the watchwords of our Order. This should not only include community, friends and family, but also members of our Order. Let us take care of one another, not bicker or find fault. Sadly I have seen this happen and would like to challenge each and every one of you to care for each other. For instance, using myself as an example, if I am doing something you are not sure about, perhaps you have a question about somewhere I have been, come to me. Then if it cannot be settled between us, go higher. In other words, first go to the person who has offended you. Many misunderstandings can be eliminated if we talk to each other or the person who has offended us and not to just anyone who will listen to our tale of woe. The scriptures tell us that we must first remove the beam from our own eye before we can remove the mote from another’s eye. Kindness is the key.

As we go through our lives and do the work of the Order we need to do quite a bit by depending on things we cannot see or feel. We need to have faith. There isn’t a chance of seeing God’s heaven, but we know deep in our

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Fourth – Session next year: Next year at session I will be asking all in attendance from all Branches, to bring a canned food item. Tables will be set up in each meeting room to collect your contributions. These will be donated to a designated food bank in Baltimore.

In conclusion: Thank you for having given me this opportunity. I am grateful and humbled by you having placed your confidence in me. It is an honor to know that you put your trust in me. I never could have started this journey and arrived at this point in time, without the support you have given and continue to give to me.

To the PSGMs – thank you for your guidance, support and patience over the last 2 years and for the next year.

To my brothers and sisters from all over the world thank you for the kindness and fraternity you have extended to me.

To my jurisdiction – there aren’t enough words that can tell you what your support has meant to me.

Most importantly, to my wife, my best friend, and especially my secretary, thank you being there when I needed a hug, or I was cranky, which by the way was rare. I could not have made this journey without you.

To all my brothers and sisters, as we go forward toward the end of a second century and the beginning of a third. Remember what we stand for, what we do and most especially remember WHO ARE WE?

THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John A. Miller Sr.
Sovereign Grand Master

Don’t just say: “Make a Difference” — Do it!

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hearts that it is real. We cannot see wisdom, faith or trust, but know that they are certain.

My motto “Bloom Where you’re Planted”, i.e., no matter what you may be called upon to do, do it to the very best of your ability and just because you do things a different way, it does not mean you have done it wrong. I had a sister say to me when I asked her to carry my Arizona flag... I would be happy to. Mind you, this sister has had many different and more important jobs within our Order. She blooms where she is planted.

As my guides: what could be better than our Rebekah Creed and Odd Fellow Valediction? Also very important are the watchwords of our Order; Friendship, Love, Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity and of course Universal Justice for all.

The Beehive and the Bee, are my emblems. Is there another creature that works as hard as a honey bee, sometimes traveling up to 60 miles to bring water back to the hive. The hive that is full of hard workers, like our lodges.

My favorite flower, the Sunflower, is always facing and following the Sun, like a satellite for the Sun, always looking up, as we should do. My color speaks for itself, if you know me at all. Yellow makes me happy.

Please listen to the words of my songs and hymns, they also speak for themselves, especially the one Because I Have Been Given Much, I too must give.....

I would like to give a special thank you to Teresa Wagner from Arizona for putting together my slide show and of course, to our angel songbird, Brenda, also Michelle Heckert and Lady Patricia. You have made my evening wonderful.

And finally, I pledge to you, my brothers and sisters, family and friends to do the very best that I can as your President, Abraham Lincoln said “Whatever you are, be a good one!”, in other words, I will Bloom Where I have been Planted. Thank you

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Linda L. Thompson
President I.A.R.A.
members spread across our great country! Don’t get me wrong, there are some who present challenges and cause rough roads, as well as potholes in the roadway.

I’m thankful for those who pull us out of the deep potholes and direct us through and around the road construction areas.

Along this journey, I have observed there are many members, who appear they have given up on I.O.O.F.: Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampments, LEAs, PMs and LAPMs. I assure YOU, “there is light at the end of the tunnel”.

YOU MUST believe in the future. Our forefathers entrusted us with the complete I.O.O.F. package as we know it. It is our responsibility to carry it to the next generation. We MUST “Do What Ever It Takes To Survive”.

We must get our members involved. I will be pushing the 4-R’s” Retention, Re-Activation, Recruiting and Reaching-Out to the next generation, our Youth.

How can we accomplish the 4-R’s…: By Planning, Scheduling, Communicating and Executing. We must develop and implement Plans concerning the 4-R’s. We must Schedule visitations and attend activities. We must Communicate our Plans and Schedule to our staff and membership through our web-site, e-mails, texting, phone calls and conferences. In addition, we must execute those plans we make and schedules we set.

For those who perceive the GMC Leadership positions to be an all-expense paid free ride…I’m afraid YOU are sadly mistaken, it gets progressively more expensive as YOU progress toward the top.

Even though it would not help me, I would support an increase for ALL elected stations. Your mode of transportation (Car / SUV / Van / Truck) will take a beating and so will your body!

But, we still do it! WHY – Friendship, Love and Truth!

The Officers and the Generals Commanding Retired, all know the cost associated with being involved and the dedication necessary to lead a prestigious organization as the GMC.

I MUST extend a Special THANK YOU, to those who put forth noteworthy efforts to get me here, and they know who they are; and to my staff for the coming year – please review the program, and of course I MUST single out and acknowledge: as both have been by my side during my entire journey, I would NOT be here without their assistance, support and guidance: Honorary Major General Smokey Lasswell and last but not least, MY WIFE … Major General Juanita E. Lasswell.

With a swollen heart and a proud mindset, I am Deeply Honored and with great adoration, I accept the duties and responsibilities associated with the post of General Commanding… THANK YOU ALL!!! for the confidence which YOU have entrusted in me.

Chivalrously,

/s/ Gen. R. L. ‘Ken’ Lasswell

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

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of this organization for over 45 years and introduced me to this organization at the age of 10. They instilled in me the desire to serve and this has opened doors for me and enhanced my life.

To the jurisdiction of Ontario thank you all for attending my installation and for your support over the past two years.

To my working partners Sovereign Grand Master elect Brother John Miller, President International Association Rebekah Assemblies elect Sister Linda Thompson, General Commanding of the General Military Council General Ken Laswell, congratulations and I hope you will have a wonderful year. I look forward to working with each of you to promote our great fraternal organization. If there is anything that I can do to assist you in your year I am only a telephone call or e-mail away.

To Major General Terry Barrett thank you in advance for organizing and overseeing the change of command. I know it will be great and I encourage everyone to stay.

Once again thank you all for attending this very special night for Ken and me.

Chivalrously,

/s/ Lady Estella Crowder
President-IALAPM

Take time to be a friend.
MOTTO: Don’t just say: “Make a Difference” — Do it!

THEME: Moving forward in Unity.

EMBLEM: Coming Together in Fraternity.

CHALLENGE: All units, in all branches of the Order, to increase their total membership by "1".

GOALS: To remind and encourage all members to leave petty differences behind and come together in fraternity at the end of each meeting.

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 133:1—Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

GUIDE: Code of General Laws

SONG: Come Together

FUN SONG: Yankee Doodle Dandy

FLOWER: Yellow Swamp Iris

DEDICATION: My year is dedicated to all the brothers and sisters in our great Order, both past and present. Brotherhood and Sisterhood in togetherness and unity is what makes us great. It is my hope that we all dedicate ourselves to these principles.

THE HONORABLE  
JOHN A. MILLER SR.  
SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS  

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Past Sovereign Grand Master

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Motto: Bloom Where You’re Planted.

Guides: The Rebekah Creed and Odd Fellows Valediction

Theme: Back to the Basics.

Believe and follow the Odd Fellows Valediction and Rebekah Creed; be an Active member; Support the leaders you have chosen to serve; Inquire into the needs of others, then do something for them; have Courage to speak up, to always say and do the right thing; strive to be of Service to one person each day.

Scripture: Matthew 5:15-16 — Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works.

Flower: The Sunflower

Color: Yellow

Song: She’s an Eagle When She Flies
Dolly Parton

Hymn: It is Well With My Soul
Because I Have Been Given Much

Friendship is the reflection of a little sunshine and a lot of love.

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THEME: Service & Loyalty

MOTTO: Do What You Have to Do to Survive.

AIM/GOAL:
Assist in Making the P.M. More Affordable.

GUIDES: The Rituals and Code of General Laws

FLOWER: Blue Hydrangea

COLORS: Royal Purple and Gold

SONGS: American Pie
Mambo No. 9

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 21:21 — He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life, righteousness and honor.

EMBLEM: Smokey Badge


PROJECTS: US DAV/Canadian DAV
LADY ESTELLA CROWDER
President—I.A.L.A.P.M.

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Color Guard #2
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Theme: Time
Emblem: Clock
Motto: Take time to be a friend.
Aim: To increase membership everywhere.
Guides: Holy Bible and Ritual
Flower: Yellow Rose
Colours: White, Purple and Gold
Song: Rock Around the Clock
Hymns: One Day At A Time
Just As I Am
Just A Closer Walk With Thee
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1—To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.
Prayer: Bless me, Heavenly Father, Forgive my erring ways. Grant me strength to serve Thee, put purpose in my days. Give me understanding enough to make me kind. So I may judge all people with my heart and not my mind. And teach me to be patient in everything I do, content to trust your wisdom and to follow after You. And help me when I falter and hear me when I pray. And receive me in THY KINGDOM to dwell with Thee some day. AMEN.

Dedication: To my husband Bill, my parents Arnold and Jane Leeder for encouraging me to follow my dream and the Department Association of Ontario for supporting me.

Project: IALAPM Travel Fund
GOALS

◊ Each member to recruit one new member.
◊ Increase membership in each unit of our Order.
  ♦ Through community involvement
  ♦ Through public awareness
◊ Continue to take actions to implement the five year plan.

AWARDS FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS

◊ “I Got One” button to each sponsor.

◊ $25.00 to the I.O.O.F. program of the sponsors choice for sponsoring 10 new members into the Order—in the sponsors name.

◊ PM/LAPM AWARDS
  Sponsor one (1) new member: ribbon bar
  Additional 2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf
  3 oak leaves per ribbon bar.
  January 1, 2018—December 31, 2018

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

◊ To all new members a ‘three link’ pin
◊ To the Unit sponsoring the most new members a ‘3 link’ rug.
◊ To the Grand Body with the largest net gain a plaque.
◊ Units being instituted will receive an altar Bible and Institution Kit from the International Leaders upon notification from the Grand Body secretarial officer. Please send name and number, date of institution and location to: The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade Street NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

DON’T JUST SAY: MAKE A DIFFERENCE—DO IT!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: by involving your Lodge in Community activities and civic projects; through this involvement we will increase awareness of Odd Fellowship in our Communities. Branch out into your community, be part of the community.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Support the projects of the Order:
  I.O.O.F. Educational Foundation
  Visual Research Foundation
  Hunger & Disaster
  Living Legacy
  Arthritis (Foundation and Society)
  I.O.O.F. SOS Children’s Village—Cambodia

Support local projects:

In addition certificates will be awarded for participation in local projects: Scholarships; Drug Awareness Programs; and Community Project(s) of your choice.

See the I.O.O.F. News—issues of March-April & May-June for the reporting forms.

‘COMING TOGETHER’ AWARDS

For outstanding performance by a Unit promoting Odd Fellowship through a community project.

For outstanding performance by an individual member promoting Odd Fellowship through a public awareness program.

Our Creed

Genuine FRIENDSHIP, which heareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things; is the first step toward progress and personal enrichment, and the progenitor of Temperance, Prudence, and Justice;

Unfettered LOVE is the basis of all life’s ambitions—the controlling passion of service to humanity—more powerful than the atom—more potent than any finite source;

Inflexible TRUTH, the imperial virtue, begets economic stability, equality under the law, freedom of enterprise, the highest of ethical standards, and lasting peace, the ultimate goal of fraternity;

Universal BROTHERHOOD OF MAN under the FATHERHOOD OF GOD is imperative to the survival of the world, and can be accomplished only through the catalysis of fellowship—inculcating the cohesion, which stems from understanding and amity among peoples, states and nations.
General Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

I, John A. Miller Sr., Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

September 20, 2017: Rebekah Degree Day, commemorating the 166th Anniversary of the Degree of Rebekah. All Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate an ‘Anniversary Class’ commemorating the day.

January 15, 2018: 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.


April 21, 2018: Make a Difference Day.

April 26, 2018: Founder’s Day, commemorating the 199th 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.

June 12, 2018: 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 2017 in the 199th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ John A. Miller Sr.
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Rebekah Degree Proclamation

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

Fraternial Greetings:

September 20, 1851 the Rebekah Degree became another Degree of Odd Fellowship bringing woman’s softening influence into the Order.

Now, 166 years later the Rebekah Degree has spread throughout the world.

Therefore, I, John A. Miller Sr., Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim that,

September 20, 2017 be proclaimed REBEKAH DEGREE DAY, in observance of the 166th Anniversary of its inception. Lodges are asked to hold a special ceremony to celebrate the occasion.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 26th day of August 2017, in the 199th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ John A. Miller Sr.
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Brother Thomas Wildey

15 January 1782
19 October 1861

Greenmount Cemetery
Baltimore, Maryland

It is altogether fitting and proper that we, as members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, remember at this time of year and celebrate the life of Thomas Wildey, the founder of our Order, who died 156 years ago. It was his vision and foresight to build our great Order, as it is our duty and challenge to maintain and expand this wonderful fraternity.

Thomas Wildey
Past Grand Sire
1825-1833

Brother Thomas Wildey was born in London, England on January 15, 1782. He was left an orphan when he was five years old, and shortly thereafter attended a parish school for nine years. Our pledge to “Educate the Orphan” sprang from his personal childhood experiences. When he was fourteen years old he left the school and went to live with an uncle. At that point he became an apprentice to a coach-spring maker and became a skilled workman. Brother Wildey was initiated into the British Oddfellows in Lodge No. 17 located in London, England in 1804 when he was 22 years old. The Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity was subsequently organized on October 10, 1810.

In 1817, Thomas Wildey married, and on July 30th of that year immigrated to the United States. He arrived in Baltimore, Maryland on September 2nd of 1817. As he was a master craftsman in coach-spring making, he had little trouble finding work almost immediately.

Restlessness had brought Thomas Wildey to America in 1817, but the British were still unpopular in the United States due to the War of 1812. In that year, Baltimore was suffering from both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. An outgoing personality, Thomas Wildey missed the companionship of his Odd Fellow brothers. Brother Wildey met and became friends with another Englishman, John Welch, and was delighted to find that he was also a Past Grand of an Odd Fellows Lodge. Longing for social pleasure of the Lodge room, he advertised in the local newspaper, the Baltimore American, on March 2, 1819 to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore, and requested them to meet at the Seven Stars Tavern. Unfortunately, only two men responded. Determined to succeed, three weeks later he placed a second notice in the same newspaper. This time three men responded – John Duncan, John Cheatham, and Richard Rushworth.

The result of this meeting was the institution of Washington Lodge No. 1 on April 19, 1819 in the Seven Stars Tavern. Brother Wildey first obligated himself, then administered the vows to the other members and gave them the Unwritten Work as he understood it. Thomas Wildey was installed as Noble Grand and John Welch as Vice Grand. John Duncan, John Cheatham, and Richard Rushworth were installed in offices as well, but it is uncertain what positions that they held. The progress of the new lodge

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was slow and for a time its membership was largely confined to English emigrants. Being a foreign institution, it was not very popular with Americans. Also, as a self-instituted Lodge with an imperfect ritual, it was not satisfactory to visiting members of English Lodges.

Finally a charter was secured from a lodge in Preston, England and the work of the Manchester Unity was adopted. Brother Wildey, at his own expense, went to England and secured from the Annual Moveable Committee of the Manchester Unity a charter, which gave the new Lodge all due authority. Slowly, but steadily, the new society grew in numbers and the organization developed. On February 22, 1821, Past Grands of several Lodges constituted themselves, by general consent, as the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States, with two subordinates – New York and Pennsylvania. On January 15, 1825 the Grand Lodge of the United States was instituted by representatives from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. Through all of this period of evolution, Brother Thomas Wildey was at the helm. He was Noble Grand of Washington Lodge, then the Grand Master of Maryland and the United States, then finally the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States (which eventually became The Sovereign Grand Lodge) a position he held from 1825 to 1833. To his beloved society, he gave most of his time. He retired from his trade, but kept a restaurant, which was attended to by the members of his family. He offered his house for a place to meet when suitable quarters could not be obtained. He gave of his money, and supplied funds, whenever needed. He gave the Order his labor, for its advancement in Baltimore and the surrounding states, and traveled to England when required. He then began to see the fruit of his labors. The Order took a firm hold in the community and its membership improved in quality as well as quantity. It became better organized, with a better system and a better ritual.

By 1833, the Order had extended into twelve states with more than 100 lodges and about 6,500 members. The order separated from the Manchester Unity in 1843 and became an independent body.

On October 19, 1861 Brother Thomas Wildey passed to his eternal rest at the age of 79 years and nine months, three months short of his 80th birthday. At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 42 states. In the late 1800’s and early 1900’s the Independent Order of Odd Fellows became the largest Fraternal Order in North America with more than two million members.

In 1865, right after the United States Civil War, the Odd Fellows Wildey Monument was erected in Baltimore, Maryland, not far from the site of the Seven Stars Tavern. The monument was dedicated to Thomas Wildey, the founder of American Odd Fellowship. The Monument stands on Broadway Avenue in a wide median in the historic Washington Hill section of Baltimore. Over 52 feet high, the white granite monument towers over the avenue below. The monument is a pillar, which upon the top rests a widow and her two orphans. Under the widow and her orphans are 5 symbols. The five symbols are the three links of a chain, the axe, the bundle of sticks, the heart and hand, and the world in darkness. The axe represents Wildey’s pioneer spirit in bringing the Order to the United States from his native England, the world in darkness rep-
resents man’s ignorance, the bundle of sticks represents strength in union, the heart and hand represents charity and good works, and the three links represent Friendship, Love and Truth. At the base of the pillar are large bronze seals. The first seal is the official seal of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the second seal is of a woman resting on the Ten Commandments. The last seal bears the inscription. “This column erected by the joint contributions of the Lodges, Encampments and Individual Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America and jurisdiction thereunto belonging commemorates the founding of that Order in the City of Baltimore on the 26th Day of April, 1819 by Thomas Wildey.” Below the seals, the monument becomes a base which contains the following inscriptions; ‘Thomas Wildey Born January 15, 1782’, ‘The site for this Monument was Unanimously voted by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLXV’ and the following verse “He who realizes that the true mission of man on earth is to rise above the level of the individual influence and to recognize the fatherhood of God over all and the brotherhood of man is nature’s true Nobleman.”

Over 50,000 spectators attended the unveiling ceremony of the monument in 1865. Among the more notable attendees was the General of the Baltimore garrison and prison along with his inmate Jefferson Davis, the former President of the Confederacy, both of whom were Odd Fellows. Others in attendance included the Mayor of Baltimore together with other city officials, the Governor of Maryland, and numerous United States Congressman. The Monument today is maintained by the City of Baltimore as a treasured part of its Civil War past. At the time of its construction, the monument helped unite Odd Fellows from the North and from the South after the terrible years of the Civil War, making the Independent Order of Odd Fellows the first national organization to do so.

As we depart this place, let us remember the founder of our great Order, Thomas Wildey, and the many sacrifices that he made. Thomas Wildey had a vision 190 years ago to build a society that would “Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan”. One man can make a difference. If we walk in the footsteps of Thomas Wildey, and follow the Motto of our Sovereign Grand Master, Paul J. Cuminale, we can surely achieve success, for we are “THE HEART OF THE ORDER WORKING TOGETHER”.

Greenmount Cemetery
Baltimore, Maryland
Train the Trainers – A Membership Program

Includes the following—both power point and printable files:

How to get New Members: Ask!
   Introduction to Odd Fellowship – includes the programs of the Order
   Presenting Odd Fellowship – and a pamphlet to leave with the prospective member

Attracting new members:
   Link your World to your Lodge
   Gaining influence

Prospective Member Card – a great recruitment tool (John and/or Sally know a lot of people who would make great members, but they are either new and not conversant in the programs or a type B personality; but Gary and/or Judy are type A and mingle well with others and have been members for a while).

For the active and organized lodge —
   First Things First—a great tool to assist in planning the 2018 calendar
   Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodge manuals of instruction
   Parliamentary procedures and Motions at a Glance
   Book of Odd Fellowship

   This program has been distributed several times over the years, check with your Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly office for a copy.
**The SGL - IARA Membership Program**

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Our Sessions for 2017 were successfully completed in four days in St Louis, Missouri. I was appointed Membership Chairman along with Larry Ferguson, Stanford Shiroma, Lana Wood, and Kevin Taylor. We hope to be able to visit a great number of local lodges and present the local members with program brochures from The Sovereign Grand Lodge and bring them messages to help inform them of the benefits of being an Odd Fellow or Rebekah.

Times are certainly changing. It will soon be 2018. (Not 1950 anymore.) Today’s fast paced; technology driven, modern times and thoughts are different from our parents. Obviously, our 199 years of Odd Fellowship has different needs and requirements today than it did in 1819! I have had conversations with some great Odd Fellows and Rebekahs concerning the ability to obtain additional members, what is needed to get them, keep them, and what to do with them once they join. I really feel that The Sovereign Grand Lodge should start to look at, think about, and devote their entire energy and resources to membership. Without members there certainly is no need for any of the other stuff we concern ourselves with.

In 2018, the needs and wants of the younger generation are entirely different than Thomas Wildey’s was! We no longer have a need to “Visit the Sick” or “Relieve the Distressed” or “Educate the Orphan” or much less “Bury the Dead”! All of these commandments of Odd Fellows are extremely noble and can be interpreted in todays’ language, but does not impress a 25-30 year old. We don’t ride horses anymore!

Everyone knows that if you get sick, you have access to a local doctor and/or hospital—you don’t call an Odd Fellow. If you need relief from distress—there are numerous agencies or government programs to assist you, we, as members of a fraternal organization are not going to get the care of an orphan (very rare today), and the government is certainly not going to let us bury anyone.

These young people do not want to attend a meeting where we do nothing except drink coffee with our peers! How many lodge meetings do we “open—does anyone have any business—no—close, have coffee and go home???

We as the remaining members need to think about what we stand for, what we are trying to accomplish, and where we want to go in the future. Our history has been fantastic, but we are dying out rapidly. If we want this Order to survive, we must develop some direction to go in the future. RIGHT NOW—not next week or next year—BUT NOW! We just approved a $971,070.00 budget for this next year. Really, only $20,000.00 is devoted to membership. That is a whopping 2% of our expenditures. I am not asking for any more money right now, because I do not know what we should do with it.

I have visited a number of jurisdiction that have large sums of money invested in savings, but do not allocate one dime to help their own local lodges. I have also visited many local lodges where there buildings are ready to fall apart—who wants to join there?? Maybe spend some of your money on fixing your halls? Think about it—if you have some ideas, jot them down and send them to me. We need to completely rethink our purpose!!!!

/s/ Jon Petersen
Membership Chairman
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When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5. (starting at: 50, 55, 60, etc.) Thanks.
Sapphire Jubilee Lodge No. 65 I.O.O.F.

In honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 65 year reign, it was agreed to at the 2017 session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge to create Sapphire Lodge No. 65, with proceeds from the dues going to plant a grove of 2,500 trees. Upon receipt of your application there will be a certificate sent to you noting your participation and membership in the lodge.

Membership Application

$5.00 – application and dues

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

______________________
(date)

I, ____________________________________:
(Name - Please Print)

apply for membership to Sapphire Jubilee Lodge No. 65 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; for membership by Associate and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and teachings of the Order. I understand my rights as a member are protected by the laws of the Order and I agree not to resort to the civil courts for their enforcement. I believe in a Supreme Being and am loyal to my Country.

I was born at ___________________________ on the ____ day of __________ , __________.

Residence ________________________________

Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________

Telephone ______________________________

E-mail: ________________________________

Applicant’s Signature ______________________________
You are cordially invited to the

Linda L. Thompson Testimonial

23rd & 24th February 2018

Friday Night: Oldies Party $55.00
DJ—Dancing—Games—Photo booth

Saturday Night Banquet $60.00

Total Enclosed $____________

RSVP: by 1 January 2018
President’s Testimonial
C/O Teresa Wagner
3562 Arivaca Road
Golden Valley, AZ  86413

Phoenix Airport Marriott
1101 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ  85008
Room rate: $139.00    Free Shuttle
602-273-7373

Marriott: Linda Thompson President IARA Testimonial
Testimonial Celebration in Honor of General R. L. ‘Ken’ Lasswell
General Commanding GMC PM I.O.O.F.
Friday 23rd March 23rd – Saturday 24th March 2018

You must make your own hotel reservations directly with Stoney Creek Inn –
101 Mariners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611
Reservations: (844) 202-4676 / (309) 694-1300
Room Reservation Deadline March 14, 2018
Check-in: 3:00 p.m. – Check Out: 11:00 a.m.

The room block is listed under: “IOOF/GMC” to secure the group rate of $114.00 per night + 12% tax.
Room Reservations Deadline is March 1, 2018.

Free Deluxe Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast between 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. served in the Hotel Breakfast Room.
Free Wi-Fi and Self-Parking. – Free Peoria Airport Shuttle (309) 694-1300

"Fun Night” Friday 23rd March 2018 – 5:00 p.m. theme is “Everyday People” Dress Casual
Buffet Dinner: Honey Carved Glazed Ham, Baked Fish w/lemon dill sauce, Au Gratin Potato, Tossed Salad w/dressings, Fruit Jell-O salad, Buttered Corn, rolls, butter, ice water, and iced tea.

$55.00 per/person

Saturday, March 24th, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Testimonial Dinner Dress: Formal, Social Dress Military Uniforms, or Business Attire Dinner.

Choice of one of below listed Entrées

1. Roasted Boneless Chicken Breast served w/ Salad, dressing, Starch & Vegetable. ___
2. Filet of Tilapia coated in Japanese Breadcrumbs served w/Maitr’d Butter, Salad, Starch, & Vegetable. ___

3. 6 oz. Boneless Center Cut Pork Loin Chop, Salad, w/dressing, Starch & Vegetable. ___
4. 6 oz. Center Cut Filet Mignon, Salad w/dressing, Starch & Vegetable. ___

$75.00 per/person
Total Enclosed: US$ __________

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ___________________________________ Title/Rank: __________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________
City/State: ______________________________ Zip+4: _________________________
Phone: ________________________________ Email: _________________________
Branch/Unit & Jurisdiction Representing: __________________________________

MEAL RESERVATIONS – (Deadline: March 1, 2018)

Please make checks payable to: “Ken Lasswell” and mail to:
R.L. Ken Lasswell
15890 N. County Hwy. 14
Smithfield, IL 61477-9565
(309)696-6745 – e-mail: kenlasswell@gmail.com

If you have any special requirements, please attach a separate sheet and let us know what they are. We will do our best to accommodate you.

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No tour will be held in 2018, no funds may be collected for the tour or program until further notice. As the Board revamps the pilgrimage for youth program, we will keep you informed. All previous applications, registration forms, brochures are to be discarded.

The Board of Directors of the IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. are pleased to announce the Grand Representatives at The Sovereign Grand Lodge session held in St. Louis, Missouri approved the name change for the corporation and continuation of the pilgrimage for youth program.

At the Forum held in St. Louis, the Board and attorneys for the corporation explained events of the past year and what needs to be done in the future. The United Nations has issued a Cease and Desist Order to the corporation from using the name United Nations or acronym UN within the Order worldwide. Information has been sent to Grand Secretaries and further information will be sent to all Grand Bodies on how to proceed with this process. Every lodge, encampment, auxiliary, club shall check their by-laws, constitution, literature distributed, social media, letterhead, brochures, etc. and delete any reference to the United Nations.

Also adopted was a Non-Discrimination Policy for the IOOF. Every Grand Body will be sent a copy of this Policy with instructions on implementation within your jurisdiction.

A few changes to the pilgrimage for youth program: a new website, email address, phone number.

Website: ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
Email: pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
Phone: 336-528-3518

The Board is looking forward to creating the best possible pilgrimage for youth program and working with you, our loyal supporting members to advance this program beyond the 68 years of existence.

Fraternally,

The Board of Directors
Odd Fellows Insurance Program

Endorsed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Odd Fellows Insurance Program is designed specifically to meet your Lodge's unique insurance needs. We offer:

PROPERTY | GENERAL LIABILITY | LIQUOR LIABILITY | UMBRELLA
AUTO LIABILITY | SPECIAL EVENTS | WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Now we offer you a choice. And one could save you up to 40%.

Our new Classic Insurance Product was created to provide Lodges with the coverage they need, without the extras that can drive up the cost.

Or perhaps you'll decide our Premier Coverage, offering more comprehensive protection, is what your Lodge needs. The choice is yours.

Don't renew your Lodge's insurance without contacting us for a free quote!

Toll-Free (866) 519-5795
www.locktonaffinity.com/oddfellows
E-mail: IOOFinsurance@locktonrisk.com

Insurance Program Administered by Lockton Risk Services
Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

**ODD FELLOWS**

**Alabama** – 9 June 2018, Grand Secretary – John Boswell, PO Box 329, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

**Alberta** – 13-15 April 2018, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3

**Arizona** – 20-23 October 2017, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**Arkansas** – 13-14 October 2017, Grand Secretary – Frank Webster, PO Box 84, Atkins, AR 72823

**Atlantic Provinces** – July 2018, Grand Secretary – Walwin Blackmore, 11 Park St, Grand Falls-Windsor, NL A2B 1C8

**Australasia** – November 2018, Grand Secretary – Richard C O’Connell, PO Box 3340, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000

**Belize** – Daniel J Gorham, Deputy, PO Box 90, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize

**British Columbia** – April 2018, Grand Secretary – Gordon Gale, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E9

**California** – May 2018, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 14414-B Oak St, Saratoga, CA 95070-2669

**Chile** – DDGM – Mario Cassass Gabellini, Avda Quilin 2068

**Colorado** – 6-8 October 2017, Grand Secretary – Douglas Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

**Connecticut** – September 2017, Grand Secretary – Warren Smith, PO Box 1055, New Milford, CT 06776-1055

**Cuba** – November 2017, Grand Secretary – Angel Dagas Garcia, 20 de Mayo No 615, Habana, 6 Ciudad Habana CP10600

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