HEART AND HAND — BUNDLE OF STICKS/RODS

THE HEART IN HAND.

Emblem of Sincerity and included in this, Candor and Frankness. Though the insignia of the P.G., yet it is an emblem of the initiate, to remind him of the P.G.’s charge that ‘basis or substratum of our Moral Temple’ which our feet press at our entrance, and whose lessons, opening as we advance, precede us through all the degrees and offices of the Order.

It reminds us that there should be no improper concealment of feelings and purposes among brethren that our greetings should be of the heart as well as of the hand ‘that what the one in love dictates, the other in alacrity should perform’. And it teaches us that when distress and suffering call, the hand should be ‘open as day to melting charity’, and the heart warm as mother-love to sympathy and relief, remembering that ‘the Lord loveth the cheerful giver’. And it also teaches us, not only sincerity in affection and frankness and candor in expression, but that ‘with pure hearts and clean hands’ must we come to perform the mission of an Order dedicated to Trust in God, and to ‘FRIENDSHIP, LOVE and TRUTH’.

THE BUNDLE OF STICKS/RODS.

Emblem of Strength in Union the peculiar emblem of the Covenant degree.

This memento of a dying father, to teach his children the value of union, speaks no less impressively to our larger brotherhood. It reminds us of the power of each member to sustain, and be sustained by, the others, when all are bound into one bundle by the bands of F. L. & T. making the interests and labors of all, the common property of each. In Odd-Fellowship, union is strength indeed. One rod, separated from the (Continued on page 2)
Celebrating

50 years — Mount Joy Rebekah Lodge No. 59, VA

65 years — Everett and Joan Spunaugle, KS

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rest, can easily be broken, one brother, isolated by selfish- ness, may be disheartened and destroyed, but in the firmly bound bundle, each brother can easily resist evil and accomplish good. Each strengthens the others against unhallowed opposition, and all stand firm and unmoved in the mighty power of our Fellowship.

(A. B. Grosh—Odd Fellowship Improved Manual)

Sympathy to:
Lynda W. Baker, PP-IARA on the death of her mother.

Thank you from:
Danny Wood for the many expression of sympathy at the time of his mother’s passing.

Thinking of you:
PSGM Jon R. Petersen
PP-IALAPM Lady Mary Lang
Past Conductor IARA Marjorie Huffman

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.
Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for having enough confidence in me to elect me as your Sovereign Grand Master. There were a few seconds during installation when I was almost speechless, but that didn’t last. I overcame it rather quickly, as you know. We have a task before us, large but climbable, wide but fordable; a task that I cannot do on my own. The four elected leaders are/and will work together, the staff that each of us has will work together with us in overcoming, but in the end both our success and our progress in moving this beloved Fraternity of ours forward is going to depend on you: the local lodge members. We can encourage, we can show some ways that work for other lodges, we can do the ‘Dog and Pony Show’, but the Rubber meets the road at the local lodge level.

As the lodges move forward, so do we. I have started a video clip that is on You Tube and I’m hoping to get this into as many of the lodges as possible. This will also be posted on my Facebook page, ‘Sovereign Grand Master’. Two things I want out of this: (1) Get our program into as many lodges as possible; and (2) Receive feedback on the needs of the local lodge: the areas of help and areas of concern. I intend to have two postings a month and will use some of the chair people from some committees to give information and good news on some of the postings. This will start a new ‘COMMUNICATION’ process between the members of the local lodges and the ‘top of the ladder’ people. We have to have your feedback, so be prepared to talk to us: Email, Facebook, etc.

I just heard an interesting phrase that I will share. Many of our members do not like the thought of change, yet I hear so much about the way it was back……….. In the early 1900’s there were people standing in line at our front doors, wanting to join our lodges. They were a part of the community; they worked and lived in the community. Today, our lodges are locked up, unpainted, and only used by a select few. Those who want a functioning lodge, consider this,

“LET’S GO BACK TO THE FUTURE”

We will do more with that later. Our motto for this year, ‘United We Stand’

Together we can re-build our Order, put aside disagreement and put on the smile of happiness. We can do it.

In F., L. & T.,

Jimmy C. Humphrey

United We Stand!

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"
Greetings Sisters and Brothers all,

It is with a humble heart and a deep feeling of gratitude that I accept the awesome responsibilities of leadership of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

Any leader, however, can only function through the strength and cooperation of the membership. I am therefore asking for your assistance to help make this a great year for Rebekah Odd Fellowship.

To the installing staff, thank you for making this such a special night.

To Brother Jimmy, Lady Carol and General Don, my congratulations and I pledge my undying support and am looking forward to working with all of you this year.

Promoting the teachings of our Order.
We will have a great time this year!!!
I am also looking forward to working hard this year. All of you are indeed my Teddy Bear’s of Love.

I am so proud to be a Rebekah. It is one of the best things that has happened to me when I said yes to becoming a Rebekah. I have never been sorry for a moment that I committed to this wonderful Order. I know that if I need any kind of assistance all I have to do is call on a Sister or Brother and they will always be there for me.

I hope you all have a copy of our program. My session will be the “Together Session”. We all need to work together for our Order to survive.

My song for the year: “Love Can Build a Bridge” - we as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs really need to Love One Another. Sometimes we get frustrated with someone but as we are members of this wonderful Order then we can forgive and go on. Please don’t let petty differences get in the way of our friendships.

Our joint program this year is a great one. It is kind of amazing how we all worked on our programs separately and then when we got together how similar they were. I hope you all like and work with our program “Together we can succeed”.

There are many changes in our Order. Things are different than years ago but you know that isn’t bad. We need to adapt to the changes and work together however we can.

At all times I ask for your prayers and support. As I travel to your jurisdictions and as I try to accomplish the work you have entrusted to me.

Please know I look forward to meeting new brothers and sisters and having a lot more friends while traveling for this wonderful Order.

Always remember: The snowflake is one of Gods most fragile creations but just look what they can do when they stick together.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Sharon L. Burt

Teddy Bear—a source of comfort and joy all over the world.

Together we can succeed!
September 2014

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

I bring you Greetings from the General Military Council, my personal greetings and those from the jurisdiction of Kentucky. I would like to thank the Elected and my staff Officers for serving this year. I also thank the installing Officers for doing an outstanding job again this year. The change of command was done in a professional manner and I want to also thank everyone that helped.

I wish the current leaders Brother Jimmy Humphrey Sovereign Grand Master, Sister Sharon Burt President of the I.A.R.A. and Lady Carol Schoolcraft President of the I.A.L.A.P.M. the best in the upcoming year. I am looking forward to working with you this year. I know that this year is going to bring many challenge’s some you will like others you won’t. But remember to do what is best for the Order.

My Charities this year are: the Wounded Warrior Project, they fought for us, now it’s time to fight for them; and the Humane Society that take dogs that are about to be killed and put them in a training program with prisoners so they can help a Wounded Warrior In need of help. The money from the sales of my pins this year is going to be donated to them so if you see someone selling them please buy one or send a donation to me and I will add it to my donations.

I want to remind everyone about my Testimonial on November 14 & 15, 2014 in (Continued on page 11)

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Office of the President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

September 2014

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to the members of the IA-LAPM for elevating me to the post of President. A grand thank you to the installing staff and to those who have accepted appointments for the coming year. Each one of you is so very special and all of you are so very much appreciated! Thank You!! And to the elected officers of the IA-LAPM, I am looking forward to working with you all during the coming year.

I pledge my support to my 2014-2015 Co-Partners, Sovereign Grand Master, Brother Jimmy Humphrey; President-IARA, Sister Sharon Burt; and General Commanding, Gen. Donald Thomas; I am looking forward to our year. My hope and dream is our journey together will not only be smooth and productive but enjoyable as well.

When I was elected 2nd Vice President, I started working on a theme and a goal for my term. A friend wrote a poem several years ago, called ‘DARE TO’ which kept popping back into my head. With Deann’s permission, I have used parts of her poem for my theme.

Do what you love; it challenges the mind!
Attend meetings, make new friends; Ask for what you want!
Reach for the stars, believe in yourself; Have no fear!
Enjoy every day, have a sense of humor; Be zany!

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THE HONORABLE

JIMMY C. HUMPHREY

SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

2014-2015 OFFICERS

OF

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Robert W. 'Bob' Smith, IL

Past Sovereign Grand Master

MOTTO: UNITED WE STAND!

EMBLEM: Heart in hand reaching out in Friendship, Love and Truth to unify our Order.

THEME: To improve and elevate the character of mankind.

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 131

Humble trust in God. A song of ascents: Of David.

PROGRAM: Youth:

The future of our Order

Continuing the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth

Building Youth — Lodges, Clubs & Groups

CHALLENGE: Each Brother and Sister, along with each lodge, return to the basics — learn the ritual, practice the teachings of this great Order.

GOAL: Brothers, Sisters and Lodges working together to build the dreams of a united fraternity.

GUIDES: Bible and Ritual

SONG: It Is Well With My Soul

DEDICATION: My term is dedicated to the Brothers and Sisters of the Oglethorpe Lodge No. 1 and to my family who have supported and encouraged me on my journey.

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bury the dead, when a mortuary was unheard of; care for the widow, when such a thing as a widow’s pension was unknown; and care for the aged, when no one had advocated an old-age pension.

He sees them as they construct and maintain the first fraternal home for orphans, and he sees homes for the care of the orphan and the aged over all the land.

He sees their efforts in behalf of the laboring man result in governmental recognition of the rights of Labor.

As he sees those things, he knows that the work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has aroused public (Continued on page 7)
**MOTTO:** Together we can succeed!

**THEME:** To strengthen our Order through work, communication and unity.

- Teach others of our principles,
- Encourage those in need,
- Dedicate ourselves to Friendship, Love and Truth,
- Develop lifelong Friends,
- Yield to the new members to take an active part.

**Be**
**Enthusiastic**
**About**
**Rebekahs.** (shared from Pres.-SD 2014-2015)

**AIM:** To promote membership through Fraternal Love.

**GUIDES:** Holy Bible, Rebekah Ritual, Code of General Laws

**FLOWER:** Sunflower

**COLORS:** Turquoise, Silver and White

**SONGS:** Love Can Build a Bridge
Angels Among Us
May Each Day in your Life be a Good Day

**HYMN:** Amazing Grace

**SCRIPTURE:** Galatians 6:2 — Bear ye one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of God.

**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this year:
To my husband Gordon, who has supported me in all I have done.
To my brothers and sisters of Texas, they have always been there with “what do you need, how can we help”. Whatever I have needed they have done.

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conscience, established object lessons, and showed the way to organized society and fraternal institutions which now carry on work that it commenced. The stones selected from the brook by David were sufficient. Those five men were instrumental, if not responsible, for the improved humanitarian conditions in the world.

Odd Fellowship smiles with satisfaction as it looks back at that record of accomplishment. Seeing conditions as they are today, improved as they are over what they were when it began its ministrations to humanity, it feels that it has been of some service in the world, but it realizes the greatness of the

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Theme: Building Odd Fellowship for the future.

Motto: United we can carry Odd Fellowship into the future. Wear your uniform with pride. [Together we can reach new heights.]

Aim: I pledge to you that I will do my best to promote Friendship, Love and Truth and to help our membership grow. I will represent the G.M.C. with Pride, Honor and Respect to the office.

Challenge: Be understanding in any given situation.


Flowers: Roses and Lilacs.

Colors: Red, White and Blue.

Hymns: I can't even walk without him holding my hand. Amazing Grace

Song: Temporary Home

Scriptures: Psalms 118:24 — This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Mathew 6:9-13 — The Lords prayer.

Emblem:

Dedication: To my wife Sharon of 49 years, who has encouraged me in all my endeavors. The Lord has truly blessed me by sending an angel to be my soul mate. To my family who have helped in so many ways as I have traveled this journey. And to all my sisters and brothers of my lodges who have been with me all the way.

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Lady Carol Schoolcraft
President— I.A.L.A.P.M.

2014-2015 Officers of the International Association
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Page to the President
Right Aide to the 2nd VP
Immediate Past President

THEME: Believing that United, We can Build Dreams.

AIM: DARE TO!
Do what you love; it challenges the mind!
Attend meetings, make new friends; Ask for what you want!
Reach for the stars, believe in yourself; have no fear!
Enjoy every day, have a sense of humor; be zany!
Today, Tomorrow, Always, follow your hearts dreams!
Offer to volunteer your time, give more than you receive; be kind!

Challenge: Dare To:
Do at least some of these things.
Follow your hearts desire and your dreams. But most of all,
Gain at least, one new member.

MOTTO: If you must doubt; doubt your doubts; not your dreams or beliefs!

OBJECTIVE: Promote our Order in our Community. Work to install and restore pride in the Order.

GUIDES: Bible; Ritual; and Code of General Laws

COLORS: Purple, White & Gold

FLOWERS: Common White Daisy and Purple Wisteria

SONGS: If I Can Dream
Take Me Home Country Roads
Elvira — (fun song)

Hymns: Mansion Over the Hilltop
In the Garden
Beyond the Sunset

SCRIPTURE: 2nd Corinthians 5:7
We walk by faith, not sight.
Psalms 100

DEDICATION: To the memory of loved ones. To all who have supported me & especially to my family.

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The World laughed, “Ha, ha, ha!”
When it saw five simple youth,
And it laughed, “Ha, ha, ha, ha,”
At friendship, love, and truth.

But the World no longer laughs.
It now gives its acclaim
To the work of Odd Fellowship.
It honors Wildey’s name.
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
  2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf
  Add a bronze oak leaf for each additional 2

January 1, 2015— December 31, 2015

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, Unit Banner 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

UNITED WE STAND!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: by involving
your Lodge in Community activities
and civic projects, through this in-
volvement we will increase awareness
of Odd Fellowship in our Commu-
nities. Be part of your community, not
just in your community.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Support the projects of the Order:
United Nations Pilgrimage for
Youth
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 Aware-
ness Programs; and Community Pro-
ject(s) of your choice.

See the I.O.O.F. News — issues of
March-April & May-June for the re-
porting forms.
Louisville, Kentucky at the Holiday Inn Louisville East, 1325 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. If we have enough we are going to Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Museum. I hope everyone will be able to come and have a good time. I am looking forward to this year traveling to the all the departments and having fellowship with all my brothers and sisters.

I would like to thank General Dino and the committee for showing us a great time in Victoria. The things I did get to see were really beautiful. When we were walking on the street in uniform we were asked what order we belonged to and what it did. And all wanted to take a pictures with us. I also want to thank my wife Sharon and Family for all the support over the years. And the many of nights I was gone to lodge over the jurisdiction of Kentucky and the others jurisdiction across the U.S. and Canada.

Again I want to thank the installing Officers for a job well done.

Chivalrously,

General Donald R. Thomas

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UNITED WE CAN CARRY ODD FELLOWSHIP INTO THE FUTURE. WEAR YOUR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE. {TOGETHER WE CAN REACH NEW HEIGHTS.}

Over the past 2 years the jurisdictions we have visited, has treated us like royalty, and made us feel very much at home. This coming year, I am looking forward to traveling to new Jurisdictions and meeting new and old friends as well as working with all our Officers and Members. ALSO, during the coming year, my greatest hopes, prayers and dreams are: That we will ALL work together in Odd Fellowship, in love, peace and unity! Our LAM’S and Canton’s are a unique and wonderful part of the Order...So let’s take pride in them...RE—store them, & make them just a little better for the new ones who will be joining!

In closing I would like to leave you with these thoughts! BELIEVING THAT UNITED WE CAN BUILD DREAMS...But most of all DARE TO: FOLLOW YOUR HEARTS DESIRE & YOUR DREAMS!!!

THANK YOU & Richest Blessings!

Chivalrously,

Lady Carol Schoolcraft

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Today, Tomorrow, Always, follow your hearts dreams!
Offer to volunteer your time; Give more than you receive; Be kind!

My Challenge to EACH of you IS:
Dare To—Do at least some of these things
Dare To—Follow your heart’s desire and your dreams.
But most of all
Dare To—Gain at least, one new member….

Review the previous pages for the remainder of my program.

PROJECT(s): Educational Foundation; IALAPM Travel Fund ...And....Because so many family, neighbors, and friends have, or have had, this terrible disease, I have selected the Alzheimer Foundation to be my Special Project.

I am extremely honored, humbled, and very, very proud to have been elected and installed as President of our wonderful International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant!
General Proclamation

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

FraternalGreetings:

I, Jimmy C. Humphrey, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by
authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

September 20, 2014: Rebekah Degree Day, commemorating the 163rd Anniversary of the Degree
of Rebekah. All Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate an ‘Anniversary Class’ commem-
orating the day.

October 2014: 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.

January 15, 2015: 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.

March 23, 2015: 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.

April 18, 2015: Make a Difference Day.

April 26, 2015: Founder’s Day, commemorating the 196th Anniversary of the founding of the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland. All units of the Order are encour-
aged 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 9, 2015: 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 23rd day of August 2014 in the 196th
year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey
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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

   Now, 163 years later the Rebekah Degree has spread throughout the world.

   Therefore, I, Jimmy C. Humphrey, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim that,

   September 20, 2014 be proclaimed REBEKAH DEGREE DAY, in observance of the 163rd 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 23rd day of August 2014, in the 196th year of our Order.

   Yours in F, L & T,

   /s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey
   Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth
Proclamation

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

Fraternial Greetings:

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth having been organized in 1950 has just con-
cluded its 64th annual educational tour to the United Nations and other historical landmarks. Approximately 40,000 students have participated in the program since its inception.

The 65th tour is now being organized whereby additional students will ‘live the Spirit of
Odd Fellowship’ in the coming years. These young people are the future leaders and this is our
contribution to society.

Therefore, I, Jimmy C. Humphrey, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of
Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim that:

The month of October is:

**Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Month.** All units are asked to make immediate plans for their delegates and
to support the Pilgrimage in all ways possible.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 23rd day of August 2014 in the
196th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey
Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

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

1. Wildey Monument


He who realizes that the true mission of man on earth is to rise above the level of individual influence and to recognize the fatherhood of God overall and the brotherhood of man is nature’s true nobleman.

The site for this monument was unanimously voted by the Mayor and City of Baltimore, Anno Domini MDCCCLXV.

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 the Order in the City of Baltimore on the 26th day of April 1819 by Thomas Wildey.

Erected 1865 by Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Location. 39° 17.598’ N, 76° 35.638’ W. Marker is in Baltimore, Maryland. Marker is on Broadway 0.1 miles from Fayette Street, in the median. Marker is in this post office area: Baltimore, MD 21231, United States of America.

2. Top of Monument

By William Pfingsten, September 9, 2007

A Marble monument, sculpted by Edward F. Durang and approx. 52 feet high, is a tall doric column topped by a depiction of Charity. Charity holds a child in her arms and is looking down at another child at her side.

Regarding Thomas Wildey Monument. “Thomas Wildey (1782–1861) rose quickly through the chairs of the Odd Fellow Lodge in his native London, and two years after moving to Baltimore, established the first Odd Fellows Lodge in the United States, known as the Washington Lodge Number One.” — Smithsonian Institution Research Information System.

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Seal reads, “Amicitia Amor et Veritas. Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 1834. ‘We command you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.’ ”

Baltimore, Maryland — The American Northeast (Mid-Atlantic) Credits: by Bill Pfingsten of Bel Air, Maryland. J. J. Prats was the editor.
Fraternity had been defied: “I defy the armies of Fraternity!” It had been berated: “Thou king of slaves!” It had been challenged: “Choose ye a man and send him forth that I may fight with him!” In its misery it cried: “Woe is me, king of slaves! slaves to selfishness! slaves to greed! slaves to avarice! slaves to pleasure! Oh, is there not one among you who will venture forth and slay this enemy?”

Odd Fellowship accepted that challenge. It girded its loins; selected its weapon, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; gathered its ammunition, five men from the stream of life, under the leadership of Thomas Wildey; and it sent those men to do battle for humanity.

The number five, symbolical of that number of stones which David selected from the brook for use in his attack on the giant, Goliath, was selected by the fathers of Odd Fellowship as the number of members necessary to constitute a lodge of Odd Fellows, either Subordinate or Grand. That practice has been continued and is in force today.

While five is the required number of members, sometime one of that five is sufficient, as one of the five stones selected by David was sufficient. A young man was elected Noble Grand of a lodge that had been inactive for some time, and whose members were above the average age. On the first meeting night after his installation into office, a quorum was not present, and he was unable to open his lodge. The same condition existed on the next meeting night. Thereupon, the young man did some serious thinking. He decided not to surrender the position in which he had been placed, but to make that position what it was intended to be. With that thought in mind, during his term of office, he procured applications for membership of twenty-nine young men, and he saw to it that they were initiated and given the degrees. The result was that there was a substantial attendance at each of the meetings of his lodge during the latter part his term of office. Upon the expiration of that term of office, he continued his endeavors, and in a short period of he secured nineteen additional applications. Thus he demonstrated merit, and that the honors of the office had not undeservedly bestowed on him.

Five men may lawfully constitute a lodge of Odd Fellows; they may perform all of the beneficent functions of such a lodge; they may engage in all of the fraternal enterprises of a lodge; they may perform all of the charities in which Odd Fellows may engage, and a lodge so constituted may be, in every way, a successful lodge.

However, no Odd Fellow should deprive his friends of the privilege of membership in his lodge, and every Odd Fellow does so who does not invite his friends to become members with him. Additional members are necessary that there may be larger amounts contributed for the maintenance of homes, the carrying on of the work of the Educational Foundation, the defraying of the expenses of the Lodge, and other necessary cost.

With an increased membership, the Order will be able to function more efficiently, and to extend its beneficent influences over a larger territory. While Saul was successful in the destruction of his enemy by the use of one man and one stone, he would have been better prepared and would have saved himself much worry if he had had an army of Davids at his command.

While David needed only one stone to do the work which he set out to do, he selected five stones from the brook. Four of them he placed in his scrip, and the fifth one he placed in his sling. It was the fifth stone with which he killed Goliath. Oftentimes the newly created member of a lodge is the most active, efficient, and successful member of it. Sometimes such a member accomplishes things while the older members are satisfied to do nothing.

Many of the members of our organization are inactive. We carry a number of them in our script who do little more than contribute funds with which to defray the necessary expenses; yet we cannot say that they are not necessary to our work. Within that class of members is the reserved power of the organization, and from that class, oft times, come those who take active charge of the work and diligently labor in behalf of the Order. An Odd Fellow who has been inactive for many years oftentimes

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becomes a leader, and performs effective service for the Order.

Let there be enlisted within the ranks of Odd Fellowship every David who can be induced to do so! Let each of them be armed with its principles and sent into battle against its opponents! Let the world know that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a progressive organization, ready and willing to serve humanity. Let each of us try to be a fifth stone.

**WITH FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH**

When David approached Goliath in answer to the challenge, he was armed with a sling and five stones, and Goliath laughed “Ha ha ha with a sling and a stone!” When Washington Lodge No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was organized at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1819 with five members, and started out to resist the attacks of the enemies of humanity, the unthinking world laughed, “Ha, ha, ha, with friendship, love, and truth!”

Organized in a public tavern by a group of youths who were without finances or standing, socially or otherwise, and its very name inviting levity, the world laughingly asked: What is this organization that teaches that a poor man is as good as a rich one; that a ditch digger has equal rights with a banker or a merchant; that a farmer’s opinion should be considered with that of a manufacturer’s? And it laughed. But when that organization grew from five members to two and a half million members, and from one lodge to thirty thousand lodges; when it spread from Baltimore on the East, to the West, North, and South; when it built and maintained homes for the care of the aged, the widow and the orphan that set a pattern for the religious fraternal world; and when it did the many other fine things which it has done, the world ceased to laugh. It recognized that Odd Fellowship is one of the constituent forces working for the bringing about of that great time when the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall prevail on the earth, and that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is its instrumentality.

There are fraternal societies that are richer in finances than the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; that maintain more expensive buildings and lodge rooms; and that pride themselves on their aristocracy, their wealth, and their ancestry; but there are thousands of people who cannot afford to pay the price to join them, or to remain members of them.

To people of moderate means—the farmer, the laborer, the merchant, and others who have little money to put into a fraternal society, and who want to belong to a society that affords them an opportunity to aggregate their efforts in behalf of their fellow man—there is no fraternal organization more excellent and efficient than the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellow finds a lodge in almost every village and hamlet in the country, and everywhere he finds wearers of the ‘three links’. Those lodges meet once each week, and in their meetings a brother is welcome. There, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, meet as brothers, and to gain admission, a brother needs only proper identification and a receipt for dues. There, no question is asked as to his rank or station in life. There, no inquiry is made as to his financial means. There, he bears the words, “Welcome, welcome, brother”.

The Odd Fellow of today looks back over the history of one hundred and seventeen years of the life of the Order.

He sees five men bind themselves for the amelioration of the conditions of the world, and start on a march against the opposition of political, religious, and fraternal bodies, and be sees them gather support, from day to day, until they now number more than a million and a half.

He sees those five men, without funds, and, oftentimes, without employment, pass the Warden’s ax to receive contributions for the relief of their brothers. He sees those contributions increase in amount and number, until the amount of money that has been expended by the Order for relief exceeds three hundred millions of dollars, and the amount invested in homes of the Order exceeds fourteen millions of dollars.

He sees them officially recognize the rights of women, take women into their membership, and grant special privileges to women.

He sees them, at the close of the war between the states extend the hand of friendship to their brothers who had been absent from the meetings of The Sovereign Grand Lodge during the period of the war, and whose seats in that body had been left vacant as a reminder of their absence.

He sees them visit the sick, when there are no hospitals and nurse the sick, when there are no professional nurses; stand at the grave which they have excavated, and
HARMONY IN THE WORK OF OUR ORDER

To accomplish satisfactory results in the work of our great fraternity it is essential that our efforts be along harmonious lines. It is just as important that there be harmony in this work as it is that there be harmony in our own homes. In our efforts to properly do the work of Odd Fellowship we oftentimes find a disturbing factor in some one brother or sister who is so determined to have his or her way that he or she will sacrifice not only the good name of our Order but will assail the reputation and good name of a brother or sister as well.

Honest difference of opinion as to the advisability of proposed measures and proposed policies will exist and should be discussed and determined in a fraternal way, but personal feelings and prejudice should be eliminated in all such discussions and the measures or policies be determined solely upon their merits. It is true; however, that no strong character can go through life without displeasing someone, but strong characters will not take umbrage at such displeasure for the reason that their work has been done for the general good.

No member of this great fraternity should permit his personal prejudice to control his actions. We should remember that every time we speak ill of others we are undermining our own character. If we see nothing except the good in our brothers and sisters, they will very soon see nothing other than good in us. If we desire to be cheerful and happy, we should spend our time in comforting those who are cheerless. We usually get in this world that for which we start out in search. Look for enemies and you will find no enemies. How wise it is therefore that we strive to be right ourselves. When we desire to accomplish good, it requires thought and a high purpose; to avoid speaking ill of others requires only silence.

Most of the trouble arising in the work of our fraternity comes from the meddlesome—from those who assume to be right, never thinking for a moment that they may be wrong. The misunderstandings and unkind words growing out of the actions of such members cause endless trouble and make the difficulties to overcome much greater. Let us put forth a special effort during the incoming year to create good feeling wherever possible—to speak kind words every day and to think no ill of anyone. Whenever opportunity offers let us commend all who have done any good work as being better than it is usually done. We should not expect perfection in others when we know ourselves to be so imperfect.

Let us be just, honest, sincere, tolerant, hospitable, loyal and charitable. Let us remember that mankind is hungering for genuine, sincere friendship. The helpfulness of this great fraternity depends upon the members themselves. We should each “act well his part”. Under no circumstances should we speak ill of anyone and should ever be more ready to commend than to condemn.

E. S. Conway
Past Grand Sire
1906-1908
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to share with you all a newly installed Grand Master’s program: it reminds us of getting back to basics ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**INTRO TO PROGRAM:** As a planner by nature and when I got elected as Grand Warden two years ago, on my way home I started writing notes in my notebook and since that time, two words that consistently came back to me was service and community. This theme has resonated within me so much for the last two years and I am thrilled to share with you tonight!

**PROGRAM TOOLS:** In this year, I hope that you will remember my three C’s.

**THE FIRST C IS COMMUNICATION:** Communication is essential for us all to stay connected and unified in our Order. Here are just a few of the points of communication you’ll hear about in the coming year:

First, our Program Book has been expanded to include Encampments and Cantons; resourceful websites; the SGL 5 Year Plan and other useful bits of information.

Secondly, I will also be communicating to you all year long by issuing six bi-monthly newsletters that will be distributed through the Grand Lodge email list, our FaceBook page and printed copies mailed to lodges who I know do not access the internet.

Other tools of communication available to you is through your support of the Scholarship Fund by purchasing our Pins and an Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Making A Difference T-Shirt. The shirts are great conversation starters, geared to promote unity at Odd Fellow and Rebekah functions and to raise awareness of our Order in all of our communities!

**WHICH TAKES ME TO MY SECOND C WHICH IS COMMUNITY:** I recall the Scripture that a former Grand Master used from Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish: It is a very true statement indeed. **In this term, my vision is for all lodge members to choose to work together to develop a mission for their lodge; in service to its fraternal family and its community.** In so doing, the member’s relationship with each other is strengthened and unified. Each lodge must embrace the action words of The SGL command: “Visit, Relieve, Bury & Educate” and reinvent them to meet the needs of their own lodge members and their communities in ways that only the local lodge knows how. In so doing, lodges find purpose for themselves, solidify their place in their community, plant seeds of awareness of their lodge in their community and as a bonus may gain new members along the way, too.

**Active Support:** I do have one point from my Fraternal Message that I want to share with you now. Please listen closely. In my quest of encouragement for each lodge to be actively involved in its community and to impress on you the sincerity of my mission, I want you to know that it is not given without an offer of assistance. In lieu of your scheduled Official Visit, I can come and instead be a helper and serve with you in the service project your lodge chooses to do. Also, if your lodge shares a Rebekah Lodge, make that a joint project. The SGL has a formal “Make A Difference Day” each April, but we are able to have one any day of the year, as many times as we see a need.

If a Lodge or Lodges choose to do a service project in lieu of an Official Visit or Joint Official Visit, I hope that you too would consider coming and joining that lodge’s local effort. **I dream of us all working together, wearing**

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New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. '14 to 31 Dec. '14—cont.

| State           | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members | New Members |
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| North Carolina  | 11          | 7           | 4           | 12          | 8           | 4           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| North Dakota    | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Ohio            | 2           | 2           | 0           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 8           | 8           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
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| Ontario         | 5           | 3           | 2           | 14          | 11          | 3           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Oregon          | 20          | 17          | 3           | 15          | 14          | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 3           |
| Pennsylvania    | 73          | 59          | 14          | 3           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 3           | 1           | 2           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 80          |
| Philippines     | 31          | 20          | 11          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 31          |
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| Texas           | 42          | 26          | 16          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 48          |
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| Washington      | 26          | 15          | 11          | 2           | 1           | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 30          |
| West Virginia   | 23          | 20          | 3           | 7           | 7           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 30          |
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| **TOTAL**       | **551**     | **395**     | **156**     | **108**     | **89**      | **19**      | **21**      | **18**      | **3**       | **15**      | **9**       | **6**       | **2**       | **3**       | **1**       | **5**       | **3**       | **709**     |

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our Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Making a Difference T-Shirts, serving in the spirit of Friendship, Love and Truth to Make a Difference all across the jurisdiction. Let us make great things happen-together!

Unity in Community: In the word ‘community’ you will find the word, UNITY. Almost 14 years ago, a bill was passed at The SGL that changed the history of our Order forever that allowed women to be members in the Odd Fellows Lodge. I am thankful for my husband and all the brothers at my Lodge for the favorable election of me to be a member. I am thankful that I can serve, literally side by side in the same room, in the same meetings with my husband. If your lodge has not yet extended the hand of Odd Fellowship to women, I hope you will do so this year. Our Society, whether we agree to it or not, has changed. People want to serve together in unity with no barriers on race, gender, sect or creed. People that have the pay it forward mindset do not want to be a part of organization that limits who is able to be a member. By choosing to extend a hand of Odd Fellowship to women membership, your lodge may be revitalized as you gain more members to share in your lodge’s mission.

THE THIRD C IS CHARITY: The charity I am speaking about is having a godly love.

Since joining in 2001, my longtime favorite lithograph is the one that features the All Seeing Eye of God at the top and under that the Three Links. In the center of that beautiful lithograph is the right hand is extended with a vibrant red heart laying inside it. On the bottom portion is the Bible is on a stand laying open to 10th book of Luke where the story of the Good Samaritan is told and a sketch is there of that story. Draped over the right page of the Bible is an image depicting the story of Jonathan and David.

Throughout the Bible we learn that love is sacrificial and that “God is Love.” 1st John 4:11: “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” The teachings of the story of Jonathan and David and the Good Samaritan depict this year’s theme very, very well. The story of Jonathan and David tells about two dear friends and how one protected and helped the other. That to me is what we can do when we support our fellow Brothers and Sisters in the Lodge in their time of need, friends helping friends. On the other hand, the Story of the Good Samaritan is an example of a man who was met with very difficult times and a stranger chose to make a difference. To me, that is what we can do when we choose to help support our fellow man, our neighbor, or our community.

I think it not ironic that those two images depicting the teachings of Sincere Friendship and Unbiased, Sacrificial Love are what was chosen to be pictured with the emblematic heart in hand. That my friends is our theme this year: The Heart in Hand which means to me, to extend a hand of service in love to your brothers, your sisters and your community. Matthew 25:40 says, “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me’.” That my friends is service, in Love, defined.

The traveling emblem I have chosen, the candle, is a token towards the Good Samaritan, who was the one who chose to make a difference and was a ‘light’ so to speak for that one man who was at a point in his life when he needed help the most. Scripture said the man had been left half dead and the Good Samaritan had compassion on him. Compassion, another word for that is mercy. I want us to be a light to our brothers, sisters and our neighbors. Matthew 5:14 & 15: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.” Our house is our lodge. Our house is our community.

I am aware that some lodges do projects periodically, yet others may not. In either case, I hope that we all will begin to think outside the norm and look in places we have not explored before to make a difference. We all who are members of this wonderful Order have all taken the Degrees of Odd Fellowship and/or Rebekah Odd Fellowship. We all know our teachings, our motto, our Valediction. We have all been given a light and it is time to let our light shine brightly through service in love to our fraternal family and in our communities.

I now challenge everyone to plan and do likewise; we as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs can be that light which shines bright in each community.

Fraternally yours,
Jon R. Petersen
Membership Chairman
**Veterans**

**85 years**
Doris Blevins, KS

**80 years**

**75 Years**
Archie Stephenson, AB
William Stephenson, AB
Edwin Nelson, AB

**70 Years**
Eldon Couey, AB
Don Jackson, AB
Roy Nelson, AB

**65 Years**
Al Sim, AB
Norm Kakke, AB
Fred Hall, AB
Carol Mendenhall, CO
Maxine Boggs, CO
Charles E. Worrell Sr., TN

**60 Years**
Ron Patton, AB
Peter Bobryk, AB
LaVerne Eskeland, AB
Larry Moore, AB
David Kaun, AB
Patricia Eshelman, KS
Martha Brock, KY
Mary June Davies, KY

**55 years**
Richard Mammel, AB
Charles Bates, AB
Doug Hilton, AB
Dave Jersey, AB
Robert Wenstrom, AB
Twila Low, CO
Ed Tooma, VA

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.

**Odd Fellows Veteran Buttons**—starting at 5 years
Item No. 1227—1242
May be ordered through your Grand Lodge

**Rebekah Veteran Buttons**—starting at 5 years
Item No. 2202—2216-80
May be ordered through your Rebekah Assembly
*Buttons are not to scale.*

Also the following Jewels are available from your grand body secretary:
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Reach out and change the world today and the future! The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth belongs to YOU the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. YOUR generosity has made this program a success for 65 years. YOUR generosity will allow the program to continue growing, for another 65 years.

Fraternally,

Your UNEPY, Inc. Board of Directors

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The UN Pilgrimage is looking for partners to sponsor one or more activities of the UN Pilgrimage. If you know a company (or other source) that supports youth activities, please send their name, address and phone number or email to: unpinc@unpilgrimage.org
September 2014

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The Board of Directors of the UN Educational Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. is pleased to announce the dates for the 2015 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour Program and that tour fees will remain the same (NO INCREASE!!!)

Dates for 2015 Tour -

(starting in Philadelphia) July 11th – July 24th
(starting in Toronto and Harrisburg) 16th – July 29th

2015 Tour Fees in US Funds -

$1,600.00 Delegates
$1,300.00 Tour Leaders

These fees do not include the cost of transportation from your jurisdiction to their originating point in Philadelphia, Ottawa or Harrisburg.

All FEES, PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS should be mailed to: UNP IOOF, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830.

All REGISTRATION FORMS and TOUR LEADER APPLICATIONS with all Required Documents should be mailed to my office listed above in Illinois.

DEADLINE DATES:

January 15th – Confirm number of delegates and pay non refundable holding fee of 1/2 delegates fee per delegate ($800.00 each).

April 1st – Final payment for all delegates along with All Completed Registration Forms in Duplicate with All Required Supporting Documents. Registration Forms can be found on our web site at: www.unpilgrimage.org

January 15th – Tour Leaders and Assistant Tour Leaders must submit applications approved by their Jurisdiction no later than January 15th for approval by the Board of Directors. These applications can be found on our web site at: www.unpilgrimage.org. You must include a color copy of your Passport along with proof of insurance with your application.

April 1st – Tour Leader and Assistant Tour Leader Fees, - Tour Leaders must be approved by the U.N.E.P.Y. Inc., Board. Fees are due in full, along with a copy of your physicians’ statement no later than April 1st.

The above Deadline Dates reflect receipt of payments in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a completed Registration form at my Office. Any payments or forms and documents received after these dates will be assessed a $50.00 per delegate late fee.

Please contact your Jurisdictional Chair for specific deadline dates in your Jurisdiction.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Janet L. Bruce, Executive Director
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**Alabama** – 9 June 2015, Grand Secretary – John Boshell, 1301 Viking Dr, Jasper, AL 35501

**Alberta** – 18-19 April 2015, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 24 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2K 3E8

**Arizona** – 19 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**Arkansas** – 17-18 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Jon R. Petersen, 5469 A E Hwy 14, Lead Hill, AR 72644

**Atlantic Provinces** – November 2015, Grand Secretary – Richard C. O’Connell, PO Box 3340, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, South Australia 5000

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

**British Columbia** – 2-3 May 2015, Grand Secretary – Dino Fiorin, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E9

**California** – 13-16 May 2015, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 14414-B Oak St, Saratoga, CA 95070-2669

**Chile** – DDGM – Salomón Meyohas R., Rodrigo de Triana 4235, Depto. 93, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile

**Colorado** – 16 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Douglas Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

**Connecticut** – 26-27 September 2014, Grand Secretary – Warren Smith, PO Box 1055, New Milford, CT 06776-1055

**Cuba** – Grand Secretary Juan Manuel Grando Garcia, 20 de Mayo No. 615, Habana 6, Ciudad Habana CP10600

**Delaware** – November 2014, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713

**District of Columbia** – 7 March 2015, Grand Secretary – Walter R. Hoenes, 3233 N ST NW, Washington, DC 20007

**Europe** – May 2015, Grand Secretary, Guðlaug B. Björnsdottir, Trönhúshólum 6, 111 Reykjavik, Iceland

**Florida** – May 2015, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012

**Georgia** – 17-19 April 2015, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Hawaii** – DDGM – Lambert K Lui, 523 N Pauahi St, Honolulu, HI 96817

**Idaho** – 21 October 2014, Kenny Averill, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605

**Illinois** – 13-14 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Jerald T. Sarnes, PO Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62656-0248

**Indiana** – 24-25 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Diana Merritt, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

**Iowa** – 7-10 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Lawrence Shilling, 3850 Oakwood Dr NW, Des Moines, IA 50322

**Kansas** – 15-16 October 2014 – Grand Secretary – Wesley Wilbur, PO Box 20, Peck, KS 67120

**Kentucky** – 12 October 2014, Grand Secretary – James Sanders, 1620 Pontiac Way, Bowling Green, KY 42103

**Louisiana** – March 2015, DDGM Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Maine** – 17-18 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Ken Grant, 80 Caron Ln, Auburn, ME 04210

**Manitoba** – April 2015, Grand Secretary – Dorian Sherman, 118-4025 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5

**Maryland** – May 2015, Grand Secretary – Clair R. Carrick, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222

**Massachusetts** – 4-6 June 2015, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606

**Mexico** – DDGM – Oscar H. Delferrial, POB 940, Clearlake, CA 95422-0940

**Michigan** – 19-22 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Anthony Poma, 115 W St Joe St, Litchfield, MI 49252

**Minnesota** – 18-20 June 2015, Grand Secretary – Alex Saloum, PO Box 7415 Hutchinson, MN 55350-7415

**Mississippi** – June 2015, Grand Secretary – Ken Howard, PO Box 1127, Greenwood, MS 38935-1127

**Missouri** – May 2015, Grand Secretary – Kenneth D. Higgins, PO Box 336, Fulton, MO 65251

**Montana** – June 2014, Grand Secretary – Donald R Scott, 109 Riverview 5W, Great Falls, MT 59404

**Nebraska** – 16-17 October 2014, Grand Secretary – Jim Standerford, 1008 S Hutchins Ave, York, NE 68467

**Nevada** – 15-16 June 2015, Grand Secretary – William Knight, 2230 S Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703

**New Hampshire** – 2-4-25 April 2015, Grand Secretary Douglas P. Whitney, 200 Pleasant St, Concord, NH 03301-2505

**New Jersey** – 17-19 June 2015, Grand Secretary – Debbie L. McClelland, 4527 Rte 130 S, Burlington, NJ 08016

**New Mexico** – 25-28 September 2014, Grand Secretary – Barbara J. Corfield, POB 9234, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9234

**New York** – July 2015, Grand Secretary – Donald D. Ruttigliano, 245 Costa Rd, Highland, NY 12528

**North Carolina** – 16-18 October 2014, Grand Secretary – R. Kenneth Babb, 315 N Spruce St, Ste 250, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**North Dakota** – 12-13 June 2015, Grand Secretary – Mark Ulrich, 1107 Walnut St, Devils Lake, ND 58301

**Ohio** – May 2015, Grand Secretary – Hebern D. Hannah, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088

**Oklahoma** – November 31-Dec 2, 2014, Grand Secretary – Jandryd Lawson, PO Box 588, Perry, OK 73077-0588

**Ontario** – 5-6 May 2015, Grand Secretary – John R. Nichols, 157 Frederick St, Stratford, ON N5A 3V6

**Oregon** – 12 May 2015, Grand Secretary – Patricia O. Fries, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

**Pennsylvania** – 22-24 June 2015, Grand Secretary – Justin C. Bailey, 1001 W Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4899

**Puerto Rico** – DDGM Alberto Cue Varela, Alameda No. 40 – Urb Munoz Rivera, Guaynabo, PR 00969

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