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Seven Stars Tavern — 2nd St.

Today, located at what would be 617 Water St., Baltimore, MD

Noticed in the Baltimore American on the 27th day of March 1819:

“NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS. — A few members of the Society of Odd Fellows will be glad to meet their brethren for the purpose of forming a Lodge, on Friday evening, 2d April, at the Seven Stars, Second Street, at the hour of seven P.M.”

Sovereign Grand Master’s Message

President - I.A.R.A. - Message

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2015 Session Information

Membership
Thank you from:

PSGM Paul and Allison Cuminale for the many cards, calls and prayers at passing of Allison’s mother Jane Schaeffer.

PP-IARA Jan Simmonds for the many cards, calls, prayers and e-mails at the passing of Brother Earl Simmonds.
Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings all,

As you get this message, some will be awaiting Spring, looking hard for it, some will still be digging the ‘white fluffy stuff’ off the roofs and drives. I will be wondering what we are doing to ourselves as a Fraternity. I have spent the last two months in more conversation with Jurisdictions that have ‘CREATED’ their own issues than I have in constructively moving the Order forward.

The big green creature, ‘MONEY’ creates some issues but ‘PERSONAL ISSUES’ have taken the front seat, big time.

Karen Peck has a cd “No Worries” on which one of the songs in it talks about us, ‘Why Can’t all God’s Children Get along’ – I have used Odd Fellows/Rebekahs in place of ‘all God’s children’

Red and Yellow, black, brown and white; We all look the same in the dead of night. Whooping and hollering, putting up a fight; Dark days are coming, I can’t see the light.

Why can’t Odd Fellows and Rebekahs get along We can’t all be right, we can’t all be wrong We’re just different singers in the same old song Why can’t Odd Fellows and Rebekahs get along.

Once upon a time things were sunny and blue; The world was a garden but there were only two. More came along with their own point of view; If it’s gonna get good, it’s up to me and you.

Why can’t Odd Fellows and Rebekahs get along We can’t all be right, we can’t all be wrong

My Brothers and Sisters, it only takes one person to be disagreeable, either in words or actions. One bad apple does indeed mess the whole barrel up. I urge all of us, look closely at who we are in the lodge, what are we doing/saying. Are we really involved in “IMPROVING AND ELEVATING THE CHARACTER OF MANKIND”?

We are in a critical period of time as far as our success, our growth, our continuation as a Fraternal Order is concerned. We, YOU and I, have got to move forward with a clear mind, our heart in our hand as we reach out to each other in the lodge, in the community. Our success is going to come at the local lodge level, I urge you, put aside the little piety personal items that are causing such a wave of hurt, so much anguish in our Order. I can’t do this on my own, I am asking each Brother and Sister to move forward, get into the future, and get our Order into the future.

Fraternally yours,

Jimmy C. Humphrey

United We Stand!

“We SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN”
Greetings Sisters and Brothers all,

First let me say a big THANK YOU to everyone who attended my Testimonial here in Fort Worth. I truly hope everyone had a good time and I look forward to seeing all again in August.

I hope everyone is keeping warm. Even here in Texas it has been very cold.

March is Arthritis month. Why don’t you take a time at your next meeting and take up a collection or give a donation. I think there are very few of us who are not affected by this disease. Send donations to your local Arthritis office and a copy to your Rebekah Assembly Secretary to tally the total for your jurisdiction.

I attended the committee meeting of the UNEP. I am very pleased to say we are able to add another bus. This great news and hope we are able to get new members from this wonderful part of our Order.

Are you going out and getting the new members we need? Every year the cost of keeping us up and running is going up and our membership is going down. Brothers and sisters, do we just keep raising our dues or can we change things and increase our membership. Are you ready to give up? I am not and I hope you are not either. Our future is what we can make of it. Every one of our members is important and valuable. Our Order and influence is far and wide. How we live our lives and how we treat our fellowman is noticed by others. Please work hard on getting new members.

Are you the type of member who inspires someone to want to join our Order, do you practice the principles of our order, are you a walking billboard for our Order. Then how could anyone not want to join our Order.

As spring arrives I hope everyone is OK and things warm up.

Always remember God will supply but we must apply.

Fraternally,

Sharon Burt, President

TEDDY BEAR—A SOURCE OF COMFORT AND JOY ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Together we can succeed!

Sharon Burt, President
March 2015

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

Hello Brother and Sisters I hope everyone is staying warm. The weather hasn’t been very bad here this winter. We only had snow two times and the worst we got was 4 inches. It was gone the next day; we have had a couple of cold weeks but nothing that was very bad. Since my last article I have been to the site inspection in Fort Worth, Texas. Everyone should have a good time in Fort Worth; the committee has done a great job getting everything worked out for us. The hotel is under renovation and it will be done before we get there in August, the rooms are very nice and big.

On a sad note we have lost a longtime friend Lady Katie Burns. She will be missed and our prayers go to the family. Sharon and I went to Sharon Burt’s Testimonial in Fort Worth; at the same hotel we are going to have the annual sessions. We would like to thank Sharon for the invitation to dinner on Thursday night, we had a great time. The year is half over it seems like yesterday that I was elected General Commanding the year is going fast. The study Committee has been working very hard to come up with something to present to the Executive Officers in May at the Tomb weekend in Alexandria, VA. I hope the G.M.C. and the I.A.L.A.P.M. members will get

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March 2015

Office of the President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Spring! Typical spring is usually looked upon as a time of renewal. With spring comes flowers, the leaves are starting to come out on the trees, the grass is greener and the sky is bluer. Let us follow this example and create renewal and new growth in our Order. Let us all get busy, ask someone to join with us, be sure to carry applications.

D. Define clearly the exact way we wish our unit to go;
R. Repair uniforms, or get new ones;
E. Educate members and the community about our Order;
A. Assist where help is needed;
M. Maintain existing Cantons and Auxiliaries while obtaining new members.

Brig. Gen. David and I attend all my Co-Partners Testimonials; each one was very well planned and a good time was had by all. Site inspection was in January, the hotel staff was helpful and cordial, and the planning committee is doing an awesome job. I am looking forward to our Session there in August.

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behind it and support it.

We still need to work on our membership. I know everyone is tired of hearing this, but it can only be done if everyone would bring in one new member this year we – could turn things around. I have seen it done in some of our lodges in Kentucky. We had a lodge that was meeting with 5 or 6 members every week and one of the guys got his son to join and he got his friend and his friend got a couple of his friends they got in some of their friends and so on. I went to their lodge the other night and they had 25 at the meeting and they are involved in the community and they are raising money for at least two charities each month. All on them are in their 20s & 30s, so it can be done if we only try.

I used to have a saying at work when one of my crew told me they can’t do something. And I would always tell them if they can’t do it, then they can’t stay and you would be surprised how things got done. So all it takes is a little effort to get it done. I never liked the word can’t. This will work with our membership if we put a little effort in getting new members.

Sharon and I are looking forward to start making the spring and summer visits. We start the middle of March and will be going somewhere every week until the middle of July. I wish I could make everyone but that is impossible to be three places at once. Please remember our Wounded Warriors and buy one of my pins; this is where the money goes.

Chivalrously,

General Donald R. Thomas

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The IALAPM Officers will be starting their spring visitations in March, please make our Representatives who attend your jurisdiction welcome. We are all very pleased to see old friends and meet new. Also do not hesitate to ask for their assistance, sometimes we don’t see a problem, so please don’t hesitate to ask for help!

The Spring Holidays are upon us, I realize not all of our members celebrate Easter, but I believe I would be safe in ‘assuming’ all of us like and eat the Chocolate Easter Bunny. The following is some interesting figures I ran across recently: Over ninety million chocolate Easter bunnies are produced each year. Chocolate bunnies should be eaten ears first, according to 76% polled. Five percent said bunnies should be eaten feet first, while 4% favored eating the tail first. Adults prefer milk chocolate (65%) to dark chocolate (27%).

Chivalrously,

Lady Carol Schoolcraft

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

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To the Officers and Grand Representatives of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Officers and Members
of all Units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternally Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, beginning Monday morning, August 17, 2015, and ending Friday afternoon, August 21, 2015.

Headquarters and Sessions
Sheraton Hotels & Resorts
1701 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
189th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
99th Annual Session

General Military Council
112th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
77th Annual Session

Youth
Youth Day, Banquet, and Talent Night
See ‘Youth Informer’ for Details
14-15 August 2015

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN."
Sheraton Forth Worth Hotel and Spa  
1701 Commerce Street ~ Fort Worth, Texas 76102  

ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUEST FOR:  
The Sheraton Forth Worth Hotel and Spa  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs  

August 12 ~ 23, 2015 – Event Dates  
August 1, 2015 ~ Reservation Due Date  

Toll Free Reservations: 1.888.625.8556  
Reservations:  
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1502067144&key=16D4F836

The Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa is located in downtown Fort Worth and across from the beautiful Fort Worth Water Garden. Club level accommodations state-of-the-art innovations with the warmth of our friendly, western crossroads city. Our hotel as an exclusive in the downtown, Spa Beaubelle features a yoga room, Pilates studio, and six treatment rooms.  
The hotel is within walking distance or by Molly the Trolley of numerous restaurants and world-class entertainment, and convenient to Dallas/Fort Worth international Airport (DFW). The Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa is the perfect place to hang your cowboy hat.  
There are so many things to do in Forth Worth. Downtown Fort Worth is ideally situated across the street from the Fort Worth Convention Center and near Fort Worth Sundance Square, Billy Bob’s, the Fort Worth Cultural District and more. Whether you choose to explore the historic Stockyards, marvel at exotic animals in the Fort Worth Zoo, or spend the day in the Arts District, Fort Worth has it all.  

Rooms $159.00 (Single, Double, Triple, or Quad)  
Plus applicable state and local taxes (currently 8.25% per room)  

A block of rooms has been reserved for August 12-23, 2015. Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the Sheraton Hotel (888) 625-8556. Be sure and state you are with the IOOF SGL 2015.  

Deadline for hotel reservations is August 1, 2015.  

Airport Shuttle Service will be available to and from DFW Airport between the hours of 24 hours a day.  
Molly the Trolley the vintage style trolley is a quick and convenient way to get around Fort Worth. Best of all IT’S FREE!!!
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**PLEASE CHECK PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS**
All accommodations are based on availability

Special Odd Follows Texas discount rate  
$159.00 based on single/double/king occupancy  
Current Tax Rate: 15% total:  
Subject to change:

- Single Bedded Guestroom  
  (1 bed – 1 or 2 people)
- Double Bedded Guestroom  
  (2 beds – 1 or 2 people)

**Please note all rooms are non-smoking**

Special Requests: ________________________________________________________________
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**PLEASE CHECK METHOD OF PAYMENT**
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**DO NOT SEND CASH**
If you elect to pay by cheque for guest rooms, please **wait** for confirmation number to be received.

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**We look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth, Texas.**

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****All Members Attending All Units MUST Register****

SGL SESSION 2015
Fort Worth, Texas, USA
The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council, International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant and the Youth

Pre-Registration
One form per person. Please register by July 15, 2015

Name: ________________________________ (Highest Current or Past Title)
_________________________ (Unit of the Order Attending: SGL – IARA – GMC – IALAPM - Youth)

Address:
City, State/Province: ________________________________ Zip/Postal Code: ______________
Phone: ________________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________
Arrival Date/Time: ________________ Departure Date/Time: ________________
Will you be flying or driving? ________________________________

| Pre-Registration Fee (on or before July 15, 2015) | US $75 |
| Registration Fee (after July 15, 2015) | US $85 |

• No Fee for Youth Registration, but Youth must register – Advisor(s) MUST REGISTER

~~~~~~~~SPECIAL EVENTS~~~~~

Youth Banquet | US $45
Youth Accommodations – please contact James Daniel at: 903.872.7438 or jamesdaniel@ntcv.com

Officers’ Banquet – Monday August 17, 2015 | US $ 75

Dietary Requirements:

Fun Night – Western – Wednesday 19, 2015 | US $70

TOTAL ENCLOSED USD FUNDS | US $

Make checks payable to:
SGL 2015 Session Committee

Mail to:
SGL 2014 Committee
PO Box 111443
Houston, TX 77293
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

SPECIAL EVENT REGISTRATION

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Sheraton Hotel & Resorts. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule.

GROUP NAME: _____________________________________________

CONTACT PERSON: _________________________________________

ADDRESS: _________________________________________________

CITY, STATE/PROV: ZIP/POSTAL CODE: _______________________

TELEPHONE: _______________________________________________

E-MAIL: ____________________________________________________

TYPE OF EVENT: ___________________________________________
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Cocktail Receptions, etc.)

PREFERRED DATE & TIME: _________________________________

NUMBER EXPECTED: _________________________________________

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _________________________________________

Mail to: SGL 2015 Committee
8186 Record St
PO BOX 111443
Houston, TX 77293
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Airport Transportation Web Reservation Portal
(Service provided by GO Yellow Checker Shuttle)

Select one of the options below to make a reservation. Please follow the instructions below to make your airport transfer reservations:

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Founder’s Day Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety-six years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

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 April be declared Odd Fellows Anniversary Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That April 26, 2015 be known as Founder’s Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 196th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, 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.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of February 2015 and of our Order the 196th year.

[Seal]

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Make A Difference Day Proclamation

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent order of Odd Fellowship

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety–six years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

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

that the Saturday the 18th day of April be declared Odd Fellows and Rebekahs MAKE A DIFFERENCE Day.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Community Work Project; Hands Across Your: city, town, village, community followed by an open house in the lodge hall; et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2015 and of our Order the 196th year.

[Seal]  Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:  /s/ Jimmy C. Humphrey
         Sovereign Grand Master

         /s/ Terry L. Barrett
         Sovereign Grand Secretary
The Daffodil Principle

Jaroldeen Asplund Edwards

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, “Mother, you must come see the daffodils before they are over.” I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead.

“I will come next Tuesday,” I promised, a little reluctantly, on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and so I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn’s house and hugged and greeted my grandchildren, I said, “Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in the clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see bad enough to drive another inch!”

My daughter smiled calmly and said, “We drive in this all the time, Mother.”

“Well, you won’t get me back on the road until it clears, and then I’m heading for home!” I assured her.

“I was hoping you’d take me over to the garage to pick up my car.”

“How far will we have to drive?”

“Just a few blocks,” Carolyn said. “I’ll drive. I’m used to this.”

After several minutes, I had to ask, “Where are we going? This isn’t the way to the garage!”

“We’re going to my garage the long way,” Carolyn smiled, “by way of the daffodils.”

“Carolyn,” I said sternly, “please turn around.”

“It’s all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience.”

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand-lettered sign that said, “Daffodil Garden.”

We got out of the car and each took a child’s hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, we turned a corner of the path, and I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns—great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron, and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

“But who has done this?” I asked Carolyn.

“It’s just one woman,” Carolyn answered. “She lives on the property. That’s her home.”

Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house that looked small and modest in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster. “Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking” was the headline.

The first answer was a simple one. “50,000 bulbs,” it read. The second answer was, “One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and very little brain.” The third answer was, “Began in 1958.”

There it was, The Daffodil Principle. For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun—just one bulb at a time— to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountain top. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, had changed the world. This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of ineffable (indescribable) magnificence, beauty, and inspiration.

The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time—often just one baby-step at a time—and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

“It makes me sad in a way,” I admitted to Carolyn. “What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it ‘one bulb at a time’ through all those years. Just think what I might have been able to achieve!”

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. “Start tomorrow,” she said.

She is right. It’s so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterday. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, “How can I make a difference today?”

Use the daffodil principle. Stop waiting…
ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!
Saturday 18th April 2015

THERE ARE LITTLE THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO EVERY DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To start—be sure to share the “Make a Difference” bracelets with those who make a difference in your life and those in your community that Make a Difference for others. The bracelets are available through your grand body.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR YOU!
WHAT WOULD YOU ADD?

Shovel snow for a neighbor who is elderly or frail.
  a. Take out the trash, do some household chores.
  b. Take them to the store; church, senior center or lodge.

Spend some time visiting with a neighbor who may like some company.

Make cookies and cards to take to a local retirement home.
  a. Spend some time visiting, volunteering with crafts, games, etc.
  b. Read.
  c. Write thank you notes.

Learn to go Green:
  a. Go through your old toys or clothes and donate them to a local shelter.
  b. Donate old books and magazines to your library or shelter.
  c. Donate your old laptop or PC.
  d. Pick up litter in your neighborhood.
  e. Take the bus, instead of driving.
  f. Walk to the store, park, or gym.
  g. Make some of your gifts from recycled items instead of buying them.
  h. Don’t watch television for a whole week.
  i. Recycle cans and donate the money to a charity.
  j. Volunteer at the local SPCA.

7. Adopt a child through one of the world hunger/orphan programs.

8. Donate new toys, food, books to those who can’t afford them.

9. Start a fundraiser for: _________
   a. Run or walk for a cure. Find a race in your area.
   b. Donate your hair to Locks of Love.
   c. Give blood.
   d. Volunteer: breast cancer, hunger, rainforest, child health, literacy, etc.
   e. Donate coats

10. Smile and say thank you to everyone you are grateful for today.
    a. Write a letter to a soldier overseas.
    b. Buy something small to send to a soldier.

11. Share a talent with someone (teach someone to cook or draw).

12. Mentor and help a child make a difference by providing transportation or inspiration.
2015 — MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY — Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch

Unit Name and Number

Or Individual .......................... HoursVolunteered .................

Scheduled and completed the following Event:

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Contributions: Money; or Gifts in Kind

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Remarks

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Mail to: I.O.O.F. MAKE A DIFFERENCE, 422 TRADE ST NW, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27101

LET US TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER.

Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns — Sunday the 3rd May at 12 noon

Room reservation dead line: 27th March

Pilgrimage to the Canadian War Memorial — Sunday the 7th June at 11:00 a.m.

Room reservation dead line: 8th May
DRESS CODE FOR PUBLIC WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES

Personal appearance and dress of persons participating in ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will adhere to the dress standards expected of such dignified occasions. The minimum standard is business casual, defined as:

For men: A combination of collared shirt, with a belt and appropriate shoes. A suit or blazer or business jacket and tie. **No blue jeans.**

For women: A reasonable length skirt (knee length) or trousers of a **non-jeans material** combined with a top that covers the shoulders (such as a blouse, dress shirt, or sweater set) and appropriate shoes are considered acceptable. An informal dress with appropriate skirt length is also acceptable.

For both men and women: military uniforms.

The following attire is considered **not appropriate** for participation in the ceremonies:

- Blue Jeans or denim skirts
- Ripped Clothing
- Athletic wear
- Patched pants
- Tee Shirts
- Tank Tops
- Halter Tops
- Tube Tops
- Underwear as outerwear
- Shirts that expose the midriff
- Miniskirts
- **Evening Formal Wear**

- Sneakers, open toed shoes, sandals, shower type shoes, or flip-flops
- Shorts of any kind (except when part of an established uniform, e.g. School Uniforms, Scout Uniforms, Foreign Military Uniforms, and period Military Uniforms)

The Executive Director, Arlington National Cemetery, or designated representatives, the Sergeant of the Guard, and Relief Commanders have the authority to prohibit a person in non appropriate attire from participating in a wreath ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
### 2014-2015
Living Legacy Program Reporting Form

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
Membership Committee

“A PROGRAM OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP
GAINS IN ALL UNITS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE
FAMILY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP”

January 2015

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

After starting the new-year January and February in Arizona and Nevada making visits to individual local lodges, the reception has been fantastic. We have been making presentations on education of all of the programs and benefits of being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows – the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges. We have handed out a package of brochures related to all of the programs; i.e. Educational Foundation, United Nations Educational Program, Visual Eye Research Foundation, Living Legacy Program, the S.O.S. Program, the Arthritis Program, the Joint Youth Programs, and our Hunger and Disaster Relief Program, along with a number of jurisdictional sponsored programs that affect us all. Many jurisdictions have fine programs they conduct within their own jurisdictions as well.

When we ask a prospective member to join our fantastic organization, the first questions they usually ask are: What’s in it for me? What do you do? If you can’t give them good answers, it is hard to get them to sign an application. Remember, there are only three requirements to join—1. Believe in a Supreme Being; 2. Be of good moral character; 3. Be at least 16 years of age. It only costs $25.00 initiation fee (in most jurisdictions) plus one year’s local dues. That is far less than almost all other groups to join!

Over our long and glorious history, we have asked our local lodges and officers to have a project to support their local community. This has been wonderful, and we have donated millions of dollars and millions of hours of time, but for extremely little credit, or recognition. When you have a project, contact the local news outlets and have them give you some public recognition. Most times they are happy to do so—just ask! If you can, have a project to support one of the above programs of The S.G.L. They are all run by volunteers at no cost to the programs. All of your donations go to help the members. Even a few dollars can help buy a meal for a UNP delegate or add to help grant a scholarship. It doesn’t have to be hundreds or thousands to do a ton of good. Maybe a project/work day to improve your hall. Remember, first impressions are extremely important. Who wants to join an organization that meets in a building that looks bad!

This is our legacy and history. It is what YOU can be proud of as a member, and it is what you can tell your neighbor, family member, friend, or co-worker that they can be part of if they will join with us. Don’t forget, the GREATEST part of being an Odd Fellow or Rebekah is the FRIENDSHIPS and FELLOWSHIP we all develop and enjoy. It is great!! Ask someone to join. It is up to you and me—we’re all that is left—if we don’t do it our Order will disappear into history.

Fraternally,

Jon Petersen, Membership Chairman
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Dear SGM, the Honorable Jimmy C. Humphrey, After reading your “Sovereign Grand Master’s Message” for January 2015 I was inspired to write you about my recent experience. I have recently joined the Odd Fellows. There is no way I could feel more welcomed. I felt a great sense of brother/sisterhood and a greater sense of brother/sister bond. I could not feel more included. There is no way I could feel more included in everything. I certainly could not be more proud of my lodge experience. I have recently joined the Odd Fellows. There is no way I could feel more included.
VETERANS

90 years

85 years

80 years
Lucy Cowles, ME

75 Years

70 Years
Howard Behrens, IL

65 Years
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Dorothy Mann, MB
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60 Years
Joyce Finch, MB
Colleen Suiter, OR

55 years
Nan Hominick, MB
Isabel Mitchell, MB
Marjorie Hughes, MB
Terry Leah, MB

50 Years
June McLeod, MB
Anne Zaharia, MB

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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Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

**Exciting News from the United Nations Tour, we have added another bus this year due to an increase in delegates.** The additional bus will leave Philadelphia on July 16 and return on July 29 and has a few seats remaining. If your jurisdiction was thinking of sending a delegate, or has additional delegates you would like to send, they may still be added to the tour. No late fee will be assessed. All required documents and fees apply with an April 1st deadline.

Won’t you help to support the tour by sponsoring a lunch, dinner, hotel room night, or provide a donation to be used where needed on the tour? Donations are tax deductible. If you have already contributed, thank you.

**Due April 1st** – Final payment for all delegates along with the **2015 Completed Registration Forms in Duplicate and Required Supporting Documents.**

**Due April 1st** – Tour Leader Fees – Fees are due in full, along with all required supporting documents.

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

**PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.** A Passport Card is not acceptable. Airline tickets, for your jurisdiction, which I order, cannot be obtained until I have a color copy of all your delegates Passport Page.

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We urgently need your help in getting these cards into the hands of those who need them! These cards are available for immediate use at no cost to your organization. American Consultants Rx, Inc. is DONATING these FREE discount prescription cards to your organization in which will assist your clients in receiving up to 40% discount on name brand drugs and up to a 60% discount on generic prescriptions. One card can be used for the whole family. Anyone can use these cards, but we are focusing on those who are uninsured, underinsured, or on Medicare. There is no expiration date, unlimited usage and no forms to complete. The cards are good at over 50,000 chain pharmacies like Walgreen, Walmart, Eckerd’s, Kmart, Kroger, Publix, and many more.

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