In the spirit of the Season we wish you Friendship, Love and Truth; Faith, Hope and Charity; and Universal Justice.

Lady Tracy L. Boyer  
President  
International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant  

Joyce P. Link  
President  
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies  

Gen. Dan E. Mathews  
General Commanding  
General Military Council, P.M.  

The Honorable  
W. Larry Ferguson  
Sovereign Grand Master  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

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Thoughts and Prayers to:

Lucille Mulligan, PP-IARA
Anna Lee Lockart, PP-IARA
Louis E. Fancher, PSGM
Conley Call, PSGM
C. LaVaughn Lawson, PSGM
Robert J. Robbins, PSGM
Frances Kim, wife of PSGM Kim
Barbara Burns, wife of PSGM Burns
Virginia G. Thompson, TE-IARA
Barbara S. Moser, PT-IARA
Lady Anna Laurie Castle, PP-IALAPM
and your Jurisdictional shut-ins

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Thank You from:

John & Dot Burton of Louisiana for the donation given at the time of the flood in August.

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Sympathy to:


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 you paper.
Greetings Brother and Sisters,

I am hoping that all are having an enjoyable holiday season, be it Thanksgiving, Hanukah or Christmas, some have already started the holidays.

The calendar part of 2016 is almost over, my hope is that you and your lodge have made progress this year.

As you read this, my goal is to Recruit, Rebuild and Rededicate. Let us keep the three R’s this year. Starting with the local lodge and educate the local membership on the projects of the Order and promote the Educational Program. It is a great tool to recruit new members. Also the UN program is a way to get the Odd Fellows name out in the community.

We, who belong to this great fraternal organization of Odd Fellowship, know the pleasure and benefits of our great society and the wonderful things we accomplish within our community, our Lodges and our home.

Let us reach out to someone we know and ask them to join with us in sharing this great feeling of Friendship, Love and Truth through the mutual sharing of our fraternal teachings.

December is not only a festive holiday month; it is usually a month of reflection. A time to look back and assess the good and the bad, the gains and the loses and make plans for the future.

Let us be friends to all brothers and sisters. Let us “Be a Lover not a Fighter”, and have peace and harmony in all our lodges. “Let’s make the world a better place!”

Fraternally,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,

W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master
Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Fraternal Order,

My ‘Journey of a Lifetime’ continues as your President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. How privileged and honored I am to serve in this capacity.

Thus far this year I have traveled to and visited five jurisdictions attending their Annual Rebekah Assemblies. Being greeted at the airport, no matter what time of day or night by the most caring and kind hostesses who also return me back to the airport at the ‘crack of dawn’ or earlier. Thank you so much.

The Assemblies have all been interesting and the business being accomplished in a commendable manner. Working together in “Unity”. Sisters and Brothers assisting each other with “Understanding”.

Your annual session is the time to bring all business before the members thereby allowing all the members to be involved in the deliberations and decisions.

The beautiful memorials that have been performed have impressed me as they honored their departed Sisters and Brothers, showing such respect and love with memories to be shared.

Along with the business of our Order, the evening activities have been outstanding, with fellowship evident for all.

I have enjoyed the sessions with our Sovereign Grand Master Larry, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master John and Sovereign Grand Warden Doug. I value their friendships.

This holiday season allows us to consider the needs of others within our communities. Partnering with service organizations is an idea and gets the word out of who we are and what we can do for our communities. You can make a difference in someone’s life today and beyond.

I wish for you a very ‘Happy’, ‘Healthy’, ‘Safe’ and ‘Peaceful’ New Year. Enjoy this holiday season with family and friends sharing and caring among all.

With Fraternal Love – “Forget-Me-Not”

Joyce Link, President I.A.R.A.

“UNITY Through UNDERSTANDING” – a link to the future.
Office of the General Commanding  
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant  

November 2016  

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,  

Greetings to all!  

December is the month of giving. It is the generous time of year when all of us look for gifts that keep on giving. Why not give the gifts of Friendship, Love, and Truth to your friends during the New Year?  

The gift of Odd Fellowship is a mighty thing! I suggest we consider offering Odd Fellowship to our Friends and Neighbors. I was told some time ago that the best measure of a possible lodge member is someone you would invite to dinner. If you feel comfortable that person would be welcome in your home, then why not ask them to join you and your Fraternal family at your Lodge? And ask them to join your Canton as well!  

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and may the New Year bring good health, peace and prosperity to all.  

Chivalrously,  

General Daniel E. Mathews  
General Commanding  

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’  

Office of the President  
International Association  
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant  

November 2016  

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,  

I hope that each and every one of you had an enjoyable summer. Fall is now in its glory, the leaves are beautiful, there is a crisp in the air which means Thanksgiving for our USA members, the Canadians celebrated last month on what we call Columbus Day, is coming as well Christmas and Hanukah will be just around the corner. This is my favorite time of the year. It is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings, time to seek out ways to make life better for those around us, time to get together with friends and family.  

My co-partners and myself have dedicated our year to the year of Unity, so let us remember our obligations, as we move forward into the Holiday season. And let us not forget my motto: “Our Rewards are Equal to Our Deeds”, which seems extra fulfilling with the holidays approaching.  

We have just returned from the Department of Pacific Northwest. They had a wonderful session. General Dan Matthews’ Testimonial was fantastic. The Northwest sure has a way of making you feel welcome and at home, we had a great time. I would like to thank the IALAPM officers that traveled to the jurisdictions that I could not attend this fall. I trust that things went smoothly for you as well.  

Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday season!  

Chivalrously,  

Lady TracyBoyer  
President-IALAPM
Thomas Wildey Day Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, pursuant to a dream, Thomas Wildey founded an Order that in time would influence men and women of every walk of life, and

Whereas, it is appropriate to remember the founder of our Order who through his vision, determination, wisdom and talent saw the culmination of his dream, which resulted into the priceless heritage, we enjoy today.

Now therefore, I, W. Larry Ferguson, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,

That January 15, 2017 the anniversary date of the birth of our founder be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Wildey with special ceremony on or as near the 15th of January as is possible, and

Further, all Units of the Order are encouraged to initiate a Wildey Class in celebration of the occasion, and

Further, that the month of January be Thomas Wildey Museum Month in which members are encouraged to contribute to the museum, either monetarily or with items for display.

Contributions should be sent to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., Thomas Wildey Museum, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of November 2016, and in the 198th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

[Seal]

Attest: /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Educational Foundation Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Educational Foundation, the oldest project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1927, has made it possible for thousands of people from all walks of life to further their education with low interest loans amounting to more than 7.4 million dollars, and

Whereas, the Educational Foundation depends upon donations from all Units and members for its continued service in this most important field, and

Whereas, the need for loans is ever increasing to meet the higher cost of helping men and women to find their place in life, working in all types of professional, business and trade fields, and

Whereas, one of our commands is: \textit{to educate}; what better way to achieve this command than through loans and scholarships of the Educational Foundation.

Now Therefore, I, W. Larry Ferguson, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby proclaim,

The month of February as Educational Foundation Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Further, request all Units of the Order to support this project by:

Making a special effort to sponsor a money-raising event for the benefit of the Educational Foundation or a treasury donation.

All monies raised and contributions made should be sent to the Jurisdictional Secretary of each Unit of the Order and the Jurisdictional Secretary will, in turn, send the total donations for the Jurisdiction to: R. Kenneth Babb, Ex. Dir., Educational Foundation I.O.O.F., P.O. Box 20455, Winston-Salem, NC 27120. This will enable each Jurisdictional Secretary to give credit for contributions made by Local Units.

When you reach out and touch people through education you provide them with the knowledge.

Done this 1st day of November 2016, in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and of our Order 198th year.

Attest: [Seal] /s/ W. Larry Ferguson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
The Hugh Bradley Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize the outstanding efforts of an individual, member or group of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for outstanding and unusual contributions in furthering the cause of vision. This can be through education, preservation efforts and/or financial or other assistance.

Nominees must meet the following requirements:
1] Be a member or group of members in good standing of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge within the Jurisdiction submitting the nomination.
2] Be nominated by an Odd Fellows Lodge or Rebekah Lodge, Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly or Jurisdiction Eye Committee operating under a contract with the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Visual Research Foundation.
3] Have demonstrated outstanding and unusual efforts on behalf of the vision program at the local or jurisdictional level.
4] Produce written evidence or documentation of how those efforts have benefitted individuals in preserving or aiding vision or in educating the public about available options for preserving vision or aiding in the ability to see.

Nominations with requested information must be submitted and received no later than March 15th. Send nominations to:
Kenneth D. Higgins, Chairman
Odd Fellow & Rebekah Visual Research Foundation
PO Box 336
Fulton, MO 65251

The Odd Fellow and Rebekah Visual Research Foundation Committee, at its Mid-Year Meeting will consider the nominations and determine if there is one worthy of the award. The committee reserves the right to make the award every year if the committee members feel there is no nominee who has met the requirements and merits the award. If you have made nominations previously and that application did not receive the award, please resubmit again for review.

The award, a large pyramid-shaped trophy, will be presented to the winner at the opening ceremonies of the annual sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in August.

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NOMINATION APPLICATION

1] Name of Nominee:

2] Address of Nominee:

3] Name of Lodge, Grand Body or Jurisdiction Making Nomination:

4] Give a brief description of eye project in which nominee has been involved:

5] List reasons why you believe this individual or group should be considered for the Hugh Bradley Award. (Please include in these reasons why this nominee is outstanding and cite examples of how this involvement is unique and worthy of recognition for outstanding work.)

6] Attach documentation from Agency, Institution, and/or Individuals who can attest to the benefits derived from nominee’s efforts in behalf of visual assistance.

7] Include any other information supporting the nomination, which you deem pertinent for consideration by the selection committee:

If more space is needed, please add additional sheet(s)
LOCATION On the Sacramento River, one half mile from the State Capitol and directly across from Old Sacramento.

TRANSPORTATION Complimentary airport transportation. Supershuttle and taxi service also available.

ACCOMMODATIONS 242 spacious two-room suites featuring bright, high-end furnishings and a rich collection of works by local artists depicting historic old Sacramento, the Capitol and life on the river. Every suite consists of a private bedroom with one king size or two double beds and a separate living room with sofa bed and well-lit dining/work table. Galley kitchen includes wet bar, refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker. Other amenities include two televisions with cable, in-suite movies and Nintendos®, two dual-line telephones with voice mail and internet access, hairdryer and iron with ironing board.

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT Tower Bridge Bistro is a riverside, upscale California bistro featuring patio dining. Complimentary, full cooked-to-order breakfast served daily. Nightly Manager’s Reception features your favorite beverages.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES Indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna and fitness center.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS Directly across the river from Raley Field (Sacramento River Cats), five miles from the Arco Arena (Sacramento Kings and Sacramento Monarch), and ten miles from the airport. The hotel is directly across from historic Old Sacramento and within walking distance of the State Capitol, River and dinner cruises available.

SERVICES Complimentary weekday USA TODAY®, gift shop, business center, room service, guest laundry, valet service, express checkout, wheelchair accommodations and senior citizens’ discount.

MEETING AND BANQUET FACILITIES Over 8,000 square feet of flexible meeting/banquet space. Largest meeting room is 3,728 square feet with banquet capacity for up to 250 people.

FOR RESERVATIONS AT EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL® SACRAMENTO – RIVERFRONT PROMENADE Call the hotel directly at 916-327-5000

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The Jurisdiction of California cordially invites you to the Testimonial Dinner for

Joyce Link, President
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Embassy Suites Sacramento Riverfront Promenade
100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814
Cost per night $159.00 includes breakfast & evening drinks. Reservation code RKH Free airport shuttle

Social 5:30-6:30 PM on the Terrace
Dinner 7:00 PM in "Old Sacramento Ballroom"
Dinner Cost: $70.00
Choice of:
Tri Tip of Beef with Fingerling Potatoes with Zinfandel Demi or
Sauteed Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushroom Brandy Demi-Glace or
Grilled Salmon served with Saffron Dill Cream Sauce, Chili Jasmine Rice
Mixed Green Salad with choice of dressing, Rolls, Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, & Dessert

Life is Good
Unknown
The more we give, the more we’ll get;
The more we laugh, the less we’ll fret;
The more we do unselfishly,
The more we’ll live abundantly;
The more of everything we share,
The more we’ll always have to spare;
The more we love,
the more we’ll find,
That life is good and friends are kind;
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

Motto: Unity through understanding—a link to the future.

Theme: Respect each other as we work together.

Guide: The best thing in life is a friend.
From a book given to me by a friend; a collection of poems edited by Susan Polis Schutz.

Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________

Testimonial Dinner: Cost $70.00 Per Person
Choice: Tri Tip: ______
Sauteed Chicken: ______
Grilled Salmon: ______

Friday Night Social (Casual)
An Evening at Delta King Suspects Dinner Theater
Entrée choice beef, chicken or vegetarian (to be ordered when you arrive)
Cost includes dinner and show $65.00
Remit: Link to the Future,
8518 Danridge Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828
Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-fourth Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2017 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 7 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at noon followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. Please note the dates and times the program will be held this year. The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You MUST mention “Odd Fellows Pilgrimage” when reserving your room to receive the special rate of $115.00 plus hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations).

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM. (Advance ticket purchase required - see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable W. Larry Ferguson, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia; Sister Joyce P. Link, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of California; General Daniel E. Mathews, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Oregon; and Lady Tracy L. Boyer, President, International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to take advantage of the free shuttle service to the hotel provided by the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport).

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 5-7, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger
General Co-Chairmen
Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns
May 5-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia

HOTEL INFORMATION
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311
1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center is the headquarters hotel for the 2017 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. To receive the special rate of $115.00 plus hotel tax, available for the nights of May 5-7, reservations must be made no later than April 2, 2017. You must mention the “ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE” when making your reservation in order to receive this rate and to obtain the specially reduced parking rate. The hotel will accept reservations on a space available basis after April 2, 2017, but not at this reduced price. Only telephone reservations are accepted 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

It is imperative that reservations are made as early as possible. Although the deadline to place a reservation is April 2, 2017, occasionally in past years the hotel has sold all the rooms set aside for the IOOF Pilgrimage at the reduced rate BEFORE the deadline. So, although a person may call to place a reservation before April 2, if there are no more rooms available AT THAT RATE, the person will be faced with a choice of reserving a room at a higher rate, if any are available, or seeking a room at another hotel. If you have any problems with hotel reservations, please call Chuck Renninger at 1-301-350-4495 or Jennie Sue Pearson at 1-301-662-0749.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 5, 2017

3:00-8:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

Saturday, May 6, 2017

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5:45-6:45 PM CASH-BAR SOCIAL HOUR, hotel lower level

7:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE BANQUET, hotel lower level. Prepaid reservations required. (See attached pre-registration form) Open seating. Dress code for men: business suit, military uniform, or black tie;

Dress code for women: street-length dress, dress suit, or formal dress.

Sunday, May 7, 2017 Please note earlier times for all events

8:30-10:00 A.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

10:30 A.M. BUSES LOAD–DEPART 10:45 AM promptly from the hotel lobby entrance. No cars or buses will be allowed in the cemetery. Commercial parking lot available. No exceptions.

***ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY SCREENING***

Noon Memorial Service followed by wreath laying after 1:00 P.M. changing of the guard

No formal attire for men or women is permitted for wreath laying.

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform.

Dress code for women: street-length dress, dress suit or Lady’s military uniform.

No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, etc.
Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns
May 5-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia

PRE-REGISTRATION AND PURCHASE OF TICKETS FORM
ONE FORM PER PERSON

PRE-REGISTRATION: $5.00 per person, pre-registration deadline: April 1, 2017.
Registrations postmarked after April 1, 2017 or in-person registrations: $8.00 per person.
Any questions about registration? Contact Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee, Treasurer Wanda Smith
Phone: 1-703-590-1267 or E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK (upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center)
Open Friday, May 5, 3:00-8:00 P.M.; Saturday, May 6, 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.; Sunday, May 7, 8:30-10:00 A.M. Pre-registered participants must pick up their registration envelopes which include the Pilgrimage badge and certificate of attendance and any pre-paid tickets as requested on this form. In-person registrations are accepted. Any tickets still available may be purchased.

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE – ONE FORM PER PERSON – (Please copy this form as needed)
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 1, 2017

Name _________________________________  Phone # ___________ E-mail ______________
Address _______________________________________________________________________
Jurisdiction _______________  Highest Title you want printed on the certificate __________

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. NO REFUNDS.

( ) $ 5.00 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE available until April 1, 2017, after April 1, 2017, fee is $8.00
( ) $ 50.00 SATURDAY PILGRIMAGE BANQUET – MUST be reserved and pre-paid by April 1, 2017. Unless there are canceled reservations, no additional banquet tickets will be available.
( ) $ 40.00 ARLINGTON CEMETERY TRANSPORTATION TICKETS - round-trip bus from the Hilton to the Visitor Center; round-trip shuttle from the visitor center to the tomb for Sunday, May 7, 2017 only.

NO PRIVATE VEHICLES or BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CEMETERY AND PARK. PRIVATE VEHICLE AND BUS PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR A FEE AT THE COMMERCIAL PARKING GARAGE AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY SCREENING AT THE CEMETERY.

Check # ________  Amount of check ________

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars.
Make checks payable to: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee and send with this form to:
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee
P.O. Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA 22195
Phone: 1-703-590-1267 or E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com
Jurisdictional Wreath Order Form

Your jurisdictional wreath must be ordered directly from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee. The cost of the wreath is US $60.00. No other wreath option is available. Payment for the full amount (payable to Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee) must accompany this order.

Only one (1) wreath per jurisdiction may be ordered. It may be placed by no more than four (4) representatives from your jurisdiction. A jurisdiction with no representative in attendance may order one wreath to be placed by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee’s designee. Questions: Wanda Smith, 1-703-590-1267.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING DRESS CODES, or they will NOT be permitted to participate in laying a wreath.

**NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR FOR WOMEN IS PERMITTED.**

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform.

Dress code for women: street-length dress, suit or Ladies’ military uniform

**No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, etc.**

Reservation Deadline: April 1, 2017

Order forms will NOT be processed without the following information:

Jurisdiction: __________________ Person ordering wreath: __________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone # ________________

Print the name(s) (maximum of 4) participating in wreath laying for your jurisdictional wreath:

Name _________________________________ Title _______________________________

Name _________________________________ Title _______________________________

Name _________________________________ Title _______________________________

Name _________________________________ Title _______________________________

OR _______ No jurisdictional representative will be in attendance. Please have our jurisdictional wreath placed by the I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage Committee’s designee.

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Check # ________

Make check payable to: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee

& mail to:

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee

P.O. Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA  22195

Phone: 1-703-590-1267 or E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com
Commemorating Wildey’s travels west

The westward expansion of Odd Fellowship—the Second Meridian:

The eastern Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes

Ohio—2 February 1833
Indiana—14 August 1837
Michigan—5 November 1844
Illinois—22 August 1838, lapsed and reorganized 1840
Wisconsin—25 December 1846
Kentucky—14 September 1836
Tennessee—10 August 1841
Alabama—23 April 1837
Mississippi—4 May 1838
Louisiana—5 March 1832

The western Mississippi Valley

Missouri—13 June 1838
Texas—29 April 1841
Arkansas—10 June 1849
Iowa—1 May 1848
Minnesota—5 May 1853
Nebraska—27 April 1858
Kansas—2 June 1858
Dakota and the present SD—13 October 1875
North Dakota—22 May 1890
Indian Territory (Oklahoma) —26 April 1893

‘WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN’
August 2017

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

Fraternal Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, beginning Monday morning, 21st August 2017, and ending Thursday afternoon, 24th August 2017.

**Headquarters and Sessions**
Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St. Louis, Missouri

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
*191st Annual Communication*

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
*101st Annual Session*

General Military Council
*114th Annual Session*

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
*78th Annual Session*

Youth Days

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

2017 Pre-Registration Form

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

St. Louis, Missouri
August 18 to 25, 2017

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register

Name (as desired on badge) ____________________________________________

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM Youth (please circle one)

Title for name badge _________________________________________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________________________

City, St./Prv, Postal Code ______________________________________________________________________

Telephone __________________________ Email ________________________________

Registration Information

Registrations on or before July 21, 2017, $75.00                        $ ________________

Registrations after July 21, 2017, $80.00                                $ ________________

Highlight Events

Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 21, $70.00                                $ ________________

East to West Night, Wednesday Aug. 23, $50.00
   The SGL / I.A.R.A. installation to follow dinner

Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 19, $50.00                                    $ ________________

Youth dinner, Friday Aug. 18, $ TBD                                           $ ________________

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars

$ ________________

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2017 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Tours of the St. Louis Area, may be picked by searching St. Louis, MO city tours—there are a number of options.

Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here: ____________________________
I have a reservation at the
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
Check in Time 3:00p.m Check out time 12:00 noon

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
315 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
(314) 655-1234
(314) 241-9839 (Fax)

Please mail the following information to the above address-
Attention: Kellie Cowser

Driving Directions:
From I-70 East, exit at Memorial Dr. Go Right at Market St., then right at 4th St., then right at Chestnut St. From I-55 North, exit at Memorial Dr., turn left at Market St., then right at 4th St., then right at Chestnut.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS

The Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch is pleased to host The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, August 15 to 25, 2017

To ensure accurate reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it before 07/15/17. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability.

Room Type Preference: Single Double Triple Quadruple Number of Guests: _____

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City/State/Zip: __________________  Telephone: __________________

Please provide a credit card to hold your reservation

☑ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express ☐ Carte Blanche/Diners Club

CARD NUMBER: ___________________  EXP. DATE: ___________

NAME OF CREDIT CARD HOLDER: __________________  SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER: __________________

- Check in time after 3:00p.m. Check out time if 12 noon. Taxes are subject to change. Current tax percentage is 16.929%
- Cancellation of modification of reservation must be made at least 48 hours prior to arrival
- No charge for children under 18 when sharing room with parent and using existing bed space.
- All hotel accounts are subject to credit arrangements at time of registration and payable at departure.

Please call 888-421-1442 for reservation assistance
WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING OF SERVICE!
**Special Event Request**

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 Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch Hotel. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule—also see the menus online.

Group Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Person: __________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
City, St./Prov., Postal Code: ____________________________________________________________________________
Telephone: _________________________ Email: ____________________________________________________________________________
Type of Event: ____________________________________________________________________________

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktail reception, etc.)

Date and Time: ____________________________________________________________________________
Number expected: ____________________________________________________________________________
Special requests: ____________________________________________________________________________

(Mikes, Podium, PowerPoint, etc.)

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**Shuttle Service**

There are a number of Shuttle Services and taxis from Lambert International Airport to the Hyatt Regency at the Arch available for those desiring it. Below are some suggestions—please make your reservations direct.
Train the Trainers – A Membership Program

Includes the following—both power point and printable files:

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

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

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

For the active and organized lodge —
  - First Things First
  - Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodge manuals of instruction
  - Parliamentary procedures and Motions at a Glance
  - Book of Odd Fellowship

This program has been distributed several time over the years, check with the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly office for a copy. If one is not to be found the Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly needs only to e-mail or write The SGL office for a copy.
Maintenance Replacement Report

Members Dropped for NPD in 2016

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Members Deceased in 2016

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Members Transferred/Withdrawn in 2016

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Members Initiated, Consolidated/Transferred in/Admitted by Card in 2016

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Maintenance Report for

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No. ___

Lodge, camp, etc.

(Jurisdiction)

Total Membership

January 1, 2016 =

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The World

of Odd Fellowship
**PLEASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE**

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**MAIL, FAX, E-mail TO:**

**Attn: I.O.O.F.**  
The SGL / IARA MEMBERSHIP  
422 Trade Street  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830  
Fax: 1-336-722-7317 — Email: sgldataentry@ioof.org

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Holidays to everyone (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, New Year’s). This is the best time of year, festive parties, family gatherings, the sights, sounds and smells of these beautiful holidays. Many of our lodges gather food baskets, food, clothing, and other gifts to help people in their communities. It helps the less fortunate and makes us all feel like we may be helping and following our teachings. Congratulations to all who participate in these activities.

It is also the time of year where we all report our annual activities to our Grand Bodies. It is a good time to see how we have done over the past year. According to the last year’s reports, we have a total of 33,963 Odd Fellow members and 20,609 Rebekah members in North America. We still have 18 Odd Fellow jurisdictions that have fewer than 200 members, and 24 Rebekah jurisdictions that have fewer than 200 members. This is roughly one-third of our jurisdictions that are in dire condition and are in jeopardy of failing in the near future.

As most of you know, we have been visiting most of these aforementioned jurisdictions where we have been going to individual lodges to instruct the members about all of the programs and advantages of being a member of this fantastic organization. A large portion of the members having very little knowledge of our Order; ask your Representatives and Secretarial officers for a copy of the membership program distributed in Winnipeg.

I have had recent conversations with some members asking what The Sovereign Grand Lodge can do to help obtain new members. Others have said their respective jurisdictions are willing to spend money on various ways to gain attention and hopefully new members. Many have asked about media advertising, i.e.: radio, television, or newspaper ads. My personal opinion is it takes a lot of money to purchase these types of advertising and obtains extremely little results. In fraternal organizations almost all new members are gotten by PERSONAL CONTACT! An existing member must ask someone to join – a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, anyone. It takes personal contact. How many times have you walked through a mall or down the street and had someone hand you a pamphlet or trinket—did you respond—most everyone throws it in the next trash can. However, if you know the Person, you will at least listen to whatever they are saying. IF YOU do not know what to say to answer the questions the candidate may ask, then you have lost the pitch and will not be able to get them to join.

If you can explain what an Odd Fellow or Rebekah is and what we do, then you have an excellent chance of getting these people to join. If your lodge meeting is boring and do-nothing, and if your hall is falling apart, then it is up to you to figure out a way to change it. We are not going to exist beyond a few more years if WE do not get some additional members!! If YOU will not put forth some effort to educate yourself about the Order and ASK someone to join, then there is nothing I or anyone else can do to continue this Order. I have been asked why The Sovereign Grand Lodge is not doing anything to gain new members. The SGL could spend millions of dollars and not affect much. We do provide you with numerous printed materials to hand out to anyone interested. All you have to do is ask!!! I would love to be able to visit your lodge and every lodge in North America, but that unfortunately is not possible. If YOU want to have your lodge and this Order to continue then YOU have to get off of your chair and do something about it. It does not matter your age or physical condition, you can encourage something to get done. Ask someone to Join, have your meetings become active, do something fun, have a project. You will be surprised how contagious it becomes. If you do not care then we will not survive.

Have a Great rest of 2016 and celebrate the new 2017!

Jon Petersen, Membership Chairman
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Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

This the 68th Anniversary of the Tour and we are excited to have you, our Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodge members, seek out and sponsor delegates for the 2017 tour. **Delegates must be either 16 or 17 years of age with at least one year of high school or secondary school remaining upon completion of the tour to be eligible for the 2017 tour.**

**January 15, 2017 is the first deadline date;** everyone should have their non refundable holding fee of $800.00 per delegate in to the UN Pilgrimage Office at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to secure a seat on this year’s tour. **April 1, 2017, is the second deadline date;** by this date or before, you are required to have the balance of your delegate’s fees and your tour leader fees in to the UN Pilgrimage Office in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. You are also required to have your delegate’s **Completed 2017 Registration Forms and all Required Documents, including Passport Information Page,** in my office at the address listed above. **Remember** missing any of these deadline dates will result in your jurisdiction be charged a late fee of $50.00 per delegate per requirement missed. That could be as much as $150.00 per delegate if you miss all three (1st: non-refundable holding fee; 2nd: balance of delegate fees; or 3rd: completed registration forms in on time).

**Delegate 2017 Registration Forms and 2017 Tour Leader / New York Staff Applications** can be found on the UNEP website: www.unpilgrimage.org.

**Are you interested in being a Tour Leader or New York Staff Member?** Please fill out an application and submit it to me, at my home address above, by January 15, 2017. I submit these applications to the UNEP Board Members for consideration in February. Please note that the physician’s statement is not required at this time unless you are selected to either a Tour Leader or New York Staff Member. Should you have any questions about either of these positions please feel free to contact me.

Dates for 2017 Tour -

UNPilgrimage Tour (Philadelphia) July 8th – July 18th

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**Tour Week - Contact**

Executive Director

2017 Fees Payable in US Funds - $1,600.00 UNPilgrimage Tour

$1,300.00 Tour Leader

Fees do not include the cost of transportation from your jurisdiction to the delegate originating point in Philadelphia. **All tours start and end in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

**All FEES, PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS** are to be mailed to: UNP IOOF, 422 N. Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830.

**All REGISTRATION FORMS and TOUR LEADER APPLICATIONS** with all Required Documents should be mailed to my home 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.**

**January 15th –** Tour Leaders and Assistant Tour Leaders must submit Applications approved by their Jurisdiction for approval by the UNEP Board of Directors. 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** – Fees are due in full, along with a copy of your physicians’ statement no later than April 1st.

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

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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