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Seven Stars Tavern
2nd St., Baltimore, Maryland
Today, located at what would be 617 Water Street

Wildey Institutes Washington Lodge.

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Thoughts and Prayers to:

PSGM Conley and Gracie Call

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Sympathy to:

The family of J. Douglas Moore, PSGM—75-76, 3 February 2016

Sis. Kathy Shary, Pres.-I.A.R.A. with the loss of her sister Pat, 26 February 2016

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Thank you from:

Hazel Moore, PP-I.A.R.A. and family for the many cards, calls and prayers during Doug’s recent illness and passing.

Kathy Shary, P-I.A.R.A. for the cards, calls and prayers at the time of Pat’s passing.

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:

I would like to talk about F. L. & T. – Friendship, Love, and Truth. As members, we are all aware that ‘Friendship, Love, and Truth’ is the basis of our organization. But what do these words really mean? Have you actually thought about what they mean to you and have you really taken their meaning to heart?

Friendship, by definition, is the state or act of being friends – a relationship between one person and another. Have you ever considered whether there is a point in which the line of friendship can be crossed and the friendship destroyed because of crossing that line? Have you considered what kind of friend you are to others?

Love is the deep devotion or affection for another person – once again a relationship between people. With true love, the bond or relationship is not easily broken, even when anger or disappointment occurs. Holy Scriptures tells us: “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Truth is the state of being true in speech and actions. Truth is the means by which we can trust one another. If we cannot trust that someone is being truthful with us, then relationships are broken.

Our relationships must be honored, nurtured, and protected. Therefore, I would like for every member of the Order, Odd Fellow and Rebekah, to go back and reflect on the beautiful teachings which were conferred upon you. Reflect on the obligation you took when being initiated. That will leave us with a question – “Have you, as an Odd Fellow, been following our own teachings?”

On another note, I would like to address the matter of community service, specifically about how it helps to build our Order. When our lodges are busy serving their communities, it puts our Order in the public eye. It gets people asking questions about what the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is all about. Some people will tell you that they had a grandfather or an uncle who was an Odd Fellow; while others will express that they have never heard of us. The only way to get our message out is to get out in the public, serving our communities. Who would not want to be a part of an organization that does good for others? Be sure that you are knowledgeable about the Order and what it stands for so you will be prepared to answer questions from prospective members.

It is with deep regret that I inform you that Past Sovereign Grand Master Joseph Douglas Moore, of the Atlantic Provinces, passed away in February. I attended his funeral on the 6th of February and was privileged to work with Past Sovereign Grand Master George Glover in conducting the Odd Fellow Funeral Ceremony. Brother Moore was the youngest person to have

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March 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am certain that many of you are asking, “Is it Spring yet?”  Spring evokes hope and anticipation.  There is much to look forward to.  We have much to accomplish.  I would ask that each of you check the fraternal calendar.  Have fund raisers to support the projects of our Order.  Advertise what you are doing in your community.  Support not only our projects but become involved in your local area.  Get your Lodge name out there.

We cannot forget that our main objective must be membership.  I look at my Lodge and wonder where we will be in another ten years.  Will we still exist—will your Lodge still exist?  In a few short years our Order will celebrate its 200th anniversary.  How much we have changed and yet we have remained true to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.  “Touch the future by extending your hand in friendship.”  Together we can grow, we can increase our membership and then we can truly celebrate our history.

As I stated earlier, Spring is a time of anticipation.  Plans are well under way for the 100th Session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.  I hope you will be in Rapid City for this special time.  Together we will add some excitement, some laughter and some dreams for a bright future.  Many Jurisdictions are anticipating their upcoming Sessions.  I wish I could visit each jurisdiction but am certain that the IARA Representative will be greeted with a warm welcome.  I look forward to attending the ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Canadian War Memorial.  It is most fitting that we remember the sacrifice that has been made to protect our rights.

With our wondrous past and our bright plans for what will come, we can join together and march into the future proudly proclaiming “I’M Glad That I’m A Rebekah”.

Fraternally,

Kathy Shary, President

‘Take time to be a Friend.’
March 2016
Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

Greetings to all!

It has truly been an awesome and memorable experience so far as your General Commanding. We have progressed forward with the Youth Cadet Corps which has been well received by some Junior Odd Fellows Lodges and Theta Rho Girls’ Clubs. Our hope, with the Grand Representatives’ help, is to launch the beginnings of the youth component during the 2016-2017 term.

I have had the pleasure of visiting with the chevaliers during the sessions of the Department Council of Denmark. The brothers and sisters are doing well with the studies of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs Militant and have moved forward with the workings of the European Military Council. One chevalier commented that their Canton has membership of 95 and 75 members were present during the last regular cantonment. Why can’t all cantons achieve a similar goal?

Which leads me to my next question, “Have you asked an Encampment member to join?” Better yet, have you asked, “My dear friend, have you thought about joining a worldwide, universal fraternal society?” We have to work together in all the branches for the same outcome – to be here another 200

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March 2016
Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

“Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Happy Easter and a Happy Passover” to all.

The Testimonial for the President of the International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant Lady Cathy Doub was February 20, 2016, in Reno, Nevada. The reason it was held in Reno was that is where Lady Cathy is a member of Nevada L.A.P.M. No. 1. It was attended by less than 60 people, but everyone who attended really enjoyed the evening and had a great time. We did have problems with the wind and the planes could not land so some that were due in at 11:30 a.m. did not get in until 10:30 p.m. It still did not hamper the evening. My family was there and they consist of my Husband – Ed, my son-in-law James, my beautiful daughter - Mary and the Greatest Grandchildren who did so much work for me - Ainsley - 11, Seth and Ellie - 8, my cousin Darlene and her husband Jim. Patrice Micheals my sister-in-law and who is an Operatic Singer was going to sing, but my nephew was hit by a Taxi and she was needed with him.

I am so happy to have had in attendance Sovereign Grand Master Danny & his wife Lana Wood, Kathy Shary President of the I.A.R.A., General Emil Suder, General of the Military Council and Representing the I.A.L.A.P.M. was Past President Lady Betty

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Jean Reasoner. You made my evening complete. I am only sorry that more of you could not have been there but I know what flying can cost now days.

I would like to remind all of the “Tomb of the Unknown” pilgrimage weekend. This year it is on May 8th, which happens to be on Mother’s Day. I cannot see what better way to Honor your mother or your family than to go to the “Tomb of the Unknown”. Remember most of the the people that are there because they felt that there is no better country than the “UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”. I have never seen a detail that are more dedicated to their jobs than the men and women that stand guard at the “Tomb”. Just because it is Mother’s Day is no reason not to go. PLEASE, PLEASE COME TO THE “TOMB” WEEKEND at Arlington National Cemetery!!! Then our next memorial will be a pilgrimage to the Canadian War Memorial the weekend of 5th of June in Ottawa.

I wish for all a wonderful Spring season.

Chivalrously,

Lady Cathy Doub
President-I.A.L.A.P.M.

You’ve got to stick your head out in order to move forward.

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Do you have a Canton member who has gone above and beyond normal lodge business to help someone in need? To help a lodge survive? To do outstanding work in the name of the Patriarchs Militant? If so, visit www.ioofpm.org and download the General John C. Underwood Patriarchs Militant Member of the Year Award nomination form. If you do not have Internet, you may contact your Department’s Adjutant. Nomination forms are due by August 1, 2016, to me. A panel of individuals outside of the Order who will review the essays and determine this year’s recipient. A brand new award for a brand new legacy.

Chivalrously,

General Emil R. Suder
General Commanding

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

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ever served as Sovereign Grand Master. He served as S.G.M. during the 1975 - 1976 term being installed at the age of 36.

It also saddens me to inform everyone that Kathy Shary, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies President, recently lost her sister, Pat Shary, and her funeral was held on February 29th.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during their time of sorrow.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Danny Wood
Sovereign Grand Master

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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

Fraternal Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, beginning Monday morning, August 15, 2016, and ending Friday afternoon, August 19, 2016.

Headquarters and Sessions

Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
444 N Mount Rushmore Rd
Rapid City, SD  57701

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
190th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
100th Annual Session

General Military Council
113th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
77th Annual Session

Youth
Youth Day, Banquet, and Talent Night
See ‘Youth Informer’ for Details
12-13 August 2016

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

January 2016
SGL Session 2016 -- Registration
Rapid City, South Dakota, USA
All Members Attending All Units MUST Register

The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council, International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant and the Youth

One form per person – register by July 20, 2016 – made additional copies if necessary

Name:
_______________________________________________________________________________
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Highest Current or Past Title

Unit of the Order Attending

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 (before July 20, 2016) | USA $75.00 |
| Registration Fee (after July 20, 2016)     | USA $85.00 |
| Registration Fee for Youth                 | USA $0.00  |

No registration fee for Youth – however they MUST Register.

Special Events

| Youth Banquet for Adults                  | USA $45.00 |
| Youth Banquet for Youth                   | USA $35.00 |
| Officers’ Banquet – Monday August 15th    | USA $60.00 |
| Holiday Inn - Formal                      |             |
| Fun Night – Wednesday – August 17th       | USA $60.00 |
| Chuck Wagon – Mt. Rushmore               |             |
| Total Enclosed                            | USA $       |

No Meal Tickets will be sold at the Session – ALL tickets must be ordered by July 20, 2016.

Please note any special dietary needs:

Make Checks payable to SGL 2016 Session Committee and mail them to:
SGL 2016 Session Committee, PO Box 1213, Spearfish, SD  57783
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn
505 N. 5th Street
605-348-4000
www.rushmoreplaza.com
immediately next door to Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Standard/King = $109.00
King Executive = $119.00
Plaza Suite = $139.00
Reservation Code: SGL

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
2111 N. LaCrosse Street
605-343-8550
http://rapidcity.bwramkota.com
3.68 miles – 4 minutes
From Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Double/Single/Double = $129.00
Suites – add $50 = $179.00
Reservation Code: Independent Odd Fellows

Howard Johnson Inn & Suites
950 North Street
605-737-4656
www.hojorapidcity.com
.5 mile – 1 minute
From Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
2 queen beds = $129.20
1 king bed = $129.20
Reservation Code: GLOF
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Alex Johnson Hotel
523 Sixth Street
605-342-1210
www.alexjohnson.com
.29 miles - 1 minute
From Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

Single/Double/Queen = $119.00
Reservation Code: 2016 SGL

$2.00 City Occupancy Fee
8.5% sales tax

Mr. Rushmore is approximately 24 miles from Rapid City; Badlands are approximately 65 and Crazy Horse Monument is 37 miles.

August 14-19
2016

The SGL
IARA
General Military Council
IALAPM
Sessions

Rapid City, SD
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 who will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule. Please submit this form no later than **April 15, 2016** for Special Events.

Group Name: ____________________________________________

Contact Person: ____________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

______________________________________________________

City                                                State/Province     Zip/Postal Code:

Telephone: ______________________  Cell Phone: ______________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________

Type of event: ____________________________________________

   (breakfast, luncheon, dinner, cocktails, reception, etc.)

Date & Time: ____________________________________________

Number Expected: _________________________________________

Special Requests: _________________________________________

Mail to:

   SGL 2016 Committee
   PO Box 1213
   Spearfish, SD  57783
   bglover@spe.midco.net or sglover@spe.midco.net
Mobility Request
For 2016 SGL – Rapid City, SD

Please contact the Host Committee at bglover@spe.midco.net or 1-605-641-4001 with your mobility/scooter requests. At the present time, we cannot give you a firm price as it will depend upon the number of scooters needed – so get your requests in as soon as possible – no later than June 6, 2016. Thank you.

Additional info – The host hotel – Rushmore Plaza Hotel & Conference center is booked. Once the block was opened up within a week and half – all rooms we were given in our block were booked. The same goes for the Howard Johnson Inn & Suites. The Alex Johnson Hotel still has a rooms available as does the Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center. Please note – that the rooms are available from the 13th – 19th in our block. As we are on the tail end of the Sturgis Bike Rally – a good share of the hotels in the area are booked for that event leaving very few rooms available for the week prior to the beginning of the 2016 Sessions. As we stated when making our pitch to hold the sessions here in SD—make your plans to come in on Saturday and stay a couple days later to taken in the beautiful black hills scenery and attractions rather than coming in early. We will be monitoring the room bookings and if it looks like the majority of rooms are sold out – we will look at securing another hotel.

Each of the hotels have shuttle service to and from the Rapid City Regional Airport for your convenience – which is a mere 15 minutes away. And our committee is also putting together a ‘shuttle’ service for those who may need it. That is why it is very important that on the registration form – you list your date of arrival especially if you will be flying. We are striving to make your visit as easy as possible.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

In F, L, & T,  
William L. Glover, Chairman for 2016 SGL

SGL 2016 Committee  
PO Box 1213  
Spearfish, SD  57783  
bglover@spe.midco.net or sglover@spe.midco.net

Additional Shuttle Service
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, Danny M. Wood, 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, 2016 be known as Founder’s Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 197th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encourage 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 2016 and of our Order the 197th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Danny M. Wood
Sovereign Grand Master

/Seal/

/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 com-
munities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity
to those we meet.

Danny M. Wood, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fel-
lows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

that the Saturday the 16th 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 celebra-
tion of the day: Community Work Project; Hands Across Your: city, town, village, com-
munity 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 2016 and of our Order the 197th year.

[Seal]

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Danny M. Wood
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Visual Research Foundation Proclamation

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

Fraternial Greetings:

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of Johns Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision.

Now, Therefore, I, Danny M. Wood, Sovereign Grand Master, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do hereby proclaim that,

The month of May as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Further, this program needs our support through: Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations, and Publicity.

Donations and communications should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretary who will in turn forward same to Visual Research Foundation, Inc., 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight . . . . . only a few have Vision.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of March 2016, and of our Order the 197th year.

[Seal] Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ Danny M. wood
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Wildevy Institutes Washington Lodge.

*History of American Odd Fellowship [1878]* by James L. Ridgely, Historiographer – pages 278-280

The story told by Wildey in a fragment of three written pages, which is too crude in structure for general perusal. We did intend to insert it exactly as he set it down, but on reflection have concluded to improve it by the necessary revision. Speaking of himself, he says: “In the year 1818 he made many acquaintances; among these he was familiar with a Mr. John Welch, with whom he was afterwards intimate until his death. Wildey often spoke to his new friend on the subject of beneficial societies, and was surprised to learn from him that no such association existed in Baltimore. In reply, Wildey suggested that he knew of a society which would suit this country, and mentioned the name of the Odd Fellows. Welch carelessly remarked that he had been a member of that Order, but had never met with one, or heard of such a society since his emigration. By mutual admissions, it was found that Welch had been a P.V.G. in Birmingham, England, and Wildey had been initiated in that country in the year 1804. Wildey often thought on the subject, and finally concluded to publish a notice for a meeting of such Odd Fellows as might be residing in the city. For this purpose he sought Welch and induced him to join in the call.”

He then details the subsequent proceedings and the incidents of the first informal meeting. He says: “Pursuant to notice, the preliminary meeting took place on the 13th of April, 1819. Four gentlemen were present, with Thomas Wildey, making five in all. He examined them, and was satisfied that they had been regularly initiated into the Order. Wildey then informed them of his intention to establish the society of Odd Fellowship, and craved their assistance for that purpose. He also stated that no such society was known in the city, and of course there was no organized arrangement to relieve the distressed, or to care for the widow and orphan. And further, that the citizens to whom he had presented the subject did not wish any such society. That the name of the lodge should be Washington. This was consented to, and it was agreed that the lodge should be opened on Monday, the 26th of April, 1819. The 26th of April arrived, and at 7 o’clock P.M., Thomas Wildey proceeded to open the lodge. He, first of all, took his obligation in the presence of the other four, and then obligated them; calling the Society the Washington Lodge No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States, the Father of our country, God bless him!—a day which will long be held in grateful remembrance by every Odd Fellow.”

We have given the substance of the paper, including its general arrangement and statements, but the original indicates an entire want of literary cultivation. Yet, as good-natured critics, we have found much to praise in the strong common sense which pervades the article. We particularly notice his use of the English

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aspirate of the middle and lower classes. But we have inserted these memoranda for a special purpose. We wish to do equal justice to all. Wildey spent ten years in making addresses and writing letters, many of which are of acknowledged excellence. We wish to give honor to the authors of these productions; to award their due share of merit to those without whom the matchless force of Wildey would have been exerted in vain. For they fixed the principles and gave color to the movement, and sowed the seeds of the modern era, with its lofty purposes; purposes then daringly uttered, but now the current annals of history.

Wildey’s anxiety to be known to posterity by a separate and distinct narrative, was undoubtedly great. Such a memoir would have gratified him above measure. With his usual decision he began the task, with the assistance of a certain John Starr, who is elsewhere mentioned. He did not seek better help, which he might have had; but with a timidity unusual with him, sought to have it done without consulting his ordinary advisers. This attempt is engrossed in a bound blank-book, whose back bears the printed title, “History, &c., of the O.I.O.F. in U. States, from 1819 – 1834.” The contents are in a clerky hand, and in good English, but the matter is condensed, and in form without special interest; with an addendum of copies of letters, rough sketches of his medal, &c. But he was not satisfied; hence he began a sort of autobiography, by hand, a rude fragment of which only remains. Before writing a single chapter he desisted.

Limited Edition Seven Star Tavern Miniature Wooden Keepsake

The Grand Lodge of Maryland has a Limited Edition of these 2 dimensional keepsakes. Approximately 5 1/2” X 3 1/3”. Each one is numbered and has a certificate of authenticity.

Send $25.00 to:
Grand Lodge of Maryland I.O.O.F.
7721 Old Battle Grove Rd
Dundalk, MD 21222
A story for “Making A Difference Day”

Received in e-mail in-box: This could be a story about any Odd Fellow or Rebekah fulfilling part of the commands of the Order: to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.

Last Ride

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I honked again. Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift, I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked.

‘Just a minute’, answered a frail, elderly voice.

I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90’s stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940’s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

‘Would you carry my bag out to the car?’ she asked. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. ‘It’s nothing’, I told her. ‘I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.’

‘Oh, you’re such a good boy, she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, ‘Could you drive through downtown?’ ‘It’s not the shortest way,’ I answered quickly. ‘Oh, I don’t mind,’ she said. ‘I’m in no hurry. I’m on my way to a hospice.’

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. ‘I don’t have any family left,’ she continued in a soft voice. ‘The doctor says I don’t have very long.’ I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. ‘What route would you like me to take?’ I asked.

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For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she’d ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and she would sit, staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, ‘I’m tired. Let’s go now.’ We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

‘How much do I owe you?’ She asked, reaching into her purse. ‘Nothing,’ I said. ‘You have to make a living,’ she answered. ‘There are other passengers,’ I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. ‘You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,’ she said. ‘Thank you.’ I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn’t pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don’t think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We are conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware—beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said ~ but ~ they will always remember how you made them feel.

Make a difference in someone’s life.
## Maintenance Report

**Lodge No.** __________

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**December 31, 2016, Membership** = __________

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**December 31, 2016, Ending Membership** = __________

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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,

Well it is 2016!! Election Year in the USA, while 2015 was elections in Canada!!! Every time I turn on the T.V. all I see is politics. I guess we will have at least 9 more months of this. It makes me think—I wished I could somehow instill this much enthusiasm in our members to get out and sign up some new people to join our fine Order.

We all seem to have some excuse as to why we cannot get someone to join. We asked someone and they turn me down (that was several years ago), or we are too old to go out and get new people (we are all getting older by the day), or some other feeble excuse.

If we continue on our same path of decreasing membership, we will disappear in another 10 years.

We have just completed our visits to lodges in Utah and New Mexico. It never ceases to amaze me that after our presentation, that many members come up and say “I didn’t know several of the programs the Odd Fellows offered”. Why are our Representatives to The SGL not taking the messages back home and letting the rank and file members know about the great benefits of being a member!

We just contacted a group of Masons who were disillusioned by their Order and wanted to join Odd Fellows. They said, “We think we need 2-300 members in our new lodge”. I wished some of our existing members had this outlook.

It’s down to YOU AND ME to continue on this great Order. Please think of someone you can ask to join.

Jon Petersen, P.S.G.M.
Membership Chairman 2015/2016

March 2016
Final—New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. ‘15 to 31 Dec. ‘15

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**VETERANS**

**80 years**

**75 Years**

**70 Years**
Richard Percifield, AB
Robert H. Gangawere, PA
John W. Robinson, PA

**65 Years**
Dave Jensen, AB
Don Thurlow, AB
Gordon Lowe, AB
Ken Brooks, AB
Noreen Everton, MB
Maureen Sheldon, MB
Joan Hirt, MB
Martin Elson, NY
Max L. Reapsome, PA

**60 Years**
Bert Johnson, AB
Niels Jensen, AB
Kenny Baldwin, ID
Jean Simpson, IL
Natalie Hoffman, KS
Elaine Garychuk, MB
William J. Hays, PA
John R. Grumling, PA
Earl E. Killen, PA
J. Lawrence Urey, PA
Lee C. Smith, PA
Maurice Miller, WV
Wilma R. Plyman, WV
Wanda F. Ashcraft, PA

**55 years**
Wilson Roller, AB
LaVerne Eskeland, AB
Gerald L. Richards, PA
Darwin F. Bradley, PA
Donald H. Leiby, PA

**50 Years**
Art Scott, AB
Ron Feyer, AB

Donald Bupp, PA
James F. Artley, PA
Grandville W. Sandridge, PA
Robert B. Colwell, PA
Paul R. Goodwin, PA
Richard G. English, PA
Martin Levit, PA
Robert I. Wright, PA
Raymond L. Smith Jr., PA
Jan A. Haas, PA
Terry McKinney, WV
Jack Riffle, WV
Edwin Rifle Jr., WV
William Riffle, WV
Charlotte Plyman Rose, WV

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.

*Items are not to scale.*

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Sponsor _____ 911 Museum Tickets @ $18.00
Sponsor _____ Empire State Building Tickets @ $22.00
Sponsor _____ Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Tickets @ $18.00
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Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

What an exciting year 2016 will be. As of this date the Tour has 6 buses with 277 delegates and 12 dedicated tour leaders.

All buses will travel to the same sites, the United Nations in New York City, the 911 Museum at ground zero, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Washington, D.C., Ottawa and Gettysburg.

Won’t you help to support the Tour by sponsoring a lunch, dinner, hotel room night, or provide a donation to one of the sites listed above? Donations are tax deductible in the U.S. If you have already contributed, thank you. The Board of Directors would like to thank the following for their donation this year which will insure no increase in delegate fees for 2016: Grand Lodge of Iowa $5,000.00, Board of Trustees District of Columbia $12,500.00, I.A.R.A. collection at 2015 session $700.00, The SGL collection at 2015 session $900.00, PSGM Charles Renninger $2,000.00, Grand Lodge of New Jersey $2,000.00, Dorothy Laycock PP-IARA $4,500.00, Grand Lodge of Michigan $3,500.00, Eugene Rasor $1,000.00, Grand Encampment of New Jersey $2,000.00, PSGM Jimmy Humphrey officers $1,500.00.

Due April 1st – Final payment for all delegates along with the 2016 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 N Trade Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830.

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Thank you to all who are sponsoring a delegate. These young people have the opportunity to experience world history in the making in the United States and Canada. Topics at the United Nations cover everything from current world events to research and development of programs established to aid and assist countries throughout the world. They walk through hallways Presidents and Prime Ministers have walked, sometimes seeing or meeting the “machers and shakers” that form policy for generations to come. Global warming, hunger, disease, war, these young people will see and hear first hand topics that may form their lives, and it is all because of you, who have sponsored them for 67 years. Thank you.

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**Alberta** — 16-17 April 2016, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3

**Arizona** — October 2016, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**Arkansas** — 14-15 October 2016, Grand Secretary – Jon R Petersen, 5469 A Henry 14, Lead Hill, AR 72644

**Atlantic Provinces** — 8-9 July 2016, Grand Secretary – Walwin Blackmore, 11 Park St, Grand Falls-Windsor, NL A2B 1C8

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

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

**British Columbia** — May 2016, Grand Secretary – Gordon Gale, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E9

**California** — 11-14 May 2016, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 14414-B Oak St, Saratoga, CA 95070-2669

**Chile** — DDGM – Mario Casassus Gabellini, Avda Quilin 2068, B Depto 31, Santiago, Chile

**Colorado** — October 2016, Grand Secretary – Douglas Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

**Connecticut** — 16-17 September 2016, 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 2015, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713

**District of Columbia** — March 2017, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007

**Europe** — May-June 2017, Grand Secretary, Andre Kuy, Selnaustrasse 3, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

**Florida** — 18-20 May 2016, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012

**Georgia** — 16-17 April 2016, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Hawaii** — DDGSM – Lambert K Lui-Kwan, 1579 Hoolana St, Pearl City, HI 96782

**Idaho** — October 2015, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605

**Illinois** — 10-11 October 2016, Grand Secretary – Jerald T Sarnes, PO Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62644-0248

**Indiana** — 14-15, October 2016, Grand Secretary – Diana Merritt, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

**Iowa** — October 2016, Grand Secretary – Lawrence Shilling, 5850 Oakwood Dr NW, Des Moines, IA 50322

**Kansas** — October 2016 — Grand Secretary – Wesley Wilbur, 4930 W 119th S, Peck, KS 67120

**Kentucky** — 10-12 October 2016, Grand Secretary – Donald Thomas, 5095 St John Rd, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

**Louisiana** — March 2016, DDGSM Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Maine** — October 2016, Grand Secretary – Mike Anderson, 80 Caron Ln, Auburn, ME 04210

**Manitoba** — 24-26 April 2016, Grand Secretary – Dorian Sherman, 118-4025 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5

**Maryland** — May 2016, Grand Secretary – Clair R Carrick, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222

**Massachusetts** — 2-4 June 2016, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606

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

**Michigan** — October 2016, Grand Secretary – Anthony Poma, 115 W St Joe St, Litchfield, MI 49252

**Minnesota** — 16-18 June 2016, Grand Secretary – Alex Saloum, PO Box 7415, Hutchinson, MN 55350-7415

**Mississippi** — June 2016, Grand Secretary – Ken Howard, PO Box 1127, Greenwood, MS 38935-1127

**Missouri** — May 2016, Grand Secretary – Kenneth D Higgins, PO Box 336, Fulton, MO 65251

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