THE BUNDLE OF STICKS.

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

This memento of a dying father, to teach his children the value of union, speaks no less impressively to our larger brotherhood. It reminds us of the power of each member to sustain, and be sustained by, the others, when all are bound into one bundle by the bands of F. L. & T. making the interests and labors of all, the common property of each. In Odd-Fellowship, union is strength indeed. One stick, separated from the rest, can easily be broken, one brother, isolated by selfish-ness, may be disheartened and destroyed, but in the firmly bound bundle, each brother can easily resist evil and accomplish good. Each strengthens the others against unhallowed opposition, and all stand firm and unmoved in the mighty power of our Fellowship.
Celebrating
100th Session —
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

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Thoughts and Prayers to:
PSGM Louis E. Fancher Jr.

PSGM Robert W. Smith

Maj. Gen. R. L. ‘Ken’ Lasswell and his wife
Lady Juanita (& Smokey)

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Sympathy to:
The family of Lady Juanita Faye Brothers, P-2nd VP—IALAPM—2010-2011 —22 June 2016

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July 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My journey as Sovereign Grand Master is slowly coming to an end. As this is my last article as Sovereign Grand Master, I want to briefly touch on some of the points of my program for the year. I would encourage everyone to read I Corinthians 12:14-26 as this is a perfect example of how our Order must function. Our Order is made up of many units and each one is important to our success as a whole.

As you know, my emblems were the mighty oak tree and the bundle of sticks. The bundle of sticks is such a simple concept. Our strength comes in working together, not singularly. Members need to put aside their egos and strive for comradery and peace within our lodges. My motto was “Deep roots build strong branches”. This too is a simple concept. We must strengthen our roots, before we can expect to have strong branches or units. One example of strengthening our roots is learning and appreciating our history in Order to speak intelligently to prospective members about our organization. Another example of strengthening our roots is supporting our youth programs.

One of the greatest programs we have in our Order is youth oriented - the United Nations Pilgrimage. Last year we added a 6th bus and this year, it is completely full. I cannot thank the membership enough for supporting this outstanding program. The young people who are fortunate enough to participate in the program take away many valuable lessons as well as lasting friendships. If you have ever sponsored a student on the tour, then you have had a part in changing a life for the better! It takes a lot of work to pull this program together each year and I would like to thank each and every person who is involved!

I am still working to fulfill the obligations of my office. I am currently on my way to the annual session of the Atlantic Provinces which I am looking forward to. One of my greatest joys has been in traveling to the various jurisdictions and seeing the different manner in which business is conducted in different regions. Lana and I would like to thank everyone for the hospitality extended to us in our travels. The hand of friendship was extended in the most loving ways!

In mid-July I will travel to The Sovereign Grand Lodge Office in Winston Salem, to participate in legislative discussions in preparation for our annual sessions. By the time this article is read, we will be in session in South Dakota. I would like to encourage everyone who can to attend the session. It is very important that the Grand Representatives attend. We have many items of important business to discuss and every vote counts. In addition to the business sessions, there are many opportunities for enjoying times of fellowship at the banquets and the

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

What a wonderful year this has been. To each of you a special “Thanks” is extended. Without you this journey would not have been possible. I have been welcomed with open arms in each jurisdiction I have been privileged to visit. Thank you for all the gifts, courtesies and friendship that have been extended to me. The past three years have flown by so quickly. I can hardly believe that it is nearly time for Session. The memories we have shared will always be in my heart.

The theme for this year has been ‘Take time to be a friend’. Friendship is the first link in our wonderful fraternity. This link is strengthened by Love and Truth. So many friendships have been formed because of our great Order. Together we share the future by extending our hands in friendship. If each one of us attained just one new member what a great day this would be for Rebekah-Odd Fellowship!

For several years the I.A.R.A. has collected items for various charities. This year I would like to ask you to bring school supplies to Session. A box of crayons, pencils, notebooks or paper will all be appreciated. Education is so very important to the future. Remember it is not the gift but the giving that makes a difference.

Danny, Emil, Cathy and I look forward to greeting you in Rapid City, South Dakota. During this Year of Unity, we said Deep Roots Build Strong Branches as Together we make a difference, Building a Team knowing that You’ve got to stick your head out in order to move forward. This past year has been wonderful for us and we hope that in some way we have inspired you to make a difference.

I hope you have made plans to attend our 100th Session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in Rapid City. Special plans are being made to celebrate this 100th Session in a grand style. Come and join us as we remember the past and then march into the future proudly proclaiming “I’m Glad That I’m a Rebekah”.

Thanks again for everything. See you soon.

Fraternally,

Kathy Shary

‘Take time to be a Friend.'
Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to say a very big “Thank You” to all of you, who have made my year so great. We have had some sad times and some happy times, but that is what this Order is all about, being there for our Ladies, Chevaliers, Sisters, Brothers and Friends when we are needed. I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by.

There are a few Ladies who will not be at our sessions. I am really sorry that they will not be there. We have a meeting room that is about 6,000 square feet and this is all arranged by our Sovereign Grand Master the Honorable Danny M. Wood. “Thank You” Brother Danny.

To Lady Tracy Boyer, 1st Vice President, I wish for you and Gen. Dan Mathews the best ever and I hope you have a wonderful year. I am here to help whenever you need me.

To our 2nd Vice President Lady Estella Crowder, I cannot tell you how much I counted on you this year and you were always there for me. “Thank You” so much for being there.

Jr. Past President Lady Carol Schoolcraft, “Thank You” so much for being there for me and helping me this past year.

To Lady Joyce Higgins, you were the 1st President of the I.A.L.A.P.M. that I ever saw at our sessions in California. I was so impressed that I knew right then and there that I wanted to be an officer in the I.A.L.A.P.M. and be just like Lady Joyce Higgins, "Thank You" again for all your work and help.

To Lady Judy Gordon, I was your Bible Bearer the night you were installed 2nd Vice President and I felt a Kindred Spirit between the 2 of us. When you asked me to be your Chaplain I cannot tell you how Proud and Happy I was to say YES. I was very happy to have you as my Installing Officer for Installation on August 18th, 2015. One thing I want to say to you is “Thank You”

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Chivalrously,

General Emil R. Suder
General Commanding

Let’s continue to Build a Team!

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’
for all you have done for me and the I.A.L.A.P.M. since you were installed Secretary. You have worked hard and done things that I was not ready to do and I am sure I do not speak alone when I say that. You are always there and right on the ball for what needs done and who does what and so on and so forth. Lady Judy Gordon, I take my hat off to you and say “Thank You” over and over.

To my appointed officers “Thank You” so much for taking the office that you have and I am looking forward to us always working with each other.

I would like to say “Thank You” to 3 important people as my year comes to a close. They are:

The Honorable Danny M. Wood, Sovereign Grand Master
Sister Kathy Shary, President International Association Rebekah Assembly
General Emil R. Suder, General Commanding General Military Council

We have been close and always there for one another. I know this will continue because we Love each other. I hope the best to each one of you and hope that we will see one another often.

Most of all to my family: To James, my son-in-law, & Mary, My daughter “Thank You” for all the pictures you took at my Testimonial and all the flowers for each of the tables. I cannot tell you how proud I am of you both. To Ainsley, my Granddaughter, “Thank You” so much for all the work you did for me. I cannot tell you how pleased I was that you all were there. I was so proud of you that night and always will be. Seth and Ellie, my Grandson and my Granddaughter, “Thank You” so much for all the work you did at my Testimonial. You both worked very hard and I appreciate it so much. I am so sorry I was not able to be at you “Birthday Party” on June 3rd. I was at the “Canadian War Memorial” to place a wreath in honor of the men and women that fought for Canadians who gave their fighting best and in some cases their lives.

To my loving Husband, Ed, you never have told me no I cannot do something and for this reason I say “Thank You”. You have taken me to the Nevada or Los Angeles Airport at all hours for the day and night. You drop me off and then you drive back home another 2 1/2 hours and you never say no, all you say is what time do you leave and come back. I am so sorry you could not fly to some of the places I have gone to but I understand with the noise of the planes. You were there for me when I was installed 1st V.P., and most of all when I was installed President and you will be there for me when I go out of office. I want to say “Thank You” and “I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH”.

Take care and Peace be with you all. “THANK YOU TO ALL!”

Chivalrously,

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

You’ve got to stick your head out

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Wednesday evening fun night.

I would like to thank the elected and appointed officers that I had the opportunity to serve with this year - W. Larry Ferguson, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master; John A. Miller, Sovereign Grand Warden; Terry L. Barrett, Sovereign Grand Secretary; Harless A. Turner, Sovereign Grand Treasurer; W. H. ‘Bill’ Guy, Sovereign Grand Marshal; Stanford T. ‘Taka’ Shiroma, Sovereign Grand Conductor; Robert E. Castleman, Sovereign Grand Chaplain; Michelle L. Heckart, Sovereign Grand Musician; David Deloney, Sovereign Grand Guardian; Vincent J. Braucci, Sovereign Grand Messenger; Brig. Gen. J. Walker Houchins, Aide-de-Camp; and Jimmy C. Humphrey, Past Sovereign Grand Master. There are many other members who have helped me in this journey but they are too numerous to mention. Each of these members has a great love and appreciation for our Order and are dedicated to its success. I would like to pledge my support to incoming Sovereign Grand Master, W. Larry Ferguson, as he takes the reigns of leadership. I wish him all the best during the coming year.

This past year has been tremendous for me. I cannot adequately express how fortunate I feel for having been given the opportunity to serve as your Sovereign Grand Master. I will forever cherish this experience and will remain ever grateful for the friendships that I have established along the way. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you!

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Danny Wood
Sovereign Grand Master
January 2016

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

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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: ________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
Highest Current or Past Title ______________________ Unit of the Order Attending __________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
City, State/Providence: ________________________________________________________________ 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 Holiday Inn - Formal | USA $60.00 |
| Fun Night – Wednesday – August 17th Chuck Wagon – Mt. Rushmore | USA $60.00 |
| 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.
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
# 2016 Annual Sessions

**190th annual communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge**

**113th annual session of the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant**

**100th annual session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies**

**78th annual session of the International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant**

Friday—August 12th through Friday—August 19th
Rapid City, South Dakota

Tentative Schedule of events: check your session schedule for exact times and functions.

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Eighty-fourth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns
May 6-7, 2017, Arlington, Virginia

May 2016

SAVE THE DATE:

The 2017 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial service will start at 12:00 noon followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2017. We will be at the same hotel as this year.

The buses and trams will be used like they were this year. More information and details will be sent when they become available.

Please pass this information on to the members of your jurisdiction.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger
General Co-Chairmen

**A Challenge**

**FIVE STONES**

FRATERNITY had been defied: “I defy the armies of Fraternity!” It had been berated: “Thou king of slaves!” It had been challenged: “Choose ye a man and send him forth that I may fight with him!” In its misery it cried: “Woe is me, king of slaves! slaves to selfishness! slaves to greed! slaves to avarice! slaves to pleasure! Oh, is there not one among you who will venture forth and say this enemy?”

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

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

Recently a Grand Body adopted a constitutional provision authorizing the arrest of the charter of an encampment when the number of its members in good standing became less than twenty-five. The Sovereign Grand Lodge held that that provision was a violation of a fundamental rule of Odd Fellowship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WITH FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He sees those men, in 1823, when the use of wine was general, and drunkenness was common, prohibit the use of intoxicating liquors in their meeting places; in 1895, exclude saloonkeepers and bartenders from membership in the Order; and, in 1906, prohibit the use of lodge property for saloon purposes.

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

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

He sees them visit the sick, when there are no hospitals and nurse the sick, when there are no professional nurses; stand at the grave which they have excavated, and bury the dead, when a mortu-
ary was unheard of; care for the widow, when such a thing as a widow’s pension was unknown; and care for the aged, when no one had advocated an old-age pension.

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

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

As he sees those things, he knows that the work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has aroused public conscience, established object lessons, and showed the way to organized society and fraternal institutions which now carry on work that it commenced. The stones selected from the brook by David were sufficient. Those five men were instrumental, if not responsible, for the improved humanitarian conditions in the world.

Odd Fellowship smiles with satisfaction as it looks back at that record of accomplishment. Seeing conditions as they are today, improved as they are over what they were when it began its min-

istrations to humanity, it feels that it has been of some service in the world, but it realizes the greatness of the task which is yet to be accomplished by FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

HA, HA, HA

The giant laughed when he saw A youth with a sling and a stone Coming to answer his challenge, And coming all alone.

He was looking for a warrior Armed with a sword and a spear, And he laughed as he looked at the youth, And thought he had nothing to fear.

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

But the World no longer laughs. It now gives its acclaim To the work of Odd Fellowship. It honors Wildey’s name.

Arthritis Advisory Board—Silent Auction
Wednesday the 17th August 2016
Rapid City, South Dakota

Please join us in the fight against Arthritis and bring your silent auction items to Rapid City to auction for the benefit of the Arthritis Foundation and Society.
I.A.R.A.
Celebrates 100th Session

Association of Rebekah Assemblies was organized in 1915 and chartered in 1923 – celebrates its 100th session in Rapid City, South Dakota – name amended in 1955 to include the word “International”.

CHAPTER 3
(from the 1970 Code of General Laws)

CHARTER.

SEC. 706. Charter for the Association of Rebekah Assemblies, I.O.O.F.

History: Granted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Detroit, Michigan, September 20, 1922. The engrossed Charter, signed and sealed, was formally presented to the Association of Rebekah Assemblies I.O.O.F., by Grand Sire Lucian J. Eastin, September 20, 1923.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
To All Whom It May Concern:

KNOW YE THAT THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, recognizing the ASSOCIATION OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES as a central body working under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, having authorized said Association to prepare, adopt and transmit to this Grand Body for its consideration a Constitution providing for the election of representatives by the various Assemblies of the Association, prescribing the qualifications for membership in such Association, providing for such officers as may be necessary to conduct the business of said Association, fixing their terms of office, defining their duties and fixing their qualifications, determining the time and place of holding the meetings of said Association and otherwise providing for the maintenance and operation of said Association; and having approved such Constitution, THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F., does hereby grant this CHARTER confirming said powers.

Said Association of Rebekah Assemblies has the right to use all or such parts of the Assembly Degree as shall be necessary to its needs and purposes. It may prepare and adopt suitable ceremonies for opening and closing the meetings of said Association and for the installation of its officers. Said Association has no power to legislate, but it may, and it shall be its duty to make recommendations to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, respecting the needs of the Rebekah branch of the Order. It has power to receive reports from the Assemblies joined in membership, to disseminate information to the various Assemblies and to promote by recommendation and counsel a harmonious observance of the objects and principles of Odd Fellowship as exemplified and practiced by the Rebekah branch of the Order. PROVIDED, ALWAYS, That they ever pay due respect to this Sovereign Body, and observe the ordinances thereof, otherwise this CHARTER may be declared by this Sovereign Grand Lodge to be of no force or effect.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and of the Rebekah Degree, I.O.O.F., the seventy-second.

/s/ LUCIAN J. EASTIN, Grand Sire.

SEAL

/s/ HERBERT A. THOMPSON, Deputy Grand Sire.

Attest: /s/ J. EDWARD KROH, Grand Secretary.

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CHAPTER 4

PLEDGE.

SEC. 707. The following pledge, written by the President, Jessie A. Thompson, was recited by the members of the Associations on the occasion of the presentation of the Charter by Grand Sire Lucian J. Eastin, September 20, 1923. The pledge so recited, was reported by the Grand Sire to The Sovereign Grand Lodge and it was made a part of the permanent record of that body.

“Through this instrument, so graciously granted us by our Sovereign Grand Lodge, presented to us by our Grand Sire, and received by us in Friendship Love and Truth, we, the Association of Rebekah Assemblies, do pledge allegiance to our Sovereign Body, its laws and customs, its officers and its precepts; renew our obligation to the Order and dedicate this body and its constituent Assemblies to the world-wide dissemination of the principles of Odd Fellowship, the strengthening of its organization, and the practice of its teachings.

We return our thanks to The Sovereign Grand Lodge for this Charter. Accepting it as evidence of our faithfulness in the past, we look forward to a glorious future of achievement made possible by cooperation, loyalty and sincerity, to the end that Odd Fellowship may be increased, humanity may be served, and the teachings of the second Great Commandment may be obeyed.”

Jewels for Past President—International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

Adopted 1937 Report 141 Page 321

IARA Officers and Past President: A jewel of gold color, brass gold plated, or yellow metal, top bar is curved with three links, framed by scroll work above it, and the office title engraved in the center, IE: “Past President.” Suspend from top bar by gold chain links is the Center bar which is edged with scroll work and is curved with the raised & polished letters I.A.R.A. on it. Suspended from the IARA bar by identical gold chain links is the medallion of the Rebekah Assembly, with Zircon or diamond as may be called for by special order—

Description as follows: Said jewel to be in form circular, of the diameter one and 1/8 inches; on the face thereof, on the upper side of the circle, seven stars set in the center thereof with diamonds; on the immediate left of said stars, a raised crescent; on the extreme lower edge of said circle, a raised representation of a beehive; and immediately thereunder the 3 links; on the immediate left of said beehive, a raised figure of a lily, and on the immediate right, and on a line with the top of the beehive, the figure of a flying dove holding in its bill an olive branch, the figure of which is to be cut into the surface of the jewel.

Medallion later changed to 1908 RA style. — 1908 Report 137 Page 741

The medallion to consist of four-armed cross of special design, 1 3/8 inches extreme length from right to left resting on a wreath of tinted gold 1/8 inch wide and 15/16 inch outer diameter, each arm to be tipped by 3 small ball points, the outer edges having a raised rim 1/16 inch wide. There shall be engraved on the arms of the cross the following symbols: On top arm the moon and seven stars; on the right hand arm the dove; on the left hand arm the lily; on the lower arm Rebekah at the well; said symbols to be roman gold color; the center to contain a white diamond of not more than ¼ carat—.
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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
Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy 4th of July. Mid-summer heat and humidity. Probably mid-summer doldrums for your lodge. It is tough to keep members interested and attending when there are numerous summer events going on. Many vacations, fishing trips, family gatherings, etc. I can think of 100 excuses for not attending the meetings.

As a leader in your lodge, you need to be creative and come up with programs that will be inviting enough to keep all of the members attending. Maybe a watermelon feed, or a group trip to the local fishing hole, (maybe a dip in the lake) or just an old fashioned homemade ice cream social (everybody likes ice cream).

Summertime can be the most fun time of the year. Make your lodge FUN!! That is the way to keep and attract new members. If you are a bunch of “old-stick-in-the-mud” folks, I don’t want to join either.

Here it is, July again and we are looking forward to meeting in Rapid Cry, South Dakota for the annual sessions. It should be a great time to see Mount Rushmore and the famous Black Hills. Certainly hope you can make it.

We had a very nice statewide seminar in Des Moines, Iowa a couple of weeks ago. The program was informative as well as entertaining. I think everyone there learned some new things about our Order and how to make our lodges and membership better. Even though Joy and I and Jimmy Humphrey have made numerous visits to talk with lodges in 10 states, we cannot make them all. How about YOU requesting brochures from the office and holding an information night in your lodge. A lot of members are not familiar with:

1. United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth
2. Educational Foundation Scholarships & Loans
3. Visual Eye Research Programs
4. SOS Villages for Children
5. Living Legacy Program
6. Arthritis Foundation and/or Society
7. Our Hunger & Disaster Program
8. California’s participation in the Rose Bowl Parade

You do not have to be a gifted speaker to present this information to your own lodge. We have brochures on most of these programs and several others about Odd Fellowship in general that you can give to prospective members. If your own members are not aware of all of the good things we do as a group and all of the individual benefits you can derive as a member, how can you go out and “sell” Odd Fellowship membership to someone new?? Let us all get on the bandwagon to inform all of our members about our entire Order and not just our local lodge.

Have a great summer

Jon Petersen, P.S.G.M.
Membership Chairman 2015/2016
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270 delegates, 12 tour leaders, 6 New York staff, a representative from the I.A.R.A. and S.G.L., from 42 states, provinces and foreign countries, spent time between July 9 to July 26, learning, listening, forming lifelong friendships, riding (the bus), and walking (many many miles). The United Nations provide excellent speakers on world issues, the delegates give inspirational fantastic speeches competing for scholarships from the Educational Foundation I.O.O.F.

Tours of historical sites in New York, Washington, DC, Gettysburg, Ottawa, visiting the Corning Glass Museum. These are some of the stops along the way. 78 nights of hotel rooms, totaling approximately 1,014 rooms, 228 meals, unknown boxes of Band-Aids, bottles of water, uncharged cell phones or tablets.

This is all from the year 2016, but what about the upcoming years. Now is the time to start planning for sponsorship of a delegate in 2017 or beyond. The September-October issue of the I.O.O.F. News will have information on the 2017 tour and deadline dates. Apply as a Tour Leader or serve on the New York Staff. 2017 applications to download for delegates, tour leaders or New York staff are on our website www.unpilgrimage.org.

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