Units of the Order
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* Rebekah Lodge
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* Ladies Encampment Auxiliary
* Patriarchs Militant
* Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant
* Junior Odd Fellows Lodge
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The World of Odd Fellowship
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11 Finland
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17 New Zealand
18 Nigeria
19 Norway
20 Philippines
21 Poland
22 Spain
23 Sweden
24 Switzerland
25 United Kingdom
26 USA

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

Lady Estella Crowder
President
International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries
Patriarchs Militant

Gen. R.L. Ken Lasswell
General Commanding
General Military Council, P.M.

Linda L. Thompson
President
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

The Honorable
John A. Miller Sr.
Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Sovereign Grand Master’s Message

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

General Commanding / President - I.A.L.A.P.M. - Messages

Thomas Wildey Birthday Proclamation

Membership
Thoughts and Prayers to:

Conley Call, PSGM—shattered his upper arm

Bernita Roberts, wife of Executive Officer of the GMC—broken bone in the wrist

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Sympathy to:

The family of Gen. John P. Fox Sr.—8 August 2017

The family of Verna Henry, wife of PSGM Percy Henry—27 October 2017

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Thank You from:

Lady Estella Crowder for the many good wishes extended during the Testimonial Weekend.

SGM John Miller to all who participated in the Testimonial Festivities in Windsor Locks, CT.

Arlan Miller, SGChap. For the many cards, calls, e-mails and prayers during and after surgery.
To All My Fraternal Brothers and Sisters of all Units of Odd Fellowship,

Happy Holidays!

Have you thanked a Rebekah today? Most importantly, will you? The Rebekahs are an integral part of our Order. They give us, our Order, the strength to carry on our many missions. What do you think of when we speak of a Rebekah? Most of them are our wives, our mothers, our daughters and our sisters. Some are our brothers as well.

Rebekahs are strong in spirit. They are hard workers. They reach out to their communities with their projects. They are there for the members who are most in need of our help. They remember and visit our sick. Most importantly they reach out and help wherever it is needed to benefit and improve mankind. They do not ask for any reward. They just do it! They do it because it needs to be done. They do it because if they don’t, who will?

When we do our work, Rebekahs are there offering their help and support. They stand beside us. Rebekahs are more than our Sisters, they are our PARTNERS. Some of us have taken them for granted. I, for one, will never let that happen again. I have learned first-hand what they do! Thank God for Rebekahs!

So I ask “Have you thanked a Rebekah today?”

A few more thoughts, do not forget to “Make a Difference” by doing one simple thing each day. Don’t just say “Make a Difference” do it! Remember to carry a jar for change when you travel I really would like to fill that 5 gallon pail with change for our youth. Remember to support our “Living Legacy” program. It can be something as small as a bush that is planted to support the program and make a difference in our world. Keep in mind to remember to bring a canned food item with you if you are attending next year’s Session of The SGL in Baltimore. Support the Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float, this project provides great publicity for our Order and they need our help.

In conclusion, do something to make a difference every day! Remember to report it so that you receive the recognition for what you have done. Last but not least, Have you “Thanked a Rebekah” today?

Fraternally yours in FLT,

John A Miller, Sr.

Don’t just say: “Make a Difference” — Do it!

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

As I sit to write this, I do wish everyone the best of life, love, family, health and friendship. And just so you know:

**I love everything old!**
- Old People
- Old Friends
- Old Books
- Old Pictures
- Old Ways
- Old Dogs
- Old Lodge Furniture!!!

When I look (and I do!) at the “old” pictures that hang in our Lodges over the beautiful “old” Lodge furniture - I am reminded of the members who came before us. I think of their good works and deeds. I remember that they too had many challenges, different from ourselves, but none-the-less, often difficult.

While it is good to love the old, it is also important for all of us to keep progressing forward. We can now reach our members through social media on many levels. As technology has transformed our society, including our organization, there is no reason to be bound by the “old” rules: We’ve never done it that way! “or ‘We have always done it this way!’ ”

Martin Luther said, “We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished.”

As I have traveled to different Jurisdictions and witnessed the meetings, events and celebrations there, it has been a wonderful experience to see the new and different ways members are connecting. Reaching out to their communities while sharing the principles of Odd Fellowship.

Clearly, this proves to those involved, that when Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, **including all branches of the Order**, work together for the good of the Order - the outcome is success. Success that involves members young and old, and an organization where prospective members want to belong.

Louis Dearborn L’Amour said, “There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be a beginning.”

I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this fine Order and experience “my” beginnings, while also enjoying my “old loves.”

Fraternally,

Linda L. Thompson
President-I.A.R.A.
Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

Well, it is that time again to let you all know what is going on and where I have been. We had a little slack until the end of September, and then it started.

We and some of my staff went to President IALAPM Lady Estella Crowder’s Testimonial in London, Ontario. Had a great time there and was welcomed by all. Came home with a Clock so I could be on time to everything going forward. Tracey Boyer and her family were unable to be there due to her husband having a very serious ATV accident, and to my knowledge he is still in bed partially paralyzed and is now in rehab. Please keep him and her family in your prayers.

After that the following weekend off to Topeka, Kansas for their Department Council. Had a great time there also, as they are such a great bunch of Ladies and Chevaliers. Lt. Gen. Patrick Cress was unable to be there as he was in the hospital for an ongoing illness. Please keep him also in your prayers, as he is one of the great leaders there. Their adjutant Lt. Col. Tom Hodges did a great job in keeping all going as per schedule and needs to be complimented. Kansas is one of the places that they ask for someone to do something and they all jump up and want to do it, even when they don’t know what to do. That is dedication. Well done Kansas!

The following middle of the week we all went to the Department Council of Indiana but stopped at home for one day to wash clothes again. They had a great session and need to be congratulated with getting things done in a very timely manner. Lt. Gen. Johnson handled things there with great respect. Lt. Gen. Marie Greger-Smith Quartermaster General of the GMC is having difficulty with her eyes, and is handling it like the trooper she is. Our prayers need to include her well wishes with her dilemma.

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Then back home for one day of washing clothes, then the following day off to the Department Council at Fresno, California. They have a lot of expertise there and I was warned not to go to California as I would not be happy there. Well, they were incorrect and I was treated very respectfully and greatly enjoyed my visit, and would be willing to go there again sometime in the future. They had about 5 or 6 ladies there in the Ladies PM uniform and a couple of them in a Male PM uniform. I mentioned that I thought that a Lady looked better in a Ladies uniform than a man’s uniform, and one of them took it as a challenge and showed up the following day in a ladies skirt. That is dedication, and making a great joke of it, that was appreciated by all. Well done Lt. Shuller. The laugh was on me. We had a Sword Practice that seemed to be greatly appreciated by all.

We, before returning home, visited some family and some Old Good Friends. We then headed back, but went the long way thru Austin, Texas and visited for a few hours with our daughter, then continued on driving to Illinois.

After being home two days to wash clothes again, we struck off for SGM John Miller’s Testimonial in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Had a great time and renewed and made some new friends. Found that one of our dates was incorrect, so got it corrected. Some of us kept a Security Watch on the SGM so that he wouldn’t have a repeat of the mugging from St. Louis. All went well. By the time that we all were done with lying about each other and patting each other on our backs. We all seem to feel good. Ha! Ha! It was a very good turn out to honor our SGM, whom is a great guy. Our Chaplin General, Brig. Gen. Greta Bowers gave the Closing Prayer, which was great honor for the GMC. Thank you SGM for recognizing the GMC. Then off to home again.

The following weekend we will be heading to the Department Council of Virginia. Will let you all know how it goes next article. Hope that everyone in the US has a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends, and trust that the Canadians had a Happy Thanksgiving Celebration – October 9th. Don’t overdo the liberations on the holidays in December. Drive Safely! By the way I was asked how many miles have I driven so far. This is easy to tell as I purchased a new auto in August of this year, a 2018 Honda Odyssey Elite. As of now, it has over 16K miles on it, so we haven’t let the tires get cold. I was accompanied by my wife, Maj. Gen. Juanita Lasswell, the Inspector General, Maj. Gen. Earl Wys the USA Military Advisor, and Lt. Gen. Jeff Lasswell, the Chief of Staff, and Brig. Gen. Fred Barlow the Surgeon General. Thanks you all for your great assistant with driving and such. You will also be happy to know that your GMC Ambassador of Good Will, Maj. Gen. Smokey Lasswell was also well received by all.

Chivalrously,

/s/ Gen. R.L. ‘Ken’ Lasswell
General Commanding, GMC

Don’t just say “Make a Difference” do it! Remember to carry a jar for change when you travel. I really would like to fill a 5 gallon pail with change for our youth at the session in Baltimore—August 2018.
Odd Fellowship and Charity

Charity is one of the underlying principles of the superstructure of Odd Fellowship. It is one of the brightest jewels, signifying more than language can express. Without charity none can be truly religious to any extent. It is the distinctive badge or insignia of a man who has been with God and learned of him. All the Christian graces cluster around charity. Without it the world would sit in darkness and despair, with nothing to light up the pathway of the weak, weary pilgrim upon life’s tempestuous sea of turmoil, strife, and perplexity. It does, indeed, stimulate, edify, and encourage the downtrodden and discouraged, and it inspires them with the belief that there is joy and peace in the world for all and that! He is worth living.

This principle of religion and this fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship is one of the things for which the world is hungering and thirsting. We cannot confine charity to the giving of money for the relief of the distressed. It has a broader meaning than financial benevolence. It takes cognizance of the value of money and the importance of bestowing financial assistance upon those who justly deserve it, but there are many instances where a word fitly spoken, a deed kindly done, is of inestimably more value than any amount of money or financial assistance. Men and women are dying for love and encouragement. Nothing is more Christ-like than the disposition to offer encouragement at the proper time. Many a life has been saved by the affection and encouragement bestowed upon the individual who had lost confidence in themself and in all mankind.

Oftentimes we wonder why there are so many suicides, why so many people despair of life and cannot see the beauties of living in such a splendid world. If we take the time to make a thorough investigation, it will be ascertained that the lack of charity, encouragement, and kindly words has had something to do with the downfall of nearly every human.

It is so much easier to think charitably of our neighbor than to judge them harshly and unjustly; so much easier to say a word of commendation than to censure and find fault that we wonder why people ever do otherwise.

If there is to be a heaven and everlasting life for us beyond this world, it must begin in this life. If a man cannot by his words, deeds, and acts put a little of the idea of heaven, its glories and beauties, into the everyday walks of this life, there is not much chance to enter into the pearly gates of that celestial city.

This life is given us for cultivation and improvement, and it is intended that we shall make preparation for greater and better things that are in store for us at the end of the earthly journey. If our lives are blighted with a spirit of bigotry, inconsistency, charitableness, and infidelity to God and man, there is but little hope that we shall become proud possessors of mansions that are built for all those who walk uprightly and serve the King acceptably.

The Holy Bible teaches us that charity is greater than faith and hope. It is the citadel upon which all the other religious graces stand. It is the zenith of our life, its power, beauty, and usefulness. Without it the Bible would be almost meaningless, religion a farce, the church unable to prosper.

When we consider it in this light, we do not wonder that it is given such a prominent place in the teaching of every secret society. If Odd Fellowship failed to adopt this as a part of its instruction, it would fail in one of the most essential and vital features connected with every good institution. Odd Fellowship is not blind to this splendid virtue, but gives it a prominent place in its ritualistic ceremonies.

A man or woman cannot become a good Odd Fellow without learning the lesson of (Continued on page 13)
Thomas Wildey Day Proclamation

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

Fraternally 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, John A. Miller Sr., 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, 2018 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 2017, and in the 199th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ John A. Miller Sr.

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 Fellows & Rebekahs
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 not 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.

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)
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation  
c/o Mr. Terry L. Barrett  
422 Trade Street NW  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Dear Terry,

It is a pleasure to thank you again for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation’s generous support of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Professorship in Ophthalmology. Professorships are foundational to the mission of the Wilmer Eye Institute as they help attract and retain leading physician-scientists as faculty members. In turn, these endowed professors work daily to translate research into innovative treatments and therapies for our patients and educate the next generation of leaders in the field.

Your organization’s generous contribution to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Professorship endowment is an ever-greening cornerstone of my ongoing work. It endorses the research I am doing and advances the art and science to treat glaucoma. Your generosity has made my efforts in the diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma possible, and I am pleased to be able to provide you with an update on the remarkable progress I am making at Wilmer.

Recently, in the prestigious journal JAMA Ophthalmology, I published results that were analyzed with two medical students on the outcomes of a particular graft material used in conjunction with glaucoma surgery. One of the most important tasks of an endowed professor is training the next generation of vision researchers, and this provocative research has the potential to change the way in which the surgery is performed in the future.

I am also part of a multidisciplinary team involving the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health that has received a 5 year grant from the National Eye Institute. The team is tasked with advancing the practice of Evidence Base Medicine in eye care throughout the country.

On a more personal note, recently I was commissioned to write an editorial on screening for glaucoma for the British Medical Journal, one of the most prestigious medical journals in the world.

What We Do Together

Our collaborators are not only within the realm of medical research and academia-researchers, other academic disciplines, and institutions. Benefactors such as your organization are philanthropic collaborators, and without you, our faculty’s life-changing work would not be possible.

I look forward to continuing to share our successes with you as we strive to end glaucoma and improve health and the quality of life for our patients here and for people around the world.

In gratitude,

/s/ Henry D. Jampel, M.D., M.H.S.  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Professor of Ophthalmology

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Professorship in Ophthalmology
SECOND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

This presentation is presented by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Military Units Honoring all of those on both sides that died in the Civil War. Many Americans on both sides gave their lives for a cause they believed in and were willing to die for! We feel it is fitting we Honor all that made this sacrifice for their country!

The presentation will be conducted at the Beauvoir Manor Cemetery, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531 – Phone number 228-388-4400. The dates and time will be Friday the 16th February 2018 for the banquet (to be held at Beauvoir Museum) beginning at 6:30 P.M. and the wreath laying ceremony will be Saturday at 11:00 A.M. the 17th February 2018 (to be held at Beauvoir Cemetery).

Please find enclosed a list of hotels in the area. Please make your reservations with the hotel. Also enclosed is a list of things to see and do as well as places to eat.

Name & Organization Name: 

If your Jurisdiction would like to be recognized by laying or having a wreath laid: Number of Wreaths/Name of Jurisdiction: 

_____ X $50.00 each = $ __________ (Total enclosed)

Number attending the Banquet in your group that you are paying for:

_____ X $40.00 each = ______________

The banquet will be a buffet of Southern food, held on Friday the 16th February 2018 at 7:00 P.M., with social time beginning at 6:30 P.M. The dress for the banquet will be suit or uniform for men and formal or uniform for women.

A special treat for those attending will be a private tour of Jefferson Davis Home and the Museum. If you want to participate in the tours, please be there at 5:30 P.M. Friday the 16th February 2018.

Please fill out the form above and return by January 1, 2018 with payment to: Brig. Gen. Mitzi Rayborn, Chm Beauvoir Pilgrimage Committee 1111Hwy 29 Wiggins, MS 39577 H: 601-928-9200 or C: 601-466-9464 E: mitzirayborn@gmail.com

We thank you for your participation in this event.

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Places to eat Things to do Where to stay

Shaggy’s Biloxi Beach

$$ Seafood Restaurant – Lively, kid-friendly beachfront spot serves seafood & drinks in funky digs with gulf views & patio. 1763 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 (228) 432-5005 Menu: places.singleplatform.com

The Reef Biloxi Beach

Laid-back beach eatery offering casual seafood dishes & Southern meals, plus a waterfront deck. 1749 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 (228) 206-7075 Menu: http://thereefbiloxi.com

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**Half Shell Oyster House**
Upscale-casual Southern seafood restaurant & bar serving oysters & po’ boys, plus steak & cocktails.
125 Lameuse St, Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 432-5050
Menu: halfshelloysterhouse.com

**Cajun Crawfish Hut**
Po’ boys, fried seafood & other Cajun dishes are on the menu at this informal eatery on stilts.
300 Beach Blvd E, Long Beach, MS 39560
http://www.cajuncrawfishhut.net

**Slap Ya Momma’s BBQ Smokehouse Barbecue Restaurant**
1830 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 456-0055
http://www.slapyamommas.com

**Mary Mahoney’s Old French House**
$$$ Seafood Restaurant – Revered elegant mainstay boasts locally sourced seafood, premium filets & romantic courtyard.
110 Rue Magnolia, Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 374-0163
Menu: places.singleplatform.com

**Patio 44 - Biloxi Creole Restaurant**
Local and craft beer. Over 100 labels of fine wine from around the world. Our cocktails are made from fresh-squeezed juices and premium liquors. Whatever your tastes, we’ll gladly help you find the perfect pairing with our delicious cuisine.
124 Main St, Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 207-2628
Reservations: opentable.com

**Fillin’ Station – Biloxi Oyster Bar Restaurant**
Convivial, late-night spot for drinks & Cajun/Creole specialties, with a seafood focus.
39530, 692 Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 435-2628
Reservations: opentable.com
discover.biloxi.ms.us link for walking tour

**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**
693 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530
P: 228-392-8645
http://www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com/

**Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum**
504 Pass Rd
Gulfport, MS – Call (228) 284-5731
https://www.facebook.com/SCOTTMCMRM/?hc_ref=PAGE_TIMELINE

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INFINITY is located just off of I-10, at MS exit 2 (South) “next door” to the Mississippi Welcome Center near the MS/LA border. INFINITY Science Center, 1 Discovery Circle, Pearlington, MS 39572—Contact Us: (228) 533-9025 – guest-services@visitinfinity.com

**Hotels** in our area, be sure to mention Beauvoir for discounts!

**Quality Inn** – 2414 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 - (228) 388.1000

**South Beach Biloxi** – 1735 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531 - (228) 388.2627

**Motel 6** – 2476 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 - (228) 388.2601

**Regency Inn & Suites** – 11969 Bobby Eleuterius Blvd, D’Iberville, MS 39540—(228) 396.0100

Biloxi boasts a long and sometimes turbulent history, dating from 1699 when Pierre Lemoine, Sieur d’Iberville sailed into the Mississippi Sound. The city grew from a quiet village into a thriving seafood center by the 1890s, with immigrants from Croatia/Slovenia, Bohemia and later Louisi-ana Acadians harvesting the abundant shrimp and oysters. For most of the early 20th century, the seafood industry sustained the city’s economy. With the creation of Keesler Army Field in 1939 (now Keesler Air Force Base), Biloxi grew in national significance and population. In 1992 a new industry grew in Biloxi - casino gambling. With the economic boom spurred by legalized gaming in 1992 and the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Biloxi continues to strive to balance its ties to the past with its vision for the future.
Charity. He or she cannot be a good Odd Fellow without practicing this sublime principle. It must permeate the life of every member of the Order. It must be uppermost in their mind. If a candidate fails to grasp the importance of this lesson, they have not been impressed properly, and have not had imparted to them a proper conception of the beauties of Odd Fellowship. This principle must predominate in every life.

Charity has wiped away tears, softened suffering, and ministered at many deathbeds. Charity inspires us to lift up the fallen, and to be kindly disposed toward our delinquent brother. Charity can emanate only from a pure heart. In proportion as the heart is purified, it is filled with charity, respect, and esteem for our fellow mankind.

We are taught in the good Book that “pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep themselves unspotted from the world.” This is the teaching that a candidate receives when initiated into a lodge of Odd Fellows. Too many people think that emotion and good feeling are pure and undefiled religion. Emotion may or may not be an expression of religion. We are not because of the things that we feel, but because of the things we are enabled to go out into the world and accomplish. In a lodge of Odd Fellows, brothers and sisters, do not go into trances and see visions, nor do they shout hallelujahs, but they have hearts that are imbued with the splendid principle of charity, and in the sacred precincts of the lodge room many plans are made for going out into the world to lift up a fallen brother or sister, or to assist their family to the better and higher things in this life.

To relieve the distressed is one of the cardinal doctrines of this society. When disability from illness or other misfortune over-takes a brother or sister Odd Fellow, it is our duty to go to their relief and provide for them until they are able to help themselves. One writer has put it in the following beautiful words: “When disability from illness or other misfortune would permit gaunt poverty to stalk ruthlessly into and make the family circle its abode, soft handed relief comes from her three-linked dwelling and fills larder and cupboard and waves the unwelcome intruder to depart. Hungry children are fed, the patient, care-worn wife is given new hope, and the fever tossed husband and brother is given abundant assurance that his loved fraternity is for storm as well as for calm.”

Numerous instances might be referred to where the Odd Fellows have administered to the necessities of the distressed and afflicted.

When the great fire destroyed Chicago, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows donated more to the relief of the distressed of that city than any other society or church. When the yellow fever scourged the beautiful Southland, our fraternity sent money to the relief of the sick and afflicted until the message came flashing over the wires that no more money was needed. When the great famine was devastating unfortunate Ireland, the Odd Fellows of the United States were the first to send relief. A shipload of provisions, clothing, and other necessities were sent to these unfortunate people. During the short life of Odd Fellowship in this country, multiplied thousands have been helped financially and otherwise, and they testify to the charitableness of this great fraternity.

It is our teaching that we should say and do good things for our brethren while they are here to enjoy it and while it will do them good. It is better to give flowers to the living than to place them upon the coffin or grave after our friend is dead. Many men and women are buried amid the fragrance and profusion of beautiful flowers whose lives would have been sweetened and, no doubt, lengthened and made happier and brighter if some of these beautiful bouquets had been given to them while living.

We are taught to pay weekly sick benefits to those of our members who through sickness are unable to pursue their usual occupations. While a large amount is not given, in most cases it is a blessing to the family of the afflicted member.

Our obligations do not end with the death of a brother or sister Odd Fellow. We are authorized agents to take charge of the

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funeral services and see them properly laid to rest to await the resurrection morn when all shall rise and be judged according to the life they have lived here. How tenderly and affectionately this last rite is performed by those who have assumed the obligation and who mourn because a brother or sister has taken their departure! If there ever is a time that kind words and gentle deeds have a depth of meaning to the widow or widower and orphan, it is when the husband and father lies still in death. The splendid work of Odd Fellows upon these sad occasions has endeared the Order to thousands who before did not see the beauty and usefulness of fraternal secret societies.

The burial benefit and the funeral expenses, together with other aid which always is given, in many cases are of more value at that time to the bereaved family than can be computed in dollars and cents. In so many instances it saves the family from the humiliation of asking credit or being dunned for funeral expenses.

Odd Fellowship is an angel of light, benevolence, and charity, and ought to have golden words of commendation for its work of love and mercy. Let the critic and the fault-finder consider these acts of charity and devotion to our fellowman, and he must be uncharitable indeed if he continues to slur and abuse secret societies.

Charity assists us to look for the good qualities in our brother or sister rather than seek the bad characteristics. If we live the right kind of lives ourselves, it is possible for us to see more good than bad in almost every man or woman with whom we come into touch. Charity admonishes us to seek the good. How much more beautiful it is to seek good things than it is to seek after the vile, wicked, and sinful. Our lives have been exalted and edified by coming in contact with good, but the wicked mars and degrades us.

Every man and woman possesses a certain degree of nobility, no difference how low in the scale they may have gone. They may be looked upon as a social outcast, but within their breast something lies buried which is beautiful, and which will shine with great brilliancy if given a chance. Charity teaches us to give everyone a chance, and an opportunity to make good.

Nothing is more satisfying than to be a discoverer or an inventor. It is a splendid thing to discover a new world and give it to mankind; but this is nothing compared with the great world that is uncovered when the real life of a man or woman is found, and their real merit and worth are realized. Charity endeavors to assist us in this search for the good in our fellowman. Let us ever seek to know men and women, but never seek to know their sin. Let us ever seek to know the good traits of character in every man, but learn to minimize evil. Nothing better can be done than to let the Apostle Paul speak relative to charity: “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophesies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child I spake as a child...but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

John A. Miller Jr.:

“Don’t just say: “Make a Difference”— Do it!”

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**Theme:** Back to the Basics.

**Believe** and follow the Odd Fellows Valediction and Rebekah Creed; be an **Active** member; **Support** the leaders you have chosen to serve; **Inquire** into the needs of others, then do something for them; have **Courage** to speak up, to always say and do the right thing; strive to be of **Service** to one person each day.

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**Chapter VI.**
**Three Links of Odd Fellowship**

Odd Fellowship is founded upon three fundamental principles. They comprise all that is good, and may be looked upon as the trinity of this Fraternal Order. These three words, **Friendship, Love, and Truth**, are the motto of this society. These principles are taught in conferring the different degrees and they inculcate a veneration for all that is right. When a candidate enters a lodge of Odd Fellows or Rebekahs and finds such principles taught, immediately they are impressed with the importance of such fundamentals.

Many men and women before being initiated have an idea that the ceremonies are ridiculous to a certain extent and that levity and humor are uppermost in mind. How quickly these ideas fall and the candidate is impressed with the importance of such fundamentals.

If non-members, especially those inclined to be critical, could see the lessons of friendship, love, and truth exemplified in the degree work of a lodge of Odd Fellows or Rebekahs, criticism would cease, and every honest man would confess the lessons to be ideal, and intended to create a sentiment for right principles.

**First Link—Friendship**

**Friendship** is the first link of the strong chain which binds together the affections of men and women. It is a bright jewel, a distinctive insignia of trueness. It is that characteristic which makes a man more spiritual; it places them in that position of honor where they can be of the greatest possible service to mankind.

Without friends there is nothing in the world for any of us. Friendship is more valuable than silver or gold; more precious than rubies and diamonds, having a value which cannot be measured.

This is the one principle in the work of Odd Fellowship that appeals to men and women more than any other. The bond and charm of every fraternity is its friendship. The rituals, lessons, and work all help to give the friendship order, dignity, and practical utility. They are some of the modes in which friendship expresses itself.

Their freedom from vice, their decorum, courtesy, politeness, their peaceful and honorable conversation without coarseness, profanity, or vulgarity, their appropriateness, integrity, and generosity, all testify to the moral value of friendship. True friends do not cheat, defame, or devour each other. Rather do they do each other good, and help each other to deal justly, love, and walk humbly before God. This is the idea of Odd Fellowship, and one needs only to become connected with this fraternity to find a true demonstration of genuine friendship. Truer, warmer friends than in a hall of Odd Fellows or Rebekahs cannot be found anywhere.

Friendship, however, is not friendship unless it is willing to make sacrifices and

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to stand by a brother or sister when they have fallen. Friendship admonishes us as brothers and sisters to be willing to stand by one another; to aid and assist one another whenever possible. A member cannot be a true Odd Fellow and turn their brother or sister down. Damon and Pythias, Jonathan and David, remind us that sacrifice is a necessary element in friendship.

Any man has friends when they have plenty of money, prestige, influence, and position; but let a man fall by the wayside, lose his money and position, and his friends are likely to desert him right in the time of need. Odd Fellowship teaches a better principle than this. The object of this fraternity is to be of common assistance to one another, especially when a member is forsaken by the world and has made a failure. At this point Odd Fellowship shines the brightest. What a comfort it is to know that you have a brother or sister to whom you may confide everything, resting assured that, if it lies in their power, they will assist you.

The tie of friendship existing between those who have taken the obligation cannot be explained; pen cannot write, nor tongue utter the obligations that one feels after assuming the relationship by initiation into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. We appreciate our fellowmen more and realize our responsibility to them as never before.

If the spirit of Odd Fellowship were followed to the letter, there would be no need for courts and lawyers. While difficulties will continue to arise until the end of time, these disagreements could be adjusted much more satisfactorily and with much less expense by the lodge. Members of the Order may forget that they obligate themselves to abstain from going to law, at least with one another, and even concerning the work of the society. This would be a better world if the principles taught by Odd Fellows were put into practice in all our transactions.

If all men would become Odd Fellows, or unite with some order of like character, and would remain true to their several obligations, war would be no more, and that reign of peace for which we all pray would be hastened.

Odd Fellowship creates a friendship that is untiring; a friendship that is true; a friendship that is real in distress, heartache, and misfortune; a friendship that binds up sorrowing, broken hearts, and lends sympathy and tears when such can be appreciated most.

Second Link—Love

Professor Drummond said that love is the greatest thing in the world. Love is the zenith of all perfections. It is the mainspring of action, the soul of enterprise, the soother of sorrow, and the grace that must be possessed by every true believer. Love brings out the best element of manhood; it gives vision to blind eyes and sympathy to souls that are cast down.

Love is the one grace that knows no failure. No night is too dark for love to do its duty, and no task too difficult for it to undertake. It goes to the uttermost parts of the earth with its message of peace and joy, and brings with it a halo of light, glory, and happiness. It undertakes to solve the most perplexing and difficult problems without remuneration or glory. It drives back the dark clouds of discouragement, gloom, and despair, and helps the weary pilgrim to behold the silver lining. It smiles the sweetest smile and sends forth the most delicate fragrance. It goes the farthest and stoops the lowest to rescue a poor
fallen human being.

Mighty armies go out and subdue nations, and the country is filled with the cries of the wounded and the dying. Everything is waste. The foe has destroyed without mercy, but suffering men and women are not left alone to perish without assistance. No difference how severe the battle may have been, or how strong the winds of opposition and prejudice may blow, it becomes impossible to cover or to blot out the one grace that follows in the trail of man everywhere. This one trait subdues when armies retreat. It accomplishes more than all other forces combined. Love will conquer. It will settle difficulties and disputes when everything else fails. Men have sacrificed their lives, their fortunes, their all because love prompted the act. Love has saved multitudes.

Third Link—Truth,

TRUTH is the imperial virtue. It is the treasure for which the candid mind ever seeks, the consummation for which we strive in our investigations. It is the sanction of every appeal that is made for good and right. It condemns the wrongs, the sins, and the falsehoods of the world. It may be long in accomplishing and winning its victories, but eventually it will triumph over all, and be exalted to its true position in the universe.

Truth is one element that must be taken into consideration in all walks of life. It is the fundamental thing for which the student, chemist, scientist, biologist, and theologian seeks. Without truth, we would grope our way in the dark amid the falsehoods of the world. Truth is the chart and compass which eventually will guide us safely into the portals of our journey. If we cannot know the truth, our fragile vessel must flounder in the darkness of the great sea of life, tossed hither and thither upon the angry waves of superstition and ignorance, and at last sink into the fathomless abyss where hope is unknown and truth is not recognized.

Society is no longer secure when truth is no longer its chief ornament. Falsehood is the bane of society. It has been the cause of the downfall of individuals and nations. Empires and republics founded upon infidelity, ignorance, superstition, and vice finally will crumble, totter, fall, and be forgotten. The institution founded upon the eternal principles of truth is destined to endure until the end of time. Truth is eternal; truth is abiding; truth is changeless.

Everywhere we see the marks of dissolution, decay, inconstancy, and
changeableness. It is written upon the face of nations. Languages, customs, religions, art, and science confirm the belief that there is no constancy in natural things. Nations have been born and have risen to greatness, power, and splendor, but have fallen and little trace can be found of them, except their history. All these may change, as well as the trees, earth, stones, and every natural thing. One eternal principle knows no change; truth remains the same bright jewel, the same beautiful grace it was when first given to aid man on his way homeward and in his search for the higher and nobler things of life. The darkness of heathenism, vice, fully, and superstition cannot extinguish its blazing light. Truth is the foundation of our society summed up in one word.

Odd Fellowship seeks to teach this principle in its lessons. Truth is one of the great foundation stones of this society, and as long as it remains so Odd Fellowship will continue to wield a mighty influence in the world and need have no fear of dissolution. It will continue until truth shall be eliminated from its teaching, and then it will fall, and rightly so.

The Religion of Odd Fellowship – 1912
— by Claude E. Sayre, Freeport, Ill

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REBEKAH CREED

I am a Rebekah.
I believe in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, and the Sisterhood of woman.
I believe in the watchwords of our Order – Friendship, Love, and Truth.
Friendship – is like a golden chain that ties our hearts together.
Love – is one of our most precious gifts. The more you give, the more you receive.
Truth – is the standard by which we value people. It is the foundation of our society.
I believe that my main concern should be my God, my family and my friends.
Then I should reach out to my community and the World, for in God’s eyes we are all brothers and sisters.
I am a Rebekah.

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VALEDICTION

I AM AN ODD FELLOW
I believe in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man:

I believe in Friendship, Love and Truth as basic guides to the ultimate destiny of all mankind:

I believe my home, my church or temple, my lodge, and my community deserve my best work, my modest pride, my earnest faith, and my deepest loyalty, as I perform my duty “to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan” and as I work with others to build a better world because, in spirit and in truth, I am, and must always be, grateful to my Creator, faithful to my Country and fraternal to my fellow man:

I AM AN ODD FELLOW!
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—a great tool to assist in planning the 2018 calendar
- Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodge manuals of instruction
- Parliamentary procedures and Motions at a Glance
- Book of Odd Fellowship

This program has been distributed several times over the years, check with your Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly office for a copy.
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Fax: 1-336-722-7317 — Email: sgldataentry@ioof.org

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The holiday season is upon us. What a wonderful time to show your community about Odd Fellowship by helping the needy in your town. Many, many lodges provide gift baskets or food baskets to needy families already — Thank You for your generosity. But, even in this time of relative prosperity, there are numerous families who desperately need help. I do not want even one child to go without food or a Christmas present this year.

We, the United States, have suffered our share of natural disasters this year, with hurricanes, floods, fires, drought, and others, but we will recover. It takes times like these to make us count our blessings. We can certainly thank our God that we were lucky enough to be born in America.

Again I say, many of our local lodges and many of our Grand Bodies are blessed with at least some excess funds. It is time we spent them on ways to increase our membership: Fix up your hall, help lodges that don't have funds, do some community work to increase your visibility, entertain your friends, neighbors, and family members to introduce them to Odd Fellowship. You might be very surprised as to whom might accept if you just ask.

2019 will be our 200th year in North America. Get ready to let everyone know!!!

WE ARE GREAT PEOPLE WITH A GREAT ORGANIZATION!!!
BE PROUD THAT YOU ARE AN ODD FELLOW OR REBEKAH!!!
CELEBRATE LOUDLY!!!

Odd Fellowship...

/s/ Jon Petersen
Membership Chairman
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85 years
Pearl MacKay, AP

80 years

75 Years

70 Years

65 Years

60 Years

55 years

50 Years

When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5. (starting at: 50, 55, 60, etc.) Thanks.

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

Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
Item No. 2202—2216-80
May be ordered through your Rebekah Assembly

Veteran Jewels
Save the Date:

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Wi-Fi / Parking/ Local Calls/ Fitness Center/ In Room Coffee and Tea.

Cut off for Reservations is: 4 September 2018 5pm Mountain Time

A brief Schedule of events:
Thursday Evening 25 October 2018 will be a FUN NIGHT, Casual evening

Friday Evening 26 October 2018 will HONOR:
Lady Michelle Jones with a FORMAL EVENING

Saturday Evening 27 October 2018 will HONOR:
Brother Doug Pittman with a FORMAL EVENING

Day time events will be scheduled and posted at a later date.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES AND PLAN TO HELP COLORADO CELEBRATE!
November 2017

**Reminder:**

**NO TOUR WILL BE HELD IN 2018,** no funds may be collected for the tour or program until further notice. As the Board revamps the pilgrimage for youth program, we will keep you informed. All previous applications, registration forms, brochures are to be discarded.

At the Pilgrimage for Youth Forum held in St. Louis, the Board and attorneys for the corporation explained events of the past year and what needs to be done in the future. The United Nations has issued a Cease and Desist Order to the corporation from using the name United Nations or acronym UN within the Order worldwide. Information has been sent to all Grand Bodies (Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, Grand LEA, Department Councils, Department Association LAPM) on how to proceed with this process. Every lodge, encampment, auxiliary, club *worldwide* shall check their by-laws, constitution, literature distributed, social media, letterhead, brochures, etc. and delete any reference to the United Nations. Reason: the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is an international entity, that is why all jurisdictions, including all the countries where Odd Fellowship reside, must comply with the Cease and Desist Order. All Grand Body secretarial officers have to send to The Sovereign Grand Lodge office notice of all their units complying with this order. Please act promptly and assist your Grand Body secretarial officer completion of this task.

Has your lodge, encampment, auxiliary, or club adopted the Non-Discrimination Policy for the I.O.O.F.? Every Grand Body has been sent a copy of this Policy with instructions on implementation within your jurisdiction, if you have not received instructions yet, contact your Grand Body.

New website, email address, phone number for the Pilgrimage for Youth:

- **Website:** ioofofplimageforyouth.com
- **Email:** pilgrimage@ioofplimageforyouth.com
- **Phone:** 1-336-528-3518

The Board is working toward revamping the pilgrimage for youth program and working with you, our loyal supporting members, to advance this program beyond the 68 years of existence.

Fraternally,

The Board of Directors
Non-Discrimination Policy

For those Grand Bodies who have not met since the close of the 2017 session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge; or did not yet adopt a non-discrimination policy — it is recommended that you adopt in Executive Committee Session a policy similar to the one published below.

This is not changing code without action by the Grand body, but is a policy that has been agreed to and upon your Grand Body confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes all will be in order.

For use either in regular session, special session or in Executive Committee.

Resolution No. _____
________________ of _______________ Lodge (Encampment, LEA, Canton, LAPM, etc.) No. _____ moved the following, which was referred to the Grand Lodge (Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, GLEA, Department Council, Department Association, etc.) of _________________ as a committee of the whole.

Be it Resolved, that the Non-discrimination Policy be inserted into the Appendix of the Code (Constitution and By-laws) of the Grand Lodge (Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, GLEA, Department Council, Department Association, etc.) of ______________________ as follows:

Non-Discrimination Policy
The Grand Lodge (Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, GLEA, Department Council, Department Association, etc.) of ______________________ Independent Order of Odd Fellows (GL/RA/GE/GLEA/DC/DA/etc.-___ I.O.O.F.) will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability, age [other than that of minimum to join the Order (lodge, club or group)], ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity. The GL/RA/GE/GLEA/DC/DA/etc.-___ I.O.O.F. will make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when such modifications are necessary to afford its services and facilities to individuals with disabilities, unless the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of its services. The GL/RA/GE/GLEA/DC/DA/etc.-___ I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual based on disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities, unless the individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, or him/herself, that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services. The GL/RA/GE/GLEA/DC/DA/etc.-___ I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities because of the individual’s association with a person of disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity.
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