6 Ways to Make a Difference at Lodge

1. Praise good work.
2. Be a Mentor—Assist a new lodge member.
3. Have coffee and; or lunch with a brother or sister.
4. Say thank you.
5. Help keep the clean the lodge hall.
6. Teach a new member the unwritten work.

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Celebrating—

Pennsylvania:

Brady Lodge No. 116—175 years

Clover Lodge No. 348—115 years

Earl Lodge No. 413—170 years

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Rusty Sarnes, IL—inducted into the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame

Thinking of you:

Everyone be safe.

Notice:
New Members are given a one year subscription to the I.O.O.F. News. Please check the expiration on your paper and make sure to continue your subscription by sending in the proper fee shown on the back of you paper.
Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

“THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS, 
STEP UP TO THE PLATE”

As you entered 2020 what were your goals? Many people often make January Resolutions about numerous things from weight management to completing their bucket lists.

Well I guess I can scratch off one item on my bucket list, that being working and riding on the Rose Bowl Float. What a wonderful experience! Working from morning until night each day the week before and watching the beauty of the float come to life before your eyes, was an experience everyone should see. I can now appreciate the hard work that the committee puts into this project. It is a year long commitment and watching it from beginning to end is a great feeling. Even though we did not win a trophy this year, I considered that we were all winners because of our theme, “First Responders Bring Hope”. Riding down that parade route as I did and watching all those spectators stand and applaud the first responders that were riding on our float made our hearts fill with pride and made us all feel like winners. Our Rose Parade Float brings us so much publicity as millions of people see it in the parade and then check out our web site. Please when making your annual donations each year, remember to include the Float.

Yes! For all those who heard the rumors about me were true. I did collapse on the Float due to de-hydration. They took me off and checked me out, fed me a bag of saline and sent me back to the hotel. I was fine.

My executive and I are making our plans for our upcoming travels to your Jurisdictions and we are looking forward to being with you at your annual sessions. Also remember that March is Arthritis Month. The annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Solder is coming in May so I just remind you to get your reservations made and book your Hotel accommodations. There will be a trip to Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore on the Saturday during the daytime.

We are well into the New Year and I hope all the lodges are hard at work building their lodges, working within their communities and striving to put differences aside and working together for the betterment of all involved. I would like to congratulate those Jurisdictions that have started new Lodges and taken in new members. Keep up the good work.

My congratulations and welcome to Sister Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit, President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, to the world of Odd Fellowship. She just became a 3rd degree member of the Odd Fellows of Missouri. Together her and I will be travelling to Sweden from March 17th to the 26th. We are both looking forward to spent time with our Swedish Brothers and Sisters.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

This is the time of year when we see signs of change. Some of us see the crisp, clear winter sky (or the textured winter sky promising at least one more snowfall) and anticipate spring sunshine. The spring rains have already arrived in some of our jurisdictions, freshening the soft greens, pinks, and bits of yellow below and brightening the blues and fluffy, sparkling whites above.

Our God gives us the seasons each with a purpose: new life in the spring, growth and maturing through the summer, harvest in the autumn, and rest and restoration through the winter. The seasons in nature are predictable as the days and years pass; the seasons in our lodges may be less predictable but move in similar patterns.

Spring sunshine and warm rains stimulate new life on the hillsides. Enthusiasm and fresh ideas stimulate growth in our Order. Warmth and more rain fuel growth in nature. Cooperation and continued enthusiasm do the same for us.

Bright autumn colors and lower temperatures signal fall harvest time – the completion of the year’s goals. Our lodge harvest is colored by accomplishment and pride as we achieve goals and complete projects. Following the harvest our earth rests to begin again. After our lodge harvest, we, too, rest, plan, and set new goals for the new life in our spring.

A winter unbroken by spring sunshine will prevent new life. A lodge or member whose rest is fed by apathy or assumption that someone else will plant the new life will find the new life of spring elusive. God’s seasons follow an unmistakable pattern over which we have little influence. With His gifts of knowledge and choice, He has given us the power to choose and direct the seasons for ourselves, our lodges, our Order.

As the calendar changes from February to March and the scenery changes from drab to softness punctuated by bits of color, we should look at the scenery in our lodges to determine the season there. Are your officers beginning to bloom, to grow in their knowledge and responsibilities? Are they receiving food for growth through members’ support, warm encouragement, loving guidance?

Is it now time to plant new life, to nurture members and projects no longer new, to harvest results from work complete, to plan for the seasons to follow?

Fraternally with commitment,

s/ Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit

focus on what’s important
Office of the General Commanding  
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant

March 2020

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

It is with great sadness that I must open my letter with the news that Retired General S. Ray Johnson passed away January 1st of this year. General Johnson was a Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch, and a Retired Department Commander, along with being the General Commanding of the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant. He had many accomplishments during his career with the Odd Fellows, but I think the one he was most proud of was his most recent: The Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at the Beauvoir Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi which he started four years ago. My wife and I just came back from this year’s service at which he was remembered. I hope and believe he would have appreciated the ceremony.

It is also with sadness that I note the passing of the parents of Deputy General Commanding, Lt. General Michael Bowers. His father died on January 22. Two and a half weeks later, General Bowers and Maj. General Greta Bowers were in Biloxi for the ceremonies there when they received word that his mother had passed away. They returned home immediately to make arrangements. I would like to recognize their daughters for their efforts at home.

Also, Melvin Coulter of Illinois passed away. He was the husband Brig. General Sandy Coulter, who is the Medical Officer for the General Military Council. May God keep these loved ones and Bless their families.

As stated, I just returned from Biloxi, MS and had the honor of laying the Patriarchs Militant (Continued on page 6)

Office of the President  
International Association  
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

March 2020

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sister,

Hello to the Membership with all that is going on in the world today, I hope that is finds you all in good health! I was so thankful that I was able to attend the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier in February. It was a beautiful ceremony.

I am looking forward my visitation starting soon and look forward to seeing all the members in all the jurisdictions. And enjoying time with the wonderful people of our order. If any of you need and assistance with anything please let me or my Representative know, and we would be so honored to help in any matter.

To all Auxiliary and Association Secretaries, I am hoping that you have all the Reports to the IALAPM Secretary, she also has reports to get in as well. Your hard work on the manner is very appreciated!

Let go of the past, Trust the future, Embrace change, Come out of the cocoon, Unfurl your wings, Dare to get off the ground, Ride the breezes, Savor the flowers, Put on your brightest colors, Let your beauty show.

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As we continue to work building Friendship, Love and Truth I would leave you with this quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes:

“There is no friend like the old friend who has shared our Morning days,
No greeting like his welcome, no homage like his praise;
Fame is the scentless sunflower, with gaudy crown of gold;
But Friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold.”

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Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir Cemetery. While in Biloxi, an executive meeting was held with the GMC Executive Committee. One of the things discussed was that General Johnson had been the Grand Representative to The SGL. General Ken Lasswell who was the Alternate Rep is now the Grand Rep. I appointed General Jeff Lasswell as the Alternate with the approval of the Executive Board. Later we also had a meeting with members of the Executive Committee from the I.A.L.A.P.M. to discuss future consolidation.

Late winter and spring will be a busy time. Here is my schedule as of this writing:

February 28-March 1—I will be attending the testimonial of I.A.R.A. President Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit in Kansas City, MO.
March 6-7—I have been invited to Elkins, WV to their Awards Banquet
March 20-22—My testimonial will be at the Dulles Airport Marriott in Virginia. I hope many of you can attend!
March 27-29—The Middle Atlantic States Conclave in Corning, NY
April 22-25—The Ohio Department Council in Springfield, Ohio
April 30-May 3—Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC
May 18—The Florida Department Council in Roanoke, VA
June 5-7—Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario

With spring rapidly approaching, I feel a great sense of gratitude for the past year and am looking forward to a renewal of growth in the Patriarchs Militant as well as the renewal of growth in nature. Since January we have had new members mustered into Cantons and a new Canton created. I have been to four Odd Fellow initiations that have brought in 15 new members. New members in the Odd Fellows mean new prospects for the Patriarchs Militant. I have heard of other growth as well, including a new lodge in Pennsylvania and one in South America.

Lack of communication, in my opinion, is the number one reason problems exist. Working things out together eliminates confusion, establishes trust, and makes friends. This communication must exist in Cantons, Departments, and the GMC, as well as with other branches. We have communication now, but we can and must improve on it. If you don’t understand something or need clarification on an issue, ask questions. I or a member of my staff will be more than willing to help you. Remember: COMMUNICATE!

Chivalrously,

s/ General John C. (Jack) Roberts
General Commanding

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The Future is in your hands, step up to the plate

Fraternally in F. L. & T,

s/ Wes Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

“THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS, STEP UP TO THE PLATE”

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Everything comes to you, In the right moment.
Be Patient. Be Grateful!

Chivalrously,

s/ Lady Jami Rafter
President IALAPM

Let’s Make TODAY one step closer to a strong future.

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Founder’s Day Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

Therefore, I, E. Wesley Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

That the month of April be declared Odd Fellows Anniversary Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That April 26, 2019 be known as Founder’s Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 201st Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of February 2020 and of our Order the 200th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: [Seal] /s/ E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Make A Difference Day Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

I, E. Wesley Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

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

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

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2020 and of our Order the 201st year.

[Seal] Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
6 Ways to Make a Difference at Work | Robert Half

Adapted for the Lodge—6 Ways to Make a Difference at Lodge

Celebrate Make a Difference Day today by putting a smile on a member’s face. Here are six suggestions:

1. Praise good work
   Make it a point to praise your members for a job well done. If you’re a Noble Grand, Chief, Captain or President, recognize a member for good work regularly. After all, who doesn’t like being noticed for a superb effort? Hard-working members want to feel they are valued by the organization, and officers who offer praise will be helping their own retention efforts.

2. Assist a new member
   Remember how stressful the first few meetings were when you were the new member? You not only had to learn how to perform during the opening and closing ceremonies but also learn how to move around the floor, meet current members and figure out the lodge politics. Make a new members day by helping them feel welcome.

3. Meet a member for lunch or coffee
   It’s easier to develop rapport with a member outside the lodge. Take a member to lunch so you can get to know them as a person, not merely as a fellow lodge member. It’ll help build camaraderie inside the lodge.

4. Say thank you
   Did a member help you with a project or even something non-lodge-related? Be sure to thank them for the kind gesture, and return the kindness in the future.

5. Help keep the lodge clean
   A clean lodge hall encourages new members and productivity, but that’s difficult to achieve if the lodge is cluttered or odorous. Show pride in your lodge by taking the initiative to help keep the lodge clean.

6. Teach a member
   Help a new member learn a the unwritten work. They will appreciate your willingness to help them perform their work better, and the kind gesture will prove to them and others that you’re a team player.
2020 Annual Communication of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

‘WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN’
August 2019

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 Winston-Salem, North Carolina, beginning Monday morning, 17th August 2020, and ending Thursday afternoon, 20th August 2020.

Headquarters and Sessions
Twin City Quarter

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
194th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
104th Annual Session

General Military Council
117th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
81st Annual Session

Youth Days

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

Terry L. Barrett
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2020 Pre-Registration Form

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

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
August 13 to 21, 2020

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register

Name ______________________________ (as desired on badge) ______________________________

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

Title for name badge ______________________________

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Registration Information

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Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 14, $ 40.00 $ __________________

Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 15, $40.00 $ __________________

Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 17, $60.00 $ __________________

Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 20, $50.00 $ __________________

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars $ __________________

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2020 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
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Group Name: ________________________________
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Michael Zurell, Grand Master
I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge of New York

March 7, 2020

New York Odd Fellows Visit to Albany

On February 26th I was honored to be the guest of State Senator Kevin Thomas at his offices in the State Capitol in Albany, New York. Accompanying me were Deputy Grand Master Glenn Keenan, Grand Warden Pete Brawley, Grand Secretary Tom Buchanan, Department Commander Richard Kellar, Lady Alice Legg, Noble Grand Carolyn Newkirk, Past District Deputy Grand Master Jack Toledano, Right Supporter to the Vice Grand Jeff Nogid, Grand Master of New Jersey Manuel Sosa, and Past Grand Master of New Jersey Raul Rodriguez.

Our day began by meeting in a hospitality room attended by Senator Thomas’ staff Donna Nogid and Josie Huba. They made a large poster with the Senators’ picture and our name to commemorate the event. We were treated to a delicious luncheon and had some time to decompress after our respective travels to the site and of course we all got to catch up with one another.

After that, Senator Thomas came in and spent some time with us. He has attended Odd Fellows events on Long Island a few times so most of his had met him before. He was a true gentleman and a very friendly host. He presented me with a framed copy of a State of New York Legislative Resolution. It was quite the impressive document in that it listed facts about our history as an Order in addition to information regarding our mission statement, motto, worldview, and participation in community events. In turn I presented him with a copy of Brother Louie Blake Sarmiento’s Odd Fellows book which he published last year and Brother Tom also presented him with an Odd Fellows pen. We all had our cell phones out to snap pictures and the staff photographer was there to document the occasion.

Later we were treated to a tour of the New York State Capitol building. To say that it was impressive would be an understatement. I was immediately smitten with the history and architecture of the edifice. We started in the Hall of Governors in which framed oil paintings of every governor in the history of the Empire State hung majestically. Of course, I was most pleased to view that of Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Subsequently we were given a tour of the senate chambers. It was not in session at the time so we were able to really soak in all of the impressive structure.

The highlight of the day came soon after that. When the upper chamber later began its session, six of us were allowed to sit on the Senate floor at the right side of the speaker! The resolution celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of Odd Fellows over the last two centuries was read aloud and we received a standing ovation and nods of approval from all of the state senators. It was at this point that I welled up with awe and gratitude. I am a proud New Yorker and even prouder Odd Fellow and for our beloved Order to be recognized like this was as emotional moment as I have had. For me to be fortunate enough to be Grand Master at the time that our elected officials chose to recognize the I.O.O.F. bicentennial is tremendously meaningful and I will take the memories of this day with me for the rest of my time on earth.

My most sincere hope for all of my brothers and sisters is that they may have a tremendous experience like this at some point in their Odd Fellows life. Because after all, even though we do not strive for recognition, the fact of the matter is that we deserve it and it can only help to further our important message to a wider audience.

Fraternally submitted in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

s/ Michael Zurell
Grand Master
PLEASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE

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Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters of our great Order! I hope your holiday season was celebrated with good times, great memories, beside family and special friends. As 2020 is officially upon us, I thought a New Year’s Resolution would be a great way to kick off the 2020 Membership push…better late than never.

I want to reiterate that our Order is member driven and I cannot stress enough the sense of urgency and critical state our Order faces as we see membership and lodges dwindle year after year. “We” must continually identify and recruit individuals that believe in and emulate the teachings of our Order. I do not believe there are any definitive solutions or answers to our ongoing struggle, but our efforts matter as much as the results we seek. We are Odd Fellows, brothers and sisters, we must come together, work together, believe in our works and move our Order forward in a positive motion.

I strongly feel that the formation of a Media or Public Relations Committee will provide much needed resources for individual lodges to gain more notoriety and visibility with all the good the Order offers. Press releases, media kits, public service announcement kits, interview bullet points, marketing brochures (leave-behinds), flyers, etc. are some of the resources created by the Media or PR Committee. If any of you have public relations or media background or contacts, please contact me in hopes that we can dovetail the media/PR committee with the communications and membership committees.

Our local Lodges were fortunate to have had some very important brothers/sisters (VIBS) visit over the past few months. Past Sovereign Grand Master Doug Pittman and his beautiful wife Mira; Past President of the International Association Rebekah Assembly Patti Heighton; Past Grand Master Chuck Hillberry; and most recently, President of the International Association Rebekah Assembly Elizabeth Mowry-Herbstreit. Each of these leaders shared their thoughts on growing membership. The common and most sensible recommendation was to “invite”. Invite candidates to join your social functions, invite them to your service projects and special events and once in the presence of Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s, they will certainly feel the genuine love and compassion we compelled to be a part of our ongoing efforts to provide for those less fortunate than ourselves.

My resolution for this year will be to INVITE potential members to our Order, sharing with them the good we do for those less fortunate than us. And, if we happen to have fun and enjoy our efforts, this will be our reward!

Fraternally submitted,

Membership Committee
Steven F. Tseu, DDSGM-Hawaii sgtseu@outlook.com
Linda L. Thompson, Past President IARA linthompson53@gmail.com
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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.
Be a Partner in the 2020 Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Program

The Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth program is looking for Partners to sponsor one or more activities for the 2020 Program tour.

You and Your Lodge can be that Partner, reach out, “Make a Difference” in a young person’s life and future. The Pilgrimage for Youth program belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and your generosity has made this program a success for over 69 years. Through your continued Donations, You and Your Lodge will help to keep this program funded into the future.

Over the past 69 years did your lodge feed a bus as it crossed the country, host or sponsor a bus, a delegate, a bus tour leader? You may do so again, be a participant in the Pilgrimage for Youth program, donate today.

Besides sponsoring a young person for this program, there are many ways you can help sponsor this program:

Sponsor Lunch for _______ Delegates @ $10.00 each $ _______________
Sponsor Dinner for _______ Delegates @ $15.00 each $ _______________
Sponsor _______ Delegate Tee-Shirts @ $10.00 each $ _______________
Sponsor _______ Delegate Room Nights @ $40.00 $ _______________
Sponsor _______ Delegate United Nations Tours @ $14.00 $ _______________
Sponsor _______ Delegate 911 Museum Tickets @ $15.00 $ _______________
Sponsor _______ Statue of Liberty Tickets @ $19.00 $ _______________

Partner with another Lodge to feed a bus on a route $ _______________
Help with the Cost of an Adult Bus Tour Leader $ _______________
Help with the Cost of the Buses $ _______________

(Donations in the United States are tax deductible)

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Return this Form & Your Donation to:
I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc.
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830
Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The next deadline is fast approaching. All applications and second half of payments are due by April 1, 2020. All payments are to be sent to The SGL and applications are to be sent to me. I would like to thank all of our Jurisdictional Chairmen and Grand Secretaries for their hard work that insures the success of our program. Our Delegates will gather in Philadelphia on June 30. After touring Philadelphia on July 1, they will then travel to NYC where they will spend the next 5 days exploring the city, collaborating with students from 26 jurisdictions on world issues that culminates in a speech contest on the final day. The students will depart NYC on July 6 and travel to Watertown, N.Y., Ottawa, ON, Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, PA, Washington, DC, and back to Philadelphia where they will return home on July 13.

The Pilgrimage for Youth Board met in Kansas City on Feb. 29, 2020 and approved and acted on the following:

- Approved this year’s itinerary
- Approved this year’s NYC staff and Bus Tour Leaders
- Increased the Speech Scholarship Award to $2,000.00 for first place and $1,000.00 for the runner up.
- Set next year’s tour dates: July 3-July 16, 2021
- The one-week tour option will be eliminated.

The fees for next year will remain the same. (no increase for the past three years)

We have grown by 35 Delegates this year and hope to increase even more for next year. Our youth are the future of our Order. If you didn’t sponsor a Delegate this year, please consider doing so in the future. The best investment you will make is to invest in our youth. If you didn’t donate to the program this year, it is not too late! Donation forms can be found on our website.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

s/ Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
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