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

Lady Jami A. Rafter
President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit
President
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

General John C. Roberts
General Commanding
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant

The Honorable E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Sovereign Grand Master’s Message

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Sympathy to:
The family of Mavis B. Ward, PP-IARA—10.8.20
Vickie Beaver, PP-IARA with the death of her husband Darrell—10.20.20
Judette Rippetoe, PP-IARA with the death of her husband Glenn—10.28.20

Thinking of you:
PSGM Rob & PP-IARA Sherri Robbins
The many families afflicted by the recent fires and hurricanes.

Thank you from:
Lady Judy Sarnes for the many cards, calls, e-mails and prayer after her recent surgery—wife of GC-r Jerald T. Sarnes.

No reports of anniversaries or 100 years of age birthdays.
Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe, during these difficult times, that Summer is gone, and Fall is upon us. As I sit here to write this and look out the window, I am not sure we had Fall here in Alberta this year as the ground is now covered in snow (October 19/20).

2020 has been a stressful year; much of our stress these days comes from the uncertainty surrounding this Virus. We have been placed in situations that we did not ask for and we have experienced hardships. We have seen things we never thought we would - from having to make important decisions without having just completed our annual Sessions. We feel at this time, much of what we know and what we have to do is that we must step up to the plate and make necessary sacrifices for the greater good of our Order at a time when we are uncertain of what the future will bring.

As Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s, we are strong, and I know we will “Step Up to The Plate” and as history has shown us, we are up for the challenge and I am confident that we will come out of this stronger than before.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to thank you for your undying support during 2020. Through it all, we stood together – a community of members, friends, and neighbors. Our current situation presents us with a unique chance to rethink old approaches, identify new opportunities and look at processes with fresh eyes. We need to build on our achievements! We have been at our members side, protecting the things that matter the most for over 200 years. And we look forward to doing so for many more.

The way forward is “Together”. And “Together”, we have got this!
I want to wish our Canadian Members a belated Thanksgiving wish and to our American Members have a happy and restful Thanksgiving in November.

Remember to stay in touch with our Senior members as well as those who are shut in. A phone call or card does wonders! Cherish every moment and every person because Life is fragile so take nothing and no one for granted.

As we move forward to the very busy Holiday Season, I ask that we all stay safe and if you have to drive do it carefully.

Mine and Sister Marjorie’s wish for you:
From Home to home and Heart to heart,
From one place to another.
The warmth and joy of Christmas
Brings us closer to each other.
The gifts I’d leave beneath your tree
Aren’t those that you can touch or see,
Not wrapped in Christmas tissue gay
But gifts to bless you every day.
The gift of Friendship – warm and true
Is one that I would leave for you
Good health and happiness and cheer
To keep you smiling through the year
The gift of Peace that comes from above
With prayer to guide each path you trod

"we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind"
Dear, dear Sisters and Brothers:

Celebrating Canadian Thanksgiving in October and American Thanksgiving in November focuses our attention on our blessings; the blessings of family and friends add beauty and joy to life every day.

The blessing of physical health is one which we may have taken for granted until COVID-19 reminded us that health is fragile and requires responsibility and conscious decisions. The blessing of financial health is one which may have been even more tenuous this year. Financial rewards for our own efforts—current and past—ensure comfort and safety for today and all our tomorrows to come. And, financial health may even impact physical health.

Celebrating our blessings leads us into December and the holidays that unite us through shared beliefs.

Hanukkah focuses on dedication and rededication. Each of us exhibits dedication to those beliefs and activities which ground us. Are our choices worthy of rededication? If not, this is the time to reassess and redirect our commitment.

Boxing Day and Kwanzaa bring attention to generosity and feasting. Each of us has benefitted from the generosity of others, both known and unknown. And feasting—our mouths water at the thought of favorites enjoyed through the years. Who doesn’t enjoy memories of dining table experiences of days and years past? Whether sharing a PB&J with a child or a holiday feast with all the trimmings surrounded by those near and dear, meals frequently fill our hearts and minds as well as our stomachs.

Christmas focuses our attention on miracles, family and sharing. Enriching life for others through shared time, shared beliefs, shared meals, and shared gifts embodies the spirit of Christmas for everyone to enjoy.

Whether secular or religious, the spirit of thanksgiving and sharing enriches the lives of the givers and receivers alike. This thought has been attributed to Pope Francis:

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. No matter how difficult it is … Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

May each of us help others to be happy during these days of blessings and all the days to follow!

Fraternally with the joy of giving,

Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit

Focus on what’s important – be the one!
Office of the General Commanding  
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant  

November 2020

Greetings Chevaliers, Ladies, and Brothers and Sisters:

I hope and pray everyone is well. I hope the last two months have been good for you. Many cantons have started to meet again. I am glad to hear this, and I do hope you are practicing safe interactions and distancing. For those cantons and lodges who are not meeting, safety is paramount for our members. My personal canton has not started to meet as yet.

I would like to commend Texas for having a Battalion meeting on October 17. I have received many questions and will be responding to them. I had hoped to attend their meeting, but due to travel and time it was not feasible.

I would like to congratulate the Ladies of California for having their session on October 21 and installing new officers. I had planned to join in on the ZOOM meeting with the Ladies, but I am technologically challenged at times and was unable to connect with you. Again, I would like to offer my congratulations.

I was able to attend the Pennsylvania Department Session on September 12. I would like to commend the Department for a well-run, efficient meeting. Brigadier General Justin Bailey did a superb job as Department Commander. By his leadership, reports were turned in and entered into the Advanced Journal. The journals were distributed prior to

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Office of the President  
International Association  
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant  

November 2020

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to all of you, I would like to take this time to wish you all a joyful Thanksgiving and a belated Thanksgiving to all our Canadian members, I hope your holiday was and will be spent with family and friends, Stay Safe doing this of course.

Perhaps the butterfly is proof that you can go through a great deal of darkness yet become something beautiful when it's all over.

I would like to also remind you that this time of year, if you’re having installations, could be joint installations, with social distancing of course.

Some people make your laugh a little louder, your smile a little brighter and your life a little better.

This is the time of year that annual reports will be coming out, with some of you meeting and some not, these reports need to be done in a timely manner, if you need help with them don’t hesitate to reach out to one of us, we are always here to help.

Love is like a Butterfly: It goes where it pleases, and it pleases wherever it goes!

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On November 7th, Virginia will be holding a Mid-Session for the Department Council of Virginia in Lynchburg, VA. I am looking forward to the session and the camaraderie we have missed during this pandemic.

On behalf of the entire General Military Council, I would like to offer condolences to General Clem Olson on the death of his grandson. He and his wife were unable to travel Michigan for the funeral due to quarantine restrictions.

President of the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia, Sister Betty Stewart, passed away in October. She was also a charter member of the first all-female Canton in Virginia, Canton Central Virginia No. 16. My wife and I attended the funeral. Lady Judy Gordon, PP-IALAPM and Lady Thomasa Trent, President of the DA-LAPM of Virginia and acting President of the Rebekah Assembly also attended the service as did other sisters of the Rebekah Assembly. The General Military Council sends its condolences to the family.

As chevaliers, we are not just one – we are part of a canton, a department, and the GMC Council. We cannot survive without each other. In these extraordinary times, it is important to keep the lines of communication alive so that our Order, and in particular the Patriarchs Militant, will prosper.

Chivalrously,

General John C. (Jack) Roberts
General Commanding

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And when you heart has lost its song
The gift of hope to cheer you on
These are the gifts I’d leave for you.

Wishing you and your Family – A splendid time of Joy, the Gift of Hope and the Blessings of Peace and an abundance of Love at this holiday season and always.

Seasons Greetings and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

“OUR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS: STEP UP TO THE PLATE”

Above all please stay safe.

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There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. Hopefully we all will get a miracle shortly and some kind of a new normal.

I hope that you are all staying safe, I am sending love, hugs and butterfly kisses your way. Show someone else an act of kindness they might need it more than you know.

Chivalrously,

Lady Jami Rafter
President IALAPM

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General John C. (Jack) Roberts
General Commanding

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’
Thomas Wildey Day Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

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

Now therefore, I, E. Wesley Nelson, 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, 2021 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 2020, and in the 202nd year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

[Seal]

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

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

Educational Foundation Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Done this 1st day of November 2020, in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and of our Order the 202nd year.

[Seal]

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

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS VISUAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

HUGH J BRADLEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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 Fellows 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:

Mark E. Ulrich, Chairman
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation
1107 Walnut St E
Devils Lake, ND  58301-3240

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)
Pilgrimage to Honor All Unknowns of the Civil War

Invitation to attend the Fifth Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns of the Civil War. This event 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 February 19, 2021 for the banquet (to be held at Beauvoir Museum) and the wreath laying ceremony will be Saturday at 11:00 A.M. February 20, 2021 (to be held at Beauvoir Cemetery). Please make your reservations directly with the hotel, Quality Inn, 2414 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39503 — Phone: 228-388-1000. Mention Beauvoir Pilgrimage IOOF for discount.

Name & Organization’s Name: ______________________________________________________________
If your Jurisdiction or Organization would like to be recognized by laying or having a wreath laid: (fill in information below)
Number of Wreaths/Name of Jurisdiction: ________________________________________________

_____ X $50.00 each for new wreaths = ________
OR repeat orders _____ X $25.00 each = ________

Registration Fee: ____________ X $10.00 each = ________

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

_________ X $40.00 each = ______________

The banquet will be held on Friday, Feb 19, 2021 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. We thank you for your participation in this event.

A special treat for those attending, a private tour of Jefferson Davis Home and Museum. If you want to participate in the tours, please arrive by 5:30 P.M. Friday, February 19, 2021.

Please fill out the form above and return by January 15, 2021, to Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn. Please make one check for total payable to: Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn.

Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn
Chairman of Beauvoir Pilgrimage Committee
1111 Hwy 29
Wiggins, MS 39577

Home Ph: 601-928-9200 or Cell Ph: 601-466-9464
— Email: mitzirayborn@gmail.com
September 2020

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 Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning Monday morning, 16th August 2021, and ending Thursday afternoon, 19th August 2021.

Headquarters and Sessions
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
194th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
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Youth Days
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Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
151 West Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
Phone: 1-513-579-1234

Group Dates—August 12-19, 2021
All Rates are $169.00 — Single-Double-Triple-Quad
Tax Rate Presently 17.5%

Guests use the below web link:

Guests may also call our reservation center at:
1-800-233-1234 and use code G-HIOO

Information to have available when calling to make reservations

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
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Additional Guests: ______________________________________________________
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2021 Pre-Registration Form
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council Patriarch Militant
International Association Ladies Auxiliaries
Patriarchs Militant

Cincinnati, Ohio
August 12th to 19th, 2021

PLEASE NOTE:
All Attendees MUST Register!

Name: ______________________________________________________ (Please Print)

Unit attending:    SGL    IARA    GMC    IALAPM    YOUTH    GUEST
(Please circle one)

Title for name badge __________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________

City, State/Prov, Postal Code _____________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ Email: ____________________

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations received on or before July 15, 2021 — $75.00 $ _____________
Registrations after July 15, 2021 — $80.00 $ ______________

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

Youth Dinner, Friday, August 13, 2021 — $50.00 $ ______________
Welcome Dinner, Saturday, August 14, 2021 — $50.00 $ ______________
FUN NIGHT Dinner, Monday August 16, 2021 — $70.00 $ ______________
Installation Dinner, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 — $70.00 $ ______________

Total Fees for the Sessions in US Dollars $ ______________

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2021 Committee
c/o Grand Lodge of Ohio IOOF
PO Box 1088
Springfield, OH 45501-1088

Any special requests, such as: Special diet, should be indicated here:

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DINNER CRUISE THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

The 2021 Session Committee are planning a Dinner Cruise on a River Boat. The cost of this 2 1/2 hour Dinner Cruise will be $75.00 per person. There is a non-refundable $25.00 deposit per person due by January 31, 2021. The remaining balance of $50.00 will be due by July 23, 2021.

Please send all your information with your deposit to the 2021 Committee, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088. Contact person for this event is Paul McAfee, 937-399-8631

Or by email at: Ohiosessions2021@gmail.com

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Phone Number: __________________________
Date: __________________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________________

Mail to:
2021 Session Committee
PO Box 1088
Springfield, OH 45501-1088

(One Form Per Person)
### 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 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati Hotel. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule.

| GROUP NAME: | ___________________________________ |
| CONTACT PERSON: | ___________________________________ |
| ADDRESS: | ___________________________________ |
| CITY, STATE,/PROV./ZIP CODE: | ___________________________________ |
| TELEPHONE: | ___________________________________ |
| EMAIL: | ___________________________________ |
| TYPE OF EVENT: | (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Cocktail Reception etc.) |
| DATE & TIME: | ___________________________________ |
| NUMBER EXPECTED: | ___________________________________ |
| SPECIAL REQUESTS: | ___________________________________ |

Mail to: Grand Lodge of Ohio, IOOF 2021 Committee  
PO Box 1088  
Springfield, OH 45501-1088
Program booklet for 2021 the SGL Session
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

An AD booklet is being planned and we would invite you to participate in this event by placing an ad.

Ad prices are as follows:

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Please make check payable in USD to:

2021Session Committee

Please submit your Black and White or Color Ad Copy along with the appropriate amount to:

2021Session Committee
PO Box 1088
Springfield, OH 45501-1088

Deadline for all Ads: July 15th, 2021
## Maintenance Replacement Report

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**Total Membership**

January 1, 2020 = _______

December 31, 2020 = _______

Members needed to obtain a 1% gain by December 31, 2020 = _______

**The World of Odd Fellowship**
NONE REPORTED

ITEMS ARE NOT TO SCALE.

VETERANS

85 years
Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
Item No. 1227—1243
May be ordered
through your Grand Lodge

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

75 Years

70 Years
Veteran Jewels
OF—1117
Disc—1129-1140O

65 Years
Rebekah
2109
Disc—2115-2128-85

60 Years

55 years
Honorable Veteran—contact you Grand Secretary or
Rebekah Assembly secretary

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.
**PLEASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE**

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Address ___________________________________________________________
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Date Admitted _____________________________ Bro. ___ Sis. ___

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MAIL, FAX, E-mail TO:

Attn: I.O.O.F.
The SGL / IARA MEMBERSHIP
422 Trade Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-2830

Fax: 1-336-722-7317 — Email: sgldataentry@ioof.org

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This year is quickly passing along. And if we are honest, we are all happy to see 2020 come to a close. For many of us 2020 has been a trying year. We have been cooped up at home most of the year attempting to stay safe and those times when we do go out, we are extremely careful making sure we have our mask, gloves, hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes. But that is the negative part of the year, let us focus on some of the positive and let us do what our International President Sister Elizabeth has asked us to do and let us “focus on what’s important!”

One important thing to remember is who we are as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. We are loving, generous, and caring Brothers and Sisters.” We will soon be in the mist of the holiday season and if 2020 has taught us anything it is to be thankful and “focus on what’s important”. Our Valediction teaches us to build a better world. And right now, in this crazy mixed up world we are in a position to be the ones who furnish the building materials to make someone’s world a better place. This holiday season because of the events of the last 10 months more families than ever will not have the luxury of a nice Thanksgiving Dinner and a Christmas morning with gifts under the Christmas tree or around the table when lighting the menorah. Many of the organizations that provide the needed help are in need of help as well to continue to provide the much-needed assistance during the winter months. We as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have an opportunity to reach out and touch lives of those who are less fortunate. How do we do this during these times when we are trying to stay safe? Due to health concerns your Lodge might not be able to actually go and physically volunteer to help, however, we all have coats and other winter items we do not use. So, clean out those closets and donate those unused items of clothing to a homeless shelter in the name of your Lodge. Check with your local shelters and see if they are going to be serving Holiday meals and help donate the food or money towards the food – their dollars at the local Food Banks goes further than what you as the general public can purchase at the local store. Gifts to Toys for Tots helps to brighten a child’s day who may not have a joyous Christmas or Hanukkah without your love and generosity or pick a family from an Angel Tree and make sure they the best celebration ever. Although, these may not seem like way to build membership we would be helping to build a better world just as those before us did. And who knows those whose lives you touch could be perspective future members.

Finally, now more than ever we must not forget those members who are shut-ins and are not able to get out because of underlying health issues. Many are lonely and seek to be in touch with the outside world. Send them a card or give them a call to say hello and let them know you are thinking about them.

Our Lodge meetings may look a lot different in the future but if we “focus on what’s important” continue to look for ways to stay together as a family of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs we will survive and the last 10 months will just be a page in our history that future generations will look back on and say “They were the generation that did it. They kept our Order alive because they took the time to ‘focus on what was important’.”

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

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Be a Partner in the 2021 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 2021 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 70 years. Through your continued Donations, You and Your Lodge will help to keep this program funded into the future.

Over the past 70 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 $ _______________
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(Donations in the United States are tax deductable)

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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
November 8, 2020

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Our jurisdictional chairmen and Grand Lodge secretaries have been busy seeking out potential students for our program and I would like to extend a huge thank you for all your hard work and diligence in making our program successful. Delegates must be either 16 or 17 years of age with at least one year of high school remaining upon completion of the tour to be eligible for the 2021 tour. The students that were not able to attend the 2020 tour have the option of also attending this coming tour. I will be getting information to those delegates shortly about what they need to send me.

Our first deadline is quickly approaching! **January 1, 2021.** On this date everyone should have their non-refundable holding of $1,000.00 per delegate in to the Pilgrimage for Youth Office at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

On **April 1, 2020, {or before}** jurisdictions are required to have the balance of your delegate’s fees and your tour leaders’ fees into the Pilgrimage Office in Winston-Salem. Jurisdictions also must have delegate’s completed 2021 Registration Forms and all required documents, including Passport Information page, to my home address: **Leonard Bolton, 6223 Six Mile Road, Danville, WV, 25053,** by this date. A **late fee of $50.00** will be assessed to your jurisdiction for each requirement missed!

Are you interested in being a Tour Leader or New York Staff member? Applications can be found on the Pilgrimage for Youth website: [www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com](http://www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com) Please submit it to me by January 15, 2021 at my home address. Applications will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration in February. The physician’s statement is not required at this time unless you are selected to be either a Tour Leader or New York Staff member. Tour Leader fees are $1600.00.

**Tour dates: June 29-July 12, 2021 — Tours start and end in Philadelphia.**

All fees and payments are mailed to Pilgrimage for Youth, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

All Registration Forms and Tour Leader Applications with all required documents should be mailed to my home address: Leonard Bolton, 6223 Six Mile Road, Danville, WV 25053.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
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**Alberta** – 17-18 April 2021, Grand Secretary – Murray Leithbridge, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3

**Arizona** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**Arkansas** – 18 September 2021, Grand Secretary – Jon R Petersen, 5469A E Highway 14, Lead Hill, AR 72644-9729

**Atlantic Provinces** July 2021, Grand Secretary – Jordan Swan, 50 Loop of Hwy 6 Loop, Tatamagouche, NS B0K 1V0

**Australasia** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Richard C O’Connell, PO Box 3340, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000

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

**Brazil** – Henry L. Dupray, DDSGM, 1922 Jackson St, Wilmington, NC 28401-6722

**British Columbia** – 23-25 April 2021 – Grand Secretary - Becky Auld, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8R 7J8

**California** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Barry Prockaz, 122 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

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

**Colorado** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Douglas E. Pittman, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

**Connecticut** – 25-26 September 2021, Grand Secretary – Marshall D. Kalin, PO Box 11075, Waterbury, CT 06703-0075

**Cuba** – May 2021, Grand Secretary Jorge Castellanos Milan, 20 de May No 615, esq. a Maso, Cerro, La Habana Cuba

**Delaware** – November 2021, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713

**District of Columbia** – March 2021, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007

**Europe** – 28-30 May 2021, Grand Secretary, Anna-Birte Gjerlove, Lathyrusvej 15, 7000 Fredericia, Denmark

**Florida** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012

**Georgia** – April 2021, Grand Secretary – Jimmy C Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

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**Idaho** – October 2021, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605

**Illinois** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Jerald T Sarnes, PO Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62644-0248

**Indiana** –October 2021, Grand Secretary – Diana Merritt, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

**Iowa** – 14-16 October 2021, Grand Secretary – Lawrence Shilling, 5850 Oakwood Dr NW, Des Moines, IA 50322

**Kansas** – October 2021 – Grand Secretary – Kenneth Edgett, PO Box 549, Great Bend, KS 67530

**Kentucky** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Arthur Light, PO Box 1208, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-1208

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