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Thank you from:
Steve & Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit for the cards and messages following the death of Steve’s mom. Your compassion and kindness truly represent the love in our Three Links.

The family of Norma Miller, PP-IARA for the many cards and donations to the Educational Foundation.

Notice:
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I begin to write this message, we here in Alberta have experienced all the cold weather conditions this February can bring – from 4 inches of snow in a little over an hour, to some very cold weather. In talking to my Brother-in-law last week, it was minus 50 degrees Celsius one morning when he went out to check on the cows. I know many of you have also endured severe weather conditions as well. It reminds us of the tale of the “Sun and North Wind” who engaged in a competition to see who could make a passing traveler remove his coat. I do hope that everyone has survived the challenges that this weather has presented to us!

Take time to reflect on our days, name the ways to respond and react to the various situations that surround us. Increase your self-awareness, transform us into the people that we are called upon to be. Take time to call, write a note, e-mail, or text your family, friends, and Lodge members. It will brighten the days ahead for them. Be the kind of person that people want to be around, save your stamina and strength to face the challenges of our every day lives.

We need to be thankful for those that keep us safe – the men and women in the military, our local police, ambulance, fire services and hospital staff. Thankful for the essential workers, such as store clerks, truck divers and all those involved in keeping our food chain running. 2020-21 has brought to our attention how truly dedicated these front-line workers are. If you are in contact with these amazing workers, please remember to say, “Thank you for your service to our community and country”.

This has been a challenging year for the World, Canadians, and Americans and of course the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. However, after many months of isolation and fear, the news of the vaccine brings us HOPE for the future. Remember we here in North America are so fortunate for our Health Care Systems, compared to many countries who do not have the Heath benefits that we do. Also remember, just because the vaccine is here, it is going to take time to make this a better place in which to live.

“Step Up to The Plate, The Future is in your Hands”. Please stay safe.

Fraternally,

s/ E Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

Easter is the gift of HOPE
Easter is the gift of PEACE
Easter is the Gift of LOVE
May this Easter bring you all a great celebration filled with lots of JOY, HAPPINESS and of course “CHOCOLATE”

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Passover the season of –
Learning & Values; Community & Family; and Study & History

“The future is in your hands, step up to the plate”

“we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind”
Dear, dear Sisters and Brothers,

According to information received in recent weeks, some jurisdictions are planning to hold their sessions as originally scheduled. If that indicates reduction in the threat of the pandemic and increasing focus on individual safety measures, that’s good news indeed!

As jurisdictions – and ultimately the SGL, IARA, GMC, and IALAPM – hold their sessions, elections of officers will demand and merit attention. My question to you is this: Will each person elected be an officer or will each person elected be a leader?

What’s the difference? An officer is one who has a position of authority in an organization; i.e.: Noble Grand or Assembly Warden. A leader, however, is one who motivates a group of people to act toward achieving a common goal.

Can an officer be a leader? Absolutely! Can a leader be an officer? Absolutely! Will an officer always be a leader? Unfortunately, no.

A leader is one whom people follow voluntarily. That person may have no title or position of authority; neither is needed to build a following.

An officer is one selected to fulfill specific duties. Our rituals specify those duties. Sometimes election to office occurs because “she’s been a member long enough”, “it’s her turn”, “she’s always wanted to do this”, or “she really wants the past officer’s jewel.” Are any of these valid reasons for election?

John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” Two words from that statement stand out to me: inspire and more. A leader will inspire others to stretch, try new ideas or old ideas different ways, think outside the box, or set new goals. A leader supports others to expect and give more – more effort, more commitment, more …

Anyone can chart a safe course when no obstacles block the path. It takes a leader to anticipate the obstacles and open the path for followers to achieve the goal, sometimes without their having realized that they already negotiated the obstacles.

A good leader first defines the goal. The last responsibility of a leader is expressing appreciation for achieving the goal and the effort required for that achievement. In between, the leader is a facilitator, a servant, to the needs of the followers and the work of achievement.

Many have said that a leader without followers is just someone taking a walk. An officer who is not a leader may perform the duties of office but not contribute to the value of the organization or the relevance of the organization in today’s world.

Our Order needs leaders as we continue to be tested by the pandemic, social shifts, and mounting financial and personal challenges. Leaders are not born. They are people who rise to meet challenges, simplify argument and doubt to resolution, and invite others to join in the commonly respected solution.

Leaders grow as they develop their skills. Let’s elect positive leaders into our offices to strengthen the future of the Order which we hold dear.

Fraternally with commitment to encouraging leaders,

s/ Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit

“focus on what’s important.”
March 2021

Greetings Chevaliers and Ladies,

Hello! I hope everyone is surviving this cold spell and is staying warm. We were having a rather mild winter this year. Then on February 2nd, Punxsutawney Phil came out and saw his shadow which meant six more weeks of winter. Well, I guess he was right. I spent three days digging out from the snow. As I write this, it is snowing again in Virginia. We must also remember our Brothers and Sisters in Texas who have gone through so much this winter. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the worst of the winter weather will be behind all of us.

The 117th Annual Session of the General Military Council will be in Cincinnati from August 12-19. Therefore, this is the time of year when reports are due; this includes officer and committee reports. Also, if there are any items which you would like to discuss in session, they should be placed in the Advanced Journal. That would allow members to express their suggestions and ideas. The existing committee members will have an idea of what they need to work on before they come to session and allow time for any research which they feel is necessary. Remember, we have five months until session. The Advanced Journal should be in the hands of the representatives by June 1st. All reports have to be reviewed and collated when they go into the Journal. Your help is essential to make sure the session runs smoothly.

Naturally, we will be having a Change of Command and electing new officers. This year we will be electing a new Adjutant General. General Clem Olson has decided not to seek re-election this year. 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 matter is very appreciated!

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

Take care of yourselves and your families!  
Hope to see you soon!

Chivalrously,  
s/ Lady Jami Rafter  
President IALAPM  

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

International Women’s Day: Special Message from the CEO of SOS Children’s Villages International

Ingrid Johansen celebrates the ambition of women and girls, and the global need for equality.

_Every girl has the ability... but not every girl has the opportunity. You can help change that._

Today, on International Women’s Day, Ingrid Johansen (CEO of SOS Children’s Villages International) shares a special message to celebrate the determination of women and girls who take on leadership roles and contribute to a more equal future.

Will you help break the generational cycle of poverty to empower women and girls around the world?

With generous support from people like you, SOS Children’s Villages enables women and girls to:

1. **Advocate for their rights.** All women and girls have a right to be heard. Your support empowers them to share their voices, become leaders in their communities and actively shape their own lives.

2. **Access equal educational opportunities.** 130 million girls around the world are growing up without an education—and that number is even higher amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In our villages, schools and youth employability programs, your gift gives girls and boys equal opportunities to learn, whether in the classroom or remotely.

3. **Be protected from gender-based violence.** One in three women worldwide will suffer from abuse during her lifetime. Your contribution helps raise awareness among teachers, healthcare providers and community leaders to prevent violence and support victims.

4. **Achieve economic success.** Women who work invest 90% of their income back into their families, compared with 35% for men. With your support, we empower women through education, job skills training and trade workshops to help their families thrive amidst COVID-19 and beyond.

With strong women, changes happen. Please donate today to empower women and girls to build a brighter future!

**I.O.O.F. SOS Children’s Village**

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year. I would like to thank you, Clem, for the time you have given to the Order and for the help which you have given to me.

As you know the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, D.C. has been cancelled again. Hopefully, we will be able to reestablish this tradition next year.

I would like to report that Deputy General Commanding, Lt. Gen. Michael Bowers made the trip to Biloxi, MS for the Pilgrimage to Honor All Ununknowns of the Civil War. I attended last year, but I had to cancel my plans. Thank you, General Mike.

I hope to see you at session in the August. The Convention Committee has planned for a very active and pleasant stay while we are there. I am asking all Chevaliers and Ladies to bring and wear your uniforms for the Change of Command. Even if you attend The SGL Session and IARA sessions, the support for our new officers would be greatly appreciated. Also, if it is possible, try to attend at least one of the Youth Activities. This will give you a chance to see the future of Odd Fellowship. Each year they work hard to have a program to put on for the convention. Thank you for your support of the convention.

God Bless and Stay Safe,

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

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’
**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, 2021** be known as **Founder’s Day** throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 202nd 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 March 2021 and of our Order the 202nd year.

[Seal] Yours in F, L & T,

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

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

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**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 17th 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 2021 and of our Order the 202nd year.

[Seal] Yours in F, L & T,

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

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Odd Fellows and Rebekah Visual Research Foundation
Hugh J. Bradley Distinguished Service Award

The Hugh J. 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 and Rebekahs 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.**

Be a member or group of members in good standing of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge within the jurisdiction submitting the nomination.

Be nominated by an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly or Jurisdiction Eye Committee operating under a contract with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation.

Have demonstrated outstanding and unusual efforts on behalf of the vision program at the local or jurisdictional level.

Produce written evidence or documentation of how those efforts have benefitted individuals in preserving or aiding vision or in education 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 April 30th. Send nominations to:

Mark Ulrich, Chairman
1107 Walnut Street East
Devils Lake ND, 58301-3240

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs 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.

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.
Hugh J. Bradley
Distinguished Service Award
Nomination Application

Name of Nominee: _____________________________________________________

Address of Nominee:
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

Name of Lodge, Grand Body or Jurisdiction Making Nomination:
_______________________________________________________________________

⇒ Include a brief description of the eye project in which nominee has been involved:

⇒ List reasons why you believe this individual or group should be considered for the Hugh J. Bradley Award. (Please include the reasons why this nominee is outstanding and cite examples of how this involvement is unique and worthy of recognition for outstanding work.)

⇒ Attach documentation from Agencies, Institutions, and/or individuals who can attest to the benefits derived from nominee’s efforts on behalf of visual assistance.

⇒ Include any other information supporting the nomination, which you deem pertinent for consideration by the selection committee:

Please attach attachments to the application
WILDEY THE FOUNDER
OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.
Continued from the January-February 2021 issue

The enterprise made little progress for several years. Like all such efforts by humble and obscure beginners, it had to struggle against disfavor, apathy, and a want of confidence. Wildey, the leader, could bring to its aid no friends in high places, no collateral influence or patronage. It was self-dependent and alone, and had to rely upon its intrinsic excellence. But its success was to be found in the daring energy of the unlettered blacksmith. When he met with associates to form a lodge of Odd Fellows, it was his opportunity. It appealed to an irresistible passion of his nature. He saw his favorite pursuit about to be reduced to the regularity of a duty; his select comrades secured to him, his irregular rambles replaced by a fixed habitation for his pleasures, his strange landlords for a responsible and responsive Host; and above all, the petty headship of an accidental meeting, by the chair and leadership of a permanent society. He loved excitement, and was easily warmed into a glow of feeling; no ordinary misfortune could affect his spirits, which were always hopeful. He lived in constant motion, and was never quiet, unless when sick or asleep; his appearance was the signal for activity, and dullness and stupidity never could exist in his presence. It was always bustle—bustle—and a kind of perpetual motion wherever he went, and yet it was in form orderly. His sense of a certain kind of decorum was very keen; order was the rule of his life, but it was the order of precedence rather than of manners. He had the English idea of class and degree engrained on his character so firmly that it was a passion; thus his devotion to lodge rank and degree, which could never brook either question or censure.

He had another incentive; an instinct, yet undeveloped, led him to enjoy mystery. The order had given him a grip and password, and these affected his imagination as giving dignity to the proceeding, at bottom he was a devotee of secrecy; it had a charm that led him on, as will be shown, step by step, until it overcame in that strong nature the inferior appetite itself. As the society slowly advanced, he rose with it, and always as the leader. As it took on solemn form and affecting ceremony, no man was more captivated by their charms than the bluff chairman. His rugged nature was large, and found ready room for new impressions. His worship of mystery made him a fit priest to preside at the decorated altars. No boy was more bewildered and delighted with fancy’s story than this man, who was as natural as a boy in love of the marvellous. To him the crowns and mitres of the officers were real, and the gavel and title of noble grand and grand master gave full assurance of splendid rank and supreme authority. The legends of the ceremonies were to him veritable history, and thus a kind of supernatural importance was attached to the doctrines and duties they enjoined. He came to believe in them with the simplicity of a child, but with the will of a giant; and here we may find the secret of that devotion which made him great. Thus he was sincere; he never doubted the enterprise, or that it was worthy to succeed. Those who saw him in the lodges were always impressed by his earnestness and enthusiasm. He was every inch a presiding officer; full of courtesy but, commanding implicit deference. In the performance of his duties he was full of dignity; his face was lighted up with intelligence, and he was deft and precise in every arrangement. All who met him in public were satisfied that he was in love with his work, and had undying faith in his mission. That mission in his mind was twofold. First, to become the founder of a great Order; secondly, by that Order to spread fraternity over all the world: the former was fully born, the latter beyond mere assertion was but nascent. Yet as supplementary of the former he gave it every endeavor, but we are assured that the result was astounding even to him. Yet not so of the initial idea, for in fancy he was in 1822 a famous man. His own importance he never underrated, but from the first day was the father and the founder.

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This idea possessed him to the exclusion of ordinary motives: for this he recrossed the ocean, and strove for and obtained a separation from the unity; for this he painfully travelled by slow coaches and over bad roads, a visitor to states and cities, seeking for proselytes; for this he spent laborious days and sleepless nights devising plans, and wasting his small property for means to sustain the enterprise. subjugated by that idea, even his strong will could become supple, and allow him to use the arts of diplomacy. He often felt himself unequal to the intellectual wants of the rising institution; and new demands came in the need of additional mental aliment in the system. Around him were men his superiors in that direction, but he did not hesitate; his haughty spirit bent to ask assistance, and lie sat at their feet for the lessons he should impart to others. And in this he was fortunate, for his fellows were workmen unknown indeed in literary circles, but more than able for the task.

Again the same idea bowed his iron will, and stayed his despotic energy at every stage where change and strategy were required by the changing times and events of the period. In all critical junctures his sure eye found the counsellor for his purpose, and once found, all his imperial faculties were united to drive on in the new direction. He was never wasteful of his money, but when he saw the Order in want, it stirred his very bowels and made him sick at heart. At such times he came forward with his all, and his credit in the bargain. If the Order lacked a place of meeting, he turned out his household to give it shelter. If it wanted a messenger, his response was, “here am I”. On all sides he spread around it his protection and affection as the child of his very soul. This was the more intensified, localise he gave himself to no other fixed employment. This was his business—all else but temporary expedients. No wonder his associates gazed on him with astonishment and gave him the pre-eminence. He had purchased it with his money, deserved it by his labors, conquered it by his zeal, held it by his prudence, and indeed owned it as such men are the natural owners and chieftains among others; for in him was that native force that defies and subdues all competition.

We have not detailed the personal affronts put upon him by press and people, which were numerous, and often full of vindictive malice, one notable instance will serve as a sample. The whole matter is set forth in the report of the committee of which G. Secretary Ridgely was the chairman, and may be found in the Journal 127-8. This action overwhelmed the slanderer; he inserted in his paper a full retraction and ample apology, and the matter was dropped. But we shall not proceed further in the relation of that which sheds no light upon Wildey’s character. Further details are unnecessary; his name was beyond the reach of calumny, and all such efforts recoiled upon his persecutors.

When he retired from office in 1833, he saw that success was certain. At that period he had instituted four lodges in Maryland, organized the “Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States”, and originated the Patriarchal Order; he had extended the institution to Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, Ohio, Louisiana, Kentuckey, and Delaware, and saw them all united under the present Grand Lodge of the United States. The Order was no longer in the hands of one man, or of a few men; but the vigorous offspring, obeying the law of nature, was escaping from paternal control, and entering upon a life of self-reliance and independence. The dominion he had gained and the power he had exercised, in the very nature of things, were slipping from his grasp. The hour of his official abdication had arrived, when he should resign the sceptre, and place the crown on the brow of a successor, in the line of those great Odd Fellows who were to spread the fame of the Order over the whole earth. There was no decay of his faculties, and no diminution of his activity or zeal; but
the day of personal government and single efforts had passed away, to give place to an era of organization and associated effort, far beyond the capacity of any single individual, no matter how greatly assisted by personal magnetism or upheld by sympathizing confederates.

This point in his history he could not foresee; but when he realized it he bowed to the necessity, and with a dignity worthy of the occasion, and a solemnity which truly reflected the emotions of his soul, he uttered a “Farewell Address”, and descended from the chair of Grand Sire to mingle in the ranks of the brotherhood at large. This scene rises before us as a great event in the life of Wildey, then but fifty-one years of age, and in the prime of a manhood which but few could match. Of all his pioneers of 1819, not one was at his side: Entwisle had died early, Welch had sought other associations, and of his later helpers, Williams had deceived him, and the rest were scattered and gone. Two alone were present who sat in the early councils: Scotchburn, of his own nationality, who entered the G. Lodge of Md. and of the U. S., November 22, 1822, and Mathiot, who was initiated early in 1823, and who was now G. Secretary. All the others were new men to him, and of far other sort than his first companions. These were the organizers who had come in to take up the work where he should lay it down, and gratefully writing his name upon it as upon a precious cornerstone, build thereon a World’s Temple to Fraternity, which would alike perpetuate his labor and his fame. In that celebrated assembly there were in all ten persons, including the G. Sire, viz: Thomas Wildey, M. W. G. Sire; Thomas Scotchburn, R. W. D. G. Sire; Augustus Mathiot, R. w. G. Secretary; Thomas Morse, W. G. G.; George Keyser, Rep. of Maryland; John Pearce, Proxy of New York; Howell Hopkins, Rep. of Pennsylvania; James L. Ridgely, Proxy of Ohio; Samuel Lucas, Proxy of Louisiana, and Simon Robinson, Rep. of Delaware.

We may imagine the effect of an adieu delivered by such a man to such an audience, and even at this distance of time, be sensible of a feeling that he was speaking to us also in that touching peroration: “Farewell, my brethren, and permit me to tender to you, individually, my most affectionate regard and best wishes for your continued health, happiness, and prosperity.” Of all who heard that farewell of the founder, but one, the youngest of the group, survives, and he alone can say how deeply it stirs his soul when he looks first at that and then at this—the men of 1833 and the men of 1878—the trust committed to the former by Wildey, and the grand result of to-day in the splendid spectacle of American Odd Fellowship.

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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
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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Group Rates—August 12-19, 2021
All Rates are $169.00 — Single-Double-Triple-Quad
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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: __________________________________________

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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 May 1, 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

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PART FIRST.
MATTERS EXTERNAL TO THE ORDER.

CHAPTER I.
HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP—con-d.

§ 3. Origin in Great Britain.
The origin of Odd-Fellowship as an institution is involved in obscurity. When the small stream first issues into the light of history, it is very humble also. The Nile, though known ever since the days of Joseph, has not yet had its sources discovered by Europeans. In 1788, as we learn from the Biography of James Montgomery, the Poet, he wrote the song (which will be found in Appendix A) beginning

“When Friendship, Love, and Truth abound
Among a band of brothers,”

for a society of London mechanics and laborers, bearing the motto of our Order, and presumed to be a Lodge of “Ancient and Honorable Loyal Odd-Fellows”. All beyond that date is mere conjecture or proofless tradition. It is unknown whether our then recent revolutionary struggle for independence, or the more ancient teachings of the Bible, suggested the Fatherhood of God, and consequent equality and fraternity of man, as the foundation-stone of the Order. Nor can we trace the steps by which the measures of mutual relief in sickness and distress, and provision for burial of the dead, and care for the orphan and widow, grew up among them.

But knowing that it was an institution originated by common circumstances of want and providence, and cemented by social feelings frequently indulged until they warmed into a fraternal glow, we can readily imagine how great principles would be suggested, and measures for carrying them out be successively improved.

They were toiling laborers, in a land and under a government where hard-handed industry is less esteemed than here; where distinctions of rank and wealth are greater than we have ever known. Their daily labor barely sufficed to procure them daily bread. When sickness came, gaunt and terrible want was not far off. When calculating wealth refused them the privilege to toil for bread, they lacked means to seek employment elsewhere, and support their families meanwhile. When on the bed of disease or death, none could spare time to smooth the creased pillow, or moisten the fevered lips, or speak calmness to the delirious fevered mind. When they looked forward to the close of this “fitful, feverish” life, beyond it was only a pauper’s coffin to be pressed into, a pauper’s grave into which to be huddled out of sight, without a breathed prayer over the dead, or a whispered text of hope and consolation for the living. And for the surviving partner and bereaved children no future was presented, but trundling them from parish to parish, until they were thrust into the vice and infamy of the almshouse; or, perhaps, thrusting them into the streets, to grow up beggars or criminals, if they did not earlier perish in the gutter! Such were, most probably, the circumstances and prospects of not a few who commenced our Order, devised its first crude measures of relief and burial of the dead, and based the whole structure on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Feeling that Rank and Wealth would degrade them if they could, they resolved to support and aid each other, and to contribute weekly a portion of their scanty earnings for that purpose. Feeling also how sectarian and party strifes had estranged men from each other, and rendered them powerless and abject by such divisions, they excluded all such topics and distinctions from their meetings, and resolved only to know, to labor for, and to love each other as men—as BRETHREN.

At that period (and is it not too much the case at this?) convivial practices were common everywhere, among nearly all associations and gatherings of men. But especially in Great Britain, all social and moral societies, even vestry, presbyterial, and other church meetings for business, were stimulated freely with intoxicating drinks and the fumes of tobacco.

We need not wonder, therefore, that Odd-Fellows, at that early day, were addicted to

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practices which greater light, and a purer morality, now declare to be “inconsistent with our laudable profession.” Meeting, as they did, in public houses of not the most select character, the only places open to men of their humble pretensions and limited means, the beer-mug, the pipe and the toast, circulated freely, as the song and jest excited their mirth and hilarity; until, by frequent repetition calling for increased indulgence, it is no wonder that the noble objects of their meetings were too frequently made but secondary to mere sensual gratifications. The wonder is, not that those early Lodges were so greatly convivial clubs, but that they did not become merely such.

The singularity of its name, and humility of its origin, needed not these convivial practices to bring the institution into suspicion and disrepute, nor a defective organization to involve it in trouble and internal dissension. On the extension of the Order to Liverpool, the Lodges united in a more general system, under the title of “The Union Order of Odd-Fellows,” having London as its seat of government. This arrangement continued until about 1809, when, after the institution of Victory Lodge in Manchester, some intelligent men perceived the necessity of reforming the convivial practices of the brotherhood, and making mutual relief and charity the main objects of their meetings. But after agitating the subject for years, they found that even the partial reform they advocated could not be effected without an entire change of the Order.

§ 5. The Independent Order.

A Convention of friends of reform was accordingly held in Manchester, in 1813, when several Lodges seceded in due form from the Union Order, and constituted the “Independent Order of Odd-Fellows”. Under the impulse of improved practices, this new Order advanced rapidly, and soon overshadowed the rival from whence it sprang forth. In 1825 it increased the efficiency of its government by instituting a Central Standing Committee in Manchester, to govern the Order in the interim between the sessions of the Annual Movable Committee, as the Chief Lodge is termed.

But the unwieldy size of the Annual Movable Committee soon led to the assumption and abuse of power by the Central Committee, which, in turn, led to various attempts at reform, and revolutions and secessions on their failure. Hence in 1845, according to the Oration at Boston, by P.G. Master Ridgely, “there are many ramifications of Odd-Fellowship from the parent stock in England, all of which form distinct communities, holding no intercourse with each other, and each claiming to strive in the cause of human benefaction, under the banner of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Among the most prominent are the following:—The Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, Manchester Unity, (from which we derive our being,) numbering about 400,000; The Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows, Sheffield Unity; Ancient Order of Odd-Fellows, Bolton Unity; Imperial Order of Odd-Fellows, Nottingham Unity; United Order of Odd-Fellows, Leeds Unity; Imperial Order of Odd-Fellows, Paddick Unity; Independent Reformed Order of Odd-Fellows. The last, it is to be hoped, may prove what its name indicates, a Reformed Order of Odd-Fellows in England.”—Golden Rule for July 12, 1845.

We may as well close our notice of Odd-Fellowship in Britain, here, by stating, that after the aggressions of the Manchester Unity on our chartered rights and privileges, and their repeated departures from the ancient work of the Order, had compelled us to secede from them, and declare ourselves to be, by working and usage, the Independent Order, that Unity made efforts to establish Lodges in the United States, subject to her alone. She had, previously, established Lodges in Canada, and probably in some others of the British provinces in this country. But the attempt to establish Lodges in the States proved a failure, but two or three having been established, and of these none remain to the present time. The Grand United Order of the Sheffield Unity has established a few Lodges among our colored and foreign population, several in New York city, several in Philadelphia, one in Reading, Pa., one in Pottsville, Pa., and possibly a few

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in other places. It is believed that these have now established their independence of the Sheffield Unity, and have severed the connection between the white and colored Lodges.

Turn we now to the origin and history of Odd-Fellowship in America.


Several attempts were early made to establish Odd-Fellowship on this continent, but from various causes all successively failed. The early mode was by self-institution. Any number of Odd-Fellows united together, formed a Lodge, and received a charter from any neighboring Lodge, with power to grant charters in return. It is claimed that Lodges were started in this manner during the last century. Br. John Duncan, at the institution of Washington Lodge, No. 1, in Baltimore, said he had been initiated in a Lodge in that city, in 1802. Shakspere Lodge, No.1, was instituted in New York, December 23d, 1806; flourished until 1811; was heard of again in 1813; shortly after dissolved, and was revived in 1818, and continued in existence until 1822. Prince Regent's Lodge was instituted by some Englishmen, in New York, in 1816; but its name gave it an odor of nationality, and prevented its prosperity, and it ceased. The next was Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Baltimore, in 1819—then Franklin Lodge, No. 2, of same city, in 1819—next Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, in Boston, March 26th, 1820—next Franklin Lodge, No. 2, New York, January 27th, 1821—next Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, Philadelphia, December 26th, 1821. Columbia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Lodge, No. 3, and Columbia Lodge, No. 4, New York, were all instituted in 1822. These were all formed by self-institution, and those in each city were generally ignorant of the existence of those in the other cities; and even as late as 1823 some of them believed themselves the only Lodges in the United States.

But the only successful institution of Odd-Fellowship in this country—the fountain of our present organization—dates no further back than 1819. Thomas Wildey, a blacksmith by trade, an Englishman by birth, an American citizen by adoption, and a resident of Baltimore, inserted in the papers a call for a meeting of Odd-Fellows at the Seven Stars tavern, Second street, Baltimore. It was answered by John Duncan, John Welch, John Cheathem, and Richard Rushworth; and Washington Lodge, No. 1, was instituted, to work after the Union or London Order, April 26th, 1819. Within one month, however, its working and organization were changed to the Independent Order, and measures taken to procure a charter accordingly. The Abercrombie Grand Lodge of Manchester (the head of one of the divisions of the Order, which was merged in the Manchester Unity in 1826,) issued a dispensation, January 7th, 1820; but it never reached the Lodge. Through the instrumentality or P.G. John Crowder, of Preston, England, who visited Baltimore late in 1819, the Duke or York's Lodge, Preston, Manchester Unity, also issued a charter, dated February 1st, 1820, which was received and formally accepted by Washington Lodge, October 23d, following. By this charter it was legally constituted the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States, with power to charter Lodges accordingly.

Prior to this time, there was no Grand Lodge in the country. The Past Grands of each Lodge organized themselves into a Committee or grievance and supervision, with advisory powers only; and their decisions were generally received and sustained. This Grand Charter was afterward confirmed in June, 1821, by the General Committee of the Manchester Unity, as the “Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States”, styling it “Washington Lodge of Philadelphia, in the Province of Maryland”, and graciously allowing it a jurisdiction over “a district of twelve miles!!!”

It was soon discovered that the working of a Grand and a Subordinate Lodge under the same charter was extremely inconvenient. Accordingly, on February 22d, 1821, Washington Lodge surrendered its Grand Lodge Charter and powers to the Past Grands of Washington and Franklin Lodges; and these Past Grands granted them

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charters in return as subordinate Lodges only. Thomas Wildey, the first N.G. of Washington Lodge, and to whose energy and zeal much or their success had been owing, was elected the first Grand Master. At this period, the white, blue, and scarlet degrees were the only degrees of the subordinate Lodges received from England; the Covenant and Remembrance degrees, prepared by P.G. John P. Entwistle, of Baltimore, were called “the intermediate degrees”, and had not yet been adopted in England. The Golden Rule degree was conferred on P. Grands in Grand Lodge only, for a charge of seventy-five cents. The intermediate or special meetings of the P. Grands were called Grand Committees, and their proceedings required the confirmation of the Grand Lodge, in annual session, to render them conclusive.

In 1822, having ascertained that there were Lodges in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, Washington Lodge commenced efforts to effect a general union with them. “Massachusetts Lodge” was the first to respond, by application to the “Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States” for a charter, which was granted April 13th, 1823, and G. M. Wildey empowered to institute the same, and open a Grand Lodge also. On his way to execute this mission, be induced “Pennsylvania No. 1”, to make a similar application. At New York, also, he reconciled the divided and jarring Lodges, by inducing “Columbia Lodge No. 4”, (the only one possessing a charter from England,) to give up its charter for one from Baltimore. By this mild and prudent management, the Grand Master secured the union of all the Lodges then existing in the United States, in one system, and under an acknowledged legal head; and prevented future jealousies and strifes for supremacy.

The charters having been thus applied for and duly granted, G. Master Wildey instituted the respective subordinate and Grand Lodges as follows:—“Massachusetts, No. 1”, June 9th, 1823, and Grand Lodge, June 11th, 1823; Grand Lodge of New York, June 24th, 1823; “Pennsylvania, No. 1”, and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, June 27th, 1823.

The union of a National Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in one body, proving dissatisfactory to the Grand Lodges of the other States, the Grand Lodge of Maryland agreed to give up its complex charter to the several Grand Lodges, and unite with them in the organization of a distinct and separate Grand Lodge of the United States. After several preliminary meetings, this was accomplished January 15th, 1825, and the first annual communication held February 22nd following. And thus, was the union effected, and the admirable structure completed, which has since proved so effective in promoting the welfare and increasing the spread of Odd-Fellowship in this hemisphere.

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The Odd-Fellow's Improved Manual
— Grosh
The Fellowship of Comfort and Healing

Despite its name, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is hardly an odd bunch. In fact, it is one of the most civic-minded fraternal orders in operation today. And there is nothing odd whatsoever about the Odd Fellows’ mission to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.”

Ties between the Odd Fellows and The Johns Hopkins Hospital run deep. The first American lodge of the Odd Fellows was established in Baltimore in 1819, and many speculate that the Odd Fellows’ American founder, Thomas Wildey, and philanthropist Johns Hopkins — both Baltimoreans — may have been business associates in the mid-1800s.

Regardless of the history, the connection between the two organizations — one committed to comfort, the other to healing — has proved a fruitful partnership. Wilmer has been a direct beneficiary of the Odd Fellows’ commitment to Baltimore and to those in need of care.

The relationship was first formalized on Dec. 20, 1963, when leaders of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Wilmer Eye Institute officially agreed to establish the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Professorship in Ophthalmology, using an endowment funded entirely by the contributions of individual Odd Fellows members that is still going strong today.

The professorship is currently held by Henry Jampel, M.D., an expert in glaucoma research and surgery and the director of Wilmer's Green Spring Station clinic. He is the third Wilmer specialist to hold the professorship. Previously, it has been held by Arthur Silverstein, Ph.D., from 1964 to 1989 and W. Richard Green, M.D., from 1989 to 2006, when Jampel assumed the chair. To date, the three Odd Fellows Professors, collectively, have authored more than 1,000 peer-reviewed research papers, advancing scientific understanding and treatment, and training the next generation of ophthalmologists. “This is a trio of giants in ophthalmology,” opines Wilmer Director Peter J. McDonnell, M.D.

In the last year, the relationship blossomed further when the Odd Fellows announced it had raised their endowment to $3.5 million for the professorship endowment.

“The Odd Fellows has made a strong case that glaucoma is an important area of research and that Dr. Jampel is on the doorstep of some important advances that could help a lot of people,” says Mark Ulrich, chairman of the Odd Fellows Visual Research Foundation.

For Jampel, the Odd Fellows Professorship provides the necessary time and resources to explore research interests that he might otherwise not be able to pursue. In his case, these interests have the common theme of using medical and surgical therapies to improve patient outcomes from glaucoma treatment.

Jampel says the Odd Fellows funding has allowed him to pursue collaborations with other investigators who have helped patients improve adherence to their glaucoma medications and with those who are working to find ways to better detect glaucoma through improved imaging technologies. The professorship also provides the time he needs to recruit and train junior investigators who will carry glaucoma research forward.

“Wilmer’s leadership in glaucoma care and my research, in particular, would not be possible without the support of the Odd Fellows research endowment,” Jampel says. “They are very committed to this cause and do a wonderful job of bringing better eye care to a great many people.”

HENRY D. JAMPEL, MD, MHS, is the Odd Fellows Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute. He specializes in glaucoma and serves as the medical director of Wilmer’s Green Spring Station location. His research interests include evaluation of medical vs. surgical treatment of glaucoma in newly diagnosed patients and on imaging devices for the detection of glaucoma and its progression.

Dr. Jampel received his MD degree from Yale University and his MHS in health finance and management from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He completed an internship in internal medicine at Sinai Hospital and his residency in ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute. After completing a glaucoma fellowship in glaucoma at Wilmer, Dr. Jampel joined the faculty in 1988.

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Henry Jampel outside Wilmer’s Green Spring Station clinic, where he serves as director.

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March 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We are a couple of months into a new calendar year and even if Mother Nature for many of us is saying otherwise spring is almost here. And with spring comes new beginnings and a renewed hope that things will be returning to the new normal as more and more of us receive the coronavirus vaccine. What plans does your Lodge have for the coming months? Hopefully, those Lodges that have been dark will again be bright with light. Just as spring baseball practice has already begun for college and professional baseball teams it is also time for us to “Step Up to the Plate” and formulate a plan that will work within our community that will help to grow our Order. If your Lodge has not already taken the time done so this time of renewal is a great opportunity to read the article in the July-August 2020 edition of the I.O.O.F. “Is Your Lodge ‘Hum Drum’?” on pages 8 thru 15. The questions that are asked are so simple yet do we as members honestly and earnestly seek to find the answers to the hard questions when it comes to membership or do we say “We can’t do that”?

For the past year we have encouraged each of you to reach out in your communities and become actively involved. This does not always have to take place as a lodge activity it can be as an individual reaching out in the community and doing good deeds in the name of the Order. And when you do be sure you report these good deeds under the Good of the Order. Here an idea for an individual member. Do you own a 4 x 4 vehicle, and do you not mind driving in inclement weather? I know you are thinking why are you asking this ridiculous question. Well, I will tell you why. There are essential workers who during the sever inclement weather many of us are experiencing as of the writing of this newsletter who need help getting to work and there are 4 x 4 Groups that make sure they get to work and back home. So, you might consider joining the group and guess what you would have an outlet for spreading Friendship and Love to a stranger not only the one you help but the group. And it is not just getting essential workers to work it extends to helping those who need other things who don’t have the transportation to safely get a doctor’s appointment or get needed supplies. By reaching out to provide this service you have an opportunity to share why you are extending a helping hand and then provide them with a brochure. If we as an Order are to survive then we as individual members must “Step Up to The Plate” and start to “Focus on What’s Important”. Ask yourself what is my special talent that I can use within the Order to help grow the Order. It does not have to be out driving your 4 x 4 in to get essential workers to work it could be just a simple act of kindness toward a neighbor and you might be surprised to see what that little gesture of kindness can produce. We might not always hit a home run, but we can all get on base and score runs to help our Order to help grow our Order and move into the future. Do not be afraid to bring new and different ideas to the discussion when planning for the future of your Lodge. In closing, congratulations to all those jurisdictions who not only had a gain in membership but also gained new Lodges this past year. Remember “The future is in Your Hands”. Membership is not just the work of a committee it takes individuals willing to “Step of to the Plate”.

In Friendship, Love and Truth

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Lois Coryea, OH
Vivian Ford, OH
Joan Anderson, OH
Thelma Feisley, OH

65 Years
Sherry Lyons, AB
Sharon Tucker, AB
Jean Simpson, IL
Melba Flesher, OH
Naomi Muster, OH
Lorraine Saunders, OH
J. Lawrence Urey, PA
Lee C. Smith, PA
Gene O. Brown, PA
John R. Grumling, PA

60 Years
Sally Quiffin, OH
June Foster, OH
Judy Sheridan, OH
Stuart L. Richards, PA
Darwin F. Bradley, PA
Donald H. Leiby, PA

55 years
Virginia Beaudry, OH
Laura Barton, OH
Caroline Lockwood, OH
Arlene Cain, OH
Granville W. Sandridge, PA
Paul R. Goodwin, PA
Martin S. Levit, PA
Robert L. Wright, PA
Raymond L. Smith Jr., PA

50 Years
Lois Snyder, AB
Bea Gebhart, DE
Doris Brooker, OH
Alice Lee, OH
Mary Jane Seyer, OH
Rose Maczko, OH
Judy Hines, OH
Robert D. Briggs, PA
Richard G. English, PA
Eldon L. Sechler, PA

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 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 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,

This letter is to inform the Membership that the 2021 Pilgrimage for Youth Trip is in the final stages of scheduling as best that it can be. Several places are still closed – like Canada border, as well many Provincial borders, New York City, Washington, D.C. But we are a positive thinking group and feel we might have a chance to pull off the 2021 trip.

Alternate tour areas are also being considered if the border does not open into between the US and Canada, or different venues that are usually used are still closed. There are many great educational opportunities that we can and are exploring for if the need arises.

Alternate situations are also being explored for our Canadian Youth if they can not cross the border to the United States and vice versa.

There are a total of 99 Youth scheduled for the trip and about half of those are from the canceled 2020 trip.

Please pray and have positive thoughts that Covid-19 cases keep going down and we will get back to semi-normal living and the 2021 Pilgrimage for Youth trip will happen.

The Board of Directors has met and continues to meet via Zoom to keep up with the situation around North America.

Announcements and reminders:

◆ April 1, 2021. All applications are due. Send completed applications to: Leonard Bolton, 6223 Six Mile Rd, Danville, WV 25053
◆ April 1, 2021. The remainder of your delegate fees are to be sent to: The Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., 422 N Trade St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
◆ Tour dates. June 29, students fly into Philadelphia; June 30-July 5, students will be in NYC; July 5-11, students will be on the road tour.
◆ July 12. Students will depart Philadelphia to home.
◆ **DO NOT BOOK FLIGHTS UNTIL WE GIVE YOU THE GREEN LIGHT!!!**

Cares and Concerns may be addressed to the Board at the address listed above.

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful opportunity for Youth.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Rod Metoyer, President
Mira Pittman, Vice-President
Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
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