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Grand Lodge of Delaware—190 years, 6.27.1831

Rebekah Assembly of Manitoba—110 years, 2.28.1911

Rebekah Assembly of Nevada—125 years, 6.17.1896

DA-LAPM of Ohio—100 years, 3.1.1921

Grand Lodge of Oregon—165 years, 5.23.1856

Grand Encampment of South Dakota—140 years, 6.11.1881

Thinking of you:
Sharon Landry—IL, Conductor-I.A.R.A.

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Thank you from:
Sister Marjorie Nelson—for all of the get-well/thinking-of-you cards, the telephone calls, text messages, and e-mails that I received during the last months while going through cancer surgery and treatments.

It is the little things in life that touch our hearts the most and thank you one and all for being that kind of person who makes such a big difference.

SGM Brother Wes and I would also like to thank you for all the words of encouragement and support these past months. Your friendship and love are very much appreciated.

PSGM Harry Lohman for the many cards, calls, e-mails and prayers during recent health issues.

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

As the Spring season is now upon us, I think – but not sure because we have had a few snow flurries this past week. I believe the unusual weather has caused my Christmas Cactus to bloom again, however we can optimistically look forward to Summer being around the corner. Hopefully, the lifting of COVID restrictions and that the vaccinations will have been received by most of the population, will be a positive move for more gatherings to take place and the borders to be opened.

Some of our Lodges have been holding their meetings via Zoom and they are going over well, even allowing some Members to attend who cannot make it out to the regular meetings because of transportation or distance. Many Jurisdictions are planning or trying to plan for their Sessions over the coming months and some have had to cancel them. These meetings may or are happening in various scenarios – either gathering together (if State/Provincial regulations allow) or by various media such as ZOOM. My best wishes and congratulations to each of you as you go forward in these difficult times. I fully understand that virtual meetings are different and for many not what you are use too, but we do have to realize that times are changing, and we must look to the future.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge Executive have been meeting through Zoom meetings and are moving forward with plans and programs for the coming year. We have found by using Zoom, we can meet more often and with less expense. We feel confident that our annual Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio will be able to proceed as planned. Please watch for further announcements in this regard.

On the positive side during these difficult times, we still have been able to institute several new Lodges in various Countries around the World and in some Jurisdictions of the United States. Congratulations to all.

You never realize how much you miss something until it is taken away from you. The Pandemic did that to all the Members in all Branches of our Order and we have all felt the loss. We all look forward to normal everyday life, also we look forward to being safe and hopefully we will soon be able to have better times in the coming year when we can meet and visit with our members and be at the Sessions and meetings that we love to attend.

I want to thank and congratulate all the Lodges, Jurisdictions, and Individual Members for “Stepping Up to the Plate” in helping the various Communities and their citizens who have been in need during this difficult time. I thank you all for your continued patience and persistence during what has been a very difficult year for all of us all over the World.

Please everyone, continue to stay positive, continue to accept and follow all Government and Health regulations so that we can all soon meet and be together.

Fraternally,

E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master.

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

"we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind"
Office of the President
International Association
of Rebekah Assemblies
I.O.O.F.

May 2021

Dear, dear Sisters and Brothers,

United States Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart gave us a powerful statement in 1964 when he wrote, “I know it when I see it.” The statement was not written about leadership but applies equally well to it. As a citizen of the Show-Me State, I ask that someone not just talk about leadership but rather show me leadership. I will know it when I see it.

So, with that preamble, what demonstrates leadership? What should viewers be shown? Here are suggestions:

- Listening at least twice as much as talking. Those who talk too much are too busy to listen. One who fails to listen for input from others becomes a dictator, not a leader.
- Taking responsibility for action. Without someone taking responsibility, results are unpredictable. A poster from years ago proclaimed: If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll probably end up someplace else. True!
- Thinking “outside the box”. If the parameters never change, the results are unlikely to improve. Leadership seeks new ideas and improvement.
- Anticipating and preparing for options. The path to success frequently includes unexpected turns. Anticipating those possibilities allows for planning alternative paths to the goal, making the unexpected manageable.
- Making good decisions. How?
  * Identify the goal. What exactly is the problem to be solved? The biggest error that may occur is failure to identify the actual problem. For example, when the room is too cold, is that the problem? Or is the problem the broken window?
  * Gather information that is directly related to the problem. Identify all the possibilities, even ones that may seem silly or unrealistic.

Seek opinions from trusted advisors or experts. The bigger the decision, the more important a variety of reliable resources will be. Is it possible to have too many sources? Trust your instinct for knowing when you have enough information.

- Consider the reasonable and likely consequences of each option. How do the costs of each counterbalance the benefits? What are the long-term effects of each option?
- Make the decision after weighing the costs and consequences. Will this decision be as good for the future as it is for the present? Or is it a short-term fix but not a long-term solution?
- Evaluate your decision. Is the solution working? If not, it may be necessary to return to the second or third steps and continue through the process again. The need to return to brainstorming or research does not mean the first decision was a bad one – but, if a new decision is needed, use the information gained in the first solution attempt to make a better decision this time!
- Making decisions at the right time. A good decision made after the need has passed is worse than a bad decision. Calling the Fire Department after the structure is a smoldering pile of rubble may have been the right decision made at the wrong time. When the fire continues spreading and growing despite using the garden hose to douse the fire, calling the Fire Department will have a greater likelihood of saving the structure than continuing to do what is obviously not working.
- Adaptability to the situation. Each person has a unique set of knowledge and experience which will impact potential for successful leadership in a specific situation. The person who leads an organization through a massive

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Greetings Chevaliers and Ladies,

Spring is in the air, flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and nature is coming alive. As I write this, I must also note that while I was talking with an officer from Manitoba, it was 70 degrees here in Virginia and 10 degrees there with a foot of snow. Spring will also come to our northern and western states and provinces eventually!

We are now coming out of hibernation after a long year of fighting the pandemic. Many of us are fully vaccinated and feel safer being in public although we must still wear masks and maintain social distancing. My hope is that we will all come out of hibernation and see each other in August at The Sovereign Grand Session.

I will begin travelling within the next few weeks to visit different Department Councils. Florida, Pennsylvania, and Atlantic North East are having their sessions later this spring and summer. Hopefully, I will see them then. Ohio and New York will be having sessions but have requested that they not have visitors this year. I wish them successful meetings. At this writing, Ohio’s session will be on April 24. I am sure everything went well. Please keep me informed. Also, good luck to the other Heads of the Order as you, too, start your visits. Hopefully, I will see you on the trail. God bless, take care and be safe!

Chivalrously,

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

Office of the President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

May 2021

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sister,

Hello to the Membership with all that is going on in the world today, I hope that this message finds you all in good health!

When you cannot control what is happening, challenge Yourself to control the way you respond. That is where your power is.

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

Sometimes you will never know the VALUE of a moment, until it becomes a MEMORY. I have missed you all so much. Hopefully we can get back to a somewhat normal soon.

With outdoor restrictions being lifted, I look forward to reports that auxiliaries have paraded with their canton during Memorial Day activities and fourth of July celebrations. It is time to be active in your communities.

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was ending, it turned into a butterfly!

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.
even in his favorite haunts. He might well weep that no such world as he had contended in, remained for further conquest. His native force, almost without parallel, had led him to a life of boundless activity: all this was spent, and he had to wrestle with the inclination when the power to execute had departed. It was only left to him to leave a world in which he could no longer work his will as a potent force in the affairs of men. There were times indeed when the old flame burnt brightly in the socket, and at some festival his gaiety returned. Then, age forgotten, he rehearsed the story of the early days, and made his auditors the confidants of the hopes and fears of the pioneers. He was young again, and for a moment the lapse of years vanished from his memory. On such occasions he sat, a noble wreck of enjoyment—laughing with true philosophy at ills he could not avoid. True to his old instincts he sought out new mysteries, and gave his approbation to the rising secret societies of the later time. Everywhere he was respected; his locks had fallen away, and his brow was wrinkled, but his heart was young. Youth gathered around him as a relic of the happy past, and joined with glee in his ancient minstrelsy; while age and experience could scarce repress a sigh of envy that time was so tender of him. But this was not often, and he slowly yielded to the days that sapped his strength and hurried him to meet his conqueror. It might have been otherwise; if he could have kept pace with his advancing reputation he might have presided among his successors as a patriarch, blessed and honored by his children. No man in America had such an opportunity as he to wear the hard-earned laurel in his lifetime and win fresh plaudits on his final passage. But this by nature as well as by circumstances had denied him, and he did not enjoy the double triumph. Yet after all, his shade may well rest satisfied with the continuous reputation and glory which every year adds to his renown.

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headquarters building expansion project may be unable to lead the same organization through an annual membership campaign.

♦ Sharing compliments and appreciation. As human beings, we each need to feel accomplishment for our contribution to the greater effort. To prevent the feeling of being taken for granted or ignored, the successful leader will share the compliments received with project team members. The leader may be the identified contact point but is rarely the one solely responsible for the success of the project. The leader must also express his or her own appreciation for the contributions of participants. “Thank you!” goes a long way!

♦ Developing skill in leadership activities. Leadership is neither genetic nor guaranteed. Learning to lead is similar to learning to walk – small progress at first may be followed by a few falls and bruises but continued practice with encouragement produces smoother forward motion over paths with more obstacles.

♦ Mentoring. No one develops leadership skill in a vacuum. A person becomes a leader by emulating behaviors modeled by some (and avoiding behaviors modeled by others!), encouragement, guidance, and opportunity. We cannot return the developmental support to those who have encouraged us; we can only – and must – pay it forward to build leaders who will move our organization forward.

The dictionary defines leadership as “the action of leading a group of people or an organization.” I learned years ago that we could not use a form of the word in the definition of another form of the word. Consequently, this definition appears faulty.

So, I’m not sure that I can define leadership, but I’ll know it when I see it!

Fraternally with a focus on leadership,

s/ Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit

“focus on what’s important.”
MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

To all Units
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Greetings:

This Memorial Day let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us.

As we mourn their loss let us reflect on Psalm 23:

...’Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul’...

Therefore, in accordance with our laws and customs, I, E. Wesley Nelson, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows do hereby proclaim that, Tuesday the 8th day of June 2021 to be MEMORIAL DAY throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

All Units of Odd Fellowship shall hold appropriate observances in memory of our departed members.

Information has been received of the death of the following past officers and members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and officers and past officers of the various grand bodies.

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Cuba
24 December 2020 – Mary Louise Wiebers, PGMat., age 84

Delaware
11 January 2021 – Fernando Pita, PGSire, age 84
19 April 2021 – Thomas L. Kates, PDC, PGP, PGM, age 99
28 April 2021 – J. Paul Smith, PGP, PGM, PGR, age 82

Finland
16 April 2020 – Gunnar Bäckman, PSec., age 69
16 April 2020 – Kauko Törö, PTG, age 94

Idaho
19 July 2020 – Ellen I. Platt, PP, PT, age 99

Illinois
15 November 2020 – Norma Jean Pigg, PP, PR, age 94

Indiana
14 October 2020 – O. Harrell Shoultz, PGP, PGM, PGR, age 97

Iowa
30 May 2020 – Opal E. Ruth, PP, age 97

Louisiana
25 March 2019 – Billie Maxine Takewell, PP, age 88
21 April 2020 – Lady Elsie P. Cathey, PSec., PSec.-RA, age 89

Maine
22 September 2020 – Col. Barry L. Harriman, PDC, age 70

Manitoba
26 June 2020 – Lady Margaret G. Mac Lennan, PP, PS, W-RA, PP-RA, age 79

Maryland
12 January 2021 – Elaine R. Wilkinson, PP, age 98

Massachusetts
25 February 2020 – Ronald A. Pynn Sr, PGP, age 83

Michigan
16 May 2020 – Lily Ray Hansen, PP, PR, age 108
28 December 2020 – Elizabeth E. ‘Betty’ Bissell, PP, age 98

Mississippi
3 June 2020 – Lady Dorothy F. ‘Dot’ Shelley, PP, PP-RA & PP-RA TN, age 91

Missouri
2 May 2020 – Lady Carolyn L. ‘Carol’ Reiner, PP, PGMat., PGR, age 72

Montana
5 May 2018 – Lewis L. Dielman, PGP, PGR, age 86
18 June 2020 – Vicky C. Ingersoll, PP, age 71
28 February 2021 – Mary J. Scott, PP, age 91

Nebraska
9 June 2020 – Lady Betty Jane Hamilton, PP, PP-RA, age 96
6 April 2021 – James M. ‘Jim’ Standerford, PGP, PGM, PGR, age 92

Netherlands, the/Belgium
26 January 2021, Johannes Pieta Lalleman, PGT, age 83

New Hampshire
30 May 2019 – James P. Stone, PGP, age 69
29 October 2020 – Walter S. Markson, PGP, age 87
20 November 2020 – James A. Campbell, PDC, PGP, PGR, PGM, PGSec., age 79
7 January 2021 – Donald E. Rich, PGM, PGR, age 97

New Jersey
9 December 2020 – Doris A. Hubbs, PP, PS, age 86
23 December 2020 – Sylvia T. Berry, PP, age 85

New Mexico
13 December 2020 – Delard A. Miller, PGM, age 92

New York
7 September 2020 – Jeffrey R. Young, PGM, age 72
22 February 2021 – Dorothy L. Litherland, PP, PR, age 83

North Carolina
8 July 2020 – Don R. Moore, PGP, PGScr., age 88

Ohio
4 November 2020 – Helen I. Lookabaugh, PGMat., age 92
20 November 2020 – Darlene Sue Butterfield, PGMat., PP, age 78
18 December 2020 – Sir Billy J. ‘Bill’ Fannin, GDC, PDC, PGP, PGM, age 75
21 April 2021 – Sir George R. Makar, GDC, GT, PDC, PGM, PGR, age 89

Ontario
10 May 2020 – June Y. Carruthers, PP, age 95

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18 February 2021 – Duncan D. Mc Millan, PGM, age 65
28 February 2021 – Harris E. McKeen, PGM PGR, age 89
5 March 2021 – Irene Dundas, PP, age 75
8 March 2021 – Lady Eleanor B. Fisher, PP, age 98
Oregon
20 October 2020 – Darrell A. Beaver, PGM, PGR, age 80
Pennsylvania
6 June 2020 – Betty L. Elder, PP, age 92
13 March 2021 – David O. Whitlinger, GM, age 73
Quebec
17 July 2019 – M. Ralph Bernard, PGM, age 83
Rhode Island
8 June 2020 – Dolores A. Massa, PP, age 89
South Dakota
18 May 2019 – Edwin H. Ring, PGM, PGR, age 88
17 March 2020 – Wayne L. Bortz, PGM, PGR, age 82
8 April 2020 – Mary Ann S. Kaupp, PR, PP, age 90
12 April 2020 – Lady Joan M. Sisson, PP, PGMat.-GE, PP-RA, age 93
21 September 2020 – Lady Violet B. Ring, PP, PGMat., PP-RA, age 98
8 January 2021 – Patricia A. Frazee, PR, PP, age 69
Sweden
17 November 2020 – Lars Bode, PDGSec., age 79
Texas
21 September 2020 – Billie Jack ‘B.J.’ Miller, PGM, age 93
7 December 2020 – John F. Higginbotham, GW, age 74
United Kingdom
Vermont
21 April 2020 – S. Lois Balla, PP, PR, PGM, age 84
23 April 2020 – Elizabeth L. Frary, PP, PR, age 93
Virginia
7 December 2020 – Lady Joyce L. Knights, PP, PP-RA, PR, age 95
18 September 2020 – Lady Irene Harris Marshall, PP, PSec., age 99
10 October 2020 – Betty Lou D. Stewart, P-RA, PP, age 77
4 January 2021 – Joseph F. ‘Joe’ Ludvik, PGHP, age 92
Washington
20 October 2020 – Darrell A. Beaver, PGM, PGR, age 80
West Virginia
18 June 2020 – Robert L. Spencer, PGM, PGR, age 75
1 April 2021 – Robert L. Stillwagoner, PDC, PGM, PGR, age 82
Wisconsin
6 July 2020 – Geneva D. Olson, PP, age 92
29 November 2020 – Thomas N. Reed, PDC, PAdj., PGP, PGScr., PGM,
PGR, Aide-de-Camp – 2008-2009, age 81
21 December 2020 – John W. Olsen, PGW, age 75
27 December 2020 – Loren A. Farrey, PGSec., age 80
Wyoming
4 April 2020 – Lady Melody Ann Huntley, VP, PP, PSec., PGMat.,
PP-RA, age 65

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the 30th day of April 2021 and of our Order
the Two Hundred – Third year.

Yours in F, L & T,

s/ E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

ATTTEST:

s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
WILDEY THE FOUNDER OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.
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WILDEY THE TRAVELLING MISSIONARY.

It will appear elsewhere in this history that Wildey did not confine himself to Maryland. We have already told of his first travels in 1823, when in a few months he planted the Order successively in Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. With the charter for Massachusetts in his hands, he passed through Philadelphia and New York, and having instituted Massachusetts Lodge No. 1, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he returned to put the same machinery in motion in New York and Pennsylvania. For his expenses he received but a trifling sum, and paid into the treasury seventy-five dollars as the charter fees of the new grand bodies. The expenses could not have been less than three times the amount awarded him, the balance coming out of his own pocket. From that hour he assiduously labored until he saw those bodies united with that of Maryland, in a separate Grand Lodge of the United States in 1825. But this did not satisfy him so long as his Order was only in name independent. He was present as Grand Sire at the session of April 1826, at the Patriarchal Degree. It was thankfully received, and the Grand Lodge adjourned. Wildey was no doubt reminded by this incident of the relations of the American to the English brotherhood, and an idea big with consequences flashed into his mind. To this meeting came a message from the parent body in England, with the present of the authority the whole of America was rendered independent. It was a free gift from the Manchester Unity to Wildey, and it was a free gift from Wildey to his brethren; he did not insult their poverty by speaking of expenses, but paid out of his own purse every dollar of the outlay.

When Grand Sire he had also improvised the annual movable committee, and although but one report of its labors was made and it utterly failed of its purpose, yet it no less called out his personal exertions, which again led him to Massachusetts and New York, where he did all that man could do to prop up those falling jurisdictions. We find him afterwards in 1832 making a pilgrimage to the Mississippi valley and planting the Order in New Orleans. He stops by the way to cheer his brethren in Pittsburg, and in a few days is found in Cincinnati, visiting and instructing the lodges, and providing for opening an encampment. He stops also at Louisville, and arranges here to open a lodge on his return. After ten days’ passage from Louisville he reaches the Crescent City, and in that far distant locality accomplishes the object of his journey. He forms a Grand Lodge and opens an Encampment on the 15th of January 1833, for Louisiana. He then turns back and opens the first lodge of Odd Fellows in Kentucky; still returning, he institutes the Grand Lodge of Ohio on the 7th of February; and having left behind him as a fiery train the burning enthusiasm he had borne to the brethren, he returns with happy alacrity to Baltimore.

Again, in 1833, he visited New York, and left no effort untried to rouse that jurisdiction from its apathy. On the 4th of July he visited New Jersey, and having reconciled every difference in that state, he located its Grand Lodge and opened an Encampment. Still yearning for Massachusetts, he again treads her soil and invokes all his energies to overcome her apathy. Returning, he finds the Order in Rhode Island disbanded, but zealously infuses new life into the brethren and...

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brings them together. Having granted a charter to New Jersey, he is again among them, and on the 31st of August opens the Grand Lodge of that State. These were his missionary labors when he held the office of Grand Sire; we are here confined to the outlines, the particulars would fill a volume.

In 1835, by the request of his successor, he again visited Boston, to revive, if possible, in that noble city, the expiring embers of the Order. There, with Past Grand Wood, afterwards the heroic pioneer of Rhode Island, he again called together the spartan band yet in the field to retrieve the fortunes of the day. But the hour of that splendid jurisdiction was not yet, and it was not until 1842 that Massachusetts began her present career of greatness. Having visited and labored at all the intermediate points, including New York, he returns again to work in his subordinate lodge and in the Grand Lodge of Maryland. In 1837 he was sent to Richmond, and on the 16th of August he opened an Encampment in that city, having on the 20th instituted the Grand Lodge of Virginia and installed the officers.

On the 3rd of October of the same year, on motion of Rep. Ridgely, he was made travelling agent of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and accepted the appointment. In March 1837, we find him again at Pittsburg; he passes thence to Wheeling, and through the interior of Ohio, and again makes his way to Cincinnati. Accompanied by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with a band of music, he embarks and makes a triumphant entry into Louisville. In his progress he reaches Natchez on the 25th of April, establishes a lodge and forms an Encampment. Before leaving he also institutes the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He again enters New Orleans and imparts instruction to the lodges. Afterwards, entering Alabama, he opened an Encampment in Mobile, and provided for the institution of Mobile Lodge No. 2. When at New Orleans he granted a charter for a lodge to be located in Houston, in the Republic of Texas; the first lodge opened in a foreign land by authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States. On his return he institutes a lodge and an Encampment at St. Louis, and opened the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri. From St. Louis he goes to Alton, opens there a lodge and Encampment, and in a few days institutes the Grand Lodge of Illinois. still moving on, he visited Mineral Point in Wisconsin, and added to the Order a subordinate lodge and an Encampment. But why particularize? He multiplied himself in every direction as a very apostle of fraternity, building up the cause, and imparting new life to every aspiration of the new-born organizations.

All his acts in the premises were duly confirmed by his principals, as marked by a wise discretion and in every way for the good of the Order. By this time the Order had spread so widely and had grown so rapidly, that it was no longer necessary to travel into the states; application followed application and lodge followed lodge in so many directions, rising up to crown his labors, that even he was satisfied to sit down and witness the grand uprising.

Although he had now attained to and passed all the honors and distinctions which the Order could confer, and was no longer invested with the robes and prerogatives of office, he did not, as men generally do, throw off as a worn garment his interest and regard for his early love, although, in so far as the continued prosperity of the Order was concerned, he might thus have done. There still remained a few of his early co-laborers in the vineyard, and he had raised up spirits kindred to his own, whose character, talents, and devotion to the institution offered the ampest security for its safety. But no ephemeral ambition for momentary fame or popular applause had supplied incentive to his love for the Order; self had no agency in giving impulse to his generous heart: on the contrary, all his efforts, all his offices and toil, were self-sacrificing from first to last, through-out his whole career as an Odd Fellow, private interests, health, comfort, and worldly advantage in all its forms, were surrendered freely and nobly upon the altar of the Order he loved and cherished with a devotion that never wavered, and which, as age advanced upon him and infirmities crept on, became more and more intense. By virtue of his honors, as P. G. Sire, he was under the constitution a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but, representing no particular constituency, he enjoyed no vote. He was nevertheless ever at his post, performing active service upon committees, and during a period of thirty-six years was never absent from his seat in that body, however distant its place of meeting from his home, except on three occasions, on each of which he was confined by severe illness. In 1840 the Grand Lodge of the United States ordered the full-length portrait of Bro. Wildey, which now graces the walls of the Egyptian saloon in Baltimore, to be painted by the distinguished painter, Mr. S. East and North. In 1841 again deputed him upon official business to the SGL headquarters in W-S, NC, then in the lobby of The SGL headquarters in W-S, NC, and in 1842 again deputed him upon official business to the East and North. From this period the Grand Lodge of the United States, which had hitherto been for the most part composed of proxy

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representation, began to consider plans for assembling the State jurisdictions by proper personal representatives. In 1842 the measure was set on foot, and consummated in 1843. The effect of this wise act of legislation upon the prosperity of the Order it is almost impossible to value. It assembled Representatives in 1843 from twenty States, and in September 1860, assembled Representatives from every State in the Union, not excepting Oregon, and from the District of Columbia and the Territory of Nebraska. This body, thus constituted, has since 1843 been the soul of Odd Fellowship, and under its auspices the Order has covered this continent. Stretching on the north from the British Possessions, it reaches to the Gulf, and from the Gulf to the Pacific shore; sweeping beyond the continent, it rests upon the Hawaiian Isles, and thence careers still onward, making its abode among the teeming hills and golden sands of distant Australia. Notwithstanding the affairs of the Order were now committed to competent and zealous hands, and Odd Fellowship under their direction was everywhere expanding and prospering, Bro. Wildey did not cease to cherish the liveliest interest in its administration, and continued to be present at each Annual Communication of the Grand Body, no matter where convened.

WILDEY THE PATRIARCH.

His crowning good fortune lay in this, that when the work was done, he knew and accepted the issue. For such a man to cease to lead was almost to cease to live. He recognized it, but was satisfied; his fame was secure, and he foresaw that new leaders were the necessary programme of the future.

Thus, we have drawn one after another the subtle threads comprising the character of this eccentric man. many of them are of little worth, but others that give color to the fabric will be found to be of gold. He rose above the level of early associations, to teach wholesome truths, to confer a great boon upon his fellowmen. How sweet his lessons, how like the cheerful sunshine! How superior that philosophy which makes life a blessing and death a victory, whose origin is benevolence and its end philanthropy!

Wildey did not rise with the modern progress of the Order; the most that can be said of him is, that he did not seem to descend. His work had not added grace to his manner, or led him to improve his education. The frank, almost abrupt, address that was native to him, always remained, and to the very last his habits were peculiar. Those who knew him in later years, wondered at his prominence, and saw nothing in the man to explain it. Measured by the standard of his work when expanded, he seemed feeble and insignificant. His appearance and conduct were not calculated to impress the observer with the opinion that he was in the presence of more than a very ordinary man. In fact, some natural emotions of concern would at times arise, as to whether indeed it was proper to look to him as the source of so much that gratified the pride and taste of so great a number of cultivated persons. The emotion was natural, and all the appearances of the object warranted its existence. He became, to a great extent, a solitary man, and lived much in the past. Of social life outside of the Order, he had but little or none; although successful in business, that business was not of a kind to give him much credit with his fellow-citizens. At the last he was left behind by the masterminds who had become the guardians of the Order. If he had improved himself to meet the demand upon him, it might have been different; but he never inclined that way.

His mind was unconsciously always recurring to the old scenes and his first companions. His heart was with the modern era, but his memories, made sacred by a thousand recollections, were most faithful to the older times. The new names that had sprung up, and the new men who were leading the enterprise, seemed to confuse him, and inspire a sort of wonder that such things should be. The difficulty of reconciling his apparent circumstances with his real place in the Order, was as great to him as it was to others. Inaction had come upon him, to relax his energies and blunt his sensibilities. He was the ancestor among his heirs already in possession—the magician whose arts had been improved upon, and himself supplanted by those more skilful. His day’s work was done, and the night came on apace, and he had nothing to fill up the interval. Strange multitudes came to look upon him, and spoke kind words of greeting; but they were not his familiars, and in many cases, he saw that they were rather surprised than satisfied. His work, indeed, was done, but it was well done, and the hardest taskmaster could exact no more.

Age also with its train of evils was upon him—a cheerless old age for one so fond of physical enjoyment. His early companions had fallen away, and later associates could not answer to his yearnings, or fill again the vacant seats. The old landmarks were disappearing one after another, until he felt strange and uncomfortable.
September 2020

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PART FIRST.
MATTERS EXTERNAL TO THE ORDER.

Chapter I.

HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP—con-d.

§ 7. The Order under the Grand Lodge of the United States.

1825 to 1829—Thomas Wildey, Grand Sire. The Grand Lodge of the United States, organized January 15th, 1825, held its first annual communication, agreeably to the Constitution, February 22nd, 1825, but immediately adjourned to March 30th following, when its officers were installed, and reports were received, by which it appeared that there were four Grand and nine Subordinate Lodges in connection.

Encampments were then unknown. The Patriarchal and Royal Purple degrees were received about the period of this organization. They were conferred in Grand Lodges, and on Past Grands only. The practice of introducing intoxicating drinks, under the name of “refreshments”, yet common in Great Britain, had been continued in this country, and however carefully guarded, produced its usual evil effects on the character of the members and the reputation of the Order. But the institution had now attained a permanency and efficiency which gave it control over its future actions and character. It resolved to throw off utterly this canker on its efficiency which gave it control over its future actions and character. And from thenceforward the reputation of the Order for morality and usefulness has been steadily improving in fact and in public opinion. For at that period this prohibition was considerably in advance of other social organizations generally.

In May 1826, the Grand Sire duly deputed for the purpose, visited England to increase the harmony and promote a closer intercourse between the Order in both countries. He was received by the British brethren with enthusiasm, giving and receiving instruction. He taught them the Covenant and Remembrance degrees, which they at once adopted, and the Grand Lodge degree, which they did not adopt, it being deemed unnecessary in their organization. Before he returned, it was intimated to him that the Order in Britain desired to present him a gold medal as a testimony of their regard for him personally, and for his eminent services to the Order at large. With that noble and disinterested love of the Order which he had already often evinced, by expending time and money in visiting the Eastern and Middle States of the Union, to promote the interests of the Order, he at once declared that he would prefer, above all other gifts, a charter for the Grand Lodge of the United States, fulfilling its present organization. This unselfish, patriotic desire was promptly granted. A charter, beautifully executed on parchment, dated May 15th, 1826, was duly presented to him through their Grand Master, Thomas Derbyshire. That charter ratifies, grants, and confirms the former, and doth “also hereby grant, authorize, and empower the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Representatives, and Proxies of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America to conduct the business of Odd-Fellowship, without the interference of any other country, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship.” This charter was received, and duly accepted October 3rd, 1826, and is the charter under which our National Grand Lodge now exists.

It is remarkable that while these proceedings, so well calculated to unite the Order in both hemispheres, were in progress, the Manchester Unity were preparing and urging forward those measures which finally sundered the two bodies. From time to time, they changed the signs and other unwritten language of the Order, without our consent, and complained if we did not adopt their alterations, and admit their members, who knew not our working. But of this severance and its causes, in another place.

The year 1827 opened with four Grand Lodges in connection, having fourteen Subordinates, of which there were four each in Baltimore and Philadelphia, and three each in Boston and New York. In November 1827, a charter was granted for Central Lodge No. 1, in Washington, DC, which was duly opened on the 26th of said month. On June 14th, 1827, the Grand Lodge of Maryland instituted the first Subordinate Encampment of the Order, authorizing it to confer the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple degrees on scarlet members of the Order. The year closed with four Grand Lodges in connection, having seventeen Subordinates, besides two Subordinates in the District of Columbia. Pennsylvania Lodge No. 1, of Philadelphia, was reported as having 568 members.

In 1828, a difficulty arose in New York. Stranger’s Refuge Lodge denied to the Grand Lodge any more than advisory powers, and refused to pay its dues, or charge fees for conferring degrees. The Grand Lodge, after trying every other means to secure obedience, resorted to expulsion, and was sustained by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Stranger’s Refuge Lodge applied to England for countenance, but receiving none, submitted, and was reinstated in 1829. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was instituted November 24th, 1828.

1829 to 1833—Thomas Wildey, Grand Sire. This Brother, though not strictly the founder of Odd-Fellowship in America, is nevertheless justly entitled to the credit of being not only the founder, but the most active and efficient promoter of the Order in its present form. From the formation of Washington Lodge, in 1819, he devoted all the energies of his active mind to promote the welfare, extend the domain, and secure the success of the Order. It is mainly to his foresight, that that Lodge became the head of the Order at that early day, and thus was enabled to unite in one organization all the Lodges in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, at the very time when rivalries and conflicting claims were driving them asunder. To his untiring energy, also, is the Order indebted for its early spread in the South and West, he having planted its banner there with his own hand. When dissension and strife crept in at a later day, though he may have erred in judgment, yet his courteous and kind persuasions seldom failed in restoring peace and harmony. To his prudence and wisdom we owe the severance of the working Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States, and his endeavors toward the separation of the State from the National Grand Lodge. And to his devotion and noble self-sacrifice does that National Grand Lodge owe her full and clear recognition by the Manchester Unity as an independent Sovereign Lodge. Whatever may have been the failings of the man or the errors of the officer, Thomas Wildey has proved himself to be a man of no common character in mind and purpose, and deserves the grateful remembrance of every Odd-Fellow in the land, for his arduous labors, and many sacrifices of time, travel, and means, to establish and prosper our beloved Order. The fact that he was elected first Grand Master of the Lodge of Maryland and the United States, and repeatedly Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shows

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the estimation in which his contemporaries held his services. Besides these tokens, at two different and later periods, a beautiful gold medal, and a service of plate valued at $500, were presented to him by the Grand Lodge of the United States, as a testimony of their appreciation of his valuable services to the Order.

In 1829, also, Degree Lodges were instituted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Prior to this, degrees were conferred (as in Great Britain) on Sundays, in the Lodge-room, and the act was called “delivering lecture”. The plan was followed by several of the State Grand Lodges—not without resistance, however, in some of them, by the Subordinate Lodges, whose charters authorized them to perform this work. Other State Grand Lodges modified the plan by the organization of a Degree Committee in each Subordinate Lodge, composed of its most experienced and best qualified Past Grands and officers. In others still, the duty of conferring degrees was vested in the D. D. G. Masters, and Lecture Masters selected and authorized by them, in conjunction with such members of the Lodge as these latter might select as assistants. This is especially the case, even where Degree Lodges are recognized, in districts where there is but one Lodge; or where it would be inconvenient to establish a Degree Lodge.

This year also an important decision was rendered, which limited the powers of the Grand Sire to those defined in the Constitution, rejecting the analogies drawn from vague “ancient usage”. “Pennsylvania Lodge No. 1”, had refused to pay benefits to a sick member, whereupon it was expelled by the Grand Lodge of that State. No. 1 then fell back upon the charter which she had received from the “Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States”, and claimed to be the legal Grand Lodge of the State. Having a numerous membership, a majority of which followed in this disorganizing measure, and putting forth a plausible claim, she succeeded, for a time, in deceiving many into a union with her; and, unfortunately, the Grand Sire himself recognized the rebels as a legal Lodge in his correspondence with them. This recognition so roused the indignation of the State Grand Lodge proper, that at one time it very seriously meditated withdrawing from the Order, and forming a separate jurisdiction. The breach, however, was finally healed by the National Lodge deciding, as above stated, that the acts of the Grand Sire, during the recess, were unauthorized, and that “his powers are contained in the Constitution” alone. The charter of No. 1 was subsequently restored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the obedient minority, and thus the threatening storm was finally dispersed.

Having thus carefully traced the gradual development of all the agencies of the Order in Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments—in Degree Lodges, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments—and their introduction into the several States up to this period, we shall notice only the most prominent general events in the remainder of our history of the Order. We refer the reader to the List of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, for the dates at which the Order was introduced into each State and Territory.

About this period, the anti-masonic excitement, which arose in Western New York two years previously, spread rapidly abroad over the land. In several of the Northern States it took such general possession of the public feelings as to affect very materially the prosperity of our Order also, by the general prejudice excited against all so-called “secret societies”. In Massachusetts, the Order entirely died away. In Rhode Island, where it had just been planted, it obtained not root sufficient to grow. In New York, an unhappy dissension in regard to the place of the seat of the Grand Lodge, caused much difficulty; and, together with antimasonic prejudices, prevented the spread of the Order. In Pennsylvania, the prejudice against “secret societies” caused a diminution of our Lodges, so that from fifty Subordinates in this State, in 1882, a decline to forty only, had taken place by 1838 and 1839. And in Delaware a decline of numbers prevented the institution of a permanent Grand Lodge, though a charter had been issued for that purpose.

At an adjourned session, March 4th, 1833, P.G.M. James Gettys of the District of Columbia, was elected Grand Sire. The Grand Encampments had now been recognized as, and constituted independent and sovereign, in their respective jurisdictions. The Order, generally, continued prosperous, and spreading abroad, notwithstanding its decline in some of the States, and its difficulties in others.

In 1835, P.G.M. George Keyser of Maryland, was installed Grand Sire. Efforts were made to induce the Order in Great Britain to discontinue “all social practices in their Lodges”, also to prevail upon them to make no changes in the general features and work of the Order, without mutual consultation on the subject, that “uniformity of action and principle might exist” between the two jurisdictions. For, by the arbitrary changes in the signs and other unwritten work of the Order, by the Manchester Unity, difficulties were increasing between the two bodies. Their members were unable to give our Lodges the requisite evidence to gain admission, though very seldom were they refused needed relief. Their complaints at home, instead of correcting the evil there, brought on us undeserved censure for our just refusal, and even threats of the establishment of Lodges by the Manchester Unity, in our jurisdiction. Other evils were entailed on us by our trans-Atlantic brethren. They were careless in the admission of members. Their convivial practices, which had been abated but not suppressed, led them to receive men whom we could not admit to membership in our Lodges on any terms short of a reformation of character. And this, too, brought on us charges of violating the equity of fraternal faith. Again—our Lodges varied in the fees required for admission, in the amount of weekly dues, and of benefits. The British Lodges had a uniform price, usually much lower than ours. Yet the Manchester Unity required us to admit their members at their price, though the benefits were so much greater in the American Lodges. And to add to all, the immense and increasing tide of immigration threw on our Lodges on the seaboard and thoroughfares, a continual stream of claimants for relief, whose characters and habits gave little encouragement to dispense with pecuniary aid. While our migration and foreign travel were so trifling, the balance against us was thus constantly preponderating.

To the credit of the Order in America be it said, that these exactions and vexations were patiently borne for years, during which fraternal efforts were most courteously made to remedy the errors and defects of our British brethren, by which they were caused: with what success will presently be seen.

In 1836, at the election for officers, P.G.M. James L. Ridgely of Maryland, was elected Grand Sire; but having declined accepting, at a special session in May 1887, P.G.M. Samuel H. Perkins of Pennsylvania, was elected in his stead, and was duly installed at the annual session following. A further correspondence was ordered with the Manchester Unity, to ascertain whether any alterations had been made in the work of the Order. The death of the late Grand Sire George Keyser was announced, and received with much regret, at this session. In 1838, P.G. Sire Wildey as Travelling Agent, reported the jurisdictions visited, and the Lodges and Encampments instituted, among which he
reported having issued a charter for “Lone Star Lodge No. 1” of Texas, the first granted by us for a foreign land. It was duly opened July 25th, 1838.

In 1839, owing to the want of a quorum, the annual communication was not held; but at an adjourned session in April following, Zenas B. Glazier of Delaware, was installed Grand Sire. A report was furnished of our correspondence with the Manchester Unity, in which it was stated that a proposition to interchange an A.T.P.W. had been acceded to by them, with reciprocation of our friendly feelings. But still, the causes of past difficulties were not removed, viz. their convivial practices, with the consequent degradation and want; and their alterations in the work of the Order.

In 1840, Grand Encampments were admitted to a representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States. An act was also passed regulating the regalia of the Order, which had become very diverse in various sections. The degrees were numbered as they now stand, introducing “the intermediate degrees”, as they were called, as the second and the fourth in order.

In 1841, J. L. Ridgely, Grand Sire elect, having a second time declined that office, John A. Kennedy, of New York, was elected and installed in his stead, and Br. Ridgely was installed as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, an office which he fills with distinguished ability at this time.

Though the Order was now prosperous everywhere, yet the difficulties with the British branch were growing more and more unpleasant. The Manchester Unity would not or could not be made to understand that her changing legislation on the work of the Order, without consultation with us, or even notification to us, was the great cause of difficulty, but continued to censure and threaten us, unjustly and unreasonably. Our Committee of Correspondence was again instructed to devise some means for restoring harmony, and to consider the propriety of sending a deputation to England to effect it. Brs. J. L. Ridgely and Rev. I. D. Williamson, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the United States, were subsequently deputed and dispatched on this mission.

In 1842, the annual communication was principally occupied with considering the Report of our Deputies to the Manchester Unity. They had performed their duties with commendable fidelity and ability, but had been met by requirements that were impracticable, viz. the admission of English brethren to membership in our Lodges at the uniform rate of ten shillings and sixpence sterling, and the adoption of their changes of the work of the Order. As the Grand Lodge of the United States possesses not the power of regulating the prices of admission in subordinate Lodges under State Grand Lodges, each Lodge regulating its own pecuniary matters beyond certain minimums, this pertinacity of the Unity ended the negotiation, with a renewal of offensive measures on their part. The Grand Lodge of the United States, after thanking its deputies, formally and unanimously severed the connection; and, in view of the fact that the Manchester Unity had abandoned the ancient work and landmarks of the Order, as well as violated its principles and attempted to invade our chartered rights, the Grand Lodge of the United States, in 1843, declared itself the only fountain and depository of “Independent Odd-Fellowship” on the globe.

We may add in this place, that this act of severance acknowledged members. The Manchester Unity, in accordance with its threats, subsequently made the attempt to establish Lodges of its own in this country; but, after starting one in New York, and another in Philadelphia, composed of expelled members of our Lodges; and foreigners, it finally desisted from the hopeless work. The Grand Lodge of the United States issued warrants for Lodges in Great Britain. A subordinate and a Grand Lodge were instituted at Tredegar, in Wales, and a subordinate in Stockport, England, and a charter was granted for one never instituted, in Liverpool. But after a time, these were discontinued also; and thus each party was left in undisturbed possession of its own jurisdiction.

In 1843, Howell Hopkins of Pennsylvania, was installed Grand Sire. A dispensation was issued for opening “Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1,” at Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This was done in no spirit of retaliation, or desire to interfere with the Manchester Unity; but under a standing rule that Lodges might be chartered in any country where there was not a Grand Lodge of the Order.

In 1844, P.G.M. E. H. Chapin of Massachusetts, P.G.M. James L. Ridgely of Maryland, P.G. James D. McCabe of Virginia, P.G. Sire John A. Kennedy of New York, and P.D.G. Sire Wm. W. Moore of the District of Columbia, were appointed a Committee to revise the Lectures and Charges of the Order. These had been originally prepared by different persons, of various degrees of ability, and of differing mental characters and dispositions. Consequently, many grammatical inaccuracies had required correction previous to this time. But there were, also, some fabulous and otherwise objectionable statements interwoven with the moral and social lessons, which much impaired their solemnity and impressiveness. And the general harmony and entire style were capable of much improvement. As the Order had now spread widely abroad, and embraced many individuals of not only high moral character, but literary acquirements and refined taste, these naturally felt desirous of a change which would commend it more to their own feelings, and make it attractive to the congenial spirits who were now flocking to our portals.

In 1845, Thomas Sherlock of Ohio, was installed Grand Sire. Honorary membership, which had hitherto been allowed in some States, was now abolished, as inconsistent with the system of mutual relief and the equality of members. Efforts had been made, for several years, to secure to the wives and widows of members, while travelling, the aid and protection of the Order. These were crowned with partial success, this year, by permission granted to Lodges to grant unto all such persons certificates for that purpose.

In 1846, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of British North America were, at their own request, constituted separate and independent sovereignties; they agreeing not to alter any of the work of the Order, to retain the same qualifications for membership, and to receive their Annual Travelling Pass Word from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The terms of office in subordinate Lodges were changed from three to Six months.—A splendid gold hunting-watch, with chain to correspond, was presented, at this session, to P.G. Master Ridgely, on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as a token of appreciation of his arduous and valuable services as the Editor of the Covenant and Official Magazine, for several years, and of his long-continued labors as the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

At a Special Session, the revised Lectures and Charges were considered and adopted, and the Order put in possession of a ritual more consistent in its teachings and (Continued on page 21)
beautiful in style.

In 1847, Horn R. Kneass of Pennsylvania, was installed Grand Sire. A few years before, a movement had been commenced, in several States, to reform the basis of representation in State Grand Lodges and Encampments. Originally, every Past Grand, after “passing the chairs”, became not only a member of the Grand Lodge, but the permanent representative of any Lodge to which he was attached for the time being. As every Lodge passed four Noble Grands each year, when Lodges became numerous, the representation became unwieldy, and the legislators were independent of their subordinates. And as the Grand Lodges usually had their location in some large city, the expense of attending from a distance threw the entire legislation into the hands of the numerous Past Grands residing in the immediate vicinity of the Grand Lodge. When a full attendance was secured by the excitement of some proposed measure, legislation by a crowd of several hundreds was well-nigh impossible. The election of Grand Officers being held in the Grand Lodge alone, few besides the Past Grands of the immediate vicinity could participate in it. These, and other inequalities, with the abuses to which they necessarily gave rise, became more and more developed as the Order increased in numbers and extent, until dissatisfaction became general, and various plans of reform were proposed; all pointing, however, to a representative system, in which the legislators should be limited in number, and elected annually by their subordinates; and providing for the election of Grand Officers by the Past Grands in their respective Lodges.

Such a great change, overthrowing the centralization, of power, and depriving a numerous and active body of long-enjoyed exclusive privileges, was naturally resisted by many of those interested, as well as by conservative portions of the Order, as unjust in itself, as well as dangerous to vested rights and the stability of the Institution.

New York, whose Grand Lodge already numbered twenty-two hundred Past Grands, and was increasing at the rate of nearly eight hundred per year, led the way in the proposed reform. In 1846, over one hundred amendments to the Constitution were pending; and as it was seen that, with a vigorous opposition, a session of months would be necessary to decide upon them, the reformers offered a substitute for all the amendments, a proposition to hold a Convention of Delegates from the Lodges, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution. After some delay and opposition, both parties agreed to this proposition, the Convention was held, and a new Constitution agreed to, with but two dissenting votes. But, on the 8th of December, when over one hundred Lodges were not present by their representation, this new Constitution was annulled by the Grand Lodge, on the ground that the proposition for thus altering the Constitution was not proposed and adopted in a constitutional manner; and the old Constitution was declared to be in full force. The excitement and indignation of the minority, at this unexpected measure, drew together, at the February Session, a crowd of several hundreds, and such Lodges of the Northern district as elected three Lodges giving tie votes, were not to organize another, but to stand fast as they were, and pledging themselves to use their utmost exertions to secure for them justice and right; the other to the Order at large, calling on it to decide whether our government shall be “one of defined powers and limited authority, or of personal discretion and undefined prerogative”.

In 1849, R. H. Griffin of Georgia, was installed Grand Sire. This session was looked to with intense interest. The New York difficulties were the principal subject. Two sets of Representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments again claimed admission. On the report of a special committee, the State was divided. The old Constitution body was called the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, with jurisdiction over the Southern judicial district, and such Lodges of the Northern district as elected to adhere to it—seven in number. The new Constitution body was called the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, having jurisdiction over the Northern judicial district, and
such Lodges in the Southern district as preferred being under it—nineteen in number. Thus ended a difficulty which threatened the rupturing of the entire Order, and both parties have acquiesced in it, and are prospering under the new arrangement.

The spirit of reform had meanwhile advanced rapidly in other States, several Grand Lodges having adopted strictly representative systems of legislation. It now appeared prominently in the National Grand Lodge. Numerous amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, proposing alterations in the basis of representation and the modes of paying representatives, were before that body. In order that they might be fully considered and acted upon, a special session was appointed to be held the week preceding the annual session, both of which were to meet in Cincinnati the next year; and the Constitution was then and there to be amended, or a new one framed, by the Special session, and offered for adoption at the Annual Communication.

Unfortunately for the success of this measure, there were connected with it certain constitutional and pecuniary objections. The amendments, or new Constitution that might be passed upon at the Special Session, would not be submitted to the State Grand Bodies for their consideration, before the Annual Session. Nor would they be laid over, properly speaking, from one Annual Session to the other, as required by the spirit, if not the strict letter of the Constitution in force. To defray the extraordinary expenses of the two sessions, another alteration was made. Up to this period, each Grand Body represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States paid the expenses of its own representatives. It was now decided that the Grand Lodge of the United States should pay them three dollars per day, and six cents mileage, going and returning, and that an assessment should be made upon the State Grand Lodges for this purpose. This assessment was to be according to membership, and not according to representation. And the officers in charge made it by assessing six cents on each member of the subordinate in State jurisdictions, when none but the State Grand Lodges have power to tax subordinate. Exceptions were therefore taken, and protests offered on each of these points. A few also protested against holding any session out of Baltimore. Some Grand Bodies utterly refused paying the assessment, and others paid it under protest, and demanded its return. And to crown all, the cholera, which had raged severely the year previous in the Mississippi valley, again made its appearance there, and created much reluctance to travelling in that region.

All these causes combined, prevented a quorum from assembling at the Special Session, until too late to transact the business assigned it. Consequently, the Annual Session had no amendments or change of Constitution before it, on which to act, and could only postpone the amendments previously before it to “a more convenient season”.

The assessments made on the State Grand Lodges were confirmed, but the law requiring them was repealed. Instead, the annual dues of State Grand Bodies were proposed to be increased from twenty to fifty dollars for each Grand Representative to which they were entitled; and a considerable increase was made in the prices of books, cards, and odes, which are wholly supplied by the National Grand Lodge.

At this session, Past Grand Sires were declared to no longer possess the right of voting in the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless they were also Representatives; but the right to a seat in that Body was still accorded them. At the next session, an effort to restore to them the privilege of voting, was defeated by a large and increased majority.

In 1851, Wm. W. Moore of the District of Columbia, was installed Grand Sire, at Baltimore. The New York case was now more clearly understood, and coolly considered; and, in consequence, some errors were corrected, and atonement made for unintentional injustice done to the New Constitution Grand Lodge.

For several years prior to this session, efforts had been made to remove the reproach cast upon our Order, (in common with all similar associations, and, may we not say, all legislative, judicial, and executive bodies, and nearly all colleges and universities?) for excluding females. A partial remedy had been applied in granting cards to wives and widows of members. But this did not satisfy the wishes of a great portion of the brotherhood. At this session, a further advance was effected. Representative Colfax of Indiana, Chairman of the Committee on this subject, appointed at a previous session, now reported a degree for the wives of members of the Scarlet degree, called the Degree of Rebekah. This has been received with much favor everywhere. It is carefully guarded, to secure ladies from any appearance of evil or ground of reproach, being administered only in the presence of their husbands, and used only when the lady herself may deem it necessary for a laudable purpose. As it fully unfolds to the Daughters of Rebekah the objects and measures of our affiliation, it is removing much prejudice by enlisting a large and influential body of matrons in our favor and deference. By an oversight, arising from the hurry of business at the close of the session, the widows of deceased brothers of the Scarlet degree were not included as qualified to receive this degree. This omission will undoubtedly be corrected at the next session; nor is it improbable that an effort will be made to include the mothers, daughters, and even sisters of fifth degree members also.

We have thus traced the history of our Order from its first appearance as an institution, as fully as our limits would permit. The foebly glimmering spark, obscured by surrounding ashes, and momentarily threatened with extinction by the want of proper elements on which to feed its fire, has increased to a glowing, generous flame, abundantly able to support its own combustion, and give warmth and life to all around. That band of five brethren in Baltimore, one-third of a century ago, has grown into a mighty army, has overspread the land with its Lodges and Encampments, has mightily grappled with forlorn destitution and suffering, and driven back the waves of ignorance, vice, and selfishness everywhere, and has molded into a kindred likeness of benevolence, not a few institutions nearly as powerful for good as itself. Surely, when we view the difficulties that beset Odd-Fellowship everywhere, the humble lives and scanty means of its early members, and then look at its past progress and present condition, we may say, “It is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!”

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Spring has finally officially sprung although you wouldn't know it from the weather some of our jurisdictions are experiencing. We have now spent a year dealing with the pandemic and hopefully, now that most members have been vaccinated, Lodges are again meeting on a regular basis. With the events of the last year it is more important than ever to have a Membership Plan in place. In his installation speech Sovereign Grand Master Wes Nelson stated and I quote, “Again I say time is flying by, do not let it pass us by. Remember ‘Step Up to the Plate’ and reduce our losses because ‘The future Is in Your Hands’. We must all become active players in this game of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. We are all on the same team and there is no I in Team. It is going to take all of us ‘Focusing on What’s Important’ to win this game. There are so many opportunities for us to let our lights shine and to ‘Step Up to the Plate’ and hit a home run.”

Did your Lodge remember to honor someone for “You Make A Difference” if not it's not too late? We have sat aside the third Saturday in April to celebrate but any day is a good day to honor someone or a group of someones for making a difference.

During the spring and summer months many communities have Spring Festivals, Memorial Day and Fourth of July Celebrations. Has your Lodge considered sponsoring a booth at any of these events and handing out materials about the Order and maybe even sponsoring a spring or summer sports team? Imagine your pool of possible members as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and the list goes on of those who would see your Lodge’s name or the Three Links on the back of team jerseys. Don't want to sponsor a team, how about sponsoring an ad in a program book at one of the high school or college games. It doesn't have to be just baseball it could be any spring sport. These types of things generate conversation. Conversation generates curiosity. Curiosity generates questions. Questions lead to opportunities for new members.

Sovereign Grand Master Wes Nelson said it well in his installation speech when he said, “We need to promote ourselves even more. I thank the Communication Committee for their hard work this past year in getting our web site and our media communications up and running with great results. I encourage each of your Lodges to promote themselves in your communities. The more exposure we get the easier it will be for you to get members for continuing future.”

In Friendship, Love and Truth

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When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5 (starting at: 50, 55, 60, etc.). Thanks.
Be a Partner in the 2022 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 2022 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 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
Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great disappointment that I have to announce that due to the high rate of the Covid-19 virus in the cities that our tour takes place in, the Pilgrimage for Youth Board has deemed it too risky to have our 2021 tour. The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our top priority.

The tour was planned and ready to go. We hoped that the virus was more contained by now, but that is not the case.

There were simply too many unknowns for us to continue.

The PFY Board did an outstanding job in discussing and deliberating all the scenarios before coming to a unanimous vote to cancel this year's tour. The Board and I are heartbroken over this, but the right decision was made.

Today starts the beginning of planning for next year!!

Thank you to all the Jurisdictions that were sponsoring delegates this summer for all of your hard work and effort. Our work is not done as we strive to make this world a better place for our youth and our Order.

We will be back!!

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,

Rod Metoyer, President
Mira Pittman, Vice-President
Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

**ODD FELLOWS**

**Alabama** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – John H. Bosich, 973 4th St NW, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

**Alberta** – April 2022, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, #1–2820 Centre Ave NE, Calgary, AB T2A 7P5

**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 – Heath Bitter, PO Box 668, Lyndoch, SA 5351

**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** – April 2022 – Grand Secretary - Becky Auld, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8J 7J8

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

**Chile** – DDGM – Mario Casasus Gabelini, 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 Mayo 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 2022, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007

**Europe** – May 202X, 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 2022, Grand Secretary – Jimmy C Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Ghana** – Afamefunu Nwankwo, Noble Grand – E: mazalgroup@yahoo.com

**Hawaii** – DDSGM – Steven F Tseu, 1086 Uloupi Loop, Kailua, HI 96734

**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

**Louisiana** – March 2022, Grand Secretary – Joyce B Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Maine** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Mike Anderson, 80 Caron Ln, Auburn, ME 04210

**Manitoba** – April 2022, Grand Secretary – Larry O’Dell, 118-4025 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5

**Maryland** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Laura Teate, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222

**Massachusetts** – 4-5 June 2021, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606

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

**Michigan** –October 2021, Grand Secretary – Brian D. Barr 440 Deign Ct., Brighton, MI 48114

**Minnesota** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – Alex Saloum, PO Box 7415, Hutchinson, MN 55350-7415

**Mississippi** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – Ken Howard, PO Box 1127, Greenwood, MS 38935

**Missouri** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Kenneth D Higgins, PO Box 336, Fulto, MO 65251

**Montana** – 11-13 June 2021, Grand Secretary – George E Hill, 12865 Mill Creek Rd, LoLo, MT 59847

**Nebraska** –October 2021, Grand Secretary – Rick Simmons, 237 S 70th St Ste 103, Lincoln, NE 68504

**Nevada** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – William Knight, 2230 South Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703

**New Hampshire** – April 2022, Grand Secretary – Ernest Courcy, 200 Pleasant St, Concord, NH 03301-2505

**New Jersey** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – Debbie L McClelland, 4527 Rte 130 S, Burlington, NJ 08016

**New Mexico** –September 2021, Grand Secretary – Barbara J Corfield, PO Box 9234, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9234

**New York** – September 2021, Grand Secretary – Thomas Buchanan, 5 Melody Ln, Warwick, NY 10990

**North Carolina** – October 2021, Grand Secretary – R Kenneth Babb, 315 N Spruce St Ste 250, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**North Dakota** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – Mark Ulrich, 1107 Walnut St, Devils Lake, ND 58301

**Ohio** – April 2022, Grand Secretary – Penny Castle, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088

**Oklahoma** – October 2021, C/O Grand Secretary – PO Box 588, Perry, OK 73077-0588

**Ontario** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – John R Nichols, 157 Frederick St, Stratford, ON N5A 3V6

**Oregon** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Ronald L Kunze, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

**Pennsylvania** – 21-23 June 2021, Grand Secretary – Justin C Bailey, 1001 W Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4899

**Quebec** – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Wilhelm Loken, 15 Rue Flynn, Trois Rivieres, QC G8W 1E7

**Rhode Island** – April 2022, Grand Secretary – Maurice W Warren, 120 Water St, Portsmouth, RI 02871

**Saskatchewan** – June 2021, Grand Secretary – Nick Seneshen, Box 1060, Unity, SK S0K 4L0

**South Dakota** – September 2021, Grand Secretary – LaDonna McKit, 550 N 5th St Ste 103, Rapid City, SD 57701

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Tennessee – June 2021, Grand Secretary – C E Worrell Sr, PO Box 324, Ridgetop, TN 37452
Texas – March 2022, Grand Secretary – James Curtis, 3440 W Second Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110
Utah – April 2022, Grand Secretary – Linda R Shelton, 3287 E Kenton Dr, Millcreek, UT 84109
Vermont – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Edward Spaulding, 786 VT Rte 10, Chester, VT 05143
Virginia – May 2021, Grand Secretary – Jack Gibson, PO Box 22458, Newport News, VA 23609
Washington – 21-23 June 2021, Grand Secretary – Laurel Delony, PO Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377
West Virginia – October 2021, Grand Secretary – Paul L Hevner, 1465 Tremont Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505
Wisconsin – 7-9 June 2021, Grand Secretary – Joyce M Proulx, 1304 S Webster Ave, Green Bay, WI 54301
Wyoming – 9-10 June 2021, Grand Secretary – Jim Wilson, 525 North Front, Rock Springs, WY 82901-5232

REBEKAHS

Alabama – 6-8 June 2021, Secretary – Eloise Cox, 5010 Rainbow Dr, Rainbow City, AL 35906-8610
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Arizona – 23-26 October 2021, Secretary – Dee Long, 604E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326
Arkansas – October 2021, Secretary – Minnie Alston, 130 Minnie Lane, Mena, AR 71953
Atlantic Provinces – July 2021, Secretary – Patty Heighton, 2663 Hwy 376, Pictou, NS BOK 1H0
British Columbia – April 2022, Secretary – Carol Briggs, Box 694, Cumberland, BC V0R 1S0
California – May 2021, Secretary – Karoline Livingston, PO Box 637, Gilroy, CA 95021-0637
Colorado – October 2021, Secretary – Carla Branton, 1545 Phelps Ave, Canon City, CO 81212
Connecticut – 25-26 September 2021, Secretary – Carol A Maggi, 891 Pearl Lake Rd, Waterbury, CT 06706
Delaware – November 2021, Secretary – Judy A Alexander, 1 S Lunenburg Dr, New Castle, DE 19720
Florida – May 2021, Secretary – Martha Cox, 2135 Traymore Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32207-3623
Georgia – April 2022, Secretary – Marie B Poole, 3904 Fraser Cir, Gainesville, GA 30506
Georgia – October 2021, Secretary – Vicky L Kiele, PO Box 359, Kooskia, ID 83539
Idaho – October 2021, Secretary – Janet L Bruce, PO Box 1806, Belvidere, IL 61008
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Kentucky – October 2021, Secretary – Carolyn Crawford, 107 Princess Dr, Ashland, KY 41101
Louisiana – March 2022, Secretary – Dorothy A Burton, 5085 Green Ridge Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70814-6002
Maine – October 2021, Secretary – Kera Ashline, 24 Nealley St, South Berwick, ME 03908

Manitoba – April 2022, Secretary – 120 - 4025 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5
Maryland – 8 May 2021, Secretary – Beverly Labuda, 8122 Holly Rd, Clearwater Beach, MD 21226
Massachusetts – June 2021, Secretary – Cynthia Schofield, 36 Branch St, Malden, MA 02148
Michigan – 17-20, October 2021, Secretary – Kathleen Shary, 405 Walnut Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178
Minnesota – 17-19, June 2021, Secretary – Eva Steele, 16875 Hwy 169, Winnebago, MN 56098
Mississippi – June 2021, Secretary – Jill Hightower, 9121 Mayfield Ct E, Grand Bay, AL 36541
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Montana – 11-13 June 2021, Secretary – Barbara Scott, 109 Riverview 5W, Great Falls, MT 59404
Nebraska – October 2021, Secretary – Gwendolyn Reiter, 1004 W 11th ST F-17, Kearney, NE 68025
Nevada – June 2021, Secretary – Shirley Knight, 2230 S Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703-5906
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New Jersey – October 2021, Secretary – Victoria L Burger, PO Box 457, Rancocas, NJ 08073-0457
New Mexico – September 2021, Secretary – D’Elva Emert, 2113 Smith Ln, Farmington, NM 87401
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North Carolina – October 2021, Secretary – Ellen Dunlap, 4858 Woody Mill Rd, Greensboro NC 27406
Ohio – April 2022, Secretary – Diana Kurzawa, PO Box 296, Willoughby, OH 44096-0296
Oklahoma – October 2021, Secretary – Kathy Bridgett, 4520 SE 25, Del City, OK 73115
Ontario – 2-5 May 2021, Secretary – Carol Stuht, 5207 Valley View Cresent, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 7E5
Oregon – May 2021, Secretary – Mary Houle, 27997 Cottage Grove Lorane Rd, Cottage Grove, OR 97424-9736
Saskatchewan – 6-7 June 2021, Secretary – Laura Argue, 202 Westpoint Estates, Regina, SK S4Y 1A4
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