STEP UP TO THE PLATE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO—
16-19 AUGUST 2021

Sovereign Grand Master’s Message

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**Sympathy to:**

Richard S. Kim, PSGM with the death of his wife Frances, 16 Jun 2021

The family of Florence B. Sadler on her death 18 June 2021, wife of PSGM James P. Sadler

**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:

It was a long time ago since I was installed as your Sovereign Grand Master. So much has happened, but we can now look forward to the future and saying goodbye to these last two years. Our Sessions are going forward in August in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am looking forward to finally being able to meet and greet everyone! It has been sad that, due to the lockdown of the Canada/US border, that I have been unable to travel, and I really have missed being at the Jurisdictions to be able to attend your sessions. A special thanks to my Executive for stepping up when I could not be there.

Our committee in Ohio has been working hard with the Hotel in preparation for our arrival. The Hotel may require us to mask up in the common area. If you feel more comfortable to wearing your mask during the sessions, please feel free to do so. Especially those of us who are compromised. I encourage everyone to get your travel plans made and be sure to get your registrations sent in.

Here in Canada our border remains closed until July 21, 2021. Hopefully, it will be opened at that time and travel restrictions lifted. If not, other plans will be made to allow our Canadian Representatives to participate in the meeting.

As our Lodges have now started to re-open be sure to contact all your members to remind them to come back to Lodge. I again, remind you to re-plant the seeds of Odd Fellowship and Rebekah Odd Fellowship, stimulate their growth, rebuild your communities, become involved, promote our Order, and grow our membership. Remember to Motivate, treat everyone with Respect, Dignity, and Kindness, be Optimistic, be Positive. So, from me to you, thank you for caring, keep up the good work and for:

“STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE AS THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.”

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Stay Safe.

Fraternally,

s/ E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

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

Many years ago, Pete Seeger adapted the words from Ecclesiastes to a chart-topping song. The words and sentiment remain relevant today:

To everything ... turn! turn! turn!
There is a season ... turn! turn! turn!
And a time to every purpose under heaven
The purposes these days are numerous, just as the song reminds us.

A time to dance, a time to mourn

In every day we find joy if we remember to look for it – and allow ourselves to see it. True joy makes hearts dance; sometimes our feet even join in!

During these past months we have experienced so many reasons to mourn. We have lost family and friends to the ravages of the pandemic, to other illness, to the maladies of age. We have seen financial loss and mourned the loss of the normalcy of life as we knew it.

A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together

As these past months forced us to rethink our expectations, we did indeed break down and cast away stones of the unnecessary, the unimportant, the irrelevant.

And now, in returning to some of the gatherings that we once took for granted, we can again gather stones together. Let us use those stones to build up the foundation for a strong future, strengthening the tenets which we hold dear and which have survived the tests of time.

A time to plant, a time to reap

Nearly two years ago, the officers selected for this term planted ideas – “Step Up to the Plate!”, “Focus on What’s Important”, “The Future is NOW!”, and “Let’s Make TODAY one step closer to a strong future” – and worked to encourage those seeds to grow into a strong future for our Order.

As we gather in Cincinnati, we will hear and see some of the harvest from this planting. The cycle of life continues: those who follow us will plant new seeds that merit our effort in tending and encouraging for health and growth.

Turn! turn! turn!

We are now approaching the end of this extended term of office for those installed in 2019. It’s nearly time to turn the page to a new chapter in the history of our Order.

In approaching the end of the 2019-2021 term, my overwhelming emotion is gratitude. To all who have built the

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Office of the General Commanding
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant

July 2021

Greetings Chevaliers and Ladies,

This will be the last article I will write. It is with mixed feelings. It has been an honor to serve the Order and the Patriarchs Militant as General Commanding. I was able to attend many Department Council Sessions which I consider both a great responsibility and a great honor. I was well received by all the Departments and shown great courtesies. I made many friends, which is a great reward in and of itself. Several Departments send me their monthly publications, and I have shared several ideas I found informative with other Departments who have instituted some of these ideas into their Departments.

Over the past four years we have instituted four new cantons. I mustered in 16 members into California so they could start a new canton a month later. Because of Covid-19, I was not able to attend the institution of two new Cantons in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. I was able to attend one mustering and institution in Virginia. I also helped install new officers into a new Odd Fellows Lodge as well. We have mustered in many new chevaliers into different cantons across the GMC.

My project was to raise money for (Continued on page 6)

Office of the President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

July 2021

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

Every day is a New Beginning take a deep breath and Start again. Hope all the membership is doing well and staying healthy.

With the session on for this year 2021 and reflecting over the last 22 months with only 7 months of it where we could travel and visit jurisdictions, I would like to take this opportunity to Thank the whole Odd Fellow and Rebekah membership for all the wonderful reception during visits myself and staff have received over the last 2 years, the wonderful friends we have made, the friendships that were reconnected and the wonderful memories that were made.

Doing what is best for the future of the organization is what is most important. We all need to stay positive and be willing to move forward. Every single one of us need to keep our heads held high and be willing to except change! Someday we will look back on this moment and it will forever remind us to never take the little things for granted. It will remind us to HUG with all our hearts, to pause to appreciate holding someone’s hand and to live in the moments that we are surrounded by others.

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Wounded Warriors and the Arthritis Foundation. The pins were distributed at our last GMC Session. Some of the proceeds were received, but there are still some pins out. If possible, I would like to have the money mailed to me so I may make a presentation at the GMC session. If any officer or committee reports have not been submitted, please have them ready to be presented at the session.

With the Covid-19 travel restrictions being lifted, I was able to attend Department Council sessions in Florida, Virginia, Maine and Pennsylvania. I am planning to attend the Department Council session in Iowa in July and finally The Sovereign Grand Lodge session, specifically the GMC, in August. In addition to my visitations, Lt. Gen. Michael Bowers and Maj. Gen. Earl Wys attended other Department Council sessions as well.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati, Ohio in August. I hope everyone had a happy Fourth of July and will have safe travels to our Session.

Chivalrously,

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

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

Make sure you remember to fill out your registration for session and get them mailed in, if you are an officer or on a committee please let me know if you cannot attend. Stay healthy and hope to see you next time.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or a smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Chivalrously,

s/ Lady Jami A. Rafter
President IALAPM

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

foundation for this incredible experience, thank you! To all who have joined me in this journey through the fraternal highways and airways, thank you! To all who have shared my commitment, thank you!

Two little words, only eight letters total, seem so insignificant compared to the depth and breadth of emotion that I feel when I say “Thank You!”

Fraternally with immeasurable gratitude,

s/ Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit

‘focus on what’s important.’
2021 Annual Sessions

194th annual communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge
117th annual session of the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant
104th annual session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
82nd annual session of the International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
and Youth Days

Friday—August 13th through Thursday—August 19th
Cincinnati, Ohio

Tentative Schedule of events: check your session schedule for exact times and functions.

Friday—August 13th
Registration
Youth Orientation
Youth Banquet & Youth Talent Program

Saturday—August 14th
Registration
Youth Sessions
Pilgrimage for Youth Board
United Past Grand Matriarchs Meeting
Welcome Dinner

Sunday—August 15th
Registration
I.A.R.A. Representative Orientation
Joint Secretaries & Scribes Meeting
The S.G.L. Grand Reps Orientation
I.A.L.A.P.M. Practice
National Flag Parade & Posting
Memorial and Divine Worship
Jurisdictional Flag Presentation Practice
Official Opening

Monday—August 16th
Registration
The S.G.L. Session
I.A.R.A. Session
G.M.C. Session
I.A.L.A.P.M. Session
P.M. Muster in the afternoon
Fraternal Press Association Meeting
“Officers Banquet” - Fun Night

Tuesday—August 17th
Registration
The S.G.L. session
I.A.R.A. session
G.M.C. session
I.A.L.A.P.M. session
Pilgrimage for Youth Forum
G.M.C./I.A.L.A.P.M.
Installation & Change of Command

Wednesday—August 18th
Registration
The S.G.L. session
I.A.R.A. session
G.M.C. session
I.A.L.A.P.M. session
Arthritis Raffle
Installation Dinner & The SGL/IARA Installation

Thursday—August 19th
Closing Sessions:
The S.G.L. session
I.A.R.A. session
G.M.C. final session
I.A.L.A.P.M. final session

There will be various breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, Boards & Committee Meetings, etc.
—see program for times and rooms.
Testimonial weekend honoring
The Honorable Charles E. ‘Chuck’ Lusk
Sovereign Grand Master
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Cash Bar Each Evening until function is over

**FUN NIGHT—**
Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.—Dinner Theatre & Buffet
Includes Bus Ride, Dinner Buffet & Show—$70.00

**TESTIMONIAL BANQUET— Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 6:00 p.m.**
Meat Loaf ___ / Tuscan Chicken ___ / Cod ___ : $60.00

FUN NIGHT $_____ / TESTIMONIAL BANQUET $_____ TOTAL: $_____

Make Checks Payable to: “Vienna Lodge #345 IOOF” with Testimonial in memo
Mail to: Grand Lodge of Ohio IOOF, PO Box 1088, Springfield OH 45501-1088
For Info: 937-399-8631

Final Cut Off for Registration & Meals—October 15, 2021

**TESTIMONIAL FOR SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER—**
CHARLES E. LUSK

November 12, 2021—Business Casual November 13, 2021—Formal

HILTON GARDEN INN —12000 Innovation Drive, Dayton OH 45342
**FOR RESERVATIONS:** Call the HOTEL DIRECTLY +1 937-247-5850
CODE for HOTEL - “IOOF” RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE—October 21, 2021
Arrival Check-In: 3:00 p.m. ~ Free Hotel Parking ~ Check out: 12:00 p.m.

If Flying in to DAYTON OHIO (DAY) is the closest airport.

Name: ___________________________ Title/Rank: ___________________________
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City/State/Province: _______________ Zip: ______________________________
Jurisdiction & Unit/Branch: __________________________________________

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Save the Dates . . .

October 29 & 30  Testimonial Banquet—
Lady Margaret Gardner
President— I.A.L.A.P.M.

February 25 & 26 Testimonial Banquet—
Gen. Michael L. Bowers
General Commanding, GMC, PM
Nashville, TN

March 25 & 26  Testimonial Banquet—
Kathleen D. Richen
President— I.A.R.A.
Boston, MA
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CHAPTER I.

HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP—con-d.

CHAPTER II.

OBSJECTIONS AND INQURIIES ANSWERED.

Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? . . . .
Come and see.—John i. 46.
Judge not according to the appearance, but judge
righteous judgment.—John vii. 24.

ODD-FELLOWSHIP having increased so rapidly,
and spread its organizations so widely, within a
few years, naturally attracted the attention of
nearly all classes of the community. Rising, too,
as it seemed, out of the midst, and in defiance of a
violent excitement against a supposedly similar
institution, every objection urged against that was
pressed against this. Some regarded it with
horror. Mystery they deemed but another name
for evil, and all “secret societies” dangerous to the
moral, social, and political well-being of the
country. Hence, Odd-Fellowship was denounced
as “a net and snare of Satan”, and “a dangerous
conspiracy against the rest of community”. A few
regarded it with contempt, believing it a childish
mummery, calculated to enroll only weak minds
and those fond of the notoriety acquired by
singularity of name and conduct, and vain of the
parade of big titles, banners, and regalia. Others,
viewing its rapid increase, have been disposed to
examine it more closely, to learn what of good or
ill has thus extended its operations in the land.
And not a few, who have noted its deeds of
benevolence, and its salutary social influences,
desire to trace its outer deeds to its inner life, and
ascertain what are really its ultimate aims and
highest objects, and what the means by which it
purposes to accomplish them.

To all these, and especially to the latter two,
we now address ourselves, in all truthfulness and
honesty. We will endeavor fairly to state and
candidly to answer objections, unfold our
principles, and declare fully our objects. And the
portions prepared especially for

“Brethren of our friendly Order”,

of every degree, station, and office, will
further disclose the life which animates us in all
the obligations, duties, privileges, and operations
of our fraternity.

§ 1. Our Name.

It seems that, of a mere convivial club, or, at
best, of light-minded persons, who delight to
practice “frolic and fun”, and affect singularity
of conduct to gain notoriety among the curious and
ignorant.

The names Nazarene and Christian were once
terms of even greater obloquy and reproach than
is that of Odd-Fellow. Yet, in despite of odium
and singularity then, none are now more
honorable and honored in Christendom.
Condemn us not, then, merely because of our
name.

True, it is a singular one; but we chose it not.
It came to us, attached to an institution which,
for many years, in another country, had fulfilled
its great motto, “FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH”,
by visiting the sick, relieving the distressed,
burying the dead, educating the orphan, and
supporting the widow. Hence, singular as that
name is—yea, odious as it may sound to some—it
has been rendered dear to our hearts by the
glorious deeds of benevolence and philanthropy
performed under it, and by the great moral and
religious principles associated with it, until its
singularity is lost in its moral value and beauty.
To us, Odd-Fellow is an honorable name. We love
to wear it, and to bear its reproach we deem an
honor.

To be an Odd-Fellow, in the sense it has in
our minds, you must act and peak like an honest
man; you must do all the good to mankind that
is in your power; you must reverence God; do to
your neighbor as you would have him do unto
you, and keep yourself free from all excess and
pollution. Alas, that some who bear the name do
not sustain the character! To do the work of an
Odd-Fellow, you must attend the couch of the sick
and dying, the side of suffering and distress, the
house of mourning, the grave of the departed, the
abode of poverty and want, and “visit the widows
and fatherless in their afflictions”, as well as the
Lodge-room, where social intercourse and
fellowship abound. Become an Odd-Fellow, and
sustain the character, and perform the duties,
and share the privileges of that name, and it will
sound as sweet to you as it is dear to us.

§ 2. Our Obligations and Penalties.

We have been branded as “an oath-bound
association, whose members are obligated, by
bloody penalties, to favor each other wrongfully,
and to punish violations of these obligations in
some severe and terrible manner”; yet there is
not a single obligation administered among us,
inconsistent with any duty we owe to self, family,
country, mankind, or to our Creator. All the aid we are to render each other, is and must be within the limits of strict humanity and patriotism, of morality and religion. We invoke no penalty on life or limb, person or property: nothing but the social and moral consequences which follow the violation of any similar pledge of sacred honor among the rest of mankind; consequently, no one among us is bound, in any way, to revenge any revelation which an unworthy member may make. We are not, therefore, an oath-bound institution, nor are our obligations oaths—no jurist would call them such—but simply solemn pledges and covenants, wherein our yea is “yea and amen”.

§ 3. Our Regalia, Emblems, &c.

They are denounced as childish, foolish, unbecoming good men and serious purposes and philanthropic deeds.

An unthinking young man ridiculed a grave gentleman whom he saw engaged, with soap-suds and a pipe, blowing bubbles in the air. Yet that ridiculed man was Sir Isaac Newton, who, by that seemingly childish employment, was ascertaining the laws of the Almighty in relation to light and colors! One of our uses of regalia, is to teach us to beware how we judge men by mere appearances.

Possibly the objector himself wears some simple article, given him as a memento by a dear friend; or keeps near him some seemingly unmeaning thing to remind him of important duties to God and man. Perhaps he statedly observes some ceremony, full of solemn teachings to his soul. However childish that memento or token, however senseless that ceremonial may seem to others, to him they are above all value, because full of precious memories and solemn teachings.

Such our decorations, emblems, and forms are to us. The light shed on their meaning, as we advance in Odd-Fellowship, and their novel applications to impress on our minds important principles and precepts, render them peculiarly pleasing and highly useful. The thoughtful Odd-Fellow is continually reminded by them of important duties to God and man.

Besides this, our regalia, jewels, and some of our emblems are used to mark grades and stations among us. As such, they are not more puerile, certainly, than the laced coats and caps, the plumes and epaulettes of the military, or any other badges used among men to distinguish station and office. But they are not only our uniform, the very colors are made to teach us important lessons and duties.

§ 4. The Expense of Regalia, &c

It is possible that, in some cases, more money is expended in furnishing our Halls and Lodge-wardrobes than is necessary to instruct mind and heart, to refine the taste, and to administer to comfort and convenience. As with churches and with individuals, so with Lodges and Odd-Fellows—the desire for display too often outruns ability and utility. We will not defend any extravagance; yea, we even condemn it, let the censure fall where it may. But within the reasonable limits of ability and utility, how stands the objection to Odd-Fellowship on the score of useless expense for finery?

Our rooms should be made pleasant and comfortable for all classes of our members, to induce their attendance, and render the transaction of our business a pleasant duty. If the wealthiest are willing to abate some of the luxurious comforts of their homes, and learn the uses of simple conveniences, the poorer brethren should not object to some expense beyond their frugal accommodations, where they may learn the cares and proprieties belonging to a richer style of living. Even should it lead the humble man to aspire after more comforts and greater neatness than he is accustomed to in his own home, so as to lead to habits of more productive industry and economy to procure them, we do not think himself or family will be injured thereby.

But, aside from this homeliest view of the subject, taste and propriety require that there should be a fitness between the means and the end. The emblems by which important truths are illustrated and enforced, should not be clumsy, inelegant, and coarse, as to mar the teaching. The decorations, among which men meet to learn the gentlest and most beautiful practices of Christianity, should not be ungraceful and tawdry. The school for the elevation of human aspirations and character, should not be clad in uniforms calculated to drag down the imagination and belittle the feelings.

“But if the Order aims to benefit the poor, why not bestow its cost in charity?” If the owner of the Kohinoor diamond, estimated worth thirty millions of dollars, were to sell it, to give the money to the poor, some one else must buy and possess it, and so become subject to the same reproach: “Better sell it, and give the money to the poor!” Could it be made to furnish well-paid employment to hundreds who need it, the case would be different. The cost of our decorations has been employed in giving needed labor (and by

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that labor, honorable subsistence) to hundreds and thousands of industrious men, women, and children. So far, then, it has not been expended in vain.

“But of what utility was that labor?” When the humble and grateful Mary (Mark xiv. 3-9, and John xii. 3-8) took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the head and feet of “Jesus”, there was complaint that the expensive article had not been sold for the benefit of the poor. But Jesus declared that *the act had a utility worthy of its cost;* and re minded them that the poor could be remembered at some other time and in some other manner. So, if our regalia and emblems tend to *increase* our benevolence, and stimulate us to *greater* activity in well-doing, then is their manufacture no idle work, their cost no useless expense. The food or raiment that money would have purchased, would, in a few months, have been consumed or worn out: that is, supposing that amount would have been furnished by its contributors, if they had not been incited by Odd-Fellowship, which is not certain. But here remain these decorations and emblems, still teaching their lessons of benevolence, continuing for many years their influence in leading hundreds to remember their poor and distressed brethren, their families, and the widow and the orphan. That they do this, and much more of good besides, we are well persuaded; and so would be the objector, could he place himself fully under their influence.

“For ye have the poor with you always, and whendsoever ye will, ye may do them good.” When any sick or distressed brother, when any widow or orphan of a deceased Odd-Fellow, asks our aid and receives it not, *because* we have expended beyond our proper ability in decorations, jewels, or regalia, then let censure come in its severest form! But till then, we trust that no Odd-Fellow will lack emblems to refine the taste, and instruct mind, heart, and hands in well-doing.

§ 5. *Our Secrecy.*

Ring what changes you may upon the suspiciousness of secrecy, the tendency of evil to seek darkness and mystery, and of good to come to the light, that it may be manifest, still, you will hardly contend that secrecy is in itself, and necessarily, a conclusive proof of evil. If not, then is it uncharitable to condemn any individual or institution on the score of *secrecy alone.* Now let us fairly understand each other. Our secrecy “hath this extent—no more”—

1st. We are secret (as *every family* is or should be secret) in regard to the personal affairs of any member which are submitted to us for counsel, aid, admonition, rebuke, or punishment. They are *his secrets, not ours,* much less *the world’s.* And baser would we be to publish them, than if we were to squander property or money that had been solemnly confided to our keeping.

2d. We are secret (as a *merchant* is secret in regard to correspondents and customers) in concealing the names of informants, and their information concerning the character and standing of applicants for membership. We have no right, morally, to injure those who confide in us; and even the laws of our country would punish as libel or slander the exposure of the applicant’s faults.

3d. We are secret (as Christ’s followers are commanded to be) in bestowment of donations to distressed brethren or their families. Unfeeling, indeed, must be the prying soul that would insult the relieved by publishing their poverty in boasting of his own charity! May Odd-Fellows ever be reproached for secrecy rather than be guilty of such unchristian conduct!

4th. We are secret (as every *banker and businessman* is secret) in our modes of ascertaining whether a stranger-applicant is a partner in those funds, a portion of which he is about to withdraw. Each bank or merchant has secret signs by which he knows whether the draft presented him is genuine. We have signs and tokens by which to know men, whether they are genuine Odd-Fellows, whether they are entitled to receive what they ask. A meddling, prying fellow, seeking to find out and counterfeit the secret signs of a trader, would be rewarded for his *ingenuity* with the contempt of all honest and honorable men, even if the *worthy forger* escaped the penitentiary! Of what higher estimation is *he* deserving who impertinently seeks to possess himself of the secret signs (and expose them to others probably no honester than himself) by which we guard the treasury of the dependent sick and distressed, the widow and the orphan?

5th. We are secret in our forms and ceremonies of initiation, and the use of our emblems in the instruction of our members. This use renders the lessons more impressive; and to disclose the mode of teaching would deprive the *instruction* of the charm of novelty, and impair its efficacy.

That this is the utmost extent of our secrecy, honest and truthful men of all denominations among us are ready to testify. These secrets, then, belong to no individual alone, and therefore no one has a moral right to disclose them. They are the *Order’s only.* They concern not the world,
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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"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN."

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

Guests use the below web link:

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

Information to have available when calling to make reservations

Name: ____________________________________________________________
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Arrival Date: _________________________ Departure Date: ___________
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 June 10, 2021. The remaining balance of $50.00 will be due by July 23, 2021.

Please send all your information with your deposit to the 2021 Committee, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088. Contact person for this event is Paul McAfee, 937-399-8631
Or by email at: Ohiosessions2021@gmail.com

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(One Form Per Person)
SPECIAL EVENT REGISTRATION

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting, or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati Hotel. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule.

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and belong not to the public. An individual out of
the Order has no more right, in morals or
propriety, to pry into them, or demand their
revelation, than he has to turn eavesdropper
among neighbors, or ask a wife to reveal the
confidential conversations of her husband. The
disposition to acquire and expose the secrets of
others, is as wrong as any iniquity it seeks to
uncover: as impertinent as peeping into a
business-man’s letters or a neighbor’s market-
basket or dinner-pot. And yet there are persons—
honest, high-minded people in all else—who have
allowed this spirit so far to govern them, that
they condemn, without evidence, every so-called
“secret society”, and pry into its private affairs,
and encourage others to expose to the public.
Surely such conduct must arise from a
want of due consideration of what is due to their
own characters as honest, decent men! The same
principle, applied to individuals, would justify a
clergyman for exposing cases of conscience
confided to him by his flock; an attorney for
betraying, unto loss of property, character, and
even life, his client; a physician for disclosing the
affairs of his patient, and all he sees and hears in
the houses he visits; and a military commander
who informed the enemy of his plans of action,
and the countersigns on which depend the
security of his army! Such anti-secrecy people, to
be consistent, should have no secrets of t/1eir
own, and keep none confided to them by their
families and friends; should expose their most
private thoughts and feelings to the public; relate
their domestic conversations and conjugal
endearments; expose purse, pocket-book, and
private papers at all times and places; never vote
a folded ticket, seal a letter, receive secret advice,
bestow private alms, or offer secret prayer! For, if
secrecy is wrong, or proof of evil, all these things
are evils.

We will only add that, properly speaking, Odd
-Fellowship is NOT a secret society. Our
Constitutions and By-laws, our times and places
of meeting, the names of our officers and
members generally, the amounts and sources of
our receipts, the items of our expenditures, our
principles and objects, the proceedings generally
of our National and State Grand Bodies, all these
are as public as those of any legislature or other
public department in the country. As well,
therefore, might you call any individual or family,
the United States Senate, or President’s Cabinet,
or a Grand Jury—all of whom have secrets—“a
secret person”, “a secret family”, “a secret senate
or cabinet”, or “a secret jury”, as to call us “a
secret society”, merely because we have secrets.

§ 6. Our Exclusiveness.

Some complain that we do not invite all, and
receive all who apply, without regard to sex or
health; that we select the few, only, who perhaps
least need our moral inculcations and pecuniary
aid. If our principles are so moral, and our
 teachings so pure and salutary, and our objects so
benevolent, why not throw our portals open to the
world at large, and so extend to the utmost the
utility of our principles and organization.

The selection of a few individuals out of the
mass, to unite them in associated efforts for the
diffusion of important principles, and to exercise
them in the practice thereof, that they may
become the teachers of others, appears to be the
method of Divine Providence itself.

When God determined to institute among
men a pure worship of himself as “God of the
whole earth”, he called Abram, of Ur, in Chaldea,
to be his “friend” and agent in the work.
Revealing himself to the patriarch, he constituted
him the progenitor of that “chosen people” who
were to be the depository of Divine truth until the
world should be prepared to receive and practice
the mysteries of human redemption. Every
precaution was taken to make these selected
pupils of God “a peculiar people”. They were to be
“Odd Fellows” among the nations around them,
not only by hereditary descent, but also by a
singular form of government, a singular code of
laws, and a singular ritual of worship, all adapted
to keep them from mingling with other nations
and adopting their idolatries. The decorations of
their temple and tabernacle, the regalia of their
priesthood, the emblems for their instruction,
were all prescribed for them, even to form, color,
and material. The mode for initiating proselytes
from other nations was clearly defined; and certain
physical defects and conditions of health were
made causes of perpetual exclusion from “the
congregation of Israel”. Whole nations, even, on
account of their mental or moral condition, or
associations connected with their history, were
excluded en masse. Thus prepared, these pupils
of Jehovah gradually developed the lessons of
Divine Providence, and became, in turn, the
teachers of mankind.

When the Shiloh (according to the Christian
faith) appeared on earth, he pursued the same
system of selecting a few from the mass for the
purpose of private instruction and associated
effort. Step by step, Jesus advanced his Apostles
in the knowledge which they were afterward to
teach the world by example and precept. And
when the proper period arrived, in obedience to
the Master’s command, they went forth and

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proclaimed openly what they had learned in secret.

The same method was observed by the early teachers of Christianity, in the formation of churches of the faithful. And their peculiar discipline, and their system of mutual aid and relief among themselves, have continued, to a greater or lesser extent, down to the present day.

If we leave the theatre of special providences, we find the same system of selection for the inculcation of truth and duty adopted by the wisdom of all ages. The family, if we may consider it as a merely natural institution, is such an association. Private in its character, secreting from the public its dearest and holiest operations, it teaches its members not only those principles and precepts which are to be entertained and practiced among its own members, but those also pertaining to the social circle, the political gathering, the worshiping assembly, and the world at large. Each family has its peculiar modes of teaching and training, which it shrinks from exposing to the cold and unsympathizing curiosity of strangers. And some of these are secret not only to those that are without, but even to a portion of the household itself.

Odd-Fellowship stands on the same general basis of necessity and utility in its selections and exclusions. It has its own mission to perform, its special principles and their applications to teach, and its own peculiar methods of culture and training. That its operations may be in fraternal harmony, it requires a selected number, qualified to aid in preparing each other for the proper discharge of their special and general duties to themselves and families, to the Order, and to mankind, and to God.

§ 7. Our Exclusion of the Poor, Feeble, &c.

It is sometimes objected to us that we pass by the indigent poor, and the constitutionally enfeebled, who most need our benefits; whereas, if our pretensions of ameliorating human poverty and suffering were genuine, we would admit the crippled, deformed, diseased, and indigent, instead of excluding even the healthy poor by requiring of them pecuniary fees and contributions beyond their ability to pay.

As our means are necessarily limited, so must be our plans and efforts. “What king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first and consulteth, whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.” (Jesus, in Luke xiv. 31, 32.) Our means of relief are but as one thousand compared to the vast army of suffering and want which we are urged to meet, and which numbers its hundreds of thousands; how, then, could we hope to prevail against it—how save ourselves from overwhelming defeat and utter loss? We have apportioned our labor to our means; we have selected an enemy of our own strength, whom we can keep at bay, and hope ultimately to conquer. Should we succeed, and still have means left, we will then enlarge our field and use our means for additional efforts.

But how soon would our means be exhausted, if we admitted the impoverished and diseased indiscriminately to share in them. Or, rather, our means would never be accumulated, but drained as rapidly as they flowed into our treasury; for there would be many to demand, and but few to contribute. And when those who raised the fund, came to need it, they would also be added to the unsupplied many whom even the public charity cannot relieve. Better, then, the constantly increasing good, however limited at present, than the great but decreasing effort which can confer but a temporary benefit, and must end in only another addition to the general misery. For, let the individual of a large fortune attempt to relieve all, by a lavish expenditure of his wealth, and he himself will soon need alms.

That we require the poorest applicant to contribute as much as the wealthiest, is true, as it is a matter of necessity. Equality in payments is essential not only to equality in benefits, but also in feelings. We aim to abolish all considerations of wealth or poverty in our fraternity; to make all feel that as Odd-Fellows, at least, they are not only brethren, but equals. He who did not pay an equivalent, would feel degraded at receiving benefits; would feel that they were not his just due, but alms. Under this feeling of dependence on his wealthier brethren, he would not feel free to act and speak in opposition to their wishes—would not feel that he had an equal right to direct the expenditure of our funds, or the affairs of the Order. Hence, we pay the rich member, when sick, the same amount per week that we pay to our poorer brethren. We would conserve the independence of the latter, and exclude all feeling of moneyed superiority from the former. They must not only be told that all are equal, but they must be made to know, to realize it in every possible way, that they may freely act on it under all circumstances.

Even when extraordinary events render it necessary to give extra aid to an unfortunate brother, it still comes from a fund he aided to
create for such purposes, and to which even his wealthiest brother may be reduced to apply. His relief comes not, therefore, even then, from one or a few individuals, but from all, himself included.

Now let us turn from defence to advocacy, from denial to assertion. Not only are we not exclusive in any bad or improper sense, but

§ 8. Our Benefactions are General.

The charity of Odd-Fellowship begins at home, but it does not operate there only. The Gospel designed for the whole world, began with its Founder, was extended to his disciples, spread to the Jews, and only after it had been preached for several years at Jerusalem, was Paul made an Apostle, and sent to preach its “unsearchable riches” to the Gentiles. So with every work of benevolence, every enterprise for the general good. It must have a beginning, then an enlarged theatre in its progress, before it can fill the bounds of its consummation. Girard, in his provisions for the education of orphans, strictly speaking, excluded none; his aim was to include certain children who had before been excluded. From the entire mass of children in the world who were excluded previously, he commenced selecting as large a number as the means assigned would allow. He broke the total exclusion always existing, by a partial inclusion, designed to go on increasing toward a still greater inclusion as the means therefor should increase.

So, with any good deed. It is aiming at the general benefit by a breaking up of the exclusion from good, that previously existed.

So, with our Order. It is breaking up the exclusion that exists all around us, by including, one after another, as many as our means, measures, and objects will allow. If any thing, it is extending itself too rapidly and greatly. Out of the millions of men and families who need such instruction and aid as we provide, but who were excluded therefrom, we select thousands, and for them we break the bonds of exclusion from these blessings, and by them we extend these blessings again to other thousands still. Thus, the exclusion existed before our Order was organized; and its operations have been, not to increase, but to lessen that exclusion. And this work it is pursuing with unflagging energy and unabated power, as rapidly as its means increase and its agencies are multiplied. If the past may be regarded as a prophecy for the future, so rapidly is it lessening the number of the excluded, and increasing that of the included, that a period may arrive when there will be no more exclusion of any.

But there is another sense in which our benevolence is general. Our benefactions are not confined within the Order. We allude not to the donations sent to the famishing millions of Ireland, or distributed with liberal hand among the uninitiated whom general calamity had reduced to destitution and want. Every good deed performed to a single individual expands its beneficial effects, directly or indirectly, still further. The aided individual is thereby enabled to aid others: the benefaction he receives, he passes along the line of humanity till it is partaken of by many. Then, every want we relieve is so much subtracted from the pressing claims on society at large. And every case of suffering we prevent, (and our prevention far exceed our relief,) is so much saved from the general amount of constantly recurring suffering, pauperism, and crime. For we wait not until a brother’s illness has utterly exhausted his means, reduced his family to want, and broken down his manly spirit into a tame submission to a life of dependence and pauperism. No; we step in at the beginning of illness, and we keep afar off the utter poverty which might bring submission to pauperism or drive to crime. The aid we give is received with a proper dignity and self-respect, so that when ability returns, the family return to their usual avocations, blessing the Order which sustained and aided without bestowing alms! Who will say that a general benefit is not bestowed on society at large, by this peculiar work of Odd-Fellowship?

The Friends, (commonly called Quakers,) and a few other religious denominations, are accounted worthy of double honor as members of community, because they not only support their own poor, so that no member of their churches ever becomes a public charge, but they also pay their full share for the support of the poor generally. We, also, support our own poor, and thus relieve the public of so much of the burden that would otherwise swell the demand for more taxes. And yet, as citizens, Odd-Fellows give in private charity and pay in public taxes no less than others who are so ready to sneer at the “benevolence of Odd-Fellowship”, and cry out against “the selfishness and exclusiveness” of the Order. Why not give our institution credit, then, for a general as well as special benevolence? Why continue to assert that our good deeds are confined to the Order, and are therefore narrow, restricted, and selfish? They reach out their tendrils of aid beyond where the vine runs in its restricted training. And most of those aided by its measures and means, are thus taught that

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heavenly sympathy which disposes them to use the means thus furnished for the blessing of others in their turn. And thus good offices are sent around the ever-widening circle of humanity which had their spring in Odd Fellowship.

§ 9. Interference with other Institutions.

We have sometimes been accused of interfering with other institutions, assuming their duties, operating to their disadvantage; placing our Order, in fact, as the all-in-all, even to the neglect and abandoning of the religious institutions of all denominations, collectively, “the Church”.

When the Patriarchs Abraham and Lot were somewhat involved by the quarrelsome conduct of their respective herdsmen, the brave, peaceable father of the faithful would not allow his duties to be compromised by a small matter of profit or loss. “And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen: for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.” (Genesis xiii. 8, 9.)

In the same benignant spirit we would say to every good institution, and every benevolent soul who may harbor a suspicion of our interference: View the vast field of human ignorance, destitution, suffering, and crime around us. See how very little of the mighty void has ever been improved, or even disturbed by all the agencies ever set in motion. Does it not make the whole heart sick and the head faint to contemplate the almost hopelessness of relieving all that destitution and wo, and removing all that ignorance and crime? Is there not more than enough for us all to do?

Odd-Fellowship has not, cannot assume a hostile attitude to any religious, moral, or benevolent institution. We war only with vice and misery. Individuals among us, enthusiastic in praise of the Order, may have incautiously claimed for it more than it merits. Others, alienated from institutions of religion by various causes, may pretend to have found in Odd-Fellowship a complete substitute for any or all other institutions. But the great mass of the Order, by their actions, have shown that they believe our Order to be but one among the many agencies of Divine Providence for the amelioration of human suffering, the removal of evil, and the elevation of human character.

Says the Rev. D. W. Bristol, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, “That the Christian Church covers the whole ground of human obligation, civil, moral, and religious, we most cheerfully admit. It is indeed governed by the most perfect and beneficent code which could have been given to the world; one which bears in its unrivalled excellencies, the indelible impress of its Divine origin. But by such a conception, can any one suppose we should be justified in renouncing all other institutions and societies, because the constitution of the Church had preoccupied the ground? What, then, would become of civil government, and all the moral institutions which have arisen legitimately out of this religious constitution? Other societies are established and justified under the same beneficent influence, such as Temperance, Moral Reform, Peace, Tract, Christian Alliance, Seaman’s Friend, and all humane societies—all having their constitutions and by-laws, boards of officers, with all the attendants of separate organizations, even terms of membership, peculiar to each. But who ever supposed that these excellent societies were substitutes for the Christian Church? It is judged, and we apprehend correctly, too, that although these came immediately under the rule of the great constitution, yet that they could be better promoted by a separate organization than in the usual course of moral charities: hence they were established. We hold, and, we think, justly, the same course of reasoning on the subject of Odd-Fellowship.”—Golden Rule, Vol. III. p. 365.

It appears to us that the duty of every true Christian—not every good man—is, to judge the tree by its fruits—every man and every institution by its works. And it appears to us a dictate of common sense, that the institution that is doing works of benevolence and charity cannot be obnoxious to condemnation, or considered in opposition to any other good cause or association. The beloved disciple once erred on this point—“Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part.” (Mark ix. 38-40.)

We repeat it, then, Odd-Fellowship interferes with no organization of a moral, religious, or benevolent character. She bids a hearty “God speed” to every association that would rob mankind of their sorrows or vices; and leaves each to manage its peculiar portion of well-doing in its own way and season, without attempt at interference or self-appropriation. And it cannot be that her lessons or labors will effect any
deterioration of the characters or influence of her members, so that they will be worse men in any domestic, social, political, or religious circle in which they may move. That some few in our Order are not made better and wiser, is no more the fault of our teachings and operations, than it is of religion that some of its professors are ignorant, hypocritical, or vicious, in despite of all its holy teachings and salutary influences. “Judge not”, then, “according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment”.

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c. 1850—THE ROBERTSON QUILT
96” x 101”
MEMBERS WIVES OF I.O.O.F. LODGE NO. 1, BALTIMORE, QUILTMAKERS
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This stunning appliqued medallion quilt is a significant presentation quilt. It was made by the wives of Washington Lodge No. 1 – for William John Robertson and his wife, Mary Jane, presented to her when she left Baltimore, Maryland, for the West. The quilt lived in Washington State since the mid-1850s until 2020.

In the center medallion is a replica of the first Odd Fellows Hall in America, Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Odd Fellow symbols surround the applique of the hall, which is framed by a wreath of laurel leaves. Each symbol has its own meaning: heart and hand means that greetings should be of the heart as well as of the hand (“with pure hearts and clean hands”); the serpent is a symbol of wisdom; the scale and sword mean justice; the beehive stands for industry; the dove means innocence and harmlessness. Not all of the symbols are contained within the wreath: the moon and seven-pointed stars, the earth [the globe], the beehive, and the staff and serpent are appliqued in the comers of this 31-inch by 33-inch medallion block. The remaining 32 unsigned blocks are of three designs: a moss rose and lily, strawberries with leaves and stems, and a branch of cherries. The rose, lily, strawberries, and cherries are padded. The block size varies, about 16 inches by 16 inches. The workmanship varies from block to block. The quilting outlines each applique, and the background is quilted in a 3/4-inch cross-hatching. There is some deterioration on the padded areas. Cotton seeds are evident in the batting.
Please print or type and return this form as soon as new members are.

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I hope all of you are having a great summer. Many of the Lodges are back to meeting and those that have not yet started back are planning on starting back in the fall.

Hopefully, you are making plans to attend The Sovereign Grand Sessions this year after not being able to have sessions last year. What does this mean for our Order after such a long break? It means we are in the bottom of the 9th inning in the championship game. We are up by one (1) run. The other team is at bat with two (2) outs and the bases are loaded, and their star hitter is at bat. What are we going to do? We are going to dig down deep and listen to our coach and find new ways to win the game for our Order.

It is hard to get individuals geared up to return to meetings once there has been such a long period between meetings, but WE CAN DO IT. We must work together and come up with ways to make our meetings interesting so that members will want to come back. We as an Order cannot continue to stand on what has worked in the past. As your Lodges start back up look around are you using the resources you have available to your Lodge’s advantage to increase your attendance and to increase your membership. Technology is our biggest resource. Zoom accounts are free for up to 100 persons for 40 minutes. Maybe one of your members have a Zoom account that allows for a longer time. Ask them to set up and host the meeting.

Consider having a “Back to Lodge” social for the entire family. Sharing of ideas is a great way to “Step Up to the Plate” share your activities on Facebook and other social media venues. Your Lodge may be thriving during these difficult times, but others are struggling to find ways to maintain and increase membership and your posts of what your Lodge is doing might be just what is needed to give the struggling Lodge ideas to help improve their attendance and increase their membership. Encourage members to reflect on why you joined.

Sheer determination and working together is all it takes to strike out that final batter when the win is on the line. Remember it is not just the pitcher’s job to get that final out to win the game. It is going to take all of us working together make sure we get the final out and win the championship game called Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

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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 $ _______________
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We will be back!!

Brothers and Sisters,

Good Morning the Board and Leonard Bolton the Executive Director did an outstanding job in the discussing and deliberating all the scenarios before coming to a unanimous vote to cancel the 2021 tour. The right decision was made we all are still heartbroken over it. The risk was too high, the safety a wellbeing of our students and staff is our top priority.

There is great deal of planning that involves putting on a program like the Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s Pilgrimage for Youth, for a few years all of this hard work had to be stop after the Tour was planned and ready to go. I would like to thank the following members for there continued hard work and dedication to this Board and Program. Mira Pittman, Vice Chairman, Donna Miller, Secretary, Jerry Workman, Board Member, Cheryl Workman, Board Member, Jim Johnson, Board Member, Wes Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master, Charles Lusk, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, Michele Heckert, Sovereign Grand Warden, Elizabeth Mowry, Harbstreit, International Association Rebekah’s Assembly President, Kathy Richen, International Association Rebekah’s Assembly Vice President, Ruth Earle, International Association Rebekah’s Assembly Warden, and Leonard Bolton, Executive Director for his extremely hard work putting all of this together.

The Board wishes to extend they’re thanks to Jurisdiction of Utah and Boone Lodge No. 170 of West Virginia for there generous donations to our program.

Planning has started for our 2022 Tour dates are July 9 2022. The cost for the tour has not been set yet. The Pilgrimage for Youth Board has established eligibility guidelines for next year’s delegates. Any delegate that was sponsored for the 2020 tour and graduates this spring will not be able to participate in the 2022 tour. If a 2020 delegate graduates in the spring of 2022 they will be eligible to participate. All new 2021 delegates with at least one more year of high school will be eligible to participate. More information will be coming after our February Board Meeting. Looking forward to see all of you at our open meeting at Sessions on Tuesday.

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

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

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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