The World of Odd Fellowship

Seven Stars Inn
2d. Street
Baltimore, Maryland

The birthplace of American Odd Fellowship. After a few men responded to an ad in the Baltimore American newspaper by an outgoing blacksmith Thomas Wildley and two friends who similarly missed the fraternal companionship. The ad announced the meeting which would be at 7pm on April 2, 1819 at the Seven Stars Tavern located on the south side of Second Street (now Water Street), between Frederick St. and what was then called Market Place, basically where Baltimore City Community College now stands. Washington Lodge was subsequently organized on 26 April 1918.
Anniversary:

Washington Lodge No. 1—Baltimore Maryland — 26 April 1819

Sympathy to:

The family of Donald W. Ashe, PASGS—1981-1983 — 6 January 2022


Thoughts & Prayers to:

The people of the Ukraine

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 my Sisters and Brothers,

As the weather begins to warm up a little and the snow has melted and the Covid-19 Virus is declining, it is time to start getting our lives back on track and moving forward to resume our normal activities such as having meetings in our lodge halls in person.

This has been a very long 18 months of lodges staying dark and our members staying home and safe. We have checked, and except for Hawaii, all states have lifted the mask mandates. I hope this will encourage you to return to your lodges and resume the great work this order does. We need to **OPEN OUR DOORS** and let everyone know we are still alive and well and looking for new members that are ready to get out and be involved in something great.

While talking about great things, I attended the decorating of the Rose Parade Float in Glendale, CA and what a wonderful time. It was unbelievable how many members showed up to work on this float, and the hard work and long hours that was put in by so many to make such an exceptional float that represents our great order. This float is seen by thousands and thousands of people standing along the parade route and by millions watching it on TV. It was an honor of a lifetime to be able to ride this float and represent our great Order. If you ever have the chance to go and work on this float, do it, it is a great time, and you will see how hard so many members of our Order work together to complete the project and to make us proud to be an Odd Fellow and Rebekah. I would like to say a special Thank You to JR Prost for being the manger and crew chief and running a class act on getting this project completed. He is a great asset to this program.

We just returned from General Michael Bowers testimonial, and it was a great time, it is always great to honor the leaders of this Order. A meeting was held by The SGL Executive board while we were there, and we are moving forward with the investments being redone into new firms and this should increase our income in the future.

Our spring visits will be getting under way, and we will all be very busy for the next 4 months. Please let us know if your session has been changed or cancelled so we can make the corrections as needed.

Please take some time to pray for the people of Ukraine, as these people need our prayers and our Brothers and Sisters in Poland are setting up a program to make donations that will help feed and shelter the millions that have fled to Poland. This is a terrible act on these people that was completely uncalled for.

Remember that the time change is right around the corner, and we all look forward to having more daylight. Also, the Easter season will be upon us before we know it. Take time to remember the Brothers and Sisters we have lost in the past year and to check in on the ones that are unable to get out to a meeting. A phone call or visit will brighten up their day.

The 88th I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns is back on this year, I hope as many of you as possible will make this event. We need to show our respect for the sacrifice that these men and women have made so we can have the life we have. It is such an honor to be the leader of the great Order that is permitted to lay the wreath at the Tomb and have a mass wreath laying at the bottom of the steps for all to partake in. Do not forget to get your reservations in so we can get the scheduling done.

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life, and Easter is the only time of year it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Fraternally,

/s/ Chuck Lusk
Sovereign Grand Master

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

Greetings to all of you.

I am feeling a bit shell-shocked with the new developments in Ukraine. The roller coaster of Covid ups and downs seems to be subsiding at the moment, with restrictions being lifted. Folks seem to smiling more, experiencing a sense of freedom that has been lost for the past two years. And now this truly horrific war has erupted. It is very hard to take. We have several families from Ukraine here on Nantucket Island. One gentleman is out here working to establish a secure home so that he can send for his wife and three children to come here to live. His story of fear, sleepless nights and true horror has been told in so many places around the world. He has managed to re-locate his family to Poland where they are now refugees, having left all of their possessions behind.

Ukraine has been working to establish Odd Fellows lodges. This a country that enjoyed democracy and appeared to be thriving. I feel we have a special connection with this country and I hope lodges and jurisdictions find a way to financially support aid programs to Ukraine. It is simply what we do.

We are about to embark on a very busy travel schedule this spring as we begin the march to our sessions in Winston-Salem in August. I am happy to report that I will be visiting Alberta, Ottawa for the Canadian War Memorial and Saskatchewan in Canada. It is high time we made visits to Canada and I am thrilled to be making these trips. It has been difficult for our Canadian members during Covid and I don’t want them to think for a moment that we are not including them in our work. Our Canadian jurisdictions are so loved, and I am very eager to see friends that I have not seen in two years.

My testimonial is fast approaching, with a much higher attendance than I had thought possible just a few months ago. This is a sign that we are on the road to normalcy. I encourage you to sign up right away to attend the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, VA. That we are having it is a bit of a miracle from my point of view. I hadn’t even allowed myself to dream about us going this year, and yet, here we are, ready to lay our wreaths. Please join us there.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this spring and summer. Our connection is a chain that links our hearts together. I wish you good health and prosperity as the days get longer and the sun shines stronger.

Pray for peace,

Fraternally,

s/ Kathy Richen
President I.A.R.A.
Greetings,

I just want to say Thank You to all Brothers and Sisters for being a part of the branches of our Order. Your youth, wisdom and dedication will continue to promote our great Order. My communication this time is starting off by apologizing to Lady Margaret Gardner for missing out on recognizing her on obtaining the rank of Past President of the International Association Ladies Patriarchs Militant in late 2021. I had this for the last newsletter and over looked it. Congratulations to you Lady Margaret, you have given many long and hard years of dedicated service to our Order in all branches. A job well done.

Congratulations are also in order for the Alpha Theta Rho Girls’ Club No. 1 of Colorado celebrating 90 years of service and for the recent gain in membership. Also gaining new membership was Acorn Theta Rho Girls’ Club No. 79 of Washington congratulations to all and a big welcome to the new Youngsters. We want to say thank you to all of the Youth groups of our Order for your hard and never-ending work that you do with your lodge and community projects. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Winston Salem, NC in August at your Sessions.

I would like to ask everyone to keep in your thoughts and prayers some of my Officers who are ill at this time. May you have a quick and full recovery and may the greatest hands of all be laid upon you during your time of distress. I also would ask that everyone and especially for our Brothers and Sisters around the world who are in harms ways be kept in our thoughts and prayers. We are praying for all of you.

Well we just finish the third of the four testimonial weekends in Nashville and what a great weekend we had with our family and friends and thank you to all who travel to be with us. I would like to say Thank You to Chairman Sister Brenda Reed and her Testimonial Committee and the jurisdiction of Tennessee for giving me such a wonderful weekend. At the end of March, we will conclude our four-fun filled, unforgettable weekends in Boston with Sister Kathy with her testimony we hope to see everyone there.

Myself and the Officers of the General Military Council are beginning to make our visitations once again and looking forward to meeting all of you. In advance I want to say thank you to the jurisdictions for the courtesies that are extended to me and my officers during our visits. If you need assistance prior to our visit, please contact me or one of my officers so that we may assist you.

The General Military Council has been very busy, we are working on the PM Ritual, Uniform Regulations and Sword Manuel. We are making a lot of progress. Thanks to all my Executive Committee, Officers, and The Sovereign Grand Lodge Officers for their help and expertise on these projects.

Be safe, safe travels to all and we hope to see you very soon.

Chivalrously,

s/ General Michael L. Bowers
2022 — MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY — Reporting Form

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Visual Research Foundation Proclamation

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

Fraternial Greetings:

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of Johns Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision.

Now, Therefore, I, Charles E. Lusk, Sovereign Grand Master, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do hereby proclaim that,

The month of May as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Further, this program needs our support through: Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations, and Publicity.

Donations and communications should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretary who will in turn forward same to Visual Research Foundation, Inc., 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight . . . . . only a few have Vision.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of March 2022, and of our Order the 203rd year.

[Seal]

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

/s/ Charles E. Lusk
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Please see the enclosed letter from the Grand Lodge of Europe.

In addition, I have been receiving some inquiries regarding the procedures for sending funds to assist the Ukrainians.

In communicating with the Hunger & Disaster Board, we have agreed to send $10,000.00 for now and match up to $10,000.00 donated by the Jurisdictions for this relief request; then see what may yet transpire for the future.

If your unit would like to make a donation, and to keep the wire fees to a minimum, send your donations to:

I.O.O.F. Hunger & Disaster Fund
c/o Ukrainian Relief
422 N Trade St
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Fraternally,

s/ Charles E. Lusk
Sovereign Grand Master

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Office of the Grand Sire
Grand Lodge of Europe I.O.O.F.

3 March 2022

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The aggression of Russia, Putin, towards Ukraine, is accompanied by many deaths, many refugees today more than 1 million, many injured and enormous damage especially to houses, stations etc. Where the ordinary citizen comes. Where is Putin going?

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grand Lodge of Poland, was working with 28 brothers in Lwow, Ukraine, to establish a lodge. Like all refugees, they need our help.

In the Grand Lodge of Poland, they are creating a “Fund to Help Ukraine”, which is going to provide three-way assistance:
- purchase and shipping/financing of supplies indicated by the Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters /first aid, toilets, medicines, clothing etc./,
- transfer,
- financing housing and maintenance of refugees from Ukraine.

I propose that the account remains under the administration of the Grand Lodge of Poland, in accordance with the Grand Lodge of Norway.

They have already prepared the first freight transport for Ukraine.

They have created two special accounts for the “Fund to Help Ukraine” PKO Bank Polski:
- 85 1020 5242 0000 2102 0542 5162 PLN,
- 17 1020 5242 0000 2802 0542 5170 EUR

The transfer title is “Help Ukraine”. Decide for yourself which account is more advantageous for you.

Soon they will tell us what help they have already given to our brothers in Ukraine.

All 9 Grand Lodges are participating in this aid campaign. It is distressing to see how families are being torn apart. Women and children flee, and the men are not allowed to leave the country, they have to fight with them.

I inform you of this serious threat from Putin to overthrow our western democratic countries.

Many measures have been taken to isolate Putin. The information Putin is spreading is a lie. For example, 5000 young Russian soldiers were killed in the first day because they thought they were taking part in an army exercise!!

You may also see an opportunity to support this action.

After the COVID pandemic, we are now in the middle of a terrible war.

With best brotherly regards in Friendship, Love and Truth,
PART FIRST
MATTERS EXTERNAL TO THE ORDER.
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CHAPTER III.

ODD-FELLOWSHIP—ITS GOVERNMENT, ETC.

Having given a brief history of our Order, and answered the most prominent objections usually offered against it, we will now give a bird's-eye view of its form of government, and then state definitely what Odd-Fellowship consists in, how it operates, and the advantages that may reasonably be expected from a union with it.

§ 1. Our Government.

Our form of government is a peculiar one, having grown up, successively, as developed by our circumstances and our necessities. Even the writers in our own Order are not agreed as to its precise character: one portion declaring that all its power and life flow from the head down through the subordinates, and calling it a patriarchal government; and another portion insisting that the power and being rest in its base and flow upward, and calling it republican. Some designate it as an aristocracy, and others as being nearer a democracy. It will be seen, we think, that in its present condition, it partakes, in part, of all these characteristics, and is neither of them wholly: that if any single term can be applied to it, it might be called a Representative Fraternity, but of an aristocratic cast.

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States is constituted of Representatives from State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, one for each, having less than one thousand members, and two for each, having more than that number, chosen for two years, but so arranged that one-half retire every year. It claims supreme jurisdiction in the general laws and usages of the Order, the lectures, charges, and unwritten work, and as a court of final appeal, and is the National Legislature of the Order. It has power to create Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments where none legally exist, and subordinate Lodges and Encampments where there are no Grand Bodies of that grade, and to recall the charters of the same. Its members must be Past Grands of the Royal Purple degree, and reside in the jurisdiction represented, and must also be contributing members of a subordinate Lodge and subordinate Encampment, in good standing. Its Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, must, in addition, be Past Grand Masters. Its elective officers are chosen every two years at the annual session, held on the third Monday (and week succeeding) in September, and usually in Baltimore. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Messenger are the only officers who receive compensation for their services; but the travelling expenses of the other officers in going to and from the session are paid, together with three dollars per day while actually employed. Grand Representatives receive three dollars per day, and five cents per mile travelled, in attending the sessions. Its revenues are derived from fees for Charters, the sale of the books and odes of the Order, and a tax of fifty dollars on the State Grand Bodies for each Representative to which they are entitled, beside ten per cent on the revenue of all subordinate Lodges and Encampments existing where there are no State Grand Bodies of those branches.

2. State Grand Lodges consist of the Past Grands in their respective jurisdictions, (not less than five in number,) who have received the Past Grand's degree, and been admitted to receive the Grand Lodge Degree, the same being contributing members of a subordinate, in good standing. In some Grand Lodges, the power of voting (except for Grand Officers) and deliberating is restricted to a certain portion of their number, chosen for that purpose by themselves exclusively, or by the subordinate Lodges. But all Past Grands in good standing are permitted to attend the sessions, and are eligible to office, in Representative Grand Lodges as in others. Each Grand Lodge is to the subordinate and degree Lodges in its jurisdiction, what the Grand Lodge of the United States is in its
province; subject, however, to the national head. Its revenue is derived from fees for charters, dispensations, and a percentage on the revenues of its subordinates.

3. Grand Encampments are to the Patriarchal branch of the Order what the Grand Lodges are to the other branch; are constituted of P. C. Patriarchs, (and in some States of P. H. Priests,) and are generally governed and conducted in the same manner, having supervision and authority over subordinate Encampments only.

4. Encampments are constituted wholly of brethren who (having received the five subordinate degrees of the Order) have received the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple degrees—the sublime degrees, as they are often termed. They must be duly chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the Grand Encampment of the State in which they exist, must pay a percentage of their revenue annually to the power under which they exist, and must submit to be governed by the same in all general laws and usages. They work only in the Royal Purple degree. And when a member ceases to be in good standing in his subordinate Lodge, his membership in the Encampment ceases also. They are benefit-paying bodies.

5. Degree Lodges are chartered by State Grand Lodges only for the purpose of conferring degrees. They can hold no property beside their furniture, regalia, &c.; nor receive dues, beyond the mere degree fees; nor pay benefits to their members. They are constituted of the members of the various Lodges in the vicinity, who, after being judged worthy to receive the five degrees, have here attained to the fifth degree; for Degree Lodges work in the scarlet (or fifth) degree only.

6. Subordinate Lodges, like subordinate Encampments and Degree Lodges, derive their powers from the chartering power, and exercise no legislative functions except to make their own By-laws, and in the management of their pecuniary affairs. They consist of free white males, of twenty-one years and upward, believers in a Supreme Intelligence, the Governor of the Universe, who having been accepted and initiated into the Order, continue to pay their dues, and properly demean themselves according to the Laws of the Order. Five are necessary to constitute a Lodge, and while that number desire to retain their charter, the Grand Lodge will not permit the Lodge to be dissolved. A member may withdraw at any time, on application, and by paying up all arrears, either to unite with any other Lodge, or utterly from the Order. In due season, after initiation, he may apply for and receive certificates entitling him to receive the first five degrees of the Order, for the sums and on the conditions prescribed. And after receiving these, he can apply for admission into an Encampment. All subordinate Lodges require dues to be paid, and pay benefits.

After a member has served in an appointed office the requisite term of twenty-six nights, he becomes eligible to the Secretary’s or Vice-Grand’s chair; and after six months’ (or twenty-six nights’) service as V. G. he is eligible as N. G. And after the same service as N. G. he is entitled to admission into the Grand Lodge to which he may be attached.

The degree of Rebekah is to be conferred, in the subordinate Lodge, on the wives of members of the scarlet degree, in the presence of their husbands. It requires no fee or weekly dues, and gives no claim to pecuniary benefits; but makes them better acquainted with, and brings them into closer relations to the Order, besides enabling them to know, and make themselves known to, members of the fifth degree, when in need of the aid or protection of the fraternity.

§ 2. Our Principles.

To a good and energetic man, who will use the facilities the Order affords for self-improvement and well-doing, its means and advantages are so numerous, and its agencies so far-reaching, that our language may appear faint and cold compared with the reality. And yet we fear to speak unguardedly. We would not raise expectations that may be disappointed. Let it, then, be fully understood here, once for all,
that—

1. Odd-Fellowship is not the regalia or decorations of its officers and members, nor the banners and drapery of its Lodge-rooms. These have their meanings and uses, but they are not Odd-Fellowship. They should be used as not abusing them, and valued for their teachings; but they could all be changed, or dispensed with, and Odd-Fellowship still remain.

2. Nor is it its form of government. That has gone through great and almost total changes, (and may be as greatly changed again,) and yet Odd-Fellowship survives, essentially the same as ever in its principles. It is not best, therefore, to be hypercritical about any remaining defects in the forms in which its power is lodged, or the modes by which that power operates. These, it is true, should manifest fully the beneficent spirit of the Order, and conform to the institutions of the land, and the spirit of the age we live in, and should operate, in the most kind and effective manner, to elevate the condition and ameliorate the present wants and sufferings of our race. But our Order is a progressive one: it has greatly progressed in the past, and progression is even now gently and yet surely at work in it. And, under every form of government through which Odd-Fellowship has passed, or may yet pass, it has always consisted of the same general principles, and wrought out the same general good. Its ability to conform its government and measures to its own spirit, is greater now than ever; and in due season, therefore, all needed changes and additions will undoubtedly be effected.

3. Odd-Fellowship is not its mere ritual and ceremonial. Whatever language may be used in its lectures and charges, whatever emblems, signs, or pass-words it may prescribe to insure the instruction and mutual recognition of its members, these are but means; the objects they aim to effect are the ends. Instruction may change or alter its drapery, but the lessons taught—the ideas embodying the principles—these are the spirit and the life. It is not well, therefore, to rest in these outer habiliments, or to stumble at any seeming unfitness in them; but to pass on and secure the realities they unfold and impart.

4. Nor is Odd-Fellowship even the works of the Order: it consists not wholly in deeds of mercy, benevolence, and brotherly love. These, it is true, are its genuine manifestations, without which we might pronounce it asleep or departed: these are the outward appearances by which it discloses its inner life and its true self. But to produce these works, there must be an interior spirit, working out for itself this living form and action.

This internal, truly living spirit of Love and of universal fraternity, pervading all our rituals and ceremonies; recognized in emblems, colors, and regalia; using every adjunct for strengthening its influence on the soul; speaking to ear and eye in every lecture, charge, sign, and token, and to the touch in grip and pressure; and manifesting itself (silently, like rain, and sunshine, and electricity) in beneficent organizations and institutions; this soul of all its teachings and workings is Odd-Fellowship, the hidden name in the white stone, which he knoweth best who most truly possesses it.

The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, then, are the great principles of our Order, embodied in the mottoes thereof, “In God we trust”, and “Friendship, Love, and Truth”. To illustrate these principles on the limited scale prescribed by human abilities and our pecuniary resources, we have united in Lodges, each of which is a mutual improvement and mutual aid association. And further to extend our operations, and increase our advantages and usefulness together, we have united all these Lodges in a general Order, which we desire to render universal as the family of man on earth.

§ 3. Our Objects.

It is unfortunate for our Order, and for not a few of its members, that too much prominence has been generally given to its feature of pecuniary benefits in seasons of sickness and death, and pecuniary aid in circumstances of want and distress. This, though a laudable and useful trait in our (Continued on page 11)
operations, is hardly a tithe of our aims and objects. By this undue prominence of the pecuniary relief afforded, even our own members have had their attention and efforts greatly withdrawn from the moral and social influences which the Order is so eminently calculated to promote. But so it is: the sudden, the palpable, the material, more readily gains attention than the gradual, the insensible, and the moral. All can see the visitation of the sick, the relief of the distressed, the bounty bestowed on the widow and the orphan whose necessities called for aid; but few stop to estimate the suffering prevented in thousands of families, by relief given before poverty called attention to their situation.

So men look with interested eye, and a ready appreciation of utility, on gurgling spring, and rolling river, and heaving ocean. But how few consider the gentle mist that rises in the morning sun to fall in the evening shower on broad prairie and in fertile valley; and, after working fruitfulness there, to percolate in crystal drops through every vein of rock and earth, until it shall burst forth again in cooling spring and mountainrill, to feed the mighty river and replenish the briny deep.

Men look at our system of weekly benefits, mutual relief, watchings at the sick-bed, burial of the dead, and support of widow and orphan; but their thoughts seldom stray beyond these to the humanizing influences which the performance of these deeds exerts on their doers; nor yet to the social and moral tendencies of the other means employed by Odd-Fellowship for the improvement and elevation of human character.

When the dark war-horses of the storm scud across the sky, shaking the rain-drops from their shaggy manes as they snort aloud in thunder, the electric flash is noticed, and all its brightness commented on. As it descends on lofty mansion or towering oak, shattering them as in wanton sport, its effects are readily seen and estimated in the destruction it has caused. Even when human skill produces it from the battery, and sends it along the imprisoning wire, bearing messages across continent and ocean with a speed greater by far than that of our earth as it revolves around the sun, men still note its wonders, and speculate on its vast utility to the world. But few consider the daily, momently effects of the same fluid in our own organism, as it passes from point to point, feeding the vital fires within, giving circulation to the fluids, movement to the muscles, and the power of thought to the brain. Few think of its constantly wonderful operations when, transfused through the atmosphere and permeating all matter, it imparts vitality to all nature, covering the earth with verdure and filling it with fruitage.

It is not to be wondered at, then, that so many, even among Odd-Fellows, have overlooked, or at times forgotten, the most important uses and aims of Odd-Fellowship to be, the imbuing of the minds of our brethren with proper conceptions of their powers and capacities, giving them just and practical views of their duties and responsibilities, exhibiting their dependence upon God, and bringing them to a knowledge and practice of the true fraternal relations between man and man. And in this, though we begin in the Lodge, and with Odd-Fellows and their families, we fix no bounds or limits but our abilities and our means: our charity begins at home, but ends only with the removal of all suffering and distress.

§ 4. Our Measures and Operations.

Each Lodge is not only a Beneficial, or Mutual Aid Society, but also an Association for mental and moral improvement, whose meetings and operations are designed to improve and elevate the characters of its members. But we are farther reaching in our benefits than such associations usually are. All our Lodges are united in one common Order, so that, under certain simple regulations, the member of any one, when absent from home, can receive from any other the fellowship, the attention, and the relief he would be entitled to from his own Lodge.

Every person who believes in a supreme intelligent Creator and Ruler of the universe; who is of good character, sound health, the proper age and sex, and able to earn a livelihood: for himself and family; who has been accepted as a member, and contributes
the stated sum regularly, is entitled to a certain weekly stipend during disability to labor, and this, whether rich or poor, at home or abroad. If needing more aid, he is not allowed to suffer. If he needs attendance at night, two watchers are regularly provided every night, without care on his part, or trouble to his family. If travelling, and he needs assistance, any Lodge where he may be will render the same services for him. If he dies, a stipulated sum is paid to his family to bury him properly, or his brethren attend to that duty for them. If his wife dies, a similar, but generally smaller allowance is made to pay the expenses of her funeral. If he leaves a family, our covenanted vows embrace their care and welfare in our special duties. And during life, we claim the privilege of observing his deportment in and out of the Lodge with a brother's love and watchfulness, that we may promote his proper interests, encourage him in well-doing, and correct his errors and irregularities; or, failing in this after reasonable time and efforts, that we may save the Lodge from his evils, and his brethren from their bad influences.

But it is with the restraining and reformatory influences of Odd-Fellowship as it is with its prevention of poverty and physical suffering:

“What's done we partly may compute,
But know not what's resisted.”

Many who were inclined to narrowness of soul or vicious conduct, have been slowly but surely improved, and even entirely reformed, by the gentle influences of our Order; and many others, if not reformed, have been prevented from becoming worse by their connection with us: and yet one member, grossly vicious and expelled, has drawn on us more public animadversion than all these have brought us in commendation. Yea, often have we been condemned as encouraging the unworthy by associating with them, when we were laboring hope-fully to reform them, and associated with them to pre-serve them from worse influences.

Our meetings are generally business meetings, to attend to the foregoing duties. But we lose not sight of labors to promote benevolence and charity to all mankind, as well as among our fraternity. In the transaction of our business we pursue strict parliamentary rules, that our members may be qualified for any public stations to which they may be called by their fellow-citizens. And when business has been performed, we indulge in social intercourse, and even in cheerful and innocent hilarity and amusement. But in all strict order and decorum, good-fellowship and prudence are constantly to be kept in view.

The government and arrangement of degrees and stations of the Order will be further unfolded in their proper place, and we therefore pass them here with the remark that we have few salaried officers, and they earn all they receive. Aside from the necessary expenses of sustaining such a wide-spread and efficient organization, our funds are sacredly devoted and applied to the sole objects for which they are contributed, and by the very persons who contribute them.

§ 5. The Duties of Odd-Fellowship.

The great duties of our Order, by and through which we aim to improve and exalt the character of our members, are few in number:—1. To visit the sick. 2. To relieve the distressed. 3. To bury the dead. 4. To educate the orphan. To these we have added, by charges and obligations, two others, viz., to aid the widow, and to exercise over each other fraternal watch, care, and moral discipline.

Simple as these are, they cover the whole ground, when viewed through our great principles. And though designed for special application to the Order, yet are they always stated and enforced in a general sense. The funds contributed for the use of members and their families only, are generally applied as designed. But members are never instructed that they may rest satisfied with performing these duties to Odd-Fellows alone. On the contrary, general benevolence and charity out of the Lodge are inculcated in it.

§ 6. Privileges of Odd-Fellowship.

Let no one unite with the Order merely to learn its secrets, wear its regalia and decorations, or insure himself provision in

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case of sickness and distress. These are privileges, it is true, to those who have other and nobler objects in view; but they cost more of labor, and time, and money than they are worth to the merely curious, vain, or selfish man. Such will find it a burden to perform an equal share of our duties and labors, and he may possibly be insured against sickness as certainly and more cheaply, in a mere insurance association.

But to one whose generous heart delights in well doing, and admires our principles, and desires to find means for increasing his usefulness to suffering man, our Order presents the strongest inducements. We open for him a field beyond the limits of his party or his church, as well as within it, needing his labors and offering joyous recompense for his toils.

No church in its present state is extensive enough in its fellowship to embrace many good men who need the ministration of kindred spirits, nor far-reaching enough to reach even its own members when distant from it, and needing aid and protection. But if an Odd-Fellow, far away from kindred and home, falls down by the wayside, penniless and faint, he has but to inform the nearest Lodge, and hands are reached out to provide, and watchers are at his side to uphold his drooping frame. Or, if he falls under the cold suspicions of an unfriendly world, and is cast unmeritedly into a felon’s cell, brothers are active around him with counsel, and labor to remove the dark web of circumstances that becloud his fame or endanger his life, to secure him a fair trial, and, if just, a proper acquittal and a safe return to society and friends.

In doing this, and other deeds of like kindness, we interfere with no individual duty; call for no neglect of proper interests; supersede no social, ecclesiastical, or political action. We leave every member free as before in his obligations, duties, and opinions. But we enlarge his acquaintance around him, and associate him in labor with thousands with whom he has never before acted. We open all around him a field for benevolence, in which his feet had never trod, nor his mind and hands labored. We increase his means and measures for blessing others, and thus happifying himself, by placing the resources of our Order at his disposal. We extend indefinitely his operations, so that the suffering and needy, at the extremities of our vast brotherhood, may feel the succor and share the bounty he aids in directing. And, by the most beautiful lessons, we instruct him in those great principles which will not only inform his own mind and render more susceptible to goodness his own heart, but will enable him, if he so wills, to become an apt teacher and ready example to others, in all those virtues that adorn and bless humanity.

“If he so wills.” The sands of the arid desert as well as the soil of the fruitful field, drink in the sunshine and the rain that come from above. Pharisee and Sadducee, as well as the loving heart and believing soul, sit under the teachings of the same gospel. But how widely different the effects of these same influences on each! So in Odd Fellowship there are those who profit not by precept and example; who remain exclusive amid all its liberality; selfish, in the profusion of its generosity; penurious, surrounded by its charity and benevolence; and vicious and hateful, though enveloped in its atmosphere of purity and loving-kindness. We say, therefore, “if he so wills”—for, after all, it depends on himself whether he will profit by our teaching and training.

To all, then, who are willing to learn and to do good, we give the invitation to join our ranks. And to remove any lingering scruple of the conscientious, we say, should Odd-Fellowship tender you any obligation, or require of you any duty, conflicting with the duties you owe to God, to humanity, to your country, your family, or your friends, we enjoin you to leave it for ever, as hollow in its pretensions and unworthy the favor of community.

The Odd-Fellow’s Improved Manual
— Grosh
2022 Annual Communication of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

'WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN'
August 2021

To the Officers and Grand Representatives of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Officers and Members
of all Units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, beginning Monday morning, 15th August 2022, and ending Thursday afternoon, 18th August 2022.

Headquarters and Sessions
Twin City Quarter

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
195th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
105th Annual Session

General Military Council
118th Annual Session

Youth Days

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

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2022 Pre-Registration Form

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

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
August 15 to 18, 2022

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register

Name ____________________________________________
(as desired on badge)

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

Title for name badge ____________________________________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________

City, St./Prv, Postal Code ____________________________________________

Telephone _________________________________ Email __________________________

Registration Information

Registrations on or before July 26, 2022, $75.00 $ ______________________
 Registrations after July 26, 2022, $80.00 $ ______________________

Highlight Events

Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 12, $45.00 $ ______________________
Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 13, $45.00 $ ______________________
Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 15, $70.00 $ ______________________
Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 17, $60.00 $ ______________________

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars $ ______________________

No refund on meals if not attending when canceled after the 26th of July, unless your reservation is picked up at registration by another attendee.

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2022 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

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

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For Marriott use the code: **IOOF - Oddfellows**
For Embassy Suites use the code: **SGL**

Information to have available when calling to make a reservation:

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Address: 
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Additional Guests: 
Phone Number: Email: 
Card Number: Exp. Date: 
Arrival Date: Departure Date: 

**Special Event Request**

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 Twin City Quarter Winston-Salem. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule—also see the menus on line.

Group Name: __________________________________________
Contact Person: _________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________
City, St./Prov., Postal Code: ________________________________
Telephone: ___________________________ Email: ________________
Type of Event: ___________________________________________
(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktail reception, etc.)
Date and Time: __________________________________________
Number expected: _________________________________________
Special requests: _________________________________________

(Mikes, Podium, PowerPoint, etc.)
Mail all requests to:
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Lodge: _____________________________
Mailing Address: _____________________
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$10 per book (GST included)

Total

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Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dearest Brothers and Sisters all,

Having spoken some about a number of membership challenges, getting new members, in addition to the importance of ongoing and long-term member retention to build out our lodges and programs, I feel obligated to speak about the interference and potential harm caused by thoughtless, “knee-jerk”, impulsive behavior directed at others in the Lodge setting. By impulsive, I mean a tendency to act without thinking about the exact words or actions prior to behaving, without forethought, not sorting out or fully appreciating how this may impact or affect others’ feelings negatively, or at all. Being harsh, boisterous, overly judgmental, indifferent or unkind. Like my mom used to say, putting your mouth in gear when it’s not connected to your brain. Impulsivity, leading to fighting or squabbling, undermines the quality relationships inherent in our fraternal association, central to our identity and credo of Friendship, Love, and Truth, just who we are as true Brothers and Sisters, tainting the experience when many are searching for wholesome and satisfying involvement, attachments and valued memories.

So please always think matters through before you act. Think of the possible results and consequences of your actions in advance. Be deliberate, but thoughtful. Don’t do or say anything you might have to apologize for, even though perhaps a heartfelt and sincere apology might make a situation better, it’s not nearly as a solid of a response as exercising self-control and saying the correct words, demonstrating the noble action at the time when needed. Sometimes saying hurtful things does irreparable damage, and an apology might not make it better, like a Humpty Dumpty scenario. Sometimes an apology ends up as a stack of apologies, perhaps given freely, but seemingly insincerely, or at least unremittingly as the aberrant behavior reoccurs.

The members need to feel at ease and comfortable, in Lodge and otherwise, want for an open and free exchange, and to listen as well as to be heard. People are merely human, and if there is lack of regard, there may be loss of enthusiasm and cohesiveness; flat out, even membership attrition. Do think and reflect about it, as with all the competing life events and varied social and recreational opportunities for everyone and their families to choose from, recognize how impulsivity can be a barrier and interferes with harmony and resultant satisfaction. We need a steady hand and consistency as to how we treat each other, like the special jewels we each are. The trust that develops and dependability on one another which results, will be the glue that keeps us fully integrated and moves us forward in lockstep. This is what will help bring in new members. Remember too, these newer members searching for meaning, could easily leave a Lodge which is in disarray or chaos, prior to seeing a positive return on their investment of time and resources.

We’ve said before, we’re all in it together, so let’s get along and show it. If you get stressed, slow down, take it easy, take a break, count to 10 with deep breathing, or look at how you might feel under similar circumstances. Get anger management help if you need it. Don’t try to force an outcome just for purposes of controlling or expediting an agenda, through bossing, bullying, or intimidation, as what will you have accomplished in the end? What will have been demonstrated? Forced compliance becomes a completely empty exercise, devoid of happy campers and any meaningful or significant future for them. No doubt everyone

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has heard prior, “There is no letter I in the word team”. Get with the team if you haven’t been; it can’t be done alone. Also, let understanding and your value systems guide your path. Not meaning to dwell unnecessarily on this topic, but I would be doing a disservice if this issue were simply glossed over as I’ve personally observed it, it’s problematic for us, in fact I’ve been the recipient of some of this lashing out on occasion, even on the floor at Grand Lodge Session. It’s unbecoming as well as it hurts morale.

No secret, as often it’s about the Golden Rule. Treating others the way you wish to be treated, or inversely, not treating others in a manner you wish to not be treated. Sometimes it’s as easy as that. An authoritative management or leadership style under many conditions may be efficient in the near term for completing business quickly, but may lack sensitivity. Remember ours is a “family business”, and while at any given moment we have leaders amongst our members, the leaders come from the members. Always look to and be aware of the example being set for others to follow. Lodge work provides opportunities to refine skills, and show our abilities and intentions. Members often wish to share, or have their opinions heard and counted. A more participatory leadership style emphasizes fostering an environment where people are genuinely valued, like a resource, with chances to contribute, showing there is room for them, their thoughts and feelings, and they will be able to bring forth ideas as well. The leader may set the stage, and helps to coordinate the agenda, but it’s the team process you will want to focus on. If you do, no doubt you will experience a significant increase in member satisfaction, and great retention, as these members will want to stay and be part of an inclusive team which takes what they can offer up seriously, as they would with you. Mutuality is calming, satisfying and productive, a long-lasting model which survives the passage of time.

Poor impulse control doesn’t necessarily mean you’re a bad person, again just slow down and think matters through before going on “auto pilot” or “flipping the switch”. We have all seen impulsive behavior in children, such as running out in street traffic to fetch a ball. They aren’t thinking of dramatic consequences, like being run over simply playing a game they may be enjoying, being oblivious to their immediate surroundings. Conversely in Lodge, a noble leader behaves with due deliberation, demonstrates an approach to emulate, with sincerity, peace and serenity, dignity and concern for each individual, and in moving the Order forward as one; never at loggerheads. The noble member responds in kind, being self-assured they are indeed valued, knowing their offerings are considered, as all work simultaneously for the betterment of the Lodge, its endeavors, community outreach, and member support.

You’re always going to run into someone who doesn’t believe or feel as you may, but that doesn’t mean your thoughts are necessarily correct and theirs wrong, or vice versa. It’s OK to disagree with one another over matters about the Lodge, just don’t personalize it, or be disagreeable in your demeanor. Wouldn’t it be sad if we were all completely the same? Assuredly, it’s our diversity which brings together those of different backgrounds, variety of skill sets and life experiences, in tandem, for thoughtful and meaningful outcomes for our Organization, the World, and each involved.

Thanks for listening.

Yours in fraternity—Most sincerely and in your fraternal service,

s/ Robert L. Kowalski, PGM
IOOF Membership Chairperson
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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:

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The Pilgrimage for Youth Program will take place this summer!! We have 93 Delegates from 26 Jurisdictions. We did not reach our goal of filling 3 buses, but we still showed a 30% increase over our last tour of 2019. We are very excited to rebuild this wonderful program to what it was before covid. There is a long way to go and the journey depends on the support that we can get from our local Lodges through your support in sending delegates as well as your monetary contributions. This is an investment in your future and your ability to maintain and sustain your Lodge membership. The Pilgrimage for Youth Board appreciates anything you can do to help us built on our future. Our Sovereign Grand Master, the Honorable Chuck Lusk has repeatedly said that we need to be seen in our communities and showcase what the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are all about. When you sponsor a delegate you are sending the greatest ambassador and spokesman that you will ever have for your lodge. Be a light in your community; showcase the PFY program; create ambassadors for the Order; sustain, maintain and build your membership! Start thinking about sponsoring a delegate for 2023 now.

Information:
- April 1, 2022. Final payment is due along with Delegate applications.
- Pilgrimage for Youth Phone number has changed. The new number is 304 550-9434. The web site has been updated to reflect this change. You can call or text me on this line.

All payments and applications are to be sent to: Leonard Bolton
PFY Executive Director
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