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

Ruth A. Earl
President
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

General Earl F. Wys
General Commanding
General Military Council-Patriarchs Militant

The Honorable
Michelle L. Heckart
Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Sovereign Grand Master’s Message

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Sympathy to:

PSGM Danny M. Wood with the death of his daughter

The family of PP-IALAPM (10-11) Lady Mae I. Haussler—11.5.22

Thoughts & Prayers to:


Bernita Roberts, wife of GC-r John Roberts—knee surgery.
Dear Brothers and Sisters of all units of Odd Fellowship,

In Iowa, the fall season has arrived. Crops are being harvested, preparations are being made for cold weather, and the leaves are changing into vibrant colors. Here the changes in seasons can come quickly and unexpectedly, and we are not always ready for those changes, but it’s a part of life.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are not always open to new ideas. We do not change as quickly as the seasons. Change can be good as long as it does not affect the integrity of our Organization. We need to stand firm on the foundation which makes us unique as a fraternal organization, but we also need to be open to new ideas for growth in membership, opportunities for community service, and developing new ways to promote the projects of our order to meet today’s needs.

It was an honor to attend Sister Ruth Earle’s Testimonial weekend in Michigan. We had a relaxed weekend of Odd Fellowship and a wonderful trip to Mackinaw Island. Sister Ruth we are here for you and so happy you are a part of our team.

I have had the privilege of visiting six jurisdictional Grand Lodges since August. I am constantly amazed at the wonderful projects our Lodges are promoting in their Jurisdictions. Helping schools by providing books for underprivileged children, scholarships, hats and mittens, back pack projects for school supplies or after school meals. Taking care of our Veterans by supporting the Honor Flight Project, reading material and clothing to our Veteran’s Hospitals. Supporting local food banks, women’s shelters, and special needs children. These are just a few of the projects being promoted in our Jurisdictions.

We are doing a great job in our communities, but unfortunately, I have also realized that we have become very complacent in helping our lodges to succeed. We appoint District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Presidents to install officers, but do not encourage them or take time to train them to fulfill the rest of their duties. They are to help instruct the lodges under their care in the proper way to hold meetings, teaching them to follow the ritual, reading the fine print, checking to make sure the lodges are in good standing with the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, and instructing them on projects of the Order, membership, and code changes.

Our Grand Lodges, Rebekah Assemblies, Grand Encampments, and Department Councils need to Pull Together as a team to develop a membership program for their jurisdiction. Set realistic goals! Encourage your units to also set goals for membership and give them the tools and help needed to succeed. The SGL has a wonderful membership packet to help you with ideas and to give you the tools to get started. It is not a quick fix, the program takes time and hard work, but nothing worthwhile is ever easy. Brother Robert Kowalski, our SGL membership chairman, is also available to help you promote membership in your Jurisdiction. Give him a call for new ideas!

Every lodge in your jurisdiction should

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

I must begin this letter with a huge thank you to everyone who had a part in making my testimonial weekend one that I will never forget! All the work and planning paid off in a big way. Even the weather cooperated with a beautiful day on Mackinaw Island and the banquet with entertainment was terrific. Thank you for all the well-wishes, cards, gifts and hugs received. I was sorry to hear that several contracted Covid, myself included, and had to quarantine when they got home, but thankfully most of the cases were relatively mild and it seems everyone is back out and going again. Just a reminder for us to remain vigilant and be careful.

October is an especially busy month for Rebekah Assembly sessions and found your IARA Executive traveling extensively in the US and Canada. I am so proud of the Assemblies and the work that is being done in the jurisdictions I have visited. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are truly remarkable people! Our mission of helpfulness and kindness at this place in history almost seems more “odd” than it was in the 18th century. We are needed just as much today, if not more, than we were in the seventeen hundreds! While the government is supplying many of the benefits the Oddfellows once gave, the helping hand and the simple kindnesses are needed possibly more than ever. This old world can be a dangerous and unforgiving place where friendship, love and truth is rare. Show friendship and love, share truth – be “odd”.

There is a definite nip in the air, and we have had some frosty mornings here in Michigan. Our Upper Peninsula even received several inches of snow last week! It makes me glad that I am not a yupper. The seasons change and time marches on. With Halloween behind us, many major Holidays are coming up fast. Have you a plan for how to show appreciation to the Veterans in your community this Veterans Day? How can you help the less fortunate in your area to have a better Thanksgiving? This is an especially good time of the year to involve yourself in community activities. If you do not have a project started, consider partnering with another group in helping to make the holidays happier for those less fortunate. Volunteers are always appreciated and it is an opportunity to meet new people and find potential new members! Soooooo…..get going and get growing!

The stores have been full of holiday decorations for weeks already. Boxing Day, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa are among the many special events coming up. However you celebrate the season I wish for you joyous Holidays filled with fun, family and friends. Peace and Blessings of the Season to you all,

Ruthie

Believe in the Magic

Conceive, Believe, Achieve
Greetings!

The Autumn Season is once again upon us. Our younger Family members, friends and neighbors always look forward to Halloween and I trust it was enjoyable to all. The farmers are in the process of retrieving their crops. Soon it will be time for giving thanks for the harvest. Thanksgiving is a time for reflection. In addition, to thanking our Heavenly Father for the bountiful harvest we must include all other blessings which we received through the year. Think about those joys of life which are often overlooked... Like additions to our Family (newborns, marriages, etc.), new members to our Odd Fellows, good health, promotions, renewal of old friendships, etc. Now is the time to plan and enjoy a celebration with family and friends. However, I must add a word of caution...COVID-19 Delta, etc. is still out there! Be careful, NOT sorry! If YOU are comfortable getting shots to counteract the viruses out there, keep your shots up to date.

The Winter Season is NOT that far away. Think about setting New Year’s resolutions. Do NOT just set easy resolutions. Challenging resolutions will be more rewarding. One thing I started in 2022 and plan to continue into 2023, is whenever there is a special occasion, I present a gift to all my immediate family members. Birthdays, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, etc. Yes, I give all my Family member a gift even on everyone’s birthday. The gift does NOT need to have great value, just something which says, I am thinking of YOU. Another rewarding resolution would be to let go of old differences with family and old friends. Life is too short to carry differences any farther down the road. The Scripture’s command us to “Love one Another”, let’s do it! If YOU are uncomfortable in making in-person contact, please call, text and or, e-mail. It does not matter how YOU make contact, just do it. Travel safely carry blankets, candles, food, flash-light, etc. with YOU!

In 2023 there will been two Blue Moons! Do YOU know what makes a Blue Moon and when they will occur? Look for the answers in the next issue. Less than 3% of the Full Moons are a Blue Moons. Which month is least likely to have a Blue Moon and if it happens, how is it possible? Next time YOU see me, give me your answers.

October is perhaps the busiest month for Department Council Sessions. Many dates conflict and that has restricted me from going to some sessions. Just the same, YOU and your Department Council are important! … Support your Department Council. Do not just go, get involved. Invite members to travel with YOU and get them involved as well. Membership is rapidly becoming an issue. We are all on the membership team, invite the good people in your life to become a member. I suggest YOU get your former LAPM members involved, they are a valuable resource and very capable. If they have yet to participate in the PM activities, give them a word of encouragement and offer a ride.

Thank YOU for your attention!

Chivalrously,

s/ General Earl F. Wys

We Must Pull Together!
have a Jurisdictional Constitution and By-laws, as well as The SGL Code of General Laws to use as guidelines for making sound decisions based on facts not hearsay. No one person can possibly remember all the changes made to our codes yearly, so it is important that they are sent all updates in a timely manner! Education and communication are the keys to our success. Keeping our members in the dark only causes frustration and confusion.

By the time you receive this my Testimonial will have taken place in Des Moines, Iowa. I want to thank the committee and the wonderful members of my Jurisdiction for making my weekend very special and memorable. A special thank you to everyone who traveled to share this weekend with me. You are all on this journey with me. Thank you for your encouragement and continued support. You are truly the “Wind Beneath My Wings”.

This is the season of Thanksgiving, and though our Brothers and Sisters here and abroad, may celebrate at different times of the year, everyday should be a time to be thankful for the Blessings we have received. Be mindful of our shut ins. Send cards, make phone calls, take them gift baskets, but especially keep them informed of your lodge’s activities so they can still feel connected to their lodge family. Remember those in your communities that are less fortunate. Share Odd Fellowship, by providing warm meals, clothing, and most of all a kind word of encouragement, lets show them we really do care. Hugs go a long way in healing those in need.

Remember your obligations, believe in our Valediction, be a positive team player, be part of the solution not part of the problem, and learn to compromise. We are all Brothers and Sisters, and by Pulling Together we will succeed and make this world a better place to live.

If there is anything, we can do to help you or your lodge, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Do not forget to watch for our Float in the Rose Parade!

Whatever your beliefs are at this Holiday season, my Executive Team and I wish you a healthy, safe, and Blessed Christmas.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
s/ Michelle L. Heckart
Sovereign Grand Master

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Brother Barry G. Rector was initiated on June 21, 1994 into Nantucket Lodge #66 of Nantucket, Massachusetts. He is a member of Buckingham Encampment #65 and Canton Shawmut #1. He is also a charter member of Island Rebekah Lodge #24 and was a predominant force in re-instituting that lodge in May 1999 after it had been defunct for over thirty years. Brother Rector has served both as a DDGM and DDP on several occasions in his home jurisdiction of Massachusetts. He served as Grand Master in 2008 and is currently serving as Grand Co-Instructor. He has also served as Grand Representative several terms since 2010 and has been on the Communications Committee since June 2021.

Brother Jeffrey Kiefer joined the Order on January 12, 2020 as a member of Pacheco Lodge #117 in Concord, California. In addition to his duties to the lodge as groundskeeper and capital projects coordinator, he is also a Trustee. He created and maintains the IOOF Lodge Directory (iooflodgedirectory.org) and has an extensive background in web development and web services. In 2021 he was invited to participate in The SGL Communications Committee and in 2022 was officially appointed to serve on the committee. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Branding and Marketing. As the “new kid on the block” he appreciates the wisdom and guidance of senior members and looks forward to contributing his time, talents, and abilities to further the Good of the Order.

As you can see, your Communications Committee is a diverse group with varying kinds of experience. Better yet, we’re here to put that experience to work for you. In coming months we’ll have articles outlining exactly what we will be doing to help share the message of Odd Fellowship on electronic media in the 21st Century. Until then, feel free to contact us with any comments, questions, or concerns about electronic communication at our email address: ioofcommunications@gmail.com.
Thomas Wildey Day
Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, pursuant to a dream, Thomas Wildey founded an Order that in time would influence men and women of every walk of life, and
Whereas, it is appropriate to remember the founder of our Order who through his vision, determination, wisdom and talent saw the culmination of his dream, which resulted into the priceless heritage, we enjoy today.

Now therefore, I, Michelle L. Heckart, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,

That January 15, 2023 the anniversary date of the birth of our founder be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Wildey with special ceremony on or as near the 15th of January as is possible, and
Further, all Units of the Order are encouraged to initiate a Wildey Class in celebration of the occasion, and
Further, that the month of January be Thomas Wildey Museum Month in which members are encouraged to contribute to the museum, either monetarily or with items for display.
Contributions should be sent to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., Thomas Wildey Museum, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of November 2022, and in the 204th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ Michelle L. Heckart
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Master
Sovereign Grand Secretary

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Educational Foundation
Proclamation

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

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Educational Foundation, the oldest project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1927, has made it possible for thousands of people from all walks of life to further their education with low interest loans amounting to more than 7.4 million dollars, and
Whereas, the Educational Foundation depends upon donations from all Units and members for its continued service in this most important field, and
Whereas, the need for loans is ever increasing to meet the higher cost of helping men and women to find their place in life, working in all types of professional, business and trade fields, and
Whereas, one of our commands is: ‘to educate’; what better way to achieve this command than through loans and scholarships of the Educational Foundation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Done this 1st day of November 2022, in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and of our Order the 204th year.

Attest: /s/ Michelle L. Heckart
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Master
Sovereign Grand Secretary
Hugh J. Bradley
Distinguished Service Award

The Hugh Bradley Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize the outstanding efforts of an individual, member or group of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for outstanding and unusual contributions in furthering the cause of vision. This can be through education, preservation efforts and/or financial or other assistance.

Nominees must meet the following requirements:
1] Be a member or group of members in good standing of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge within the Jurisdiction submitting the nomination.
2] Be nominated by an Odd Fellows Lodge or Rebekah Lodge, Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly or Jurisdiction Eye Committee operating under a contract with the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Visual Research Foundation.
3] Have demonstrated outstanding and unusual efforts on behalf of the vision program at the local or jurisdictional level.
4] Produce written evidence or documentation of how those efforts have benefitted individuals in preserving or aiding vision or in educating the public about available options for preserving vision or aiding in the ability to see.

Nominations with requested information must be submitted and received no later than March 15th. Send nominations to:
Mark E. Ulrich, Chairman
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation
1107 Walnut St E
Devils Lake, ND 58301-3240

The Odd Fellow and Rebekah Visual Research Foundation Committee, at its Mid-Year Meeting will consider the nominations and determine if there is one worthy of the award. The committee reserves the right to not make the award every year if the committee members feel there is no nominee who has met the requirements and merits the award. If you have made nominations previously and that application did not receive the award, please resubmit again for review.

The award, a large pyramid-shaped trophy, will be presented to the winner at the opening ceremonies of the annual sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in August.

NOMINATION APPLICATION

1] Name of Nominee:
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3] Name of Lodge, Grand Body or Jurisdiction Making Nomination:
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4] Give a brief description of eye project in which nominee has been involved:

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

6] Attach documentation from Agency, Institution, and/or Individuals who can attest to the benefits derived from nominee’s efforts in behalf of visual assistance.

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

If more space is needed, please add additional sheet(s).
Ukraine Relief
Office of the Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Continuing from March 2022

9 March 2022

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/ Michelle L. Heckart
Sovereign Grand Master

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,

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Meet Your Communications Committee by Toby Hanson, Past Sovereign Grand Musician

“So what does your committee do, exactly?”

It’s a question we’re used to answering quite often. According to The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code, we are charged with “overseeing and promoting the electronic communications of The S.G.L. and its Grand Bodies.” In practice, that puts us in charge of pretty much anything official from The Sovereign Grand Lodge that goes out on the Internet, including our website and various forms of social media. In subsequent articles we will be sharing more details about what we do and how we can be of service to your jurisdiction. To start with, however, we wanted to let all of you get to know who we are as a committee. Each of us is a dedicated member with years of experience in Odd Fellowship at various levels. Please allow us to introduce ourselves.

Brother Wayne Geurts joined the Odd Fellows March 3, 1980. He served as Noble Grand of his lodge in 1985, became a District Deputy in 1989, and served on the Grand Lodge of Ontario Board of Directors from 1992 to 2003. He joined his local Rebekah Lodge in 1992, Encampment in 1991 and his Cantor in 2010. He served a term as Grand Master of Ontario in 2012-13 and has been serving as Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Ontario since 2013. PSGM John Miller appointed him to the Communications Committee in 2018 where he served through 2022. During that time he responded daily to Facebook messages on the various official Facebook groups for the IOOF. Currently Brother Geurts serves as an ad hoc committee member, consulting on various projects.

Brother Ainslie Heilich joined the Order in May 2013. He is a charter member and Past Grand of Tuscola #316 in Tuscola, Illinois; a member of Owl Creek Rebekah Lodge #91, Champaign Encampment #68, and Canton Zorar #18, all of Fisher, Illinois. He serves on the Grand Lodge of Illinois IOOF Web Committee and has been Sovereign Grand Webmaster of iodf.org since 2018. Ainslie built and maintains that website as well as responding to all the emails that come in through it and assists with social media member group moderation. Side projects with which Brother Ainslie has been involved include the Heart-In-Hand Blog, The Three Links Odd Cast, and the Odd Fellows’ Primer member guidebook.

Brother Wilbert Lemuel joined the Order on October 19, 2019 as a member of French Lodge #89 of Richwood, New Jersey. He is a charter member of Winslow-Hammonton Lodge #40 in Hammonton, New Jersey; a member of Miriam Rebekah Lodge of Burlington, NJ; a member of Chosen Friends Encampment #88 of Malvern, Pennsylvania; and a member of Canton Philadelphia #1 of Pennsylvania. He serves on the Membership & Communications Committee for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and assists with the Grand Lodge website. As a member of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Communications Committee he assists in the moderation of the social media groups and serves on the Subcommittee for Branding and Marketing.

Brother Toby Hanson was initiated into Ballard-Alki Lodge #170 of Seattle on July 13, 2000. Since that time, he has steadily risen through the ranks of the Order. He has been Noble Grand of three different lodges and served three terms as Chief Patriarch of his Encampment. At higher levels, he was Grand Patriarch of Washington 2007-08 and Grand Master of Washington 2018-19. His first office in the Grand Lodge was Grand Musician, to which he was first appointed in 2003. His musical skills were especially useful when he served as Sovereign Grand Musician under PSGM Wes Nelson 2019-21. He is a frequent contributor to the Washington Odd Fellow newspaper, the Heart-In-Hand blog, and is the producer, editor, and co-host of the Three Links Odd Cast.

Brother David “Ace” Adams joined the Order on November 24, 1978 as a member of Winnebago City Lodge #30 in Minnesota. In that jurisdiction he serves as a youth camp board director, chair of the Visual Service and Membership committees, and editor of their paper. He served as Grand Master in 2007-08, Department Commander in 2010-11, and Grand Patriarch 2012-13. Since 2006 he has served Minnesota as Grand Representative, assisting or serving on the Communications Committee since that time. He is currently chair of the committee, a yearly appointment by the Sovereign Grand Master. Although he may not be tech-savvy, he is definitely a good resource for the group.

Brother Stanford “Taka” Shiroma joined the Order on February 19, 2002 in Excelsior Lodge #1 of Honolulu, Hawaii. He is also a member of Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1, Polynesian Encampment #1, and Canton Kamehameha #1. Brother Shiroma has served in a variety of positions at The Sovereign Grand Lodge. He was Grand Representative 2012-14, Sovereign Grand Marshal 2014-15 for PSGM Jimmy Humphrey, Sovereign Grand Conductor 2015-16 for PSGM Danny Wood, and was appointed to the Communications Committee by PSGM Doug Pittman. Taka shares that his greatest enjoyment is meeting all the wonderful people of

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Testimonial Honoring
General Earl F. Wys
General Commanding
General Military Council, P.M. I.O.O.F.
Testimonial Weekend May 12-13, 2023

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Hotel: see next page.

Registration Deadline Hotel and Meals:

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Friday Evening Chuck Wagon BBQ - 6:00 p.m. $30.00 $ ________
1409 S Crest Dr, Peoria, IL 61605

Saturday Formal Night Testimonial Dinner - 6:00 p.m. $40.00 $ ________
Fried Chicken and Roast Beef
2900 West Lake Ave, Peoria, IL 61615

Total Enclosed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $ ________

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One Registration Per Person

Name ____________________________ Title/Rank ______________________
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Checks Payable to: Earl Wys and mail to: 2625 N Woodhaven DR, Peoria, IL 61604
Testimonial Weekend Honoring General Earl F. Wys
General Commanding General Military Council, P.M. I.O.O.F.

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Springhill Suites by Marriott
2701 West Lake Ave, Peoria, IL  61615
Call: (309) 681-2700—group: “Odd Fellows”

Hotel Rate $115 per night plus applicable taxes
Free Parking—Free Hot Breakfast—Free Access to The Clubs at River City

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Book your group rate for: Odd Fellows
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7 miles to PIA airport
Odd Fellows Sponsor
World Title Muay Thai Champion
Jermaine “JJ” Soto

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank each, and everyone of you guys gals from the bottom of my heart. I've received so many messages from all over the world of Odd Fellows as well as my brothers and sisters re-posting my record-breaking August 20th World Title defense making my 38 second fight go viral.

Also helping me get through training camp being there for me spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally. I couldn’t ask to be part of a better Order. I'm sorry that this message may be received a little bit late but unfortunately, six days after my title defense, I was involved in a horrible car accident totaling my car, breaking my leg also causing a few herniated discs in my lower back my neck, and also losing mobility in my left arm. Still, that is no excuse for me to not have reached out to my brothers and sisters sooner. It took me some time to try to figure out the right words to say because I can't put in words how I feel about our Order and how much the Odd Fellows mean to me and having your support.

It brings me pleasure to know that I have been a part of an historic event with our Order and now my official fight shorts that I wore on the pay-per-view event are in The Sovereign Grand Lodge Museum. I'm slowly healing up and before you know it, I'll be back to normal and I'll be able to get back in the ring and represent our Order to the best of my capabilities once again. Thank you so much for everything and if there’s anything that I could do further for our Order, I will be there!!!

In FL&T,

Brother Jermaine ‘JJ’ Soto
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Phone: 515/245-5500

Group Rates—August 17-26, 2023
All Rates are $175.00—Single-Double-Triple-Quad
Tax Rate Presently 12%

Reference Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge 2023

Information to have available when calling to make a reservation:
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
City/State/Postal Code: __________________________________________________________________
Additional Guests: __________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________ Email: __________________
Card Number: ____________________ Exp. Date: ______________
Arrival Date: ____________________ Departure Date: ______________

Reservations must be made by: July 26, 2023
2023 Pre-Registration Form

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

Des Moines, Iowa
August 21 to 24, 2023

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register
(One form per attendee)

Name ___________________________________________ Jurisdiction __________________________

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 27, 2023, $75.00 $ ________________
Registrations after July 27, 2023, $100.00 $ ________________

Highlight Events

Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 18 — $60.00 (Fried Chicken) $ ________________
(Formal Attire - Youth; Semi-formal Attire - Guests)

Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 19 — $65.00 (Sliced Ham/Seared Chicken Breast) (Business Casual Attire) $ ________________

Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 21 — $75.00 (Grilled Pork Chop) (Formal Attire) $ ________________

Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 23 — $80.00 (Beef Brisket) (Formal Attire — Installation to follow dinner) $ ________________

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars $ ________________

No refund on meals if not attending when canceled after the 27th 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:
2023 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
Marty and Sue Zylstra, Co-Chairs
211 Thornton Avenue
Des Moines, IA  50315

Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here: ___________________________
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SOCKS FOR VETS

At the 2022 IARA Sessions held in Winston-Salem, NC the Rebekah Sisters and Brothers were invited to bring pairs of socks for veterans. The program is called “SOCKS FOR VETS”.

On November 11th the United States of America and Canada will honor the men and women who have or are serving in the Armed Forces. These veterans have left their family and friends to protect their country. Some have returned home suffering from both physical and mental health issues. They often end up homeless and in need of food, clothing and health care.

Our program aimed to provide socks to veterans in a shelter called "SERVANT CENTER" located in Greensboro, NC. They provide care for homeless service men and women. The Director of Management and Development, Leah Murray, came to speak with our members on Thursday, August 18, 2022. She was overwhelmed at the generosity of the Rebekahs. We presented her with 1100 pairs of socks.

Being from a military family, my heart was touched by the generosity shown by the Rebekahs that week. REBEKAHS DO CARE AND SHARE. Thank you to all who participated.

I would like to challenge everyone to participate in SOCKS FOR VETS at their lodge. Please let me know the results so that we can announce your success next year in Iowa.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Gail Weatherhead, PP-I.A.R.A.

SOCKS FOR Vets

[Rebekahs and Odd Fellows do care and share – let us take this project to the next level.]

The program called “SOCKS FOR VETS”, is an opportunity for the community and our lodges to give back to Veterans.

Let us as Americans and Canadians honor the men and women who have or are serving in the Armed Forces. These veterans have left their family and friends to protect their country. Some have returned home suffering from both physical and mental health issues. They often end up homeless and in need of food, clothing and health care.

Ask local businesses or place of worship to set out a collection bin asking the community or congregation to participate.

Contact your local Veterans Shelter/Program for a contact and date of transfer; contact the local newspaper and/or television/radio station for that added publicity. Let’s collect and donate 500,000 socks in 2023 by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

_________________________ Rebekah Lodge / Lodge No. ______

Jurisdiction of ________________________________

Pairs of Socks donated: ______________

Donation to buy Socks: ______________

Mail your report to: Socks for Vets, 422 N Trade St, Winston-Salem, NC  27101-2830

or email: ioofthesgl@ioof.org
Let us Remember and Honor our Veterans

Veterans Day — all year long

Collecting Socks for Vets in conjunction with:

__________________

(name of business / place of worship)

__________________ Rebekah Lodge / Lodge No. ______

The socks collected will be donated to ____________________
How to get new members
— Ask.

Use a prospective member scheme.

Be active in a community project.

Host a community function in the lodge.

Ask the Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly for a copy of the membership packet for additional ideas and training lessons.
PLEAASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE

The SGL - IARA Membership Program
SPONSOR of NEW MEMBER

Sponsor Name ________________________________________________________________
New Member’s Lodge __________________________________________________________
Lodge Secretary Name _________________________________________________________
Address __________________________City __________________________State/Province _____________
Postal/Zip Code __________________________

NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted __________________________Bro. ___ Sis. ___
Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
City ________________________________________________________________
State/Province _________________________________________________________
Postal/Zip Code _________________________________________________________
Date of Birth: M/D/Y _______________________________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________________

MAIL, FAX, E-mail
TO:

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

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

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Greetings to each Brother and Sister,

Sharing is caring

As we approach the end of the calendar year and the start of another, it becomes increasingly important to discuss the value of sharing in all its forms. Acts of sharing, or failure to share, directly affect our membership base, positively or negatively. In a fraternal organization, sharing becomes a necessary prerequisite for growth. Sharing is also central to the development of human relationships and a well-structured society. Sharing often involves an act of sacrifice, giving up something valued for something else considered worthier and more important. Sharing facilitates the formation of trust amongst each other where we depend on one another. It helps create a sense of teamwork and belonging, a shared vision and destiny if you will. Sharing promotes positive interactions and leads to pleasant and meaningful interpersonal relationships which build community and a strong association. Sharing is a critical component in forming robust and solid bonds which no doubt influences the health and well-being of the collective. Love and friendships revolve around and are based on sharing. A world without sharing would be hard to fathom, as we have an interdependency and grow together as a group. Civilization as we know it would not exist if knowledge was kept secret and information not passed along or handed down. History and what was learned across time would be lost. Sharing is fundamental. Through sharing and showing consideration and attentiveness regarding others’ happiness, we learn how to forge quality and healthy connections. Indeed, sharing is an act of love.

As children learn how to share, it helps them to make and keep friendships, to take turns and play well with one another. When children are taught to care for each other and share things, they learn about peer collaboration and how teamwork forms. By experiencing the importance of doing for others they also learn about empathy. By increasing their awareness and social development, they gain an understanding how to put themselves in others’ shoes and how to view and evaluate differing perspectives, being more mindful and sensitive of others’ reactions and feelings. Children learn how to experience joy at seeing the happiness they have brought someone else. While a fair amount of teaching may have been involved in shaping sharing behavior, they learn noble values, for it is in giving that we receive. The more we share the greater gratitude we bring about in our lives. In fact, research has demonstrated that as we share, the brain releases feel-good hormones which assist and relieve stress reduction. Acts of kindness make the world a more contented and cheerful place. Sharing serves to build both optimism and confidence.

You may be wondering at this juncture, what does this discussion about sharing have to do with or have a bearing on membership? The reasons are fairly straightforward. Members come to the lodge to contribute in one form or another, with clean hands and pure hearts. They give of their time and themselves to make for enhancing their surroundings, and to gain personal satisfaction making a difference. They want to forge friendships and help create and build for an improved world. The lodge structure is a means towards that end. There needs to be give-and-take, just like how sharing works. When the members begin attending lodge, they may be naive as to how the lodge functions, and need to first learn and get some knowledge under their belt. The new member initially acquires an understanding vicariously, watching and listening to others and through the example being demonstrated. Ultimately though, they probably better grasp and assimilate skills more effectively by means of application, practice and the opportunities presented. Through faithful attendance and participation across time, the newer members, to keep them long term, need areas of responsibility too, as a proving ground, to conclusively learn and to truly become a part of the team approach, and find their place in at all.

Remain cognizant the new members may not wish to just come and simply passively watch others lead for protracted periods, instead they often want to become part of the active solution as well. More members being involved in generating outcomes will make for a stronger, more resilient and cross trained lodge to help weather the challenges and promote for success. Veteran members need to share some of their knowledge and assist in carving out opportunities for the “new kids on the block”, as one person does not a
team make. Teamwork is the process of working collaboratively within the group to attain goals. Members unite with the same vision need to be motivated to bring that vision to life. There is a reciprocity, with perhaps each doing a part, but in subordinating some personal prominence for sake of the whole. It takes coaction and partnership to forge this alliance. The newer members require opportunities to contribute, to learn from their experiences. Longer-term members in positions of leadership and responsibility need to trust others will do well, as they provide learned counsel, with sage guidance, direction and advice as they mentor. Little more can garner as much personal satisfaction as seeing the newer member be successful and advance with your thoughtful support, knowing the lodge will be well reposed for the future. Doing so is completely consistent and expected with executing the responsibilities of office such as the Past Grand.

Yes, sharing may involve parting with some of the limelight, power, and prestige; however, what you may get back is invaluable. Teaching, advising, growing the team and networking is exciting and provides peace of mind, knowing you are lending help which promotes the stability and long-term future of the lodge and all it does. Selfless acts demonstrate true leadership, making some small sacrifices for a viable hereafter. Putting purpose above self demonstrates bona fide fraternal spirit. Through illustration and modeling the will to share sets the correct example for the newer member to emulate, as they work their way through the chairs or find their niche. Treating each other fairly and evenhandedly, will lead to harmony and increased contentment, and resultant and necessary growth. Members working cooperatively together will allow for a more quality and satisfying experience, better enjoying what we do, accomplishing a good deal more, and increasing our exposure and visibility, by leaving our mark and a legacy within our communities we can be proud of. Increased sharing will also serve to lessen any divisiveness and unhealthy competition that may exist within the ranks. Imagine it Brothers and Sisters, fraternal bliss, with one hand washing the other. That is Friendship, Love, and Truth.

With fraternal regards and in your service,

s/ Robert L Kowalski, PGM-MI
Membership Chair
(313) 505-4446
bobfebo@comcast.net

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Holiday Ornaments
Contact your Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly

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When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5. (Starting at 50, 55, 60, etc.) Thanks.
Be a Partner in the 2023 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 2023 Program tour.

You and Your Lodge can be that Partner, reach out, “Make a Difference” in a young person’s life and future. The Pilgrimage for Youth program belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and your generosity has made this program a success for over 70 years. Through your continued Donations, You and Your Lodge will help to keep this program funded into the future.

Over the past 74 years did your lodge feed a bus as it crossed the country, host or sponsor a bus, a delegate, a bus tour leader? You may do so again, be a participant in the Pilgrimage for Youth program, donate today.

Besides sponsoring a young person for this program, there are many ways you can help sponsor this program:

- Sponsor Lunch for _____ Delegates @ $10.00 each $________________
- Sponsor Dinner for _____ Delegates @ $15.00 each $________________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate Tee-Shirts @ $10.00 each $________________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate Room Nights @ $40.00 $________________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate United Nations Tours @ $14.00 $________________
- Sponsor ______ Delegate 911 Museum Tickets @ $15.00 $________________
- Sponsor ______ Statue of Liberty Tickets @ $19.00 $________________

Partner with another Lodge to feed a bus on a route $________________
Help with the Cost of an Adult Bus Tour Leader $________________
Help with the Cost of the Buses $________________

(Donations in the United States are tax deductible)

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Return this Form & Your Donation to:
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Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Our Jurisdictional Chairpersons and Grand Secretaries have been busy seeking out potential delegates for our program and I would like to extend a huge thank you for all your hard work and diligence in making our program successful. Please remember that all applications must go through your Jurisdictional Chairperson so that they can review them and sign off.

Last year we had 84 delegates that were sponsored for the Pilgrimage for Youth tour. We need to set a goal this year of sponsoring 120 delegates. The youth are our lifeblood and the key to our Order to continue and thrive. Please, work diligently to find delegates for your jurisdiction.

Important information and deadlines:

- **Tour dates:** July 1-14, 2023
- **Tour starts and ends in Philadelphia**
- Delegate eligibility: 16-17 years old who have at least one year of high school left.
- Tour dates: July 1-14, 2023
- Cost per delegate: $2,000.00
- First deposit of $1,000.00 is due on or before Jan. 1, 2023
- Delegate applications and second half of fee is due on or before April 1, 2023
- All applications and forms can be downloaded and printed from website: [https://ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com](https://ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com)
- All applications are to be sent to the Jurisdictional Chairpersons, who will check each application to verify that everything has been completed and then will sign each application and forward all applications to the Executive Director.
- All fees and applications are to be sent to: Leonard Bolton, Executive Director, 6223 Six Mile Road, Danville, WV 25053
- Please stress that this is an educational tour and that everyone must give a 3 to 5 minute speech.
- The winner of the speech contest will win a $2,000.00 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a $1,000.00 scholarship.

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Covid vaccinations are required! A negative covid test is also required 24 hours before the start of the tour.

Students will also test for covid the last day in New York before they leave on the road trip.

We will not be able to go to Canada this year due to ongoing construction on Parliament Hill. When construction is completed, we will resume our tour to Canada. We will still view Niagara Falls from the American side and take the Maid of the Mist to view the Horseshoe Falls.

Passports are not required this year for the American students.

We are adding one extra day in Boston.

We will be updating our physical form. DO NOT GET A PHYSICAL BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2023.

Thank all of you for your hard work and dedication for our program.

If you have any questions you can contact me at:

pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
Phone: (304) 550-9434

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Leonard Bolton, Executive Director
Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

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**Alabama** – 13 June 2023, Grand Secretary – John H Boshell, 2502 Pleasant Hill Rd, Townley, AL 35587

**Alberta** – 15-16 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Murray Lethbridge, #1-2820 Centre Ave NE, Calgary, AB T2A 7P5

**Arizona** – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**Arkansas** – September 2023, Grand Secretary – Jon R Petersen, 5469A E Highway 14, Lead Hill, AR 72644-9729

**Atlantic Provinces** July 2023, Grand Secretary – Jim Wilson, 5013 E River West Side Rd, Springfield, NS B0K 1B0

**Australasia** – 11 November 2023, Grand Secretary – Heather Bitter, PO Box 668, Lyndoch, SA 5351

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

**Brazil** – Henry L Dupray, DDSGM, 922 Jackson St, Wilmington, NC 28401-6722

**British Columbia** – 23-25 September 2023, Grand Secretary – Becky Auld, 1315 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8J 2J8

**California** – May 2023, Grand Secretary – Barry Prock, 122 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

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**Missouri** – May 2023, Grand Secretary – Anna Lee Martin, PO Box 816, Mexico, MO 65265

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**Nebraska** – October 2023, Grand Secretary – Rick Simmons, 237 S 70th St Ste 103, Lincoln, NE 68504

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**New Hampshire** – 21-22 April 2023, Grand Secretary – Ernest Courcy, PO Box 4147, Concord, NH 03302-4147

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