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April 26th—
Washington Lodge No. 1, Baltimore, MD

Sympathy to:
The family of Lady Jean C. Markham of Idaho, (1.15.19), wife of GC-R Gen. Frank L. Markham and the mother of Janet L. Bruce, director of the Pilgrimage for Youth.

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Announcing:
Schuyler Colfax Museum open house and reception Sunday 18 August 2019 — 1:00—4:00 p.m.

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 your paper.
Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

As I begin to write this article, my head is filled with so many things that I would like to bring forward and share with you. Since my last article my travels have taken me to California for the Rose Parade followed by a Leadership Seminar in Visalia, CA., Biloxi, MS to the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and the Tomb of the Confederate Unknown Soldier, Washington, D.C. for the annual Grand Lodge sessions, and Indianapolis, IN for General Commanding, General Military Council, S. Ray Johnson’s Testimonial Celebration.

I wrote a small piece about the Rose Parade Float in my last article and now I would like to expand that article. I will tell you that the 5 days of working on the float and then standing on it for about 4.5 hours as we travelled down the parade route was very difficult. It also was one of the most rewarding things I have been able to do as the SGM. The personal connections that I made with the people along the Parade route will dwell in my mind and soul for many years to come.

Many of you have questioned just how much visibility this program brings to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, so I would like to share some interesting data that was just released by members of our Communications Committee. As you all are aware, we have entered a new era of technology usage where many of the younger and older generations use the internet as their primary means of communicating and educating themselves. There is a whole world of information right at their fingertips and they are using it more and more. We have reached the halfway point since the last session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the launch of the newly remodeled web site, so the Communications Committee has released the latest usage statistics.

Since last August there have been 80,000 visits and 265,000 pages viewed. That is 3.3 pages looked at per visitor. There has been an average of 400 visitors per day with the top day being the day of the Rose Parade with 7,949 visits. Let that soak in for a moment! With almost 10% of the visits happening on the day of the parade, I must conclude that the Rose Parade is a valuable advertising program to the I.O.O.F. I would encourage everyone to please, help support this program with your donations, so that we don’t lose our place in the parade.

The trip to Biloxi was to attend the Third Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Confederate Unknown Soldier and banquet. The banquet was well attended with about 80 people in attendance. The Grand Decoration of Chivalry was presented to BG Bennie Rayborn and MG Mitzi Rayborn, a very special evening indeed. On Saturday the Grand Decoration of Chivalry was awarded to the Unknown Soldier and 29 wreaths were placed at the tomb. Speeches were given by Marc Thompson, President of the Board of Beauvoir, Rick Forte who discovered the remains in Vicksburg, and myself. The ceremony was well received by all in attendance and we were all proud to honor an unknown soldier.

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers;

Greetings Members,

As we approach the last 6 months of my term as President, I have been blessed to visit many Jurisdictions over the past two and half years. Meeting many wonderful members and being treated to “their” favorite spots. As International Leaders, we are grateful to those who host us during our time in their Jurisdiction. It is a treat for us to experience the local culture and hospitality with the members.

As I have travelled many miles and attend meetings, events and dinners I see many members working Together and making good things happen. Being productive and taking in new members. Others are divided and work against the productivity of the lodges/ membership in the Jurisdiction. We need peace and harmony among the members, not everyone has the same idea. If “some” members would spend the time promoting the Order, instead of being critical and worrying what others are doing or that “so and so” is going to get ahead of them, the Order would be a much better place. Let members have a chance to use their new ideas, everyone is deserving of respect and the opportunity to try something new. Remember that you too were once a new member. The “Degree of the Wagging Tongue” needs to be expelled and we need to remember that the tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart…. So be careful with your words. Treat others as you wish to be treated. Remember that each and everyone of us took an oath when we joined this Order. Friendship, Love and Truth is what we promote.

As we approach our 200th Anniversary, celebrate what is right with the Order. What does your Lodge have planned for this special milestone, what are you doing yourself? I see many wonderful events scheduled for April 26th, 2019 and I look forward to seeing pictures and hearing about this special day from the members. I encourage everyone to do something kind in April for a stranger. Whether it is buying them a coffee or dropping off a supper to a shut in. A small hello to a stranger can certainly make their day. Let’s make a Difference and promote the Order. We have so many things to be proud of as members of this Great Order.

As the testimonial Weekend approaches for me in April, I look forward to welcoming everyone to my “home” province. The committee has worked hard planning events and I am sure there will be surprises along the way. So, Nova Scotia says “Céad mile Fáilte” (“a hundred thousand welcomes”) to all those visiting.

With Rebekah Love,

Patty

March of the Nutcracker
Greetings Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

It is a new year; nice weather is just around the corner. Have we each gotten our “One” new member for the PM Branch? Just one each would “Double” our PM size, what a simple concept!! Do not forget we always need new members in cantons. We must keep them in the learning mode and “Active” once they join our ranks, be a “Mentor” to the new member you just enlisted. Mentorship of a new member is the key to keeping them in our Order. “Educate” them on the correct way of conducting a meeting and following the Ritual and the Constitution and By-laws. I have heard of several new Cantons that are wanting to form. If your Department cannot help you get your Canton started, call or contact me. My staff and I will make it happen.

I have noticed when we wear our uniforms in public or during Odd Fellow events some people always seem interested in the PM Branch. They start asking questions about how to join or can we start a Canton. We as PM members must not let this spark die before we take action to help them become members or start a new Canton. Please let me know of any interested individuals, group and how to contact them.

This was our third year for the “GMC Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier”. This was a Special Event in more ways than one, we had the Sovereign Grand Master Douglas Pittman and the Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry Barrett in attendance. SGM and the SGS assisted with all the different ceremonies. Many Chevaliers traveled many miles to attend the ceremonies this weekend. I had a great deal of help putting on the Grand Decorations of Chivalry, each

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Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that everyone is having a great year so far. I am certainly looking forward to spring to arrive and for the warmer temperatures.

I was very sad to have missed the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier in Mississippi in February. It looked like a beautiful ceremony and I hope that I can make it to one in the future.

As we approach the 200th anniversary, I hope that we can all find a way to celebrate our great Order. Plan a dinner for the community, invite the public into your lodge hall to meet the members and get to know about our order. If we want to be around for another 200 years, we need to find new ways of getting new members through our doors and keep them involved.

Listen to your new members. Encourage them. Make them want to come to lodge. It is getting harder to keep wanting to go to lodge if the meetings are always the same. New members may have new ideas as to how to improve meetings and keep people coming back. We need to stop saying “we’ve always done things this way, and that’s how its gonna stay.” Change is always hard, but it is an important part of life.

I am very excited to be starting visitations again soon and am looking forward to seeing people from all the jurisdictions. If anyone needs any assistance, just let me or my Representative know, and we will be happy to help.

I am looking forward to attending the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in May and hope to see many of you there.

Chivalrously,
Lady Michelle Jones
President-IALAPM

Smile and the World Smiles with You.
American Soldier who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Rebekah Degree is one of our many beautiful Degrees of Odd Fellowship. The Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851, and was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America. The Rebekah Degree provides woman’s softening touch to Odd Fellowship, as founded upon the principles of the Order – faithfulness, hospitality, purity and dedication as portrayed by women of the Bible. Because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe. Therefore, I proclaim, That the 23rd day of March 2019 be: Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax. Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Schuyler Colfax by initiating a ‘Colfax Class’ in honor of the celebration.

I have written about the Arthritis Foundation and our relationship with them now and into the future. I attended the Conference of Champions in Baltimore in November and along with Clarence Plant, presented our check for $326,000.00 to CEO Ann Palmer and Former Board Chair Bing Chang. As a result of that trip we were given space in the Arthritis trade magazine, “Arthritis Today”. Find us in the January/February issue presenting that check. Additionally, they will feature an article about Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the March/April edition of “Arthritis Today” in honor of our past contributions and celebrating our 200th Anniversary. We have a long history of supporting the National Arthritis Foundation with funds. We started our donations in 1984 and have contributed in excess of $14.3 million dollars to help find a cure for this debilitating disease. I am very excited about our future relationship and working together for the benefit of both of our organizations.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by arthritis. I along with the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Advisory Board, am proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years. At these annual meetings we meet an enlarged family and community of arthritis chapter volunteers who become our friends and co volunteers in a cause that makes you and me proud of our efforts in helping our fellow man. Therefore, I, Douglas E. Pittman, do proclaim, That the month of March be Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada.

I want to urge every jurisdiction to support the Arthritis Foundation’s major flagship fundraising event, the Live Yes, Walk to Cure Arthritis. Please contact your state’s arthritis coordinator to set up a walk in your jurisdiction. If you need help locating that coordinator contact me at depittman@juno.com and I will help you get in touch with the right person.

In closing I want to remind you of a very special and significant date….26 April 2019! Happy 200th Anniversary to Odd Fellowship in North America. I do hope you are planning a big celebration in your area to commemorate this occasion. I plan to be in Nashville, TN on this date, the location of the last Grand Session attended by Thomas Wildey, to take part in the celebration they have planned, I hope to see some of you there.

Fraternally Yours,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

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PM Member was in full dress uniform and did outstanding job doing their part. The weather got a little hot on Saturday but everything went very well. Each year the event gets bigger and better because of “Lessons Learned” from the previous year. I would like to personally thank all in attendance. Many Confederate Reenactors along with cannons and rifles being fired as 21-gun salute enhanced the event as well this year.

I have just presented three Grand Decorations of Chivalry in Mississipi; one to the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir Cemetery in Biloxi, MS, the last home of Jefferson Davis. It is always an enjoyable event. I had a full staff taking parts in the presentation. This young man died in the line of duty and service fighting for his country, the cause of freedom and to secure liberty. He must have been very loyal and dedicated with strong moral values, willing to give his life for what he felt was right. He was very deserving of this award.

Maj. Gen. Mitzi Rayborn served as the chairman along with Brig. Gen. Benny Rayborn and Brig. Gen. Brenda Stephany formed the team that made the wreaths and for Third Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns of the Civil War. We had 80 plus attend the Banquet on Friday 15 Feb 2019; everyone had a most enjoyable time and dinner (catfish and red beans and rice).

Two more Grand Decorations Chivalry were presented after the banquet to Maj. Gen. Mitzi Rayborn and Brig. Gen. Benny Rayborn. Two most deserving individuals. We had 153 in attendance at the Third Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns of the Civil War according to the sign in log posted at Beauvoir.

This will be the second time a Grand Decoration Jewel will grace the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. It will be placed in a Shadow Box adjacent to the Grand Decoration of Chivalry presented to Jefferson Davis in 2010 by the IOOF/GMC/Department Council of MS.

This is a repeat of last month but needs repeating: We must continue to work hard in our beloved Order the Patriarchs Militant branch. The LAPM and PM must continue to support each other. Please remember myself or one of my team are always ready to help, just ask. The current GMC Staff may not always do everything correctly but doing Nothing is NOT an option with me! Even with small numbers let us open our meetings in due form.

Chivalrously,

Gen. S. Ray Johnson
General Commanding
of GMC 2018-2019

The Motto this year:

E.M.T.: which stands for Educate, Motivate and Train.
‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’
2019 Annual Communication of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Commemorating the founding of Odd Fellowship on the North American Continent

26th April 1819

at the Seven Stars

Baltimore, Maryland

‘WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN’
January 2019

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, 19th August 2019, and ending Thursday afternoon, 22nd August 2019.

Headquarters and Sessions
Twin City Quarter

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
193rd Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
103rd Annual Session

General Military Council
116th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
80th Annual Session

Youth Days
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Terry L. Barrett
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2019 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 16 to 23, 2019

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register

Name ________________________________ (as desired on badge)

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM 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, 2019, $75.00

Registrations after July 26, 2019, $80.00

Highlight Events

Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 16, $40.00

Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 17, $40.00

Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 19, $60.00

Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 21, $50.00

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars $ __________________

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2019 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

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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: __________________________________________________________
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Date and Time: __________________________________________________________
Number expected: ______________________________________________________
Special requests: _________________________________________________________

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The Betty Moates Trust
Endows New Educational Foundation Scholarship

Betty Moates, Past President of the IARA, was one of the most respected, admired and influential members of the Order. And through her most generous and charitable gift in the amount of $700,000.00 from the Trust that she provided for in her Will, Betty’s trustees have made it possible to carry on Betty’s legacy of unselfish concern for the welfare of others through an endowed science and technology scholarship to be administered by the Educational Foundation. Working with Sister Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreit, a trustee of the Betty Moates Trust, the Educational Foundation, IOOF has instituted the Betty Moates Science and Technology $5,000.00 scholarship that will be available to students in 2019. Applications are available on The SGL website. This will be the largest undergraduate scholarship of the Educational Foundation, IOOF. It was unexpected but awesome because of the size of the gift. It is the largest gift ever to the Educational Foundation.

The scholarship is available to students who are juniors or seniors in college who are pursuing a major in medical technology, chemistry, biology, mathematics or an education major to teach medical technology, chemistry, biology or mathematics. Applicants must be, or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellows or Rebekah Lodge.


Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown

Headquarters Hotel: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center—1.703.845.1010
500 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA

2 April 2019 deadline

Registration and Banquet: PO Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA 22195
1.703.590.1267 or E: 0302wsmith@gmail.com
See the November-December issue of the I.O.O.F. News
200 OF 200 FOR THE 200TH

Happy 200th Odd Fellowship
Anniversary Day in North America

This year we the Jurisdiction of Tennessee are celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in North America on April 26th at The Five Odd Fellows Restaurant, 1811 Broadway, Nashville. A limited number of tickets for dinner are still available at $45.00 each. If interested contact Dr. Richard Rogers at rwrioof@gmail.com.

Part of our celebration includes 200 Ways to Make a Difference. Tennessee will celebrate Make a Difference day on April 27th of this year. We as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have a duty to Make a Difference in our Communities which ripples into differences in our world. Together we surely can.

One of the 200 ways we are making a difference is 200 Children’s Blankets to Bows & Ball Caps.

It is a charitable organization dedicated to offering love and support to kids fighting cancer, especially those who have lost their hair from their treatments. It was founded in 2013 by then ten-year-old Hannah Grubbs, a girl who has been bald her entire life from Alopecia Areata. Hannah lost her hair from Alopecia before she was one year old, and she has real-life, first-hand experience with what it is like to live without hair. Her mission is to encourage other kids to be comfortable and confident being bald, and to remind them that it is what is on the inside that really matters. Hannah’s message to the world is that we all have a beautiful light inside of us that makes us unique and special.

BOWS & BALLCAPS works to collect new bows, ballcaps, headbands, scarves and various other headwear and accessories through donations from companies and individuals. Then, the organization distributes these items to kids with cancer either through children’s hospitals or organizations or by sending them directly to the children. All gifts come with special words of encouragement from Hannah.

Not only will we be working on this we are also working with St. Jude’s on April 27th to help pass out water to runners in the St. Jude’s marathon that day.

I would like to challenge all individuals, lodges, jurisdictions and all of my wonderful Brothers and Sisters....Collect 200 blankets for Bows & Ball Caps for Make a Difference Day on the 200th. We all know that we are to help those precious children with gifts of love. I also challenge food or can good products. Collect 200 cans each. Create other projects of 200. Be creative. It can be fun and very rewarding to helping others. Our Sovereign Grand Master Douglass Pittman has a great vision for our future.

Remember like the bundle of sticks: Together we are unbreakable, remove one and we are vulnerable. Let us all chase the attainable dream of unity. Let us help others in FL&T.

In addition to your Make a Difference project, let us continue the 200-theme at the Sessions in Winston-Salem. Brenner’s Children’s Hospital, will be a great facility to donate blankets, bows and ball caps; as well there is always a need for canned food at the Sunnyside Ministries Mission which serves the homeless community.

Together, We Will Make a Difference
Dr. Richie Rogers, Sovereign Grand Chaplain
Make a Difference Day Proclamation

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

Fraternes Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety-nine years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to Make a Difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

I, Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim:

that the Saturday the 20th day of April be declared Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Make a Difference Day.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Community Work Project; Hands Across Your: city, town, village, community followed by an open house in the lodge hall; et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2019 and of our Order the 200th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

[Seal]

Attest: /s/ Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

2019 — Make a Difference Day — Reporting Form

Jurisdiction and Branch ..........................................................
Unit Name and Number ............................................................
Or Individual ................................................................. Hours Volunteered ....................

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Reporting Officer

Mail to: I.O.O.F. Make a Difference, 422 Trade St NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
**Founder’s Day Proclamation**

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent order of Odd Fellowship

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy one hundred and ninety-nine years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

Therefore, I, Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

That the month of April be declared **Odd Fellows Anniversary Month** throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That **April 26, 2019** be known as **Founder’s Day** throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: **Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.**

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of February 2019 and of our Order the 200th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

[Seal]

Attest: /s/ Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

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**Make a Difference Day Proclamation**

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Yours in F, L & T,

[Seal]

Attest: /s/ Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
In celebrating **200 years** of Odd Fellowship—the Wildey Museum and Library will accept any officers pins, coins, banquet memorabilia, certificates, pamphlets, books, etcetera. Also: items of interest—posters, jewels, gavels, miscellaneous items of interest—be certain to include any history and your name or the name of the person or lodge of original ownership; will also take items for display to be returned to you.

Mail to or bring to Session:
Wildey Museum and Library I.O.O.F.
422 Trade St. NW
Winston-Salem, NC  27101
I.O.O.F. Celebrating 200 years

Items available through your Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly: book of 12 post-cards or pictures suitable for framing; denim shirts, and thermal cups.
PLEASE PRINT or TYPE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS NEW MEMBERS ARE

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Date Admitted ________________ Bro. ___ Sis. ___ 
Name ____________________________ 
Address ____________________________ 
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How to get new members?

Ask!

Many of our membership will not ask, because when they do, the prospect asks ‘what do you do?’ ‘Well, we meet on Monday evening, open with the Pledge to the Flag, have a prayer, read the minutes of the last meeting, pay the bills, maybe a Good of the Order, close, have refreshments and play cards, then we are home by 9:00 p.m.’ ‘What was the purpose of this meeting?’ …………… Without answers, few are asking.

So the membership needs to be:

⇒ Educated in the principles
⇒ Mentored in the Ritual
⇒ Trained in the workings of the lodge and the programs of the Order

Then the members will be comfortable in asking Prospective Members—but if not comfortable in this process, there is a Prospective Members Program, where they supply the names of prospects and George will make the presentation on the Order.

Contact your Grand Secretary or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly who have received copy of the Membership Program to obtain the materials to assist in growing your Lodge.
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Kaye Patterson, AP
Vivian Pursell, FL

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.

Odd Fellows
Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
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Be a Partner in the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth

The Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth program is looking for Partners to sponsor one or more activities for the Program and 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 is affiliated to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and your generosity has made this program a success for over 69 years. Through your continued Donations, You and Your Lodge will help to keep this program funded into the future.

Over the past 69 years did your lodge feed a bus as it crossed the country, host or sponsor a bus, a delegate, a bus tour leader? You may do so again, be a participant in the Pilgrimage for Youth program, donate today.

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

Sponsor Lunch for _____ Delegates @ $10.00 each $ _______________
Sponsor Dinner for _____ Delegates @ $15.00 each $ _______________
Sponsor _____ Delegate Tee-Shirts @ $10.00 each $ _______________
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THE TOUR IS ON IN 2019

The 69th Tour of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth is ready for a lifetime experience for delegates as they travel to New York City or on the extended tour: Washington DC, Ottawa and other historical sites.

The 7-day Tour and the 14-day Tour will both start on the same date – July 9, 2019.

Did you get your Delegate count and 1/2 Delegate Fee sent to the Pilgrimage for Youth office? If not, get it in NOW! A bus may have a seat available, we would like to ‘fill the bus’.

The next deadline is April 1, 2019: items due are:
   a. 2 copies completed Delegate Registration packet.
   b. 2 copies completed Chaperon to Delegate Registration packet.
   c. 2 copies completed Tour Leader Registration packet.
   d. 2 copies completed Staff Registration packet.

The Board of Directors will select Tour Leaders and Staff at their February 9, 2019 Board meeting. Tour Leader and Staff applicants should have sent their Application to the Pilgrimage for Youth office. If you are still thinking of being a Tour Leader or Staff person, fill out the Application and send it in.

Contact the Executive Director or Board Members with any questions or concerns, we are here to not only support this awesome program but to assist you in sending a young person on a tour which may enhance or change their life.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Janet Bruce, Executive Director
pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
March 2019

The 69th Tour of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth is in the final stages of planning for the 2019 Tour. Hotels are being contracted, the New York City tour is being finalized, what Broadway Play will we attend? What historical sites will we visit along the route to Washington DC or Ottawa.

The 7-day Tour and the 14-day Tour will both start on the same date – July 9, 2019. All delegates will spend the first week in New York City. The speech contest for all delegates will be held in New York City for scholarships to be awarded.

Jurisdictional Chairpersons, did you get your final Delegate count and Delegate Fee sent to the Pilgrimage for Youth office? The deadline is April 1st. Please use the Payment Form from the pilgrimage website to send your payment.

The **final deadline is April 1, 2019**: items due are:
- 2 copies completed 2019 Delegate Registration packet.
- 2 copies completed 2019 Chaperon to Delegate Registration packet.
- 2 copies completed 2019 Tour Leader Registration packet.
- 2 copies completed 2019 Staff Registration packet.
- All Fees.

**Remember: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED for all tour participants, (adults and delegates).** A Passport Card is not acceptable.

Thank you to all who are sponsoring a delegate. These young people have the opportunity to experience world history in the making in the United States and Canada. Topics at the United Nations cover everything from current world events to research and development of programs established to aid and assist countries throughout the world. They walk through hallways Presidents and Prime Ministers have walked, sometimes seeing or meeting the “makers and shakers” that form policy for generations to come. Global warming, hunger, disease, war, these young people will see and hear firsthand topics that may form their lives, and it is all because of you, who have sponsored them for 69 years.

Won’t you help to support the Tour by sponsoring a lunch, dinner, hotel room night, or provide a donation to one of the sites listed above? Donations are tax deductible in the U.S. If you have already contributed, thank you. The Board of Directors would like to thank those individuals and lodges who have donated to the 2019 Program.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Janet Bruce, Executive Director
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