Introducing our new leaders

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CONTESTS FOR YOUTH!

**Pin Design for 2019:**
Submit your design for the Youth Pin. Please remember the finished size of the pin is approximately 1” diameter. Keep the design simple. The design must include: the year of the pin, Emblems of the 4 units; Junior Odd Fellow Lodge, Theta Rho Girls Club, United Youth Group & Cadet Corp, the colors to be used. Please take the time and color your designs and make sure your name and address are on the back of the design.

**Advisor of the Year 2019**
Submit in writing why you feel your advisor should receive this award. Tell us the special things that he or she does to make your meetings more fun. Let us know what your advisor has taught you and how you have grown in knowledge of our order. Although we realize that Assistant Advisors are very special too, this particular award is for the Club/Lodge/Group Advisor only.

**Community Service Recognition Award**
Send us a list of your community service activities in which your lodge, club, or group participated in without compensation. Provide the description of the projects, amount of money collected/donated, the number of participants and the hours of service provided.

SEND YOUR CONTEST ENTRIES TO:
Chairman, Steve Adams
Email: seawyo@yahoo.com

Website: www.ioof.org  (Click on YOUTH)
Here’s What Happened at
Youth Days!

This year Youth Days was held in Baltimore, Maryland. We had 27 Youth in attendance with representatives from the jurisdictions of California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Michigan and Virginia.

Friday was orientation with lunch provided by the SGL-IARA JYC. The kids enjoyed signing socks as they got to know each other and renewed old friendships.

At orientation we went over the rules and practiced flags, moderators, escorts and chaplains. We also took this time to break apart the Advisors/adults from the Youth to allow an opportunity to visit with the SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee in a one on one conversation with the groups. We then worked together with the Youth as they prepared for the evening talent show/banquet. Banquet/Talent show. The dinner was great and the talent was awesome!

Flag presentation was awesome!

Acting Performers were amazing!

Singing was sweet!

Youth Days session began Saturday at 9:00. Jurisdictional Reports were given by their representatives. We heard presentations of the Rose Bowl Float Committee and Educational Foundation. We were also given information from the Chairman of the Pilgrimage for Youth, Ron Metoyer saying we will have a tour in 2019! (See application/information page in this edition of Youth Informer)

Both the current and incoming heads of the Order sat in during our Session. We appreciate the support and were very happy to have them with us!
Here’s What Happened at Youth Days!  Cont...

This year, our community awareness project was our Youth. We shared their Jurisdictional Reports which spoke of what they did within their communities from this past year on poster boards which were displayed throughout this year’s SGL-IARA Session.

The Youth were then taken to Fort McHenry by way of water taxi. We enjoyed seeing the Harbor from the water’s view on our way to the Fort.

“Fantastic Four Award” went to: Sierra Morrozos, Isabella Parker, Austin Bowers, Bethany Struthers, Stephanie Wigle, Celest Lawson, Piper Fyffe, Emily Bowers and Emilee Corl for displaying outstanding principles of Odd Fellowship throughout Youth Days.

“Fantastic Four Award” was also given to our Duard Fyffe and Mary Houle’ for appreciation of the past years of outstanding work and devotion working with and for the Youth. They will be missed.

“Community Service Recognition Award” went to 5 groups this year for their outstanding dedication to our Order. Alamo Theta Rho Girls Club #93, TX; Virginia Cadet Corps Platoon #1, VA; Éta Theta Rho Girls Club #94, OR; Jonquil Theta Rho Girls Club #25, NY; Acorn Theta Rho Girls Club #79, WA

Winner of this year’s “Pin Design” is Moira Struthers from Oregon's Eta Theta Rho Girls Club #94. Her art will be featured in the 2017-2018 Youth Informer at the top left corner. Outstanding!

Congratulations!

2019 Youth Days will be in Winston-Salem!

Save the Date
Slap, Slap, Slap!

A lady was walking down the street at midnight, when she heard a slap, slap, slap sound behind her. She looked around, but there was no one there.

She went on walking to only again hear, the slap, slap, slap. Again, she looked around to find no one there. She was frightened and ran to the bus stop. The slap, slap, slap followed close on her heals!

As she sat on the bus, everything was silent. She reached her stop and got off the bus, she heard the slap, slap, slap sound again. She looked around, but there was still no one there. She was now terribly frightened.

All the way home: slap, slap, slap. Up the stairs: slap, slap, slap!

As she stood at the door of her apartment, fumbling for her keys, she saw a man in a black coat coming up the stairs.

The man looked at her strangely and said; “In my opinion, the heal came off your sandals.”

The Poisoned Watermelon

There was a farmer who grew watermelons in his field. Unfortunately, his farm was close to a main road, and he had constant problems with people stealing his watermelons in the night. He was determined to stop this and came up with a cunning idea.

In the middle of his watermelon patch, he placed a sign that read: “Warning! One of these watermelons has been injected with poison!”

The next day, the farmer came out to survey his field and was delighted to find that no watermelons had gone missing during the night. However, he noticed that at the bottom of his sign, someone had written: “Now there are two!”
IT’S ALL FOR FUN!

Back to School

PENCILS  FRIENDS  SCHOOL
BACKPACK  FUN  BUS
NOTEBOOKS  FOOTBALL  EDUCATION
FOLDERS  BASKETBALL  EXCELLENCE
TISSUE  CHALLENGE  FALL
RECKSS  MATH  PLAYGROUND
HOMEWORK  ENGLISH  BOOKS
LEARNING  HISTORY  SCIENCE
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Pilgrimage for Youth Inc.
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830
Phone: 336-528-3518
Email: pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com

2019 Pilgrimage for Youth
Tour Materials are Available

Yes, you may select Delegates, Have Fund Raisers, Provide Materials to
your Jurisdiction and Community.

The IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth Board of Directors has been working this past year to prepare
new forms, applications, and information for the 2019 Program and Tour.
All materials have been sent by email as a PDF to the jurisdictional chairpersons or contacts
from previous years. If you need this information mailed or in a different format or if your
jurisdiction did not receive the 2019 information, contact the Executive Director, Janet Bruce. All
materials are on the website www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com and may be downloaded.

The following materials are available:
Jurisdictional Chair General Information
Suggested Student Application Form
Suggestions on How to Select Delegates and Tour Information
Suggested Jurisdictional Letter to Lodges
General Public Information
Payment Form

The following Applications and Guidelines/Duties are available.
Delegate 2019 Application with Delegate General Information
Chaperone to Delegate 2019 Application, with Chaperone to Delegate Guidelines
Tour Leader 2019 Application, with Tour Leader Guidelines
Staff 2019 Application, with Staff Guidelines, New York City Duties, Washington DC
Duties, and Philadelphia Staff Duties.

The 2019 Tour will have a Tour of 7 days with Washington DC and New York City as the
primary touring sites, other touring sites may be added. A Tour of 12 days with Washington DC,
New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ottawa, Niagara Falls and other touring sites is currently
being evaluated. The delegate may pick the Tour on which to participate on.
Currently the cost of the 2019 Tour is being estimated with actual costs of hotels, meals,
buses, and touring being factored in. The Board of Directors will announce the cost of the 2019
Tour and routes at The Sovereign Grand Lodge session in Baltimore, Maryland on August 20-23,
2019. A Pilgrimage for Youth Booth will have all materials, (forms and applications) for
Jurisdictional Chairs and members interested in information on the Program and Tour.

Deadlines: November 1st, number of Delegates, 1/2 total registration fee; April 1st,
registration packets, remainder of fees.

Thank you for your support of this valuable program for the youth of today.

Fraternally,
Janet L. Bruce, Executive Director
The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee, I.O.O.F.
and the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Inc.
on behalf of Yvonne R. Isenor, PP-IARA
Present The
Isenor – Rose Scholarship
(for Sponsoring Adult Lodges of a Youth Lodge Member to the)
I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth Tour
Youth Application

Name __________________________________________ Date of Birth __________
Address __________________________________________
City __________________________ State/Province ________ Postal Code __________
Phone __________________________ Email __________________________

Name & Number of your Lodge, Club or Youth Group: __________________________
Date joined Lodge, Club or Youth Group: __________________________
Location (city, state/province) of Lodge, Club or Youth Group: __________________________
Sponsoring Adult Lodge (name, city, state/province): __________________________

Who is Eligible?

Competition is open to all Youth Lodge/Club/Group Members who will be 16-17 years of age with one
year of high school remaining during the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour dates.

For this Scholarship the following Eligibility Requirements must be met by the Youth Applicant.

Eligibility Requirements: (use a separate paper as needed)
1. Applicant must be an active member and belong to a Youth Lodge/Club/Group.
2. List the offices held in your Lodge/Club/Group.
3. List jurisdictional community service completed.
4. Submit a 250 word essay on a topic selected by your joint youth committee in your own words.
5. The Applicant must complete all application requirements of the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour and
   adhere to and participate in all the rules of that Tour. Scholarship is conducive on being accepted as a
delegate from your jurisdiction for the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour.
6. Applicant must agree to continue membership in their Youth Lodge/Club/Group, promote the
   Pilgrimage for Youth Tour in their jurisdiction and submit an article to the Youth Informer upon
   completion of the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour to receive this scholarship.
7. All information to be verified by a letter from the Advisor under seal of the Lodge/Club/Group
   including date of institution attached to this application.
8. SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee reviews all applications and selects the recipient. All applicants
   will be notified of results.
9. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in said Applicant having to reimburse the Isenor
   – Rose Scholarship back to the SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee for ALL expenses.

What Does it Cost?

The Isenor-Rose Fund will contribute 1/3 of the Applicant’s total cost of the Pilgrimage for Youth
Tour fee. (Do you have an application for the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour?) All other expenses will be the
responsibility of the Jurisdiction/Sponsor Lodge and/or the parents/guardians of the Youth member. The
Youth member provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and optional
entertainment events.

Deadline for Applications:

All Isenor-Rose Scholarship applications must be in the hands of the Chairman of the SGL/IARA Joint
Youth Committee no later than November 1st of the year prior to the Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. NO
EXCEPTIONS.
(Note: This application should be sent in when the Youth member is 15-16 years of age for the
SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee to review the application.)

Mail Application to: Chairman, SGL/IARA Youth Committee,
422 North Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Anyone graduate from your lodge, club or group?

Is your jurisdiction working on the Youth Honors Program?

We would like to add any of this information to our Newsletter for mailing and recognition purposes:

Graduate Members: Jurisdiction: ____________________________ Graduate Name: ____________________________

Youth Honors Program: Level ___________ Name ____________________________

Please send this form to the SGL-IARA JYC Committee Secretary:
Darrelne Schlim

FACEBOOK PAGE: SGL-IARA Youth
*Use Facebook to share your activities with others.
*Use Facebook as a question and answer page.
*Keep in touch with everyone that attended Youth Days in the past or just this year.
*Share your organization’s website with others.

We want to include you in The Youth Informer!
The Youth Informer would like to publish your article in our next publishing. Please submit your articles to: Gwen Wixom, Editor. E-mail to gwen.century21@aol.com Remember, this is your paper. Take an interest in being a writer for your community and let us know what your club has been up to. Send me your pictures and articles and we will try our best to get all entries in your Youth Informer.
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