Celebrating 200 Years
Of Odd Fellowship in 2019!

Odd Fellows

General Military Council Patriarch Militant

Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant

Junior Odd Fellows

Theta Rho Girls Clubs

United Youth Groups

The Cadet Corps

Encampment

Ladies Auxiliary Encampment

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Hello!

Happy Summer to all those reading this. Wishing everyone a happy, fun filled safe summer. Looking forward to seeing those attending the 2019 Youth Days in August. I am sure the committee has many wonderful events planned for you.

I encourage each one of you to believe in yourself, continue to grow from flexibility and have self-confidence. No one is perfect, learning is a continued process. Be a good role model for those who belong to your clubs. Respect others and treat around you as you would like to be treated.

Have a sense of humor and imagination is a wonderful creative tool to use. I am sure there are many ideas that each one of you have. Whether it is to find new members for your club’s, or it can be a community project to help with.

I have enjoyed reading about the various projects some clubs have participated in; from painting benches, cleaning up a park, making cards and so many more. Truly proud of each of you!

Wonderful seeing that YOU are making a difference.

Greetings to All the Young Fraternal Members,

Greetings from the General Military Council, the uniformed Branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The key elements in our wonderful order are “Friendship, Love and Truth”, “Faith, Hope and Charity” as well as “Universal Justice”. Do not forget my words: It is very hard to soar with the Eagles when you spend all your time squabbling with the Turkeys! I hope we are beginning to soar with the Eagles. Odd Fellowship is now 200 Years old in North America and if we are to survive another 200 Years, many changes and improvements will need to be made by all. It is time to get on board or get out of the way. Be part of the solution NOT part of the problem.

The Youth always seem to have fun and enjoy themselves. The adults should take a few notes on having fun instead of being so serious all the time. Life is to short to be mad all the time. The 4th of July is a great time to think of our Heritage. Please be willing to step up and help where needed, not for titles or jewels but the self-satisfaction of accomplishing something or helping another human which is what we started 200 years ago.

If we would strive to have fun at every meeting, function and IOOF gathering; the word would soon spread that we may have something interesting to join. But always “Treat others as you wish to be treated.” We must work together as a TEAM: teamwork is always a key to successfully completion of our missions in life. Being good Neighbors will develop a loving and kind partnership among neighbors.

It has been my pleasure to serve as you General Commanding. Myself and my Team have always been at your meetings to help wherever we could be of assistance. Thank you for your support the past three years. I will now bake in the Texas sun, float down the Mississippi or be fishing in Indiana if you need me. I will not be doing the chicken dance in the future.

Chivalrously,

The Motto this year: E.M.T.; which stands for Educate, Motivate and Train. ‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

Lady Michelle Jones, President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

Hello All,

I hope that you are all enjoying the year so far. It has been a bit of a whirlwind year and before you know it, we will all be in Winston-Salem for sessions. It was exciting that we were able to celebrate the 200th year of our Order this year recently.

I hope that you all realize how amazing you are. You hear this all the time from us, but YOU are the future of Odd Fellowship. I started in Theta Rho when I was 8 years old, as a shy little girl who would barely talk with my own family. Theta Rho brought me out of my shell, and without it, I would not have been capable of being the President of the International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant today. It gave me the confidence and skills I need in everyday life as well. We as adults are in awe of how you all conduct yourselves in your meetings. The adult branches of the Order could learn a lot from watching you all in action.

I am looking forward to Youth Days in August and cannot wait to see you there.

Chivalrously,

Lady Michelle Jones President-IALAPM

Theme: Lead Outreach Volunteer Educate

Motto: Smile and the World Smiles with You.
ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman

Hello Everyone!
Hope your summers are going well and your enjoying all the activities the warmer weather brings with it. I’ve just returned from a three week, six national parks, 12 state vacation myself. What an adventure. Getting to see the country and landscape has always been something I’ve always enjoyed. Spending time with my two youngest kids as they got to see things and places with new eyes was a treat to itself. Now it’s time to fish, A LOT!!

The SGL/IARA JYC has met and plans are well on the way for Youth Days in Winston Salem, NC in August. We have so many fun activities and different things planned this year. All our activities will be held at the SGL Headquarters. The history in the building is sure to amaze everyone. I only hope you can attend. Of course we can always use help.

Advisors!! If you are attending Youth Days please email me your names and members names so we can get things on the ball. We have hopefully learned from past mistakes and have taken a lot of your advice to make this year better then years before.

If there is any member turning 15. I would like to remind you about the IOOF Youth Tour. I say 15 because there is an amount of paperwork you need to complete well before you go on the trip. It is a great way to get out and explore and see many different places and cultures you would otherwise never get an opportunity to see. Any member of a youth group can also apply for the Irene Meigs scholarship for the trip. Plus your own jurisdictions have scholarships for the trip. So basically, it’s Free.

Enjoy the summer and See Y’all in August

Steve Adams
SGL/IARA Chairman

Get your Jurisdictional reports ready!

*Please have your report written as it will be turned in to the SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee
*Report information spans from the last SGL-IARA Youth Days to the present.

SGL-IARA Jurisdictional Youth Reports need to include the following information:
1. Names, titles and jurisdiction of the Youth giving the report.
2. Total number of Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho, United Youth Groups and Cadet Corps and total number of members.
3. Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho, United Youth Groups and Cadet Corps that are not meeting.
4. Comparison of membership with prior years.
5. Interesting fund raising projects.
6. Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, Unite Youth Group and Cadet Corps activities.
7. Significant membership drive recognition.
8. Visitation activities to other jurisdictions.
9. Recognition of completing Honors Program.
10. Future plans.
11. Grand Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Assembly and information such as numbers attending, when and where held, and significant activities.
12. What are you doing for your sponsoring Lodge? What are they doing for you?
13. Recognition of any and all other special events.
Let us Entertain You! Formal Dinner/Theater!

This year’s Formal Banquet will be on Friday evening. Bring your skits and musical talent! We look forward to having this year’s talented Youth not only hosting the Dinner but entertaining the audience as well! During our Banquet on Friday evening, we will be featuring the talents of all our Youth while we enjoy a Formal Dinner!

*And **YES**, there **will** be dessert!

Need a little help Brushing up on table skills?

What to wear to the Banquet???

By request of you, our Youth, our Banquet is a **formal** “sit down” meal.

*Formal / Military dress is expected.*

Please bring appropriate attire for both Session and Banquet.

Those of you who have a special outfit for your Act/Entertainment, you will have time to change.

YOUTH DAYS
August 16-17, 2019
Winston-Salem, NC
Saturday night/ Fun Night is a **Mystery Night**!

Come dressed for a 20’s theme evening. You heard it right! We are living in the Roaring 20’s this year for Fun Night!

We have one rule: If you don’t come appropriately dressed, no worries. However, the “Copper” might throw you in the SGL-IARA JYC Klink! If you end up in our JAIL, you will need to be bailed out!

*Yep! If you’re Jailed, you’ll need Bailed!*

We will be finding clues and solving a mystery.

Dig out the “Spats shoes”, “Bowler Hats”, “long beads” and “Head Feathers”. It’s going to be a great night!

You might even learn the “Charleston”!

**Schedule of Events (subject to change)**

**Friday**
- 9:00– Meet & Greet
- 9:15– Orientation
- 9:30– Ice Breaker
- Noon– Lunch
  * A Rap session is scheduled for Youth only without the Advisors.
  * A Rap Session is scheduled for Advisors without the Youth.
- 2:00–4:00 – Practice for Youth Banquet
- 6:00– Formal Dinner/Theater & Awards

**Saturday**
- 9:00– Session
- 10:00– Incoming Officer’s Visit
- 12:00– Lunch
- 1:00 - Fun with the Youth!
- 6:00 - 20’s Mystery Night!

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*Your SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee are in final preparations for the 2019 Youth Days*

Celebrating 200 years in North America!

*We hope to see you in Winston-Salem!*  

*If you haven’t done so already, Send Steve an email & let him know if your Club/Jurisdiction is coming to Youth Days (PLEASE)*

It’s going to be a great weekend you won’t want to miss!!
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

Full Name _______________________________________________________________________________

Name (as desired on badge) _______________________________________________________________________

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM Youth Youth Adult (please circle only 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

Any special requests, such as: special diet, should be indicated here: ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
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### Marriott
I have a reservation at the Winston-Salem Marriott  
425 N Cherry St.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
1-800-320-0934

14-23 August 2019

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### Embassy Suites
I have a reservation at the Embassy Suites Winston-Salem  
460 N Cherry St.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
1-800-696-6107

14-23 August 2019

**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: ________________
FOLDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLAG

Have you ever noticed, the Honor Guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? Here is why.

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defence of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been moulded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defence of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nation’s motto, "In God We Trust."

And then as the flag is handed to the spouse or family member, the words spoken are "from a grateful nation..." and the tears begin to flow.

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today. In the future, when you' see flags folded, now you will know why. And you will understand why the flag is referred to as the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom".

So, if you ever wondered what the flag draped coffin really means, now you can share your knowledge and say “Did you know…?

You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

***By the way, did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?
Riddle me this...

You are a bus driver at a station. 10 get on the bus and no one gets off. You drive 10 miles to another station where 3 people get on and 1 gets off. You drive another 10 miles only to get 25 people on and 5 people go off. Next you drive 3 miles while 12 people exit the bus. You drive back to the place knowing that a couple more stops along the way until the ride is done. At the 2nd to last station 5 people get on and 2 get off. And at the last station (5.5 miles) 25 people get on for no reason and 1 gets off. What is the bus drivers eye color?

What do you call a cow that plays instruments?

A moo-sician!
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:
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Did you know: you can find us at these places?
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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’re here for you!
Do you need us? Do you need help? Advice? Or just an ear to listen? Request a visit by contacting Youth Committee Chairman Steve Adams directly by phone, email or letter and we will be there. We only ask that you contact us as soon as possible to enable us time to make arrangements to get to you as quick as we can.