Introducing our new leaders

During Youth Days, we were graciously visited by the 2018-2019 Leaders of our Order and the incoming 2019-2020 Leaders of our Order, bringing information of their programs and extending a warm welcome to all who attended.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules. We appreciate your support!

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E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master
I.O.O.F.

Here’s a look at his program for 2019-2020:

Emblem: Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep
Motto: The Future is in your hands, Step up to the Plate
Aim: Promote our Order–Gain Membership
Theme: Now is the Future! Motivate, Treat everyone with Respect, Dignity and Kindness. Be Optimistic, Be Positive
Colors: Red & White
Scripture: Proverbs 24:4 Know also that Wisdom is like honey for you; If you find it, there is a future hope for you. And your hope will not be cut off.
Guides: Bible, Rituals, Code of General Laws
Hymn: Into the Night
Song: Gods Coloring Book
Flower: Star Gazer Lily
Dedication: I am dedicating this year to my home Jurisdiction of Alberta. Without there continued support and encouragement, I would not be here today. In my 22 years of working for the Jurisdiction of Alberta, they have always been my support.

Lady Jami A. Rafter, President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

Here’s a look at her program for 2019-2020:

Emblem: Butterfly
Aim: Let’s Make TODAY one step closer to a strong future.
Guides: Holy Bible and the Ritual
Scripture: Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again Rejoice.
Flower: Lilacs and White Roses for Lady Agnes Sealey
Colors: Purple, God & White
Songs: Butterfly Kisses, by Bob Carlisle
Angels Among us
You are my Sunshine
Blessings, by Laura Story
Prayer: Lord, help us to find a healthy balance between working too much and working too little. Help us to relax without feeling guilty. Prod us to spend fruitful time with those whom we love and depend upon our presence.
Project: Travel fund for IALAPM
Dedication: I would like to Dedicate my year to my family, my parents that introduced me to this wonderful Order 32 years ago, to all the extra parents, grandparents, sisters, and brother I have made along the way. I could not have gotten here without you. To Iowa, thank you for always being in my corner and helping in anyway. I would also like to thank my escort Brig. Gen. Duane Vine.

Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit
President, International Association
Rebekah Assemblies

Here’s a look at her program for 2019-2020:

Emblem: Flutterby on a Star
Theme: Focus on What’s Important!
Guide: Code of General Laws
Songs: When I think of God’s Love, Hymn of Promise, Welcome to My World, What a Wonderful World
Scripture: Psalm 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Dedication: So many people have helped me to become the Rebekah whose goal it is to serve you & our Order this year. My dad who lived the teachings of Rebekahs-Odd Fellowship throughout his life, my mom who continues to demonstrate her commitment to those teachings throughout her 65+ years of membership, PP-RA-MO Mary Lauritzen, PP-IARA Betty C. Moates, my husband Steve who encourages me in all ways, Rebekah & Odd Fellows throughout Missouri & Kansas, & many Rebekahs & Odd Fellows whom I have met while traveling our fraternal highways & airways. I can never give back to those who have given me so much; my goal is to pay it forward so that others may enjoy membership in this Order as I have.

As we celebrate the legacy of the men who demonstrated their faith in God & vowed to improve the world around them by founding the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 200 years ago, may we all rededicate ourselves to the foundation established then so that we may leave a stronger legacy for those who follow us.

General John C. Roberts
General Commanding
General Military Council
Patriarchs Militant

Here’s a look at his program for 2019-2020:

Theme: Remember: “No man is an Island”. We are all Brothers & Sisters
Motto: The Future is Now!
Aim: To strengthen all Branches of the Order & to keep from losing & making each one stronger & supportive of each other.
Goal: To re-establish the Patriarchs Militant as a force of strength, stability & perseverance within the Order.
Guides: The Holy Bible, Rituals, The SGL Code and GMC Constitution and By-laws.
Flower: Rose
Colors: Red, White & Blue
Hymns: On Eagles’ Wings, Let There Be Peace On Earth
Songs: The Impossible Dream (The Quest), Scripture: Deut. 14:29 ...the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, which are in thy gates, shall come and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God, may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest”.
Challenge: Everyone who is able, donate one pint of blood to the Red Cross or to their local hospital, many lives will be impacted.
Dedication: My dad, he died on my 15th birthday. He instilled “Faith, Hope and Charity” in our family. He lived “Friendship, Love and Truth” throughout his life. He was a true Odd Fellow.
Project: Wounded Warriors and the Arthritis Foundation
ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman

Thank you to all our participants and sponsors who attended SGL/IARA Youth Days 2019 in Winston Salem, NC.

What a huge success the weekend was. The feedback we have received has been nothing but positive. This next year is going to bring new clubs throughout the United States because of all your actions and enthusiasm you shown over the course of Youth Days. To say you made an impression is an understatement. Great Job Everyone!!

As you head off to start another school year. I wanted to wish you all the best this year in everything you do. Make sure to ask that new classmate to attend one of your fundraisers or come to a meeting. You never know where a new member might pop up. Unless you ask. This should be a great year for growth.

We, the Committee would love to attend your sessions in your jurisdictions. All you have to do is send an invitation (email or letter via snail-mail) and someone will be there. Please do this asap as travel plans need to be made. Attending your sessions will allow us to answer questions and take your ideas to others.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.
Steve Adams
SGL/IARA Chairman

CONTESTS FOR YOUTH!

Pin Design for 2020:
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.

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

Website: www.ioof.org (Click on YOUTH)

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.

Advisor of the Year 2020
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.
Here’s What Happened at Youth Days!

This year Youth Days was held in Winston-Salem, NC. We had 30 Youth in attendance with representatives from the jurisdictions of California-1, Washington/Oregon-17, Colorado-2, Texas-2, Michigan-4 and Virginia.

Friday was orientation with lunch provided by their SGL-IARA JYC. The kids enjoyed playing a few games as they got to know each other and renew old friendships.

At orientation we went over the rules. We worked out assignments for the banquet and for session. A big thank you to I.A.L.A.P.M. President Michelle Jones, I.A.L.A.P.M. Vice Pres. Jami Rafter and Dep. General Commanding Lieut. Colonel Jack Robert for assisting with and instructing those working with the flags.

Friday night’s banquet brought us a lot of talent from our Youth! We also had a brief message from the 4 heads of our Order. Fantastic talents!

After a delayed start to the Session on Saturday, we began with bringing in the flags followed by Jurisdictional Reports of those that were present. All states are very active in their communities and have good support from their states. We heard from each state regarding the work they were doing within their communities. The information within this report regarding each Jurisdiction, was given from the Representatives Report they prepared.

California currently has 3 Theta Rho Girls Clubs. This year a new Junior Lodge was initiated and they are moving toward starting a second later this year. This will give California 2 Junior Lodges by the end of 2019.

Colorado currently has 4 Theta Rho Girls Clubs.

Michigan currently has 2 Theta Rho Girls Clubs and 1 United Youth Clubs.

Virginia currently has 1 Cadet Corp Platoon.

Washington currently has 3 Theta Rho Girls Clubs.

Oregon currently has 1 Theta Rho Girls Clubs.

Texas currently has 2 Junior Lodges, 3 Active Theta Rho Girls Clubs and 1 United Youth Club. They are looking at instituting a new Theta Rho Girls Club soon.

Who was at Youth Days? We missed YOU!!!
Here’s What Happened at Youth Days!  Cont...

We were visited by I.A L.A.P.M. President Michelle Jones with her staff. I.A.L.A.P.M. Vice President Jami Rafter gave her program and gifts to the Youth.

Lieut. Col. Jack Roberts, Deputy General Commanding came forward and gave his words of encouragement and applauded the Youth in their efforts at the Banquet with the Flags and the Talent Show.

Elizabeth Mowry Harbstreit, V. Pres. I.A.R.A. and Wes Nelson, SGL Dep. Grand Master brought the greetings of the I.A.R.A. and the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They each gave highlights of their programs and brought special gifts and words of encouragement and their support to the Youth.

Vicky Beaver brought greetings and information from the Education Foundation. She encouraged the Youth to look into the new Scholarship that is now available called the Betty Motes Scholarship. This is the first year that this is available.

Leonard Boulton, Director from the Pilgrimage for Youth visited with the Youth and gave us a brief summary of what the Program is all about and some of the places the Tour takes them. This wonderful program we have that enables the Youth an opportunity to experience a trip to our Nations Capital, is in it's 71st year and still going strong! We were reminded by Leonard and Chairman Steve Adams about the Yvonne Eisner Scholarship that is available to our Youth. They simply need to apply for the opportunity to win this award that will assist in the expenses for this trip.

I.A.R.A. President Patty Heighten brought her personal greeting to the Youth from International Association of Rebekah Assemblies and from the Atlantic Provinces and Nova Scotia. She introduced those officers that were present. She gave words of encouragement and reminded the Youth of the various Scholarships available to those that are planning on attending a college or an extended learning education program.

Chairman Steve Adams presented some of the Youth with special awards for recognition of Outstanding Service. Those Youth were:

Emily Bowers, VA, Austin Bowers, VA, Bethany Struthers, OR, Jasmine Fay, CO, Julia Smith, MI, Moira Struthers, OR, Everett Bowers, VA, Abby DeGarlais, OR, Evan Floyd, WA, and Gabriel Sandevol, OR.

This year, our Fun Night was held on site with a Mystery Night. We had a great time dressed in the Roaring 20's as we solved a “who done it?” mystery.

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROFECT AT YOUTH DAYS**

This year, our community awareness project was our Youth. We sold bracelets, bags, beanie hats and metal straws all with the 4 Youth Emblems displayed on them for money going toward our Youth through this years SGL-IARA Session.

“200 Year Award” went to:  Emily Bowers, Austin Bowers, Bethany Struthers, Jasmine Fray, Julia Smith, Moira Struthers, Everett Bowers, Abby Disjarlis, Evan Floyd, Gabriel Sandevol for displaying outstanding principles of Odd Fellowship throughout Youth Days.

**“Community Service Recognition Award”**

This award went to 2 groups this year for their “outstanding dedication to our Order”.

Eta Theta Rho Girls Club #94, OR
&
Acorn Theta Rho Girls Club #79, WA

Well done and well deserved!

Congratulations to Washington Acorn Theta Rho Girls Club #79, this year’s winner of the “Pin Design”, Their art will be featured in the 2019-2020 Youth Informer.
Here’s What Happened at Youth Days!   Cont… PHOTOS!!!
The Graveyard...

A group of young girls were having a slumber party one night and began to exchange ghost stories. One girl claimed that the old man who had been buried earlier that week in the graveyard down the street had been buried alive. She claimed that if you tried, you could hear him still scratching at the lid of his coffin. The other girls called her bluff and told her that she wouldn't do it. They said she was too afraid to go down there to the grave that very night. They continued to challenge her and eventually she gave into the peer pressure and accepted their challenge. Since she was going to go alone, she needed to prove to the others that she actually followed through with the task. She was supposed to take a stake with her and drive it into the ground so the next day the girls would know that she had been to the grave.

She headed off to the gravesite, stake in hand, and never returned. The other girls assumed she had "chickened out" and had just gone home instead.

The next morning as they passed the graveyard they saw her there at the old man’s grave. She had accidentally staked her nightshirt to the ground and when she tried to run from the grave, she couldn't... she died of fright right on the grave!

The Hitch Hiker...

A man was standing on a lonely highway on a dark rainy night, waiting to hitch a ride back home. After a long time, he saw a car approaching him very slowly and silently, suddenly stopping before him. Desperate to get home, the man jumped into the car, only to realize that there was no one in the car, not even the driver. As the car approached a bend, a hand appeared out of nowhere and steered the car over the bend safely. Scared the man jumped off the car and ran all the way to the nearest coffee shop. As he entered the shop, a couple of guys shouted at him, "Hey! Here's the nut who jumped into our car while we were pushing it over the hill."
A Spooky
Halloween Night

(Give everyone a piece of paper and pencil and tell them to close their eyes the entire time they play the game.)

It’s Halloween night. Close your eyes and imagine you are heading out trick-or-treating. You walk out your front door and see a spooky sight.

1- With your eyes closed, draw a pumpkin on the bottom of your paper.
2- You hear a squeak and a bat is flying above your head. Draw some bats in the air.
3- Draw a big, spooky tree to the left of your pumpkin.
4- It’s a cloudy night so put some clouds in the sky.
5- You see other trick-or-treaters coming. Draw them to the right of your pumpkin.
6- You hear a cackle and see a witch in the sky. Draw a witch in the sky and don’t forget her broom.
7- You notice you forgot to carve your pumpkin. Draw a scary face on it.
8- A trick-or-treater spilled their candy. Draw some candy on top of your pumpkin.
9- A scary spider falls from your tree. Draw the spider on it’s web.
10- You can’t have a witch without her cat. Draw a cat on the witches broom.
11- You hear a loud OOOoooo! Draw a ghost above your pumpkin.
12- A full moon peaks out from behind the clouds. Draw it in the sky.

Your Halloween scene is complete! Open your eyes for a spooky sight!

Score:

1- If your pumpkin is on the bottom of paper __________________________ 10 pts
2- If the trick-or-treaters are to the right of pumpkin but not touching ______ 10 pts
3- If you have more than 2 bats in the air ________________________________ 10 pts
4- If your tree is to the left but not touching your pumpkin ______________ 10 pts
5- If you have more than 3 clouds ____________________________ 10 pts
6- If your scary pumpkin face is on the pumpkin ________________________ 10 pts
7- If you drew Halloween candy on top of your pumpkin ________________ 10 pts
8- If your spider and web are touching your tree ________________________ 10 pts
9- If the witch is on her broom ______________________________________ 10 pts
10- If the cat is on the broom or witch ________________________________ 10 pts
11- If the ghost is above the pumpkin _________________________________ 10 pts

If the full moon is big and bright ____________________________ 10 pts

Who had the spookiest Halloween??
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

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SPONSOR OF A NEW MEMBER

SPONSER NAME ____________________________ DATE ADMITTED _____________BRO. _____SIS._____

NEW MEMBER’S LODGE______________________ NAME _______________________________________________________________________

LODGE SECRETARY’S NAME__________________ ADDRESS _______________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________ CITY _______________________________________________________________________

CITY ________________________________________________________________________ STATE/PROVINCE _______________________________________________________________________

STATE/PROVINCE ______________________________________________________________________ POSTAL/ZIP CODE _______________________________________________________________________

POSTAL/ZIP CODE ___________________________ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _______________________________________________________________________

WELCOME

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.

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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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.