Happy Thanksgiving!

From your Youth Committee

2021 Youth Days
will be held in
Cincinnati, Ohio
August 13-14, 2021

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

...a few words shared from I.O.O.F. News…  
...Well, under normal conditions we would have held the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions, however, due to the circumstances we will have to wait till 2021 and hope that we can come together at that time in Cincinnati, Ohio.  
...As we go forward during this Pandemic, we must adapt so we can move forward. Our jurisdictions are gradually opening and now it is time to start thinking about our lodges! Some Lodges have kept in touch with their members by holding social meetings via zoom, etc. Some Lodges are starting to have meetings. If your State/Province permits meetings, be sure to follow all the guidelines that your Government Officials and the Healthcare Advisors allow, such as social distancing, face masks, etc.  
Remember if you have a meeting, because of social distancing, you will not be able to take up passwords. For the time being your Financial Secretary can report that “All Members are in good standing”. He/she is the one that knows if your dues are paid. These are still uncertain times and I encourage you to use caution. Please keep in touch with your members especially if they do not feel comfortable about being out among people.  
...I have been told that some Lodges, jurisdictions and Members have been involved within their communities doing what we as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs need to do. If you have someone or a lodge who is “Stepping Up To The Plate” by making a difference, I would like to know about it. Just send me an email at ewesleynelson@gmail.com  

“The Future is in your Hands, Step Up to the Plate”  
In Friendship, Love and Truth  
s/ Wes Nelson  
Sovereign Grand Master  

Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit  
President, International Association  
Rebekah Assemblies  

...a few words shared from I.O.O.F. News…  
...A normal year? That’s certainly not 2020!  
So, let’s review the theme that I shared for this term, now lengthened to two years due to the pandemic: Focus on What’s Important. Always relevant, it continues to be especially applicable to these days that have little connection to pre-pandemic normalcy. The items that we consider to be important may have changed but the need to focus continues. Many activities are now done solo. What can only one person do when the needs of our communities are so large?  
One person can make a difference in the lives of so many others. One person can call someone unable to leave home: One person – appropriately masked and gloved – can pick up trash blowing around the park or the neighborhood. One person can donate a book or some bottles of water to the local school. One person can purge the closet or clothing drawers and donate the excessed items to a homeless shelter or other charity. One person can need a neighbor’s flower bed. One person can shop for another’s groceries or run an errand for a neighbor. One person can volunteer to deliver meals to shut-ins. One person can fill the bird feeder outside a shut-in’s window. One person can knit or crochet caps for newborns. One person can photograph and share the beauty in our world. One person can donate blood. One person can donate to a food pantry. One person can drive a neighbor or friend to a medical appointment. One person can email a friend to say “I miss you” or “I thought of you today and wanted you to know it” One person can smile and say “Good morning!” or “Hello!” or “I like your…” to people encountered along the way. One person can be the point of light in another’s darkness. One person can bring color to the path that another travels.  
Focus on what’s important – be the one!  
Fraternally with focus,  
Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit  
President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies  

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

Dear Youth of our wonderful Order:  
I hope this communication finds you all well, back in school, and being safe with whatever you are doing with your time in the state our country is in. I hope that you enjoy time with your family, lodge families if you’re meeting. One thing I have talked to you about before is doing for others at this time. Reach out to the older members of our order with a phone call, card, or even a goody bag! The little things in our lives can be Big things in this time. Reach out to the older members in our state our country is doing for others at this time.  
...We can always build further for our youth, but we can build our youth for the FUTURE!  

The past is where you learned the lesson. The future is where you apply the lesson. Don’t give up in the middle.  
One more positive Quote for you.  
You have been assigned this mountain to show others it can be moved, So go out and show them how you can move the mountain because I know you all can!  
I’m just a phone call away if any of you need anything at all at any time.  
Lady Jami Rafter  
President IALAPM  

“Let’s make TODAY one step closer to a strong future.”  

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

...a few words shared from I.O.O.F. News…  
Greetings Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,  
I hope you have had a happy and pleasant summer. In spite of the many inconveniences, it was a time when families could slow down and reconnect. Communications have been via telephone, email, and in new terms – ZOOM and virtual teleconferencing. Some Cantons are meeting and holding sessions. I am glad this is being done. However, if there are doubts for safety, please do what is best for your Canton.  
I was able to attend a 4th of July celebration with my family. We sent my oldest grand daughter to Seton Hill in Greensburg, PA. The Labor Day holiday is upon us and then Veterans Day. Please be safe and cautious, but have a good time as well.  
The Department Council of Pennsylvania mustered a new Canton in July. They mustered ten new members and three members who are now closer to their meetings. Congratulations to them!  
I want to let the members of California know they are in our prayers because of the fires within their jurisdiction. Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and the other Midwest Stares also had their problems this year with a drought then flooding. Many states have had tornados. The Atlantic Coast was hit by hurricanes. Louisiana and Texas were hit with two hurricanes within days of each other. Everywhere there is the Covid virus. But we persevere. We must help and pray for each other during these trying times.  
Hopefully, in the upcoming year we will be able to get back to some type of normalcy. We missed our session, but everything goes on. Once restrictions are lifted, we will be setting up visitations. We will be contacting the Department Adjutant for help in setting these up since there may be changes in scheduling, and we will be contacting departments with plans for the future.  
God bless you all; and stay safe!  
Chivalrously,  
s/ John C. (Jack) Roberts General Commanding  

‘a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’
**ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman**

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**CONTESTS FOR YOUTH!**

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**Pin Design for 2021:**
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)

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**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 Recognition 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. We realize that Assistant Advisors are very special too, so this year we want to hear about those as well.

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Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
I’ll catch up with you in our next issue!
In FLT
Steve Adams
Acorn Theta Rho #79 of Oak Harbor, Washington celebrated its 60th anniversary with a beach outing of dinner and rock painting. The club was instituted on August 12, 1960.

It was so nice to be back together. We started our meeting in September following our state guidelines and initiated two new members.

Judy Diekman, Advisor (charter member & clubs 1st PP) with Avianna, Katy, Stacy, Kiaira, Miyah, Desiree (Vice President), Hailey (President), Leilah and Riley.
September 2020

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

Fraterna1 Greetings:

"Cincinnati, Ohio"

The next communication of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, beginning Monday morning, 16th August 2021, and ending Thursday afternoon, 19th August 2021.

Headquarters and Sessions
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
194th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
104th Annual Session

General Military Council
117th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
81st Annual Session

Youth Days

"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN."

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Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
151 West Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
Phone: 1-513-579-1234

Group Dates—August 12-19, 2021
All Rates are $169.00 — Single-Double-Triple-Quad
Tax Rate Presently 17.5%

Guests use the below web link:

Guests may also call our reservation center at:
1-800-233-1234 and use code G-HIOO

Information to have available when calling to make reservations

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City/State/Postal Code: ____________________________________________
Additional Guests: _________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ Email: ___________________
Card Number: ___________________________ Expiration Date: ________
Arrival Date: ___________________________ Departure Date: _________
2021 Pre-Registration Form
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council Patriarch Militant
International Association Ladies Auxiliaries
Patriarchs Militant

Cincinnati, Ohio
August 12th to 19th, 2021

PLEASE NOTE:
All Attendees MUST Register!

Name: ________________________________ (Please Print)

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC IALAPM YOUTH GUEST
(Please circle one)

Title for name badge _______________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________

City, State/Prov, Postal Code ________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________ Email: _______________________

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Registrations received on or before July 15, 2021 — $75.00 $ __________
Registrations after July 15, 2021 — $80.00 $ __________

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS
Youth Dinner, Friday, August 13, 2021 — $50.00 $ __________
Welcome Dinner, Saturday, August 14, 2021 — $50.00 $ __________
FUN NIGHT Dinner, Monday August 16, 2021 — $70.00 $ __________
Installation Dinner, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 — $70.00 $ __________

Total Fees for the Sessions in US Dollars $ __________

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2021 Committee
c/o Grand Lodge of Ohio IOOF
PO Box 1088
Springfield, OH 45501-1088

Any special requests, such as: Special diet, should be indicated here:
________________________________________________________________________
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Did you know???

Cincinnati’s original name was Losantiville after the Licking River. The name Losantiville means “opposite of the mouth of the river.”

Along with The Queen City, Cincinnati has been called Porkopolis. The name dates back to the 1820s through the 1930s when Cincinnati was the main pork processing center in the country.

The Cincinnati Red Stockings was the first professional baseball team. They won their first game by a score of 45-9 and went on to achieve an undefeated 65-0 record in 1869.

60% of the US population lives within half a day’s drive from Cincinnati, OH.

The Procter & Gamble Company was founded in Cincinnati in 1837 as a candle and soap making company because of the area’s easy access to lye.

First Ambulance Services (U.S.)

1865 – Cincinnati Ohio & 1869 – New York City, New York
Hospital interns rode in horse drawn carriages to treat the sick and injured.

1958 – Mouth-to-mouth taught to rescuers.
1960 – CPR was publicized.
1981 – Federal funding available for EMS growth and development.
1991 – Accreditation standards set for EMS services.
Now – What now???
IT'S ALL FOR FUN!

THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

Blessings  Family  Harvest  Pumpkin Pie  Tradition
Corn      Feast     Indians   Stuffing     Turkey
Cornucopia Gather  November  Sweet Potatoes
Cranberry Gratitude Pilgrims  Thanksgiving
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:
Michele Trynor

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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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.

Did you know: you can find us at these places?
Website: www.ioof.org  (Click on YOUTH)

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.