Youth Days will be in Winston-Salem, North Carolina
August 12th & 13th, 2022
at the Twin City Quarter

We want to see you!!!

Wishing
Alpha Theta Rho #1
Colorado
Happy Birthday!
90 years!
Congratulations!

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Greetings my Sisters and Brothers,

As the weather begins to warm up a little and the snow has melted and the Covid-19 Virus is declining, it is time to start getting our lives back on track and moving forward to resume our normal activities such as having meetings in our lodge halls in person.

This has been a very long 18 months of lodges staying dark and our members staying home and safe. We have checked, and except for Hawaii, all states have lifted the mask mandates. I hope this will encourage you to return to your lodges and resume the great work this order does. We need to OPEN OUR DOORS and let everyone know we are still alive and well and looking for new members that are ready to get out and be involved in something great.

While talking about great things, I attended the decorating of the Rose Parade Float in Glendale, CA and what a wonderful time. It was unbelievable how many members showed up to work on this float, and the hard work and long hours that was put in by so many to make such an exceptional float that represents our great order. This float is seen by thousands and thousands of people standing along the parade route and by millions watching it on TV. It was an honor of a lifetime to be able to ride this float and represent our great Order. If you ever have the chance to go and work on this float, do it, it is a great time, and you will see how hard so many members of our Order work together to complete the project and to make us proud to be an Odd Fellow and Rebekah. I would like to say a special Thank You to JR Prost for being the manager and crew chief and running a class act on getting this project completed. He is a great asset to this program.

We just returned from General Michael Bowers testimonial, and it was a great time, it is always great to honor the leaders of this Order. A meeting was held by The SGL Executive board while we were there, and we are moving forward with the investments being redone into new firms and this should increase our income in the future.

Our spring visits will be getting under way, and we will all be very busy for the next 4 months. Please let us know if your session has been changed or cancelled so we can make the corrections as needed.

Please take some time to pray for the people of Ukraine, as these people need our prayers and our Brothers and Sisters in Poland are setting up a program to make donations that will help feed and shelter the millions that have fled to Poland. This is a terrible act on these people that was completely uncalled for.

Remember that the time change is right around the corner, and we all look forward to having more daylight. Also, the Easter season will be upon us before we know it. Take time to remember the Brothers and Sisters we have lost in the past year and to check in on the ones that are unable to get out to a meeting. A phone call or visit will brighten up their day.

The 88th I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns is back on this year, I hope as many of you as possible will make this event. We need to show our respect for the sacrifice that these men and women have made so we can have the life we have. It is such an honor to be the leader of the great Order that is permitted to lay the wreath at the Tomb and have a mass wreath laying at the bottom of the steps for all to partake in. Do not forget to get your reservations in so we can get the scheduling done.

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life, and Easter is the only time of year it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Fraternally,

/s/ Chuck Lusk Sovereign Grand Master

"we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind"
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings to all of you.

I am feeling a bit shell-shocked with the new developments in Ukraine. The roller coaster of Covid ups and downs seems to be subsiding at the moment, with restrictions being lifted. Folks seem to smiling more, experiencing a sense of freedom that has been lost for the past two years. And now this truly horrific war has erupted. It is very hard to take. We have several families from Ukraine here on Nantucket Island. One gentleman is out here working to establish a secure home so that he can send for his wife and three children to come here to live. His story of fear, sleepless nights and true horror has been told in so many places around the world. He has managed to re-locate his family to Poland where they are now refugees, having left all of their possessions behind.

Ukraine has been working to establish Odd Fellows lodges. This a country that enjoyed democracy and appeared to be thriving. I feel we have a special connection with this country and I hope lodges and jurisdictions find a way to financially support aid programs to Ukraine. It is simply what we do.

We are about to embark on a very busy travel schedule this spring as we begin the march to our sessions in Winston-Salem in August. I am happy to report that I will be visiting Alberta, Ottawa for the Canadian War Memorial and Saskatchewan in Canada. It is high time we made visits to Canada and I am thrilled to be making these trips. It has been difficult for our Canadian members during Covid and I don’t want them to think for a moment that we are not including them in our work. Our Canadian jurisdictions are so loved, and I am very eager to see friends that I have not seen in two years.

My testimonial is fast approaching, with a much higher attendance than I had thought possible just a few months ago. This is a sign that we are on the road to normalcy. I encourage you to sign up right away to attend the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, VA. That we are having it is a bit of a miracle from my point of view. I hadn’t even allowed myself to dream about us going this year, and yet, here we are, ready to lay our wreaths. Please join us there.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this spring and summer. Our connection is a chain that links our hearts together. I wish you good health and prosperity as the days get longer and the sun shines stronger.

Pray for peace,

Fraternally,

s/ Kathy Richen
President I.A.R.A.
March, 2022

Greetings,

I just want to say Thank You to all Brothers and Sisters for being a part of the branches of our Order. Your youth, wisdom and dedication will continue to promote our great Order. My communication this time is starting off by apologizing to Lady Margaret Gardner for missing out on recognizing her on obtaining the rank of Past President of the International Association Ladies Patriarchs Militant in late 2021. I had this for the last newsletter and overlooked it. Congratulations to you Lady Margaret, you have given many long and hard years of dedicated service to our Order in all branches. A job well done.

Congratulations are also in order for the Alpha Theta Rho Girls’ Club No. 1 of Colorado celebrating 90 years of service and for the recent gain in membership. Also gaining new membership was Acorn Theta Rho Girls’ Club No. 79 of Washington congratulations to all and a big welcome to the new Youngsters. We want to say thank you to all of the Youth groups of our Order for your hard and never-ending work that you do with your lodge and community projects. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Winston Salem, NC in August at your Sessions.

I would like to ask everyone to keep in your thoughts and prayers some of my Officers who are ill at this time. May you have a quick and full recovery and may the greatest hands of all be laid upon you during your time of distress. I also would ask that everyone and especially for our Brothers and Sisters around the world who are in harms ways be kept in our thoughts and prayers. We are praying for all of you.

Well we just finish the third of the four testimonial weekends in Nashville and what a great weekend we had with our family and friends and thank you to all who travel to be with us. I would like to say Thank You to Chairman Sister Brenda Reed and her Testimonial Committee and the jurisdiction of Tennessee for giving me such a wonderful weekend. At the end of March, we will conclude our four fun filled, unforgettable weekends in Boston with Sister Kathy with her testimony we hope to see everyone there.

Myself and the Officers of the General Military Council are beginning to make our visitations once again and looking forward to meeting all of you. In advance I want to say thank you to the jurisdictions for the courtesies that are extended to me and my officers during our visits. If you need assistance prior to our visit, please contact me or one of my officers so that we may assist you.

The General Military Council has been very busy, we are working on the PM Ritual, Uniform Regulations and Sword Manuel. We are making a lot of progress. Thanks to all my Executive Committee, Officers, and The Sovereign Grand Lodge Officers for their help and expertise on these projects.

Be safe, safe travels to all and we hope to see you very soon.

Chivalrously,

s/ General Michael L. Bowers
ONE MORE CAST From The Chairman

Spring is In the Air!

Time to plant the seed of Odd Fellowship. Planting just one seed of a new member can grow into a strong fruitful flower. That flower has many blossoms, once matured its petals can reach out to other plants. Thus spreading the word of Odd Fellowship. Have you planted your seeds yet? Have you asked a friend, neighbor, co-worker about Odd Fellows? Just never know unless you ask.

Youth Days is right around the corner. Plans are already being made. Pin Designs need to be submitted soon. Advisors can email submittals or snail mail to me. All submitted designs must include name of club and member.

Youth. We need your Advisor of the Year recommendations. Tell us all the great things your advisors are doing so they can be recognized by everyone. Their ideas can become everyone’s if you help spread the word of how great they are.

All clubs, whether attending your days or not, must submit a Community Service Activities Report. We need to know the activity and hours preformed for each task. This is another great tool to let others know of your great activities, and it gives other clubs great ideas they can use also.

Hope everyone enjoys their spring. Time to plant those seeds and watch them grow.

In FLT

Steve Adams
SGL/IARA Youth Committee Chairman

“Pin Design”
“Advisor of the Year”
“Community Service Recognition”

Judging for Contests for Youth will be May 1, 2022!
Pin Design for 2022:
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.

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.

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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 2022
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.
August 2021

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, 15th August 2022, and ending Thursday afternoon, 18th August 2022.

Headquarters and Sessions
Twin City Quarter

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
195th Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
105th Annual Session

General Military Council
118th Annual Session

Youth Days

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2022 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 15 to 18, 2022

Please Note:
All Attendees MUST register

Name _____________________________________________________________________
(as desired on badge) _____________________________________________________________________

Unit attending: SGL IARA GMC 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, 2022, $75.00 $ ___________________
Registrations after July 26, 2022, $80.00 $ ___________________

Highlight Events

Youth Dinner, Friday Aug. 12, $ 45.00 $ ___________________
Welcome Dinner, Saturday Aug. 13, $45.00 $ ___________________
Officer’s Banquet, Monday Aug. 15, $70.00 $ ___________________
Installation Dinner, Wednesday Aug. 17, $60.00 $ ___________________

Total Fees for the session, in US dollars $ ___________________

No refund on meals if not attending when canceled after the 26th of July, unless your reservation is picked up at registration by another attendee.

Please mail all Registration Forms with a check or money order to:
2022 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:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
Reservations can be made using the following Code:

For Marriott use the code: IOOF - Oddfellows
For Embassy Suites use the code: SGL

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: ____________
Alpha Theta Rho #1 Colorado celebrated their 90th birthday on February 12, 2022.

Rebekah Assembly Warden, Marilyn Horton was present at this celebration as well. She made an official visit with Alpha Theta Rho #1. After the Celebration, they had their meeting, Rebekah Assembly Warden Marilyn Horton made her official visit, and they initiated a new member! What an exciting day!

Congratulations Alpha Theta Rho #1!
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.

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 - Fun Night with the Youth!

Here’s the information you need in your Jurisdictional Youth Reports

What are we having for dinner?
We don’t know yet, but we are working on it!

What are we doing for Fun Night?
We don’t know yet, but we are working on it!

A little sneak peak at Information for Youth Days

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Birthday Party

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle grid with the name of each item following the number and direction indicated. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

1. Balloon
2. Bow
3. Cake
4. Candle
5. Candy
6. Chocolate
7. Clown
8. Cupcake
9. Fireworks
10. Games
11. Gift
12. Ice Cream
13. Magic
14. Music
15. Party Hat
16. Popcorn
17. Prize
18. Punch

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Music Word Search

BAND

CHORUS

DRUM

EIGHTH

FOLKSONG

FORM

GLOCKENSPIEL

HALF

HARMONY

INSTRUMENT

MALLET

MELODY

MUSIC

NOTE

PARTNERSONG

PIANO

QUARTER

REST

RHYTHM

ROUND

SCALE

SIXTEENTH

SYNCOPATION

TRIANGLE

WATERBURY

WHOLE

WOODBLOCK

XYLOPHONE
SPONSER 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) _____________________________

FACEBOOK PAGE: SGL-IARA Youth
*Use Facebook to share your activities with others.
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*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:
Michele Trynor
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**Did you know:** you can find us at these places?  
Website: www.iiof.org  (Click on YOUTH)

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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.