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Schuyler Colfax Jr.
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Membership
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Thank You from:

SGM Doug Pittman to all who attended the Testimonial Weekend, the many cards and good wishes.

Lady Michelle Jones to all for the many good wishes, cards and those who attended the Colorado weekend.

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Sympathy to:

The family of Janet Mattatall, Guardian—I.A.R.A.—4 January 2018 and the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Provinces

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Thinking of You:

Wanda Miller, Mother of PSGM John Miller
Ted Greger, son of QMG Marie Greger-Smith

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings, I trust that each of you enjoyed the holidays and hopefully made some lasting memories with your families and friends. As we slip into the New Year, I would like to share some information about our founder Thomas Wildey. It is especially exciting to me as we enter 2019 and the 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in North America.

Our founder Thomas Wildey was born in London, England 15 January 1782. He became an orphan at the age of five. The Odd Fellows pledge to “Educate the Orphan” impacted his life. At the age of 14 and after 9 years of schooling, Thomas went to live with his uncle and became an apprentice coach spring maker. In 1804 at the age of 22 he joined the British Oddfellows.

Thomas Wildey emigrated to America in 1817, the British were not popular in America because of the War of 1812. Baltimore was suffering both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper looking for any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore and then asked them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn.

On April 26, 1819, Thomas Wildey and four other men who responded to his advertisement, John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatam, and Richard Rushworth, established the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to philanthropic works. Other Englishmen who were members of the Odd Fellows had found each other in the Eastern Seaboard states, and Wildey invited them to become members of the newly formed fraternity. He traveled extensively to institute new lodges in recently settled parts of the United States.

When he died 1861, there were over 200,000 members in 42 states. Between the late 19th century and early 20th century the Independent Order of Odd Fellows became the largest Fraternal Order in North America with more than two million members.

Please celebrate Thomas Wildey Day as stated in the Proclamation found on page 8 of the last issue of the IOOF News by doing the following: That January 15, 2019 the anniversary date of the birth of our founder be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship. Please observe the birthday of Brother Wildey with special ceremony on or as near the 15th of January as is possible. All Units of the Order are encouraged to initiate a Wildey Class in celebration of the occasion. The month of January be Thomas Wildey Museum Month. Members are encouraged to contribute to the museum, either monetarily or with items for display. Contributions should be sent to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., Thomas Wildey Museum, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830.

I would also like to encourage your support of the other programs of The Sovereign Grand Lodge as well. Since I am in California and spent the day working on the Rose Parade Float, I will comment about that first. Sponsored by the Jurisdiction of California and benefiting all of us with television exposure across the United States and Canada. What a great way to get our

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"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MAN"
Greetings Sisters and Brothers;

As we come into a New Year, I would like to express my gratitude for the love and support to all those who reached out to me and my family during our time of loss before Christmas. Losing my 12-year-old Godson, certainly has been a difficult journey. I ask each and everyone of you to recommit yourselves ‘to visiting the sick, relieve the distressed, educate the orphan and bury the dead’. Helping those in need or those who are less fortunate is a way of life. The New Year is a good time to remember that “Together We Can…”.

- Put others needs before our own
- Make a positive impact in the community
- Achieve greater results
- Lend a helping hand to those in need
- Be stronger than as an individual

As we prepare to celebrate our 200th Anniversary there are many things that have to be done not only in our communities, jurisdictions or Internationally to make this milestone a memorable occasion. What are you or your lodge going to do to mark this celebration? I have heard there will be trees planted, plaques presented, and donations made. Take this opportunity to let the public know about this great Order and what we do in or communities. Call the local paper and have an article included. Invite the public to the event and include everyone to show the wonderful work we do as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs!

Remember the Projects of our Order:
- Visual Research
- Educational Foundation
- Hunger and Disaster
- Arthritis Foundation
- Pilgrimage for Youth

I hope that 2019 will be what each and everyone of you want it to be. You are the only one who can make that decision with open minds and hearts.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Patty Heighton
President—I.A.R.A.

March of the Nutcracker
January 2019

Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers, and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is now 2019, a new beginning for the General Military Council. It was time to be in good spirits and enjoy time with your families and loved ones. We always need new members in cantons, but we must keep them in the leaning mode and active once they join our ranks.

When it is time for your regular monthly meetings, I hope everyone puts their uniform on with pride and enthusiasm. When we put on our uniforms, we are representing many years of the Patriarchs Militant. With the sword manual and uniform regulations many things can be taught during our regular canton meetings. Small group practicing will very quickly become a large group which will continue to grow. Try it!!! Stop sitting around a table to conduct your meetings.

Everyone will be better prepared for their Department Council meetings, if you are ready and participate in regular monthly meetings. Do not wait until the night before your Department Council Session to put your uniform together and get your books and papers ready for the sessions, just a word to the wise.

It has been my Honor to present two Grand Decorations of Chivalry and two Decorations of Chivalry thus far this year. I have at least five more Grand Decorations to present in (Continued on page 7)

Office of the President
International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

January 2019

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all of you have had a happy holiday season and are enjoying the anew Year.

I had a blast decorating this years Rose Parade Float out in California. Thank you to everyone who put in hard work to make such a beautiful float this year to help us celebrate 200 years of Odd Fellowship in North America! Your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

To all Auxiliary and Association Secretaries, be sure to get your reports in prior to the deadlines. It is important that all reports are on time.

I’d like to talk a little bit about membership. We have an amazing Order with awesome people. If we want our Order to survive and thrive, we need to get our friends, families, strangers we meet on the street to come into our lodges and see what we are all about. I’ve heard many times when talking to people about our Order that they had family members who belonged, but they didn’t think that the Order was still around. We are a very well-kept secret and people will not know we are here unless we tell them. Keep talking about what your unit does and people will take notice.

I hope everyone continues to have a happy and healthy new year and I cannot wait to see what we can accomplish this year together!

Chivalrously,

Lady Michelle Jones
President-IALAPM

Smile and the World Smiles with You.
name “Independent Order of Odd Fellows – the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs” into people’s homes. I am so honored and excited to be able to help build it and then be allowed ride along and represent our organization, Thank You. Please make this one of the projects that you and your lodge donates to. Writing a check to help is great but, the real reward is being able to spend some time working on the float.

The Educational Foundation is the oldest project of the Odd Fellows established in 1927. We have helped educate thousands of students by providing low interest loans amounting to more than 7.4 million dollars. One of our commands is: ‘to educate’; what better way to achieve this command than through loans and scholarships of the Educational Foundation. The month of February is Educational Foundation Month throughout Odd Fellowship. I am requesting that, all Units of the Order to support this project by: sponsoring a money raising event for the benefit of the Educational Foundation or make a donation from your treasury. All monies raised, and contributions made should be sent to the Jurisdictional Secretary of each Unit of the Order and the Jurisdictional Secretary will, in turn, send the total donations for the Jurisdiction to: R. Kenneth Babb, Ex. Dir., Educational Foundation I.O.O.F., P.O. Box 20455, Winston-Salem, NC 27120. This will enable each Jurisdictional Secretary to give credit for contributions made by Local Units. When you reach out and touch people through education you provide them with knowledge.

I will address some of our other projects in future issues of the IOOF News, so if you haven’t seen your favorite project mentioned yet…. it’s coming soon.

Thank You for the support that you give to our most worthy programs. You impact people’s lives through your actions as well as your words. Every donation, every word of encouragement makes a difference to someone.

Fraternally Yours,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

SOS Committee

Greetings,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the children of SOS Odd Fellow Village in Battambang Cambodia. (Reek-Reary Bon Noel and Soussday Chanam Tmay in their official language Khmer).

June Wilson a lovely lady and Odd Fellow from the jurisdiction of Utah has been making a yearly trip to the village keeping our name alive. The children look forward to her annual visit and adore spending time with her. Sister June states her annual trek to the village to be with the children is the highlight of her year.

The village located near the border of Thailand welcomes visitors thus giving the children an opportunity to share their new life experiences. The surrounding city of Battambang has modernized and is proud to have to the SOS Odd Fellows Village

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2019. It is always an enjoyable event. Maj Gen Earl Wys and Brig Gen Fred Barlow traveled to PNW with me and were great assistance in the presenting three Decorations there. The other Grand Decoration of Chivalry was at the North Carolina Sessions to PSGM Hank Dupray.

I have appointed Gen Mathews and Maj Gen Wys as a Special Committee to prepare all of the Legislation that GMC will be sending to The SGL for approval. This committee’s assignment will also include preparing the Uniform Regulations and Sword Proficiency Manuals. We have been unable to get the them printed because of various discrepancies, so will continue to email out what we have approved for our current use. We will do the best we can with what we have to work with. Thank you both for stepping up.

It was with a very heavy heart that I was unable to attend the Rose Bowl Parade this year. I realize it is our 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in North America. Sometimes it is beyond our personal control. I greatly appreciated the invitation.

Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn has informed me that she and her team will be making a complete set of NEW WREATHS for Third Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns of the Civil War. This means everyone will need to order their new wreath and what unit information they want on it. Please send your $50.00 and info to:

Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn, Chairman of Beauvoir Pilgrimage Committee
1111 Hwy 29
Wiggins, MS 39577
H-Ph: 601-928-9200
or Cell-Ph: 601-466-9464
E Address: mitzirayborn@gmail.com

We must continue to work hard in our beloved branch the Patriarchs Militant. The LAPM and PM must continue to support each other. Please remember myself or one of my Team are always ready to help, just ask.

Chivalrously,

Gen. S. Ray Johnson
General Commanding of GMC 2018-2019

The Motto this year: E.M.T.: which stands for Educate, Motivate and Train.

’a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier’

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located in their fair city.

The committee has been working with SOS headquarters in Washington, DC to establish new avenues of participation for all lodges large or small giving an opportunity to be proud of the village furthermore giving all members a chance to once again fulfill their obligation to educate the orphan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Lodge of Washington for forwarding a maintenance check of $10,000.00 for their home in the village.

The children sharing work assignments have been responsible for maintaining the grounds of the village thus giving them a sense of pride. In addition, they have assigned chores within each home teaching them to work as a team.

The mothers of each home are doing a magnificent job and deserve accolades for giving of themselves in order to give the children and opportunity to advance in society.

The long-term goal of the program is “hope” that as the children leave the home, they will continue to keep the program alive by giving back.

All contributions to Odd Fellows Village are deeply appreciated regardless of the amount and deserve recognition. On behalf of the Committee Thank You for your support.

In FLT,
The Committee
2019 Annual Communication of
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Commemorating the founding of Odd Fellowship
on the North American Continent

26th April 1819

at the Seven Stars

Baltimore, Maryland

‘WE COMMEND YOU TO: VISIT THE SICK, BURY THE DEAD,
RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED, AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN’
January 2019

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, 19th August 2019, and ending Thursday afternoon, 22nd August 2019.

Headquarters and Sessions
Twin City Quarter

The Sovereign Grand Lodge
193rd Annual Communication

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
103rd Annual Session

General Military Council
116th Annual Session

International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
80th Annual Session

Youth Days
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## 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

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### Registration Information

- Registrations on or before July 26, 2019, $75.00  
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- Registrations after July 26, 2019, $80.00  
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### 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:  

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
**Marriott**
I have a reservation at the Winston-Salem Marriott
425 N Cherry St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
1-800-320-0934

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Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: _____________________________________________

Additional Guests: _________________________________________________

Phone Number: ______________________ Email:________________________

Card Number: _______________________________ Exp. Date: ____________

Arrival Date: _____________________________ Departure Date: __________
**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST**

Any group wishing to have a meal, meeting, or reception should return this form to the committee. It will be forwarded to the proper people at the Twin City Quarter Winston-Salem. They will provide menus for the type of event you wish to schedule—also see the menus on line.

Group Name: ____________________________
Contact Person: __________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, St./Prov., Postal Code: ________________
Telephone: ________________________________ Email: ________________________________
Type of Event: _____________________________
   (Breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktail reception, etc.)
Date and Time: _____________________________
Number expected: __________________________
Special requests: __________________________

(Mikes, Podium, PowerPoint, etc.)
Mail all requests to:
2019 I.O.O.F. Session Committee
422 N. Trade St.
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Grand Secretary
Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly
Department Adjutant
Lady Secretary of the Department Association
November 2018.

To all Members and Friends of Odd Fellowship:

Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend the 50th Annual Canadian War Memorial Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony to be held on May 31st, June 1st and June 2nd, 2019. Our headquarters hotel will be the Best Western Plus Ottawa City Centre, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. Our special room rates are $149.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

Reservations can be made by calling 1.613.728.1951. Please inform the registration desk that you are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for this special rate. Rooms in our block are limited and must be ordered by May 3rd, 2019. Members arriving on Friday May 31 are invited to attend an informal meet and greet reception from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Tickets will be available for pick up. Arrangements have been made to visit the Canadian War Museum on Saturday morning. Bus will leave the hotel approx. 9:45 A.M. Following our visit to the Canadian War Memorial Museum, we will stop at the Byway Market. This will give the members an opportunity to visit the gift shops and have some lunch. The bus will return to the hotel approx. 2:30 P.M. Cost of the tour including bus is $25.00 per person.

Our Annual Banquet and entertainment will be held Saturday Night in the Hotel's Cafe 1274. The evening will begin with a social time and cash bar from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. Banquet tickets are $45.00 per person and must be ordered in advance. Each person must complete the attached registration form, indicating your choice of beef or salmon.

Suggested dress code for the men is business suit, tuxedo or military uniform. For the ladies, street length dress, formal gown or military dress. The Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Sunday June 2nd at the Cenotaph, Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at 11:00 A.M. Bus transportation will be provided from the hotel and return following the ceremony. Those Jurisdictions who currently have a wreath are urged to have a representative from your jurisdiction present to present your wreath. If no representative from your Jurisdiction is present, the committee cannot guarantee that your wreath will be presented. New wreaths may be ordered by contacting the secretary prior to March 1st, 2019. The committee cannot guarantee that orders placed after this date will be available for this year's ceremony. The cost of a new wreath is $125.00. Wreaths are made of artificial flowers and can be used for many years.

The committee looks forward to greeting you in Ottawa May 31st June 1st and June 2nd, 2019. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the secretary.

Fraternally,

Ronald L. Wanamaker, P.G.M. Secretary
50th Canadian War Memorial Weekend
Ottawa, Ontario

May 31, June 2,3, 2019

Pre-Registration Form – (One Form Per Person
Registration Fee MUST be paid by all attendees)

All registrations MUST be received no later than May 3, 2019. (If mailing from the United States, please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery).

Note: There is no shuttle service between Airport and the Hotel. Approximate cost of taxi is $40.00

REGISTRATION FEE: is $5.00 per person if paid prior to May 3, 2019
OR: $7.00 per person if paid after May 3, 2019

Annual Banquet: is $45.00 Canadian Funds
(Please choose one of the following)
( ) Beef ( ) Salmon

(Please advise in advance if you have any dietary restrictions and what they are so that we can arrange for an alternative) Place information on back of form

Saturday – Canadian War Museum: Minimum 25 People Required for Bus
Cost of tour $25.00 CAD (including bus)
Bus to leave hotel at 9:45 a.m.

NOTE: Tickets will not be mailed. They can be picked up Friday between 7-9 p.m. or Saturday prior to banquet. All payments must accompany all orders.

Name ______________________________ Phone __________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________

City _________________________________ Prov/State _______________________

My Title on June 1, 2019 ________________________________

MAIL TO: Mrs. Sue Geurts
688 Down Cres.,
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7Y1

Make all cheques/Money Orders payable to:
“The Canadian War Memorial Committee”
SCHUYLER COLFAx DAY PROCLAMATION

To all Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851, and the degree was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree provides woman’s softening touch to Odd Fellowship, as founded upon the principles of the Order – faithfulness, hospitality, purity and dedication as portrayed by women of the Bible.

Whereas, because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe.

Therefore, I, Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim,

That the 23rd day of March 2019 be: Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax.

Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Schuyler Colfax by initiating a ‘Colfax Class’ in honor of the celebration.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this the 1st day of January 2019, and in the 200th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

ARTHrITIS MONTH PROCLAMATION

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by arthritis. I along with the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Advisory Board, in turn, are proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years.

At these annual meetings we meet an enlarged family and community of arthritis chapter volunteers who become our friends and co-volunteers in a cause that makes you and me proud of our efforts in helping our fellow man.

Now, therefore, I, Douglas E. Pittman, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,

That the month of March be proclaimed Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month in cooperation of fund raising through the Arthritis Foundation in the USA and the Arthritis Society in Canada.

All monies raised should be sent to your Jurisdictional Secretaries to be forwarded to the Arthritis Chapter in your Province or State.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of January 2019 and of our Order the 200th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master
/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary
In celebrating **200 years** of Odd Fellowship—the Wildey Museum and Library will accept any officers pins, coins, banquet memorabilia, certificates, pamphlets, books, etcetera. Also: items of interest—posters, jewels, gavels, miscellaneous items of interest—be certain to include any history and your name or the name of the person or lodge of original ownership; will also take items for display to be returned to you.

Mail to:

Wildey Museum and Library I.O.O.F.
422 Trade St. NW
Winston-Salem, NC  27101
I.O.O.F. Celebrating 200 years

Items available through your Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly: book of 12 postcards or pictures suitable for framing; denim shirts, and thermal cups.
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New Member’s Lodge

Lodge Secretary Name

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State/Province

Postal/Zip Code

NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted

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Date of Birth: M/D/Y

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How to get new members.

Ask.

First Things First:
After the membership is:

Educated—
to be knowledgeable in the principles of the Order
to be knowledgeable in the programs of the Order
to be efficient in the operation of a lodge meeting, both the Ritual and the business procedures

Trained— in the floor work in the conferring of the Degrees

Then take Action to Ask…..

Taken from the Membership Program—*Train the Trainers*. 
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Linda Culver, IL
George Cantor, OH

50 years
Douglas E. Pittman, CO
Terry L. Barrett, IL
Robert Kunst, OH
Robert Henderson, OH

When sending in Veteran members, list only those having an anniversary during the current year divisible by 5. (starting at 50, 55, 60, etc.) Thanks.

Items are not to scale.

Odd Fellows
Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
  Item No. 1227—1242
  May be ordered through your Grand Lodge

Rebekah Veteran Buttons—starting at 5 years
  Item No. 2202—2216-80
  May be ordered through your Rebekah Assembly

Veteran Jewels
Be a Partner in the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth

The Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth program is looking for Partners to sponsor one or more activities for the Program and Tour.

You and Your Lodge can be that Partner. Reach out, “Make a Difference” in a young person’s life and future. The Pilgrimage for Youth program is affiliated to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and your generosity has made this program a success for over 69 years. Through your continued Donations, You and Your Lodge will help to keep this program funded into the future.

Over the past 69 years did your lodge feed a bus as it crossed the country, host or sponsor a bus, a delegate, a bus tour leader? You may do so again, be a participant in the Pilgrimage for Youth program, donate today.

Besides sponsoring a young person for this program, there are many ways you can help sponsor this program:

Sponsor Lunch for ______ Delegates @ $10.00 each $ ____________
Sponsor Dinner for ______ Delegates @ $15.00 each $ ____________
Sponsor ______ Delegate Tee-Shirts @ $10.00 each $ ____________
Sponsor ______ Delegate Room Nights @ $40.00 $ ____________
Sponsor ______ Delegate United Nations Tours @ $14.00 $ ____________
Sponsor ______ Delegate 911 Museum Tickets @ $15.00 $ ____________
Sponsor ______ Statue of Liberty Tickets @ $19.00 $ ____________

Partner with another Lodge to feed a bus on a route $ ____________
Help with the Cost of an Adult Bus Tour Leader $ ____________
Help with the Cost of the Buses $ ____________

(Donations in the United States are tax deductible)

Gift From:
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Return this Form & Your Donation to:
I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc.
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC  27101-2830
January 2019

Executive Director Position Opening
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Program

The Executive Director of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth Inc. has informed the Board of Directors of the Pilgrimage for Youth Program of her retirement, effective in the fall of 2019.

Brothers and Sisters, Sister Janet Bruce has been working with this program since 1992 and as Executive Director since 2013. I believe that I speak for the rest of the Board when I say that without her this program would not be what it is today. I have never in my life worked with a person that has so much knowledge, dedication, and attention to details as Sister Janet. In 2017 when the program was restructuring, she was the key figure in the completion of that project. The number of hours that she has dedicated to this program probably has broken a Guinness Book of World Records.

I personally cannot put into words the respect, admiration and the thanks that Sister Janet deserves. The late-night phone calls, last minute changes, constantly changing schedules, insurance issues, laws of different countries, not to mention taking care of hundreds of young men and women under her care and direction is to be commended. The reason I mention this is to give the applicants a brief scenario of what to expect.

Planning of all aspects of the Program and Tour from bus schedules, airline schedules, booking hotels, meals, tours. Training staff and tour leaders. Preparing a budget, possible legislation, meeting and reporting to the Board of Directors, attending The Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions, working with all jurisdictional chairman to get information out, preparing current year paperwork. The list of duties goes on and on.

Yes, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Program is looking for an Executive Director. Anyone interested in this position, please fill out the Staff application, found on The Sovereign Grand Lodge website www.ioof.org/Our Programs/Pilgrimage for Youth page/applications/staff application or the Pilgrimage for Youth website ioofpilgrimageforyouth.org /applications tab /staff application; and submit that application along with your resume by March 1, 2019 to:
I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc.
Attention: Board Chairman Rodney M. Metoyer
422 N Trade St, Winston- Salem, NC 27101-2830

Fraternally,

s/ Rodney M. Metoyer, Chairman
November 2018

THE TOUR IS ON IN 2019

The 69th Tour of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage for Youth is ready for a lifetime experience for delegates as they travel to New York City or on the extended tour: Washington DC, Ottawa and other historical sites.

The 7-day Tour and the 14-day Tour will both start on the same date – July 9, 2019.

Did you get your Delegate count and 1/2 Delegate Fee sent to the Pilgrimage for Youth office? If not, get it in NOW! A bus may have a seat available, we would like to ‘fill the bus’.

The next deadline is April 1, 2019: items due are:
   a. 2 copies completed Delegate Registration packet.
   b. 2 copies completed Chaperon to Delegate Registration packet.
   c. 2 copies completed Tour Leader Registration packet.
   d. 2 copies completed Staff Registration packet.

The Board of Directors will select Tour Leaders and Staff at their February 9, 2019 Board meeting. Tour Leader and Staff applicants should have sent their Application to the Pilgrimage for Youth office. If you are still thinking of being a Tour Leader or Staff person, fill out the Application and send it in.

Contact the Executive Director or Board Members with any questions or concerns, we are here to not only support this awesome program but to assist you in sending a young person on a tour which may enhance or change their life.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Janet Bruce, Executive Director
pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth  
Email: pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com

2019 Payment Form

Mail Payment Form and Fees to:  
IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth  
422 N. Trade Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

| Jurisdiction: |  
| Sponsor Lodge/District/Etc.: |  
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| Number of Delegates: | $2,000.00 each – 2-week tour | $____.____ |
| Number of Tour Leaders: | $800.00 each – 1-week tour | $____.____ |
| Number of Tour Leaders: | $1,600.00 each – 2-week tour | $____.____ |

**TOTAL DUE** .......................................................... $____.____

**November 1st fees paid** (if 1/2 fee selected to pay) ....... ($-____.____)

**Balance Due April 1st** .............................................. $____.____

Donation to IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth  
(U.S. IRS deductible) $____.____
Odd Fellows Insurance Program

Endorsed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Odd Fellows Insurance Program is designed specifically to meet your Lodge’s unique insurance needs. We offer:

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AUTO LIABILITY | SPECIAL EVENTS | WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Now we offer you a choice. And one could save you up to 40%.

Our new Classic Insurance Product was created to provide Lodges with the coverage they need, without the extras that can drive up the cost.

Or perhaps you’ll decide our Premier Coverage, offering more comprehensive protection, is what your Lodge needs. The choice is yours.

Don’t renew your Lodge’s insurance without contacting us for a free quote!

Toll-Free (866) 519-5795
www.locktonaffinity.com/oddfellows
E-mail: IOOFinsurance@locktonrisk.com

Insurance Program Administered by Lockton Risk Services
Jurisdictional Contacts and Annual Meetings

**ODD FELLOWS**

**Alabama** – June 2019, Grand Secretary – John H. Boshell, 973 4th St NW, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

**Alberta** – 13-14 April 2019, Grand Secretary – Murray Letheridge, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3

**Arizona** – 18-21 October 2019, Grand Secretary – Ronald Long, 604 E Ironwood Dr, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**Arkansas** – October 2019, Grand Secretary – Franklin Webster, PO Box 84, Atkins, AR 72823

**Atlantic Provinces** – July 2019, Grand Secretary – Jordan Swan, 50 Loop of Hwy 6 Loop, Tatamagouche, NS B0K 1V0

**Australasia** – October 2020, Grand Secretary – Richard C O’Connell, PO Box 3340, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000

**Belize** – Daniel J Gorham, Deputy, PO Box 90, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize

**British Columbia** – 27-28 April 2019 – Chris Robson, Grand Secretary, 1443 W 8th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6H 1C9

**California** – May 2019, Grand Secretary – Ray Link, 122 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

**Chile** – DDGM – Mario Casassus Gabellini, Avda Quilin 2068 B Depto 31, Santiago, Chile

**Colorado** – September 2019, Grand Secretary – Mario Casassus Gabellini, Avda Quilin 21 October 2018, Grand Secretary

**Connecticut** – 20-21 September 2019, Grand Secretary – Marshall D Kalin, PO Box 11075, Waterbury, CT 06703-0075

**Cuba** – May 2019, Grand Secretary Jorge Castellanos Milan, 20 de May No 615, esq. a Maso, Cerro, La Habana Cuba

**Delaware** – November 2019, Grand Secretary – Michael Lynch, 1113 Maplefield Rd, Newark, DE 19713

**District of Columbia** – 2 March 2019, Grand Secretary – Walter R Hoenes, 3233 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007

**Europe** – 24-25 May 2019, Grand Secretary, Andre Kuy, Selnaaustrasse 3, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

**Florida** – May 2019, Grand Secretary – Aldo Farradaz, 1664 W 42nd St, Hialeah, FL 33012

**Georgia** – 27 April 2019, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Hawaii** – DDSGM – Charles A VanGieson, 95 1050 Makaikai St # 20G, Mililani, HI 96789-4329

**Idaho** – October 2019, Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary – 920 Grant St, Caldwell, ID 83605

**Illinois** – 7-8 October 2019, Grand Secretary – Jerald T Sarnes, PO Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62644-0248

**Indiana** – October 2019, Grand Secretary – Diana Merritt, 5360 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

**Iowa** – 9-11 October 2019, Grand Secretary – Lawrence Shilling, 5850 Oakwood Dr NW, Des Moines, IA 50322

**Kansas** – October 2019 – Grand Secretary – Kenneth Edgett, PO Box 549, Great Bend, KS 67530

**Kentucky** – 8-9 October 2019, Grand Secretary – Arthur Light, PO Box 1208, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-1208

**Louisiana** – 9 March 2019, Grand Secretary – Joyce Humphrey, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404

**Maine** – 18-19 October 2019, Grand Secretary – Mike Anderson, 80 Caron Ln, Auburn, ME 04210

**Manitoba** – April 2019, Grand Secretary – Dorian Sherman, 118-4025 Robin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3R 3V5

**Maryland** – May 2019, Grand Secretary – Laura Teate, 7721 Old Battle Grove Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222

**Massachusetts** – 7-8 June 2019, Grand Secretary – Clarence Plant, 104 Randolph Rd, Worcester, MA 01606

**Mexico** – DDGM – Henry L. Dupray, 1922 Jackson St., Wilmington, NC 28401-6722

**Michigan** – October 2019, Grand Secretary – Anthony Poma, PO Box 437, Eastpointe, MI 48021

**Minnesota** – June 2019, Grand Secretary – Alex Saloum, PO Box 7415, Hutchinson, MN 55350-7415

**Mississippi** – June 2019, Grand Secretary – Mitzi Rayborn, 1111 Highway 29, Wiggins, MS 39577

**Missouri** – May 2019, Grand Secretary – Kenneth D Higgins, PO Box 336, Fulton, MO 65251

**Montana** – June 2019, Grand Secretary – George E Hill, 12865 Mill Creek Rd, LoLo, MT 59847

**Nebraska** – October 2019, Grand Secretary – Jim Standerfer, 237 S 70th St Ste 103, Lincoln, NE 68510

**Nevada** – 17-18 June 2019, Grand Secretary – William Knight, 920 E Corbett St, Carson City, NV 89706

**New Hampshire** – 26-27 April 2019, Grand Secretary – Kevin Taylor, 200 Pleasant St, Concord, NH 03301-2505

**New Jersey** – 20-21 June 2019, Grand Secretary – Debbie L McClelland, 4527 Rte 130 S, Burlington, NJ 08016

**New Mexico** – September 2019, Grand Secretary – Barbara J Corfield, PO Box 9234, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9234

**New York** – July 2019, Grand Secretary – Thomas Buchanan, 5 Melody Ln, Warwick, NY 10990

**North Carolina** – 17-19 October 2019, Grand Secretary – R Kenneth Babb, 315 N Spruce St Ste 250, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**North Dakota** – 14-15 June 2019, Grand Secretary – Mark Ulrich, 1107 Walnut St, Devils Lake, ND 58301

**Ohio** – April 2019, Grand Secretary – Penny Castle, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088

**Oklahoma** – October 2019, C/O Grand Secretary – PO Box 588, Perry, OK 73077-0588

**Ontario** – May 2019, Grand Secretary – John R Nichols, 157 Frederick St, Stratford, ON N5A 3V6

**Oregon** – 14-17 May 2019, Grand Secretary – Ronald L Kunze, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

**Pennsylvania** – 24-26 June 2019, Grand Secretary – Justin C Bailey, 1001 W Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4899

**Puerto Rico** – DDSGM Alberto Cue Varela, Alameda No 40 – Urb Munoz Rivera, Guaynabo, PR 00969

**Quebec** – May 2019, Grand Secretary – William Loken, 15 Rue Flynn, Trois Rivieres, QC G8W 1E7

**Rhode Island** – 13 April 2019, Grand Secretary – Maurice W Warren, 120 Water St, Portsmouth, RI 02871

**Saskatchewan** – 4-5 June 2019, Grand Secretary – Nick Seneshen, Box 1060, Unity, SK S0K 4L0

**South Carolina** – DDSGM Jimmy C Huffman, 2304 E 39th St, Savannah, GA 31404-3835

**South Dakota** – 14-15 September 2018, Grand Secretary – LaDonna McKnight, 550 N 5th St Ste 103, Rapid City, SD 57701

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Tennessee – 26-27 June 2019, Grand Secretary – C E Worrell Sr, PO Box 323, Ridgetop, TN 37353-0323
Texas – March 2019, Grand Secretary – James Curtis, 3440 W Second Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110
Utah – 26-27 April 2019, Grand Secretary – Linda R Shelton, 3287 E Kenton Dr, Millcreek, UT 84109
Vermont – 10 May 2019, Grand Secretary – Edward Spaulding, 786 VT Rte 10, Chester, VT 05143
Virginia – 28-29 May 2019, Grand Secretary – Jack Gibson, PO Box 22458, Newport News, VA 23609
Washington – June 2019, Grand Secretary – Harry W Coulter, PO Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321-0377
West Virginia – 17-19 October 2019, Grand Secretary – Paul L Hevner, 1465 Tremont Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505
Wisconsin – June 2019, Grand Secretary – Joyce M Proulx, 490 Tyrolian Dr, Green Bay, WI 54302-5143
Wyoming – 12-13 June 2019, Grand Secretary – Jim Wilson, PO Box 1375, Rock Springs, WY 82902

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**REBEKAHS**

Alabama – June 2019, Secretary – Eloise Cox, 5010 Rainbow Dr, Rainbow City, AL 35906-8610
Alberta – 12-14 April 2019, Secretary – Darlene B Clemmer, 432-28th St NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T3
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