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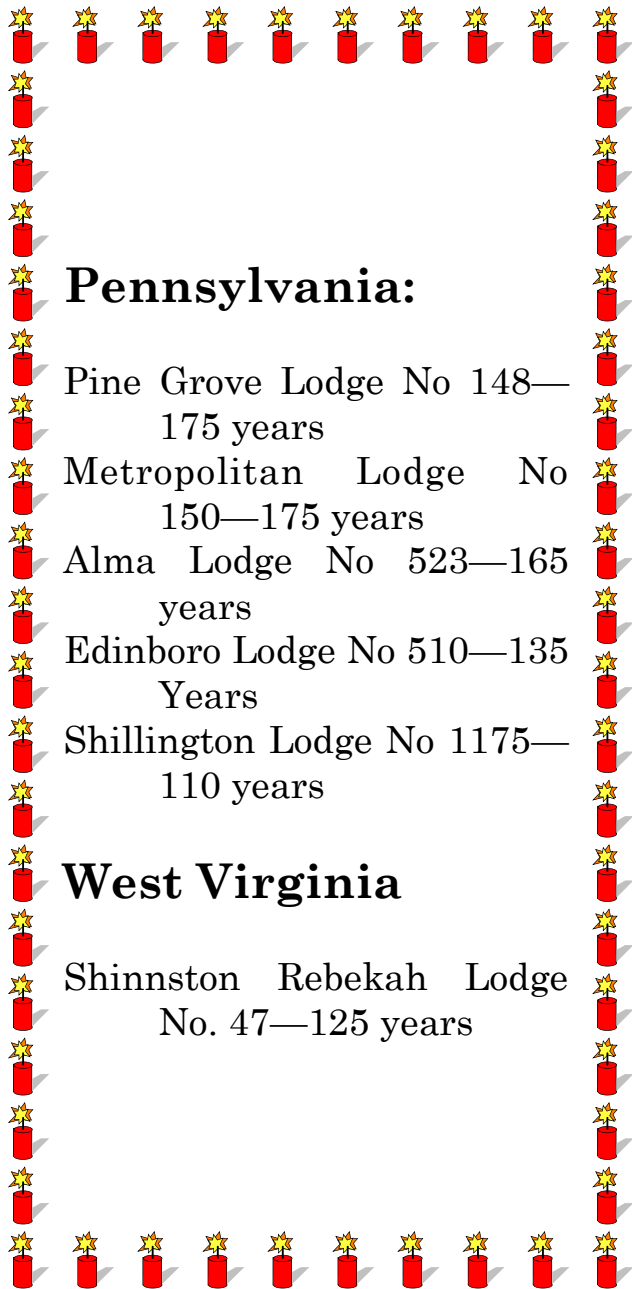
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150—175 years

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years

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Years

Shillington Lodge No 1175—
110 years

West Virginia

Shinnston Rebekah Lodge
No. 47—125 years

Sympathy to:

The family of Robert J. Robbins—
PSGM, 2006-2007—27 November 2020

The family of Norma L. Miller—PP-
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Thinking of you:

All of those suffering with the Covid-
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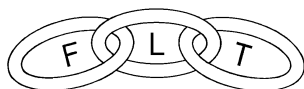
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Thank you from:

Vickie Beaver, PP-I.A.R.A. for the many
cards, calls, prayers, e-mails, &c. after
the passing of Darrell.

Sherri Robbins, PP-I.A.R.A. for the
many comforting words of sympathy.
Rob was laid to rest with Military
Honors on December 3rd. Memorial
will be in early summer. Memorials to
Wounded Warriors.

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Office of the Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



January 2021

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter a New Year, may we remember 2020 as a year of doing our business differently, and now we must begin 2021 with a positive approach.

When the pandemic hit, life changed dramatically for many of us, and we were faced with a tremendous amount of uncertainty. Our eyes have been opened, and we must look at alternative ways of doing things during difficult times. Our Legislation Committee is working on putting forth the necessary legislation to handle difficult situations in the future. Hopefully, we will never have to use it again, but we need to have the necessary guidelines in place.

We have approached the end of a challenging year and I cannot help but reflect on the people, their strength and resolve that got us all here. I am thankful to each and everyone in our Order for continuing to put your faith and trust in us to provide you, the members, with guidance for the Order, and for supporting the measures that were put in place to protect everyone's health and well being.

I know we have lost members this past year, either by natural causes or by COVID-19, but I ask you to remember the contributions they have made to our Order. Thank-you for remembering that Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are alive and well throughout the World. I am please to report that we have had several new Lodges instituted in 2020. We are also working on instituting a lodge in Lebanon in the extremely near future. I was also advised that there is a Jurisdiction working on instituting two and possibly three new Lodges soon. This is a positive for the Odd Fellowship.

Remember that immunization will take some time to complete. That means that we must still take all the necessary precautions to stay safe. Remember to keep in touch with your family, friends, and your members, especially those who

are shut in. All it takes is a phone call!

Finances are a concern, please remember to think about giving or by volunteering (staying safe). Businesses are also suffering a great deal. Please support them with your business during their difficult times.

On a positive note. The Executive met on the 15th of December, and it is our hope that things will start returning to normal and that we will be able to travel again. Therefore, to be prepared, we discussed our travel plans. So, **IF** Sessions are being held and travel is possible, we will try to be there. At this time, I can say that the border between Canada and United States is still closed and looks like it may be for some time yet, therefore my travel is limited.

Stay Well, Stay Safe, Be Positive, look forward to 2021 as a new beginning with renewed energy, Step UP to the Plate, as the Future is in Your Hands.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

s/ Wes Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

“THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS, STEP UP TO THE PLATE”



“we seek to improve and elevate the character of mankind”



Office of the President
International Association
of
Rebekah Assemblies
I.O.O.F.



January 2021

Happy New Year, dear Sisters and Brothers!

As we turn the calendar from 2020 to 2021 and then from January to February, let's also think about other things that we can turn. Some have said that New Year's resolutions are only a task list to be attempted during the first week of January and then forgotten. So, let's change that in 2021 and have turning points. Will you join me?

For example, let's turn our time open from lodges unable to meet into telephone or Zoom meetings of small groups/committees to plan events for the time when we can gather again. Who says we can't begin planning a summer picnic until summer?

Let's turn our solitary activities into thoughtfulness for others. A friend of mine enjoys adult coloring books but has hundreds of beautifully colored sheets without use. Why not give those to a care facility to be included on residents' meal trays? My mom enjoys the colored bags and small colored greetings included in her Meals-on-Wheels lunches during the holiday season. Why limit the brightly colored additions to only the holidays?

We can try something new during this less encumbered time. – a new recipe, a new hobby, a taste not sampled before, a different kind of book to read, an adventurous route to a routine destination, different accessories for an everyday look. How many new things can we try? Who knows? We might find new favorites!

Let's turn clutter into contributions – the knickknacks that no longer bring smiles but still require dusting, the shoes that no longer feel good, the books that have been read but not opened again for how long?, the jewelry that hasn't been worn for longer than we can remember, the clothes that have been replaced but still hang in the closet. How much more can be excessed without taking anything away from our comfort and happiness? What about a yard or rummage sale this summer? We have good planning time now.

Let's turn this quiet time into planning time for flowers to plant this spring, for our 2021 garden, for plants to share with others for May Day.

While other activities are off the schedule, let's use the time to take care of ourselves. Schedule your annual physical. Is it time for a dental check/cleaning? What about your eye exam?

Without competing priorities, let's turn our energy to learning: the Unwritten Work, an officer's charge, a different knitting stitch, a new craft, or be creative!

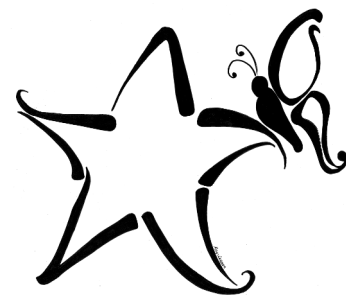
The time can also allow mentoring. Helping someone else to learn does not require being face-to-face. Telephone coaching works!

Now, more than ever, we need leadership. We need more people to step up and develop leadership skill so that they are prepared to accept responsibility to lead. How? Start small and build. St. Francis of Assisi said, "Start doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." All leadership requires a starting point.

Let's turn 2021 into a year of action, a year of growth, a year of promise realized. Let's turn the year and ourselves into better versions of what we've seen and who we've been!

Fraternally with wishes for good health, much happiness and exciting opportunities in 2021,

s/ Elizabeth Mowry-Harbstreit



"focus on what's important."



Office of the General Commanding General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant



January 2021

Greetings Chevaliers & Ladies:

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a quiet two months. My wife and I spent Christmas Day with my daughter and her family. We spent December 28th with my younger son and his family celebrating my birthday and my wife's and my 52nd anniversary. Next week my older son and his family will be coming to spend time with us.

In Virginia I was asked to help initiate sixteen new members into a new Odd Fellows Lodge, institute the lodge, and install the officers. We wore our masks,

maintained our distances with twenty-five people present. Some of our lodges, encampments, and cantons are meeting, others are meeting virtually, and some stay in contact by phone. Many lodges regardless of how they meet contributed to community service for their areas at Christmas.

I have just conferred with Brigadier General Benny Rayborn; and as of today, the Pilgrimage to Honor of all Unknowns of the Civil War in Biloxi, Mississippi is still going to be held. The final decision will be made within the next two weeks. The dates of the Pilgrimage are Friday, February 19th and

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Office of the President International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant



January 2021

Dear Chevaliers, Ladies, Brothers and Sisters, surrounded by others.

Greetings, I trust that you had a wonderful holiday season and that is New Year finds you all in good health, and all of us being able to see each other again soon. For all the Lodge meetings to start up again and for all of us to be able to do the work we haven't been able to do this last year.

To all Auxiliary and Association Secretaries, remember that your reports are due and please get them done and returned in by the deadline, your hard work on the manner is very appreciated! If any of you need help with this, please reach out to one of the officers and we would be glad to help you.

Someday we will look back on this moment and it will forever remind us to never take the little things for granted. It will remind us to hug with all our hearts, to pause to appreciate holding someone's hand & to live in the moments that we are

Happiness starts with you. Not with your relationships, not with your job, not with your money, not with your circumstances, but with you, be the SUNSHINE in someone's day, you never

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Saturday, February 20th. If any of the Departments or Jurisdictions would care to be recognized by laying a wreath at the Tomb, it is still possible. You need to contact Maj. Gen. Mitzi Rayborn, Chairman of the Beauvoir Pilgrimage Committee at 601-466-9464. The number for The Beauvoir Manor Cemetery is 228-388-4400. For room reservations, the number for the Quality Inn is 228-388-1000. We hope to see you there. However, safety is paramount. If you do not wish to attend, we understand.

As you may have already heard, the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in

Arlington National Cemetery has been cancelled. Hopefully, it will be reinstated in 2022.

If we are Covid free, we will see all of you in Cincinnati in August for Annual Sessions.

Chivalrously,

s/ General John C. *(Jack)* Roberts
General Commanding



'a peaceful ruler; serving as a soldier'

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know who might need it!

I wish for all of you a happy and healthy 2021, I am looking forward to seeing and spending time with many of you this year!

Butterflies can't see their wings. They can't see how beautiful they are, but everyone else can. People are like that, Spread your wings this year and fly.

Chivalrously,

s/ *Lady Jami Rafter*
President IALAPM



Let's Make TODAY one step closer to a strong future.

2020 new Unit institutions:

- Brazil Lodge No. 1 — Brazil
- Canton Northeast No. 9 — Pennsylvania
- Grace Rebekah Lodge No. 25 — Delaware
- Crescent City Lodge No. 73 — Louisiana
- Themis Lodge No. 75 — Louisiana
- Ghana Lodge No. 1 — Ghana
- Chester Lodge No. 281 — Virginia

Scheduled for Institution in January 2021:

- Family Lodge No. 293 — New Jersey
- Lebanon Lodge No. 1 — Lebanon

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, E. Wesley Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim,

That the 23rd day of March 2021 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 2021, and in the 202nd year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ E. Wesley Nelson
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, E. Wesley Nelson, 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 2021 and of our Order the 202nd year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ E. Wesley Nelson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

CHAPTER XII.

THOMAS WILDEY.

Within the oyster's shell uncouth
The purest pearl may hide:
Trust me, you'll find a heart of truth
Within that rough outside.

—MRS. OSGOOD.

OF all tasks, that is the most difficult which proposes the reproduction of an individual who has left the world. Supposing such a feat possible, it is after all not the man himself, but only the image he made in the mind of the producer. Art may copy his features and his form; eye-witnesses may testify to his words and actions; even the interior may be indicated by the sentiments and motives which he professed, or the manifest tendency of his actions; his "works that follow him" would seem to be the surest test, but these may be fallacious, unless one could know why he did them. Pride, vanity, prejudice, envy, bigotry, or the half insanity of eccentricity, may have been the producing causes. Man is an enigma when seated at our firesides and eating at our tables: how much more so when he is absent and only presents himself at second hand! Besides, there are but few artists who, like Boswell, devote a life to the subject and thus produce a masterpiece. It follows that of all productions, biographies are the worst. They are mostly written by friends who are naturally partial; and a blind preference is sometimes more injurious than an open enmity. Eulogy is often so recklessly applied as to form a mask which any person might wear, and is nowise indicative of the individual beneath it. Such things have been, and will be *ad nauseam*. But readers now require some attempt at literary photography, and

critical exposition is the demand of the age. It insists upon knowing who and what was the man; his gifts, whether natural or acquired; his dispositions, habits, forms of thought and motives, and all those things that go to exhibit the living person. The time is passing when one can dress up a human being as an allegory, and present him as a mere collection of physical and moral attributes. Flesh and blood are now necessary to form a man, even in the pages of biography. It will not do to say he was wise, without a specimen of his wisdom; that he was good, without the visible tokens of goodness; that he was great, unless his claim to the title is made good by actions worthy of the name. Readers expect to be told why such things are asserted, and especially to be informed of that in which his eminence consisted, as distinguished from his weaknesses or his vices; for they no longer look for perfect character, but expect to see, when the veil is lifted, where the clay in the image is joined to the superior material.

In the central figure of the TRIO in our picture we hope to be successful in presenting a living man, of mixed and curious workmanship indeed, but in his lineaments a man of character and capacity, who required but the place and the motive to develop qualities which have always made leaders of mankind.

WILDEY BEFORE THE 19th APRIL 1819.

THE subject of this memoir was a personage of such a character as to require peculiar treatment. Curiosity has been busy with him, and cannot be said to be in any manner even tolerably gratified. His station was so little elevated, and his private life so uneventful, as to leave him much in shadow. True, he was known to

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many now living; but even they were not admitted to the knowledge of his private walks, or to witness those home scenes which more than any other indicate the man. He was at all times reticent, or entirely silent, about himself, and his solitary life gave no glimpse into the obscurity of his domestic secrets. He was manifestly of humble extraction, and might be ranked one remove above a common laborer. He signed himself "Coach-Spring Maker", but his fellow-craftsmen knew him better by the name of "Blacksmith". His early years were passed in England, and at his maturity we find him in Baltimore. His appearance was striking as a specimen of a true John Bull, with the bluntness, sincerity, and pluck of that nation. With a mellow voice and a hearty grip, he never failed to win all comers in a jovial company. The man was restless and full of vitality, and nothing could repress the animal vivacity which was always breaking out in frolic and humor. At times, indeed, he was serious, and that was always when he saw human suffering, and he ran eagerly to relieve it. It is said, when the yellow fever raged in Baltimore, Thomas Wildey was constant in his efforts to assist the sufferers. He gave medicines and money, and nursed and watched the victims when many fled from the contagion.

His friendship was rarely given, but when granted, became a sacred thing to which he bowed with lowly reverence. Of education he had little or none, save what came to him by social intercourse; his knowledge of books was scanty, but no one in his station had better discernment of men. His judgment was quick and excellent, and his ready mind grasped a good suggestion and never failed to make it his own. In his sphere he was always the arbiter, holding sway

over his equals by his will and humor, and even among his superiors passing for a man of vigor and capacity. Such was Thomas Wildey when he had just attained his 37th year, in the early part of 1819.

Thomas Wildey was born in the city of London, on the 15th day of January 1782, in the reign of George III, at the close of our Revolutionary War. At five years he went to a parish school, and left it at the age of fourteen, to learn a trade. Judging from his attainments, the school must have been inferior or the scholar dull and negligent. His indentures called for the trade of a "coach-spring maker", at which he served his time, and came forth a skilled workman. He pursued it as a journeyman for a number of years, in many of the towns of England. In the year 1817 he married, and soon after embarked at Liverpool for the United States, and arrived at Baltimore early in the month of September. But before leaving home he had been prominent among mechanics, not only as a workman, but in their class enjoyments. Among these, perhaps, none ranked higher than those which were pursued by the so-called Odd Fellows. On his coming of age he became an initiate of Lodge No. 17 of that Order, in the city of London, and served in every capacity, from the humblest to the highest office; at an early day he was presented by his brethren with a silver medal, as a token of regard for valuable services. After three years devoted to No. 17, his zeal led him to enlarge the sphere of the Order. He found a distant suburban locality, and in a short period caused the institution of Morning Star Lodge, No. 38. He was unanimously chosen its first presiding officer, and during his membership of ten years, was called upon twice afterwards to fill the same chair. It will thus be seen

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that the first thirteen of the years of his majority were spent in the active work of Odd Fellowship.

The Manchester Unity was not formed until 1809, and Wildey became an Odd Fellow in 1804; so he must then have been connected with some one of the independent organizations which afterwards formed the Unity. The particulars of his labors in England have never been given, beyond what we have detailed.

On the 30th day of July 1817, he bade adieu to his native land and embarked for America; he reached the city of Baltimore on the 2nd of September following, and sought and obtained employment. Business was stagnant and money scarce; the war just over, had crippled all kinds of trade, but he was master of his craft, and found work when many others were neglected. Subsequently he is found on Harrison Street, Baltimore, with a partner, as coach-spring makers; afterwards he was on one of the wharves, a coal dealer; off and on he kept an eating-house, to which his love of company disposed him; and latterly he was a market gardener, and last of all a farmer with a capital. In 1818 he made the acquaintance of John Welch, a house and ship painter, an Englishman, who had preceded him to this country. These two were naturally much together as fellow-countrymen, and never tired in recurring to men and scenes in the old world. A year had cemented this intimacy, when a new feature was added to it. They discovered that each of them had been an Odd Fellow, and the mutual surprise was quite agreeable.

WILDEY INSTITUTES WASHINGTON LODGE.

THE story is told by Wildey in a fragment of three written pages, which is

too rude in structure for general perusal. We did intend to insert it exactly as he set it down, but on reflection have concluded to improve it by the necessary revision. Speaking of himself, he says: "In the year 1818 he made many acquaintances; among these he was familiar with a Mr. John Welch, with whom he was afterwards intimate until his death. Wildey often spoke to his new friend on the subject of beneficial societies, and was surprised to learn from him that no such association existed in Baltimore. In reply, Wildey suggested that he knew of a society which would suit this country, and mentioned the name of the Odd Fellows. Welch carelessly remarked that he had been a member of that Order, but had never met with one, or heard of such a society since his emigration. By mutual admissions, it was found that Welch had been a P.V.G. in Birmingham, England, and Wildey had been initiated in that country in the year 1804. Wildey often thought on the subject, and finally concluded to publish a notice for a meeting of such Odd Fellows as might be residing in the city. For this purpose he sought Welch and induced him to join in the call."

He then details the subsequent proceedings and the incidents of the first informal meeting. He says: "Pursuant to notice, the preliminary meeting took place on the 13th of April 1819. Four gentlemen were present, with Thomas Wildey, making five in all. He examined them, and was satisfied that they had been regularly initiated into the Order. Wildey then informed them of his intention to establish the society of Odd Fellowship, and craved their assistance for that purpose. He also stated that no such society was known in the city, and of course there was no organized arrangement to relieve the distressed, or to care for the widow and orphan. And

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further, that the citizens to whom he had presented the subject did not wish any such society. That the name of the lodge should be Washington. This was consented to, and it was agreed that the lodge should be opened on Monday, the 26th of April 1819. The 26th of April arrived, and at 7 o'clock P.M., Thomas Wildey proceeded to open the lodge. He, first of all, took his obligation in the presence of the other four, and then obligated them; calling the society the Washington Lodge No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States, the Father of our country, God bless him! a day which will long be held in grateful remembrance by every Odd Fellow."

We have given the substance of the paper, including its general arrangement and statements, but the original indicates an entire want of literary cultivation. Yet, as good-natured critics, we have found much to praise in the strong common sense which pervades the article. We particularly notice his use of the English aspirate of the middle and lower classes. But we have inserted these memoranda for a special purpose. We wish to do equal justice to all. Wildey spent ten years in making addresses and writing letters, many of which are of acknowledged excellence. We wish to give honor to the authors of these productions; to award their due share of merit to those without whom the matchless force of Wildey would have been exerted in vain. For they fixed the principles and gave color to the movement, and sowed the seeds of the modern era, with its lofty purposes; purposes then daringly uttered, but now the current annals of history.

Wildey's anxiety to be known to posterity by a separate and distinct narrative, was undoubtedly great. Such a memoir would have gratified him above

measure. With his usual decision he began the task, with the assistance of a certain John Starr, who is elsewhere mentioned. He did not seek better help, which he might have had; but with a timidity unusual with him, sought to have it done without consulting his ordinary advisers. This attempt is engrossed in a bound blank-book, whose back bears the printed title, "History, &c., of the O.I.O.F. in U. States, from 1819—1834." The contents are in a clerkly hand, and in good English, but the matter is condensed, and in form without special interest; with an addendum of copies of letters, rough sketches of his medals, &c. But he was not satisfied; hence he began a sort of autobiography, by his own hand, a rude fragment of which only remains. Before writing a single chapter he desisted.



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History of American Odd Fellowship—Ridgely



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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

Fraternal Greetings:

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

Headquarters and Sessions
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The Sovereign Grand Lodge
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# 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 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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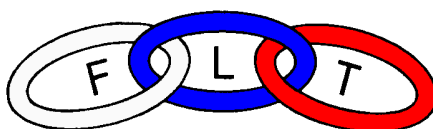
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## **DINNER CRUISE THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021**

The 2021 Session Committee are planning a Dinner Cruise on a River Boat. The cost of this 2 1/2 hour Dinner Cruise will be \$75.00 per person. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 deposit per person due by January 31, 2021. The remaining balance of \$50.00 will be due by July 23, 2021.

Please send all your information with your deposit to the **2021 Committee, PO Box 1088, Springfield, OH 45501-1088**. Contact person for this event is Paul McAfee, 937-399-8631

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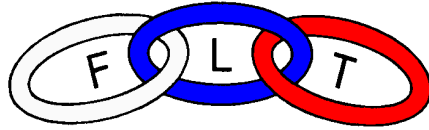
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## SPECIAL EVENT REGISTRATION

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## Responding to COVID-19: Protection, Education, and Family Support

SOS Children's Villages has kept children safe, cared for, and educated for almost 70 years. While COVID-19 may slow our work for vulnerable children and youth, it will not stop it.

### Immediate Challenges

Before coronavirus shut her school's doors, Lesley was thriving academically and busy with extracurricular activities. Now, staying at home with her SOS family in Florida, the 14-year-old is worried about the state's rising number of COVID-19 cases and is struggling to engage with the assignments her teachers are posting online. Lesley feels safe and protected at SOS, but she misses her classmates, and her motivation for learning is waning. After all she has achieved since arriving at SOS, she suddenly feels uncertain about her path forward.



In Ethiopia, schools closed on March 16 to slow the spread of the coronavirus. That has been particularly hard for 16-year-old Abeba, who feels safe and happy there. To make matters worse, her mother's restaurant – started with help from an SOS family strengthening program – has also been forced to close, leaving the family without an income. While Abeba enjoys the extra time with her siblings and mother, she worries about what the future will hold – and she sees her dream of becoming a doctor slipping away.

According to UNESCO, 9 out of 10 enrolled children are out of school right now due to COVID-19. Without school, children miss out on the opportunities that education affords, namely a path out of poverty, a chance at a brighter future, and the skills to realize their full potential.

No one has seen a shutdown of this scale and magnitude. From SOS programs in Illinois and Florida to those in Ethiopia and India, it will likely take years for students to catch up on the learning they miss while schools are closed. One study found that it took two entire years for New Orleans students affected by Hurricane Katrina to fully recover their lost learning.

And learning is not the only casualty of school closures – for many children, school is a refuge, a place of stability and safety. Out-of-school children are more vulnerable to malnutrition, child labor, violence, and abuse – and girls are also at greater risk of early

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marriage and pregnancy. When schools were closed in Sierra Leone during the Ebola epidemic, teen pregnancy rates skyrocketed, increasing by as much as 65%.

While the pandemic is placing strains on families across the globe, its broad impacts will fall most heavily on those who were already struggling. Millions of families have lost their means of income and have nothing to fall back on. As parents worry about the basic necessities of life – food, water, shelter – the crushing pressure puts families at increased risk of falling apart. With many localities under stay-at-home orders, children facing violence at home have nowhere to escape to and no one to help them. And young people without families who are about to enter adulthood will find it difficult to survive, let alone become self-sufficient.

The widespread disruption caused by COVID-19 – schools closed, rising unemployment, sickness, physical isolation, and the loss of community support structures – will have long-term effects on children and youth around the world, impacting their educational achievement, economic prospects, and emotional well-being for years to come. The children served by SOS, many of whom have made giant strides to overcome past trauma and hardship – will be disproportionately affected.

## SOS Solutions



Despite these challenges, there is hope. There are proven steps we can take to limit the crisis's long-term effects on children and youth. In fact, with established operations and strong community ties in 136 countries, including the United States, SOS Children's Villages has the unique ability – and the responsibility – to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

**But we need to act now.**

**The actions we take today will help in the midst of this crisis and will position children, youth, and their families to get back on track after the pandemic fades.**

Our holistic approach and range of programs enable us to tackle this challenge on many fronts. At our **villages** around the world, we are working hard to provide continuity, emotional support, and education to the children in our care, while making the necessary adjustments to prevent coronavirus infection. Our **youth programs** are helping youth to navigate, as best they can, this uncertain environment, and to lay the groundwork for future success when the economy improves. Our **family strengthening programs** are utilizing technology and safe distancing as they help families stay afloat during this crisis, keep their children safe from abuse and emotional harm, and enable their children to continue their education at home.

To respond to the COVID-19 crisis, we are building on our established programs to support vulnerable children, their families, and their communities, focusing on the following four areas:

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## **Coronavirus preparedness and prevention**

- ◆ Taking recommended precautions to ensure the health and safety of children, youth, and their caregivers, in our villages and beyond.
- ◆ Raising public awareness on the importance of handwashing and other hygiene measures to fight the spread of COVID-19 and for general health and well-being.
- ◆ Contributing to health care delivery by temporarily scaling up existing SOS medical services and facilities in select countries, and by allowing governments and health care groups to use non-operational SOS schools and medical centers to provide care.

## **Child protection, mental health, and psychosocial support for children and families**

- ◆ Reducing stress and trauma, particularly for children who have lost their parents or other family members, through focused mental health and therapeutic activities.
- ◆ Educating and empowering children and young people to request support and report abuse through helplines and other mechanisms.
- ◆ Enabling parents and other caregivers (including foster families) to receive support, advice, and coaching through virtual counseling and mentoring.

## **Education and youth employment**

- ◆ Creating community-based child-friendly spaces for daycare and education to serve children whose parents need to continue going to work.
- ◆ Supporting the continued learning of children in SOS villages through offline and online educational resources, including providing students with study materials, technology (mobile phones/tablets/computers), and Wi-Fi connectivity.
- ◆ Adapting and extending support for young people who have left alternative care, including offering mentoring and skills development through the YouthLinks digital platform.

## **Strengthening struggling families**

- ◆ Working with communities and partners to find practical solutions for the delivery of essential services to support families' care, health, education, and livelihoods.
- ◆ Providing cash or material support, including food and non-food items, to vulnerable families.
- ◆ Supporting alternative care arrangements with extended family members or family friends when parents are unable to care for their children due to health issues.

## **Stronger Together**

The coronavirus has shut schools, upended the world economy, and placed immense stress on families and communities, but we cannot let it stop our important work. As the need increases by the day, we are on the ground, doing whatever we can to ensure the well-being of children and families caught up in this crisis.

SOS Children's Villages International has launched a humanitarian appeal for \$100 million to support SOS programs in 136 countries in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. **At SOS USA, we are working hand in hand with our colleagues around the world to address this crisis, and we are committed to supporting this global campaign.**

We need your support. Our collective response provides vital resources for children and families today, and allows us to lay the foundation for a brighter tomorrow. **We are stronger together.**

PART FIRST.  
MATTERS EXTERNAL TO THE ORDER.

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CHAPTER I.

HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP.

§ 1. *Origin and Uses of Secret Societies.*

THE earliest records of human history furnish proofs of the existence of secret associations among nearly all the nations of the earth. They have everywhere accompanied, if they have not advanced, civilization, and been the conservators, if not the promoters, of religious, scientific, and political truth.

Picture-writing, and afterward hieroglyphics or abbreviated symbols, were at first the only means men possessed of recording doctrines or events, or discoveries in science and the arts. And as nerly all learning was confined to the priesthood and royal family of each nation, these hieroglyphics readily suggested, if they did not constitute an exclusive art by which they communicated with each other, and handed down to their successors those doctrines, discoveries, and state secrets which they deemed it improper to disclose to the world. Hence in nearly every nation—in Egypt, Assyria, Greece, Rome, Gaul, Germany, and Britain—religious mysteries were the foundation-doctrines, and the priesthood were the founders of secret societies. Even the rites of religious worship were, in most cases, but *acted* symbols—speaking of common religious ideas to the multitude, but conveying deeper meanings to the initiated eye.

That these early societies were often perverted and grossly abused, is readily admitted. But that furnishes no argument against their proper use. All associations have been corrupted or perverted. Written language is abused every day—the tongue itself is an unruly member, breathing not only prayers to God, but curses on our fellow-man—yet no one, for that alone, would doom society to solitude and silence, or abolish pen

and press forever.

On the contrary, the vast utility of ancient secret associations of priests, philosophers, and patriots in advancing religion, conserving literature, art, and science, and in ameliorating the condition of states and communities, has commended them to the imitation of the wise and good in all subsequent ages of the world. Christianity availed itself of the principle in its early progress. When the iron heel of the bigot and tyrant was raised to crush the springing germ into the dust, it was removed into privacy and was nurtured in secret until the storm was overblown, or its strength was increased to endure the tempest. Says one, whose opposition to Romanism is undoubted: “No instructed man can deny that the Roman Catholic Church presents one of the most solemn and majestic spectacles in history. The very arguments which are employed against its rites, remind us of the mighty part which it has played on the theatre of the world. For when we say that the ceremonies of its worship, the decorations of its altars, and the evolutions of its priests, are conceived in the spirit of Heathenism, how can we forget that it was once the witness of ancient Paganism, the victor of its decrepit superstitions, the rival, yet imitator of its mythology? When we ask the use of the lights that burn during the mass, bow can we fail to think of the secret worship of the early Christians, assembled at dead of night in some vault, beyond the eye of observation? When we wonder at the pantomimic character of its services, its long passages of gesticulation, are we not carried back to the time when the quick ear of the informer and persecutor lurked near, and devotion, finding words an unsafe vehicle of thought, invented the symbolical language which could be read only by the initiated eye?” That which has proved so beneficial, though now it has ceased to be appropriate, or been corrupted, may well be imitated, and superseded by that wherein is life and purity.

The Albigenes, Waldenses, Cathari and other early Reformers, during the long persecutions of the Papacy, prior to the Reformation, also found in secret association,

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remote from the eye of the persecutor, safety in worshipping God. And all through the dark night of feudal ages, the various mechanic crafts and guilds, and other secret associations, kept the feeble light of knowledge, virtue, and freedom, glimmering amid the surrounding gloom of semi-heathen darkness, until the world at large, awakening from its leaden sleep, lit its thousand torches at the hardly preserved tapers, and threw the blaze of a general revival of religion, letters, arts and sciences, once more over our benighted race.

And since that revival, similar associations have aided no less in speeding onward the flood-tide of civilization, humanity, and freedom, to its present full-flowing progress. The reform that has swept away doctrines and institutions of Error and of Wrong, grown hoary with ages of general acknowledgment and reverence, replacing them with the True and the Right, has oft been nourished in the silent secrecy of a few chosen souls, until it gained strength to go forth boldly and grapple successfully with the monster errors and giant vices of the age. And the revolution that, in a few days, overturned thrones and banished tyrants, replacing the one with better institutions, and giving the abused powers of the other into rightful hands, frequently gathered its earthquake-power in the privacy of isolated circles, which met to pray and deliberate for their country's welfare, and separated to spread abroad the light and strength which Heaven gave the few, to direct the minds and nerve the arms of the many.

We may be told, however, that error, vice, and diplomatic despotism have also had their secret organizations—even a “*Holy Alliance!*” True; so also have they had their *public* meetings and *national* congresses. Shall we reject the latter also, because bold, bad men have used openness and publicity for evil purposes?

Among so-called secret societies of modern times, we know of none that has excelled the beneficent influence of Odd-Fellowship, within its own pale, in relieving the sick and distressed, and especially in *preventing* suffering and poverty in the families of its

members. Nor is there one whose measures of relief and benevolence have been more generally copied than those of this “friendly Order”; and seldom, if ever, (astonishing as it is in this age of improvement,) with any important addition enhancing their efficiency.

An institution manifesting so much influence, performing so much good, preventing so much evil, and increasing so rapidly and widely its numbers and its power, may well attract public attention, and excite a laudable desire to know its origin, progress, principles, resources and measures, its aims and objects.

§ 2. *Antiquity of the Order.*

A love of mystery and blind veneration for antiquity has induced most associations to claim an origin traceable to the remotest ages of the world. There have not been wanting well-meaning Odd-Fellows to render that doubtful service for our Order. Confounding *principles* with the *institutions* embodying them, they have claimed equal antiquity for both. And similarities which can easily be found between the modes of initiation and other ceremonials of ancient associations and those of our own Order, have been triumphantly appealed to, in proof of the unwarranted assumption. And even where such likeness could not be found, it was easy to draw upon imagination for facts, and cover modern inventions with a seeming rust of ages.

A brief enumeration of some of these fabulous histories of our Order may serve to guard the unwary against further imposition. The greatest exertion of tradition was to make our great forefather, Adam, the founder of our Order. Prying Mother Eve was probably excluded, and all her daughters with her! Grand Sire Wildey, during his visit to England, in 1826, procured an emblem from one of the Lodges there, representing Adam laying the foundation-stone, which emblem he presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Another tradition declares the Order to date from an ancient society among the Jewish priesthood, founded by Moses and

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Aaron. Another traces it up to Egypt, in the days of Abraham, safe among the shadows and marvels of that wonderful land. And another still, on the testimony of a Scotchman, in 1840, represents it as having originated among the Roman soldiers, during the reign of Nero, A.D. 55. Whether the witness was present, or what documents he possessed in proof, is not stated. "At that time", he gravely says, "they were called *Fellow Citizens*; and the present name was given them by Titus Cesar, A.D. 79, from the singularity of their notions, and from their knowing each other by night and by day; and for their fidelity to him and their country, he not only gave them the name of Odd-Fellows, but at the same time, as a pledge of friendship, presented them with a dispensation engraved on a plate of gold, bearing different emblems—such as the sun, moon and stars, the lamb, the lion, the dove, and OTHER *emblems of MORTALITY!*" It is a great pity that this golden charter was not preserved along with that emblem representing Adam laying the foundation-stone! Some accounts represent this Roman *Military Order* as constituted of early *Christians*, notwithstanding the fact that the early disciples of Jesus preferred martyrdom to service in the legions of Rome.

Another tradition has crossed the Atlantic, that the Order originated, or at least was known, among the Goths, Huns, Scandinavians, Suevi, and Moors—that it was established in Spain in the fifth century; in Portugal in the sixth century; in France in the twelfth century; whence it was carried to England by John De Neville and five knights of France, who formed a "Loyal Grand Lodge of Honor", which remained until the eighteenth century, when it changed its organization into a Union of Lodges of Odd-Fellows, known as the Ancient or London Order—from which came our present Orders. These gross, baseless, and contradictory fables, after repeated ineffectual calls for testimony, have been utterly discarded as proofless and absurd, by the Grand Lodge of the, United States.—See *Journal*, Vol. I., pp. 336, 837.

James L. Ridgely, Esq., P. G. Master, and at present and for many years past the G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in his Boston Oration, June 19th, 1845, after dwelling on the antiquity and divine origin of human fraternity, (our foundation-principle,) publicly declared:—

"I know that it has been not unusual, on occasions like the present, to claim for Odd-Fellowship affinity with secret institutions which had their origin in periods of time when the passions of men were fiercest, and the midnight of idolatry overshadowed and blighted the promptings of the human heart. *I am here to repudiate such association.*"

"Although we may discover a similitude in the fact of initiation, in rites, ceremonies, and in gradations of degrees, between those institutions and Odd-Fellowship, we will find no traces of the principles of fraternity, which distinguish eminently our affiliation." . . . "Odd-Fellowship invokes not the aid or sanction of such ages to consecrate its principles; and if, in truth, these could be summoned to attest its antiquity, they would rather awaken just indignation against its character, than serve to commend its merits to an enlightened public opinion. Dismissing therefore, and I hope for ever, the Oracles of Egyptian or Grecian philosophy, and the still more absurd pretences which would discover the sources of Odd-Fellowship in the Roman Camps; and assuming that its benign *principles* have been drawn from the image reflected upon man in his creation, let us turn to a truthful narrative of the origin of Odd-Fellowship, and its capacity to compass the brotherhood of man."—*Golden Rule for July 12, 1845*, pp. 43, 44.



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*The Odd-Fellow's
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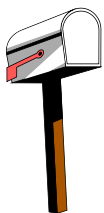
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Membership Committee

“A PROGRAM OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
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January 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The holidays are now behind us and we are starting a new year. Just as our holidays were celebrated a little differently this year the new year will quite possibly find us conducting lodge business a little differently at least for a little while longer. That does not mean that we cannot continue to strive to find ways to serve and be what our Order is all about. As the numbers in the pandemic continue to climb and in person meeting become more and more of a challenge, we must remember what we are all about. We are Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and we have continued to survive through our friendship and love for our fellowman. With the technology we have today we are able to continue to reach out to our membership to visit with each other but there are also many who either do not do the technology because they do not have the capabilities to do so or for personal reasons, they do not use social media. Each lodge is encouraged to reach out to their members especially those who do not have the capabilities or who do not wish to use social media to let them know they are thought about and their voice in the Lodge matters.

During these times you can still work on recruiting new members. Many jurisdictions are the present time have meeting restrictions and in some cases because of the rising numbers of Covid cases in their areas many of our lodges have chosen to go dark just a bit longer. Some jurisdictions have been able to continue to grow with new members and we commend them for their efforts. We should never make our new recruits wait exceedingly long to be initiated. How can we do this when we are restricted to the numbers we are allowed to have at a meeting? One way is to use the DVDs that are available from The Sovereign Grand Lodge through your Grand Secretary. The DVDs are also a great tool for training your members to do the degree work.

Many of our jurisdictions have been hit hard this year either from the pandemic, storms, fires and even a bombing on Christmas Day. Remember our Order provides Disaster Relief to those who need assistance. This can also be a means to recruit new members as you assist your neighbors at a time when help is needed the most. As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs we are called to elevate the character of mankind and what better way to “Step Up To The Plate” than to provide hope to someone when hope seems unreachable.

In Friendship, Love and Truth
The Membership Committee

New Members Reported to the Committee on Membership 1 Jan. '20 to 31 Dec. '20

Jurisdictions	OF Ldg	Bros	Sis	Reb Ldg	Sis	Bros	Enc	Pat	Mat	PM	Chev	Ladies	LEA	LAPM	Jr Ldg	TRGC	UYG	Totals
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Alberta	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Arizona	18	12	6	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		18
Arkansas	3	2	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		3
Atlantic Provinces	9	8	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		9
Belize	0			0														0
Brazil	15	10	5	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		15
British Columbia	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
California	20	8	12	2	2	0	0			0			0	0	0	0		22
Chile	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
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Iowa	18	13	5	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		18
Kansas	0			0			0			0			0	0	0	0		0
Kentucky	8	7	1	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		8
Louisiana	17	9	8	0			0			0			0	0	0	0		17
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Be a Partner in the 2021 Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Program

The **Odd Fellows & Rebekahs** Pilgrimage for Youth program is looking for Partners to sponsor one or more activities for the 2020 Program tour.

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January 2021

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

The Pilgrimage for Youth tour for 2021 is still on for this summer. We have high hopes that it will occur and are planning accordingly. The deadline for sending fees for your delegates was Jan.1, 2021. Some of the jurisdictions have indicated that they need more time because of the difficulty of getting into the schools. If you are in this situation; call me at 304 369-2700, so we can work this out. We have been receiving deposits for delegates and are getting excited about putting together a very good program for our youth.

I know that this past year has been very trying for our country, our families, and also our lodge family. We need to get back to some sense of normalcy and continue with our lives. Hopefully, our normalcy will be restored in the near future and we can again begin to meet in our Lodge halls and continue supporting programs that make our organization one of the best in the world. Our youth need to be involved in educational and social activities to facilitate a sense of belonging to a peer group. That is why this tour is so important to take place.

Our next deadline is April 1, 2021. At this time the second deposit of \$1,000 is due. All deposits are to be sent to: Pilgrimage for Youth
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Also on April 1, 2021, all delegate's completed Registration forms and required documents, including Passport information page are to be in my hands.

Send completed forms to: Leonard Bolton
6223 Six Mile Road
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Tour dates: June 29-July12, 2021
Tour starts and ends in Philadelphia

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me at 304 369-2700.
Please take a moment and visit our web site at: www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com

Sincerely and fraternally,

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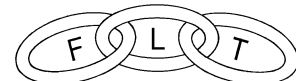
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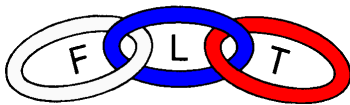


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