# Independent Order of Odd Fellows 2015-2016 Joint Program



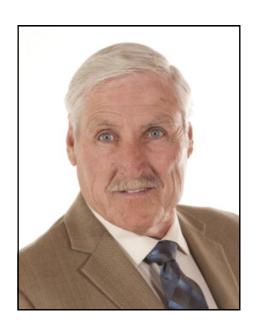


#### The Sovereign Grand Lodge

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies

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Мотто:

DEEP ROOTS BUILD STRONG BRANCHES!

EMBLEMS.

The Mighty Oak Tree and a Bundle of Sticks.



**THEME:** Unity.

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 12:14-26

"...one body, many parts..."

'one tree — many limbs!

one Order — many branches'

**PROGRAM:** All youth programs no matter which

one: United Nations Pilgrimage, Lodges, Clubs or Groups. YOUTH IS OUR

FUTURE.

**CHALLENGE:** For each Brother and Sister to take to

heart the watch words of our Order and

work together in UNITY.

GOAL: To have Brothers and Sisters working as

one to increase membership through

Community involvement.

**GUIDES:** Bible and Ritual

**SONG:** The Tree of Peace

The Yellow Rose of Texas

**FLOWER:** Yellow Rose

**DEDICATION:** My year is dedicated to Fort Worth

Lodge No. 251 as well as all of my friends that have supported and encouraged me along this wonderful journey and last but surely not least my wonderful wife and family without their support I could never have done

this—THANK YOU all.



KATHY SHARY President— I.A.R.A.

#### EMBLEM:

The Bell — to ring out the praises of Rebekah Odd Fellowship!



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hand in Friendship.

**THEME:** Take time to be a Friend.

**AIM:** Together, we make a difference.

GUIDE: Rebekah Creed

**FLOWERS:** American Wild flowers

COLORS: Green and Yellow

**SONGS:** Make Me a Blessing

I'm Glad That I'm a Rebekah

HYMNS: This is my Father's World

Precious Lord

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of

all your wonderful deeds.

**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this year to my family and friends who have always given their full support and to the Jurisdiction of Michigan who have opened their arms and embraced me in their friendship.



GENERAL EMIL R. SUDER GENERAL COMMANDING

#### 2015-2016 OFFICERS

OF THE

## GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL PATRIARCHS MILITANT INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

**THEME:** Working Together for the Good of the Order.

**MOTTO:** BUILDING A TEAM

**AMC** To increase awareness and promote

membership into the Patriarchs Militant Army. Members must be proud of being a Chevalier or Lady and encourage others to become involved in a worthwhile branch of

Odd Fellowship.

GOAL: Increase Pride and Membership

GUIDES: The Holy Bible, Rituals, By-laws, and Code of

General Laws

FLOWERS: The Red Rose and Yellow Lilac

**COLORS:** Black, Gold, and Purple

HYMNS: Amazing Grace

**SONGS:** Share the Land, The Guess Who (1970)

Wind Beneath My Wings, Bette Midler (1988)

Winds of Change, Scorpions (1989)

Scriptures: I Corinthians 12:14-16

Hebrews 10:24-25

**EMBLEMS:** Oak Leaf, PM Emblem, Three Links, and the

Acorn



**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this exciting and wonderful

year to all my brothers and sisters who have faith in me. Without you, I would not be here. I dedicate much of this year to my friends, my family, and more importantly, my fraternal

family throughout the world.

**PROJECTS:** United Nations Educational Pilgrimage.

Gesundheit Institute— Dr. Patch Adams



#### LADY CATHY DOUB President— I.A.L.A.P.M.

#### 2015-2016 OFFICERS

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President

**THEME** Join the Greatest Organization in the World,

Muster in One or More new Recruits into the

Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

**MOTTO:** You've got to stick your head out in order to

move forward.

**AIM:** Build up our Order.

**MASCOT:** Desert Tortoise.



**GUIDES:** Bible and Ritual

**COLORS:** Red, White and Blue

**EMBLEM:** Red, White, Blue Heart

with White Rose and

Stars.

**FLOWERS:** Red, White, Purple and Pink roses

**SONGS:** I Believe

Little Things Mean a Lot Wind Beneath My Wings

God Bless the USA

HYMNS: Let There be Peace on Earth

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

The Old Rugged Cross

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient and kind. Love is not

jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

**PRAYER:** The Lord's Prayer

**DEDICATION:** I dedicate this year to all of the Lodges

and Auxiliaries that I belong to, my family and last but not least my loving

husband Ed. I love you all.

**PROJECTS:** I.A.L.A.P.M. Treasury/Travel

United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth

Visual Research Foundation

#### GOALS

- ♦ Each member to recruit one new member
- ♦ Increase membership in each unit of our Order.
  - ♦ Through community involvement
  - ♦ Through public awareness
- ♦ Continue to take actions to implement the five year plan

#### AWARDS FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS

♦ "I Got One" button to each sponsor.



- \$25.00 to the I.O.O.F. program of the sponsors choice for sponsoring 10 new members into the Order—in the sponsors name.
- ♦ PM/LAPM AWARDS

Sponsor one (1) new member: ribbon bar 2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf Add a bronze oak leaf for each additional 2

January 1, 2016— December 31, 2016

#### Membership Awards

- $\Diamond$  —To all new members a 'three link' pin
- ♦ To the Unit sponsoring the most new members a '3 link' rug.
- ♦ To the Grand Body with the largest net gain a plaque.
- ♦ Units being instituted will receive an altar Bible and Institution Kit from the International Leaders upon notification from the Grand Body secretarial officer. Please send name and number, date of institution and location to: The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 422 Trade Street NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101



## 'DEEP ROOTS' AWARDS

For outstanding performance by a Unit promoting Odd Fellowship through a community project.

For outstanding performance by an individual member promoting Odd Fellowship through a public awareness program.

#### The OAK Tree— A Message of Encouragement

A mighty wind blew night and day.

It stole the oak tree's leaves away,
then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
Until the oak was tired and stark.
While other trees fell all around.

But now I've found, with thanks to you,

I'm stronger than I ever knew."

The weary wind gave up and spoke,
"How can you still be standing, Oak?"
The oak tree said, "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two,
Carry every leaf away, Shake my limbs, and make me sway.
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see
They are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn't sure
Of just how much I could endure

Whatever it is that you are going through...try to remember that you're stronger than any problem you encounter or any disappointment life will bring ... I'm thinking of you ... believing in you ... and caring for you.

And they shall be called **Oaks of Righteousness** a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor...Isaiah 61:1-3

#### **BUILD STRONG BRANCHES!**

COMMUNITY SERVICE: by involving your Lodge in Community activities and civic projects; through this involvement we will increase awareness of Odd Fellowship in our Communities. Branch out into your community, be part of the community.

#### PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Support the projects of the Order:

United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth

I.O.O.F. Educational Foundation

Visual Research Foundation

Hunger & Disaster

Living Legacy

Arthritis (Foundation and Society)

I.O.O.F. SOS Children's Village—Cambodia

Support local projects:.

In addition certificates will be awarded for participation in local projects: Scholarships; Drug Awareness Programs; and Community Project(s) of your choice.

See the I.O.O.F. News — issues of March-April & May-June for the reporting forms.

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### 2015

September 20 164<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

Rebekah Degree

September 24 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

Patriarchs Militant Degree

October Odd Fellows & Rebekahs UNP Month

Take UNP info to the local schools. Set your goal number of Delegates. Make your donations of \$5.00 for

*Feed the Delegates* certificates.

October 17 Pilgrimage to Wildey Gravesite,

Greenmount Cemetery,

Baltimore, MD

November 4 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the L.A.P.M.

November 14 Testimonial Banquet—

The Honorable Danny M. Wood

Sovereign Grand Master Forth Worth, Texas

2016

January 15 Anniversary of the Birthday of

Thomas Wildey, founder of our Order.

January 15 UNP Delegate holding fee due—

1/2 cost of tour.

February Educational Foundation Month

Certificates available to Lodges making \$1.00 per member donations.

February 20 Testimonial Banquet—

Lady Cathy Doub
President-IALAPM

Reno, Nevada

March Arthritis Month

Plan a fund raiser and receive a

certificate.

March 12 Testimonial Banquet—

Gen. Emil R. Suder

General Commanding, G.M.C. White Sulphur Springs, WV

March 23	Anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah.
	Degree of Rebekan.
April	"Living Legacy Month" 'Plant a Tree
	for One Who comes after Me
April 1	UNP Delegate Registration forms due.
4 27.0	UNP Delegate fee balance due.
April 2	Testimonial Banquet—
	Kathy Shary
	President—IARA
4	Romulus, Michigan
April 16	'MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY' 197 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the
April 26	Order in North America.
May	Visual Research Foundation Month Certificates available to Lodges making \$1.00 per member donations.
May 8	Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National
May 15	Cemetery, Arlington, VA Educational Foundation
May 15	Scholarship deadline.
June 5	Wreath Laying Ceremony, Canadian
	War Memorial, Ottawa, ON
June 14	I.O.O.F. Memorial Day
August 13-13	International Youth Days
4 . / 75 70	— Rapid City, SD
August 15-19	Annual Sessions of:
	The Sovereign Grand Lodge,
	International Association of
	Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council, &
	International Association of Ladies
	international Association of Ladies



Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

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