

**Independent Order
of Odd Fellows
2017-2018
Joint Program**



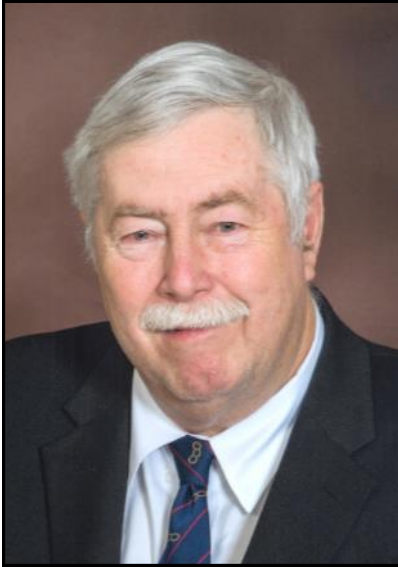
THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES**

GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL

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THE HONORABLE
JOHN A. MILLER SR.
SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER
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MOTTO: Don't just say: "Make a Difference"
— Do it!

THEME: Moving forward in Unity.



EMBLEM: Coming Together in Fraternity.

CHALLENGE: All units, in all branches of the Order, to increase their total membership by "1".

GOALS: To remind and encourage all members to leave petty differences behind and come together in fraternity at the end of each meeting.

SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 133:1*— Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

GUIDE: Code of General Laws

SONG: *Come Together*

FUN SONG: *Yankee Doodle Dandy*

FLOWER: Yellow Swamp Iris

DEDICATION: My year is dedicated to all the brothers and sisters in our great Order, both past and present. Brotherhood and Sisterhood in togetherness and unity is what makes us great. It is my hope that we all dedicate ourselves to these principles.



LINDA L. THOMPSON
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MOTTO: Bloom Where You're Planted.

GUIDES: The *Rebekah Creed* and
Odd Fellows Valediction

THEME: Back to the Basics.

B **BELIEVE** and follow the Odd Fellows
A **Valediction** and **Rebekah Creed**; be an
S **ACTIVE** member; **SUPPORT** the leaders
I you have chosen to serve; **INQUIRE**
C into the needs of others, then do
S something for them; have **COURAGE** to
speak up, to always say and do the
right thing; strive to be of **SERVICE** to
one person each day.

Scripture: Matthew 5:15-16 — Let your light
shine before men, that they may see
your good works.

FLOWER: The Sunflower



COLOR: Yellow

SONG: *She's an Eagle When She Flies*
Dolly Parton

HYMNS: *It is Well With My Soul*
Because I Have Been Given Much

*Friendship is the reflection of a
little sunshine and a lot of love.*



GENERAL R. L. 'KEN' LASSWELL
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THEME: Service & Loyalty

MOTTO: Do What You Have to Do to Survive.

AIM / GOAL:

Assist in Making the P.M. More Affordable.

GUIDES: The Rituals and Code of General Laws

FLOWER: Blue Hydrangea

COLORS: Royal Purple and Gold

SONGS: *American Pie*
Mambo No. 9

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 21:21 — He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life, righteousness and honor.

EMBLEM: Smokey Badge



DEDICATION: To All that assisted me in getting to this point, especially Lt. Gen. S. Ray Johnson, Lt. Gen. Marie Greger-Smith, Col. Jeff Lasswell, Lt. Col. Juanita Lasswell, Lt. Col. Earl Wys, Maj. Janet L. Bruce, and many others too numerous to mention.

PROJECTS: US DAV/ Canadian DAV



**LADY ESTELLA CROWDER
PRESIDENT— I.A.L.A.P.M.**

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THEME: Time



EMBLEM: Clock

MOTTO: Take time to be a friend.

AIM: To increase membership everywhere.

GUIDES: Holy Bible and Ritual

FLOWER: Yellow Rose

COLOURS: White, Purple and Gold

SONG: *Rock Around the Clock*

HYMNS: *One Day At A Time*
Just As I Am
Just A Closer Walk With Thee

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3:1— To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.

PRAYER: Bless me, Heavenly Father, Forgive my erring ways. Grant me strength to serve **Thee**, put purpose in my days. Give me understanding enough to make me kind. So I may judge all people with my heart and not my mind. And teach me to be patient in everything I do, content to trust your wisdom and to follow after **You**. And help me when I falter and hear me when I pray. And receive me in **THY KINGDOM** to dwell with **Thee** some day. AMEN.

DEDICATION: To my husband Bill, my parents Arnold and Jane Leeder for encouraging me to follow my dream and the Department Association of Ontario for supporting me.

PROJECT: IALAPM Travel Fund

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.
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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
Additional 2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf
3 oak leaves per ribbon bar.

January 1, 2018— December 31, 2018

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

- ◇ 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

‘COMING TOGETHER’ 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.

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OUR CREED

Genuine FRIENDSHIP, which heareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things; is the first step toward progress and personal enrichment, and the progenitor of Temperance, Prudence, and Justice:

Unfettered LOVE is the basis of all life's ambitions—the controlling passion of service to humanity—more powerful than the atom—more potent than any finite source:

Inflexible TRUTH, the imperial virtue, begets economic stability, equality under the law, freedom of enterprise, the highest of ethical standards, and lasting peace, the ultimate goal of fraternity:

Universal BROTHERHOOD OF MAN under the FATHERHOOD OF GOD is imperative to the survival of the world, and can be accomplished only through the catalysis of fellowship—inculcating the cohesion, which stems from understanding and amity among peoples, states and nations.

DON'T JUST SAY: MAKE A DIFFERENCE— DO IT!

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:

- 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

2017

- September 20* 166th Anniversary of the
Rebekah Degree
- September 24* 132nd Anniversary of the
Patriarchs Militant Degree
- September 30* Testimonial Banquet—
Lady Estella Crowder
President-IALAPM
London, Ontario
- October 21* Pilgrimage to Wildey Gravesite,
Greenmount Cemetery,
Baltimore, MD
- October 28* Testimonial Banquet—
The Honorable
John A. Miller Sr.
Sovereign Grand Master
Hartford, Connecticut
- November 4* 116th Anniversary of the L.A.P.M.

2018

- January 15* Anniversary of the Birthday of
Thomas Wildey,
founder of our Order.
- February* Educational Foundation Month
Certificates available to Lodges
making \$1.00 per member donations.
- February 24* Testimonial Banquet—
Linda L. Thompson
President—IARA
Phoenix, Arizona
- March* Arthritis Month
Plan a fund raiser and receive a
certificate.

- March 23* Anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah.
- March 24* Testimonial Banquet—
Gen. R. L. 'Ken' Lasswell
General Commanding, GMC, PM
Peoria, Illinois
- April* "Living Legacy Month"
'Plant a Tree
for One Who comes after Me'
- April 14* 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY'
- April 26* 199th Anniversary of the founding of the Order in North America.
- May* Visual Research Foundation Month
Certificates available to Lodges making \$1.00 per member donations.
- May 6* Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, *Arlington, VA*
- May 15* Educational Foundation
Scholarship deadline.
- June 3* Wreath Laying Ceremony, Canadian War Memorial, *Ottawa, ON*
- June 12* I.O.O.F. Memorial Day
- August 20-23* Annual Sessions of:
The Sovereign Grand Lodge,
International Association of
Rebekah Assemblies,
General Military Council, &
International Association of Ladies
Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant
— *Baltimore, MD*



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