

**THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES
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PATRIARCHS MILITANT**



**Independent Order
of Odd Fellows
2016-2017
Joint Program**



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SLOGAN: THE 3 R'S

RECRUIT— REBUILD— REDEDICATE
— ODD FELLOWSHIP

EMBLEMS:

The 'all seeing eye' and 'three links.'



THEME: Year of Unity.

MOTTO: Be a Lover not a Fighter

SCRIPTURE: *John 3:11*— For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning that we should love one another.

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

1 Corinthians 12:26— If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

PRAYER: Lord's Prayer

GUIDES: Bible, Rituals, Code of General Laws and Constitutions and By-laws

SONGS: *Thank you Lord for your Blessings*
It's a Small World

FLOWER: Red Rose



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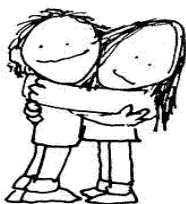


**A CONNECTION
THAT LASTS
THROUGH TIME.**

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MOTTO: Unity through understanding—
a link to the future.



THEME: Respect each other
as we work together.

AIM: Assist and strengthen jurisdictions.

GUIDE: *The best thing in life is a friend.*
From a book given to me by a friend; a
collection of poems edited by Susan Polis
Schutz.

FLOWERS: forget-me-not
yellow rose

COLORS: shades of blue and silver

SONGS: *Imagine*—by John Lennon
*What a Difference You've Made in
My Life.*

HYMNS: *Blessings*—by Laura Story

Life is Good

Unknown

The more we give, the more we'll get;
The more we laugh, the less we'll fret;
The more we do unselfishly,
The more we'll live abundantly;
The more of everything we share,
The more we'll always have to spare;
The more we love, the more we'll find,
That life is good and friends are kind;
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.



GENERAL DANIEL E. MATHEWS
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MOTTO: *If it is to be, it is up to us.* – With 20 letters and 10 words, this odd sentence contains 5 i's; none of which stands alone or has meaning without a partner and demonstrates that teamwork, in reality, starts with "I" and ends with us.

AIM: Make our PM Uniform and the Patriarchs Militant branch into the goal of every member of our Order. Smile at and thank everyone inspiring cooperation and greatness within others and to always do unto others, as I would have them do unto me; no matter what they do unto me; for that really messes with their minds.

CHALLENGE: Grow the Patriarchs Militant and our Order. Also, to represent the **P.M.** with Honor and Respect while inspiring all mankind that Friendship, Love and Truth are the true watchwords as we work together to build our Order and a better world.

GUIDES: The Rituals and Code of General Laws

FLOWERS: Red, White, Blue, Yellow and Purple ones

COLORS: Black, Gold, and Light Blue

HYMNS: *Silent Night*

SONGS: *Wabash Cannonball*, all Holiday Music

Scripture: Genesis 4:9 — Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

EMBLEMS: A PM shield with crown, lamb, lion and crossed crook and sword. Friendship, Love, Truth; Faith, Hope, Charity; and Justitia Universalis.



DEDICATION: The Lord, who blessed me by sending me my soul mate and wife, Shirley; who has for 45 Years been the angel in my life. Also, I bless all who have guided me on this journey called life; your wisdom has been my inspiration and my thank you will always be inadequate.



LADY TRACY L. BOYER
PRESIDENT— I.A.L.A.P.M.

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OF THE

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MOTTO: Our rewards are equal to our deeds.

EMBLEM Crown



GUIDE:

The Crown illustrates the compensation of life. It signifies that our rewards are equal to our deeds, that if we would be crowned with happiness, we must in turn strive to make others happy. It also reminds us of the eternal Crown of Glory, which we are taught is given as a reward for a well spent life; it impresses upon us the fact that, if we would obtain this reward, we must practice the lessons taught by the obligations we have so voluntarily assumed.

THEME: Unity within our Order

COLORS: Purple, White and Gold

FLOWERS: Iris, Hydrangea and Sunflowers

HYMNS: *In the Garden*
Because He lives
I Love to Tell the Story

SONG: *What a Difference You've Made in My Life.*

SCRIPTURE: *Mathew 7:12*—So in everything do to others what you would have them do to you.

Dedication: I dedicate this year in memory of my grandfather, his fraternal love was unending, my parents, without their love and support, I would not be able to do this, my Daughter she is the light of my life. And my family and friends for their support and encouragement along the way. I cannot say Thank You enough.

Poem: When good friends walk beside us...
On the trails that we must keep...
Our burdens seem less heavy...
And the hills are not so steep...
The weary miles pass swiftly...
Taken in a joyous stride...
And all the world seems brighter...
When friends walk by our side.

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.

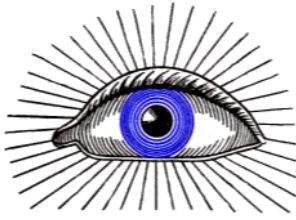


- ◇ \$25.00 to the I.O.O.F. program of the sponsors choice for sponsoring 10 new members into the Order— in the sponsors name.
- ◇ PM/LAPM AWARDS
Sponsor one (1) new member: ribbon bar
Additional 2 new members: add 1 bronze oak leaf
3 oak leaves per ribbon bar.

January 1, 2017— December 31, 2017

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



‘UNITY’ 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.

I. THE ALL-SEEING EYE.

Emblem of Omniscience:

“Enveloped in a blaze of light and glory, it reminds us that the scrutinizing gaze of Our Father is ever upon us,” beholding all our actions and even our thoughts; for He “searcheth the heart and trieth the reins.”

On entering or leaving a Lodge, we note it as a reminder of the instructions at our initiation, and it serves to keep us steadfast in our integrity. Although, to mortal vision, “clouds and darkness are round about” the Invisible One, yet we know that “judgment and justice are the foundations of His throne,” and that “He dwelleth in light,” and “in Him is no darkness at all.” “If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, — even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.”

But this emblem also teaches us the soul-cheering truth that God looketh kindly and pityingly upon us; for “He remembereth that we are dust;” and that He provideth for all our wants, and is so minute in His paternal care, that even the hairs of our heads are numbered.

Let us, then, gratefully, as well as reverently, so live under His all-seeing eye, that we may thank Him for the past, rejoice before Him in the present, and cherish an humble hope in Him for the future thus fulfilling the great motto of our Order: “IN GOD WE TRUST”.

RECRUIT— REBUILD— REDEDICATE
— ODD FELLOWSHIP

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

### 2016

- September 20* 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Rebekah Degree
- September 24* 131<sup>st</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 15* Pilgrimage to Wildey Gravesite,  
Greenmount Cemetery,  
*Baltimore, MD*
- November 4* 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the L.A.P.M.  
*November 4-5* Testimonial Banquet—  
Gen. D. E. 'Dan' Mathews  
General Commanding, GMC, PM  
*Portland, Oregon*
- November 18-19* Testimonial Banquet—  
Lady Tracy L. Boyer  
President-IALAPM  
*Weirton, West Virginia*
- December 1-3* Testimonial Banquet—  
The Honorable  
W. Larry Ferguson  
Sovereign Grand Master  
*Elkins, West Virginia*

### 2017

- 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 24-25* Testimonial Banquet—  
Joyce P. Link  
President— IARA  
*Sacramento, California*



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Thomas Wildey Museum and Library

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Hunger and Disaster Fund

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