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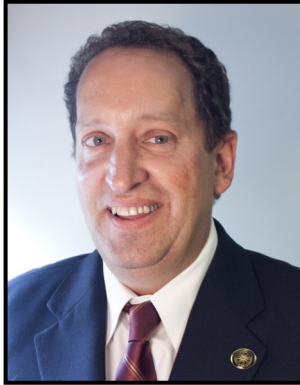
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INDEPENDENT ORDER
OF ODD FELLOWS
2025-2026
JOINT PROGRAM



THE
SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES
GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL
PATRIARCHS MILITANT



THE HONORABLE
THOMAS J. CALABRESE
 SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER
 INDEPENDENT ORDER
 OF ODD FELLOWS



2025-2026 OFFICERS
 OF
 THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

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Gerald V. Workman, WV	Past Sovereign Grand Master
Katherine M. 'Kathy' Bays, NY	Ambassador of Goodwill

<i>April</i>	<i>"Living Legacy Month"</i> 'Plant a Tree for One Who comes after Me'
<i>April 18</i>	'MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY'
<i>April 26</i>	207 th Anniversary of the founding of the Order in North America.
<i>May</i>	Visual Research Foundation Month Certificates available to Lodges making \$1.00 per member donations.
<i>May 3</i>	Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, <i>Arlington, Virginia</i>
<i>May 15</i>	Educational Foundation Scholarship deadline.
<i>June 7</i>	Wreath Laying Ceremony, Canadian War Memorial, <i>Ottawa, ON</i>
<i>June 9</i>	I.O.O.F. Memorial Day
<i>August 17-20</i>	Annual Sessions of: Youth Days— 14-15 The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council, P.M. <i>Frisco, TX</i>



DATES TO REMEMBER

2025

<i>September 20</i>	174 th Anniversary of the Rebekah Degree
<i>September 24</i>	140 th Anniversary of the Patriarchs Militant Degree
<i>October 31</i> November 1	Testimonial Banquet— Thomas J. Calabrese <i>Sovereign Grand Master, I.O.O.F.</i> <i>Atlantic City, NJ</i>

2026

<i>January 15</i>	Anniversary of the Birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of our Order.
<i>February</i>	Educational Foundation Month Certificates available to Lodges making \$1.00 per member donations.
<i>February 6-7</i>	Testimonial Banquet— Pamela D. Isenhower <i>President— I.A.R.A.</i> <i>Houston, TX</i>
<i>March</i>	Arthritis Month Plan a fund raiser and receive a certificate.
<i>March 20-21</i>	Testimonial Banquet— Gen. Marion F. Owens Jr. <i>General Commanding, GMC</i> <i>Miamisburg, OH</i>
<i>March 23</i>	Anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah.

Theme: Passin' through.

- ◆ Everyone has a job to do:
What if they did not do their job?
What if Thomas Wildey did not put
the ad in the paper?
What if the Founders of your lodge did
not get together?
What if we do not do the job we have to do?
- ◆ Coming out of old life into the new:
How has your life changed because of Odd
Fellowship?
◇ Friendships
◇ Ability to help those in need
◇ Support
- ◆ We are only here for a moment:
What are we going to do while we are here?
Need to be a guiding light of Odd
Fellowship,
Make sure the Order lives on.
Go out into the community to spread Odd
Fellowship.

Symbol: Old Barney: The Light That Never Fails

Mariners consider the Barnegat Lighthouse one
of the most important “change of course”
points for coastal vessels bound to and from
New York along the New Jersey coast.

Guide from rocky situations—
Guide into beautiful settings—
Directing back on track.



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**PAMELA M.
ISENHOWER**
PRESIDENT— I.A.R.A.



Theme: May our Keys Unlock Doors of Opportunities as we Pass Through Towards Our Future.

Motto: Always Follow Your Heart in All You Do.

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

Mail donations to:

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I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage for Youth

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Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Rose Float

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COMMUNITY SERVICE: going the distance with your Community in your Lodge activities and those civic projects in which you participate; through this involvement we will increase awareness of Odd Fellowship in our Communities. Branch out into the community, be part of the community.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

All of the projects of the Order as well as local projects in each jurisdiction are important to each of us. Choose one special project to support.

Pilgrimage for Youth
 Visual Research Foundation
 Educational Foundation
 Hunger & Disaster
 Joint Youth Program
 Arthritis (Foundation and Society)
 Living Legacy
 I.O.O.F. SOS Children's Village— Cambodia
 Rose Parade Float

Support local projects:

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

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

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Watchwords: Friendship, Love and Truth

Guides: The Holy Bible, Rituals, Code of General Laws, Constitution & By-laws

Scripture: Psalm 27:9 - "Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy."

Spiritual Emblem: Cardinal



"In Spirit, Heart and Memory, Love Lives Forever"

Fun Emblem: The Lady Bug - Red and Black



Lady Bugs symbolize
 Love and Good Luck
 the Redder the Lady Bug, the
 Better your Luck!



Symbols: Heart and Star
 Bluebird for Theta Rho

Guides: The Holy Bible, Rituals, Code of General Laws, and Constitution & By-laws

Flowers: Red Roses and White Dogwood Blossoms

Colors: Red, White & Black
 with accents of Silver and Gold

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GENERAL MARION F. OWENS JR.
GENERAL COMMANDING

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Brig. Gen. Howard G. Malin, VA	Medical Officer
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Brig. Gen. Robert A. 'Alan' Dodd Sr., FL	Chief of Equipment
Brig. Gen. Alice D. Legg, NY	Chaplain General
Brig. Gen. B. John Argento Jr., NC	Bannerette
Brig. Gen. John F. Woolsey Jr., TX	Color Sergeant
Brig. Gen. Richard L. Lira, OH	Aide-de-Camp
Brig. Gen. A. F. 'Tony' Pruitt, CA	Aide-de-Camp
Brig. Gen. C. Paul Robinson, OH	Aide-de-Camp
Brig. Gen. Leanna W. Shiver, NC	Bugler
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Brig. Gen. Kathrine P. 'Kathy' Henderson, OH	Historian
Brig. Gen. Julia L. 'Judy' Ogden, OH	Ambassador of Goodwill
Gen. G. L. 'Jeff' Lasswell, IL	General Commanding–R
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Col. Twila L. Barlow, IL	Aide to the DGC
Lt. Col.	Aide to the EO

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

- ◇ To all new members a 'fraternal' 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

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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 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, 2026— December 31, 2026

GROWTH GOALS
for 2025-2026 and beyond:

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- ◇ Each member to recruit a new member.
- ◇ Increase membership in each unit of our Order.
 - ◆ Through member education
 - ◆ Through lodge & unit education
 - ◆ Through community education
(*involvement*) and awareness

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**'LIGHTHOUSE'
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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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS—
FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS**

- For 25 members lifetime,
the Bronze Meritorious Service button.
- For 50 members lifetime,
the Silver Meritorious Service button.
- For 75 members lifetime,
the Gold Meritorious Service button.
- For 100 members lifetime,
the Gold with diamond Meritorious Service button.
- For additional increments of 100 members— blazer buttons, belt buckles, key rings, money clips, etc.

Theme: Success through Positive Attitude's and working together for the benefit of others. **TOGETHER WE WILL.**

Aim: To increase awareness and promote quality Membership into our Patriarchs Militant Army. Along with Involvement, Volunteerism, Pride, Recruiting and the **WILL** to accomplish many things for the betterment of our MEMBERS and ORDER.

Goal: To grow our Army and all other supporting Units of our Organization.

Flower: Red miniature Rose.

Color: Red, White & Blue.

Guides: The Bible, Ritual, By-laws & Code of the General Laws

Hymns: *Amazing Grace*
Just a closer walk with Thee.

Songs: *Laura's Theme*
The Star-Spangled Banner
O Canada

Scripture: Psalms 30:5 — For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Dedication: To all who supported and assisted me getting to this point. Especially General Commanding ® Michael L. Bowers, LTG. Paul McAfee, Members of Canton Occidental No. 21 and my lodge—Caledonia Lodge No. 299. For your encouragement and support of me, you will always have my sincere gratitude and loyalty. Last, but not the least my Family.

Project: Wounded Warrior Project — US and Canada

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Message— Lighthouse vs Foghorn

A foghorn helps warn of dangerous conditions. They are heard, but not seen. Where lighthouses do the same but can be seen from farther distances. By being seen and being different, there is interest in lighthouses. People travel to find out more about them. What is inside and what can be seen from the top. We need to be lighthouses for Odd Fellowship. If we are seen reaching out into the communities, people are going to want to come explore Odd Fellowship. We need to be lighthouses instead of foghorns.

Guides:

Holy Bible, Ritual, and Code of General Laws

Flower: Tulip

Colors: Black & Yellow

Song: *Passin' Through* by Gene Cotton

Hymns: *Lord's Prayer*
Ave Maria

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Dedication: Primarily to the Lord God, followed by those whom I hold dear. I extend my gratitude to my wife Marian, my family, the members of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the members of my local Lodge, New Brunswick No. 6. Additionally, I wish to acknowledge all the Brothers and Sisters I encountered throughout my journey in Odd Fellowship. Your love and support are deeply appreciated.

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Hymn: *In the Garden* - by Alan Jackson



Songs: *We are the World* - by Michael Jackson
Always Stay Humble & Kind - by Luke Bryan
Passin' Through - by Gene Cotton

*** Fun & Sassy Song:** *Stretchy Pants* -
by Carrie Underwood

*** Theta Rho Song:** *You are my Sunshine*

Special Project: Tunnel to Towers

Dedication: As I enter into this journey as your President, I dedicate this year to **YOU**, the Members of this Order, who have been mentors in teaching me the principles of Odd Fellowship from an early age.

My dedication begins with my Theta Rho Advisory Officer, my Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges, the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Texas, and the Past Presidents of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, who gave me the opportunity to grow on the International level. Thank you for your love, countless support, and encouragement.

To my family, you are my Rock! Thanks for always being there for me. Luv ya!

I dedicate myself to you with continued service, love, and loyalty as I serve as the President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies for 2025-2026.