

Grand Lodge of California
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

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TO ALL LODGES AND MEMBERS

This letter is to inform everyone that the Grand Lodge has moved from the Saratoga lodge hall.

We now own the building where the Grand Lodge is situated.

Our NEW ADDRESS IS:

122 RACE ST.
SAN JOSE, CA. 95126

Our NEW PHONE NUMBERS ARE:

Office Phone Number: 408.753.9663
Office Fax Number: 408.899.4921

Please note these changes and make the corrections to your old information.

Celebrate
*the holiday
season!*

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

From the Grand Lodge Staff
Ray, Jay and Marty



**Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.
Board of Directors – Meeting Agenda
Saratoga, CA. – 10/01/2016**

Call to Order: 9:00AM

Roll Call: (14 voting members)

Elected Board Members present (8): John Morgan – Chairman, Paul Wright – Vice Chairman, Rick Boyles, Rita Cooper, Glen Lindsey, Barry Prock, Rose Saari, Greg Schomaker.

Elected Board Members absent:

Grand Lodge Officers present (6): Peter Sellars (GM), Dave Reed (DGM), Mel Astrahan (GW), Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Rod Metoyer (GR), ~~Paul Pike (GR), Dave Rosenberg (Jr. PGM).~~

Grand Lodge Officers absent: Paul Pike (GR), Dave Rosenberg (Jr. PGM).

Others Present: Larry Brenner (Attorney),

Visitors: Redgie Fleeman, Richard Galvez, Michael Greenzieger, Karolinne Livingston, Jackie Brown, Adam Polinski, Ruth Morgan, Joyce Link

Communications: (*indicates having been emailed or sent to ALL of the Board Members) (See New Business)

***RCS Minutes:** 05/11/2016, 06/11/2016, 07/09/2016

***TLCAMP Minutes:** 06/20/2016, 07/16/2016, 09/17/2016

***LTR:** Camp Directors re: Grand Lodge Board attendance at 8/6/ meeting.

***SGL:** 5th Day Proceedings and Layover Bills

***LTRS:** Sycamore #129 and Saratoga #428 re: current issues

***LTR:** Appeal letter from Peter Sellars re: Building Grants

***GL Loans:** Breakdown on 6 loans

Executive Session: (6 issues)

Approval of Minutes: (08/06/2016) **Moved by Paul Wright, seconded to approve the minutes – PASSED.**

Old Business:

Cemeteries:

Crescent City: John Morgan verbal report – Positive remarks on condition of cemetery. **Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded to extend the landscaper's contract until further notice – PASSED**

Halls:

Ontario Hall: Poor workmanship, Asbestos issues – Lodge to have hall evaluated prior to any action

Grand Master asked to have a 'lost' check be rewritten for \$845.00

Portola: Vacant Lot, worth 12k to 15k

Snelling: Property in escrow, \$110k, buyer to pay all closing costs, 21 day escrow

Upper Lake: On hold, Bids too high

Lodges:

Four Creeks: Audit done report delayed, Lodge officer changes

Pine Tree: Tenant Issues

SCIO: Property Sale to Masons

General Business:

Title Searches: Larry Brenner, Reversionary Clause/Cloud on Titles (21 remaining)

NEW Grand Lodge Office: Update to be presented at meeting, Slides on screen

East Nicholas: Ground oil contamination issues, Larry is working on this, State funds available

New Business:

Lodges with Home/Resident Addresses (6): Action requested

Joyce Link thanked the entire Board for its donation to her and the 'Link to the Future' committee and also the presentation of the MS Link boat which is now in dry dock. Joyce announced Ruth Morgan as the IARA Chaplain.

Karolinne Livingston spoke on ADA requirements at the Children's Home requesting funds. **Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded to donate \$40k to RCS for the ADA improvement – Rita Cooper amended it to \$10k currently and send a letter to the lodges requesting assistance – PASSED**

Glenn Lindsey asking if Grand Lodge is sending any youth on this year's program.

Mel Astrahan spoke on the Rose Float and asking about possible donations.

John Morgan appointed a Compensation Committee (Paul Wright (C), Dave Rosenberg, Glenn Lindsey)

Consent Agenda Reports: Officers, Committees, Board Representatives

*The 'Consent Agenda' reports will NOT be discussed unless someone asks to have them removed from the Consent Agenda and then discussed separately.
All reports that are not specifically removed from the Consent Agenda will be accepted as mailed or emailed.*

*Grand Master: Peter Sellars

*Deputy Grand Master: Dave Reed

*Grand Warden: Mel Astrahan

Grand Representatives: Paul Pike, Rod Metoyer

*Audit: Jay Johnson

*Beneficial: John Morgan

*Budget: John Morgan

Investment: John Morgan

Legal: Larry Brenner

Legislation: Peter Sellars

Membership: Peter Sellars

*Property: John Morgan

OFHC: Dave Reed

COFF: Ray Link: minutes available

*RCS: Rick Boyles: minutes available

*TLC: Glenn Lindsey: minutes sent out, nothing done about GLBOD recommendations,

SDDGM: Glenn Lindsey, Lodge reports in Executive Session

RA: Rose Saari

Moved by Ray Link, seconded to accept the remaining Consent Agenda – PASSED

Consent Items Removed and Discussed:

OFHC: Demolition at Napa, Excess funds for member assistance, Code change, Cal Mortgage ok?

Adjournment: 12:30PM

**2016 – 2017 Regular Scheduled Meetings
10/01/2016, 12/03/2016, 02/04/2017, 04/01/2017**

Grand Lodge of California

*Cordially invites you to attend an Open House and
Dedication Ceremony of the new Grand Lodge Office*

122 Race Street

San Jose, Ca. 95126

February 4th, 2017

*Program Starts Promptly at 2:00 pm with a
Dedication Ceremony by Grand Master, Peter Sellars
Board Greetings by Board President, John Morgan
Technology at its best by Grand Treasurer, Jay Johnson
Project Designs by Project Manager, Cindy Furino
History Tour of the Museum, Nancy Johnson
Toast to our hard working Staff & Volunteers
Snacks and Drinks are being provided*

Please RSVP to Nancy Johnson

sewkind@comcast.net

510-673-3958 to assure you are on the Guest List

In the new museum is a cabinet dedicated to all Lodges in California.

If your lodge has an item it would like to have placed in this cabinet, please mail it to the Grand Lodge office.

We are looking for small, lodge specific items. This could be anything, a post card with a picture of your lodge on it, a photograph with an old Lodge hall and members standing in front, a letter or document with Lodge letterhead, a by-laws, this list could go on forever. Do not limit this just items in your Lodge hall of your Lodge. If you have a lodge that has consolidated in with your Lodge, please send some items from that Lodge as well.

Whatever you send to the office, make sure you identify the content of the item, names, dates, and description.

The Grand Lodge greatly appreciates your donation and would love to have everyone take a moment to come to the office, see the museum and get a tour.

**2017
MEMBERSHIP
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR
REGISTRATION**



Odd Fellows & Rebekahs

The Annual **Membership Educational Seminar** is upon us again! This year's seminar shall be held at the beautiful **El Dorado Hotel & Casino in Reno, Nevada**. The seminar dates are **Saturday, January 14th and Sunday, January 15, 2017** – plan to arrive and check in on Friday, January 13th, so that we're ready to go first thing Saturday morning.

Cost is only \$200 per member!

Includes: 2 nights stay at El Dorado Hotel & Casino, breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, and seminar materials.

This year, Dave Rosenberg has been placed in charge of the Seminar and has given it a new format, with updated presentations and some new topics. Here is what you can look forward to:

- Welcome - Introduction - Overview of the Seminar – Dave Rosenberg
- The Structure of IOOF (SGL, GL, Lodge and Branches) – Peter Sellars
- The Codes – Rick Boyles
- Parliamentary Procedure – Dave Rosenberg
- Odd Fellows History in California - Nancy Johnson and Peter Sellars
- Improving the Appearance of Your Lodge Building – Rita Cooper
- All About Rental Agreements – Dave Reed
- Proper Reporting to Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly – Ray Link, Jay Johnson, Karolinne Livingston
- Escorting at an Odd Fellows Meeting - How to Do It Properly – Peter Sellars
- Duties of Lodge Officers and Trustees – Henry Rosenthal
- How to be an Effective Representative to Grand Lodge Sessions – Mel Astrahan
- Community Service – Stewart Savage
- Membership - Examples of Effective Membership Development – Dave Reed
- Difficult Issues – Peter Sellars and Dave Rosenberg
- Odd Fellows Trivia with Prizes for the Winners – Dave Rosenberg
- Presentation of Certificates and Wrap Up – Peter Sellars

Deadline: All registration forms and checks MUST be received by December 10, 2016.

All completed forms & checks payable to Grand Lodge of CA should be mailed to:

**MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
c/o Janis Rosenberg
Davis Lodge #169
415 Second Street
Davis, Ca. 95616**

Direct questions to: janisrosenberg@outlook.com

By completing this form & sending in your \$200 you will be registered for the Seminar & your room will be reserved.

2017 MEMBERSHIP EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Member Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Incoming Office in Lodge, if any:** _____

Lodge Name: _____ **Lodge No.** _____ **Lodge City:** _____

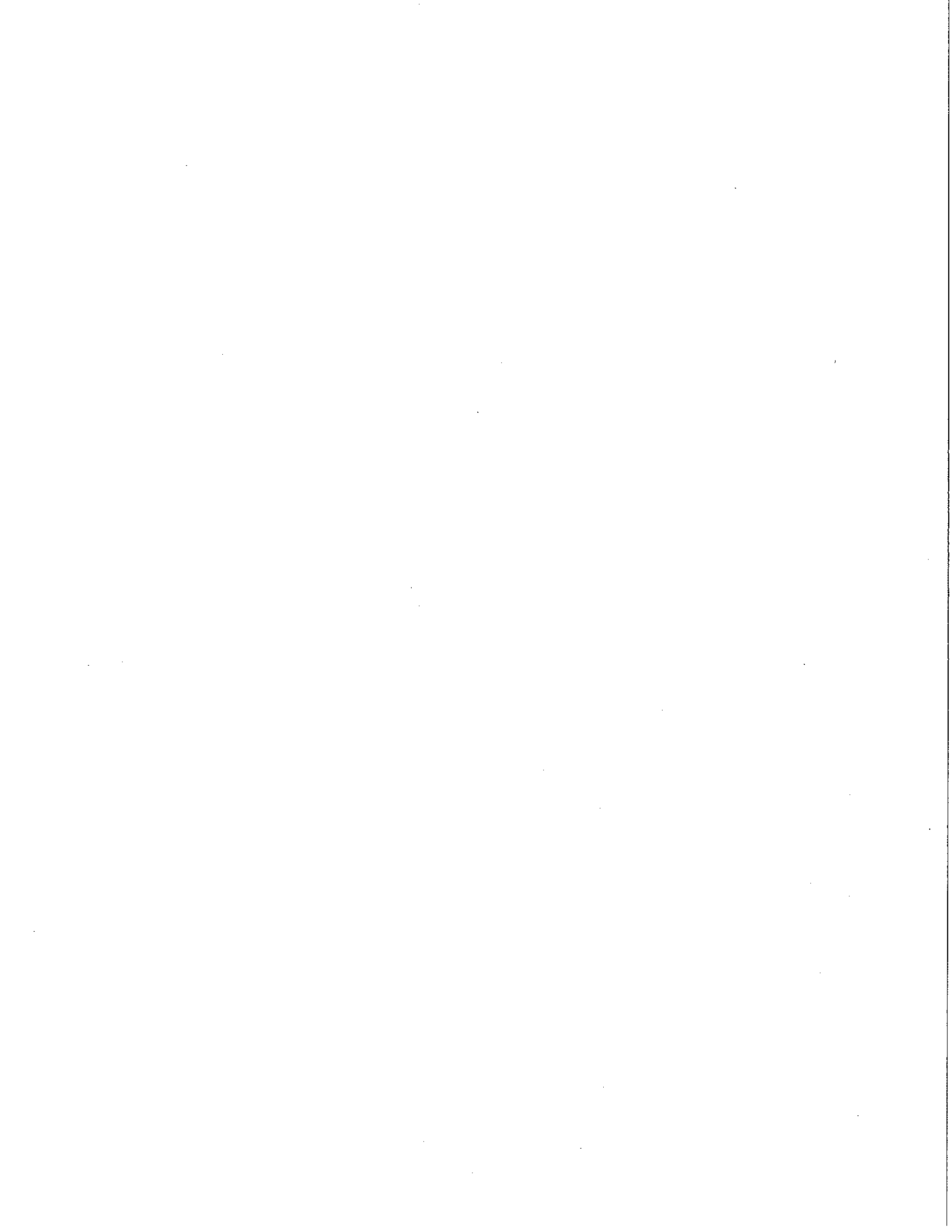
Single Room: **Double Room:** **If double, name of roommate:** _____

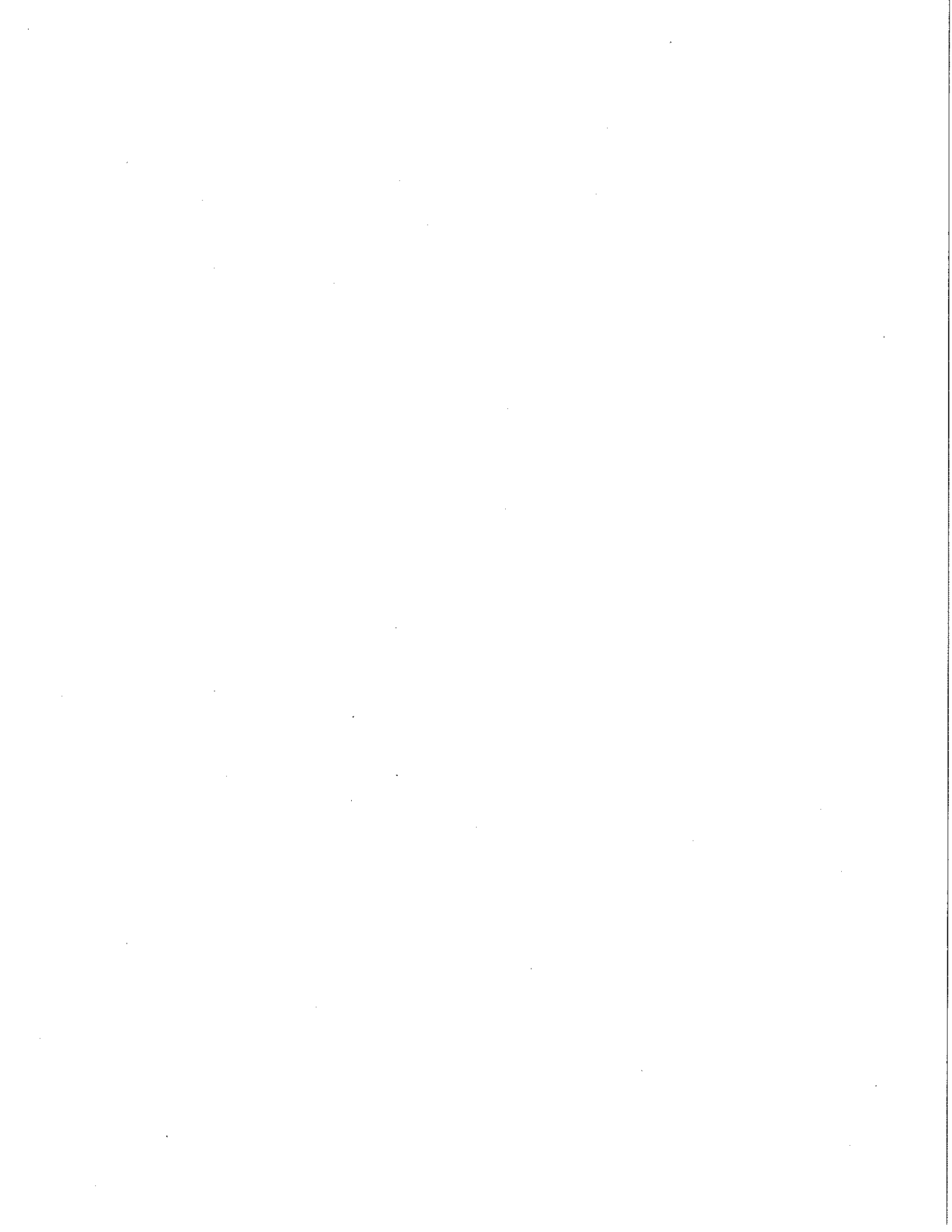
I need a roommate: Male Female **Special needs/requests:** _____

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MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR c/o Janis Rosenberg, Davis Lodge #169, 415 Second Street, Davis, Ca. 95616





Dear Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Remember the admonition to "... educate the orphan ..."

The "Triffle P. and Annie G. Ivancovich Scholarship Fund" is again open for applications and nominations. This fund is available to orphans and former foster children and can provide up to \$10,000 per year in college support for entering Freshmen. There are strict grade point average requirements and it is competitive. The deadline for submission of nomination forms (only Odd Fellows and Rebekahs can nominate) and application forms is March 1, 2017.

The application and nomination forms can be accessed and downloaded at www.davislodge.org. On the home page move your cursor to the top the page over the words LODGE PROGRAMS and click on "Orphan Scholarship Fund."

Thank you.

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Dave Rosenberg, PGM
Chairman
Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.

Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.
Nomination Form

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in good standing may nominate eligible orphans and foster youth or emancipated foster youth for educational scholarships provided by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. All decisions by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. are made in the sole discretion of the corporation. To be eligible for consideration, nominees must be orphans or foster youth, must be at least 18 years of age at the time they enter college/university, must be U.S. citizens, must have attained at least a B+ average upon high school graduation, and must be accepted to an accredited college/university or a legitimate junior college and entering as a freshman. Educational scholarships, if approved, will be at least \$5,000 and up to \$10,000 for the freshman year, based on merit and need. Students may re-apply for a subsequent year, up to four years in total, based on merit, need, and the ability to maintain a GPA of at least 3.33. Nomination form must be received by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc., not later than March 1, 2017. When complete, mail to: Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. Attn: Dave Rosenberg, 415 Second Street, Davis CA 95616.

Please Print

Name of Odd Fellow/Rebekah Nominator _____

Lodge Number _____ Lodge Name _____ Lodge City _____

Address of Lodge _____

Nominator's Phone Number _____

Nominator's E-mail Address _____

Nominator's Mailing Address _____

Name of Applicant you are nominating _____

Address of Applicant _____

Have you discussed this nomination with Applicant? _____

Does the Applicant wish to be nominated? _____

Why are you nominating this Applicant? _____

I certify the information above is true and correct.

Dated:

Signature of Nominator

Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.
Application Form

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Please Print

Name of Applicant _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Are you a US citizen? _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

Are you an orphan or foster youth? _____ At what age did this occur? _____

Name of High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address of High School _____

GPA on Graduation _____ Have you been accepted to college/university? _____

Name of college/university _____

Accredited? _____ Date when school starts _____ Expected graduation year _____

Your major? _____ Amount of requested scholarship _____

Please answer the three questions on the next page as part of this application. Also attach a transcript showing your grades achieved during the previous school year.

I certify the information above and on the next page is true and correct.

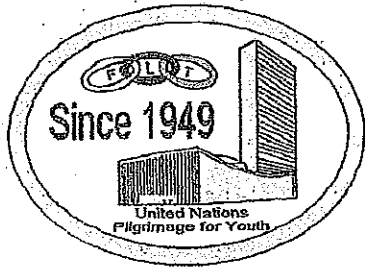
Dated: _____

Signature of Applicant

What are the circumstances of your becoming an orphan or foster youth?

Why do you need this scholarship?

What do you hope to accomplish in your life upon graduation?



Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
United Nations
Educational Pilgrimage for Youth Tour
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November 23, 2016

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

I hope you all have been having fun with the process of selecting your U N Delegates for the 2017 tour. Each year brings new surprises and enjoyment to this activity. My lodge had its annual get together a couple weeks ago to meet the candidates and their folks and three of our four Delegates from last summer's tour gave presentations of their fun filled tour. We decided to send 2 students this year. Just a reminder: Please send the Candidate Application form with your Delegate information and deposit by December 15.

Upcoming deadlines:

December 15, 2016: 1. Submit the Candidate Application form of each delegate you are sending.
2. Submit \$1,250 non refundable deposit for each delegate.

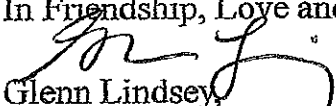
February 15, 2017: 1. Submit completed Delegate Registration Forms.
2. Submit balance of tour fee: \$1,250.

Please submit the above items by their deadlines. Not doing so could jeopardize the student's tour.

Please submit all the above to: Glenn Lindsey
8980 Pueblo Ave.
Atascadero, CA 93422-4633

Make checks payable to : Grand Lodge of Calif.
Put delegate's name somewhere on the check.

There is much useful information on the UN Tour website (www.unpilgrimage.org). If you need any help, suggestions or ideas feel free to call me. Let's get more Lodges involved in this very worthwhile adventure.

In Friendship, Loye and Truth,

Glenn Lindsey,
California Chairman, UNEPFY