



BOULDER CREEK LODGE No. 152
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
P.O. Box 204
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
OFFICIAL DISTRICT
MEETING**

**with
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**January 10, 2018
Boulder Creek Odd Fellow Hall
152 Forest St
Boulder Creek
Pot Luck Dinner: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm**



Eighty-fifth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

May 4-6, 2018, Arlington, Virginia
December 2017

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-fifth Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at **noon** followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. **Please note the dates and times the program will be held this year.** The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable John A. Miller Sr., Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You **MUST** mention "Odd Fellows Pilgrimage" when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$117, single/double, \$127 triple, and \$137 quad. All room rates are subject to applicable hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations.)

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. (Advance ticket purchase required – see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet The Honorable John A. Miller Sr., Sovereign Grand Master, Independent Order of Odd Fellows from the Jurisdiction of Connecticut; Sister Linda L. Thompson, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Arizona; General R. L. "Ken" Laswell, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Illinois/Indiana; and Lady Estella Crowder, President, International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant from the Jurisdiction of Ontario.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to take advantage of the free shuttle service to the hotel provided by the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport.)

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 4-6, 2018 in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger
General Co-Chairmen

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311
1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible.

The **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** is the headquarters hotel for the 2018 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. To receive the special rates of \$117, single/double, \$127, triple, and \$137, quad, plus hotel tax, available for the nights of May 4-6, reservations must be made **no later than April 3, 2018**. You must mention the **"ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE"** when making your reservation in order to receive these rates and to obtain the specially reduced parking rate. The hotel will accept reservations **on a space available basis after April 3, 2018, but not at this reduced price**. Only telephone reservations are accepted 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

It is imperative that reservations are made as early as possible. Although the deadline to place a reservation is **April 3, 2018**, occasionally in past years the hotel has sold all the rooms set aside for the I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage at the reduced rate **BEFORE** the deadline. So, although a person may call to place a reservation before April 3, 2018, if there are no more rooms available **AT THAT RATE**, the person will be faced with a choice of **reserving a room at a higher rate**, if any are available, or seeking a room at another hotel. ***If you have any problems with hotel reservations, please call Chuck Renninger at 1-301-350-4495 or Jennie Sue Pearson at 1-301-662-0749.***

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 4, 2018

3:00-7:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5:45-6:45 P.M. CASH-BAR SOCIAL HOUR, hotel lower level

7:00 P.M. PILGRIMAGE BANQUET, hotel lower level. **Prepaid reservations required.** (See attached pre-registration form) Open seating. *Dress code for men* - business suit, military uniform, or black tie; *Dress code for women*: - street-length dress, dress suit, or formal dress.

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Please note later times for all events

8:00-10:00 A.M. PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

10:30 A.M. BUSES LOAD-DEPART 10:45 A.M. promptly from the hotel lobby entrance.
No cars or buses will be allowed in the cemetery. Commercial parking lot available.

No exceptions

Noon Memorial Service followed by wreath laying after 1:00 P.M. changing of the guard

NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR WOMEN IS PERMITTED FOR WREATH LAYING.

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform

Dress code for women: street-length dress, dress suit or Lady's military uniform.

No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, open-toe shoes, etc.

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**PRE-REGISTRATION AND PURCHASE OF TICKETS FORM
ONE FORM PER PERSON**

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$5.00 per person, pre-registration deadline: **April 3, 2018**.

Registrations postmarked after April 3, 2018 or in-person registrations: **\$8.00 per person**.

Any questions about registration? Contact:

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee, Treasurer Wanda Smith –
Phone: 1-703-590-1267 – E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com**

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK (upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center)

Open Friday, May 4, 3:00-7:00 P.M.; Saturday, May 5, 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.; Sunday, May 6, 8:00-10:00 A.M. Pre-registered participants must pick up their registration envelopes which include the Pilgrimage badge and certificate of attendance and any pre-paid tickets as requested on **this form**. In-person registrations are accepted. Any tickets still available may be purchased.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – ONE FORM PER PERSON - (Please copy this form as needed)
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 3, 2018**

Name _____ Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Jurisdiction _____

Highest Title you want printed on the certificate _____

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. NO REFUNDS.

() **\$ 5.00 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE** available until April 3, 2018, after **April 3, 2018**, fee is \$8.00

() **\$ 55.00 SATURDAY PILGRIMAGE BANQUET – MUST** be reserved and prepaid by **April 3**. Unless there are canceled reservations, **no additional banquet tickets** will be available.

() **\$ 45.00 ARLINGTON CEMETERY TRANSPORTATION TICKETS –** round-trip bus from the Hilton to the Visitor Center; round-trip shuttle from the visitor center to the tomb for Sunday, May 6, 2018 only. Space is limited. Unless there are cancellations, last minute transportation tickets may not be available.

******NO PRIVATE VEHICLES or BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CEMETERY AND PARK. PRIVATE VEHICLE AND BUS PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR A FEE AT THE COMMERCIAL PARKING GARAGE AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Check # _____ Amount of check _____

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars.

Make checks payable to: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee and send with this form to:

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee
P. O. Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA 22195
Phone: 1-703-590-1267 – E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com**

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Jurisdictional Wreath Order Form

Your jurisdictional wreath must be ordered directly from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee. The cost of the wreath is **US \$60.00**. No other wreath option is available. Payment for the full amount (payable to Independent Order of Odd Fellows *Pilgrimage Committee*) must accompany this order.

Only one (1) wreath per jurisdiction may be ordered. It may be placed by no more than four (4) representatives from your jurisdiction. A jurisdiction with no representative in attendance may order one wreath to be placed by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee's designee.

Questions: Wanda Smith, 1-703-590-1267.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING DRESS CODES,

or they will **NOT** be permitted to participate in laying a wreath.

NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR FOR WOMEN IS PERMITTED.

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform.

Dress code for women: street-length dress, suit or Ladies' military uniform

No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, open-toe shoes, etc.

Reservation Deadline: April 3, 2018

Order forms will NOT be processed without the following information:

Jurisdiction: _____ Person ordering wreath: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ - E-mail: _____

Print the persons name(s) (maximum of 4) participating in wreath laying of your jurisdictional wreath:

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

OR _____ **No jurisdictional representative will be in attendance.** Please have our jurisdictional wreath placed by the I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage Committee's designee.

All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Check # _____

Make check payable to:

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee

& mail to:

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee

P.O. Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA 22195

Phone: 1-703-590-1267 – E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com

Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.
Application 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. Application must be received by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc., not later than April 1, 2018. When complete, mail to: Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. Attn: Dave Rosenberg, 415 Second Street, Davis CA 95616.

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?

Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.
Nomination Form

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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