

Independent Order of Odd Fellows



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Ronald McDonald House

The final Wildey Lodge #2, IOOF sponsored dinner for 2019 will be held on
Friday, September 6, 2019

Special thanks to Brother Giovanni Mangiore who is the member of our lodge preparing the meals and feeding the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

September & October Birthdays



Shirley James - September 3
Michael Mangiore - September 6
John Bayer - September 20
Giovanni Mangiore - September 30

Ervin Drowing - October 7
Alma Sneed - October 7
Carol Reiner - October 13
Steven Buchholz - October 29

Sickness & Distress

Members Unable to Attend Meetings Due to Illness or Injury
Ervin Drawing; Shirley James; Michael Morgan; Kenneth White

rites of passage

Because of bad publicity, the term *initiation*, *ritual* and *rite* are widely misunderstood and often erroneously associated with witchcraft, magic, satanic cults, blood oaths, and hazing. But an *initiation* is merely defined as "a ceremony or series of actions that makes a person a member of a group or organization." When prospective students are required to undergo written tests and interviews before being admitted to a college or university, this is a form of initiation. When a person is required to undergo a series of training or levels of education before being ordained as a pastor or priest in a church or before receiving a college degree, the person is actually undergoing a form of initiation. A *ritual* or *rite*, on the other hand, is defined a "a formal ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way." Human life involves a series of major and minor ritual practices or events. Brushing one's teeth after eating or taking a bath before sleeping are examples of simple forms of ritual. Many Christian churches use rituals, such as when the priest or pastor offers the sacraments during mass or service.

Basically, initiation rituals or rite of passage are "ceremonies that accompany and dramatize major events such as birth, coming-of-age of boys and girls, marriage and death, or joining a certain society". Rituals tend to present themselves as "the unchanging, time-honored customs of an enduring community." Examples of common rites of passage are birthday celebrations usually observed once a year, marriage ceremonies, graduation or commencement ceremonies, and funeral rites.

Odd Fellows by Louie Blake Saile Sarmiento, M.A., Chapter 22, Page 181

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was four lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chucks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties....
was elbows, hats and cell phones.

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER – BY Erma Bombeck



I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "good" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have sat on the lawn with my grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner," There would have been more "I love you's" and more "I'm sorry's."

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute, look at it and really see it...live it and never give it back. STOP SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF!!!

**Don't worry about who doesn't love you, who has more, or who's doing what.
Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us**

Thomas Wildey – Founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows



Thomas Wildey was born in London, England, in 1782. He was left an orphan five years later – and the IOOF pledge to “educate the Orphan” sprang from his personal childhood experiences. At the age of 14, Wildey went to live with an uncle. After he had 9 years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the British Oddfellows in 1804.

When Wildey immigrated to America in 1817, the British were still unpopular in the States because of the War of 1812. In that year Baltimore was suffering both yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. An outgoing personality, Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore, he requested them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn.

On April 26, 1819, Wildey and the four men who responded to the advertisement, John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatam, and Richard Rushworth formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to achieve philanthropic goals. Other Englishmen who were Odd Fellows had grouped in the states along with the Eastern Seaboard, and Wildey gathered them all into the newly formed fraternity. He traveled widely to set up lodges in the most recently settled parts of the country.

At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the IOOF. In the late 19th century and early 20th century the IOOF became the largest Fraternal Order in North America with more than two million members.

USELESS TRIVIA

1. In which nation can a person be in closest proximity to the moon?

- A. Nepal B. Ecuador C. Kenya D. Australia

2. A laugh expels air out of the body at speeds up to 70 miles per hour. What is the speed of the air released with a sneeze (per hour)?

- A. 80 miles B. 100 miles C. 120 miles D. 140 miles

3. Refreshing lemon-lime soda 7-Up originally counted which substance among its ingredients?

- A. Cocaine B. Lithium C. Valium D. Heroin

4. A cephalophore is an artistic depiction of a saint holding what?

- A. Cat B. Bible C. Head D. Cross

5. How many quills does the average porcupine have?

- A. 30,000 B. 40,000 C. 50,000 D. 80,000

6. What is the golfer Arnold Palmer's nickname?

- A. The Golden Bear B. The Great White Shark C. The Hawk D. The King

7. Alcatraz Island has a rich history, beginning with its name. Alcatraz is a Spanish word that translates into what?

- A. Prison B. Pelican C. Paradise D. Poet

8. Which band did not feature legendary guitarist Eric Clapton?

- A. The Yardbirds B. Traffic C. Cream D. Derek and the Dominos

Answers -

1-b 2-b 3-b 4-c 5-a 6-d 7-b 8-b

Useless Trivia Puzzles; 2018

JOKELOPEDIA

What goes best with toast when you're in a car? **TRAFFIC JAM**

What has lots of eyes but can't see? **A POTATO**

How does broccoli feel when it's been cooked? **IT'S STEAMED**

Why did the mama bread get mad at the papa bread? **HE WAS ALWAYS LOAFING AROUND**

What do you call two banana peels? **A PAIR OF SLIPPERS**

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REFRESHMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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| September 3 | Meatloaf with Gravy, Small Whole Irish Little Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower Medley, & Dinner Rolls |
| September 17 | Party Hearty Foot Long Sandwiches, Tossed Salad, & German Potato Salad |
| October 1 | Meat Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Italian Garlic Bread |
| October 15 | Chicken Marsala, Pasta Con Broccoli, Italian Salad, & Dinner Rolls |

**Dinner is served Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, unless otherwise stated.
All dinners include assorted desserts, coffee, tea, soda, or water.**