



Ogling for Ogles

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Las Vegas or Bust

Viva Las Vegas! “The town that never sleeps!” Spring finds us only a few breathless months from The Ogle/Ogles Family Association’s (O/OFA) 7th National Convention, Sept. 29 and 30, Oct. 1, 2003, in exciting Las Vegas!

We’re booked at the *Imperial Palace Hotel*, conveniently located midway on Las Vegas Boulevard—The Strip. The hotel is accepting room reservations NOW! To book your room, contact the hotel’s toll-free convention desk directly at 1-800-800-2981. **Identify yourself as “part of the Ogle Family Association”** and secure rooms at a discounted rate between Sunday, Sept. 28 and Thursday, Oct. 2. Stay an extra night at the discounted rate!

Discounted Room Rate

Our O/OFA discounted rate is \$52 per night + 9% tax and \$3 energy surcharge = \$60 per night for single or double occupancy. However, Aug. 29, 2003, is the cut-off date to obtain reservations for guaranteed sleeping rooms at our discounted price in the *Imperial Palace!*

Here’s a great new added perk! Family members, relatives, and friends of O/OFA members are invited to use the *Imperial Palace’s* discounted rates during Sept. 28 - 2 Oct. and enjoy Las Vegas even if they are not O/OFA members and are not planning to attend the Convention!

These persons also may call the *Imperial Palace* convention

desk, identify themselves as “part of the Ogle Family Association,” and enjoy a visit to Las Vegas at our reduced room rates, but only between Sept. 28 - Oct. 2.

It’s a great chance for your friends and relatives to get together and do their own thing. However, your friends and relatives are welcome to join us at the Wednesday evening (Oct. 1) banquet at \$28 each. Just make sure to book your banquet space in advance so we’ll have a head count!

August 29, 2003, is the cut-off date to obtain guaranteed reservations at our discounted price for a sleeping room in the Imperial Palace Hotel. Make your reservation NOW!

In addition to its delightfully-appointed guest rooms, the *Imperial Palace* offers so many places to dine that you’ll be wishing you’d packed more stretch pants. There’s everything from traditional breakfasts to burgers, pizza, or western fare for lunch, and steak, seafood, and eastern cuisines at any of their nice eateries. Diet later cousins!

Ladies, if you’re in the mood for some just plain luxury relaxing, check out the *Imperial Palace’s* spa. Massages! Facials! Ooooh aaaaah!

Travel

Getting to Vegas is half the fun! Members who won’t be making the trip by car will find that flying into McCarran International Airport makes arrival a

snap. McCarran is just a couple of miles and a quick cab ride from the *Imperial Palace*.

Check with your travel agent or look up online booking web sites for best air fares.

Members who are planning to “RV” to Vegas can log onto <http://www.google.com> and type in “Las Vegas RV” for locations and phone numbers of various sites. Or you can call Circus Circus at 1-800-634-3450 for particulars about their RV park.

Convention Programs

The Convention itself begins Monday morning, Sept 29, 2003, in the *Imperial Palace’s* beautiful convention rooms and concludes Wednesday afternoon Oct. 1, followed that same evening by the traditional banquet that promises great dining and an interesting program.

Three days of informative seminars and interesting presentations will generate a wealth of data about early Ogle ancestors in the U. S. and England.

Among the topics on Mon. and Tues. schedules are seminars and discussions about: John Ogle, the Immigrant (1646-49—1684), and his wife Elizabeth; first three generations of Ogles in the Colonies; how to search the Internet for Latter Day Saints (LDS) records.

Also, there will be group discussions about a variety of Ogle ancestors; a panel that will address Ogle genealogy questions from members; O/OFA

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Letter from the President

Ogle Antique Plate Fund

Generous O/OFA members continue to make donations to the Ogle Antique Plate Fund. Treasurer Betsy Ogle Montgomery reports that since last fall another seven members (including one couple) have contributed a total of \$295 to raise our grand total of donations to \$1,650. The most recent seven gifts include two for \$20, one for \$25, one for \$30, two for \$50, and one for \$100.

The latest contributors are: Dorothy W. Hunt Manning of Bluffton, Ind.; Amaryllis Wilson of Burnsville, N.C.; Lois E. Ogle of Paxton, Ill.; Louise E. Dillman of Sheboygan, Wis.; Richard Henry & Marlene Ogle of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom; Thomas M. Ogles, Jr. of Burke, Va.; and Margery Scott Ogle of Chicago, Ill.

Each contributor is greatly appreciated!

So far, twenty-nine persons have made twenty contributions totaling \$1,650. We are only \$850 short of replacing the money borrowed from our general fund to purchase the four, 19th century plates.

Anyone desiring to make a donation should send it to Betsy Montgomery at 1214 Stonehurst Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35801-1233.

Las Vegas Convention

I urge each of you who is physically and financially able to attend the 7th O/OFA National Convention in Las Vegas, September 29-30 & October 1, 2003.

It is going to be a memorable Convention in an exciting location. Please make the choice to join us. Complete and return the Convention registration form in this newsletter. Call the *Imperial Palace* and make your room reservations NOW!

New Editor of Ogling for Ogles

I am delighted to report that Harlan Ogle of Monticello, Kentucky, will replace me as editor of *Ogling for Ogles*, effective with the Winter Issue 2003.

Harlan James Ogle was born April 20, 1941, in Columbia, Tenn. Recently he retired as a minister after having served churches in Ga., N.C., Ky., Mo., and Va. since 1963. He is the author of three books: *My Kentucky World*; *Deep Roots and Rich History*; and *The Spirit of the American Doughboy*. Also for ten years he was host of a local TV program "My Kentucky World."

Currently he serves as a columnist for the *Wayne County Outlook* newspaper in Monticello. We are grateful to have Harlan join the O/OFA leadership team as editor of *Ogling for Ogles*. Welcome aboard Harlan!

Loan of Ogle Antique Plate To Belair Mansion

The O/OFA officers and directors have loaned one of the Association's four Ogle Family antique plates to the City of Bowie Museums for permanent display in Belair Mansion Museum in Bowie, Maryland. Belair Mansion (circa 1745) is the beautiful, five-part Georgian plantation house of Samuel Ogle (1694-1725).

Samuel was Provincial Governor of Maryland three times between 1731-1747. His son Benjamin (1749-1809), who also served as Governor of Maryland, inherited Belair, as later did Benjamin's son.

On March 7, 2003, our Immediate Past President Wayne Ogle and his wife Lung, along with O/OFA charter member Danny Fluhart and his wife Elizabeth, formally presented one of the valuable plates to Mr.

Stephen Patrick, Director of the City of Bowie Museums.

Belair Mansion, currently under renovation, is the premier Ogle-related museum in America—a source of great interest and pride for the thousands of visitors annually, including many Ogle descendants.

In 2001 the Association purchased four 19th century, Royal Worcester porcelain dinner plates from an Ogle descendant in Chichester, England. The plates were manufactured in England during the Flight and Barr period (1792-1807). Three of the four plates are in excellent condition and recently were valued at \$1,250 each.

The ornate and richly decorated, gold

rimmed, cream-colored plate features a resplendent Ogle family coat of arms in the center of the plate. The crest contains three red crescents and a red crossbar surrounded by an artistic gold border surmounted by a stag's head also engraved in gold. Encompassing the family crest are six multi-stemmed vines connecting six serrated leaves, all individually painted by hand in deep purple. Twenty-two carat gold tracery is delicately interspersed among the vines and leaves.

The plate is displayed along with the following special credit to O/OFA: "*Loaned courtesy of The Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc., a not-for-profit, national organization dedicated to the preservation of the history and genealogy of the Ogle and Ogles Families in North America.*"

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Internet web site www.ogles.org; status of the Ogle Family History-Genealogy book and a group photo of the conventioners.

The Wednesday program includes group discussions; slide show about Ogle Castle and Ogle Village in England; fascinating tales about Ogle ancestors; business meeting; and a banquet that features a very interesting Ogle guest speaker from "Down Under." Conventioners will want to use some of their spare time to meet privately

with newly-discovered "close" cousins, discuss mutual ties and family lines, and exchange records and resources.

A word about membership! For purposes of attending the Convention, the definition of a "member" is "one whose 2003 O/OFA membership dues are paid."

For registration purposes, a "couple" is defined as "two persons living in the same household, OR immediate family members—parents, brothers, sisters, or grandparents." Uncles and cousins do not qualify for the "couples" registration.

Soooo! 1. Call in your room registration to the *Imperial Palace* NOW! 2. If necessary, complete your 2003 membership renewal form and return it with your dues check! 3. Gather those "kinfolk," and get the Convention registration form and fees check in the mail to Betsy Montgomery! 4. Then pack your vitamins and your comfortable walkin' shoes and y'all attend a truly memorable convention in Las Vegas!

Questions? Clarifications? Ideas? Just contact Myrna at 1-714-527-7667 or e-mail myrme@earthlink.net See you in Vegas!

Myrna Menke, Convention Coordinator

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Things To See and Do In Las Vegas

Because Las Vegas is a town of endless options, we have left Tuesday morning (Sept. 30, 2003) free for our O/OFA conventioners to "do their own thing." Here are some possibilities:

Take a city bus tour (check out web site <http://www.lvindex.com> and click on "Tours.")

Try <http://www.Tour=West.com> or call Las Vegas Tour and Travel at 702-739-8975 for information on what is available.

Consider viewing the many fascinating "themed" hotels within easy walking distance, or take a quick cab or bus trip to dozens of other hotels!

What about a trip up the Paris Hotel's Eiffel Tower? A gondola ride on the real canals at the Venetian, or a trip to the Liberace Museum, the Elvis Museum, the Ethel M. Candy Factory Tour (mmmm!), the Andy Warhol Exhibit at the Bellagio's Gallery of Fine Art, or Madame Tussauds at the Venetian are additional possibilities!

The number and quality of Las Vegas's shows and "experiences" are legendary. As a group, O/OFA is offering discounted tickets for Monday evening,

Sept. 29, to the *Imperial Palace's* acclaimed "Legends in Concert" musical starring Elvis, Dolly, Madonna, Marilyn, and other familiar faces (use the Convention Registration Application in this newsletter to pre-order tickets).

Staying at the *Imperial Palace* automatically gets you free tickets to their superb "Auto Collection" featuring some of the most amazing and outlandish vehicles imaginable.

Be advised that many of the "hot" shows in Vegas sell out well in advance. Therefore, it's a good idea to book now for such favorites as Céline Dion at Caesar's Palace, Wayne Newton at the Stardust, Gladys Knight (without the Pips) at the Flamingo, Seigfried & Roy at the Mirage, Penn & Teller at the Rio, or Lance Burton at the Monte Carlo.

Log onto <http://www.vegas.com> or <http://www.lvoll.com/lvolog/lvshows.html> for reviews, prices and reservation information, or call the particular hotel where your dream show is scheduled.

Also at <http://www.vegas.com>, be sure you also click on "free attractions" to see a gazillion things you can do in Vegas without any cost, such as the fabulous fountains at the Bellagio, the outdoor

pirate battles at the Treasure Island, the "Fremont Street Experience" downtown, and far too many other exciting free experiences to list here.

Don't let all this talk about pre-booking and pre-planning intimidate you. Even if you don't make any plans ahead of time for your stay in Las Vegas, there are plenty of things to do spontaneously. Our Convention isn't all about shows and "experiences" anyway. This is a golden opportunity to exchange a wealth of genealogical information with your fellow Ogles and Ogleses.

Myrna Menke

Your 2003 Annual Dues Must Be Paid In Order To Attend the Convention in Las Vegas

Only members with dues paid for 2003 may attend the Convention meetings. This also is true for your spouse or other person if comprising a "couple" registration.

However, non-members may attend the banquet on Wednesday night, October 1, 2003.