

Mount of Olives. Since then, final approval has been recently obtained and actual works are now about to start.

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TWIN REGISTERS

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Twin Registers represent the answer to the need for extensive application of twin study methodologies to an ever wider spectrum of biomedical problems.

Twin Registers still tend to be divided in two clones: (1) small Registers, with complete zygosity assessment, personal examination, and medical history, devoted to the study of one or few pathological entities; (2) large Registers, generally including all twins in a definite population, open to a wide variety of twin studies but generally based on public records and mailed questionnaires, without personal contact (medical examinations, etc.).

Some sort of cooperation and standardization in Twin Register activity seems to be highly desirable, and practical proposals are made.

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THE INTERNATIONAL TWINS ASSOCIATION (ITA)

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The International Twins Association, Inc. (ITA) was organized by and for twins in 1932. It became known as such in 1937. At that time officers were elected and by-laws written. The ITA conventions were held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, until 1939 and then moved from city to city throughout the United States, giving more twins

an opportunity to learn about this unique fraternal organization.

The purpose of the ITA is to promote the spiritual, intellectual, and social welfare of twins throughout the world. It is a non-profit organization. There are no age limits for membership. A twin's only requirement is met at birth.

At other times, physicians and scientists have become interested in the ITA. At the 6th annual convention of twins, Dr. D.C. Rife, Professor of Genetics at Ohio State University, enlisted the aid of twins for blood groupings, tastes, palm prints, and other tests. Since then, others have conducted twin testings, including psychological studies, measurements of head shapes, blood tests, fingerprint studies, handwriting analysis, and ESP studies.

We try to help spread the good news of the International Twins Association and "Twindom" through a personal publication called "Twincereely Yours by the Rowe Twins". The latest issue was mailed to 8000 sets of twins within the United States, 150 sets of twins outside of the United States, Canada and Australia. The mailings also went to 450 Mothers of Twins Clubs. The Mothers of Twins Clubs were organized by mothers to emphasize individuality among twins, and to help mothers with problems that they might encounter in raising their twins. The Twin Chapters are organized by twins seeking a better understanding of twins in society, and to give them a chance to be with someone like themselves.

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THE THREEFOLD CORD OF MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUBS

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The threefold cord of Mothers of Twins Clubs, local, State, and national is explained. What the threefold cord is, what it does and how it does its work in the United States of America.