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## CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA 1819 – 2019



### NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS

"A few members of the Society of Odd Fellows will be glad to meet their brethren for the purpose of forming a Lodge, on Friday evening, 2nd April, at the Seven Stars, Second street, at the hour of seven P.M."

*Washington Lodge No. 1, Baltimore  
Organized 26 April 1819*

*Seven Stars Tavern - Second Street, Baltimore  
Destroyed by the Great Baltimore Fire,  
February 4th, 1904*

### *Places to Go...People to See*

#### APRIL

13 / Allentown Odd Fellow Rally, Vienna Hall +  
28 / Unified Session Meeting, Red Lion, 1:00PM

#### MAY

11 / Lewisburg Lodge #96 175th Anniversary  
3 - 5 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA+

#### JUNE

1 / Grand Encampment Rally, Johnstown+  
22 / Jt Youth & Planning Board meet, Red Lion (pg 5)  
22 - 26 / Unified Session, Harrisburg

\* denotes furnished by Planning Board  
+ denotes details to follow

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All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Planning Board Secy, Mary Giebel, PO Box 49, Cassville, PA 16623 or 814-305-2011. mcgiebel@msn.com

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## THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

### Mount Zion Lodge No. 74

Albert Foster – initiated December 17th  
C. Ross Dellinger  
Nancy J. Wagner  
David J. Minot – initiated January 21st  
Richard L. Tanner

### York Springs Lodge No. 211

Roger Alcorn – initiated February 7th  
Trudy D. Alcorn

### Mahanoy Lodge No. 551

Mae I. Haussler – initiated February 28th  
Mary C. Leitzel

### Askam Lodge No. 899, Sugar Notch

Peter J. Lamont – initiated February 4th  
Joseph August – initiated March 11th

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

The Board of Grand Lodge Officers congratulates the following on achieving milestone years in Odd Fellowship this month.

### 25 YEARS

John J. Dzyak, PDC, #377  
Jeffrey M. Banks, #278

### 30 YEARS

James A. Mardis, Jr., #377  
Barry T. Shirey, #541  
Bradley D. Shirey, #541  
John A. Bonanno, #1175

### 35 YEARS

Rex E. Hurd, Jr., #278  
George Tinnick, #957

### 40 YEARS

George W. Wolff, Jr., #285

### 45 YEARS

Donald E. Neal, #936

### 50 YEARS

Robert E. Nealy, #471  
Robert D. Edwards, #523  
Richard C. Bicehouse, #573  
James H. Donley, #573

### 55 YEARS

Richard C. Albright, #125  
Richard R. Gregory, #348

### 60 YEARS

William H. Stauffer, #290  
Kenneth H. Kulp, #1032

### 65 YEARS

Richard W. Wright, #562

### 70 YEARS

Walter H. Lute, #541

### 170 YEARS

Strasburg Lodge No. 361, I.O.O.F.

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Wooden has scheduled the following visits for April.  
I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 11 - Edinboro #510 OV - 7:30PM
- 13 - Spring Rally, Allentown - 9:00AM
- 15 - Askam #899 OV - 7:30PM
- 24 - Osage #712 OV - 7:00PM
- 30 - Hampton #1004 OV - 7:00PM

## COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Arnold has scheduled the following visits for April, weather depending. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 5 - Kossuth #98 OV - 7:00PM
- 13 - Spring Rally, Allentown - 9:00AM
- 19 - Genesis #15 OV - 7:30PM
- 27 - Middletown Home Representative Day

## COME VISIT THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Assembly President Hager has scheduled the following visit for April. I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.

- 3 - Lady Harmony #86 OV - 7:00PM

## COME VISIT THE DEPT. COMMANDER

Brigadier General Bailey has scheduled the following visits for April. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 11 - Canton Ridgely #8 OV - 6:00PM
- 13 - Spring Rally, Allentown - 9:00AM
- 17 - Canton York #14 & York Auxiliary #14 OV - 7:30PM
- 27 - Middletown Home Representative Day



## DAYS GONE BY – 200 YEARS



I felt a need for education on the founders of our beloved Order as we venture into the 200th year of Odd Fellowship. I did not realize how difficult of a job I have given myself by trying to summarize the works of these Brothers, especially those of Thomas Wildey. The fact that I only have one page to do that makes it even worse. Finishing reading the History of American Odd Fellowship chapter on Thomas Wildey, I just sat back in a stupor taking in all that I have just read. Nothing I can write will do this man justice, and when James L. Ridgely wrote this book, he himself had a difficult time with it. I remember having

great difficulty this past August finding the monuments set for Wildey and Ridgely, and remember distinctly trying not to wake the homeless person up who was sleeping on a bench by the almost forgotten monument. How quiet and almost forgotten an area. Finally, I learn that upon the cornerstone laying in 1865, over 50,000 people came to pay respect to this Brother.

I spoke as Grand Master when people tell me how hard it is to bring in new members because of today's society. I always reply with, "How hard do you think it was 200 years ago when Wildey did it?" No insurance or social security to fall back on; no requests for help online; it was a dog-eat-dog world. I did not realize how difficult it was however, and was naïve to think Wildey just snapped his fingers and everyone fell in line. Thomas Wildey did not come from royalty. As a common man, there was nothing special about him. We do know he was an orphan, being born in London in 1782, at the close of our Revolutionary War. He joined the Odd Fellows Lodge #17 in London, and after a short time, he helped institute Morning Star Lodge #38, in England, as its charter Noble Grand. The Manchester Unity, where we received our charter from as the "Grand Lodge of the U.S." was formed in 1809. Since he joined Odd Fellowship in 1804, it is certain he had some connections forming this unity, but if so, they are not known in this book. When he came to Baltimore, he signed himself a coach spring maker, and later a blacksmith. The first few years of Odd Fellowship, after its institution in 1819 were not easy. He knew no one of any money, and many people in the city were not concerned about having such a society. He was not incredibly educated, having left school at 14 years old to develop a trade, and had no children. "The enterprise made little progress for several years. Like all such efforts by humble and obscure beginners, it had to struggle against disfavor, apathy, and a want of confidence. Wildey, the leader, could bring to its aid no friends in high places, no collateral influence or patronage. It was self-dependent and alone, and had to rely upon its intrinsic excellence." Wildey was if anything a sociable man, known to be very eccentric, he led the conversations. If the Lodge needed a place to meet, he would open his house up for that. As this Order started taking form, he marveled as the degrees started to take shape and never hesitated to discuss with other members better ways to improve our Order.

Wildey was called, among many things, a travelling missionary. He had taken several trips back to England in order to petition for the Grand Lodge of the US, which was granted. He also brought back to us the Patriarchal Degrees. He travelled throughout the country helping to institute Grand Lodges and Encampments, much of it out of his own pocket, not wanting to burden the Lodge with unnecessary expenses. He was hailed as the father of trans-Atlantic Odd fellowship, and again, these Grand Lodges did not immediately take off. Massachusetts and Rhode Island were visited several times by Wildey, as after a few years they disbanded and had their own troubles functioning. Wildey always volunteered to step to the plate. "When at New Orleans he granted a charter for a Lodge to be located in Houston, in the republic of Texas; the first lodge opened in a foreign land by authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States." Though the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Charter was destroyed during Hurricane Agnes, the Grand Encampment's charter is signed by Thomas Wildey. He continued this as the first Grand Sire and in 1833 stepped down to allow someone to fill his shoes. For the next thirty years, he continued to be incredibly active in building this order, but not representing any specific Jurisdiction.

As age advanced on him, people met him with curiosity, as those that helped him found this Order started dying off, those who took their shoes were strangers to him: "Those who knew him in later years, wondered at his prominence, and saw nothing in the man to explain it. Measured by the standard of his work when expanded, he seemed feeble and insignificant." He was put up upon such a podium many in these days held him as god-like, but when seen he was just an everyday normal man, they could not understand how he did what he did. He lived very much in the past, stepping out of his ailments of age at times when he spoke of Welch and Entwisle, and his other friends. He made almost every Session except three, due to his health, Then in 1861 in Baltimore, he made an unexpected visit, "when they looked upon him in the Grand Lodge chamber for the last time, receiving the congratulations and greetings of his grateful brethren, with a countenance, although furrowed and stricken, yet radiant with joy at the consciousness that his mission had not been in vain." A few weeks later, he departed this world. The best eulogy was told by Grand Secretary Ridgely, when he knew he would no longer see Wildey on this Earth again, he visited Wildey at his bedside. Physically, he was laid up, but his mind was as bright as ever.

What did Wildey give to us? What happened at that bedside of anguish? The last words muttered to Ridgely were told at this eulogy, as Wildey held Ridgely's hand and said with a smile, "To-morrow, to-morrow." Thomas Wildey gave us, gave our Order, gave our society, gave our children, gave our Lodges a tomorrow. He laid forth these foundations 200 years ago to give us all a tomorrow. We must not be wasteful in our undertakings, as we know not one day is granted to us. Use these days wisely and grow with society to keep Odd Fellowship alive. "The Founder had outlived two generations, and was in his eightieth year when he passed away, on the 19th day of October, 1861, leaving 42 jurisdictions and 200,000 Odd Fellows as his pyramid."

~ Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary  
*Excerpts taken from History of American Odd Fellowship, The First Decade by James L. Ridgely, 1878*



Join us at our beautiful historic farm, built in 1870, nestled alongside Dog Run Creek and by the Susquehanna River in historic New Columbia, PA.

We are seeking participants, living history units, and vendors who can display / demo and or sell old world trades and hand-made crafts. Vendors and sale items can only be hand-made items that would have been produced or used in society before 1900. Vendors are **STRONGLY** encouraged to wear period clothing.

Displays and demos will be free. Vendors selling items will be charged \$20. Spectators are free!

Event is rain or shine. No covered space or electric is available.

Vendors and demos are allowed a 12' x 12' space (if larger area is needed, such as an encampment, contact us)

Food will be available on site.

### Spend a day in the past!



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## WE DID IT!

On Saturday, March 2nd the Planning Board and Youth Committees got together for a joint meeting. There were 9 members in all. We were also joined by three Heads of the Order, Sherman Wooden, Grand Master, Tyler Arnold, Grand Patriarch, and Justin Bailey, Department Commander.

One issue addressed was how to get more appointees to attend. We have rotated meetings across the state, combined them, had them at session and other events and still have low attendance. A letter will be sent to all incoming Heads of the Order asking them to address this before they finalize their appointees.

The Planning Board and Youth Committees are recognizing the entire month of August as IOOF Community Clean Up month. We ask that all lodges organize a group of local youth (ages 8 to 18), they do not have to be members, to clean up an area of your community. It can be a small stretch of road, a local park or playground. PennDot loans safety vests if you are doing a street section and local boroughs will donate trash bags if you ask.

Send us a picture of your group as they work in the community and the Youth Committee will donate \$100 to reward you with a pizza party! More info to follow.

Knoebels Fun Day, what can I say? We've cancelled the last two years due to low attendance. Knoebels is set for Saturday, September 21st at Pavilion "R" with lunch being served at 1PM. Meal options are still in the planning stage, but there will be a choice of three main items and then you can pick and choose your sides. It will be a Serve Yourself setting and a flat rate. Since the menu is still being worked out, the rate is still not finalized. Kids will have a menu choice as well for \$5. Anyone who registers and pays early will get a free book of tickets and a chance for an even bigger ticket package. More details to follow.

The next meeting is set for June 22nd after the Grand Lodge meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,  
 Mary Giebel

## NEW MEMBERS AT #551



PPRA Mary Leitzel and PPIALAPM Mae Haussler join Mahanoy Lodge #551

## GRAND PATRIARCH ARNOLD VISITS



Grand Patriarch Tyler Arnold and Grand Marshal Justin Bailey visited Mt Vernon Encampment No. 14 in York on February 18th. Also along for the ride was DDGP/PGP Roger Calhoon.

The Grand Patriarch gave his message on "following a recipe" and was presented a generous donation towards his charity "Alex's Lemonade Stand" It was a great night for Patriarchal Odd Fellowship.



On Tuesday, February 19, Grand Patriarch Tyler Arnold visited the patriarchs of Valley Encampment No. 34 in Newburg, which is also the home of DDGP Glenn Minick. Also along for the ride was Grand Marshal Justin Bailey who took the group picture.

GP Arnold thanked everyone for coming out in the cold, and also thanked everyone for purchasing items on behalf of his charity.

Another great night of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship in the books!



On the morning of February 23rd, Grand Patriarch Tyler Arnold's "February World Tour" continued in Montrose at Calvin C. Halsey Encampment No. 32. This is also the home Encampment of Grand Master Sherman F. Wooden (pictured front right). Along for the ride again was Grand Marshal Justin Bailey, and LTC Bruce Torrence. Another great day for Patriarchal Odd Fellowship for all! Special thanks to LTC Torrence for taking the group picture.

## ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION of W. PA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania offers two different Scholarship Awards during the year. (These are not to be confused with the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship Fund.) The scholarships being offered are as follows:

1. The Undergraduate Scholarship
  - a. Offered to four (4) students in the amount of \$3000 each.
  - b. Applicant must be attending full-time an accredited college/univ.
  - c. Application period usually runs from April thru June.
2. The Graduate Scholarship
  - a. Offered to two (2) students in the amount of \$3000 each.
  - b. Applicant must be a college graduate continuing his/her education or enrolled in a degree program requiring more than four years to complete.
  - c. Application period usually runs from September thru November.

The above Scholarships have been brought into existence to benefit present and hopefully, future members of the Order. The objective of each is to assist any deserving applicant in securing a Music Education Degree, Teaching Degree, or a Health Related Field Degree above the high school/ college level. Note: One of the requirements for both Scholarships is that the applicant or a living family member must be a member of the I.O.O.F. or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania.

# VICTORY LODGE #658 OF SELLERSVILLE HOSTS 150TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Officers and Members of Victory Lodge #658 of Sellersville celebrated their 150th Anniversary with a small party after their first bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, with invited guests from Jamison Lodge # 447 and Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua.

The invited guests from the Lodges congratulated Victory on their anniversary during the meeting, inquiring and commenting about the Lodge’s success for unbroken longevity with an increase in membership, and the condition of the Lodge Hall, itself, with its improvements over the years.

The Fellowship was continued after the meeting as everyone was treated to the celebratory cake.

Steve Nathan, PG#658



NG Jason Viola cuts the cake

# COOKING WITH RUSSELL

Our residents have many different likes, interests, passions, and hobbies. But one thing they can all agree on—they love good food! Once a month we have a very special meal for our residents. We call it “Cooking with Russell.” Russell is one of our talented chefs. He artfully creates a menu and then cooks the food right in front of our residents and explains his process as he goes. Just like a cooking show! This past month we had an extra special “Cooking with Russell” where we invited all of our resident couples from the building for a romantic Valentine’s Day meal. Our couples had a wonderful time sharing a meal, giving each other roses, and reminiscing on past memories. The menu for next month is: basil chicken over angel-hair pasta, Mediterranean cauliflower, rice salad, and red velvet poke cake. Thank you for all of your hard work, Russell. Our residents look forward to many more “Cooking with Russell’s” to come!



“Cooking with Russell” has become so popular we had to move into the chapel to have more space for all of our residents!



Valentine’s Sweethearts Dolly and Charlie



Chef Russell preparing some seasoned chicken on his portable stove-top

## APRIL OBITUARIES

Due to publication time, we regret we cannot accept Obituaries older than three months.

### JOHN B. NEIDERHISER

Latrobe Lodge No. 541  
December 22, 2018

Brother John B. Neiderhiser, 81, of Ligonier, PA, was initiated into Latrobe Lodge #541 on September 27, 1989.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Ligonier.

Surviving are three sons and their families.

Burial was held in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

### SHIRLEY A. BORGER

Edinboro Lodge No. 510  
January 17, 2019

Sister Shirley A. (Barnes) Borger, 92, of Saegertown, PA, was initiated into Nickel Plate Lodge #1125, Girard, PA, on March 9, 2006. She became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on July 26, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis, and one daughter. Surviving are three children, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Carmel Freeman Cemetery, Saegertown.

### ROBERT G. KNUPP

Somerset Lodge No. 438  
January 24, 2019

Brother Robert G. Knupp, 88, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on October 4, 1956.

He was a U.S. Air Force Korean War Veteran and a member of Bethany United Methodist Church, Somerset.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Nadine Ankney.

Burial was held in Bethany Cemetery.

### JAY C. MCCOY

Mackinaw Lodge No. 380  
February 6, 2019

Brother Jay C. McCoy, 82, of Landisburg, PA, was initiated into Mount Dempsey Lodge #172, Landisburg, on September 29, 1958, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Mackinaw Lodge #380, New Bloomfield, through consolidation on July 22, 1996.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Peggy Ann Steely.

Burial was held in St. Peter's Union Churchyard, Spring Township.



### J. REGIS CARROLL

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030  
February 11, 2019

Brother J. Regis Carroll, 86, of Speers, PA, was initiated into Charleroi Lodge #1030 on October 27, 1988, where he held several offices. He held the office of

Trustee for several years.

He was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Rosalie Famularo. Surviving are three children, one being Marcus, also of Charleroi Lodge #1030, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were private at the convenience of the family.



### GLEND A CRAMER

Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge No. 303  
February 12, 2019

Sister Glenda (Truax) Cramer, 81, of Newburg, was initiated into Dessie Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #100, Newburg, as a charter member on June 3, 1961.

She held the position of Secretary and Noble Grand. The Rebekah Lodge went defunct in 1984 and reinstated June 13, 1987. She then transferred to Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303, Landisburg, on June 21, 2004, after Dessie Priscilla went defunct. At the time of her death she was the Lodge's Conductor.

She was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Surviving are four children, one being Curtis of Newburg Lodge #562, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to Carl L. and Glenda T. Cramer Charitable Foundation, 4755 Linglestown Road, Suite 204, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns: Information on this can be found by visiting our website or by contacting your Lodge or Grand Lodge



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### EDWIN R. WITT, JR.

Somerset Lodge No. 438  
February 22, 2019

Brother Edwin R. Witt, Jr., 81, of Connellsville, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on January 5, 1967.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of Christ Casebeer Lutheran Church, Somerset.

Surviving is his wife, the former Nancy Jo Shaffer, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were private at the convenience of the family.



### PAUL G. BILLIG, SR.

Jordan Lodge No. 192  
February 27, 2019

Brother Paul G. Billig, Sr., 91, of New Tripoli, PA, was initiated into Blue Mountain Lodge #249, Steinsville, PA, on June 8, 1968, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of

Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, PA, through consolidation on November 17, 1981. At the time of the consolidation, he was Blue Mountain Lodge's Noble Grand and at the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Blue Mountain Lodge #249 still affiliated with the Order and Jordan Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of the Lutheran Congregation of the Jerusalem Red Church in Kempton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Doris Correll and one son. Surviving are two daughters and two grandchildren.

Burial will be private.

#### ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOC. of W.P.A. 2019 Scholarship Award

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is accepting applications for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of four (4) - \$3,000 awards. The application deadline for the 2019 Scholarship Award will be June 28, 2019. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2019. An important reminder regarding two of the requirements for the Award: 1) The applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F. or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania, and 2) The applicant, having completed at least one year of college, must be a full-time Music Major, Education Major, or majoring in a Health Care related field.

If interested in obtaining a copy of the "Rules" and an "Application," contact Chairman Robert Grant @ 724-483-8875 or email him at "roba@comcast.net." This information is also available on our website at "olpaiof.org"..... (About/Benefits/OFRA of W.P.A. Scholarship Award).



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March 2, 2019

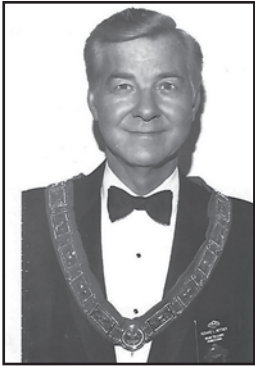
Brother Peter T. Patterson, 86, of Whitehall, PA, was initiated into Constantine Lodge #1113, Allentown, on January 2, 1953, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1961 - 1962 and went on to serve the Grand Lodge as Grand Herald from 1969 - 1970 for PGM Stutzman. He served many positions in his Lodge, many years as Secretary, and finally became a member of Vienna Lodge #847, Allentown, through consolidation March 1, 1997. He held the position of Noble Grand for several years and at the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Right Supporter to the Noble Grand. He was an Associate to Confident Lodge #1133, Hecktown, becoming an Associate member of Aluta Lodge #488, Bushkill, through consolidation June 8, 2001. He became a Patriarch of Bushkill Encampment #55, Allentown, on November 8, 1997 and was a Chevalier to Canton Allentown #39, having been mustered February 18, 2016. At the time of his death, he was Bushkill Encampment's Junior Warden and Canton Allentown's Picket. He was initiated a Rebekah into Lady Lincoln Rebekah Lodge #72, Allentown, on August 28, 1969. He then became a member of Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville, through consolidation June 2, 1993, and finally Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Bushkill, on April 19, 2018. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Lady Lincoln Rebekah Lodge still affiliated with the Order. He served as Representative to Grand Lodge for many years, as well as Representative to the Middletown Home and was a former Director to the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows, Philadelphia.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Helen Brown, and one granddaughter. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Bethlehem Memorial Park.

## GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS PASSES



### **RICHARD L. HEFFNER, SR.**

Past Grand Treasurer

Called Home

February 21, 2019

Brother Richard L. Heffner, Sr., 91, of Dillsburg, PA, was initiated an Odd Fellow into Bowmansdale Lodge #1179, on March 2, 1957, during the Governor's Class, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He then became active

with the Grand Lodge, serving as Grand Guardian to PGM Mark Muschlitz from 1966-1967 and Grand Conductor to PGM Edward Binkley from 1982-1983. During this time, he also served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1966 to 1968. He then served as Grand Treasurer from 1983 to 2011 when he was bestowed the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus. He held active membership in his Lodge, as well as associate to Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, where he was active on their Degree team, Triune Lodge #307 in Middletown and Mount Zion Lodge #74 in York. He was a regular attendee to Unified Session, served as Pop in the Pilgrimage for Youth and helped put flowers on the Rose Float for almost ten years.

He held membership in Salome Rebekah Lodge #30, York, having joined on March 10, 1966 until September 30, 2014. He became a Patriarch of Wildey Encampment #29, Mechanicsburg, then Bowmansdale, where he served as Grand Marshal from 1990 - 1991 for PGP Blair Fishel and District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 2003 - 2004. He then became a member of Mt. Vernon Encampment #14, York, through consolidation on December 22, 2008. He was mustered a Chevalier into Canton Harrisburg #54, Patriarchs Militant in 1983, where he served as Commandant from 1987 - 1995, and became a member of Canton York #14 through consolidation. On June 25, 1987, he was awarded the Decoration of Chivalry. He served the Department Council of Pennsylvania as Inspector from 2002 - 2003 and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as Quartermaster from 1988 - 2000 and 2005 - 2008. He received the Department Commander's Award and several Medallion and Special Recognition Awards for his service to our Order.

He was a WWII Veteran, Master Sergeant, USAF, Retired after 43 years of service, and a member of Harmony Church, Dillsburg. He was preceded in death by a stepson and a grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Barbara Sillers, four sons, one daughter, three step-children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Odd Fellow services were conducted by the Grand Lodge and burial was in the Russellville Methodist Cemetery, James Creek, PA.

## LEESPORT LODGE #141 JEANS DAY

The Pottsville region of M and T Bank held a Jeans Day in January with the proceeds to be donated to the IOOF Lodge 141 Leesport. Proceeds from the event totaled \$390.00. Noble Grand Robert Jackson accepted the donation from Jeff Lentz, VP Branch Manager of the Wyomissing branch and as well Secretary of the lodge.

Jeans Day was initiated to have interested employees donate \$5 and in return are able to wear jeans to work. This usually occurs on a monthly basis with different organizations nominated by an employee. This is a great way to support organizations throughout the regional footprint and being involved within our communities.

~ Robert Jackson, NG#141



## TREASURER'S TALES - APRIL 2019

Spring begins in March but is not very noticeable until April. If you own a skating rink or ski slope, you want winter to last forever. If you own a farm in New Jersey and teach 10th grade English, you want winter to be brief and warm. As Barney would tell you, milking a cow at 6:00 a.m., with a wind chill of -10 is not fun for you or the cow.

April 1924 saw many important events, Rand McNally published its first atlas, the tubular steel shaft was first allowed on golf clubs in tournament play, Metro Goldwyn Mayer studios was formed, and Simon and Schuster published its first crossword puzzle book. There were several notable births, including Gil Hodges, Marlon Brando, Henry Mancini, and singer Ira Louvin (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W4-UfQasSs>). Prominent movies were Sherlock, Jr. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGrZnpcENYQ&v=1=en>), Die Niblungen, Siegfried see (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87zH18vuEnw>), and The Thief of Baghdad, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hv2voOOhAqc>, remember this was the silent film era.

Barney had to order his chicks at the feed store. He only ordered the chickens he was using for meat, he allowed the hens to sit on some eggs and raised his own hens (with a few roosters by accident. Onion sets had to be planted, seeds ordered and picked up, hogs purchased and a multitude of farm related chores.

The school year ended on the last Friday in May, so there was little time to waste in April. Barney had tried different projects to expand the literary knowledge of his students. The 1923 novel, A Son at the Front, intrigued him because it was about World War I. It took less than a week for Barney to discover that the plot was too complex for 10th graders. He decided to backstep and try Treasure Island.

Treasure Island did not prove to be a miracle decision, but it worked. The mood was fairly high in 1924. The Great Depression was five years away and the warming weather put excitement in the air. A popular song from the twentieth century was Muskrat Love, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgCk3bnvO5Y>. In February we discussed raccoon love. April is when romance fills the air. This atmosphere makes teaching tenth graders more difficult. Interest in romance is a far greater motivator than Treasure Island. So the story line that students could understand, did not completely solve the problem. Barney had to get creative.

Barney thought he could have the students participate in a contest, hoping he could come up with an educational tool. He decided that each student would have to find a different book in the library and write the last paragraph down and turn it in. It was a simple exercise requiring little work on the part of the students. He then set up a quiz where all the students had to match the title of the book with the last paragraph selected by other members of the class. Most were only identified by the person who read the book and copied the last paragraph. The last paragraph of Sinclair Lewis' Main Street had only one correct match. Although not a complete success, it got the students looking in books.

The next thing he tried was to have the students locate magazine articles or books on American Life and report on them. This was potentially a good idea. The problem arose when one of the students located an article about former President Harding, who died in office the year before, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren\\_G.\\_Harding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_G._Harding) and noted in the report that President Harding

was an Odd Fellow. The student did not realize Barney was an Odd Fellow, so he characterized Harding as a corrupt and wicked individual and implied the Odd Fellows was a secret society intent on taking over the United States. Barney sat at his desk, looking at the written report and listening to the oral presentation. He didn't know what to do. He decided that he should let the students discuss the matter among themselves. Several of the students had fathers who were members of the Order and they mounted a defense. Another student added criticism of the Order. Barney knew why the two students were making negative comments, their fathers had both been rejected for membership in the lodge. Barney did not allow the debate to last much longer, before he moved on to the next report. This was even more problematic. One of the girls had read an article in a fashion magazine about the rising hemline in women's fashion. She predicted people would stop wearing clothes at all by 2000. Barney didn't allow any discussion on this article, although four boys, who were known for their poor behavior, were waving their hands like a flag in a tornado.

Barney thought he had heard it all when he called on the student with the highest grade average in the high school. She was a shy girl with thick glasses and reluctant to speak in public. She reported on an article about women's suffrage. She wanted to become a teacher and married women weren't allowed to teach school at that time. She did not think public schools had the right to select the kind of personal life led by teachers. Although this was a radical thought in 1924, Barney didn't fall off his seat until the girl stated she wouldn't get married but just live with her boyfriend so she could keep a teaching job. Barney allowed no questions and decided that he needed more advance knowledge of the reports before oral presentation. He told the students they must submit their written report at least one day before they gave their oral report.

When Barney went home from school, he felt drained. He went to visit his father-in-law and close confidant, Vic. Vic was amused by the story and told Barney that he kept a jug of hard cider in his stable for times like these. He and Barney went to the stable to sample the cider. Upon arrival, it appeared that Melchizedek had experienced a hard day too. He had worked the cork off the jug and drunk the cider. He was wandering around the stable, making funny noises and trying to climb the walls. His dexterity was gone so he fell after he went up two feet.

Barney thanked Vic and decided it was time to go home. When he walked in the door, he saw a copy of the fashion magazine the girl had reported from, on the coffee table. Barney asked Elizabeth when she got the magazine. She told him she had subscribed a couple weeks ago. Barney didn't remember what happened next, but Elizabeth was putting a cold compress on his forehead and trying to get him to come to. He had passed out and fallen to the floor.

Elizabeth asked him if he needed to see the doctor, but he declined. He told her teaching was a rough job and she should be glad the school board wouldn't hire her because she was married. That was the second time in his marriage Barney had gone to the corner drug store to eat a sandwich for his dinner. He covered up and slept on the porch that night, but things got better the next day.

*Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at [jcupp275@gmail.com](mailto:jcupp275@gmail.com) or conventional mail at P.O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445.*

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 Periodicals

## February Donations

<b>FEBRUARY IS EDUCATION MONTH</b>			270	Mystic	300.00	55	Fred R. Korman	100.00
<b>EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND</b>			87	Hopkins	200.00	471	Rush	<u>100.00</u>
E135	Perseverance	500.00	55	Fred R. Korman	100.00			2,572.69
87	Hopkins	200.00	471	Rush	100.00			
708	Boyertown	150.00	512	Thistle	100.00	<b>VISUAL RESEARCH</b>		
899	Askam	100.00	658	Victory	100.00	2	Unified	25.00
86	Harmony	50.00	2	Unified	50.00	<b>PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
88	Freedom	50.00	88	Freedom	50.00	2	Unified	25.00
R86	Lady Harmony	50.00	847	Vienna	<u>25.00</u>	<b>PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH</b>		
R182	Lady Colfax	50.00			4,497.69	Odd Fellows Home of Western PA (Meadville) 2,000.00		
457	White Haven	25.00	<b>SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE EDUCATION FUND</b>			<b>ARTHRTIS DONATIONS</b>		
573	Sandy Lake	25.00	87	Hopkins	200.00	<b>OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER</b>		
E132	Scott	<u>25.00</u>	<b>ARTHRTIS FOUNDATION</b>			<b>MT. ZION LODGE #74 \$2,000.00</b>		
		1,225.00	2	Unified	50.00			
<b>PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP</b>			<b>PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE</b>					
Odd Fellows Home of Western PA (Meadville) 1,500.00			Community Foundation – Sharpsville Rebekah #110 (RA) Cam JRA 1,472.69					
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E135	Perseverance	500.00	270	Mystic	250.00			
			899	Askam Camp JRA	250.00			