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THE GRAND LODGE & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OFFICERS PREPARE FOR THE NEW TERM!

UNIFIED SESSION WAS A SUCCESS!! WERE YOU THERE???



Grand Master David O. Whitlinger and Staff



President of the Rebekah Assembly
A. Nadine Hager and Staff

Places to Go...People to See

AUGUST

- 10/ Grand Lodge Board Meeting, Middletown, 10:00AM
- 10 / Jurisdiction Jt. Youth Committee, Middletown, 12:00PM
- 10 / District Deputy Grand Master Assoc mtg, Middletown, 1:00PM

SEPTEMBER

- 7 / PG Arnold Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA+
- 28 / Fall Rally, Alma #523+
- 28 / District Deputy Grand Master Assoc mtg, Johnstown, 12:00PM

OCTOBER

- 5 / PPRA Hager & PGM Wooden Testimonial, Red Lion Harrisburg+
- 6 / Unified Session Committee, Red Lion Harrisburg, 11:00AM

NOVEMBER

- 2/ PM/LAPM Rally, Philadelphia+

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

** On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams!

All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Grand Lodge at ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net or 717-944-7419 *Note the change due to the dissolution of the planning board!

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

- HARMONY LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA : LADY EVELYN REBEKAH LODGE NO. 22, Sharon J. Stokes - initiated June 12th : CASSVILLE
- JORDAN LODGE NO. 192, SCHNECKSVILLE : Sandra Huchel - initiated April 23rd
- Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201 : Bobbie Johnson - reinstated April 23rd. Francisco J. Ramos, Jr. - initiated July 1st : Welcome back!

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Our annual Unified Session is now completed, and what a great session it was! I want to thank the membership for all the support that was given to me. I accept the challenge that this year will bring and look forward to your continued support.

My project will be to bring a professional approach to presenting our order and its message to the general public. I am in the process of forming a small committee to develop a marketing plan to accomplish this goal. I will keep you well informed of the progress we are making. In conjunction with this project I will ask that all members continue to seek qualified members. This is a must for the survival of our order.

I will continue with the custom and tradition of past grand masters and visit as many lodges as possible. If you would like me to attend your lodge meeting, lodge function or special event, please contact me, and if my schedule permits, I will certainly accommodate your lodge. I have already scheduled several events.

My goal is to see that the traditions and rituals of our great Fraternity are practiced and observed for many years to come. In support of this goal I hope to establish regional schools of instruction. This is something that more than a few members approached me on. Members and officers want the knowledge to conduct proper meetings.

We must continue to support Past Grand Master Wooden's policy of reaching out into the community. Each Lodge should pick a charity and support it. This was a solid idea.

I believe that with your support and help the outlook for our order can be a bright one. God will guide us.

If you would like to reach me with any ideas, comments, or problems, please do so. All my contact information is in the magazine.

In F. L. & T.

David C. Whitlinger

Your Grand Master

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Whitlinger has scheduled the following visits for August.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

1 - Charleroi #1030 Picnic - 6:00PM

5 - Sandy Lake #573 OV - 7:30PM

8 - Alert #936 OV - 7:00PM

10 - GL Board Meeting, Middletown - 10:00AM

24 - Unified #2 Picnic - 3:00PM

29 - Unified #2 OV - 7:30PM

COME VISIT THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

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

9 - Consolidation - Lady Emily #452 w/ Lady Evelyn #22 - 7:30PM

20 - Linda Dickson Memorial Service, Orchard Manor - 2:00PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Huchel has scheduled the following visits for August. I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.

5 - Chosen Friends #88 OV - 6:30PM

6 - Middletown #10 Institution - 7:00PM

24 - William F. Packer #127 Picnic - 2:00PM

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Gary T. Glisan, #254

Ira W. Seaton, Jr., #254

35 YEARS

Steven R. Mundell, #1175

40 YEARS

Kenneth R. Rothrock, #192

55 YEARS

Ralph R. Very, #471

170 YEARS

Oneida Lodge No. 371,
I.O.O.F.

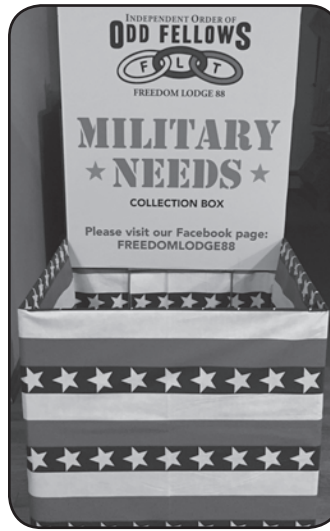
CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), Charleroi Lodge #1030, once again honored two Charleroi Area High School senior students during the school's Class of 2019 "Salute to Scholars" evening award presentations on May 22, 2019. Brothers Dennis Caldwell and Joseph McCurdy shared the honor of introducing Anna Kuenzel and Karlen Brovey to those in attendance. Both Award recipients were presented with a plaque during their recognition time as a remembrance of their achievements during their educationally fulfilling years at CAHS. A \$1,500 monetary award was also sent to each student's university and placed into their respective account. Bro.'s Dennis and Joseph, recognizing the opportunity, spoke briefly regarding the history of our organization along with membership benefits in Charleroi Lodge #1030.



Pictured L-R, Anna Kuenzel, Bro. Dennis Caldwell (scholarship committee member), & Karlen Brovey. Anna, daughter of Jennifer and Micheal Kuenzel, will be attending Ohio University (Athens, OH) to major in Civil Engineering. Karlen, daughter of Mary and Jason Brovey, will be attending the University of Toledo (Toledo, OH) with the goal of earning a Doctorate in Pharmacy (PharmD) in the near future.

FREEDOM LODGE 88 MILITARY NEEDS DRIVE



Freedom Lodge kicked off their third annual Military Needs Drive at the Honesdale Memorial Parade May 27th! We have placed six collection boxes throughout the town this year. Items will be collected until the Fourth of July then prepared to be shipped to military personnel stationed overseas. Please visit our Facebook page: Freedom-lodge88 for more information and updates!



HONOR ROLL SPONSOR FOR THE 2019 SESSION

Falls Creek Lodge No. 957

Many thanks for supporting the 2019 Session!

GRAND LODGE NEWS RELEASE

The Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania in Meadville, continues to support students in the thirteen Northwest Pennsylvania counties by providing Citizenship Awards through ten Vocational Technical Career Centers and six individual high schools.

Recipients of 2019 Continuing Education Citizenship Awards of \$700:
 Joshua Thompson, Redbank Valley High School, Clarion County
 Savannah Dawson, Conneaut Lake Area High School, Crawford County
 Megan Tatters, Maplewood High School, Crawford County
 Aden Horner, Fort LeBoeuf High School, Erie County

Recipients of 2019 School to Work Citizenship Awards of \$600:
 Seth Eckenrode, Conneaut Lake Area High School, Crawford County
 James Dailyde, Maplewood High School, Crawford County
 Dylan Fox, Fort LeBoeuf High School, Erie County
 Mark Mayhew, Brookville Area High School, Jefferson County
 Julian Cable, Dubois Senior High School, Clearfield County
 Emily Kristyak, Grove City High School, Mercer County
 Gage Nolan, Port Allegheny High School, McKean County
 Hunter Trawick, Eisenhower High School, Warren County
 Matthew Berger, Johnsonburg High School, Elk County

The Citizenship Awards committee selected the following students to also receive a 2019 Board Memorial Award in the amount of \$1,200 each:
 Savannah Dawson, Continuing Education, Crawford County
 Mark Mayhem, School to Work, Jefferson County
 Gage Nolan, School to Work, McKean County

The Board of Directors have awarded \$88,700 since 2012 to students through participating schools as an investment in the future.

BROOKVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brookville Area High School

P.O. Box 479, Brookville, PA 15825
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May 17, 2019

To The Odd Fellows Home of Western PA,

We just received the letter, certificate, and check to present to Mark Mayhew for your *Citizenship School to Work Award* and the *Board of Directors Memorial Award*. On behalf of all of the teachers, staff, and administration at Brookville Area High School, we want to pass along our sincere **THANKS** for this recognition for Mark.

His accomplishments and perseverance were detailed in his application, but I can truly say that Mark has overcome more adversity – and done so with a smile on his face – than virtually any other young person that I can ever remember.

We love to see our students honored and recognized and I cannot possibly think of a better student to be blessed like this than Mark Mayhew. We are deeply indebted to the *Odd Fellows Home of Western PA*. Please accept our most sincere thanks and pass it along to all of your members. Your organization can be proud of the help it provides to students (and others) throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Ray Doolittle
 Guidance Counselor
 Brookville Area High School

"Equal Opportunity Education Institution"

PLANNING BOARD DISSOLVED!

At a meeting of the Planning Board held June 22, 2109 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg it was voted on unanimously to dissolve the Planning Board. This decision was mostly based on the fact that since the Planning Board is no longer involved in planning rallies and its sole function of late has been to plan the annual IOOF/Rebekah picnic at Knoebels. The Planning Board checking account will be closed and the funds will be moved to the Joint Youth Committee.

The Knoebels picnic for 2019 has been suspended. We have had to cancel the picnic the last 2 years because we didn't have 100 people to attend. This will be a rebuilding year.

**JOINT YOUTH COMMITTEE
 SPONSORS COMMUNITY
 CLEAN UP!**

Lodges are encouraged to work within their community encouraging children to participate in a summer clean up during the month of August. If you order pizza or provide snacks and drinks to reward the kids, the Youth Committee will reimburse your lodge up to \$100. Take a picture then send it and the receipt to the Joint Youth Committee Secretary for reimbursement.

The next meeting will be held at Grand Lodge in Middletown August 10, 2019 at 1PM. This will be a Reorganization Meeting. All Heads of the Order are requested to let your appointees know about the meeting as new officers will be elected. Please send the secretary a copy of your appointees.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,
 Mary Giebel, Secretary
mcgiebel@msn.com



VARIETY LODGE #37 HOLDS "ROAST AND TOAST" EVENT

On Saturday evening, May 19th, PNG Phil Falkowitz was properly roasted and toasted by his brothers of Variety Lodge and several courageous members of his immediate family. The evening was organized and M.C.'d by PNG and current DDGM Lanny Blyweiss. While it was the goal of the Roasters to Roast, Skewer and Grill Brother Phil, it was impossible not to get serious and Toast a man who has not only served his Lodge with distinction, but who has been an example of courage and faith in his personal battle with the disease Multiple Myeloma, a lesser known form of Cancer. Phil was a willing victim to the barbs and good-natured jest put forth with gusto and some off-color remarks during the event. There were three highlights of the evening's program: First, the totally hilarious presentation by Phil's daughter and son-in-law Laina and Craig. Their remarks made the 50 attendees wish they were wearing depends. The second highlight was

the warmth and praise for Phil by his Lodge brothers, which gave balance to the mirth already in the air. Third was the presentation to Phil of a plaque noting the appreciation that the membership feels for his service and dedication; and a trophy in the shape of a Horses' rear-end to commemorate the fun we had at brother Phil's expense. Lastly were Phil's response to the evening. Phil did the impossible; by giving heartwarming thanks for the kind remarks made about him and to tell those assembled a humorous story from his life which will one day become the basis of a dirty movie. In retrospect; the evening was filled with good food, good company and good feelings. It is an event such as this which gives Odd Fellowship the honor and respect it has earned; by its example of living a life of Friendship, Love and truth. We honor Phil Falkowitz because he exemplifies those ideals.

Respectfully submitted by Brother Lanny Blyweiss.



TAMAQUA SUMMERFEST BLASTS OFF TO THE DARK SIDE

Though thunderstorms were called for, the weather held off for Tamaqua's annual Summerfest, as the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Patriarchs took to the streets for a good cause. Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge once again sold cotton candy. Harmony Lodge sponsored a table for "Friends of Odd Fellows Cemetery" who made over \$300 on their bake sale. This year though, the skies darkened as the Grand Patriarch (now a has-been) called some new friends to come invade Summerfest in Tamaqua. Special thank you to the "Dark Side" for a great day!



DECORATION OF CHIVALRY BESTOWED UPON SCOTT ROBINSON

This year, the Department Council of Pennsylvania, Patriarchs Militant, had the honor of bestowing the Decoration of Chivalry upon Captain A. Scott Robinson of Canton Ridgely No. 8, New Columbia. Upon reorganization of Canton Ridgely from State College to New Columbia, Scott became their Commandant, and since then, this Canton has taken great form under his leadership. There was a strong contingent of Chevaliers to support him as he went through the Ceremony. Scott was the guest speaker at the Flight 93 Memorial Service in Shanksville in November and was nominated by his Canton for this prestigious award. Congratulations Chevalier!



SCENES FROM UNIFIED SESSION

Thanks to Shawn Miller and the District Deputy Grand Masters Association who took time out to sing happy birthday to David.



David Sellers of Shillington Lodge #1175 and Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106 meets with SGM Pittman to discuss his birthday.



AUGUST OBITUARIES

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



GWLADYS E. SCOTT

Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
May 5, 2019

Sister Gwladys E. (Lent) Chubb Scott, 103, of Troy, PA, was initiated into Golden Star Rebekah Lodge #462, Troy, on November 14, 1952, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 22, 1959

and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 12, 1961. She then became a member of Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 through consolidation on September 20, 2004, where she served on the consolidation committee. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was a counselor with Stephen Ministries.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Dewey Chubb and Russell Scott, along with one step son and one step daughter. Surviving is one daughter, three step-daughters, three grandsons, 17 step-grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Rome Cemetery, Rome, PA.



WILLIAM D. CHILCOTE

Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
June 11, 2019

Brother William D. "Bill" Chilcote, 88, of Hollentown, PA, was initiated into Allemans Lodge #900, Allemansville, PA, on June 21, 1951, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge

Degree June 8, 1959. He became a member of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, through consolidation on August 23, 1997, where he held active membership.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of Blandburg United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Connie Michaels, three children, including a son-in-law, Thomas Shomo, also of Fred R. Korman Lodge, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Glasgow.



LAVINA R. COLEMAN

Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge No. 303
June 6, 2019

Sister Lavina R. (Gardner) Coleman, 92, of Newburg, PA, was initiated as a charter member to Dessie Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #100, Newburg, on June 5, 1961. The Lodge went defunct on June 18, 1984 and

reinstated June 13, 1987. She served as Treasurer for many years. After Dessie Priscilla went defunct in 2003, she joined Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303 on July 27, 2004. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth.

Surviving is one daughter, one son, two grandsons, two granddaughters and ten grandchildren.

Burial was held in Prospect Hill Cemetery.



HAROLD A. MCQUISTON

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
June 16, 2019

Brother Harold A. McQuiston, 93, of Orchard Manor, formerly of Sandy Lake, was initiated into Sandy Lake Lodge #573 on November 1, 1943, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge

Degree November 23, 1963. He held many elected and appointed offices in his Lodge and was active on the Western Boards. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Home in Meadville and Orchard Manor since 2000, serving as Chairman of the Property Committee since 2005. He was instrumental in the planning, obtaining funding and executing the Orchard Manor Expansion, which was the general upgrade of the building and grounds, as well as the addition of the Personal Care Wing and the dedicated unit for Alzheimer's/Dementia Care, Sunshine Way.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of Lakeview United Methodist Church, Sandy Lake.

He was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is his wife, the former Sally Jewell, four children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Oak Hill Cemetery.

ARTHRITIS DONATIONS

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2019

NAME	APRIL	AMOUNT
LADY WORTH REBEKAH LODGE #328		\$ 25.00
FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY REBEKAH #15		\$ 25.00
LADY SELLERS REBEKAH LODGE #558		\$ 25.00
WALKER LODGE #306		\$ 500.00
MAY		
ALERTT LODGE #936		\$ 50.00
I.O.O.F. LODGE #211		\$ 40.00

AUGUST OBITUARIES

JAMES C. BEACH

Alma Lodge No. 523
June 19, 2019

Brother James C. Beach, 92, of Martinsburg, PA, was initiated into Cove Lodge #368, Woodbury, on February 11, 1957, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree September 5, 1964. He then became a member of Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, through consolidation on May 12, 2006.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the Woodbury Church of the Brethren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Evelyn Kensinger and one daughter.

Burial will be in Dry Hill Cemetery.



WILLIAM H. NANCOLLAS, SR.

Alma Lodge No. 523
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127
June 23, 2019

Brother William H. Nancollas, Sr., 75, of Summerton, SC, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, PA, on June 21, 1974, where he became a Past Grand.

He became a Patriarch of William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown, on March 15, 1977, where he became a Past Chief Patriarch.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Salix.

Surviving is his wife, the former Gloria Ressler, two children and several grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Richland Cemetery.



PAUL E. WAGNER

Earl Lodge No. 413
June 24, 2019

Brother Paul E. Wagner, 90, of New Holland, PA, was initiated into Earl Lodge #413, New Holland, on February 7, 1969. He held the position of Inside Guardian for many years.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in New Holland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Rosene Howe. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Zeltenreich Cemetery, New Holland, PA.



ELEANOR HEMPSTEAD

Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497
June 29, 2019

Sister Eleanor (Doyle) Hempstead, 97, of Poyntelle, PA, was initiated into Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, PA, on December 18, 1946, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 30, 1972. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest member by age and tenure.

She was a member of Lake Como United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gerow. Surviving are two children, five grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and an honorary daughter, Tony Nyberg, also of Nakomis.

Burial was held in Lake Como Cemetery.



DAVID J. BROWN

Alma Lodge No. 523
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127
July 5, 2019

Brother David J. Brown, 92, of Cresson, PA, was initiated into Cresson Lodge #724 on October 21, 1961, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of Highland Lodge #428, Ebensburg, through consolidation on October 9, 1971. After leaving the Lodge for about ten years, he became active again in this Lodge, and became a member of Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, through consolidation on May 12, 2006, during which time he was serving as Noble Grand of #428. He received his Grand Lodge Degree November 9, 2012. He was recently initiated as a Patriarch into William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Cresson Lodge #724 and Highland Lodge #428 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII & Korean War Veteran and a member of St. Aloysius Church, Cresson. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Irene Roberts. Surviving are two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and Encampment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to I.O.O.F., Johnstown, PA.

THE TREASURER'S TALES - AUGUST 2019

We find our hero, Barney Wells at home in Grover's Mill, New Jersey for the summer of 1924. Barney is finally finishing the house for Elizabeth and him. He is laying the brick himself. He finished framing the house in March and finished the interior in May. He and Elizabeth moved in with Schuyler in tow, the week after July 4. He hired the manual training (now we call it shop) teacher (Brother Joe Adenhardt) to help him with the brick work and the porches. He hoped to be done before school started, it won't happen. Completion will take place in November at the Thanksgiving break, perhaps we will write about it later.

On August 2, 1924, the Philadelphia A's 1st baseman, Joe Hauser, sets the American League record of 14 total bases in a game from 3 HRs and a double. Mars has its closest approach to Earth since the 10th century. Washington Senator Walter Johnson pitches his second no-hitter, beating the St. Louis Browns, 2-0. American Television actor Carroll O'Connor, (All in the Family, In the Heat of the Night), born in New York City. On August 3, Joseph Conrad, Polish/British writer (Heart of Darkness), died at 66.

One of the most popular movies of 1924 was Thief of Baghdad, starring Douglas Fairbanks. You can read more about it here: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0015400/?ref_=adv_li_tt.

The most popular songs can be found here: <https://playback.fm/charts/top-100-songs/1924> Just click on the red arrow to play the song. It takes a while to load. None of these are Odd Fellows songs, if you want to hear an IOOF song, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sseKZ2pwHR0>.

While teaching English does not prepare anyone to lay brick, masonry is somewhat intuitive; meaning you can think most problems through. Barney would find that not all his problems were easily solved. Barney had wired the house with electricity and put a working toilet inside. This made his house exceptional for 1924 in rural New Jersey. The sewer lines were clay tile. He had a septic system. When he had the brick delivered, the load was dumped on his lawn, over the septic line. Not thinking, he continued to live in the house, until the toilet backed up. He had to move the bricks, dig up the septic line and replace two lengths of tile.

Barney spilled cement on everything, on his house, on the lawn, on his Model T pickup, on Warden and Conductor and on Melchizedek. Some might argue that Joe Adenhardt threw the cement at Melchizedek when he started to eat Joe's lunch, but there are no witnesses. Barney decided he should let Joe plan the order in which to proceed. It took Barney two days to determine he was not the architect he wished to be.

The third evening Vic came over to help Elizabeth give Warden and Conductor a bath. He saw Barney was having trouble and he had to comment. Vic said, "Barney, you don't have enough help.

When Brother Clancey built his house, he had a crew of 10 doing the brick work."

Teacher's salaries in 1924 were low, and farming was a lot of fun and proved more fresh food than anything else, but there was just no money. He related this dilemma and he was told to start with a lodge roster. This seemed strange, but Vic assured him there were a large number of members who would work for reasonable wages. Joe thought this was a great idea, as his back was hurting.

Under the good of the order, at the first meeting in August, the topic raised by Barney and Joe, was an offer of employment, every Saturday till done, bricklayer's helper. There were three members who showed up the next Saturday. More help does not always mean better progress. There is an old saying, "Too many cooks spoil the stew."

Now there were four people being messy with cement, and Joe trying to clean up after them. He soon organized the men; Barney would mix the cement, Bill would carry the bricks to him, Harry would carry the cement to him and Mike would clean up. Sounded like a plan, and it worked with a few hitches. Cleaning up is a vague term that means different things to different people. Sometimes putting pieces larger than a dime in the trash pile is considered adequate. Mike thought that pieces of wood, brick or cement not in use had to be larger than an automobile engine to be true trash. Barney couldn't get him down to the size of a dime, but he was fairly close to the size of a silver dollar.

When you live next to a wooded area, don't leave a full cement mixer unattended. The bear cubs will come and play in it while you eat lunch. The raccoon will steal your lunch. The deer will walk on the freshly poured footer for the porch. The most annoying will be the ducks. They take nothing but leave a lot, sometimes on top of your head while you are laying brick. If the dogs are up and barking, it can be annoying but it keeps the other animals away. If the dogs are sleeping, go back to the previous sentences.

As we end August and prepare to return to school, the house is fully bricked, the bases for the porches are built, but the roofs for the porches need built. There is painting to be done on the trim and the walkways need a lot of attention. Barney will finish the house in November. He did over half the work either by himself or with the help of his father. It will have taken a year and eight months and cost \$1,700.00 to build a two-story brick home, with plumbing, electricity and a full basement (no cement floor in the basement yet) and attic. The first two floors of the house have eleven hundred square feet each for a total of 2200 square feet. This house would cost over \$200,000.00 to build today, although it would be insulated today and it wasn't insulated in 1924. The cost of everything has climbed, but the problems with building a home haven't changed much.

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

MIDDLETOWN HOME

What a month here at the Middletown Home! Our residents have been as busy as ever. The spring and summer months are full of trips, events, and adventures all over! Here are just a few of the recent happenings from the Middletown Home... First up was our trip to Washington DC. We took a bus of our veterans down to see the monuments. It's a very special and meaningful trip for our veterans. This year we had beautiful weather despite the rainy couple of days we saw beforehand. We had a full bus of residents, staff, volunteers and our facility dog, Blanche who came along as well! The Middletown Legion was a huge help as they are every year and we appreciate their willingness to volunteer their time and effort for us! For Memorial Day, some of our residents went to watch the Middletown Memorial Day Parade. We had fun waving flags and cheering on the marching band. Our therapy dog, Carolina, was even there wearing her red, white, and blue! Also this month we had our Annual Car Show to celebrate Father's Day! This year we had 28 antique cars and trucks. Our residents had a great time checking out the old cars, listening to music by Tune Weaver, and eating popcorn and snowcones! Finally, just this past week we took some of our gentlemen out for a fishing trip. We journeyed up to the Limestone Springs Preserve Fishing Hole and caught 13 fish while we were there! The men were very proud of their haul and we brought it home with us to cook up for dinner.

We love this time of year full of trips, events, and lots of fun. Can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store for us!



LADY HARMONY #86 OF TAMAQUA CONFERS REBEKAH DEGREE

On June 5th, the Rebekah Degree was conferred upon three members into Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 of Tamaqua. They are seated from left to right, Kerry Lasky, Chris Reed and Sharon Stokes. Sharon was also initiated an Odd Fellow on June 12th into Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua. Welcome to the new members!!



Periodicals

JUNE DONATIONS

VISUAL RESEARCH		
Unified Session Raffle		235.00
2 Unified	<u>25.00</u>	260.00
PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
270 Mystic		750.00
510 Edinboro		100.00
R58 Idella		100.00
R182 Lady Colfax		50.00
R452 Lady Emily		50.00
2 Unified	<u>25.00</u>	1,075.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
2 Unified		50.00
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
Odd Fellows Home of Western PA/ Meadville		800.00
Unified Session Memorial Service	<u>347.00</u>	1,147.00
PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP		
523 Alma		1,000.00
2 Unified	<u>50.00</u>	



PAST GRAND PATRIARCH

TYLER M. ARNOLD

TESTIMONIAL

Saturday, September 7th

6:00P.M.

Shartlesville, PA

To all Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons & Auxiliaries:

Greetings:

You are most cordially invited to attend a Testimonial dinner to honor our Past Grand Patriarch Tyler M. Arnold, on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, 24 Roadside Drive, Shartlesville, PA 19554, Exit 23 off I-78. Telephone 610-488-0353.

It has truly been a great year of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship under Tyler's command; please consider joining us as we reflect on the year with fun, food and fellowship! Dinner will be served at 6:00PM at the cost of \$26.00 per person. The dinner will be family style, consisting of Swedish style meatballs, baked chicken ala Hawaiian and deep fried haddock, along with "all the fixins." Reservations with remittance are to be sent by August 23rd to: Justin C. Bailey, 221 Hunter Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252-2407. Checks are to be made payable to Grand Encampment of PA, with Tyler Arnold testimonial in the memo portion of the check.

There will be a souvenir program booklet for you to show your support with ads and booster names, priced as follows:

Full page - \$30.00, Half page - \$20.00, Quarter page - \$10.00, Booster names \$1.00

Deadline for ads is August 23rd and sent with payment to John S. Cupp, Jr., P. O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445-0275. All ads must be typed or neatly hand printed, and checks made payable to Grand Encampment of PA, with Tyler Arnold testimonial in the memo portion.

Motels in the area: Microtel Inns & Suites (610) 562-4234, The Dutch Motel (610) 488-1479, and Comfort Inn (717) 933-8888.

We look forward to having you join us to honor Past Grand Patriarch Tyler M. Arnold.

Yours in F.H.&C.,

The Testimonial Committee