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PENNSYLVANIA GATHERS TOGETHER FOR ANNUAL CANTON RALLY

On November 2nd, the PM/LAPM Rally was held at Walker Hall, Philadelphia, sponsored by the 1st Battalion of the Department Council of Pennsylvania. The Department Council was proud to muster in four new Chevaliers, William O'Hara into Canton Philadelphia #1, Bobby Jackson into Canton Leesport #2, Kyle Speer into Canton Ridgely #8 and Allen Moyer into Canton York #14. There were Chevaliers from all 7 Cantons in Pennsylvania present, as well as Chaplain General BG David Young, General Commanding retired Joseph Strausser and President of the IALAPM Jami Rafter. Jami and Dept Commander Justin Bailey also presented five First Class Proficiency Medals to: William Hanby #1, David Young #5, Shawn Miller #5, Nicole Inama #39 and Jim Keller #14. Thank you for all who attended!



Places to Go... People to See

DECEMBER

14 / GL Board Mtg, Middletown,
10:00AM

2020 DATES

JANUARY

12 / Unified Session Meeting,
Harrisburg, 1:00PM
(snow date January 19th)

JUNE

20 - 24 / 49th Unified Session, Red
Lion Harrisburg+

OCTOBER

2&3 / Mt. Hor #736 150th
Anniversary+
17 / PGM D. Whitlinger Testimonial,
Gibsonia+

+ 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! Please check their facebook first because there may be a scheduling conflict!

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:

- FRED R. KORMAN LODGE NO. 55, GLASGOW
 Michael L. Wagner
 initiated October 14th
- CHARLEROI LODGE NO. 1030
 Sean M. Howells
 initiated September 5th
- BRADY LODGE NO. 116, MUNCY
 Susan Klein - initiated September 18th
 William Gordner
 Kaylee Gordner

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Richard C. Solt, #192

40 YEARS

John M. Zimmerman, #523

45 YEARS

Larry L. Carnahan, #601

60 YEARS

Jay N. Smith, #201

65 YEARS

Sherwood W. Altemose, #488

70 YEARS

Richard H. Walker, #510

80 YEARS

John M. Mahler, #278

135 YEARS

Foster Lodge No. 333, Rew

145 YEARS

Canawacta Lodge No. 207
New Milford

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Whitlinger has scheduled the following visits for December.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

8 - Nucleus Lodge #377
Christmas Party

10 - Hampton Lodge #1004
Christmas Party

14 - GL Board Meeting
Middletown - 10:00AM

14 - Clover Lodge #348
Christmas Party

21 - O. M. Board Meeting &
Christmas Brunch

21 - W. PA OF & R Assn
Christmas Lunch



FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and Brother's,
It is good to see that lodges are taking in New members. Congratulations to each. I understand it is hard to get new members but please try. Reach out to your community.

It was a beautiful fall and now we have gotten some very cold weather. Many lodges are helping with winter coats, hats, and gloves. Thank you to those who have helped with this I know many appreciate what you do.

As we come into the Holiday season let us remember those who are in need. So many struggle throughout the year and if you could help them to have a Happy Holiday you would be doing what it means to be a Rebekah.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God's blessing to you and your family.

FLT
Nadine Hager, President

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a wonderful family-oriented Thanksgiving. This is one of our most important holidays, as we give thanks to our Lord, for the many blessings that have been given to us.

December is shaping up to be a busy month. There will be many Lodge gatherings and I am trying to accommodate as many as my schedule permits. Please try to keep in your lodge plans to, visit the sick and give aid and support to those that need our assistance at this time of year. Those that have no family can feel very lonely and need to be brought into our care. At this time of year all Odd Fellows need to put into practice what we preach.

As I work my way thru Lodge visits, I have been very impressed with the Brothers and Sisters that I meet. My belief in the tenets of our order is reaffirmed with each visit. I am very honored to represent our order. Please continue your good deeds. Together we can keep our spirit and goals alive for generations to follow.

Thank you to the lodges and members who has donated to my charity. We have, as of this date, raised \$1800.00 to go towards Prostate Cancer Research and Eradication. Again, Thank-you.

Shirley and I will be moving; downsizing so to speak. We anticipate being in our new home soon, enjoying the holidays in

new surroundings. Our new address will be: 208 Tyler Court, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044 and our new home telephone will be 724-443-3012.

May the light of God shine upon you and your families this season.: He is the reason for the season!"

In Friendship, Love, and Truth and with our Lord's Blessing,

David C. Whitlinger
Grand Master



ALERT 936 HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE FOR CHILDREN

Alert Lodge #936 in Rochester Mills held their annual Halloween event for children.

The hayride was the most fun for the children. After a two mile country road ride, they came back to the lodge parking lot and the children started saying, "More! More!"

So, the driver turned around and pulled out onto the blacktop road, traveled about three hundred feet, and it started to rain. With nowhere to turn around, the rainy ride extended for about 10 minutes.

The children had more fun than ever, and all the parents were good sports.

Each child in attendance got to take home his or her own pumpkin, and there were activities and refreshments inside to keep them entertained.

TAMAQUA CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

On October 22nd, Harmony Lodge #86, Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and Scott Encampment #132, took to the streets to march in the Tamaqua Halloween Parade. That following Saturday, Harmony Lodge #86 participated in the Rush Township Trunk-or-Treat.



DISTRICT #6 ENCAMPMENT INSTALLATION

On October 18th, DDGP Tyler M. Arnold installed the Officers of Scott Encampment #132, Tamaqua, and Calvin C. Halsey Encampment #32, Rush, at Harmony Hall. Thanks to all who attended!



FREEDOM LODGE 88 IN HONESDALE HALLOWEEN PARADE

The weather was perfect in town for the annual Halloween Parade! Members of Freedom Lodge created a Skeleton Pirate Ship for the parade.

We started with a small boat, a kids playhouse section and a lot of creativity to end up with a beautiful parade float. Lodge members, their families and friends all helped on the build!

Freedom Lodge meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Masonic Hall in Honesdale

Join the Brotherhood!



MIDDLETOWN HOME HALLOWEEN

What a Happy Halloween we had at the Middletown Home! We had our annual Trick-or-Treat event. We had a great turn out this year, about 200 kids and parents came to visit our residents. There was lots of candy, root beer floats, popcorn, coloring pages and a Halloween movie on the big screen! Our staff also got in on the Halloween fun. The therapy department outdid themselves this year by dressing up as the characters from the Wizard of Oz! Before we know it it'll be Thanksgiving and then Christmas. We're ready for all the joy that comes along with the holiday season! This time of year is certainly very busy with lots of trips, events, and entertainment. We can hardly wait!



CLOVER LODGE NO. 348

On September 4th GM, David O. Whitlinger along with his staff, made his OV to the home lodge of J. Carl George, Grand Warden. It is always great to visit Ambridge, PA as it is also the hometown of the DGM. As always, it was a great meeting with the Noble Grand presenting the GM with a check for his charity, Prostate Cancer Research. (second picture) After the meeting, all enjoyed lunch prepared by Brother Tom Stachura. Thank you Clover Lodge for a great evening of Odd Fellowship!



FREEPORT LODGE #379 INSTALLS OFFICERS



Best wishes to Freeport Lodge and the Lodge Officers for a great year of Odd Fellowship, as they installed their officers for the current year. At the October 16th meeting, Shirley Whitlinger, DDGM along with her installation team, David Whitlinger, GM; William Ehmann, PDDGM and member of Hampton Lodge #1004; and Robert Ruff, Gr Conductor and Member of Unified Lodge #2 installed Eric Mailki, NG; Ronald Mailki, VG; Elaine Scheerbaum, Treasurer and Genevieve Hwostow, Secretary. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all at dinner provided by the lodge.

Photo taken by Robert Ruff.



SANDY LAKE LODGE #573 INSTALLS OFFICERS



Sandy Lake Lodge #573 installed lodge officers at their meeting on October 21st. DDGM, Raymond F. Rodgers along with his installation staff, Shirley J. Whitlinger, DGM and DDGM of District 20; David O. Whitlinger, GM; J. Carl George, Gr Warden and Robert B. Ruff, Gr Conductor, install their chairs, Joseph Alessio, N.G.; Jessica Brown-Bence, V.G.; Faye Pleso; Beth Slater, Financial Secretary; and Susan Rodgers, Treasurer. What a great night on Odd Fellowship as two DDGMs shared to installation service. Pizza and deserts was enjoyed after the meeting, along with great fellowship.

Picture taken by the Grand Warden, assisted by the Gr Conductor.

LEESPORT ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS WIN AWARD FOR THEIR "GOOD TASTE"

Leesport Lodge # 141 and Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182 participated in the annual HamburgerFest in Hamburg, PA on Saturday, August 31, 2019. For the second year in a row, they won the "Best Taste" award. Pictured are Scott Huey, James Blatt, Noble Grand Robert Jackson, Jeff Lentz, Susie Allmendinger, and John Leshner. Attendance at the festival was estimated at 40,000. They sold out of burgers by mid afternoon! Patron fans were lining up mid morning to get their burger!!



INSTALLATION OF FALLOWFIELD LODGE #1128 & EDINBORO LODGE #510 WITH SANDY LAKE LODGE #573 INSTALLING



RIDGWAY LODGE NO. 969

On Friday, November 1st, GM along with the DGM traveled to Ridgway Lodge #969 for an Official Visit. William L. Ramsey, Jr., Gr Lodge Rep, and DDGM, Craig F. Tutton and along with 12 Brothers from Ridgway Lodge and Falls Creek, welcomed Grand Master, David O. Whitlinger. It was a good meeting, and great fellowship after the meeting as the lodge provided lunch.



LADY HARMONY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Officers of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86, Tamaqua, were installed by PDDP Kate L. Bailey on October 16th. Shown sitting (left to right) Warden Julie Stokes and Chaplain Sharon Stokes. Standing (l to r) PDDP/Secretary Kate Bailey, PNG/VG Ashley Guscott, NG Shirley Hahn and Treasurer Nicole Inama. Good luck to the officers!



RUSH LODGE NO. 471

On October 25th, the GM along with the DGM and Gr. Warden, traveled east to Montrose, PA., home of our PGM, Sherman F. Wooden. High on the DGM's list was a visit to the Center for Anti-Slavery. After a tour and a light, refreshing lunch, with Cindy and Sherman, GM, David O. Whitlinger, DGM, Shirley J. Whitlinger, and Gr. Warden, J. Carl George traveled to Rush Lodge #471 to have an O.V. with the member. It is so good to meet and enjoy Odd Fellowship across our state.



DECEMBER OBITUARIES

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

WILLIAM E. BRITLAND

Henry Disston Lodge No. 8
August 24, 2019

Brother William E. Britland, 88, of Lewes, DE, was initiated into Oxford Lodge #14, Philadelphia, on September 14, 1949, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Henry Disston Lodge #8, Philadelphia, through consolidation on June 15, 1987. At the time of his death, he was the oldest member of his Lodge, by age and tenure. He was an associate, and Secretary of Union Lodge #3, Georgetown, DE. He was a former Rebekah of Lady Oxford Rebekah Lodge #241, Philadelphia, having joined January 28, 1950.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and a member of Conley UM Church in Lewes, DE.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Giselda, and one daughter. Surviving is one daughter, three sons and three grandchildren.

Burial was held in Sunset Memorial Park, Huntingdon Valley, PA.

ROBERT WALTERS, SR.

Victory Lodge No. 658
October 9, 2019



Brother Robert "Bob" Walters, Sr., 77, of Granville Summit, PA, was initiated into Victory Lodge #658, Sellersville, PA, on October 1, 1969.

Surviving is his wife of 58 years, the former Peggy Shive, of Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558, Sellersville, five children, Judy, Barb and Kate, also of Lady Sellers, and Bob Jr. and Mike of Victory and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at the convenience of the family.

CLARK R. BOSSLER

Leesport Lodge No. 141
October 17, 2019



Brother Clark R. Bossler, 83, of Laureldale, was initiated into Leesport Lodge #141 on January 10, 1967, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 5, 1977. He was very active

in his Lodge and at the time of his death, he was Leesport Lodge's Chaplain.

He was an Air National Guard Veteran and a member of Faith Community Church, Richland, PA.

Surviving is his wife, the former Avalon Moyer, of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport, two sons and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on November 9th.



JOHN R. CLARK

Unified Lodge No. 2
October 19, 2019

Brother John R. Clark, 64, of Pittsburgh, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, PA, on September 8, 2005, where he became a Past Grand on October 1, 2015 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on

October 3, 2015.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge.



MARY B. USCHAK PAST LAPM OFFICER

Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge No. 328
Meadville Auxiliary No. 47, L.A.P.M.
October 20, 2019

Sister Mary B. (Bungar) Uschak, 103, of Grove City, PA, was initiated into Judith Rebekah Lodge #264, Grove City, on June 27, 1967, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 23, 1973 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree October 9, 1974. She then transferred membership to Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328, Sandy Lake, PA, on January 28, 1999. She was a former Matriarch of Kossuth LEA #98, Warren, having joined October 27, 2003. She was a Lady of Meadville Auxiliary #47, LAPM, Sandy Lake, having served the Department Association as Color Guard from 1999 - 2000, Banner Guard from 2000 - 2001 and Bannerette from 2006 - 2008. She also served Orchard Manor as the Representative from the Department Association. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member of her Lodge.

She was of the Lutheran Faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas. Surviving are three children, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler, PA.

LEESPORT LODGE #141 HOLDS FUNDRAISER

Leesport Lodge #141 is at it again! On Sunday, October 27, 2019, they sponsored a Kauffman's Bar-B-Que Chicken fundraiser on the grounds of Steve Moyer Subaru Used Car Center (formerly Hoss's) in Leesport. The Lodge, with the help of the Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge, had to persevere severe weather conditions, and with the combination of pre-sales and walk-ups actually made a slight profit! The left over Chicken was donated to Opportunity House in Reading to be served for meals for the homeless and needy. They are looking at dates for next spring. The most interesting fact was two customers drove from Bethlehem, PA in those conditions to get their dinners!!!!

**DEPARTMENT COUNCIL & AUXILIARY
OF PENNSYLVANIA PAY TRIBUTE TO
THOSE DEPARTED**

On Saturday, November 2nd, before our PM Rally in Walker Hall, Philadelphia, the Chevaliers and Ladies of the Department Council and Department Association of Pennsylvania paused to pay respects to those who passed away this past year. Of note were:

LTC(R) Richard L. Heffner, Quartermaster & Inspector Retired
Canton York #14

APP Lady Nancy Gallo-Strausser, IALAPM Past Appointed officer
- Canton & Auxiliary Philadelphia #1

Lady Catherine "Sis Brenneman" York Auxiliary #14

Chevalier Peter T. Patterson, Canton Allentown #39

Lady Mary Uschak, Meadville Auxiliary #47

The hats used for the memorial service belonged to LTC Heffner
and APP Gallo-Strausser

**Photos from this and the Rally courtesy of LT® Robert Smedley*



DISTRICT 9 &10 DINNER

Members from District 9 & 10 enjoyed a dinner at Rossi's in Archbald on September 26th.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, JR Past Grand Master and President of the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania were all present! The meal was delicious and the fellowship was enjoyable. Lodges in the District are Wysox, Tunkhannock, Rush, Catawacta and Freedom Lodge.



JrPGM Sherman F. Wooden receives his Past Grand Master ring from Past Grand Marshal Paul E. Lautenschlager



THE TREASURER'S TALES

DECEMBER 2019

December is the month for Christmas and December 1924 was no exception. No event in December ever compares to Christmas. On December 1, 1924, the First National Hockey League game was played in Boston; the Bruins defeating the Montreal Maroons 2-1. On December 10, an agreement was reached between the American and National Leagues, rotating the world series games in different parks. On December 16, Hiram Bingham was elected to serve in the US Senate, forcing him to resign as Governor of Connecticut after serving only one day in office, the shortest term of any Connecticut Governor. On December 19, the last Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost was sold in London. On December 30, astronomer Edwin Hubble announced the existence of other galactic systems at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society, the space telescope was named for Hubble. Samuel Gompers, American Labor leader, died on December 13. On December 2, Alexander Haig Jr, American General and 59th Secretary of State (1981-82), was born in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. Among other movies, people were watching Gloria Swanson in *Manhandled*, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cgPrGgujb4> for a movie clip. *The Arab* was also popular, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuDX9L5mpqU> for a big chunk of the film. In addition to many books, magazines were popular, including *National Geographic* and *Vanity Fair*.

Hanukkah began at sunset on Sunday, December 21 1924 and Christmas was on Thursday. The Christmas school vacation began on Friday, December 19, 1924. Teaching school in December was always a challenge. The students, no matter how old, still had great expectations for Christmas. The ancient practice of kissing under the mistletoe was very popular and more than a few young men (and a few young women) carried a sprig of mistletoe in their pockets to aid in approaching the opposite sex. This practice was officially discouraged by the school administration and, as a teacher, Barney was directed to enforce the prohibition. When he saw one of the younger male teachers using this approach on the school secretary, he turned his back and walked away. The lore of mistletoe was too strong for mere mortals to suppress.

The snow was not deep, but there was snow and it was cold. There were scraggly snow men everywhere. Elizabeth tried to build a snow man for her younger sisters, Mary and Virginia, but there just wasn't enough snow to make it look good. She decided it would be easier to string popcorn with the girls and she did; her mother, Alice, watched the two babies. Elizabeth was preparing her house for Christmas and helping her mother and her mother-in-law. Two small children, still unable to grasp what was going on, made life interesting at the Wells' household.

You may remember that Elizabeth received a Pomeranian puppy in January 1923, and named her Alice, after her mother. Well little Alice had seen Elizabeth deliver two puppies and decided it was time for her to join in. Vic knew a great deal about dog breeding and gave some assistance. On December 22, 1924, little Alice had three puppies. The Christmas holiday was about to be very busy. Warden and Conductor hated the cold and Barney took them in the barn and left them stay next to the horses, there was plenty of hay and they made nests that kept them warm.

Barney was caught up in the mechanization of his farm. He still had a couple horses, but they were more for recreation than agricultural production. He had an old sleigh that he had spent Saturdays fixing up. There was a little snow on the ground, but it was bitter cold that December. Barney thought he would take the sleigh to church on Christmas Eve. Elizabeth thought this would not be a good idea, since

she had two small children and the Model T was less breezy. Barney decided he could use the sleigh to raise a little money for the Odd Fellows. He got Vic and couple of the other members to help him and they offered a two-mile sleigh ride every evening from December 19 to January 1, 1925 (except for Christmas Day) for fifteen cents. The trip began and ended at the Odd Fellows Hall. The sleigh held about eight people and was drawn by two horses.

The horses had been living a pretty relaxed life and the cold did not appeal to them. A warm barn with a blanket seemed better than running around in the lower twenties and teens. The plan started out with a lot of takers, and Barney ran four trips the first night. Then Elizabeth got the idea that he should make the horses look like reindeer. Barney tried making antlers out of twigs and Elizabeth sewed them into a burlap hood. The horses were not amused. They tried to kick Barney and stepped on his left foot, breaking a bone. Barney drove the sleigh with a cast on for the remainder of the period and the horses did not have antlers. The Odd Fellows did make enough money to give a start to the New Year's Party that will be a later topic for discussion.

On Christmas morning, Barney and Elizabeth tried to get the children excited over the tree and the holiday activities. Little Rebekah didn't have much interest and Schuyler was interested in the puppies. Alice was not interested in having the children pay attention to her puppies. Elizabeth had to keep Schuyler from annoying Alice and her puppies. In a few years, Schuyler would be Alice's best friend and the strongest advocate for keeping future litters of puppies. Barney did not want to start a kennel, so puppies were usually given away between seven and ten weeks. He and Schuyler would have many discussions about this in the future. When Schuyler would graduate from high school many years in the future, there would still be two hound dogs in the back yard, but four Pomeranians running around both inside and outside. Vic hoped he could get Schuyler to become a veterinarian, but that will be a story long in the future.

Barney and Elizabeth took their two young children and ate one meal with Barney's parents and the second meal with Vic and Alice. Since Barney and Elizabeth had the only grandchildren in either family (at this point), there was much interest and awe. Elizabeth felt she had to help cook at both homes and was rewarded with many leftovers to take home. When Barney finally made it home, he went out to the barn to make sure the horses had food and to give food to Warden and Conductor. Elizabeth put the children to bed and fed Alice her second meal of the day.

As Barney sat by the wood stove with Elizabeth, she asked, "Isn't this a wonderful Christmas?"

Barney thought a bit and replied, "If my foot didn't hurt and I didn't have to drive the sleigh in fifteen degree weather tomorrow, it would be better."

You will need to guess what followed.

I always like to offer a little entertainment to end my column, listen to this Christmas song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITlaYoWCPkE>

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.

BUSY YEAR FOR LODGE #211

York Springs #211 IOOF Lodge was as busy as a hive of bees during the year 2019.

May 19th sister PG Stephanie Roelker displayed her talents as she appeared on stage at the Gettysburg Community Theater performing in the musical comedy, Nunsense II. Pictured is PG Stephanie and her fans, PG Harry Howe and PG Yolanda Howe.



In the year 1846 Lodge #211 began its existence in York Springs in a building which the Lodge owned. In 1910 the building was sold to York Springs First National Bank with the stipulation that the Lodge would always have a home in the building. Adams County National Bank purchased the building from First National in 1967 when the Lodge was moved from the third floor to the second floor. A written agreement was signed by both parties to continue the home for the Lodge. Fifty years later ACNB recanted on the agreement and requested the Lodge vacate the building. This action left #211 in search of a new home after 171 years.

An abandoned Scout Cabin was leased from the Lions Club in 2018 with an agreement that the Lodge would rehab the building. Pictured is the 75- year old building in the fall of 2018.



Memorial Day, May 27th, Noble Grand Brian Eckert represented the York Springs Lodge as he placed a wreath in honor of the Lodge members whom were veterans of the US Armed Forces. A crowd nearing 400 witnessed the service which was sponsored by the York Springs Lions Club at Sunnyside Cemetery in York Springs.

June 3rd, Bowmansdale Lodge #1179 was consolidated into York Springs Lodge #211 at a ceremony under the leadership of Grand Master Sherman Wooden. A work day followed in July when the Bowmansdale building was prepared for sale and the contents were moved to York Springs. A chicken Bar-B-Que was the reward for a hard day's work and enjoyed by all. The Bowmansdale building is now on the market for sale.

A lot of time and effort has been put into renovating the building in 2019. As shown below, the building now has a new roof, new windows, reconstructed brickwork, and a covered porch over a new double door entrance. The interior has had the floor reinforced and water damage repaired.



The newly combined Lodges held a picnic in August when Brother Ronald Nelson received a pin for his 50-year membership in Lodge #211.

Late August the Lodge grilled hot dogs for sale along with pulled pork sandwiches, drinks, and IOOF cookies at York Springs Community Day. This was held as a community service and money maker for building renovations. Shown are Noble Grand, Brian Eckert grilling hot dogs. In the background, left, is Darrell Ulsh, Past Grand of both Bowmansdale and York Springs Lodge, and Yolanda Howe to the right of brother Ulsh.

Fall worknights were filled with painting, backfilling the foundation, and installing a crushed brick walkway to the new entrance. A sign identifying the new home was donated by Lodge members and placed at the entrance. Ongoing work continues on the interior to make the building suitable for many future years of Lodge meetings.

In December an annual Christmas Dinner will be enjoyed by the Lodge members as they prepare for 2020 and the work that lies ahead.

The York Springs Lodge wishes to thank the local community and other IOOF Lodges for their donations which have made the improvements to our new home possible. It has been a busy but very rewarding 2019.

 Periodicals

OCTOBER DONATIONS

CAMP JRA

Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows, Philadelphia	5,000.00
899 Askam	<u>250.00</u>
	5,250.00

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128 Fallowfield	57.03
2 Unified	<u>50.00</u>
	107.03

PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows Philadelphia	2,500.00
2 Unified	<u>50.00</u>
	2,550.00

PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows Philadelphia	2,500.00
1128 Fallowfield	<u>142.57</u>
	2,642.57

PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE

899 Askam	100.00
2 Unified	<u>25.00</u>
	125.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows Philadelphia	2,000.00
899 Askam	100.00
1128 Fallowfield	57.03
2 Unified	<u>25.00</u>
	2,182.03