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3 / Unified Session Committee meeting, Red Lion, Harrisburg - 1:00P.M.

22 - 23 / Mid-Atlantic States conclave, Elkins, West Virginia

JUNE

22 - 26 / Unified Session, Harrisburg

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• month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre
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• conducting their Music Jams!

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

- Brady Lodge No. 116, Muncy
Kaydee Miller - initiated December 5th
- Earl Lodge No. 413, New Holland
Brent Linde - initiated September 4th
- Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua
Julie Stokes - Initiated December 19th

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

William G. Dawe, #712

40 YEARS

Harry J. Buzard, #278

Jerry L. Weis, #957

50 YEARS

Carlton C. Bailey, #207

Paul E. Wagner, #413

Kenneth A. Wiser, #957

55 YEARS

Ronald E. Nelson, #211

60 YEARS

Carl A. Swisher, #361

65 YEARS

R. William Spacht, #1050

70 YEARS

John C. Hescox, #55

150 YEARS

Victory Lodge No. 658

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Wooden has scheduled the following visits for February.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

4 - Henry Disston #8 OV - 8:00PM

5 - Mystic #270 OV - 8:00PM

11 - Montgomery-Curtis-Norris #57 OV - 7:30PM

18 - Lewistown #97 OV - 7:00PM

20 - Brady #116 OV - 7:30PM

21 - Mahanoy #551 OV - 7:30PM

25 - Walker #306 OV - 8:00PM

27 - Variety #37 OV - 7:30PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

18 - Mount Vernon #14 OV - 7:30PM

19 - Valley #34 OV - 6:00PM

23 - Calvin C. Halsey #32 OV - 12:00PM

FROM THE DESK OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NADINE HAGER

Romans 11: 22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God; sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is the season of colds and flu. I pray that many of you have been staying healthy. We do need to pray for each other no matter how big or small something may be. We have several right now in the Order that need special prayers. Some are going through some very serious things. PLEASE keep them in your prayers. If we do not have some one on our pray list please let some one from the Assembly know so we can get it out to everyone. The more prayers the better!

With the month of February comes Valentine's Day. I wish all a very Happy Valentine's Day. You may not have a special some one as a Valentine but you are special to us in the Order.

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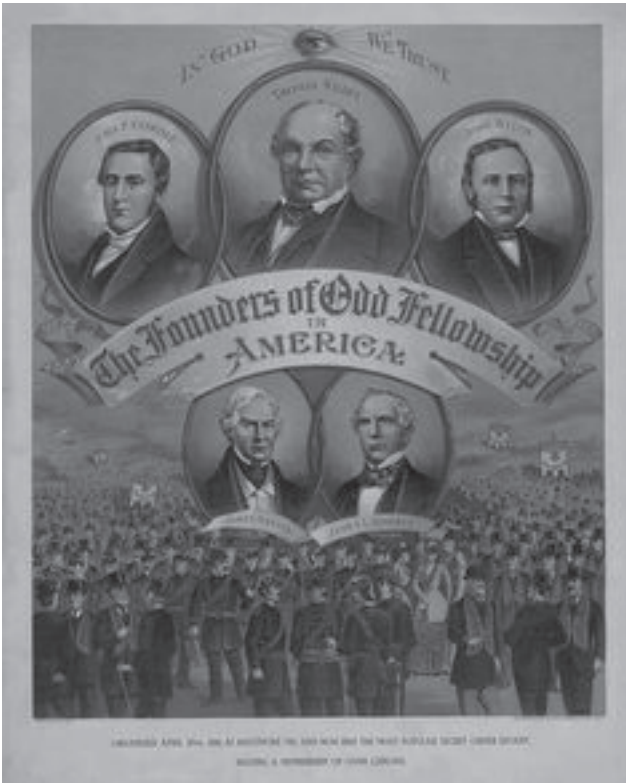
Nadine Hager, President
Rebekah Assembly of PA.

BRADY LODGE NEWS

Brady Lodge #116 of Muncy celebrated the Christmas season with a catered dinner on December 19, 2018 in the lodge dining hall. All the members and their guests joined the celebration.

At the first December meeting on the 5th Muncy Lodge initiated their sixth female member, Kaydee Miller, the wife of Noble Grand Chris Miller. She will be a great asset to the lodge with her many talents and abilities.

DAYS GONE BY – 200 YEARS



Many Lodges have this poster here in their Lodge hall. Most people might know who the man in front and center is – Thomas Willey. We’ll talk about him another month. Another one who is more commonly known is the bottom right, James L. Ridgely. Today, we’re going to look at the upper left to John P. Entwisle. The main trio who founded Odd Fellowship are the three Brothers up top: John P. Entwisle, Thomas Willey and John Welch. “Welch was the conservative actor, Entwisle the literary, and Willey the executive; the three came together as one man, and exerted all these powers at once and in the same direction; hence the result was one, but in it are found all the elements that entered into the composition of the fruitful trio. In 1821, when the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of the US was organized, he was by acclamation made Deputy Grand Master. Following Willey through the chairs, John Welch followed behind. In 1823, Entwisle was then elected and installed as Grand Secretary. A position he held until his sudden death in 1824 due to yellow fever.

Entwisle was credited for being intellectual and literary; most of the ritual and the language came from him, so when you’re stumbling over the words and wondering where this all came from, he would be to blame. Though it is widely unknown who single-handedly came up with the various degrees, he was truly thought to be the writer of the then “Covenant (Pink degree) and Remembrance Degrees”

and attempted to clean up the bad grammar of the old English degrees. He, however, still under full control of the Manchester Unity, was forced to stop. Finally in 1845 after the Order became fully American, they were fixed. Though his memory was stricken for decades, his works are alive in the degree work of our Order. “If Entwisle had done nothing more than this, his fame would be as sure and lasting as the life of the Order.” Another of his main systems we use today is his devising the “Representative System.” Originally, it was thought to devise a central supreme authority, vested in a local working Lodge. However, he, along with John Welch assisting, found their model in the political framework of the government of the United States. This is where we have our Lodge Representatives and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Entwisle was the first of the founders to pass away. Willey did not talk much about Entwisle’s past, and the book reflects that he was a stranger, and left no friends to keep his memory alive. “He had toiled without reward, and he fell almost unnoticed in the confusion of the events occurring.” Most of the eloquent degrees, and resolutions/reports, signed by Willey were written by Entwisle. He, like many of the founders, came from England, but not much is known of him before his affiliation with Willey. Even his burial is unknown, as he was buried in an unmarked grave. As the Order started forming in 1821, when this book was written in 1878 by James Ridgely, Entwisle had been gone for so long, there was so much forgotten about him, he almost disappeared from the horizon, and as the other four shown continued to blaze the trail we now follow, Entwisle is described as a meteor and he did not get nearly as much notability as he should have, “We only see him in the year 1821 flashing meteor-like in the twilight of that year, and in 1824 suddenly disappearing below the horizon.” The Special session after his death in 1824, only 8 members were present, 5 absent, and being fined 50 cents each, showing only 13 members nominally interested. He however, was awarded the first medal ever granted by the Grand Lodge and was awarded the position of first Grand Representative.

This is a rather lengthy article, but reading the chapter, it is amazing of such a character as John P. Entwisle, and as we are in the anniversary of 200 years of Odd Fellowship, much of that needs to go to him too. ~

Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Excerpts taken from *History of American Odd Fellowship, The First Decade* by James L. Ridgely, 1878

A VISIT AT LEWISBURG LODGE 2018

It was a cold winter's night; all through the Lodge
Not a creature was stirring, not even Jim's Dodge

The chains were all hung in the closet with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be a member here

The members were nestled all snug in their chairs
While visions of the new Lodge danced in their prayers

And George in his Kerchief and John in his cap
Had just settled down for a long union nap

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
Dale sprang from his chair to see what's the matter!

Away to the window Gary flew like a flash
- fastest he's moved in years!
We were laughing so hard, we were all in tears

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave luster to the mess that happened below

When what to Jess's wondering eyes did appear,
But a bent up sleigh, and eight bewildered reindeer!

With a confused old driver, so mad he was sick
I knew in a moment it had to be St. Nick!

More rapid than eagles his heartbeat it pounded
You guys were supposed to have these walnut trees cut
down
Now I'm grounded!

He cussed, and yelled, and out it came,
Look at my reindeers, now they're all lame!

Scott yelled, have no worries, Santa, don't even shed a
tear!
All the members of Lodge 96 and the Odd-ziliary are
here!

And Rick whistled, and shouted, and called them by
name:

"Now, Heather! now, Shane! now Brenda and Betty!
On, Mike! on, Joann! on, Wendy and Dale let's get that
sleigh ready!"

To the blacktop out front! Get off your butts and haul!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
Lodge 96 will save the day before it is neigh;

So up to the sky they all flew
With the sleigh full of toys, but wait, no St. Nicholas too?

And then, I heard in the upstairs restroom
The stomping and yelling of St. Nick,
They'd forgotten him, we're doomed!

As Rick drew in his head, and was turning around,
Down the stairs St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his boot,
With toilet paper stuck to his foot!

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked mad, like someone who had car jacked.
His eyes—they didn't twinkle, his dimples, no longer
merry

He was so mad, his cheeks were like roses, his nose red
as a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up in a scowl,
Those goobers forgot me! What will we do now?

No worries, said Rick, we got this!
But John was worried, St. Nick was pissed!

But Don's wink of an eye, and a nod of his head
Soon let St. Nick know there was nothing to dread!

The Odd-ziliary was on the sleigh full of toys
They'd be delivered, on time, to all the girls and boys

So that's how Lodge 96 ended the year
With old St. Nick having nothing to fear
We got a new Lodge, new members, an Od-ziliary, and
stories to tell

We're using technology and lasers as well

St. Nick said, Friendship, Love and Truth is your way
This Lodge will grow, prosper, and get better with each
day

I can see that all here are wonderful and giving folks
Keep recruiting, moving forward, and maintaining high
hopes

You have made my day jolly and bright
and I heard him exclaim as he gave us his application and
disappeared out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

FREEDOM LODGE 88 HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members and families met for the
annual party at the hall.

Instead of exchanging presents
items were brought in for the less
fortunate of our area.

Everyone had a good time. Freedom
Lodge meet the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday in Honesdale @7pm.

Check out our Facebook page,
Freedomlodge88 for updates



TAMAQUA CELEBRATES THE SEASON AND HONORS MEMBERS



Sunday, December 9th, Harmony Lodge #86, Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and Scott Encampment #132 held their Annual Christmas party at Harmony Hall in Tamaqua, PA. Roughly 30 people were in attendance. Pins for years of service were presented by the heads of the Lodges. Also present was DDGM Tim Hahn for Harmony #86, DDP from Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge Kate Bailey, and our very own T. Michael Arnold, Grand Patriarch. Shown here are: receiving 10 year pin - Tyler Arnold; Chief Patriarch Nicole Inama; 15 year pin - Robert Leibensperger; 10 year pin - Gary Price; 10 year pin - Brian Turner; 5 year Rebekah pin and Past Noble Grand Jewel Jennifer Mathias and Noble Grand of Lady Harmony Ashley Guscott. Also receiving pins were PGM Charles Bailey 35 years and NG Joshua Guscott 5 years.

ASKAM LODGE ACTIVITIES

Askam Lodge #899 brothers generously donate trunk full of Christmas presents, pajama sets and board games to local elderly nursing home patients, and also local underprivileged children.



Askam Lodge #899 holds annual Christmas dinner, lodge brothers & their spouses get together to enjoy a dinner together

VETERAN'S DINNER AT THE MIDDLETOWN HOME 2018

Thank you to all our veterans here at The Middletown Home, the veterans in our community, and all the veterans serving our country now and in the past. We had our annual Veteran's Day Dinner Celebration to thank and honor our resident veterans. We were honored to have several staff members share their stories and even poems that inspire them. We sang patriotic tunes and listened to taps. Our chaplain Pastor Dan gave some words of comfort, gratitude, and appreciation. The meal was provided by our dedication kitchen staff: roast beef, mashed potatoes, beans, and pie for dessert. Our veterans received many gifts including: photo cards, pens, t-shirts, and chocolates. The Middletown Home takes great pride in our resident veterans and we are happy to now serve them with all the love and respect provided by our devoted staff. Thank you veterans!



TAMAQUA HELPS MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHT



Members of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua helped make Christmas a little brighter this season for some residents of Weatherwood, a local skilled nursing facility in Weatherly, PA. With a generous monetary donation, the lodges sponsored over a dozen residents for Christmas giving, and with the help of Sister Denise Skrabak, who is the Activities Director at Weatherwood, extra special gifts were purchased and delivered by Santa Claus to the residents, bringing many smiles and tears of joy!

WESTERN PA IOOF CHRISTMAS



Sandy Lake Lodge #573 held a Christmas "Party" for several Lodges Thursday Eve, Dec 13, 2018 at McCulloughs Restaurant. 50 were in attendance. Great Meals were served and business transacted. \$1000.00 presented for the "Back Pack" program in the local Schools so kids will have Meals for Dinner/Supper time. A Trio of local gentleman, S.L.I.M. Bros., Serving the Lord In Music entertained with Christmas Songs and Audience singalong. Door prizes given. A GREAT evening was had by all.

~ Sherman Allen, Fallowfield Lodge #1128

THE TREASURER'S TALES - FEBRUARY 2019

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at February 1924. The big thing in February is St. Valentine's Day, followed closely by Groundhog Day. February is a cold month, with snow. As much as people cuddle to keep warm in the cold February weather, so do the little animals of the woods, especially the raccoons. We will explore our hero, Melchizedek in a few moments.

February 1924 marked a number of interesting events, the first winter Olympic games were played at Chamonix, France; Bucky Harris at 27 becomes the youngest manager of a major league baseball team, the Washington Senators; Johnny Weismuller sets the 100-yard freestyle swimming record (he later became Tarzan), Lee Marvin was born on the 19th, former President Woodrow Wilson died on the 3rd, and since this was leap year, Al Rosen was born on the 29th. You ask, "Who was Al Rosen?" If you are a baseball fan, go here: <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/r/rosenal01.shtml>, if you don't like baseball, skip the link.

Because of snow, travel was difficult. The wealthier and more modern folk had cars. Plenty of people still had horses. Many farmers had both. You remember last month Barney was putting on his snowmobile accessory for his Model T Ford, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6W6Bw1n-6Y> Some people were forced to resort to snow shoes: <https://www.vintagewinter.com/collections/antique-snowshoes-and-vintage-american-snowshoes> and the little animals, well they were up a creek if there wasn't a crust on the snow.

Melchizedek spent most of his 1923-1924 winter in the hollowed out spot behind the shed on Barney's farm. This was next to the corn crib. Although Barney yelled at him every time he saw him, he just couldn't shoot him, even though he stole corn on a regular basis. Repairing the corn crib was the job of necessity the first Friday of every month. As soon as Barney got home from school, he would get his tools and go out to fix the corn crib.

Although Barney's father was retired from teaching, he couldn't do all the work on the farm himself and Barney tried to make the farm profitable. Barney made repairs to the farm buildings, with major work done during the summer. Chasing after a devilish raccoon was more than enough for Barney during the winter.

On Valentine's Day, Barney and Elizabeth were settling down to a nice steak dinner. They barely got started when Barney heard a chattering noise outside. He got his pistol out of the drawer and went out on the porch to light the kerosene lantern. He saw Melchizedek chasing after another raccoon. Barney thought someone else was horning in on Melchizedek's territory. Barney should have read this page: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/raccoon-nation-raccoon-fact-sheet/7553/>, to learn important facts. The raccoon breeding period runs from January to June with February being a "hot" month. Barney thought that Melchizedek would chase the other raccoon away. He was very wrong. Raccoon mating is different from humans, no flowers or candy, but an occasional meal. The meal was a raid on the corn crib.

The next morning when Barney went out to the shed to get his Model T snowmobile to go to school, the 15th was a Friday, he saw two tails sticking out from the burrow beneath the shed. Although an English teacher, Barney understood far too well what this meant. He did not want Grover's Mills to become the raccoon capital of New Jersey. He was puzzled as to the solution. The next day was Saturday and he chased the raccoons out of the nest and filled the burrow in with stones, forcing Melchizedek and his sweetheart into the woods. Monday morning, the other corner of the shed had been excavated and his work seemed futile. He filled the other corner of the shed in with stones and gravel. It appeared that the raccoons had next tried the outhouse, but gave up on that idea. For those of you who would engage in farm construction, recall that building under an active outhouse is a bad idea.

When Barney came home from school on the 20th, his father was sitting in his kitchen. He told Barney the raccoons had burrowed under his shed. More stones and gravel were applied. By the end of the month (remember it is leap year), Melchizedek had moved on, the gravel at the Wells farm was too hard for him. He finally went to the next farm down the road. Barney was feeling pretty good until Flag Day when he saw Melchizedek's love interest and three kits were walking across his porch, but that is later in the year.

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.

2018 Changes to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of Laws are available at a cost of \$4.25 a piece, plus \$.26 tax and \$2.05 shipping, total of \$6.56. Orders of more than 1, contact Grand Lodge for pricing.

OBITUARIES

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

ROBERT W. TILLEY

Alma Lodge No. 523
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127
December 20, 2018

Brother Robert W. Tilley, 88, of Davidsville, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, PA, on December 11, 1954, where he became a Past Grand on October 17, 1983 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 27, 1984. He was also a Patriarch of William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown, having been initiated October 28, 1982 and becoming a Past Chief Patriarch in 1992. He served as Musician in the Lodge and Encampment until 2012.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps Band Veteran of the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Lois Alwine. Surviving are two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Burial was held in Forest Lawn, Johnstown, PA.

HAROLD L. CROSS

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278
December 12, 2018

Brother Harold L. Cross, 87, of Butler, PA, was initiated into Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, PA, on April 22, 1980, where he became a Past Grand April 13, 1982 and received his Grand Lodge Degree August 28, 2001.

He was a member of the First English Lutheran Church in Butler.

Surviving is his wife, the former Jean Graff, three daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Greenlawn Burial Estates, Butler, PA.

MILES E. WEIDMAN

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57
Norristown Encampment No. 37
December 15, 2018

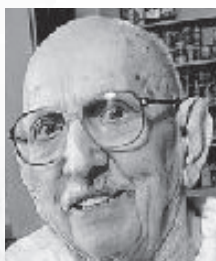
Brother Miles E. Weidman, 90, of Norristown, PA, was initiated into Montgomery Lodge #57, Norristown, PA, on April 5, 1948, where he became a Past Grand on October 2, 1950. He was the last surviving member of Montgomery Lodge #57 before the consolidation on September 27, 1954, to form Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57. He received his Grand Lodge Degree April 7, 2018, when he was presented with his 70 year jewel by Grand Master Wooden. He was also a Past Chief Patriarch of Norristown Encampment #37. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's and Encampment's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, the former Doris Yocum. Surviving are four children, his son-in-law, Douglas Emerson also being a member of the Lodge and Encampment, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his Brother-in-law, William Wurtz, of the Lodge and Encampment.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held at Riverside Cemetery, Norristown. Donations can be made to IOOF, 1232 Astor St., Norristown, PA 19401.



"Members of Miles' Lodge took him to the Spring Rally to have GM Wooden present him with his 70 year jewel."



RALPH L. TRUMP

Leesport Lodge No. 141
January 2, 2019

Brother Ralph L. Trump, 98, of Oley, PA, was initiated into Symmetry Lodge #103, Hamburg, PA, on March 3, 1945.

He became a member of Leesport Lodge #141 through consolidation on April 23, 1996. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a member of Salem Berne United Methodist Church, Tilden Township.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Luella Berger. Surviving are two daughters, five grandchildren, one step-grandson, seven great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Salem Berne United Methodist Cemetery, Tilden Township, PA.



48TH ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2019

To All Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons, & Ladies Auxiliaries of Pennsylvania.

The 48th Unified Session of all Branches of our Order in Pennsylvania will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 from Saturday, June 22nd through Wednesday, June 26th 2019, inclusive.

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS IS June 7, 2019

**BANQUET AND REGISTRATION RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2018
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "UNIFIED SESSION COMMITTEE"**

Room Reservations: Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The nightly room rate is \$99.00 plus tax. Telephone number is 717-939-7841. Deadline for room reservations is June 7, 2019. When making your Room Reservation make sure that you tell them you are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A lunch buffet will be available Saturday through Wednesday at a cost of \$9.00 plus tax, plus gratuity.

Registration: Pre-registration is \$10.00 per person. Send all registrations to Cynthia Shollenberger, 205 Ulrich Lane, Leesport, PA 19533 by June 1, 2019.

Banquet: The Banquet for all Branches will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019. The cost per person will be \$30.00. Choice of Dinner Entrees will be Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast with Champagne Cream Sauce or Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce. Reservations with remittance, must be sent to Anna Smith, 203 S. Academy, Boalsburg, PA 16827. Telephone (814) 466-6348.

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Raffle Tickets: Raffle tickets are available from John S. Cupp, Jr., P. O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445 (jcupp275@gmail.com), for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket. Send Money and ticket stubs to Mary DeLong, 311 Apt-6 Hilltop Ct., Hamburg, PA 19526.

Special Meals: Any group desiring breakfast, lunch or dinner arrangements should contact Sarah Baer, 115 N. Centre St., Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone 610-916-1990.

Fun Night: Fun Night will take place on Saturday, June 22nd. More information will follow.

Flowers: Anyone wishing to order Memorial Flowers or any flowers for Session should contact Sarah Baer, 115 N. Centre St. Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone 610-916-1990. Flower arrangements are priced at \$65.00.

I.O.O.F. EDUCATION PROCLAMATION



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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
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To All Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Educational Foundation, the oldest project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1927, has made it possible for thousands of people from all walks of life to further their education with low interest loans amounting to more than 7 million dollars, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow - Rebekah Education Fund, established in 1993, has made it possible for 650 students to receive \$342,000.00 in scholarships, and

Whereas, the need for loans and scholarships is ever increasing to meet higher costs of helping men and women find their place in life, and

Whereas, one of our commands of to "educate".

Now therefore, I, Sherman F. Wooden, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby proclaim,

The month of February as EDUCATIONAL MONTH throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Further, request all Lodges to support this project by holding a money-raising event or a treasury donation and send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this seventh day of January, 2019, and in the 195th year of this Grand Body.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,


Sherman F. Wooden, Grand Master

Attest


Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Please fill out form and return with your donation payable to "Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF"

Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program.
Please credit our donation to: (Check one of the following)

_____ PA Scholarship Fund - This is applied directly toward a scholarship

_____ PA Education Endowment Fund - This is placed in a fund, interest derived from this is applied toward scholarships

_____ Sovereign Grand Lodge Education Fund - This is to furnish loans.

MAIL ALL CHECKS TO GRAND LODGE!!! NOT THE GRAND MASTER

LADY HARMONY # 86 NEW MEMBER



On Wednesday, December 19, Lady Harmony Rebekah lodge initiated their newest member, Julie Stokes. Shown left to right (front row) NG Ashley Guscott and Julie Stokes. (back row) PNG Jennifer Mathias, Warden Denise Skrabak, VG Shirley Hahn, GS Justin Bailey, Treasurer Nicole Inama and Chaplain Laura Bailey. Not shown is Secy/DDP Kate Bailey and Photographer Tyler Arnold.

1010 DONATION

Kingwood Lodge #1010 Vice Grand Doug Close presents a check to Joseph Thurby Jr and Thurbys Riverside Ford for St Barnabas Charity Presents for Veterans



NEW YEARS EVE 2018

Happy New Year from the Middletown Home! We've had such a fun and exciting year so we decided to send 2018 out in style with a toe-tapping party on New Year's Eve! Residents came to the chapel to listen and dance to their favorite music while looking at pictures and reminiscing about the fun they've had this past year. Balloons hung from the ceiling and the walls. Residents were given noise-makers, necklaces, and paper crowns. After we partied all afternoon, the night got even better with a resident favorite—BINGO BLAST! As expected, the residents had a blast! We look forward to another exciting and fun-filled year coming in 2019!



Periodicals

December Donations

VISUAL RESEARCH

74	Mount Zion	1,000.00
899	Askam	100.00
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
		1,150.00

PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE

899	Askam	100.00
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		150.00

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	100.00
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ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

270	Mystic CAMP JRA	400.00
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PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

377	Nucleus	200.00
2	Unified	<u>100.00</u>
		300.00

Thank you Unified Lodge for your continuous support!!!!

**Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania
2018 Graduate Scholarship Award**

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania has announced the recipient of the "Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2018 Scholarship Award."

The Association's Award Committee (Chairman Robert Grant, Leonard Santini, John Rebar, and George Hogan) presented their recommended candidate to the Association's Board during their Christmas luncheon/meeting. Having fulfilled all of the requirements necessary to be considered by the Board, the candidate was unanimously approved by the Board. She received a \$3,000 monetary award which was sent to her university. In addition, the recipient, along with her family members, were invited to attend the *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania Annual Meeting* which will take place at Orchard Manor, Grove City, PA on April 27, 2019.

Clare E. Stem – daughter of Mary Beth and Richard Stem, Johnstown, PA. Clare's aunt, Karen Stem, is a member of Alma Lodge #523, located in Johnstown, PA. Clare is enrolled in a 5-year program at Duquesne University and will graduate in August 2019 with a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. She is looking forward to a Spring-Term internship at UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center)-McKeesport where she will be spending considerable time in the areas of skilled nursing and rehabilitation. *The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western PA* wishes Clare an educationally fulfilling Spring-Term and all the best in all of her future endeavors.

Note: Clare was one of four recipients of the "2015 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western PA Scholarship Awards" (undergraduate).