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

#### SEPTEMBER

7 / PG Arnold Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA+  
21 / Knoebel's Fun Day, Elysburg, PA+\*

#### OCTOBER

5 / PPRH Hager Testimonial, Red Lion Harrisburg+  
6 / Unified Session Committee, Red Lion Harrisburg, 11:00AM

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- SANDY LAKE LODGE NO. 573 : ASKAM LODGE NO. 899, SUGAR NOTCH  
 William E. Jones - initiated June 3rd : Kenneth Woodeshick - initiated May 6th
- FALLS CREEK LODGE NO. 957 :  
 Kim Wakker, initiated May 14th : LADY HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE NO.  
 Jim Lockwood : 86, TAMAQUA  
 Jimmy Lockwood : Christine J. Reed - initiated June 5th  
 Robert J. Boland, Jr. - initiated June 4th : Kerry Lasky  
 Sharon J. Stokes

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 40 YEARS

Walter Heimbach, Jr., #457

## FROM THE DESK OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NADINE HAGER

Philippians 4; 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By the time you read this our annual "Session" should be over. I hope that all heads of the order had a successful, exciting, and encouraging session. For the new Heads of the order I wish for you safe traveling as you visit each of your lodges. I also wish you success as you meet with the lodges that they will be encouraged to continue to live by our orders guides to help those who are less fortunate and those in affliction.

As I start my second year as Rebekah Assembly President I do it in memory of Linda Dickson. I am so sorry she is not with us to do her year and she is greatly missed. We will remember her as we travel the "Rebekah Road".

July 4th we celebrate our Independence Day. As you celebrate with parades, picnics, and fireworks remember our forefathers who fought to give us the freedom we have had for 243 years.

I hope to see many of you on the "Rebekah Road" as I visit the lodges in Pa. this year.

God Blessings,

FLT

Nadine Hager, President  
Rebekah Assembly of PA

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Whitlinger has scheduled the following visits for July.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

1 - Chosen Friends Enc. #88 / Malvern-Pocahontas #201 init.

Degree & OV - 6:30PM

13 - Orchard Manor Family Picnic

15 - Nathan Lewis - Fort Necessity #254 OV - 7:30PM

18 - Charleroi #1030 OV - 7:00PM

20 - Linda Dickson Memorial Service - 12:30PM

22 - Fallowfield #1128 OV - 7:00PM

28 - Hampton #1004 Picnic - 1:00PM

## COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Huchel has scheduled the following visits for July.

I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.

2 - Institution of Middletown #10

11 - Earl R. Leiby #106 clam bake & OV

18 - Perseverance #135 OV - 8:00PM

## STATE COLLEGE LODGE NO. 1032 CONSOLIDATES WITH MT. HOR LODGE NO. 736

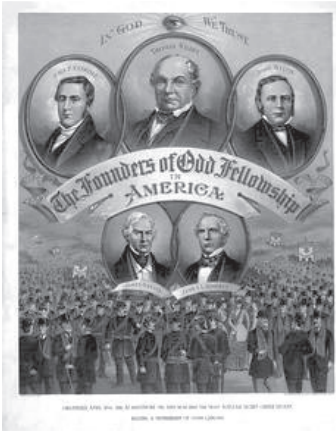


Noble Grand Rena Drenning and the brothers and sisters of Mt Hor lodge welcomed the brothers and sisters of State College lodge. Mt Hor lodge served an excellent meal following the ceremony.

State College Lodge had a proud and rich history. Recently celebrating 125 years in the State College community, over the years, they had taken in Jersey Shore Lodge #101 and Center Hall Lodge #895 through consolidation. It was also home to Past Grand Masters Calvin E. Conklin & Arthur R. Moyer.



## DAYS GONE BY – 200 YEARS



The final Brother here for the Founders of American Odd Fellowship, James L. Ridgely, was quite a difficult one to write about, mainly for the fact he was the author of this book, and did not do a biography on himself. I had to take excerpts from “The Illustrated History of Odd Fellowship”, by Theodore Ross, 1917.

How important this Brother was to have a Lodge, Encampment and Canton named after him here in Pennsylvania (Ridgely Lodge #995, Fairchance, Fayette County – defunct 1950; Ridgely Encampment #217 of Strasburg still active as is Canton Ridgely #8 of New Columbia). After Odd Fellowship’s founding in 1819, ten years later, we find James L. Ridgely joining Columbia Lodge No. 3, Maryland on May 27, 1829. He was American born, January 27, 1807, in Baltimore, MD. By June 1830, he is a Past Grand and is elected to Grand Secretary on July 20th 1830. Having been admitted to the bar in 1828, and a year later, getting married, he had no clue how joining the Order would change his life. “He did not dream that Mutual Relief would become the object of his life; that the members of those lodge families would be his coadjutors for half a century; that for them and their successors he would forsake his profession and the friends of his youth; for them, visit every part of his own country, and seek their kindred beyond the stormy Atlantic.” Upon entering this organization, Baltimore was attempting to raise funds within their individual Lodges to build a suitable meeting place, because during this time, meetings were still held in a member’s house or on the second floor of a public building. He found this immediately a demise to the Order, so he suggested the Grand Lodge incorporate, raise the funds by assessing \$1.00 per new member, and propose selling stock certificates. The shares at first were a book of 300 stocks. It was immediately increased to an indefinite number, and upon the building committee, consisting of Wildey, Ridgely and several others, built the first Odd Fellows Hall in America. He served as Grand Secretary in 1833 and served as Grand Master in 1834. During this time, he was also elected a member of the City Council of Baltimore. In 1836, he was elected Grand Sire, but declined the office, again in 1840. He went on in a civilian level to hold many state elected positions, President of the Board of Education, Register of Wills, Collector of Internal Revenue, President of the Baltimore County Mutual Fire Insurance Company to name a few. In 1840, he was elected,

and placed a report, as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for 40 years, until 1880.

He was incredibly active in helping re-write the ritual after the Encampment Branch was founded, as during this time, the Golden Rule Degree was part of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and there were still five degrees. He was the author of the funeral ceremony and the Past Grand’s Charge. He was also alongside of the founder Thomas Wildey when he passed to the great beyond and made the eulogy during his funeral. James L. Ridgely, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and also Historiographer of the Grand Lodge, upon the advancement of his age, realized the birth of our Order must be entered in book form, decided to write what we have here, “History of American Odd Fellowship, The First Decade” in 1878. Shortly after this book was entered in to Congress, on December 1, 1879, he suffered a stroke, and on November 16, 1881, the angel of death claimed his own. He is buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, with Thomas Wildey, and several other Odd Fellows of the first decade, but a large monument was erected in 1885, in Harlem Park, Maryland, on the summit of which is a life-size figurine of the deceased, with “his face to the east, the source of light, and the sun in his course, will daily deck his brow with a crown of glory.”

- Next month, a beautiful collection of the history of the Encampment branch summed up on one document.

~ Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Excerpts taken from *History of American Odd Fellowship, The First Decade* by James L. Ridgely, 1878 and *The Illustrated History of Odd Fellowship* by Theodore A. Ross, 1917.

### HONOR ROLL SPONSORS FOR THE 2019 SESSION

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**Many thanks for supporting the 2019 Session!**

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

As I speak to you, I cannot believe that I am now the Grand Master of the state of PA. I promise to all members that I will do the best possible job that I can do in leading this great fraternity for the next year.

Our recently completed Session was once again a successful meeting of members exchanging ideas and plans. If you have never attended a session, I highly recommend you come. It is a wonderful time to meet and mingle with Odd Fellows and Rebekah's from all the lodges in our state.

As past masters before me have done, I will continue to stress growth. New members will be the lifeline of our order for years to come, I will need all your help in this endeavor. My time as Grand Master is short, and we have much to accomplish together.

My pin is the solid and mighty oak tree, stressing deep roots, similar to the deep roots of our order. The Rebekah's pin will the acorn. My good friend, Linda Dickson had planned this as a compliment to my pi. Today's mighty oak started from a small acorn. Linda will be with myself and Nadine as we work together during the next year. We are all branches on that mighty oak tree.

Soon, I will be contacting as many Lodges as I can to set-up visits. Aided by your help and support, and the guidance of our Lord, we will have a great year.

In F. L. & T.  
David O. Whitlinger  
Grand Master

## ODD FELLOW FLAG

The Odd Fellow Flag currently being flown is presented in memory of Past Grand Master/ Past Sovereign Grand Chaplain Robert L. Morningstar by Triune Lodge No. 307, I.O.O.F.

The Rebekah Flag currently being flown is presented in memory of Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly E. Irene Kelly and Patricia I. Newman by Gladys Rebekah Lodge No. 103, I.O.O.F.

The American Flag currently being flown is presented anonymously in memory of Past Department Commander John A. Kunkleman, Grand Treasurer Emeritus Richard L. Heffner, Sr. and Past Grand Herald Peter T. Patterson.

## FRED R. KORMAN LODGE HONORS LONGTIME MEMBER

On May 26th 2019 the members of Fred R Korman Lodge #55 of Glasgow went to the home of Brother William Chilcote to present him with a 65-year pin. Brother Chilcote joined Allemans Lodge #900 on June 21, 1951, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 8, 1959. He became a member of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55 through consolidation on August 23, 1997. Brother Bill has been incredibly active in the Lodge.

Noble Grand Thomas Shomo presented the pin while the following members and guests were present from left to right front row: John Baker, Shawn Miller, Don Gabrielson, John Palmer, Brian Baughman. Second row: Bill Creamer (Alma Lodge) Patrick Johnston, (Chaplin VFW ) Leroy Bollinger, George Fletcher, Dennis Hescocox , N.G. Thomas Shomo. Mike Delfosse, Richard Turman, missing from photo William Oshall





### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER VISITS

On Thursday, May 23rd, following a regular meeting of Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173 of Philadelphia, Department Commander, Brigadier General Justin C. Bailey, visited the Chevaliers of Canton Philadelphia



No. 1, P.M., Pennsylvania's oldest Canton. This is also home to Gen® Joseph M. Strausser, Sr.; Cpt William F. Hanby, Color Sergeant; and is the associate Canton to Bailey and Commander of 1st Bat., Maj Ray "Bull" Boulanger. Also in attendance was Deputy Department Commander LTC Bruce N. Torrence. Not pictured is Chaplain Dorothea Oertel, photographer.



On Thursday, May 31st, Brigadier General Justin C. Bailey held a joint visitation between the Officers and Chevaliers of Canton Allegheny No. 3, P.M., Pittsburgh, and Canton Pittsburgh No. 5, P.M., Latrobe, at the Masonic Center in Pittsburgh, following a Unified Lodge #2 meeting. Training on the opening & closing was held and a great turnout from both Cantons were there. Canton Pittsburgh No. 5 is home to Col® John S. Cupp, Jr., Dept Adjutant; Col® John J. Dzyak, Dept Quartermaster, and Commander of 3rd Bat., Maj Shawn E. Miller. Not pictured is David O. Whitlinger, photographer.

### WATERFALL LODGE #773 HONORS LONG



With deep appreciation on May 23, 2019 Waterfall Lodge #773 I.O.O.F. presented Brother Allen Long his 50 year pin of service. Brother Allen joined Waterfall Lodge on May 17th, 1969. He is the current warden of the lodge and is a Past Grand and a past District Deputy in Fulton Co. Allen is known for giving all the brothers a meal of "Hot" sausage and meat balls every year, which is always looked forward to. He exemplifies Odd Fellowship in his daily life and we all congratulate him.



### GRAND ENCAMPMENT RALLY HELD IN JOHNSTOWN

On Saturday, June 1, the Grand Encampment held their annual Spring Rally at the hall of William F Packer Encampment No. 127, in Johnstown. Six patriarchs were welcomed into the following Encampments: William F Packer No. 127, Genesis No. 15, and the soon to be instituted Middletown No. 10. With roughly 30 in attendance, it was a great day in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship.

Special Congratulations go to Deputy Grand Master David Whitlinger for receiving his Grand Encampment degree. DGM Whitlinger is a member of Ambridge Encampment No.259.



## GRAND PATRIARCH ARNOLD VISITS

On May 21, Grand Patriarch Tyler Arnold visited the Patriarchs of William F Packer Encampment No. 127, in Johnstown. They had a great showing of Patriarchs, including their oldest member, Billy. He was that excited to meet the Grand Patriarch that he even dressed up for the occasion!



On June 4, Grand Patriarch Tyler Arnold made his final visitation with the Patriarchs of General Worth Encampment No. 188. This is the home Encampment of PGP's John and Emilie Cupp, Department Quartermaster John Dzyak and PGM David Young. This was the first official visitation in their new home of Nucleus Lodge No.377 in Finleyville.

Also making the trip for the night were Deputy Grand Master David Whitlinger and Grand Warden Shirley Whitlinger, along with Grand Marshal Justin Bailey, Grand Inside Sentinel J. Carl George and Grand Outside Sentinel Shawn Miller.

The night consisted of a fantastic dinner and a great meeting afterwards. Grand Patriarch Arnold spoke on his project, Alex's Lemonade Stand, and also thanked all in attendance for a phenomenal show of support all year. Another great night of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship in the books!

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PAST GRAND PATRIARCH

Patriarchs,

By the time you are reading this, Session has come and gone, as well as my term as Grand Patriarch. I wanted to use this to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you, though I feel like simply saying "thank you" isn't adequate enough. So,...

Thank you for taking time out of your nights to attend my visitations. Thank you for such an amazing show of support for Alex's Lemonade Stand. Thank you to every Encampment and Lodge that generously donated to my project. Thank you for buying my lemon pins and filling out my paper lemons.

To my staff, I'm so grateful for all of you. Whether you're a PGP or soon to be GP, I appreciate everything you've all done for me. The faith and encouragement you've all shown me is something I'll never forget.

Thank you for letting this 30 year old "kid" get to live out a year that I'll never forget for the rest of my life.

I wish you all the best, and I know I'll see many of you sooner than later.

In Faith, Hope and Charity,  
*Tyler Michael Arnold, Grand Patriarch*

## GRAND MASTER WOODEN VISITS #541



*GM Wooden & Staff visited Latrobe Lodge #541.*



# JULY OBITUARIES

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



### WILLIAM E. BENNETT, JR.

Vienna Lodge No. 847  
March 16, 2019

Brother William E. Bennett, Jr., 87, of Allentown, PA, was initiated into Constantine Lodge #1113, Allentown, on September 4, 1953. He then became a member of Vienna Lodge #847, Allentown, through consolidation on March 1, 1997.

He held several appointed offices and held the position of Warden for many years. He was a Patriarch of Bushkill Encampment #55, Allentown, having been initiated October 26, 2000. He was also a former Rebekah of the former Lady Lincoln Rebekah Lodge #72, Allentown, having joined April 13, 1982 and ceasing membership at a later date.

He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Allentown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joan Husser. Surviving are two step-children three step-grandchildren and one step-great-granddaughter.

Graveside services were private.



### THOMAS W. KIEFABER

Mount Tabor Lodge No. 125  
April 5, 2019

Brother Thomas W. Kiefaber, 87, of Coal Township, PA, was initiated into Mount Tabor Lodge #125, Shamokin, PA, on February 13, 1967, where he became a Past Grand.

He was a member of St. John's United

Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former June Buggy. Surviving are five children, one being Thomas J. Kiefaber, also of Mount Tabor, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was private.



### BEATRICE G. AUSTIN

Past District Deputy President  
Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175  
April 19, 2019

Sister Beatrice G. Austin, 88, of Smethport, PA, was initiated into Maud Rebekah Lodge #175, Rew, PA, on May 15, 1957. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry June of 1980. She went on to

serve as District Deputy President from 1991 - 1992.

She was a member of the Coryville Church of Faith.

She was preceded in death by a grandson and great-grandson. Surviving is her husband, Glenn, one son, four daughters, one being Penny Lundgren also of Maud Rebekah Lodge, 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Lamphier Cemetery, Eldred, PA.




### CHARLES R. GARMAN


Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Shillington Lodge No. 1175  
May 12, 2019

Brother Charles R. "Pete" Garman, 79, of Denver, PA, was initiated into Caernarvon Lodge #557, Morgantown, PA, on November 8, 1976, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge

Degree November 30, 1980. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1985 - 1993. He held the position of Secretary for many years and became a member of Shillington Lodge #1175 through consolidation on April 7, 2009. He held active membership in Shillington Lodge and at the time of his death, he was the Right Supporter to the Vice Grand. He was a former Patriarch and Scribe of Excelsior Encampment #85, Pottstown, until they went defunct October 14, 2006. He was a former Chevalier of Canton Pottstown #6, P.M., holding the position of Ensign. He became a member of Canton Leesport #2, P.M. through




Celebration of Life  
In Honor of  
LINDA C. DICKSON  
50+ years as a REBEKAH  
AND  
IN SERVICE TO THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF PA



Saturday, July 20, 2019  
Orchard Manor Great Room  
20 Orchard Drive  
Grove City, Pa. 16127

Memorial Service at 2:00 PM  
With the Rebekah Service

Lunch Being Served at 12:30 PM  
Free will Donation



Come and join us as we celebrate Linda's life and years of service as a Rebekah in the I.O.O.F.

So that we have a count for lunch,  
RSVP by July 13, 2019 to:  
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I WILL BE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_  
WILL NOT BE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_



## JULY OBITUARIES

consolidation on April 27, 2005, and later dropped membership. He was a former Rebekah to the former Lady Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge #48, Morgantown, having joined November 20, 1980, and ceasing membership at a later date.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joyce Glass. Surviving are two children and six grandchildren.

Burial was held in Harmony United Methodist Church Cemetery, Morgantown, PA.



### RALPH E. UMBEL

Past Grand Marshal/Past Grand Conductor  
Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge No. 254  
Ellen Rebekah Lodge No. 233  
May 17, 2019

Brother R. Eugene “Gene” Umbel, 88, of Dunbar, PA, was initiated into Nathan Lewis Lodge #1188, Waltersburg, PA on July 19, 1974, where he became a Past Grand October 4, 1978 and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 14, 1978. He became a member of Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254, Waltersburg, through consolidation on May 26, 1976. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Nathan Lewis Lodge #1188 still affiliated with the Order. He held associate membership to the former Jeannette Lodge #701. He went on to serve our Jurisdiction as Grand Conductor to PGM Chew from 1984 – 85 and Grand Marshal to PGM Love from 1989 – 90. He was a former Patriarch of the defunct Monongahela Encampment #109, Finleyville, and serving as Grand Marshal for PGP Schlott from 1999 – 2000. He held non-continuous membership in Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233, Waltersburg, joining April 24, 1984 and receiving his Rebekah Degree April 28, 1984. He was active in the Monongahela Degree Lodge #88, holding the position of Venerable Warden for the Initiatory Degree and Herald for the First Degree. He was Representative to Grand Lodge for several years.

He was a member of Faith Bible Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Virginia Collins, and one granddaughter. Surviving are six children, fifteen grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Laurel Hill Memorial Cemetery, Dunbar.

### PEGGY S. MYERS

Phoebe Rebekah Lodge No. 123  
May 21, 2019

Sister Peggy S. Myers, 59, of Sligo, PA, was initiated into Phoebe Rebekah Lodge #123, Rimersburg, PA, on May 19, 2007, where she became a Past Noble Grand.

She was a member of Sligo Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## MIDDLETOWN HOME HONORS MOTHER’S DAY

We could not have asked for a better day for our Mother’s Day Brunch this year! After a rainy week, we all had our fingers crossed that we might see some sunshine on Sunday. We lucked out and had a gorgeous spring day! Our flower sale included more flowers than ever before, over 300 flower baskets. The kitchen staff put together an expansive buffet brunch with eggs, sausage, potatoes, sandwiches, cookies, pastries, fruit, and everybody’s favorite: chocolate covered strawberries!

Family members enjoyed celebrating and spending time with their mom’s. The chapel was full of families, staff members, and residents.

Something new this year, was our Painted Rock Sale! Several staff members and volunteers painted on river rocks which we sold during the brunch. The Painted Rocks were such a success we decided to have a stand with them at Pumpkin Fest this year! Another great family event at the Middletown Home. Happy Mother’s Day everyone!



## THE TREASURER'S TALES - JULY 2019

July is the month in which we celebrate our independence on July 4. A good introduction to the holiday may be found at: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>. At that site we find: "The Fourth of July - also known as Independence Day or July 4th - has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues." I encourage you to visit the web site and read the entire story.

July 1924 held a few interesting events that we should note before going on to our story. On July 1, transcontinental air mail began between New York and San Francisco. On July 6 the first photograph was sent experimentally by radio across the Atlantic. On July 17 St. Louis pitcher Jesse Haines pitched a no-hitter against the Boston Braves. Eva Marie Saint, actress famous for North by Northwest (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5nhyFFSweU>), was born on July 4. Bess Myerson was born on July 16 and Alfred Marshall, English Economist died on July 13. In 1924, July 4 fell on a Friday.

The Odd Fellows Lodge held a picnic every year on the Fourth of July, and 1924 was no exception. The food was lavish and plentiful. The roaring twenties were roaring and several of the Odd Fellows had bottles of potent potables hidden in picnic baskets and other places. Most, but not all, of the members owned automobiles. A car race took place in a field near the picnic grove at the park. Barney went there to see his brother-in-law, Woody, drive. Woody had a souped-up Model T coupe with tractor valves and every other modification he thought he knew how to add. He didn't win, but at least he didn't wreck.

Barney went back to the picnic area, saw Elizabeth playing with Schuyler, grabbed another piece of pie and settled under a large oak tree for a nap. Before long, he found himself in Walt Waller's Garage on Gasoline Alley. They went back by the tire machine, sat on wooden boxes, and reminisced about World War I for hours. The adventure and tedium of the war brought about many stories. Barney felt a pinch on his side, and he was transported from Walt's Garage on Gasoline Alley to Snuffy Smith's still in the mountains. He was afraid Snuffy would shoot when he strolled through the woods, but Snuffy grasped his lapel and asked, "Are you looking for me?" Barney knew he had met another Odd Fellow and began to discuss the differences between a rural lodge and suburban lodge, they went on and on, discussing degree work and the fineries of buildings with indoor plumbing. Snuffy gave Barney a tin cup full of moonshine. Barney reluctantly took the moonshine and when he drank it, smoke came out of his nose and ears, he went cross-eyed and did a cartwheel. He passed out.

When Barney awakened he was transported to a speakeasy where he sat across from a red-haired Irishman named Jiggs. Jiggs was eating corned beef and cabbage and ordered a plate for Barney as well. Jiggs told Barney the whole story of his sweepstakes win and gave Barney advice on how to play lotteries. Barney was sure his wife, Elizabeth would not approve of playing lotteries, but he listened intently. After several hours of instruction, Barney's chair tipped over and he fell to the floor.

As Barney got up off the floor, he was no longer in the speakeasy, he was in the cabin of a ship. A peculiar fellow with massive forearms sat next to him. He slapped Barney on the back and almost knocked him to the floor again. He spoke to Barney, "I'm Popeye the sailor, and to what do I owe this honor?" Barney explained he didn't know how he got there or why he was there, it was like he was traveling through the comic strips. Popeye shoved a can of spinach in front of Barney and said, "Eat this, it will clear your mind." Barney downed the spinach, with some reluctance, and his world again went dark.

When the lights came on, a teenage office boy named Smitty ran into him on the sidewalk and knocked him into the grass. Smitty went over and helped Barney up, but his head was still spinning. Smitty apologized again and again, but Barney couldn't focus and blacked out.

When he came to, he was lying in the bushes next to a hobo, dressed in rags, Happy Hooligan. After an introduction of sorts, Hooligan told Barney he was trying to find a job that didn't require him to work. Barney told him that no such job existed. Hooligan wanted to know what Barney did for a living. Barney replied that he had two jobs, teaching tenth grade English and farming. Hooligan said they sounded like they were right up his alley, as a teacher you could make the kids do all the work and as a farmer you could make the animals do all the work, he wanted Barney to give one of these easy jobs to him. Barney said there was no harder job in the world than farming, he spent 10 to 12 hours a day in the summer. Hooligan replied, "What do you raise on your farm?" Barney responded with chickens, but before he could get a second word out, Hooligan butted in, "That's just what I'm talking about. You didn't do anything to lay an egg. The chicken does it all. No matter how hard you tried, you couldn't pop out an egg for any amount of money." Barney was so mad, he passed out again. Elizabeth started to shake Barney, she said, "You fell asleep with the Sunday Comics covering your face. You slept through the baseball double header and half way through the fireworks. Wake up to see the fireworks finale and we can go home and put you to bed." The sedative powers of a big meal are well known. Don't eat too much on the Fourth and watch where you fall asleep or the cartoon characters will get you.

*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.*



## CONNOQUENESSING LODGE #278 HONOR ROLL DINNER

On Wednesday, Mary 22, 2019, Connoquenessing Lodge #278 held their annual Honor Roll dinner at Rachel's Road House in Butler, PA. They had four (4) quest speakers from local charities that they have been supporting. State Trooper Dan Kesten thanked the lodge for their support for Camp Kadet, a one (1) week program for youth in and around the Butler area. The program was designed to strengthen leadership skill, respect, honor and discipline as well as building a good relationship between the youth and law enforcement officers. Representatives from the Mars Home for Youth; the AM Rotary; and ARC of Butler County also thanked the Lodge for their support. The dinner was concluded when service awards were presented to Rex Hurd for 35 years, and Jack Buzard for 40 years.



*Pictured above left with Officer Dan Kesten, on the left, Noble Grand, Daniel Veith, Jr. and to the right, Alvin Walters, Secretary.*

*Pictured above right with David Whitlinger, DGM are Jack Buzard and Rex Hurd.*

## RUSH LODGE AWARDS ACADEMICS



*GM Sherman Wooden and Cindy Wooden presented scholarships from Rush Lodge #471 to Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students Adam Roe (Construction Management, Blue Ridge School District) and Madison Sickler (Business Accounting, Elk Lake School District) at the May SCCTC Awards Day.*

## BOWMANSDALE LODGE NO. 1179 CONSOLIDATES WITH YORK SPRINGS LODGE #211



On June 3rd, the Officers of Bowmansdale Lodge #1179 met one last time, along with York Springs Lodge #211, and the Grand Master Sherman F. Wooden in attendance. Instituted May 22, 1912, this is the "youngest" of the original 1200 Lodges remaining. They have now joined the ranks of York Springs Lodge #211, a much older Lodge, having been instituted in 1846, and is the last surviving Lodge in Adams County. Bowmansdale Lodge was home to recently departed Grand Treasurer Emeritus Richard L. Heffner. Currently, York Springs Lodge is meeting in the York Springs Historical Society until their hall is done with renovations.

## WESTERN PA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



*Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania Award Committee Chairman Robert Grant presents the 2018 Graduate Scholarship Award to Clare E. Stem at the Association annual meeting on April 27, 2019 at Orchard Manor in Grove City. Clare is the niece of Karen Stem, who is a member of Alma Lodge #523 in Johnstown, PA. Clare received \$3,000 and will graduate in August 2019 with a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Duquesne University. ~ Laura Huchel*



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