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ODD FELLOW DEGREES BESTOWED AT GL RALLY

It was a great day in Johnstown as the Initiatory Degree was conferred upon 6 new members from Cassville, Finleyville, Malvern, Kingwood, Pittsburgh and Ambridge. There were 8 members for the three degrees and three for the Grand Lodge. Thank you to all who attended!



Places to Go...People to See

NOVEMBER

2 / PM/LAPM Rally, Philadelphia+

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

- + 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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COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

5 - PPRA Hager Testimonial
 Harrisburg - 6:00PM

6 - Session Wrap-up meeting, Harrisburg

10 - Latrobe #541 OV - 8:00PM

26 - Districts 9 & 10
 Annual Chicken BBQ

COME VISIT THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

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

4 - Lady Colfax #182 OV - 7:00PM
 (dinner @ 6:00)

15 -17 - Jami Testimonial in IA

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

UNIFIED LODGE NO. 2, PITTSBURGH

Barbara M. Pintea
- initiated September 28th

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 88, HONESDALE

Dennis D. Buchinski, Sr.
- initiated September 18th

Dennis D. Buchinski, Jr.
Douglas E. Buchinski
Thomas W. Jackson, Jr.
Jessica Kilmer

MALVERN-POCAHONTAS LODGE NO. 201

Ian B. Tuten - initiated September 28th

CLOVER LODGE NO. 348, AMBRIDGE

Frank D. Hughes, Jr.
- initiated September 28th

NUCLEUS LODGE NO. 377, FINLEYVILLE

Alexis S. Wadsworth
- initiated September 28th

MT. HOR LODGE NO. 736, CASSVILLE

Aaron Cole, Jr.
- initiated September 28th

KINGWOOD LODGE NO. 1010

David E. Tannehill
- initiated September 28th

CHARLEROI LODGE NO. 1030

Sean M. Howells
- initiated September 5th

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 15, MIFFLINBURG

Wendy M. Hagy
- initiated August 12th
Jean D. Walls

LADY COLFAX REBEKAH LODGE NO. 182, LEESPORT

Brigitte M. Yeager
- initiated October 7th

LADY WORTH REBEKAH LODGE NO. 328, SANDY LAKE

Raymond Rodgers
- initiated September 14th
Susan Rodgers
Faye Pleso
Don Pleso
Scott Krizinsky

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Thomas R. Hahn, Jr., #488
Dennis C. Miller, #488

35 YEARS

Dennis Blanco, #2
Gary E. Rebuck, Sr., #125
Samuel T. Lutz, #192

40 YEARS

Kenneth M. Strausser, #306

45 YEARS

Randy J. Browning, #523
Raymond H. Oaks, Jr., #523

65 YEARS

Robert R. Heaton, #278
Dwight A. Huster, #523

70 YEARS

Rocco Santilli, #141
Thomas R. Hahn, Sr., #488
Emmett L. Wentzell, #488

165 YEARS

Thistle Lodge No. 512

GRAND PATRIARCH VISITS



Grand Patriarch Huchel & Staff visit Ambridge Encampment #259 on September 11, 2019

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Time is constantly churning forward. Here we are at the beginning of November and preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving. The Fall Rally held on September 28th at Alma Lodge #523 in Johnstown was a great success. Our order took in 8 new members and conferred the Grand Lodge degree on 3 Past Grands. The sharing of Friendship, Love and Truth were in abundant display all day long.

The committee to develop a plan to promote our order and grow our membership has been quite active. We have received proposals from several firms, and they are in the process of reviewing their plans. This is a very important undertaking. And we want to make sure that we get it right!

As a follow up to my letter sent to all lodges, I have been wondering how you, as lodge members are doing in reaching out to your communities? Have you been able to start the process of developing a relationship with a local charity? Let me know, as I feel that this is crucial in getting our order recognized in your towns and throughout our state.

I wish to thank all the brothers and sisters that I have had the privilege of meeting in my travels. All have been both accepting and supportive of me and of my charity.

In F. L. & T

David C. Whittlinger
Grand Master

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

GENERAL INFORMATION

Since 1949 the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have offered this grand opportunity to youth from the United States, Canada and many other countries. For young adults interested in world affairs, international relations, economics and/or political sciences, this is an opportunity of a lifetime to observe the United Nations in person while exchanging views on education, politics and religion. The experience of this trip will truly impact the lives of the young people that attend and positively shape their futures.

In the years since its inception, over 49,000 young people have participated in the tour. Every state in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and every province in Canada, has been represented. Students from Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Cuba, South Australia, and Argentina have also participated.

During their time spent in New York City, students tour the United Nations building and listen to behind-the-scenes briefings conducted by representatives from various United Nations agencies and departments. During these briefings, students will enjoy a lively question and answer period that will sharpen their understanding of the United Nations affairs. Each student, or delegate as they are called while on the tour, will participate in comprehensive discussions with other young people from around the world as well as have the opportunity to make new and lifelong friendships. In addition, they will also experience one of the greatest cities in the world: New York City.

While the majority of the delegates' time will be spent touring New York City, they will also travel by bus to visit Philadelphia, Washington DC, and Gettysburg in the United States. In Canada, delegates will visit the capital city of Ottawa. In these important cities, delegates will visit various historical sites, museums, government buildings and memorials.

While in New York City delegates participate in a speech contest. They generally attend a Broadway play, visit the Empire State Building, visit the 911 Memorial, visit the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island and do a little shopping on 5th Avenue.

One important item that ALL participants of this tour must remember is that there is A LOT of rigorous walking, standing and overall exercise that they will be exposed to while on tour. Whether one is a Delegate on this tour or a Staff Member, each person attending must be physically and mentally prepared for this to enjoy the journey.

Which students are eligible?

This program is open to all high school students 16 or 17 years of age with a minimum of one year of high school remaining. Students can obtain a "Candidate Application" from a participating Odd Fellow Lodge, Rebekah Lodge or they may download it from the website www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. After completing the application, potential delegates MUST submit it to their local sponsoring group and must comply with this group's requirements.

A valid PASSPORT (NOT a Passport Card) is required for everyone participating in the program. It will be used at all border crossings and at airports.

- United States citizens can go to the following website for passport information:
 - o <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/forms.html>
- Canadian citizens can find their passport application at the following website:
 - o <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/passport/forms/pdf/pptc153.pdf>
- Citizens of other countries will need to check with their own government for passport information. In some cases, visas may be required by government agencies.

How much does it cost?

Currently, the fee per delegate is \$2000 in US funds plus airfare. This amount may vary from year to year based upon the budget / economy. The delegate fee covers ground transportation, meals, lodging and sightseeing. While many jurisdictions completely fund the delegate's tour fee, this varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Potential delegates will need to check with Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges in their jurisdiction to ascertain the level of sponsorship available. Delegates may also

wish to bring spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and some entertainment. Parents (or Legal Guardians) must give written permission for the student to attend the program and agree to pay for the student's return trip if an accident, illness or misbehavior prevents further participation in the tour.

Adult supervision

Responsible adult leaders accompany every delegation traveling on this pilgrimage. The bus tour leaders as well as the New York Staff members are members of the Order who are recommended by their respective jurisdictions and approved by the Board of Directors. When a jurisdiction is asked to supply an adult tour leader they also fund these leaders. The jurisdictions do their utmost to only recommend individuals whom they feel will have the health, stamina and demeanor to effectively supervise the youth who are under their care. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who are interested in applying to be Tour Leaders / New York Staff can obtain an application for these positions at the website www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. All applications must be approved by the Jurisdictional Committee.

Who sponsors the students?

The Odd Fellow motto "We seek to Improve and Elevate the Character of Man" directly correlates with the aim of this most worthy project. After more than a half century, the members of Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges continue to proudly inspire young people to pursue global agendas that will enable them to help their communities relate to world affairs in the future. All delegates must officially be sponsored by an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge.

How does one apply?

One can obtain an application through a local Odd Fellow or Rebekah lodge. If unable to locate a lodge in one's community, an individual should contact the Executive Director at pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. The Executive Director will provide appropriate contact information. One can also go online to www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com to obtain an application. After completing the application, one should submit it to their Jurisdictional Committee.

Selection of Delegate.

The Committee in each jurisdiction will review submitted applications and proceed with the selection process of that jurisdiction. The selection committee reviews the application for evidence of leadership, character, concern for community welfare, interest in world affairs and general fitness. Also considered are a student's extra-curricular activities, scholarship, public speaking experience and their general fitness level. Each applicant may be required to write a 500 word essay (see application). At the discretion of the jurisdiction, the candidate may also be required to participate in a local speech contest. This is especially important when the candidate pool is quite large.

The panel of judges for the speech contest may be made up of not only lodge members but also individuals experienced in working with youth on a daily basis, i.e. clergy, educators, coaches and other community mentors. The judges will select the delegate(s) based on content and delivery of the candidate's 3 to 5 minute speech. Possible speech topics could include: "Describe the United Nations involvement in a current world affair." For these topics, the student will have to do some research. The speech must be accurate, structured and relevant to the assigned topic. The delivery must effectively use body language, voice, eye contact and rhetoric.

Completion of Registration Forms.

Once delegates are selected by the jurisdictions, they will be required to complete registration packets. Included in the packets are a current physical, proof of medical insurance including out of country insurance, color copies of the passport page, and color copies of a current photograph. Delegates will be required to submit these items as well as any fees required on or before the dates specified. Deadlines MUST be met.

Although individuals may contact the Executive Director at pilgrimage@ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com for general information, students MUST submit all applications and registration packets to the designated local Jurisdictional Chairperson.

Deadlines for all Jurisdictional Chairmen:

1. December 1st - submission of number of delegates for the jurisdiction as well as one half (1/2) of the total registration fee for each delegate (This fee is nonrefundable). At this time, the Jurisdictional Chair-

man will also indicate his or her preference for tour date. Mail this to:

IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

2. April 1st - submission of two (2) copies of the COMPLETED application packets for each delegate which includes ALL required attachments. Also due at this time is the remainder of the registration fee for each delegate. Note: Airfare is the responsibility of the jurisdiction. Fees are mailed to the above address.

Jurisdictional Chairmen mail registration packets to:

Executive Director
IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Please note: It is imperative that ALL deadlines are met. There is a monetary penalty of \$50.00 levied for any paperwork and/or fees not submitted to the Headquarters by the given deadline. Because of this, it is necessary each jurisdiction sets forth earlier deadline dates for fees and forms that are due to the Jurisdictional Chairman. (For example, one could use the dates of October 1st and March 15th as deadlines for submissions to the Jurisdictional Chairman.)
Deadline Dates for Tour Leader / New York City Staff:

November 1st - Applications for Tour Leaders and New York Staff is due at this time. These adult applications must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval by the Board of Directors.

April 1st - Tour Leader fees are due in full. Current price is \$1600 plus airfare.

Fees should be mailed to:
IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth
422 N. Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830

Also due at this time to the Executive Director is: a copy of the adult's physician's statement, a color copy of the passport page, proof of out of country insurance as well as a copy of the front and back of their insurance card.

Preparing for the tour:

Please note, each delegate will be limited to one (1) piece of luggage, in addition to one (1) carry on. One must have appropriate clothes and shoes for various occasions. One will be walking a lot; good footwear is very important. Business dress clothing will be re-

quired when attending the United Nations and when attending the Broadway play.

Don't forget:

- Camera
- Spending money (even though food and lodging are provided in the cost of the trip, there are always incidental expenses and the "absolutely essential" souvenirs.
- Any required Medication
- Pack light - dirty clothes take up more space than clean ones and one will be bringing back more than you take.

After the tour ends:

Delegates should be prepared to report back to the sponsoring lodge about how their trip went and what they learned from it. Also, one should consider sharing his / her experiences with individuals who would be eligible to participate in the next year or two. Let school officials know about the trip and the things that one may have learned. This will assist sponsors when they are working to get information out to future applicants.

When applying for advanced educational institutions and jobs (now and in the future) having been selected as a delegate on the Pilgrimage for Youth tour looks great on a resume'.

Alumni:

We are putting together an alumni database of delegates and tour leaders. Delegates will be added to it and should attempt to keep in touch. The IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth does not publish the names of individuals. However, we can facilitate reunions with friends. In order for this to occur, one must keep us updated with one's current name, address, email, etc.

Networking:

Keep in contact with new friends, tour leaders, sponsors and this program. One never know when, how or where their paths may cross in the future or when one may need or be able to provide a helping hand. Continue the Legacy:

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth was started in 1949 by a few individuals. Over the ensuing years, it has been dependent not just on funds but the hard work of many dedicated people. Everyone is needed to continue providing this opportunity for others.

All Forms can be obtained by contacting the Grand Lodge office, or on the Grand Lodge website at www.glpaioof.org!

PUMPKIN FEST 2019

Once again, another incredible Pumpkin Fest! This year's Pumpkin Fest was bigger and better than ever! We had upwards of 15,000 people in attendance! There were new attractions this year like: The MEGA Waterslide, Pony Rides, a Petting Zoo, a Magic Show, and a raffle for a new car! Live bands were playing throughout the day and the delicious food was provided by our hard-working kitchen staff. Our residents pitched in by making many of the homemade foods we sold and they particularly played an important part in making our famous Chicken Corn Soup. We sold 180 gallons of it! It's thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers which make Pumpkin Fest possible. This year we had over 100 volunteers! We are also very grateful to our sponsors and community supporters who contributed to Pumpkin Fest as well. All the proceeds from Pumpkin Fest go into our Benevolent Fund. Thank you to all the individuals who worked so hard to make Pumpkin Fest a resounding success, and thank you to all the individuals who came out to enjoy it!



CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 CONTINUES SUMMER TRADITION

I.O.O.F. Charleroi #1030 continued their summer tradition of fellowship by attending several Washington Wild Things this past summer. The Wild Things are a professional baseball team based in the Pittsburgh suburb of Washington and are a member of the East Division of the Frontier League, an independent baseball league. The Wild Things play their home games in the beautiful Wild Things Park, located in Washington, PA. Approximately 10 of the lodge's members, accompanied by some of their wives, have been attending these games each summer over the past 12 years. They usually meet at a local restaurant for a pre-game meal and enjoy just "chatting" with one another. The group is occasionally recognized by way of the PA system and the scoreboard video display, thus promoting "Odd Fellowship" and having fun at the same time.



From front left: Dennis Caldwell (VG), Dr. William Kilpatrick (PG)
 From back left: Leonard Santini (PG), Bob Grant (Secty), Wild Thing (mascot), & George Hogan (Treas.)

(Note: Leonard says he will try once again next year to become the "Wild Thing!")

GRAND PATRIARCH VISITS



Grand Patriarch Huchel & Staff visit Norristown Encampment #37 on September 16, 2019

FREEDOM LODGE 88 CONFERS INITIATORY DEGREE

Six candidates passed through the Initiatory Ceremony on September 18th in Honesdale.

The Lodge was overflowing with members as we conferred the Degree.

We would like to welcome and introduce into the Brotherhood; Jessica Kilmer, T.J. Jackson, Doug Buchinski, Dennis Buchinski Sr. Dennis Buchinski Jr. into Freedom Lodge and Lynn Stark joining Tunkhannock Lodge. Welcome to the Brotherhood!

Freedom Lodge meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in Honesdale.



Jessica Kilmer, T.J. Jackson, Doug Buchinski, Dennis Buchinski Sr. Dennis Buchinski Jr. Lynn Stark



Freedom Lodge Brothers and Sister with the newest Odd Fellows!



Tunkhannock Lodge members with their new Brother.

REBEKAH VISIT



Official Visit September 11, 2019 at Atlantic with Lady Worth, Phoebe and Golden Rule.

PAST GRAND PATRIARCH TYLER M. ARNOLD'S TESTIMONIAL A SUCCESS

What a night! On September 7th, over 60 Brothers, Sisters, family & friends attended an evening to honor Past Grand Patriarch Tyler M. Arnold, at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant in Shartlesville, PA. We had a great family style all you can eat meal consisting of fried haddock, Swedish meatballs and Hawaiian chicken. Everyone in attendance received a lemon stress ball and a souvenir testimonial booklet (with one having a special lemon scent!).

Afterwards, PGP Tyler had the honor of presenting a check in the amount of \$5,500 to Christie Fischer of Alex's Lemonade Stand for his total received for donations throughout the year. Truly a wonderful accomplishment! He was presented then with the Dreamcatcher award from SGM (now PSGM) Douglas E. Pittman for his accomplishments in raising money for this charity.

The night went a little downhill from there, after his appointed officers donned their attire and Past Grand Marshal Justin Bailey put on his tie-ler and the roast of T. Michael began. Special thanks to Past Grand Outside Sentinel Shawn E. Miller and Grand Master David O. Whitlinger for stepping up and assisting in the roast! Master of Ceremonies was Tyler's Marshal, Justin (hey, what do expect with no budget for entertainment!) and it was a great evening of laughs! Again, congratulations to Tyler on a great year and thank you to all who attended!



Tyler presenting Christie Fischer with the check to Alex's Lemonade stand totaling \$5,500.00



Tyler's appointed officers, Carl, Shawn and Justin with their "at-ti-ler" (get it! Attire!). Several orders have been requested for these. Maybe they'll become a new item!



NOVEMBER OBITUARIES

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



MARTIN L. LEPLEY

Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128
July 5, 2019

Brother Martin L. Lepley, 97, of Meadville, PA, was initiated into Cussewago Lodge #108, Meadville, PA, on January 10, 1962, where he became a Past Grand on April 16, 1984 and received the Grand Lodge Degree April 11, 1989. He served many years

as Vice Grand, and held the position of Secretary during the time of Cussewago Lodge's consolidation. He became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, through consolidation on March 11, 2012. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Josephine Hoffheins. Surviving are two sons, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.



HARRY L. STOLL

Past GL Musician/PDDGM
Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128
July 6, 2019

Brother Harry L. Stoll, 88, of Meadville, PA, was initiated into Golden Star Lodge #839, Iliion, NY, on August 1, 1948. He transferred membership to Cussewago Lodge #108, Meadville, on February 7, 1994, where

he became a Past Grand October 11, 1995 and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 23, 1997. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1997 - 2008 and served as Grand Lodge Musician during 1997 - 1998 under direction of PGM McCorkle. He formerly held associate memberships at Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville and Conneaut Lake Lodge #980. He became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, PA, through consolidation on March 11, 2012, serving as Noble Grand during the time of the consolidation. He was a former President and Secretary of the Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania, Meadville, and at the time of his death, was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

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

Surviving is his wife, the former Margaret Hagans and one son.

Burial was held in Greendale Cemetery, Meadville, PA.

DORIS C. SNYDER

Regina Rebekah Lodge No. 230
July 19, 2019

Sister Doris C. "Dot" (Ressler) Snyder, 99, of Coal Township, PA, was initiated into Regina Rebekah Lodge #230, Shamokin, on November 7, 1966, where she became a Past Noble Grand. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was a member of The Zion United Methodist Church, Coal Township.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin, two sons and one grandson. Surviving are three sons, four daughters, two being

Dottie Fenstermacher and Nancy King, also of Regina Rebekah Lodge #230, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Northumberland Memorial Park Cemetery, Stonington.

MARGARET BILLINGSLEY

Past District Deputy President
Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
July 19, 2019

Sister Margaret "Peg" (Dunbar) Billingsley, 100, of Troy, PA, was initiated into Golden Star Rebekah Lodge #462, East Troy, PA, on June 22, 1943, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 13, 1948, and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She went on to serve as District Deputy President from 1978 to 1980. She became a member of Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 through consolidation on September 20, 2004, while holding the position of Noble Grand of #462. At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of her Lodge, by age and tenure.

She was a member of Olde Covert Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emerson.

Burial was held in Bradford County Memorial Park.

MARLYN L. PFISTER

Unified Lodge No. 2
September 6, 2019



Sister Marlyn L. Pfister, 83, of Pittsburgh, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, on September 29, 2005, where she became a Past Grand on October 10, 2013 and received her Grand Lodge Degree October 3, 2015. She was an active member of her Lodge and at the time of her death she was Unified Lodge's current Right Supporter to the Noble Grand.

She was a member of Little Hill United Methodist Church, Sewickley.

She was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is her husband, William, also of Unified Lodge #2, three sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge.

JOAN I. SMITH

Brady Lodge No. 116
September 6, 2019



Sister Joan I. (Martin) Hawaka Smith, 78, of Muncy, PA, was initiated into Brady Lodge #116, Muncy, on December 16, 2017.

She was a member of Clarkstown United Methodist Church, Muncy.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Hawaka. Surviving is her second husband, Allen, also of Brady Lodge #116 and two sons.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge and burial will be held private at the convenience of the family.

NOVEMBER OBITUARIES



MAX L. REAPSOME
Mackinaw Lodge No. 380
September 17, 2019

Brother Max L. Reapsome, 88, of Loysville, PA, was initiated into Blain Lodge #706 on March 27, 1951. He became a member of Mackinaw Lodge #380, New Bloomfield, PA, through consolidation on March 24, 2008.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Loysville.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Flo Weibley and two grandchildren. Surviving is his second wife, the former Phyllis Flickinger, four sons, three step children, 17 grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 19 step-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Loysville, PA.



HAROLD F. RENSHAW
Triune Lodge No. 307
September 30, 2019

Brother Harold F. Renshaw, 79, of Hummelstown, PA, was initiated into Harrisburg Lodge #68 where he became a Past Grand in 1980 and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 22, 1981. He then became a member of Triune Lodge #307, Middletown,

through consolidation on May 14, 1996. He was a former Patriarch to Dauphin Encampment #10, Harrisburg, having joined October 16, 1976 and becoming a Past Chief Patriarch in 1979.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Claire Dreibelbis, APP. Surviving is one son and three grandchildren.

Burial was held in Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

2020 UNIFIED SESSION – PLANNING COMMITTEE AND MEETINGS

Brothers and Sisters of all Units of the Order in PA:

Planning is underway for the 49th Unified Session of all Branches of the Order to be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg from June 20 – 24, 2020.

Information will be sent to all units of the Order early in 2020.

Our next planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Red Lion Hotel beginning at 1:00PM.

If you are interested in helping in any way or are interested in learning what is involved in planning this event, we invite you to join us at the January meeting.

If you or your lodge would like to donate an item to our "Registration" bag that we give to all registered attendees, please contact Dale Binkley for details. We have approximately 125 bags to prepare for registered attendees.

While many of our committee members have done this work for many years, we would welcome some new faces and new ideas for our event. I personally would be glad to see some new attendees. We always welcome extra hands to help with the details of the events during our Unified Session.

On behalf of the Committee,
Dale E. Binkley, PGM, PGR
2020 Unified Session Chairman
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THE TREASURER'S TALES

NOVEMBER 2019

November is the month for Thanksgiving and November 1924 was no exception. On November 4, 1924, Calvin Coolidge was elected to a full term as President of the United States. On the same day, Stanley Baldwin defeated Ramsey MacDonald to regain the office of Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Dion O'Banion, leader of the North Side Gang is assassinated in his flower shop by members of Johnny Torrio's gang, sparking the bloody gang wars of the 1920s in Chicago. On November 27th the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held. Joe Flynn, of McHale's Navy fame, was born on November 8. On November 29, Giacomo Puccini, author of Madame Butterfly died, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MfiVfoa3wo>.

The top grossing movie was The Sea Hawk, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sea_Hawk_\(1924_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sea_Hawk_(1924_film)), a popular record was the Wreck of the Old '97, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dr3afP13L3k> and people were reading A Passage to India by E. M. Forster. A Passage to India was listed as one of the 100 greatest works of fiction of the 20th century by the New American Library.

Thanksgiving was late, November 27, 1924. Barney's 10th grade English classes were getting anxious to celebrate the holiday, or just get away from school for a while. This made keeping the attention of the students challenging. Barney was determined to meet the challenge. He had each of the students write a short story about a fictional turkey. Those who were creative, were excited; most students thought this was boring and ridiculous. He couldn't tell them it was to keep them busy and give him a chance to measure their writing abilities. So, Thursday, November 21st, the class started the project with the final product due on Monday, November 25.

Vic's son Woody wrote the best story. He was Barney's brother-in-law and Elizabeth's younger brother. He wrote about a turkey who could drive a car. The turkey learned to drive by watching the race track while roosting in a tree. They were racing Model T's. One day during practice heats, while the pit crew was gassing the vehicle and the driver was stretching, the turkey flew down, left off the brake and took off. He was able to use his wings to steer and he manipulated the accelerator with his foot. For those of you who are too young to remember the Model T, it went into high gear when the brake was taken off. The accelerator was a lever on the left of the steering column and the only reason you used a pedal was to change gears or brake. The turkey never learned how to brake. He drove the car till it ran out of gas, several towns away. He was chased by a number of members of the pit crew, in another car. When it ran out of gas, the turkey jumped on the rear deck of the car, made an obscene gesture with his wing and flew away. The story was pure fantasy, but it beat the other stories about the turkey shooting the hunter and the turkey coming back as a ghost to haunt those who ate him for Thanksgiving.

Barney had kept the students busy with his writing project, so he could enjoy Thanksgiving. When he arrived home Wednesday evening, he saw a turkey, sitting on the steering wheel of his Model T pickup. He chased the bird away, without the bird trying to start the vehicle, like the bird in the story. He was not really fortunate as the bird had left more than a loose feather on the seat of the pickup. It took Barney a half hour to clean the seat.

There was a dead turkey in the ice box and Barney helped Elizabeth with heavy lifting, since she their new baby was born in October. This was Rebekah Wells first Thanksgiving and she was still drinking her meals. It is to be noted that some allege that teaching high school will cause adults to drink their meals, recall your high school years and draw your own conclusions.

After Barney got up on Thanksgiving morning, he walked over to his parents' home and carried his parents' contribution to the Thanksgiving feast over to his house, since this year his parents were joining Barney and Elizabeth for Thanksgiving dinner. Elizabeth's parents still had younger children and were holding a separate Thanksgiving dinner at their own home. Fortunately for Barney, his children weren't old enough to be fascinated with the turkey, before it was butchered. Some children resisted butchering the turkey for Thanksgiving, thinking it might be a pet. Barney and his father carried over pumpkin and mince meat pies, cranberry sauce and a Jello salad. It should be noted that Jello was invented in 1881 and reached the height of its popularity in the 1930's.

After dinner, Barney was counting his blessings and went out to give Warden and Conductor their Thanksgiving dinner. In the dim light remaining, he saw a shadow coming toward him. At first he remembered the story about the ghosts of the turkeys haunting the people who ate them, then he made out a familiar figure. It was Melchizedek. He went back in the house and threw the turkey bones out to the raccoon, and wished him a Happy Thanksgiving.

Barney and his whole family wish for each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you spend your time with family and friends around you and the raccoon outside. Go to this URL to hear a popular Thanksgiving song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpTmrrmIjpM> (pardon the commercial at the beginning.)

Next month will be December and we will celebrate one baby's first Christmas and a second Christmas for the other baby. Two under two makes for a busy mother.

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.

ODD FELLOWSHIP IS PROGRESSIVE

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Happy November! Please each and every one of you, take some time to read this great article from the California Odd Fellow and Rebekah Publication. This is a great article and makes at least me think more about the degree work we do. How often do we “ramrod candidates through the degrees” just to get them installed into an office? We tell them, you’ll forget most of it, just remember the sign and password of the initiatory degree and the only time you use this stuff is at a rally. I know I am guilty of that too. Is that true though? The teachings should be used throughout your daily life, not just once or twice a year. If we took the time to cultivate our candidates, will they be a more effective Odd Fellow? Consider this Brothers and Sisters; really take into consideration how starting something like this will make better Odd Fellows. The old saying goes part of the achievement through life is the journey. Shouldn’t this be true with Odd Fellowship? The degrees are the journey. So what happens in a member’s five years in the Order if they got all four degrees, got rushed through the chairs, and are now a Past Grand? What kind of journey was that? It isn’t surprising then when after those five or so years they start to drop off the “fraternal radar” and lead to suspension shortly thereafter. Are we doing what we should be doing?

Fraternally, Justin C. Bailey, PGM Grand Secretary

Odd Fellowship is Progressive

Odd Fellowship is Progressive – this is one of the most often quoted and least understood lines in the Initiatory Degree of our Order. In order to interpret it, we most know what the word meant at the time it was written, and here we are helped by the next lines in the speech which describe advancing step by step through all the gradations of Odd Fellowship. “Progressive” refers to the gradual process by which one learns more about Odd Fellowship and unites ever more closely to the Order. Originally, this process of drawing nearer occurred via the degrees, though it has fallen by the wayside in the last century due to the advent of degree days, video degrees, and the constant pressure many lodges are under to replenish their supply of officers.

In earlier times, it would take at least a month, and in many instances a year or more to progress through each of the degrees of Odd Fellowship in turn. The slower pace allowed the candidates to really reflect on the meaning of each degree and to work within their own lives to incorporate the lessons of the degrees while becoming more involved with the organization. The lodges had requirements for receiving the more advanced degrees, which at the very least always included demonstrating a proficiency in the signs and passwords of the degrees.

Over the past few years, my own home lodge, Mountain View Lodge #244, has been experimenting with a modern take on this venerable tradition. We have established a set of requirements to earn each of the three degrees which are intended to help the candidates deepen their involvement with the Lodge and the District as well as to further their internalizing of the lessons of the degrees:

Friendship, Love and Truth respectively. The requirements we are currently utilizing are as follows:

Requirements for 1st Degree:

1. Have attended at least 4 meetings.
2. Have attended at least one Mountain View Lodge social event.
3. Have attended at least one social event at another District Lodge.
4. Have demonstrated the secret work of the Initiatory Degree in open Lodge.
5. Have exemplified the meaning of Friendship in their actions.

Requirements for 2nd Degree:

1. Have attended at least 4 meetings since receiving the 1st degree.
2. Have attended at least one Mountain View Lodge service event.
3. Have participated in at least one Mountain View Lodge committee.
4. Have participated in at least one District Program (e.g. District Degree Team or Triple Links)
5. Have demonstrated the secret work of the 1st Degree in open Lodge.
6. Have exemplified the meaning of Brotherly Love in their actions.

Requirements for 3rd Degree:

1. Have attended at least 4 meetings since receiving the 2nd Degree
2. Have lead the planning of at least one Mountain View Lodge event
3. Have mentored at least one new member of Mountain View Lodge
4. Have written an article or given a talk about Odd Fellowship
5. Have demonstrated the secret work of the 2nd Degree in open lodge.
6. Have exemplified the meaning of Truth in their actions.

These requirements are specific to what we think makes sense for our lodge, but another lodge may have their own ideas that are better suited to their membership. We have noticed that this program has resulted in improved involvement for many of our newer members and certainly has resulted in more of a sense of achievement and pride in conjunction with receiving the degrees. The challenge in growing and maintaining our Order today is primarily one of retaining new members rather than getting them in the door and in our experience this is an effective strategy for that goal. If you are interested in learning more about our experiences with the program or want advice on how to set up a similar program for our lodge, please don’t hesitate to contact me at gw@caioof.org

*Fraternally,
Michael Greenzeiger,
Grand Warden*



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Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2019 Graduate Scholarship Awards

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is again offering two - \$3,000 Scholarship Awards. A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the *2019 Graduate Scholarship Award* can be obtained by (1) contacting Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way, Charleroi, PA 15022, (2) emailing your request to: robag@comcast.net, or (3) downloading from the website: glpaiof.org (ABOUT/ BENEFITS/ OFRA/ OF WPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD).

Regarding the *2019 Graduate Scholarship Award*, the applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and enrolled in the graduate program of an accredited college/university. Also, the applicant must be: a) a college graduate continuing his/her education toward an advanced degree (i.e. Master's Degree) or b) enrolled in a degree program requiring more than four (4) years to complete. They only three (3) areas of concentration being consideration for this award are Music Education, Teacher Education, or a Health Related Field. The deadline for submitting applications for the 2019 Graduate Scholarship Award will be November 30, 2019.

Note: Previous applicants/recipients of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania Scholarship Award (undergraduate) may apply for this scholarship award. Also, previous applicants of this Award may re-apply and previous recipients of this Award may submit an application; however, preference will be given to those applicants who have not previously received this Award.

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