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From last year and this years' raffle, a check of over \$7,000 was presented to Camp JRA from Vienna Lodge #847 and Bushkill Encampment #55 of Allentown and Victory Lodge #658 and Canton Allentown #39 of Sellersville under the leadership of Rory King. A great turnout of members and family were present to represent the Order.



Places to Go... People to See

SEPTEMBER

7 / PG Arnold Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA+

28 / Fall Rally, Alma #523+

28 / District Deputy Grand Master Assoc mtg,
Johnstown, 12:30PM

OCTOBER

5 / PPRA Hager Testimonial, Red Lion Harrisburg
(Back Cover)

6 / Unified Session Committee, Red Lion Harrisburg,
11:00AM

26 / District 9 & 10 Annual Banquet, Jessup
12:00PM

NOVEMBER

2/ PM/LAPM Rally, Philadelphia+

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* denotes furnished by Planning Board

+ denotes details to follow

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

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

- TRIUNE LODGE NO. 307, MIDDLETOWN : KINGWOOD LODGE NO. 1010
Chris Bailey - initiated July 16th : Garrett Fike - reinstated August 1st.
: Welcome back!
: :
VIENNA LODGE NO. 847, ALLENTOWN :
Jane Altemose - initiated August 6th :
: :
: :

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

What an exciting first month of my term! I visited six (6) lodges and attended three (3) lodge picnics. The Deputy Grand Master and I were at Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254 to greet the youth tour returning from their two (2) weeks on the road, visiting cities in Canada and the north eastern states. It was a tour conducted by the Grand Lodge of Michigan called the Educational Experience.

My committee for Membership, Growth and Development is off and running. We are now soliciting bids from professional firms to form a solid plan to expose our great order to the citizens of our state. I will be sending a letter to every lodge in our jurisdiction challenging them to develop individual goals for membership growth. I have been energized by my committee and will work to energize all of the individual lodges. I feel that the future of our order can be a very bright one.

Some other plans include schools of instruction. I have been asked by members, in my travels, to continue this educational tool. I will hold these regionally to make travel somewhat easier.

I want to tell all my Odd Fellow brothers & sisters about our Western Fall Rally. It will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Alma Lodge #523 in Johnstown, Pa. There are two (2) ways members of our Order can help; first, we need help in conferring of the First Degree, or The Degree of Friendship and the Second Degree or the Degree of Brotherly Love. If you would like to be a part of the Rally by taking a part, just contact me or the DGM. The second way for lodges to help is by bringing your candidates to the Rally. All degrees will be conferred, the initiatory, first, second, and third degrees, along with the Grand Lodge Degree.

It is my goal to serve this Order, and with your help, see that it becomes vital and progressive.

In F. L. & T.

David C. Whitlinger
Your Grand Master

COME VISIT THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

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

- 11 - Golden Rule #198, Lady Worth #328 & Phoebe #123 OV - 7:00PM @ #198
- 29 - School of Instruction

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

- 4 - Clover #348 OV - 6:30PM
- 7 - PGP Arnold Testimonial, Shartlesville - 6:00PM
- 12 - Lewisburg #96 OV - 7:00PM
- 13 - Alma #523 OV - 7:30PM
- 21 - Orchard Manor Board Meeting - 10:00AM
- 28 - Fall Rally, Johnstown - 9:00AM
- 28 - DDGM Association meeting, Johnstown - 12:30PM
- 28 - Grand Lodge Degree, Johnstown - 1:30PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

- 3 - William F. Packer #127 OV - 7:30PM
- 11 - Ambridge #259 OV - 7:30PM
- 16 - Norristown #37 - 7:30PM

DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Exodus 15: 2 The Lord is my strength and my defense.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is the time of year we will be electing new officers in our lodges. I encourage each of you to consider an office. I know you may think you can not do it or are not qualified, your pass officers will be there to help you and also your state officers are there to help you. We have been through the offices and I know I am willing to help anyone who would like to try.

As I do this year in memory and honor of Linda Dickson I think of her motto "One acorn grows 100 strong oak trees". One Rebekah or One Rebekah Lodge can grow a mighty act of kindness. And that one act of kindness can grow another act of kindness and so on.

As I listen to the news today and hear of all the shootings and violence in our world the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are "so" needed to spread kindness and love. Please be a part of this act of kindness. Find one small thing you can do to help your neighbors. Show you "Rebekah Love".

Thank you to all who helped to make the memorial service for Linda Dickson so moving.

I am just one phone call or email away if you need me.

God Blessings,
FLT

Nadine, President
Rebekah Assembly of PA.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

- William M. Winkleblech, #1030
- George F. Rumbaugh, #1128

30 YEARS

- Mercer A. Napper, #2
- Donald S. Ballantine, #270
- Thomas R. Stachura, #348
- James J. Doughty, #361
- Cary A. Phillippi, #1010

35 YEARS

- Joseph M. Strausser, PGM#306
- Walter J. McClelland, Jr., #523

40 YEARS

- Dewayne M. Hindman, #278

45 YEARS

- Henry G. Dickman, #306

50 YEARS

- Allan R. Burnworth, #1010

70 YEARS

- William E. Britland, #8

170 YEARS

- Nucleus Lodge No. 377, I.O.O.F.

ALMA LODGE AWARDS TWO \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Education is an important part of Odd Fellowship. This year, Alma Lodge #523 started a scholarship program for high school seniors in Cambria County. Two winners were selected, each receiving a \$1000 scholarship. The applications received were reviewed, with aspects including academics, extracurricular activities, and community service being taken into consideration. After reviewing all of the excellent applicants, the inaugural Jacob Campbell Scholarships were awarded to Reagan Hajar, a senior at Central Cambria High School and Alexis Nibert, a senior at Westmont Hilltop High School. The scholarship winners were presented an award at their school's awards assembly. They were also invited, along with their families, to a special reception here at Alma Hall. This reception gave the members the chance to meet the students, and gave the students and their families the opportunity to learn more about the Lodge. Congratulations to Reagan and Alexis and best of luck with your future endeavors. A special thank you to Noble Grand Lynne Faint, Scholarship Committee Chairman Ed Sheets, DDGM Shawn Miller, Mary Jo Grumling, Glenn Campbell, and Louis Kindja for their hard work reviewing the applications and selecting the winners.



Above: Scholarship Winners Reagan Hajar (L) and Alexis Nibert (R) With The Members of the Scholarship Committee
Below: Noble Grand Lynne Faint and Scholarship Committee Chairman Ed Sheets With the 2019 Jacob Campbell Scholarship Winners.



PENNSYLVANIA JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEES 2019 – 2020

DISCLAIMER* I (Justin Bailey) am NOT the one who appointed these committees, so don't call Grand Lodge complaining! If you do not want to be on the committee listed, contact your Jurisdictional Secretary/President! This is so everybody knows who is working with who!
Remember - heads of the Orders also are committee members

PA Arthritis

- GL - empty (3 years)
- Bruce N. Torrence, GCh#658 (2yrs)
- Courtney V. Franklin, PG#306 (1yr)
- RA - Mary J. Landes, PPR#558 (3yrs)
- Patricia Faustner, PNG#202 (2yrs)
- Kate Walters, PNG#558 (1yr)
- GE - Craig R. Reinhart, GS#106 (3yrs)
- Charles E. Danihel, PGP#135 (2yrs)
- James F. Blatt, PCP#106 (1yr)
- DC - Rory J. King, LT#39 (3yrs)
- Paul E. Miller, CPT#2 (2yrs)
- Nevin W. Adams, BG#2 (1yr)
- DA - (Empty)
- Mae I. Haussler, PPIALAPM#14 (2yrs)
- Mary J. Landes, APP#39 (1yr)

- RA - Carolyn G. Barger, PPR#82 (3yrs)
- Sarah M. Baer, SecRA#182 (2yrs)
- Bernice M. Thomas, VPR#233 (1yr)
- GE - (empty)
- (empty)
- (empty)
- DC - Shirley J. Whitlinger, Chev#3 (3yrs)
- Raymond R. Boulanger, Jr., MAJ#39 (2yrs)
- Joseph M. Strausser, GEN#@1 (1yr)
- DA - (Empty)
- Kathleen Ernst, #39 (1yr)
- Mary J. Landes, PPDA#39 (1yr)

Pilgrimage for Youth

- GL - David A. Young, PGM#377 (1yr)
- RA - empty
- GE - empty
- DC - Shirley J. Whitlinger, Chev#3 (1yr)
- DA - empty

Jurisdictional Joint Youth

- GL - Raymond F. Rodgers, DDGM#573 (3yr)
- Joseph J. Giebel, Jr., PGM#736 (2yr)
- Delbert Wooden, Jr., PG#471 (1yr)
- RA - Mary C. Giebel, PNG#22 (3yr)
- Mary J. Landes, PPR#558 (2yr)
- Ruth A. Good, PPR#123 (1yr)
- GE - Bruce N. Torrence, PDDGP#55 (3yrs)
- Michael J. Mitchell, PCP#135 (2yrs)
- Emilie J. Cupp, PGP#188 (1yr)
- DC - Jonathan J. Brightbill, Chev#8 (3yrs)
- William F. Hanby, CPT#1 (2yrs)
- Nicole B. Inama, CPT#39 (1yr)
- DA - Ruth A. Good, APP#47
- Yvonne M. Calhoon, #14 (empty)

PA Visual Assistance/Research

- GL - Donna L. Faub, DDGM#2 (3yrs)
- Robert G. Smedley, PDDGM#306 (2yrs)
- Theodore W. Bergfelt, PG#2 (1yr)
- RA - Beverly A. Sabatula, PNG#233 (3yrs)
- Lazetta Sidwell, PNG#103 (2 yrs)
- Lee Etta Mansberry, PPR#103 (1yr)
- GE - Craig R. Reinhart, GS#106 (3yr)
- Emilie J. Cupp, PGP#188 (2yr)
- John J. Dzyak, PCP#188 (1yr)
- DC - John S. Cupp, Jr., COL#@5 (3yrs)
- Tyler M. Arnold, Chev#39 (2yrs)
- Nicole B. Inama, CPT#39 (1yr)
- DA - Lena I. Shade, PP#14 (1yr)
- Beverly A. Bowers, APP#14 (1yr)
- empty (1yr)

Jurisdictional Planning Board
* Planning board has been dissolved!

GRAND PATRIARCH LAURA HUCHEL VISITS PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT NO. 135

On July 18, 2019 Grand Patriarch Laura Huchel made an official visit to Perseverance Encampment No. 135, home Encampment of Past Grand Patriarch's Charles Danihel and Dorothea Oertel. The meeting was held at a regularly scheduled meeting of Perseverance Encampment at Walker Lodge No. 306 in Philadelphia.

Under introductions of visiting members Grand Patriarch Laura was introduced by Grand Outside Sentinel Courtney Franklin and escorts Charles Danihel and Dorothea Oertel. After official introductions, (and a delayed provision giving Honors of the Order), Grand Outside Sentinel Franklin finally escorted Laura to sit at the right of Chief Patriarch Tom Kutchner. During Perseverance normal business Grand Patriarch Laura made a request that she be provided time to install Grand Outside Sentinel Franklin into office in that he was not able to receive same at session. Permission was granted and Laura installed Courtney with the aid of Charlie Danihel investing Courtney with his office regalia.

Upon completion of Perseverance's normal business Chief Patriarch Tom Kutchner recognized Grand Patriarch Laura. Laura introduced herself and mentioned that she comes from a family of Encampment Odd Fellows and spoke about her goals and her targets while in office which include communicating information about Odd Fellowship in order to increase membership in the order. Laura went on to provide detailed information about her charity program in office which is "The Polaris Foundation" with its goal of eliminating Human Trafficking. Polaris Project is one of the largest anti-trafficking organizations in the United States. Polaris Projects has a comprehensive approach to combating human trafficking which includes conducting direct outreach and victim identification and providing social services and transitional housing to victims. Polaris serves victims and survivors with a 24/7 National Human Trafficking Hotline and provides nationwide coordination with referral partners as a national access point for trauma-informed support.



Displayed are pictures taken at the meeting of Laura's very inspirational message and of Chief Patriarch Tom Kutchner expressing congratulations with an honorarium check and a comment that a \$1,000 check will be sent to The Polaris Foundation. Also pictured is Dorothea Oertel who presented a gift to Laura. And a final group picture was also taken. (In FL&T Bob Smedley)

E106 OV CLAM BAKE



Grand Patriarch Laura Huchel attends Earl R Leiby encampment clam bake, her OV to the encampment afterwards.

David shares his clams with friend Grand Junior Warden Shawn Miller, who is trying clams for the first time.



The Grand Patriarch was grateful to attend the annual Earl R. Leiby Encampment Clam Bake as her official visit on July 11. It was great to have so many Past Grand Patriarchs in attendance and, as always, Grand Treasurer Sellers prepared some excellent food.

GRAND PATRIARCH VISITS CHOSEN FRIENDS ENCAMPMENT #88



Grand Patriarch Laura Huchel, along with GHP Tyler Arnold, PGP Charles Danihel and PCP Sandra Huchel visited the Patriarchs of Chosen Friends Encampment #88 of Malvern. Following the meeting, Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201 met and conferred the first degree on Brother Ramos. A great time was had by all.

GRAND MASTER VISITS WALTERSBURG

Great night for traveling to Waltersburg, with the Grand Master, David O. Whitlinger, as he and his staff visited Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254. Along with the GM and the DGM were John S. Cupp, Grand Treasurer; J. Carl George, Grand Warden; Robert B. Ruff, Grand Conductor; Shawn E. Miller, Grand Musician; and John J. Dzyak, D.D.G.M. of District 23. Being able to spend the evening with good friend, Emilie J. Cupp, PGM was an added bonus for the DGM. After the meeting, the lodge hosted a luncheon for the Grand Lodge Officers. It was a time of good Odd Fellow fellowship!! Than you Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity for all your friendship and fraternal love.



Picture taken by the DGM.

ORCHARD MANOR PICNIC A SUCCESS

Saturday, July 13th was a perfect day for a family gathering and picnic at Orchard Manor, Grove City. Family and friends joined the residents outdoors for the 28th Annual Picnic. What a fun day, with great food, entertainment and fellowship. Great job again Orchard Manor!!!

The Grand Master, David O. Whitlinger, thanked Orchard Manor Administrator, Diane Robinson for an outstanding job again this year, as the picnics just gets better each year. Joining the Grand Master and the DGM were members of his staff, J. Carl George, GW, Robert B. Ruff, G Cond, Donna L Faub, G. Mars., John & Emilie Cupp PGM and William Ramsey also PGM., Along with

the GM and staff were Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from local lodges of Sandy Lake Lodge, Connoquenessing Lodge, Unified Lodge, Clover Lodge, Hampton Lodge, Nucleus lodge and Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge.

Thanks again Orchard Manor for a job WELL DONE!! See you next year.



Picture taken by the DGM.



KINGWOOD LODGE #1010 PICNIC - JULY 19, 2019

A beautiful summer evening, great food and good fellowship were just the high-lights of Kingwood's picnic. The members of Kingwood Lodge #1010 and their families gather together at their picnic grove along Route 281 to provide an opportunity for perspective new members to hear about Odd Fellowship from not only lodge brothers but from the GM, David O. Whitlinger. Along with David and Shirley was the GM's staff, J. Carl George, G.W., Robert B. Ruff, G. Conductor, Shawn E. Miller, G. Musician and DDGM, John S. Cupp, G. Treasurer and Emilie J. Cupp, PGM. THANK YOU, again, Kingwood for the fantastic picnic! It is always good to share in the fellowship with other Odd Fellows.
Shirley, DGM



Picture taken by our good friend, Diane Miller. Thank you Diane!!

GRAND MASTER VISITS SANDY LAKE LODGE #573



KINGWOOD IOOF LODGE

Kingwood IOOF Lodge #1010 Vice Grand Doug Close presents a donation to Fayette Friends for Animals (Fayette county no kill animal shelter).



SEPTEMBER OBITUARIES

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



ALLEN L. FOX, SR.

Osage Lodge No. 712
May 7, 2019

Brother Allen L. Fox, Sr., 93, of Lehman, PA, was initiated into Osage Lodge #712, Lehman, on November 13, 1985, where he became a Past Grand October 14, 1987 and received his Grand Lodge Degree September 8, 1999. He held the position of Recording Secretary for many years. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and a member of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Katherine Kocher, one daughter, one granddaughter and one grandson. Surviving is one son, three daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Kocher Cemetery, Lake Township, PA.

HILDA M. MULL

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
July 1, 2019

Sister Hilda M. (Hansen) Mull, 90, of Cedar Rapids, IA, was initiated into Lady Selin Rebekah Lodge #378, Selinsgrove, PA, on January 28, 1975, where she became a Past Noble Grand October 5, 1978. She held the position of Secretary for many years. She became a member of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, through consolidation on January 9, 2008.

She was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and one daughter. Surviving is one daughter.

Burial will be held in the Silverthorne Cemetery, Broadwater, Nebraska.



LAVERNE E. PETERS

Paoli Lodge No. 290
July 7, 2019

Brother Laverne E. Peters, of New Holland, PA, was initiated into Star of Hope Lodge #199, Coatesville, on October 20, 1958. He became a member of Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, through consolidation on

November 17, 2005.

He was a member of Olivet United Methodist Church, Coatesville.

Surviving is his wife, the former Claire Evans.

Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery, Coatesville.



MARGARET E. MONTGOMERY

Past District Deputy President
Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
July 7, 2019

Sister Margaret E. (Whitney) Montgomery, 87, of Wysox, PA, was initiated into Lady Griffin Rebekah Lodge #268, Athens, PA, on November 24, 1952, where she became a Past Noble Grand on April 11, 1955 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree April 27, 1955. She left the Lodge and reinstated into Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 on June 15, 1960. She became a Past Noble Grand of Wysox on October 2, 1972. She served as District Deputy President from 1966 - 1968 and 1992 - 1995 and was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry on June 1975. She served as Secretary for over 20 years.

She was a member of the Wysox Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Rodney. Surviving are two daughters and three grandsons.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held in Wysox Cemetery. Contributions can be made to Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443, Phyllis Gilpin, Treasurer, 106 French Asylum Road, Towanda, PA 18848.



PAUL E. STEWART

Past District Deputy Grand Master
Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
July 10, 2019

Brother Paul E. Stewart, 95, of Sharon, PA, was initiated into Sharon Lodge #347 on January 5, 1944, where he became a Past Grand and received the Grand Lodge Degree. He was Noble Grand of Sharon Lodge during their 100th anniversary and served many years as Treasurer. He was also an Associate member of Adoniram Lodge #739, Sharpsville, PA. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1992 - 2004. He became a member of Sandy Lake Lodge #573 through consolidation on June 18, 2008. At the time of the consolidation, he was the Secretary of Sharon Lodge #347 and the Noble Grand of Adoniram Lodge #739. He also served on the Board of Directors for Odd Fellow & Rebekah Association of Western Pennsylvania and Fellowship Manor in Grove City, ending in 2016 with the distinguished title of Emeritus. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving full member of Sharon Lodge #347 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Betty Ligette. Surviving are two daughters, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

SEPTEMBER OBITUARIES



KENNETH R. POST

Canawacta Lodge No. 207
July 15, 2019

Brother Kenneth R. Post, 85, of Hallstead, PA, was initiated into Canawacta Lodge #207, New Milford, PA, on August 15, 1955, where he became a Pat Grand November 2, 1981 and received the Grand Lodge Degree October 3, 1983. He held the position of Treasurer for many years, up until the time of his death. At the time of his death, he was the Lodges' oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Franklin Hill Presbyterian Church, Hallstead.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ann and one granddaughter. Surviving are two sons, one being John, Noble Grand of Canawacta Lodge, one daughter, five grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Burial was held in New Milford Cemetery.



JUNIATA S. PARSON

Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge No. 303
July 18, 2019

Sister Juniata S. (Reisinger) Parson, 92, of Loysville, PA, was initiated into Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303, New Bloomfield, PA, on April 24, 1962, where she became a Past Noble Grand in 1973 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree in 1990. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in 1977 and held the position of Secretary for many years, a position she held at the time of her death. At the time of her death, she was also the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Elliottsburg, PA.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter. Surviving are two sons, four grandchildren, one being Michelle, also of Lady Landis #303, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Bloomfield Cemetery.



EDITH F. STINE

PDDP/ Past RA Appointed Officer
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736
Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22
July 20, 2019

Sister Edith F. (Fink) Stine, 93, of State College, PA, was initiated into Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, on April 20, 1955, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 7, 1964 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree October 21, 1964. She served as District Deputy President from 1966 - 67 and 1970 - 1971. She continued to be active as a Rebekah and served as Inside Guardian for the Rebekah Assembly from 1989 - 90 and Right Herald from 2006 - 2008. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in June of 1983. She was active in the Centre County Rebekah Degree & Drill Team almost from its inception, portraying Rebekah, and was a longtime member of the Pennsylvania 5 Drill Team. She became a member of Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22, Cassville, through consolidation on July 9, 2019. She was initiated an Odd Fellow into

State College Lodge #1032 on November 9, 2016, and receiving the Grand Lodge Degree April 7, 2018. She became a member of Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, through consolidation on May 10, 2019. She was also a former Lady and Past President of the defunct Ridgely Auxiliary #8, LAPM, Jersey Shore.

She was a member of the Martha Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, two sons, and one son-in-law, Donald Trulick. Surviving is her daughter, PPRA Ella Lee Trulick, one son, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Members of her Lodge and burial was held in Williams Cemetery, Huston Township, PA.



CATHERINE A. BRENNEMAN

PDDP/Past RA & LAPM Officer
Salome Rebekah Lodge No. 30
Mount Zion Lodge No. 74
York Auxiliary No. 14, L.A.P.M.
July 28, 2019

Sister Catherine A. "Sis" (Naylor) Brenneman, 83, of Dover, PA, was initiated into Salome Rebekah Lodge #30, York, PA, on September 26, 2002, where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She served as District Deputy President from 2007 - 2011 and 2014 - 2015 and went on to serve the Rebekah Assembly as Canadian Flag Bearer from 2007 - 2008 and Inside Guardian from 2008 - 2009. She was very active at Unified Session and in her Rebekah Lodge. At the time of her death, she was Salome Rebekah Lodge's Noble Grand. She was initiated into Leesport Auxiliary #2, L.A.P.M. on October 16, 2006 and transferred to institute York Auxiliary #14, L.A.P.M. on November 9, 2013. She served the Department Association, L.A.P.M. as American Flag Bearer from 2008 - 2009 and at the time of her death, she was York Auxiliaries Vice President. She was initiated an Odd Fellow into Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, on September 15, 2009, where she received her three degrees. She then transferred to Mount Zion Lodge #74, York, on February 7, 2015, still holding associate membership in Triune Lodge. She was a member of the Church of the Open Door, Shiloh.

She was preceded in death by her husband, PGM Stewart. Surviving is one son, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Mount Rose Cemetery, York.

Thank You!

A very SPECIAL Thank You to all the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows who came for the Rebekah Service for my Mom Edith F. Stine. A HUGE Thank You also to everyone who sent cards, well wishes, calls and prayers for her during the short time she was ill. God took her home too soon but we had a really nice funeral service with a bag piper playing Amazing Grace at the end. That is what she had requested. Beautiful remembrance.

Ellie Trulick and the Stine Family

THE TREASURER'S TALES

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1924 marked the return to school for Barney. He had the summer off, which also meant off-pay. He was busy farming and finishing his new house when he wasn't doing things for the Odd Fellows. The weather was still warm in September and baseball was still the national pass-time. There were no TV's, very few radios and movies were silent.

On September 10, 1924 the New York Giants defeated the Boston Braves 22-1, with Frisch going 6 for 6 until he grounded out. Also on the 10th Leopold and Loeb were found guilty of the murder of Robert Franks in Chicago in the "the crime of the century." Read about Leopold and Loeb here: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Leopold-and-Loeb>. On the 14th Walter Johnson was selected Most Valuable Player in the American League. On September 16, Cardinal Jim Bottomley batted in 12 runs in a single game. On September 29, the Washington Senators clinched the American League pennant, finishing two games ahead of the Yankees.

Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry was born on September 11. Lauren Bacall was born on the 16th, and Truman Capote was born on the 30th.

A number of interesting books were published in 1924; *The Land that Time Forgot* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, *Poirot Investigates* by Agatha Christie, *A Passage to India* by E. M. Forster, and *The Dream* by H. G. Wells. People were watching the following movies; *The Thief of Baghdad*, *Greed*, *The Marriage Circle*, *Girl Shy*, *The Sea Hawk*, *Hot Water* and *Monsieur Beaucaire*. You can watch the full silent version of *Monsieur Beaucaire*, starring Rudolf Valentino, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5yO7lgEiDM>.

Barney was trying to pull all the little ends together on his new house, Elizabeth was pregnant and so was the neighbor's dog. The neighbor (Barney's father) accused Warden of being the father and told Barney he would have to take care of half the litter of pups. Giving away puppies isn't too hard for a high school teacher, but the parents have a tendency to look at a new puppy differently from the students.

Barney, with all his summer complications, had raised a bumper crop of sweet corn. He had more than he could sell and he had plenty of field corn for the cattle, chickens and hogs. So he decided the lodge would hold a corn roast. Hot dogs and corn on the cob, the Saturday before Labor Day. The lodge was going to make money on this event, charging \$0.50 for two hot dogs and all the corn you could eat. I know what you are thinking, the little raccoons will get into the corn and create a comical event to disturb the corn roast. I won't be led into exploiting Melchizedek and his family for such crass purposes. He was given an ear of corn at the start and that was to be it. He returned with the whole family and they got to pick over the used cobs, so that ends the raccoon line of the story.

Sales were going great, until the thunder started booming and the rain poured. The sale was behind the Odd Fellows Hall, so they went inside. Sales fell a little, but the crowd went on most of the day. Every child who could beg or borrow (and perhaps steal) a half dollar, wanted a shot to see how many ears of corn he could eat. One of Barney's tenth grade English students won, with 27 ears of corn. She was not seen at the Labor Day picnic on Monday and didn't make it to school until Wednesday. She is said to hold the unofficial New Jersey corn eating record for women. We won't follow that line any further.

The pile of cobs behind the lodge hall grew quite tall, and their was Melchizedek and his whole family, eating like little pigs. When you offer people all they can eat young people get competitive, as I mentioned above. Sometimes the unprepared become ill from eating too much corn. There was a mopping detail for the dining hall. This was supposed to be an outdoor event. Some of the more refined adults (if such exists at a corn roast) would want to limit the corn intake and have some sort of dessert. Anticipating this, each of the members had his wife bake a cake, which was sold for fifteen cents a piece. The lodge did well. You must remember we are in 1924. The fifty cent ticket would be \$7.58 today and the fifteen cent piece of cake would be \$2.24. All the food was donated, including the hot dogs and buns, pure profit. Sales proceeds were \$91.30, the equivalent of \$1,367.59. This, and one more fund raiser, would support the Halloween party we may discuss next month.

While at the second lodge meeting in September, many of the brothers discussed the corn roast. A resolution was passed to thank brother Barney for donating the corn and supervising the entire affair from picking corn to cleaning up the cobs (that were given to the hogs). The brothers then wanted to make Barney chairman for the Halloween Party. Barney tried to decline, but he was not able to. As you may recall from your youth in FFA, many farmers plant pumpkins with their corn.

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.

FREEDOM LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC

Freethy's Pond was the setting for our Lodge's festivities.

It was a beautiful sunny day to cook burgers, play games, visit with families, go fishing and then that evening watch a movie under the stars.

Join The Brotherhood!



FUN TIMES AT THE SPRING DINNER/DANCE

On May 4th, members of Alma Lodge #523 and their guests made the trip to Anthony's Restaurant for the annual Spring Dinner/Dance. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal and dancing. It was a great night with plenty of fellowship!



Members of the Lodge Enjoying The Spring Dinner/Dance

FREEDOM LODGE 88 WRAPS UP 2019 MILITARY NEEDS DRIVE

Our Military Needs Drive was extremely successful this year! We collected over a pickup truck load of items for our servicemen stationed overseas.

The community stepped up to help us surpass our goal! Join the Brotherhood!

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



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: gpaiof.org (ABOUT/ BENEFITS/ OFRA 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. The 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.

WHY I MAY CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed you will find a reply for the essay submitted by Hannah McCurdy, an applicant for the 2019 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Assoc. of W. PA Scholarship Award. As part of the application, the essay requires at least 500 words on the topic of "Why I May Consider Membership in the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs of PA." After reading the essay, I was very impressed by the insight, representation, and characterization of exactly "who we are as an organization!" I do feel that our membership will have a good feeling after reading the essay and it shows that, for all the negative stories will read these days about the youth in our country, there are plenty of good ones out there and Hannah very much exemplifies one of them! Hopefully she will follow up on what she wrote in her essay and become a member of our organization someday soon!

In F.L.&T., Bob Grant, OF&RA of W PA Scholarship Chairman

The question of why I might consider membership within the Odd Fellows or the Rebekah's of Pennsylvania lies within everything this organization stands for. For example, each member hold ethical and moral standards that reflect the type of people they really are. An Odd Fellow is someone who teaches. They are someone who treats others with respect and dignity. They are someone that it is their job to contribute in changing the world for the better. They decide to show love to those may say they do not want it or to fellow peers. They speak the truth and stand for righteousness. They are held to highest standards so that they may set examples for those around them and teach the importance of working together to help as many people as we can.

The encouragement that the Odd Fellows have placed upon having an active role in our community fills me with intrigue and inspires me to become the difference in people's lives. I have always believed that blessing others with love and whatever help you can spare can change their life drastically. It only takes a small act of kindness or a few drops of water to help them prosper and grow into something beautiful. It makes me wonder how much this organization has done for those around them. I cannot begin to imagine the amounts of lives you have changed just by spreading your love and your commitment to help.

This tightknit community of leaders have a family bond that can never be broken. It is so important to bring people who seem to be extremely different and show them that they all have a common goal of spreading love and making the world a better place. There is no discrimination of gender, ethnicity, nationality or religion because they are all brothers and sisters. It is amazing to see the magnitude of people who share similar beliefs and how different their situations may be.

I believe that it is important to surround yourself with those who will drive you to help change the world. The idea of having others like me who believe in the creator and want to strive to help others places a feeling in my heart that bring me great joy. The support that is shown throughout the community is so strong. It is the exact reason why I am going to college to be a Biomedical Engineer. I want to be able to help people experiencing excruciating pain or unable to do everyday tasks to feel relief and be able to return to everything they could do before.

I look at many of the projects that this organization has participated in and I am awestruck. It makes me feel good that there are people in the world that want to help those who may be struggling to grow. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs do exactly that and it shows me that this is exactly the type of organization that I want to belong to. It is all about giving. Giving friendship. Giving love. Giving truth. And giving someone the chance to grow.

As I continue my education, I plan to earn a degree in Biomedical Engineering. I want to be able to use what I learn to help others that may have diseases, health issues, and possibly missing appendages. This want to help people who are struggling stems from a similar situation that I was put through in high school. During my sophomore year, I was participating in track when I began experiencing excruciating pain that ran through my hip. It left me unable to run, complete every day tasks, and barely walk. I went through many doctors and specialists, yet no one knew what was wrong with me. I had to undergo countless days of physical therapy and ended up undergoing two surgeries to try to eliminate the source of all my pain. I spent most of my high school years on crutches and many months in a brace that restricted much of my movement. The whole situation left me feeling hopeless and alone, but I was able to pull through the difficult times with support and help from my family, friends and God. It was through this experience that I was able to find a career path that will dedicate my time to helping others that may be experiencing similar medical issues that leave them unable to go about their lives normally. I want people to be healed or helped in the same manner, or even better, than I was and I know that I can make that happen through my educational journey.

Periodicals

JULY DONATIONS

VISUAL RESEARCH		
Edith F. Stine		1,000.00
899 Askam		100.00
1128 Fallowfield		57.03
2 Unified		25.00
		<u>1,182.03</u>
PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
254 Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity		501.00
899 Askam		100.00
573 Sandy Lake In Memory of Harold McQuiston		50.00
2 Unified		25.00
R30 Salome		25.00
R328 Lady Worth		25.00
		<u>726.00</u>
PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE		
Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania		100.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
1128 Fallowfield		57.03
2 Unified		<u>50.00</u>
		107.03
ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE - CAMP JRA		
Edith F. Stine		1,000.00
Rebekah Assembly Past President's Association		<u>195.00</u>
		1,195.00
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
1128 Fallowfield		142.57
PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP		
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Association of Western PA		5,000.00
2 Unified		<u>50.00</u>
		5,050.00

TESTIMONIAL FOR
PAST PRESIDENT NADINE HAGER
OCTOBER 5, 2019

TO ALL REBEKAHS, ODD FELLOWS, ENCAMPMENTS, CANTONS AND AUXILIARIES
GREETINGS ALL

You are cordially invited to a Testimonial Dinner to celebrate and Honor Past President, Sister Nadine Hager of the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania.

The following are the details:

PLACE.....RED LION HOTEL, Harrisburg East
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

DATE.....SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
COST.....\$45.00/PERSON

DINNER CHOICES: Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast with Champagne Cream Sauce
or
Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce

RESERVATIONS WITH REMITTANCE ARE TO BE SENT TO:

Sarah M. Baer
115 North Centre Avenue
Leesport, PA 19533

NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Checks are to be made payable to Sarah M. Baer with Nadine Hager Testimonial in the memo

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PRICES are as follows:

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BOOSTER NAMES (No Titles Please) - \$1.00

DEADLINE FOR ADS IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 and should be sent with PAYMENT to Judith A. Wert, 379 Kindt Corner Road, Leesport, PA 19533. Please have all ads typed or neatly printed. CHECKS should be made payable to Judith A. Wert with Nadine Hager Testimonial in the memo portion.

ROOM RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the hotel. The room rate is \$99.00 plus tax. Telephone number is 717-939-7841. When making your room reservations be sure to tell them it is for Nadine Hager Testimonial.

We look forward to having you in attendance to Honor Past President Nadine Hager.

Yours in
Friendship, Love and Truth

The Testimonial Committee