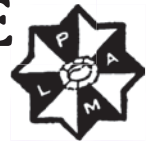




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## ASKAM LODGE #899 AFTER 145 YEARS PROUDLY PURCHASES A PERMANENT LODGE HALL

Located at 233 Freed Street in Sugar Notch Boro, the Lodge Hall was originally built as a Swedish church in the early 1900s then purchased by the Sugar Notch Fire Company as a meeting hall 1960. Askam Lodge formerly rented a building

in Askam, Hanover Township, until that building was sold a few years ago. The Lodge has been renting this hall for the last few years until negotiations began to purchase the building last year. The closing took place on January 26th 2020.



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

#### APRIL

- 4 / Spring Rally, Walker Lodge No. 306 / 9:00AM
- 19 / Joint Youth Committee, Red Lion Hotel / 11:00AM
- 19 / Unified Session Committee, Red Lion Hotel / 1:00PM
- 25 / Odd Fellows Home of PA, Middletown Annual meeting
- 25 / Orchard Manor & OF & Reb Assoc Annual meeting

#### MAY

- 3 / Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA+

#### JUNE

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

#### OCTOBER

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

+ denotes details to follow

\*\* On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams! Please check their facebook first because there may be a scheduling conflict!

All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Grand Lodge at [iiofpaglsecty@verizon.net](mailto:iiofpaglsecty@verizon.net) or 717-944-7419 \*Note the change due to the dissolution of the planning board!



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

EARL LODGE NO. 413, NEW  
HOLLAND

Ralph Hess – Initiated February 24th

THISTLE LODGE NO. 512, PITTSTON  
Gary Bondurich – Initiated January 27th  
Frank Ankenbrand  
Richard Korpusik

LITITZ LODGE NO. 1050

Cynthia Gish – Initiated February 24th

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

So much for the groundhog predicting the end of winter on February 2nd. The weather has been cold, however that does not stop the Grand Lodge officers from visiting our order's lodges. On our many stops we have been met with much Odd Fellow love and enthusiasm. It always energizes me to be able to meet our brothers and sisters and to share with them my ideas and plans for our great order. During our many hours of traveling together, it gives the Grand Lodge officers time to discuss ideas and to share their thoughts on growing Odd Fellowship. We are planning some unified strategies that will benefit our order for the next several years. The Deputy Grand Master has a plan to divide our large state into more manageable districts, whereby giving us a better means of offering training and

help to the lodges but keeping the travel time to a minimum for our members. We are planning to provide the means to grow our membership, we ask for your commitment. If we all give our best effort, the order cannot fail to grow.

Please be sure to keep track of my schedule and make sure to visit me when I am in your area. Do not forget our Spring Rally on April 4th at Walker Lodge. Bring your candidates and we will have a great time initiating them into our order.

May God bless each and every one of you, and shine his light on our order.

In F., L., & T.  
Your Grand Master,  
*David C. Whitlinger*

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

George B. Kupec, Jr., #278

### 30 YEARS

Michael G. Bukowski, #523

### 35 YEARS

Charles B. Anderson, Sr., #153

Richard E. Grumbine, #307

Allen J. Cushey, #377

James T. Roithner, #377

Philip P. Garman, #523

James W. Sellers, PGP#1175

Gary L. Shuman, #1175

### 40 YEARS

John P. Murphy, #270

Reid D. Coyle, #361

Ted D. Fay, #361

James I. Johnson, #361

Ronald E. Longenecker, #361

Richard C. Rineer, Jr., #361

Howard C. Rineer, #361

Bruce A. Rineer, #361

Dale K. Vorous, #573

### 45 YEARS

William C. McElwain, #74

John S. Cupp, Jr., PGM#377

Michael W. Wright, #562

Ralph Schatz, #708

Scott E. Burnworth, #1010

### 50 YEARS

Bruce N. Torrence, #658

### 55 YEARS

David L. Shellong, #141

Richard B. Brossman, #802

### 60 YEARS

Robert D. Piper, #541

Walter I. Nelson, #562

### 65 YEARS

Harold L. Spotts, #380

Kelvin R. Spotts, #380

### 75 YEARS

John W. Lackey, #573

### 130 YEARS

Aluta Lodge No. 488

## COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

3 - Scott #132 OV & Patriarchal Degree - 7:00PM

4 - Spring Rally, Walker #306 - 9:00AM

20 - Mount Vernon #14 OV - 7:00PM

25 - Kossuth LEA #98 OV

27 - Ridgely #217 OV - 6:45PM

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

3 - Aluta Lodge #488 OV - 8:00PM

4 - Spring Rally, Walker #306 - 9:00AM

7 - Warren Lodge #339 OV - 7:30PM

16 - York Springs #211 OV - 7:30PM

19 - Jt. Youth Meeting, Red Lion, Harrisburg - 11:00AM

19 - Unified Session Meeting, Red Lion, Harrisburg - 1:00PM

22 - Osage #712 OV - 7:00PM

25 - Orchard Manor Ann'l Mtg, Grove City - 9:00AM

25 - Odd Fellow & Rebekah Assoc. of Western PA Ann'l Meeting

## GRAND MASTER VISITS STRASBURG

What a great day, weather wise for the 9th day of March, to travel to Strasburg, for the GM's O. V. at Strasburg Lodge #361. What a spectacular view as we approach Strasburg and seeing the full moon rising in the eastern sky, just an interlude to a great evening of Odd Fellowship with the brothers of Strasburg and also of Earl Lodge #413 of New Holland, Pa. Along with GM, David O. Whitlinger, was the DGM, Shirley J. Whitlinger; Grand Warden, J. Carl George; Grand Chaplain, Bruce N. Torrence; D.D.G.M. of District #5, Charles R. Stern; and also honored to have with us PGM, Dale E. Binkley. NG, Brian Barr lead his lodge in a great meeting with the high-lite being the presentation of the 55 year pin to Brother William Huntsinger. The lodge brothers hosted the Grand Lodge officers for lunch before all departed home. Again a great night of fellowship!! Thank you Strasburg Lodge #361!! Picture taken by DGM.





## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Assoc. of W. PA 2020 Scholarship Awards

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is accepting applications for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of four (4) - \$3,000 scholarships. The application deadline for the 2020 Scholarship Awards will be June 13, 2020. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2020. An important reminder regarding three of the requirements for the Awards:

- 1) The applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania,
- 2) The applicant must have completed at least one year at an accredited college/university or recognized technical/trade school, and
- 3) The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school.

If interested in obtaining a copy of the "Rules" and an "Application," contact your Lodge secretary or email Chairman Robert Grant at "robag@comcast.net."

~ Robert Grant

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DGM

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,  
As I write this, my second note to you all, on this cold but sunny March morning, I can see and hear robins and I know that the warmer Spring weather will be with us soon.

Since my last note to you all, I have been busy formalizing my project for my GM year. I cannot go into detail at this time, but I want to concentrate on our lodges and promoting growth within the districts which they are located. With Pennsylvania being so large, I would like to divide the state into regions making it not only easy for conducting degrees and schools of instruction, but also to make it easy for districts and DDGMs to support each other. This past month, each lodge was asked to make recommendations on a D.D.G.M. I hope that lodges made a good recommendation, choosing a brother or sister who will be active within their district, representing all lodges and activities.

As I work on my project, I would like to hear from the lodges. I sent to each lodge a letter along with a questionnaire to help me. I hope you will return it with any and all thoughts, questions, and concerns on your lodge and how to grow. We have Grand Lodge committees to help lodges with membership, communication, publicity and so forth. I just need to hear from you!!

In closing, remember, our Odd Fellow and Rebekah magazine is one great way to keep all members in Pennsylvania informed as to what is happening in your lodge. Just like the GM and I try to have a picture published for all our Official Visits; it is great seeing pictures of the lodges as they work to spread Odd Fellowship throughout their community.

Until next month,  
Fraternally,

*Shirley*

Shirley J. Whitlinger, DGM

## FYI .....ODD FELLOW & REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA SCHOLARSHIPS

To avoid any confusion or misunderstanding, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania offers two (2) different scholarships annually. Applicant information regarding both scholarships can be found on the website: "glpaiiof.org." (Note: These scholarships are NOT to be confused with the "Pennsylvania Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship Fund" which is chaired by Thomas J. McHugh, PGM.)

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania Scholarship is presented to a maximum of four (4) recipients attending an accredited college/university or technical/trade school to assist them financially in attaining an undergraduate degree or an associates degree. The applicant, or a living family relative, must be a member of the IOOF or Rebekahs of W. PA. An "Application" and "Rules" for this Award are sent to all the Lodges, Encampments, and Cantons in W. PA around the beginning of May of each year. Notification of this Award is also submitted to our monthly magazine, the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine. The deadline for submission of the application is usually around mid-June of the same year. The recipients are then notified before the beginning of the fall semester.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania "Graduate Scholarship" is presented to two (2) recipients attending (full/part-time) a graduate program in an accredited college/university to assist them financially in securing a degree requiring more than four (4) years to complete or continuing their education beyond the undergraduate (4 yrs.) college level toward an advanced degree. Again, the applicant, or a living family member, must be a member of the IOOF or Rebekahs of W. PA. Notification of this Award is submitted for publication in the Sept. - Nov. issues of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine. An "Application" and "Rules" for this Award can be found online or requested by mail at the addresses which will be given in the magazine. The deadline for submission of the application will be around mid-November. The recipients are then notified around the end of December.

~ Robert Grant

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT WALKER LODGE NO.306

On Saturday December 7th 2019, Walker Lodge held their annual children's Christmas party at Walker hall. As customary, the party started at 12 noon with pizza, cookies and drinks being served. At 1:30, a magic show entertained the children and adults with audience participation with the children. Nancy Muscarnero led all in singing Christmas songs. Several were sung and a loud singing of Jingle Bells brought Santa Claus into the lodge room with his "Ho Ho Ho - Merry Christmas everyone." With a committee person calling out the ages for the children, Santa gave out presents to all children ages 1 month to 14 years old while smiling parents and friends clicked camera shutters and had video cameras rolling. Believe it or not, some say Kenny Strausser personally knows Santa. Refreshments of ice cream cups and drinks brought closure to a fun time. A special thanks goes to Walker's Christmas Committee (Phil and Nancy Muscarnero, Jennifer Leah-Rosa and Rick Meagher) for having another excellent family party for the kids - both young and old. Check out some pictures of the event below and Jennifer and Phil say thanks to Santa for showing up.



## GOLF SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE



Friendship, Love, Truth  
 INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS  
 CLOVER LODGE #348  
 625 MERCHANT STREET  
 AMBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA 15003

Dear Sponsor:

We represent a fraternal organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, located in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. We are a national non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization that has been in existence for over 200 years. Our individual lodge has been in existence for over 100 years. We are the only Odd Fellow lodge that services the Beaver County area. The purpose of our organization is to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." To that end, we undertake many endeavors that make our community a better place to live. We have put together care packages for members of our community serving in the armed forces in Iraq plus we give monthly food baskets to the needy. This event will help fund the award of college scholarship money to area youths. We wish to provide financial assistance to area youths whose families are unable to keep up with the ever-rising cost of a college education. It is for this project that we are requesting your help.

On Sunday, June 14, 2020, our organization is sponsoring the 14th Annual I.O.O.F. Golf Scramble at Black Hawk golf course in Beaver Falls. Over the past thirteen years, we were fortunate to give \$3,000, \$3,500, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, and \$6000 respectively, in college scholarships. It is our hope that your donation can help make this year's event an even larger success.

- ✓ For a \$100 donation (Silver Sponsorship), you can secure tee/green sponsorship signage on the golf course. Your logo may also be displayed on the sign provided a digital copy of such is provided.
- ✓ For a \$300 donation (Gold Sponsorship), your sign will be displayed on a refreshment golf cart.
- ✓ For a \$500 donation (Platinum Sponsorship), your sign will be prominently displayed on the pavilion where we will be conducting registration prior to the event and a dinner following the event.
- ✓ Donations or gift certificates of less than \$100 will be provided in the form of prizes to the golfers.

All sponsors will also be listed in a program to be given to each golfer. The corresponding sponsorship level will be indicated in the program.

We ask that you please consider providing us with sponsorship for this event. If you would like more information concerning the event, please feel free to contact Richard Shoup (724-561-6855), Dave Carlson (724-561-4679), Thomas Stachura (724-971-4989), Gerry States (724-513-8745), Carl George (724-6C1-8098 or Monica Griffiths (412-680-4159). You may also reach us via e-mail at [rich112714@yahoo.com](mailto:rich112714@yahoo.com) [brines@comcast.net](mailto:brines@comcast.net) [richie.comcast.net](mailto:richie.comcast.net) [gowatso.comcast.net](mailto:gowatso.comcast.net) [gmickard73@comcast.net](mailto:gmickard73@comcast.net) or [meyd07@gmail.com](mailto:meyd07@gmail.com) [sepp@trividy.com](mailto:sepp@trividy.com)

Together we can continue to help those less fortunate than us in our community. Thank-you in advance for your time and donation.

Sincerely,  
 Richard Shoup



## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE

Sunday, June 14, 2020

BLACK HAWK GOLF COURSE, 644 BLACKHAWK ROAD, BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Noon	Registration
2:00 p.m.	Shot Gun Start (4 man scramble format)
After Golf	Dinner & Prizes

COST PER PERSON: \$90.00

Fee includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, door prizes, and beer and pop on the course.

### GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

Name	E-mail	TEE SPONSORSHIP FORM	
Golfer #1 _____	_____	Company Name	_____
Golfer #2 _____	_____	Contact Person	_____
Golfer #3 _____	_____	Phone Number	_____
Golfer #4 _____	_____		

Total Number of Golfers X \$90.00/ea = \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "IOOF Clover Lodge 348"

Send to:  
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### INITIATORY DEGREE NIGHT AT STRASBURG LODGE #361



The Initiatory Degree was conferred at Strasburg Lodge #361 on Monday evening, February 24, 2020. Members from the 3 Odd Fellow lodges in District #5 (Strasburg #361, Lititz #1050 and Earl #413, New Holland) gathered to confer the degree on 2 candidates. We were also joined by Grand Secretary Justin Bailey of Harmony #86 and Philip Deibert of Triune #307. A total of 24 Brothers and Sisters were present (including candidates).

The evening served as a practice for the District #5 Degree Team under the direction of DDGM Charles Stern. We anticipate participating in the Spring Degree Rally at Walker Lodge #306 on April 4, 2020. This was our first opportunity to use the degree robes that were generously donated to us by Jordan Lodge #192 last year.

This was the first time in recent memory that all 3 lodges joined together for a meeting. Lititz #1050 and Strasburg #361 meet on the same evening. This presents difficulty in visiting on a regular basis.

The 2 new members are Cynthia Gish of Lititz #1050 and Ralph Hess of Earl #413.

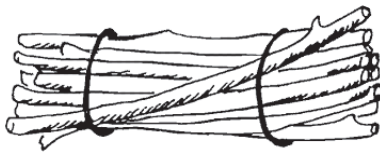
After the meeting there was an extended time of fellowship and refreshment.

Submitted by:  
Dale E. Binkley, Secretary  
Strasburg Lodge #361

### FIRST DEGREE AT FREEDOM LODGE 88

Eight members of the Lodge recently received the First Degree in Honesdale.

We would like to thank Jr. Past Grand Master Sherman Wooden and Cindy Wooden for their support!



The members were very pleased to be able to confer the Degree in house.

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

Join the Brotherhood!

### LEHIGH VALLEY LODGES RAISE MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Members of Vienna Lodge No. 847 of Allentown, and Victory Lodge No. 658, Bushkill Encampment No. 55 and Canton Allentown No. 39 all of Sellersville take part in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley "Bowl for Kid's Sake" at the Hampton Lanes, Northampton. A truly special thanks to Rory King for putting this together. The highlight of the morning was the trickery placed by APP Faustner of Canton Allentown #39. She brought her son, Shawn, with her as a "ringer." However, Pat ended up bowling a 297! She claims she hasn't bowled in quite some time, but her score says otherwise! Congratulations Patty and the members and family on raising \$650.00 for a great cause and coming together for a great day of fellowship!



## Thank You!

Thank you all for the cards and prayers during my hospitalization and recovery, John S. Cupp, Jr.



**ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER**



On February 6, 2020, GM David O. Whitlinger, along with DGM, Shirley J. Whitlinger and GW, J. Carl George traveled to Kingwood Lodge #1010 for an OV. After a good meeting, the brothers provided a great lunch, with good fellowship shared by all. It was a great Odd Fellow evening!! Picture provided by the DGM.

On February 10, 2020, Grand Master, David O. Whitlinger, along with his staff traveled to Somerset, Pa. to make his Official Visit with the members of Somerset Lodge #438. Along with the GM, were Shirley J. Whitlinger, DGM, J. Carl George, Gr Warden, Robert B. Ruff, Gr Conductor, and Shawn E. Miller, Grand Musician and DDGM of District #15. It was another great evening with the NG and officers doing a super job conducting their meeting. Following the meeting, the lodge hosted the Grand Lodge with a lunch. Thank you Somerset Lodge #438 for a great evening of Odd Fellowship. *Picture taken by the DGM.*



A cold wintery blast did not keep G.M. David O. Whitlinger home as he and his staff traveled to Latrobe Lodge #541 for his official visit. As cold as the travel was, once at the lodge, the room was filled with the warmth of friendship. Traveling with the GM, were DGM, Shirley J. Whitlinger; Grand Warden, J. Carl George; Grand Conductor, Robert B. Ruff; Grand Musician, Shawn E. Miller; Grand Representative and David A. Young, PGM. Joining the brothers of Latrobe Lodge were brothers from Nucleus Lodge #377 and Alma Lodge #523. It was a great Odd Fellow night, after the meeting and before the journey home, the lodge hosted a light lunch for all. Thank you Latrobe for a great night of fellowship. Picture taken by the DGM

**#328 SOCK COLLECTION FOR JOSHUA'S HAVEN**

Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328, Sandy Lake, PA finished their Sock Drive for Joshua Haven in Sharon, PA by collecting 135 pairs of socks.

*In picture- row 1.Reba Kuhn, Phyllis Shakley, Jessie Holzapfel and Mary Wilson.-2nd row -Shirley Whitlinger, Doris Carey, Faye Pleso, Susan Rodgers , Raymond Rodgers.-3rd row - Amber Gowetski, J. Carl George, Linda Garner, Marie Harnett and David Whitlinger.*





## APRIL OBITUARIES

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

**\*\* CORRECTION** – From the March 2020 issue of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah – Richard R. Williams, Walker Lodge No. 306 – January 10, 2020. Please note, his family survived him, not preceded in death. Sorry for the mix up!

### GARY T. GLISAN

Nathan Lewis – Fort Necessity Lodge No. 254  
February 4, 2020

Brother Gary T. Glisan, 73, of Smock, PA, was initiated into Nathan Lewis – Fort Necessity Lodge #254, Waltersburg, PA, on August 9, 1994, where he became a Past Grand on October 16, 2000.

He was a U.S. Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar.

Surviving are two sons and four grandchildren.

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

### HARRY E. WORKE

Askam Lodge No. 899  
February 5, 2020

Brother Harry E. Worke, 78, of Warrior Run, PA, was initiated into Askam Lodge #899 on November 13, 1985, where he became a Past Grand April 17, 1989.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Surviving is one daughter.

Burial was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

### ROBERT J. NAUGLE, SR.

Askam Lodge No. 899  
February 8, 2020

Brother Robert J. Naugle, Sr., 94, of Hanover Township, PA, was initiated into Askam Lodge #899 on September 19, 1962, where he became a Past Grand on April 27, 1985 and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 6, 1985. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of Askam United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Ruth and Dorothy and one daughter. Surviving is one son, one daughter, six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.



### WILLIAM H. OSHALL, SR.

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55  
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127  
February 15, 2020

Brother William H. "Bill" Oshall, Sr., 75, of Fallentimber, PA, was initiated into Allemans Lodge #900, Allemansville, PA, on October 10, 1980, where he became a Past Grand November 13, 1984 and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He served the position of District Deputy Grand Master from 1988 – 1989. He became a member of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, through consolidation and formation on August 23, 1997, where he was the charter Secretary, a position he held until the time of his death, and for years prior to the consolidation. He became a Patriarch of Heneosis-Adelphon Encampment #42, Erie, having joined June 1, 1996 and later leaving the Encampment. Recently, he reinstated into William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Glasgow.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Norma Yoas. Surviving are four children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and Encampment and burial was held in Beaver Valley Cemetery, Flinton, PA.



### JANET SCAVO

Past District Deputy President  
Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge No. 82  
February 25, 2020

Sister Janet (Crump) Scavo, 83, of Apollo, PA, was initiated into Mary Magdalene Rebekah Lodge #365, Pittsburgh, on September 24, 1956, where she became a Past Noble Grand October 22, 1962 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She went on to serve as District Deputy President from 1981 – 1983. She became a member of Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82 after Mary Magdalene Rebekah Lodge #365 went defunct in 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry. Surviving in one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her sister, Vera Crump, also of Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge.



## GRAND LODGE DABBLES IN AN EXPERIMENT

As some of you may know, Warren Lodge was declared defunct last year for lack of membership as the former members, though they “tried everything” threw in the towel. As some of you may also know, Warren Lodge was re-instituted in November and now has about 15 members, most of them living in the immediate area. All but one member are brand new.

Is this mind-frame just common to Warren? Absolutely not! We now bring you to Lehman Township, a suburb of Dallas, PA. The Lodge was down to 7 members, and with their Noble Grand going into a nursing home, they went for a few years unable to obtain a quorum anymore. Their remaining members became sour to the whole prospect of Lodge, of trying to keep their aging building going and with a small treasury. With now PGM Wooden, these members told us “we tried everything. No one in this area is interested in the Lodge.” Again, we were forced to declare this Lodge defunct. Now if you’ve never been to Osage Lodge, I am reminded of the teachings of the initiatory degree, “One may have a rough, unseemly exterior, but a good true heart within.” This is Osage Lodge to a T. The wooden siding is peeling paint, the roof has holes, some of the original windows are cracked or don’t close right. However, once you go inside, it takes your breath away. The woodwork is unmatched of any building I have ever been in. Furthermore, the charter of the historic Lodge turns 150 years old next month. We cannot let this go.

I contacted the borough secretary. As soon as I told her who I was, I got “Oh, my grandfather belonged there.” I told her I was looking to get at least five people interested in joining. She put me on with the borough president, again “Oh, my father belonged there.” Everyone up there knows the Lodge; everyone up there has ties to it, but it became a good ol’ boys club decades ago, and the Lodge never tried to remove that stigma. Many of the people in the community said they drove by it for years and never knew what it was. I offered to go to a borough meeting, but she said attendance is minimal, that the best place to advertise would be.... Yep, here we go again...Facebook! February third, the post went live on the townships page. Over 2,000 views, dozens of shares, and phone calls, personal messages, etc, we set a date for an open house for the community. Luckily, February was unseasonably warm. Unluckily, the day of the open house, it was 22 degrees. And with the furnace not working, we froze! There were a contingent of members from Lewisburg Lodge #96 that came up to do a presentation on who the Odd Fellows are and what we do, and Members from Freedom, Harmony and Thistle also came out to support the community. The hall was packed and we received over 15 signed petitions!

Stay tuned for the next several months to see if we can revive this Lodge. If this pulls off, this will be the second Lodge this term that has gone defunct and revived! ~Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary



Thanks to NG Scott Robinson of Lewisburg Lodge #96 for coming up and putting on a membership seminar!



## 2020 UNIFIED SESSION SPONSORSHIPS

2020 Unified Session Committee  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

2020 Unified Session Sponsorships

Our annual Unified Session is quickly approaching. This is the time of year when members and representatives gather to meet and plan the future of this great Order in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. We also have many visitors from other Jurisdictions and the Sovereign Grand Lodge that join with us to share this time of work and fellowship.

I invite your lodge or unit of the Order to become a sponsor of this year's Unified Session. Your donations are used to help offset the cost of the Session and keep the events of the week affordable to all who attend.

“Honor Roll Sponsor” – for a donation of \$100 or more your lodge or unit will be listed in the Program Booklet and in the “PA Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine”.

“Session Sponsor” - any donation that your lodge or unit can make will be listed in the Program Booklet and published in the “PA Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine”.

I would also encourage all of you to attend the major events of this year's Session to see what your donations support. The events in the evening are open to all, not just members of the Order.

Saturday evening is our “Fun Night”, details to follow.

The Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon gives us all time to reflect on the members of our Order who have passed on during this past year.

The Banquet on Sunday evening (reservations required) is our time of fellowship and introduces our officers who will preside over our meetings during the week.

The Installation of the Officers of the Department Council and Department Association, Patriarchs Militant, will be conducted on Monday evening.

The Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly and Grand Encampment for the upcoming year will take place Tuesday evening.

Why not attend at least one of these events and enjoy the fellowship and friendship of your Brothers and Sisters?

Please send all donations to Dale E. Binkley, 106 Glenloch Drive, Landenberg, PA 19350. Make all checks payable to the “Unified Session Committee”. Deadline for donations is May 18, 2020 to be included in the Program Book.

On behalf of the Unified Session Committee and my co-chair Sister Mary DeLong, I thank you all in advance for any donation that you can send to the Unified Session Committee to support the Unified Session.

Dale E. Binkley, PGM, PGR  
2020 Unified Session Chairman

## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### APRIL 2020

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at April 1925. The big thing in April 1925 was Easter on Sunday, April 12. April is warming up and Easter Sunday was a beautiful spring day.

April 1925 marked a number of interesting events, on the 6th, the first film was shown on a plane, British Air. On April 10th the *Great Gatsby* was published. The World's Fair opened in Chicago on April 18. Paul von Hindenberg was elected President of Germany on April 25. Ethel Kennedy was born on April 11, Rod Steiger was born on April 14, and Johnny Horton was born on April 30.

Barney was assigned the job of running the Easter egg hunt for the children of Odd Fellows. His own children were too small to meaningfully participate. Barney was off school on Good Friday, so he and Elizabeth hard boiled and colored 60 dozen eggs on Friday for the Saturday morning event. By 8:30 pm Barney was tired and the eggs were cooling on the kitchen table. Barney retreated to a rocking chair with a padded seat in the living room and soon was fast asleep and entered dreamland.

Barney looked up and a six foot gray rabbit was standing next to his chair. It was wearing a white pullover shirt with three links embroidered across the chest. Barney was startled. The rabbit announced to Barney, "I am Peter, third assistant Easter Bunny and your supervisor for the Easter Egg Hunt."

Barney remarked excitedly, "How did you get in here?"

Peter laughed heartily and replied, "Don't you believe in magic, I am the third assistant Easter Bunny."

Barney was aghast and stuttered, "There is no such thing as the Easter Bunny."

Peter looked at him and smiled. "Well you are wrong. The Ancient and Independent Order of Odd Rabbits has filled the role of the Easter Bunny and his assistants for generations. Our Noble Bunny and fearless leader supervises Easter egg hunts all over the universe. I have been sent to make sure you don't pawn off undercooked and poorly colored eggs on the believing children of the world, especially Grovers Mill, New Jersey. We DO NOT lay eggs. Some foolish humans have suggested that the Easter Bunny LAYS eggs. We are not in production, we are in distribution. You have been charged with distribution and I am here to make sure you do your job."

Barney knew he must be dreaming, he hadn't been drinking (mainly because of prohibition). As he looked around the living room, everything seemed so real. He figured he might as well learn something, so he asked Peter, "What is the Ancient and Independent Order of Odd Rabbits?"

Peter became glib, "Well the AIOOR is our institutionalized pattern for monitoring Easter celebrations. We meet every other week, year round. Our lodges meet in giant hutches throughout

the free world. Our Noble Bunny and Vice Bunny are elected to serve one-year terms. We work in our community to monitor the secular activities of Easter. We stay out of the way of humans until we find something that tarnishes the image of the Easter Bunny. I am here to make sure you treat the colored eggs properly and treat the children fairly. Your obligations as an Odd Fellow should guide you to proper action."

Peter couldn't be stopped, "The Easter Bunny has been a part of history since the mid-1600's. Our society began in Germany. We delivered colored eggs to children who had behaved well during Lent. Rabbits had been a part of religious history for purity and innocense for a long period of time. Pagan religions placed importance on the nobility of the rabbit. Because normal sized rabbits were unable to influence humans, we giant rabbits appeared. We are here for your benefit. Now that I have explained myself to you, do you have a grid for distributing the eggs tomorrow?"

Barney was flabbergasted. He never drew a grid, he just wandered around the field behind the Odd Fellows Temple, putting eggs where there was a convenient place. He started at 8:00 am so that he could have all the eggs in place by noon. "I, I don't use a grid."

Peter showed the whites of his eyes. "You don't use a grid. Didn't you ever hear of planning. Every AIOOR lodge is governed by a plan. You need to plan for equitable distribution of colored eggs. You have to start all the children at the same place when the hunt begins. The next thing you are going to tell me is your Odd Fellow Lodge doesn't plan for events in advance."

Barney began to feel uncomfortable. He looked at Peter and said, "What do you suggest?"

Peter helped him draw a grid, with 720 dots, one for each egg. The grid was not just squares, but circles and diamonds. There was a large design that looked like a basket. It was a model for egg distribution that showed artistry. Barney grew tired while doing the grid and fell asleep again.

Elizabeth came into the living room and awakened Barney, saying, "You better come to bed, you must get up early to place all the eggs for the big hunt at noon tomorrow. When did you draw the plan that is on the floor?"

Barney looked down and the grid was there, just as Peter had drawn it. He was a bit shaken, but still tired and followed Elizabeth's lead to bed. The next morning he took the grid, met his committee and placed the eggs where the grid suggested. As he was placing the eggs, a small, gray rabbit hopped over to him and stared unafraid. He didn't quite know what to think.

*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.*

## **DO YOU REMEMBER??**

### **ODD FELLOW TEMPLE DEDICATION IN PHILADELPHIA – MAY 21, 1895**

Strasburg Lodge #361 is once again meeting in its lodge hall after cleanup and restoration from a small fire in a commercial unit of the building. We are now sorting through all the records and artifacts that were moved around due to all this work.

Recently we discovered an old book in our lodge hall while sorting through past records. The book is a hardback bound book with no title on the front. Upon opening it, we realized that it is a souvenir of the 1895 dedication of the Odd Fellow Temple at Broad and Cherry Street in Philadelphia, PA. The book is titled "Souvenir Commemorating the Dedication of the Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, May 21, 1895" by Clarence G. Nicholson.

The book itself was sold in limited quantities for the price of \$2.00 each. It is over 130 pages in length. It contains the history of how the Odd Fellows Temple in Philadelphia came to be, a vivid description of the materials used to build the building, many photos of the interior of the building and the ceremony used to dedicate this Temple.

It starts with the history of the Temple Committee that was appointed by the 6th Street Hall Association in 1886. They were charged with deciding whether to update an existing building or spend the money to build a new building. The Committee was comprised of 1 member being outwardly in favor of a new building while the other 2 members were selected as being in opposition. As they met, they discovered that each member was actually in favor of moving forward with a new building. It took them a while to determine this since each was afraid of influencing the other committee members in how they really felt.

The decision became a tug of war battle between the progressive members who desired a building "to bring the Order to the favorable attention of the community, but be favorable for the requirements of the fraternity" and the conservative members of the current 6th Street Hall Association who wanted to maintain control. There were at least 40 lodges in Philadelphia and they needed more room to conduct their meetings and business.

The Temple Committee report in favor of a new building was not expected by the 6th Street Hall Association. This started a campaign that lasted almost 2 years. Speeches were made in the many lodges and encampments in Philadelphia both in favor of and in opposition of a new building. Persuasive speakers for both sides made many visits to lodges and encampments on a nightly basis to implore support for their side. Finally, a vote on the matter was taken and the decision for a new building was approved.

The Temple Committee began searching for building sites. Word would leak out of prospective sites being considered and the opposition members would consult with the property owners and convince them to ask more for the site than the Committee could afford to offer. After several failed attempts at purchasing property, the Temple Committee felt discouraged and defeated. The opposition members were enthusiastic in finding out they were successfully working against the efforts of the Committee.

An extended period of silence from the Temple Committee emboldened that opposition and they were sure that they had defeated the

movement to build a new building. The silence finally broke when the Committee announced they had secured an option on a parcel at Broad and Cherry Streets. The \$40,000 option was good for 30 days and had to be paid in cash. The Temple Committee appeal to the lodges and encampments for donations toward the purchase of the lot raised over \$60,000 and the lot was successfully secured.

Ground was broken for the new building on December 12, 1892. The cornerstone was laid on July 18, 1893. The dedication of the new building was on May 21, 1895.

The dedication celebration lasted for close to a week. There were parades, activities for wives and family, speeches, tours of the building, and many, many other special events. At the time of the dedication there were over 107,000 members in Pennsylvania and over 1,000 active lodges.

There is not enough room in this article for all the facts about the Temple. It was 10 stories tall. It contained 15 Odd Fellow lodge meeting room, 2 Encampment meeting rooms (complete with animal skin covers on the officer's chairs). The basement was set up as a drill room with no obstructions in the 60' by 90' room. There were offices for the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary. There were several committee meeting rooms available. A 2,000 seat auditorium was available for lectures and entertainment. There was a large kitchen and dining room (a restaurant for "gentlemen and ladies"). Billiard rooms and smoking rooms were available. There was also space for wives to gather and pass time.

So, what ever happened to this building?? In 2008 it was demolished as part of the expansion of the Convention Center in Philadelphia. The plaque on the building marking it as a historical structure was retrieved and delivered to the Grand Lodge Office at that time.

But what of its Odd Fellowship time of service? The edifice was apparently the object of a receivership sale in 1909, although the Odd Fellows continued to meet there. It then became called the Parkway Building for a time. In 1911, one of the building's tenants was the Philadelphia School of Wireless Telegraphy; the Navy took over the school to train its radio operators during World War I.

The building was sold again in 1918. Odd Fellows activity there then ceased, as members were ordered out of the building before the first day of March, 1920. The radio school moved out then too. The edifice was fully converted into office space and a host of businesses. At the time the building was dedicated in 1895, many felt the building would last at least 100 years. The IOOF did not even remain in the building for a full 25 years.

To learn more about the history of this building, this book is available for FREE download through Google Books. Search for "Odd Fellow Temple Philadelphia" and this book will show up within the first 3 items listed.

Submitted by

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## February is Education Month

### PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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306	Walker	250.00
86	Harmony	100.00
87	Hopkins	100.00
361	Strasburg	100.00
1004	Hampton	100.00
C39	Canton Allentown	50.00
847	Vienna	<u>25.00</u>
		1,225.00

### PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

R110	Sharpsville Rebekah/Rebekah Assembly Foundation	1,574.46
523	Alma	1,000.00
762	Vincent	500.00
E135	Perseverance Encampment	500.00
306	Walker	250.00
55	Fred R. Korman	100.00
87	Hopkins	100.00
471	Rush	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
847	Vienna	25.00
		4,199.46

### SGL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

87	Hopkins	100.00
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### PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE

510	Edinboro	200.00
447	Jamison	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
192	Jordan	50.00
936	Alert	50.00
847	Vienna	<u>25.00</u>
		475.00

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116	Brady	116.00
55	Fred R. Korman	100.00
87	Hopkins	100.00
708	Boyertown	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
1152	Wysox	<u>50.00</u>
		516.00

### PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

R110	Sharpsville Rebekah/Rebekah Assembly Foundation (Camp JRA)	1,574.46
306	Walker Camp JRA	500.00
523	Alma	500.00
87	Hopkins	100.00
361	Strasburg	100.00
708	Boyertown	100.00
762	Vincent	<u>100.00</u>
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### PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE

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