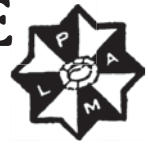




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VARIETY LODGE #37 RUNS 5TH ANNUAL KIDS XMAS PARTY

Variety Lodge put on its 5th consecutive kids Xmas party for the Bridesburg location of The Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia. With additional financial support of Walker Lodge, the volunteer members of Variety arrived early and stuffed holiday stockings with toys and assorted stocking stuffers to present to the 51 participants. When the kids arrived at 11:00 am, they went to the gym, where they played games for an hour and then were served a Pizza Lunch served by the lodge volunteers. After lunch, the kids were treated to a magic show presented by "Mr. Magic".

After the magic show, the stockings were given out and the kids took time to take them apart and play with the items. Everyone had a great time, including the Lodge members who worked the event; realizing that the smiles of the kids were all the reward we could want. In Odd Fellowship giving is what its all about.

Brother Lanny Blyweiss



Places to Go...People to See

MARCH

27 - 29 / Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, Corning, NY

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 ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net or 717-944-7419 *Note the change due to the dissolution of the planning board!

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LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96, NEW COLUMBIA
 Dylan Thomas - initiated

ALMA LODGE NO. 523, JOHNSTOWN
 Meghan Young - initiated November 23rd
 Sarah C. Riddle
 Cameron Oaks
 Craig E. Oaks

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Gerard V. Frantz, #285

35 YEARS

William W. Ehmann, Jr., #1004

William J. Ellison, #1128

40 YEARS

Timothy E. Osborn, #1128

45 YEARS

Edward J. O'Hanlon, Sr., #306

Gary G. Kratzer, #488

55 YEARS

William R. Huntsinger, #361

James S. Melcher, Sr., #1175

65 YEARS

F. Martin Pyle, #290

70 YEARS

Richard G. Rohm, #380

Frederick J. Funk, Jr., #447

DESK OF THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and Brother's

I hope this winter hasn't been too bad for you. The weather can go from a nice day to a cold snowy day this time of year.

It can be hard to have meetings in the winter months. This is also the time of year many need our help. Clothes closets or food banks can always use help. Please remember those that need our help.

February brings us Valentine's day, Happy Valentine's day to each.

Be safe and healthy.

FLT

Nadine Hager, President
Rebekah Assembly

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I trust that all my brothers and sisters had a very Happy New Year. As we move into 2020, I have rethought some of my goals and strategies. My major area of concern is my project, getting the Odd Fellow Name out throughout Pennsylvania. My committee is down one person. As you read this message, I will have reviewed with my remaining committee people the idea of adjusting our strategy. I have some new ideas that involve getting a larger number of our members involved in this project. I feel that due to the diversity of

our member lodges, we will have a better likelihood of obtaining better response than we could hope to receive from an outside firm. I have promised to keep the membership informed as we proceed with our membership initiative. This may seem like changing horses in the middle of the stream and in a way, it is, however I feel that this is our best way to accomplish our goal.

On the subject of increasing membership, you have read in our January newsletter, the reinstatement of Warren Lodge #339. This is a

very exciting event and gives us a stronger presence in Northwestern PA. This proves to me that there is a growing number of people interested in joining a fraternity that promotes human values. I will keep you all well informed on our progress.

I look forward to visiting with many of you in the early part of 2020.

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

Thank You!

I wanted to write to you and your faculty to thank you guys for awarding me the scholarship. The semester has finally come to a close and the scholarship has helped me significantly. Your scholarship helped me improve in my academic work drastically. This semester was my official transition period for molding myself into an adult. I have learned so much about myself, life, and responsibility. You guys started the domino effect leading up to a successful semester. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity and I hope you guys have a joyful Christmas and a heartfelt New Year. 2020 here we come!

Peace and Blessings, Zyairah White

SOCIAL MEDIA LETTER

Greetings!

As years go by, we are all plagued by the same problem time after time – membership. Unfortunately, there is no one way, or no magic trick we can do to stop our declining numbers. There is hope though, and actually, hope for each Lodge. No Lodge in today's day and age should fail anymore. What can we do to help it? We are not as large as we used to be, so when you ask someone to join, whether, it's a friend, family, co-worker, anyone, we are not that large of an organization that people automatically know who we are. Where do people go now to find out information on us? That would be technology, smart phones, and the internet. If we are not there, when people do research on us, that's exactly what they will come up with – nothing.

The Grand Lodge's Facebook page has been doing very well, with over 700 followers now. Believe it or not, because of this, and our website, applications have been coming in to join different Lodges around the state! We have also taken another leap this year and started an Instagram page. To date we have 110 followers. This helps other members

across the Jurisdiction network with not only other Lodges, but Lodges all over the world. Everyone keeps saying this is where today's society is looking – at their phones. We need to be there too!

Now obviously not everyone has a smart phone, but all townships, boroughs, governments, as well as the Chambers of Commerce, are all on social media. This way, when your Lodge does something, and you're a friend with these groups, it blasts a post out to the entire community. Half the battle we fight is that battle that we are still in the community! We need to show them we're still here! Even if your Lodge is primarily inactive, there are posts being shared daily about what Odd Fellows across the world are doing, or who we are and what we do. Those can be shared within your community.

I have been to many Lodges, comprised of members in their 70s – 80s. There usually is that one other person, either 20's to 40's that sits on the sidelines with nothing to do. This is the perfect job for them! Have them create a page on social media. Give them this job and tell them to start pushing membership. We are now 200 years in this Order and coming

up on 200 years in Pennsylvania. Look at the last several months' magazines – there are more and more coming in to our Lodges again.

My Lodge in Tamaqua, Harmony Lodge #86, has a Facebook page with over 850 followers. It is no surprise three of our most active Lodges in the jurisdiction – Alma #523, Lewisburg #96 and Freedom #88 all have Facebook pages. Use technology as a weapon and start building up if not membership, then at least the fact we're still here! We can make this work; we just need to put forth the effort!

Fraternally,
Tyler M. Arnold,
Social Media Coordinator



GRAND MASTER VISITS FRED R. KORMAN LODGE NO. 55

Our first visit to Fred R. Korman Lodge #55 turned out to be a great Official Visit!! We traveled to Glasgow, Pa. on November 11, 2019 for a great evening of Odd Fellowship. It was an outstanding meeting with great fellowship before and after the meeting. Traveling with GM, David O. Whitlinger was his staff consisting of Shirley J. Whitlinger DGM; J. Carl George, GW; Robert B. Ruff, G Conductor; G Musician, Shawn E. Miller, who also serves the Lodge as their DDGM; and Past G. Warden, Carl Thomas. Thank you Fred R. Korman Lodge not only for the great dinner before the meeting but also for your great work as Odd Fellows.



GRAND PATRIARCH MAKES EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL VISITS

On December 10, Grand Patriarch Huchel visited Peninsula Lodge #128 in Portland, OR. She was honored to attend their meeting where she was introduced by a Past Grand Master and greeted by a Past Grand Master and current Grand Senior Warden. The lodge secretary invited her to tour the Odd Fellows museum and community meeting room on the ground floor storefront of their building. There is a lot we can learn in Pennsylvania from the model in Portland. One of Peninsula's signature charity projects this year is raising funds to place a headstone on a prominent G.U.O.O.F. member, who survived slavery and went on to contribute greatly to his community.

On November 13, Grand Patriarch Huchel visited Unity Lodge #47 in Hamilton, ON. Among the members who greeted here there was a past I.A.R.A. President. In a truly welcoming fashion, Unity

Lodge opened with the Star Spangled Banner in addition to the Canadian National Anthem, and provided refreshments. The lodge Noble Grand discussed the extensive work their lodge does with the degrees and saw the Grand Patriarch safely back to her hotel. Unity's signature charity is Camp Trillium, a retreat for children with cancer and their siblings, to provide care for these children and relief for their parents. Unity was an original donor to secure the land for Camp Trillium. Pictured here are the members of Unity #47 in attendance for the Grand Patriarch's visit.

Both lodges were well-prepared for visitors and very warm and humbled to have guests from far away. Please visit local lodges when you find yourself traveling! They appreciate your visit, and you always learn something about the way things are done in other places.

Laura Huchel, Grand Patriarch



SCHUYLKILL COUNTY CELEBRATES THE SEASON

From last month's article, here are two more pictures:



The Officers and Members of Shenandoah Lodge No. 591.



The Officers and Patriarchs of Scott Encampment No. 132, Tamaqua

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2019

Another Christmas Season here at the Middletown Home was met with lots of festivities and fun! Our main event being: "Breakfast with Santa!" We love hosting this event every year. It is a time for us to get excited about Christmas! This year we enjoyed a spectacular breakfast buffet provided by our hard working kitchen staff. We also had some furry friends come to join us: baby alpacas, a miniature donkey, and a miniature pony! Something new this year was a special appearance by the fabulous street band, "No Last Call." They put on quite the performance and had everyone dancing and singing along to classic Christmas tunes! We even had a family come in to share the Christmas Story and hand out gifts. The children were thrilled to see Santa and have their pictures taken in Santa's house. Our residents also enjoy getting their pictures with Santa, many of them collecting photos every year to share with their families and loved ones. Christmas comes and goes so fast each year! You have to enjoy it while it lasts and look forward to next year! Thank you everyone who was involved in this event. We hope you had a very Merry Christmas!



NORRISTOWN CELEBRATES THE SEASON

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Norristown, recently celebrated the Holidays by breaking bread together at our annual Christmas Dinner. The dinner was held at The Washington House Restaurant in Sellersville PA. Members and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner where the guests were given a beautiful rose. Attending also was the District Deputy Grand Master for District #2, Frank Hilt and his wife Eileen. After dinner, as part of the ceremonies, Noble Grand Louis A. Damiani presented Past Grand Stephen Bradley with his Past Grand Jewel and Past Grand/Past Chief Patriarch Douglas Emerson with his combined Jewel. A good time was had by all.
William Wurtz, Secretary



FREEDOM LODGE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of Freedom Lodge #88, Honesdale, and their families joined together for an evening of food and fellowship.

Instead of exchanging gifts members brought items for charity donations. Members filled two large boxes!

Join the Brotherhood!

Freedom Lodge 88 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening.



UNIFIED LODGE #2 ANNUAL PRE-CHRISTMAS GALA

UNIFIED LODGE #2 CELEBRATED ITS ANNUAL PRE-CHRISTMAS GALA

On Saturday, December 21, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, North Hills



Grand Master David Whittlinger with his spouse and Deputy GM, Shirley, both members of Lodge #1004, of Hampton, honored our Lodge with their presence.

DDGM Sister Donna Faub, the Treasurer of Unified Lodge, saw to it that every one of the more than 60 persons present, took home a valuable door prize.

Bob Marziano, Noble Grand of Unified Lodge, is shown here with Taylor Bergfelt, one of the two awardees who was given a scholarship from Unified in 2019.

A seemingly bottomless bowl of large, juicy, inviting shrimp was provided by our caterer, Nancy, of Walnut Corners Catering.

Many and various culinary delights pleasantly pleased the palates of even the most particular diners.



FEBRUARY OBITUARIES

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



VIOLET I. NOTTINGHAM

Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge No. 198
October 27, 2019

Sister Violet I. (Moyer) Nottingham, 87, of Adamsville, PA, was initiated into Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #198, Atlantic, PA, on July 9, 1975.

She was a member of the Adamsville Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, and a daughter. Surviving is a son, a daughter, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Rocky Glen Cemetery.

C. RODNEY KNEPP

Port Matilda Lodge No. 733
October 30, 2019

Brother Charles R. "Rodney" Knepp, 90, of Port Matilda, PA, was initiated into Port Matilda Lodge #733 on April 4, 1980, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 15, 1984. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a member of the Port Matilda Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Mary Smeltzer, five children, nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Meyer Cemetery.



WILBUR E. LEIDIG

Past District Deputy Grand Master
Waterfall Lodge No. 773
November 21, 2019

Brother Wilbur E. Leidig, 92, of Hustontown, PA, was initiated into Waterfall Lodge #773, New Grenada, PA on March 29, 1969, where he became a Past Grand and

received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 25, 1975. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1985 - 1986. Much of his years were spent in the Chaplin's Chair, a position he was proud to serve in. Wilbur rarely missed a lodge meeting and will be greatly missed in our halls. Brother Wilbur was presented with a 50 year pin April 26, 2019 for his years of service to our lodge and community.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the New Grenada Church of God, Waterfall, PA.

He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Hilda McClain and Lonia Grove, and two step-grandchildren. Surviving are nine step-children, 18 step-grandchildren and 30 step-great-grandchildren.

The Odd Fellows conducted a funeral service on Monday evening Nov. 24th at the New Grenada Church of God. A funeral service was held 11:00 Monday, November 25th at the New Grenada Church of God with Pastor Kenneth Cornelius officiating.



JOHN H. SCHICKRAM

Harmony Lodge No. 86
December 14, 2019

Brother John H. Schickram, 69, of Tamaqua, PA, was initiated into East Brunswick Lodge #802, New Ringgold, PA, on November 11, 1988. He then transferred to Harmony Lodge #86 when they were re-instituted on December 11, 1999. He was Harmony Lodge's Charter Vice Grand.

He was a U.S. Combat Coast Guard Veteran of the Vietnam War. Surviving is his wife, the former Carol DeLay, two daughters and two grandsons.

Private interment will be held at Sky-View Memorial Park, Tamaqua, PA.



JOHN C. HESCOX

Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
December 15, 2019

Brother John C. Hescox, 93, of Hollidaysburg, PA, was initiated into Allemans Lodge #900, Allemansville, PA, on February 17, 1949, where he became a Past Grand. He then consolidated to become a member of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, on August 23, 1997.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Hollidaysburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Betty Lovell. Surviving are three daughters, two sons, 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson and numerous step-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Glasgow, PA.



DONALD E. HUNSINGER

Harmony Lodge No. 86
December 25, 2019

Brother Donald E. Hunsinger, 86, of Hazleton, PA, was initiated into Hazleton Lodge #65 on May 8, 1964, where he became a Past Grand on October 7, 1966 and received the Grand Lodge Degree October 25, 1975.

He was in the installation staff several years in the 1960s. He became a member of Conyngham Lodge #308 through consolidation on

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February 28, 2003, and finally Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua, through consolidation on January 23, 2008. He received the Degree of Siam in 2017. At the time of his death, he was Harmony Lodge's Right Scene Supporter and the oldest living member of the Lodge.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of the Lattimer United Methodist Church, Hazleton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dorothy Dovan.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Ss Peter and Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Freeland, PA.



SANDRA J. ELLIS

Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge No. 82
December 29, 2019

Sister Sandra J. (Barger) Ellis, 54, of Pittsburgh, PA, was initiated into Sarah Ellen Rebekah Lodge #344, Monongahela, on April 12, 1982 and became a charter member of Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82, Finleyville, PA, on June 5, 1982, where she became a Past Noble Grand.

She was preceded in death by her father, PGM Clyde Barger. Surviving is her husband, Glyn, mother, PPRA Carolyn Barger, sister Debra Young, and her husband David, all of Mon Valley #82.

Burial was held in Ingomar Methodist Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA.



LEONARD SANTINI

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
January 3, 2020

Brother Leonard Santini, 91, of Charleroi, PA, was initiated into Charleroi Lodge #1030 on May 26, 1993, where he became a Past Grand on October 2, 1997 and received his Grand Lodge Degree October

26, 2002. He served Charleroi Lodge #1030 as Secretary for many years. He held membership in General Worth Encampment #188, Connellsville, PA, having become a Patriarch on June 19, 2009 and holding membership for several years. He was on the board at Fellowship Manor from 2005 - 2015 and was currently Treasurer of the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania. He served the Association since 1998.

He was a U.S. Korean War Veteran and a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Sally Welker. Surviving are four children, seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Maple Creek Cemetery, Charleroi, PA.

PENNSYLVANIA JURISDICTIONAL JOINT YOUTH COMMITTEE

To all members, this letter was sent to each Lodge to discuss. Please make sure this gets done and if you have an interested party, please let's make this work!

Fraternal greetings! Your Jurisdictional Joint Youth Committee, which is comprised of 20 members (3 from each of the five branches, plus the branch leaders) have had three successful meetings this year so far and are happy to report progress. The committee has been doing some research to find out the success to Youth Groups in various jurisdictions. It is now time that each of our Lodges strongly start discussing the future of our Organization, and our youth. We need positive, educational, fun things for our children to do, and with that, we get more potential members for our individual Lodges.

How this helps our youth:

- Personal growth
- Respect for the good name of the individual
- The submergence of self-interest for common good
- Family unity
- Good citizenship
- Accomplish hopes to attaining goals
- The disciplinary value of conducting meetings in an orderly and democratic manner

What do you need?

- Advisors need to be at least 21 years old and in good standing in an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge
- All it takes is five children, ages 8 - 18

There are three groups: Junior Odd Fellows, which is all boys; Theta Rho, which is all girls; United Youth Group, which is boys and girls. The committee recommends the United Youth Group; once a Lodge is established, it cannot be changed.

We are asking each Lodge not just to read this in full, but to discuss the possibilities! This is a win-win-win for all of us. If there is not enough interest to start one, but members have families or friends that would be interested, contact the Grand Lodge and your information will be kept in case a Youth Group does start up in your area. We are hoping to have at least one started in the East and one in the West. This is worthwhile and time we start investing in our youth!

If you are interested, please contact the Grand Lodge, the chairman and secretary of the committee, or your branch head for more information and we will do what we can to work with you and make this a success! Dare to be Odd! Youth is our future!!!!

Fraternally,

YOUR Jurisdictional Joint Youth Committee

THE TREASURER'S TALES

FEBRUARY 2020

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at February 1925. The big thing in February is St. Valentine's Day, followed closely by Groundhog Day. February is a cold month, with snow. As much as people stay in groups to keep warm and repel the ill effects of snow and cold, so do animals.

February 1925 marked a number of interesting events, on Groundhog Day; Dogsleds reach Nome with emergency diphtheria serum after an outbreak, on the 10th the American Baseball League decides to alternate leagues for game 1 of World Series each year, On the 21st, the first issue of the New Yorker magazine was published, actor Jack Lemmon was born on the 8th, Hal Holbrook was born on the 17th and George Kennedy was born on the 18th. Movies were still silent for most of the world, as well as black and white. People were watching The Phantom of the Opera, with Lon Chaney, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zKai-GJguo>. The Wizard of Oz was also popular, see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p98__cJtPTY.

Because of snow, travel was difficult for people as well as the Groundhog. Since 1886 people have traveled to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to see the original weather "person". You can visit the web site for this event, even if weather keeps you from making a personal journey, see: <https://www.groundhog.org/legend-and-lore>.

The Odd Fellows decided they should hold some sort of ceremony to commemorate Ground Hog Day. A committee was formed, Vic was the chair. Since he was Barney's father-in-law, he knew he could get volunteers. The normal practice was to hold a banquet for such events. Before Thomas Wildey popularized the fraternity in America, it was known throughout the civilized world that the best way to encourage people to come together was to feed them. The parable of the loaves and fishes suggests this interest, see Matthew 14:13-21. If ever an organization of chow hounds was formed, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was it. In 1925 Groundhog Day was on Monday. The banquet was to be held on Saturday, the 7th. The committee was given two weeks to put the affair together.

It was suggested that it might be simpler to go to a banquet hall and invite members only. Vic thought about this for ten seconds and decided Alice (not to mention Elizabeth) would not like that plan. They might like the banquet hall, but not a stag affair.

Although Barney was a teacher and a farmer, he knew how to plan a banquet almost as well as Vic. Vic had chaired the Grand Lodge Session Committee twice. He looked for a place to hold the affair and settled on the Junior Order of United American Mechanics Hall. It was in Elizabeth, New Jersey, which was a bit of a drive, but the hall was large and the ladies

auxiliary of the Junior Order, i.e., the Daughters of America, would do the catering. Some had suggested that the main course be Groundhog. This was voted down by a large margin. This was the era of the famous chicken dinner, popular at all functions. The price was set at \$1.50, which cut the crowd a bit, but guaranteed a high quality meal.

As the day drew near, Barney and Vic were contacted by the vaudeville act they had engaged to entertain. The act was stuck in St. Louis and there was too much snow to make it to Elizabeth, New Jersey. Vic suggested they could tell jokes or sing songs. None of this excited Barney's imagination. He tried the local barbershop quartet, but they wanted \$10.00 and a free meal. Vic came up with a brilliant idea, he could have the dogs and cats that people left in his care and didn't pay for, perform a show. Vic was a great animal trainer and had the show ready in no time. He brought three small dogs and two cats. He only overlooked two things. Animals that have not performed before a crowd do unexpected things, those who watched the Garry Moore variety program on TV in the early 1960's should recall this. Most dogs and cats have a very keen sense of smell and roast chicken is within the range of that sense.

Several distractions occurred, but the show went off well. Since he was feeding them and getting no money for it, Vic took advantage of the situation and made it an adoption event. He didn't have to take any of the animals home. The cat that jumped through a hoop landed on Elizabeth's lap, expecting something from the table, no doubt. The singing dog brought down the house, but a few people found it annoying. The show ended when the animals ran across the stage with I O O F mounted on their backs.

The animal show was fairly short, so Barney had Joseph Wilson, the Chief Patriarch in Newark Encampment and a high school biology teacher, give a talk on groundhogs. This was so boring that the audience was making animal images with their napkins. After Joe was done, Barney gave a shorter and more interesting talk on Groundhog Day. After the speeches were over there was a drawing for a door prize, a large box of chocolates shaped like a heart. The winner was the Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge, who was an unmarried school teacher with few prospects to get a Valentine, since she was 78 years old. A good time was had by all. I will think of something more exciting for March.

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.

GM WHITLINGER VISITS MT. HOR LODGE NO. 736

On November 8, 2019, GM, David O. Whitlinger along with DGM, Shirley J. Whitlinger and GW, J. Carl George traveled to Cassville, Pa. to Mt. Hor Lodge #736 for an Official Visit. It was another great evening of Odd Fellowship. Joining the Grand Master was Past Grand Master, Joseph J. Giebel, Jr. It was great to be in the

home lodge of our good friend, William L. Ramsey, Jr., PGM and SL Representative. Thank you Mt Hor Lodge for a great evening of friendship. Your Meeting showed outstanding work and your meal that was shared after the meeting was great!!



SANDY LAKE LODGE PRESENTS CHECK

A PROUD MOMENT IN THE LIFE OF UNIFIED LODGE #2, PITTSBURGH, PA ODD FELLOWS OF PA



For the first time in its long, celebrated history, Unified Lodge Number 2 has decided to provide educational scholarship aid to two individuals, namely Taylor Bergfelt, a granddaughter of Joan and Ted Bergfelt, and Sunna Kureishy, a granddaughter of Earlene and Jim McMahan. In November, each girl received a check in the amount of \$1,000 toward college expenses.



Sandy Lake Lodge # 573 of Pennsylvania Independent Order of Odd Fellow D.D.G.M. Raymond Rodgers & Noble Grand Joe Alessio gave Lainey Pilewski Executive Director of VARHA A CHECK FOR \$500.00 Jan.20,2020.

Taylor's undergrad degree is in early childhood ed., and she currently is studying to complete a course focusing on healthcare for children.

Sunna recently completed requirements for a degree in pre-med, and will be taking graduate classes in preparation for practice in the field of medicine.

 Periodicals

DECEMBER DONATIONS

PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE

E135	Perseverance Encampment	2,000.00
306	Walker	500.00
278	Connoquenessing	250.00
1152	Wysox	250.00
548	Ernestine Rebekah	200.00
348	Clover	135.00
87	Hopkins	100.00
562	Newburg	100.00
699	Tunkhannock	100.00
847	Vienna	100.00
899	Askam	100.00
254	Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity	50.00
307	Triune	50.00
471	Rush	50.00
573	Sandy Lake	50.00
1030	Charleroi	50.00
R173	Letitia Penn	<u>25.00</u>
		4,110.00

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

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CAMP JRA

74	Mount Zion	2,000.00
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PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

377	Nucleus	150.00
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		200.00

PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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VISUAL RESEARCH

74	Mount Zion	1,000.00
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
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