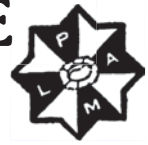




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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WARREN LODGE NO. 339 CONTINUES LEGACY

The Grand Lodge of PA is excited to announce the rebirth of Warren Lodge No. 339. Due to an increase in motivation and determination from citizens in the county of Warren, they pulled together and initiated 7 new members on November 10, through Ridgway Lodge #969, and also nominated and installed a new slate of officers by Grand Master Whitlinger. On November 19, they conferred the Initiatory Degree on a class of 5 brothers.

In February 2019, this charter turned 170 years old. We are proud of the new members for carrying on the legacy of Warren Lodge. These members are all brand new with the exception of one transfer from Ridgway Lodge #969 and one older member from the original Warren Lodge. This goes to show there is interest in your communities for continuing your Lodge. Seek and you will find them!

The officers of the Lodge are: Noble Grand Michael McKarski, Vice Grand Russell Bush Jr., Secretary Jennifer Fox and Treasurer Louis Dussia.



GRAND WARDEN J. CARL GEORGE HONORED FOR HIS SERVICE



On December 4, 2019, J. Carl George of Clover Lodge #348 was awarded the James W. Crowe Lifetime Achievement Award. James Crowe was a Past Grand Patriarch and also a member of Clover Lodge #348 and Ambridge Encampment #259. After his death, a committee was formed to award a member this with a minimum of 15 years in the order and presents exemplary service. The last award was given in 2012. The award is a clock with a plaque and a \$100.00 check. The recommendation must be from a former Crowe awardee, who was Tom Stachura. Congratulations to Brother Carl for this honor!

Places to Go...People to See

JANUARY

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

JUNE

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

OCTOBER

2&3 / Mt. Hor #736 150th Annivarsary+
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 or 717-944-7419 *Note the change due to the dissolution of the planning board!

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Thank You!

Thank you very much for awarding me your scholarship for the upcoming academic year. I am extremely grateful for the role you have played in easing the financial burden of my education. As I embark upon my senior year at Penn State, I just want to reiterate how much your support of my pursuance of my dreams and aspirations means to me.

Sincerely, Thomas Williams.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Gerald W. States, #348
Donald T. Malley, #1004

35 YEARS

Edward P. Frigo, #306

40 YEARS

Howard M. Beck, #1004

45 YEARS

James L. Rittle, #1050

50 YEARS

Dennis O. Nace, #74

65 YEARS

Fred L. Fiester, #116
David J. Wilson, #192
Riley O. Neidigh, #380

70 YEARS

John Robinson, #88
Guy E. Schreffler, #551
Reynolds C. Becker, #802

150 YEARS

Tunkhannock Lodge No. 699

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I hope that all my Brothers and Sisters had a joyous Christmas season. That you were able to spend quality time with you family, and your Odd Fellow family. As Shirley & I settle into our new home to enjoy our first Holiday Season, we realized just how thankful we are for our family and friends. We all have much to be thankful for.

I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to all the Lodges that I visited last fall. I was given a warm welcome at each visit. The generosity that was given to me will remain in my heart for years to come.

After the holiday commitments have ended, I will be establishing my early 2020 schedule. It is my goal to visit as many Lodges as I can. I look forward to seeing and meeting our brothers and sisters, as they are the backbone of our order.

I urge you to continue your good works. Reach out into your communities, aid in "soup kitchens", food for the needy, and any charitable cause that we should support. Our good deeds will be noticed.

Once again if you should need me for anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Your concerns will always be addressed. Keep me posted on your Lodges progress of aid for those in need.

Until we meet.
In F. L. & T.

David C. Whitlinger
Grand Master



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

MT. ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK

Wayne Stambaugh
- initiated August 5th

Bernadette Free
- initiated September 18th

HARMONY LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA

Lucas D. Gregoire
- initiated November 13th

WARREN LODGE NO. 339

John W. Schwanke
- initiated November 10th

Shawn M. Stec
Lisa M. Bush
Russell W. Bush, Jr.

Jennifer Fox
Michael F. McKarski
Louis P. Dussia
Daniel H. Glotz

- initiated November 19th

Jason O. Peters
Michael J. Crone
Albert L. Webster
John R. Webster

RUSH LODGE NO. 471

Doris J. Martin
- initiated November 8th

TUNKHANNOCK LODGE NO. 699

Lynn H. Stark
- initiated September 18th

ASKAM LODGE NO. 899, SUGAR NOTCH

Christian Olejar
- initiated November 18th

RIDGWAY LODGE NO. 969

Alfred D. Ezell
- initiated September 20th

Eric P. Shaffer
James F. Jackson

ENJOYING SATURDAY MORNINGS

On many Saturday mornings, brothers of Charleroi Lodge #1030 (Leonard Santini, George Hogan, & Bob Grant) enjoy our friendship together by starting the morning with a delicious breakfast at the Rt. 40 Classic Dinner, located on the historic National Pike. Upon arriving, the waitress will always happily bring us a pot of freshly brewed coffee and ask, "Anything different today?" With a "Nope!" answer, she proceeds to place our orders. Somewhat surprising and producing smiles to patrons sitting around us being that she knows our menu selections without us having to say another word. After an hour or so of discussion about "solving the problems of the world," we proceed to a nearby Walmart to browse and pick up some "odds & ends." The bakery, fruits, pet supplies, automotive, electronic, office supplies, fishing & hunting, & pharmacy departments are always explored on our journey through the store. So, on most Saturday mornings, now remember, we just

stop by for some "odds and ends," we end up leaving the store with a filled buggy! The hard part of the morning now becomes "sneaking" some of the items into our houses so we don't get caught and have to hear, "Why in the world would you buy that!?!?" So looking

forward to another Saturday morning and maybe we'll run into some our brothers and sisters who may also be stopping by to pick up some "odds and ends." Wishing all of you a happy and enjoyable Christmas season.
B. Gran



DISTRICT 2 INSTALLATION

The officers of Victory Lodge No. 658, Sellersville, under direction of DDGM Frank Hilt, installed the Officers of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57, Norristown, and Jamison Lodge No. 447, in Sellersville. There were about 20 Members from all three Lodges in attendance.



CANTON ALLENTOWN HONORS VETERANS



On November 9th, the Officers of Canton Allentown No. 39, Patriarchs Militant, I.O.O.F., took to the streets to participate in the Tamaqua Veterans Day Parade. The honor guard consisted of Brigadier General (R) Justin Bailey, Captain William Hanby, Lieutenant Rory King, Accountant Tyler Arnold, clerk Captain Nicole Inama and our mascot Kenny Bailey. Veterans in attendance was Justin who served in the U.S. Army, and William who served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

MALVERN HONORS MEMBERS

On December 2nd, Brothers & Patriarchs from Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201 and Chosen Friends Encampment No. 88, went to Gram's Kitchen in West Chester for a Christmas Party. There were 9 members and family in attendance. A great meal was had by all, and DDGM Chris Grumblatt, an associate to Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge had the distinct honor of presenting Gary, Don and Ron Smith with 25 year jewels and Jay N. Smith with a 60 year jewel. The Lodge and Encampment have revitalized this past year and have a lot to celebrate as they continue their legacy in Chester County.



Shown l to r: Don Smith, Secretary; Gary Smith, Guardian; Ron Smith, Vice Grand, Jay N. Smith, Treasurer; Chris Grumblatt, DDGM

VARIETY LODGE ANNOUNCES 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE ROBERT C. BOSWELL AWARD

The Robert C. Boswell Memorial Award is given to that member, who during the current Lodge year, most symbolizes what it means to be a true Odd Fellow. The honoree is a person who volunteers for programs serving others and goes to any extreme to be there for other members in times of joy or sorrow.

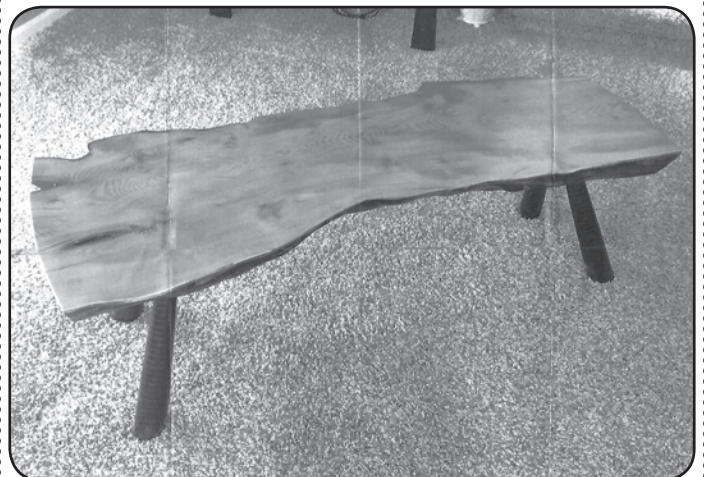
Our recipient this year is Sister Lynn Edelman. Lynn is the wife of PNG Mitch Edelman, and has been a living example of the Odd Fellow Mission Statement since she joined the Lodge. Lynn volunteers for all of the outreach programs of Variety Lodge, and still finds time to be the Lodges Social Chair. Lynn is currently the Conductor of the Lodge and brings a smile to our faces. because of her upbeat attitude and "Can do" personality. Lynn Edelman is extremely deserving of the Boswell award, and is a valuable asset to all of Odd Fellowship.

Happily submitted by Brother Lanny Blyweiss



Thank You!

I wanted to express my sincerest gratitude for the scholarship reward. I am currently in pursuit of obtaining a business degree, while working part - time in a local woodshop making furniture. Regards, Colin Wurtz



FOOD DONATION FROM RUSH 471



Tre-Hab food bank 152lbs.
PDDGM Bob Schumacher and PG Wayne Martin.

ASKAM LODGE



Askam Lodge 899 donates Christmas gifts to local under privileged youth & senior homes.

Pictured are some of the Christmas gifts.

WALKER LODGE ASSISTS WITH NEEDY

Members of Walker Lodge assisted Lafamiglia in making Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Several members belong to both groups, Lafamiglia also meets in Walker Hall. There is also a gift certificate in the baskets for a turkey.



**PRESS RELEASE:
ODD FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox, PA Chapter have chosen Jennifer Wooster, a practical nursing student, to receive an Odd Fellows Scholarship. The Odd Fellows are very supportive the Practical Nursing Program and continue to give financial assistance to deserving students.

Nelson Silverstrim, Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox, PA Chapter, presented the Odd Fellow Scholarship to Jennifer Wooster.

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA is in its 37th year. It is a one-year program that qualifies graduates to apply for licensure in Practical Nursing. Practical nurses work in nursing homes, doctors' offices, hospitals, and home health care as well as in other areas of health care.

For further information on the Practical Nursing Program, contact 570-265-8113.



Pictured: Left to Right: Margaret Johnson, PN Coordinator Jennifer Wooster, PN Student Nelson Silverstrim, Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

VARIETY LODGE PURCHASES THANKSGIVING TURKEYS FOR SENIOR SHUT INS



Variety Lodge extended its Senior citizen outreach by giving a check to Northeast NORC, an organization under the umbrella of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies, for the purchase of Turkeys for Senior shut ins who cannot get out for Thanksgiving. Variety already has two other ongoing programs for Seniors: “Cook For a Friend”, where members cook homemade meals for seniors to be delivered by meals-on-wheels, and “Phone a Friend”, where members call a homebound Senior every week, who has little or no family in the area, giving the seniors conversation with someone who cares.

We know the Turkeys will be appreciated and enjoyed, as much as we take joy in giving them.

Brother Lanny Blyweiss, DDGM

FALLS CREEK DONATION

Members of the Falls Creek Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Monday’s Sandy Township Supervisors meeting, were recognized for a contribution they made to the Sandy Township Police Department.

The Falls Creek Lodge, which was organized in 1892, has absorbed most of the surrounding lodges as their memberships declined, said member Ron Bishop. He said the Falls Creek Lodge has 11 current members.

Bishop said they asked the police what they needed and, subsequently, the lodge donated \$14,600 to the township police to buy ballistic helmets and patrol rifles.

Bishop said the members felt Sandy Township has unique needs given its size as well as the issues that Interstate 80 can present.

Bishop, along with Warren Baker and Bob Boland, explained the donation and received a plaque in appreciation of the gift.

The supervisors, along with police Chief Kris Kruzalak and Officer Josh Johnston and Sgt. Rod Fairman, thanked the Odd Fellows for the gift, and added that they hope they never have to be used.

Elkland Search and Rescue President Matt Young speaks

Bishop added that the Falls Creek Lodge is looking for new members, men or women, to continue its tradition of service.

The IOOF is an international organization that seeks to provide and promote personal and social development. Activities are designed to “improved and elevate every person to a higher, nobler plane; to extend sympathy and aid those in need. ... relieving the darkness of despair, to war against vice in every form and to be a great moral power and influence for the good of humanity.”

~ Special to the Courier Express



Members of the Falls Creek Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows, at Monday’s Sandy Township Supervisors meeting, were recognized for a contribution they made to the Sandy Township Police Department. Shown are: Chief Kris Kruzalak, Sgt. Rod Fairman, Bob Boland, Warren Baker, Ron Bishop and Officer Josh Johnston.

JANUARY OBITUARIES

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

NORMAN R. SIMPSON

Unified Lodge No. 2
Ambridge Encampment No. 259
November 10, 2019

Brother Norman R. Simpson, 93, of Carnegie, PA, was initiated into Manchester Lodge #403, Pittsburgh, PA, on November 1, 1951, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of Unified Lodge #2, when Manchester consolidated to form Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, on November 10, 1977. He received his Grand Lodge Degree October 30, 1980. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Manchester Lodge #403 still affiliated with the Order. He was a Patriarch of Ambridge Encampment #259, having initially joined Allegheny Encampment #101 and consolidating May 16, 1989. He was a former Rebekah to Martha Rebekah Lodge #491, Pittsburgh.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ellen. Surviving is his second wife, the former Carol Munce, four children, three step-children, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



ROBERT R. ZEIGLER

Triune Lodge No. 307
November 13, 2019

Brother Robert R. Zeigler, 79, of Harrisburg, PA, was initiated into Harrisburg Lodge #68 on July 25, 1972, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, through

consolidation on May 14, 1996.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Harrisburg.

He was preceded in death by his daughter. Surviving is his son and two grandsons.

Burial was held in Newport Cemetery.



HARRY M. CORRIN

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
November 22, 2019

Brother Harry M. Corrin, 91, of Charleroi, PA, was initiated into Charleroi Lodge #1030 on November 6, 1993, where he became a Past Grand on October 21, 1999.

He was a U. S. Air Force Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of First United Methodist Church, Monongahela.

Surviving is his wife, the former Ruth Breuer, one daughter, one son, two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Burial was held in Monongahela Cemetery.



HELEN R. MILLER

Hester Rebekah Lodge No. 29
November 30, 2019

Sister Helen R. (Trotman) Miller, 85, of Tamaqua, PA, was initiated into Hester Rebekah Lodge #29, Tamaqua, on November 18, 2000. She transferred to Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport, for a number

of years and then transferred back to Hester Rebekah Lodge #29 on August 5, 2013, where she became a Past Noble Grand. She held associate membership in Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182.

She was a member of Zion's Stone Church of West Penn Township. She was preceded in death by a daughter, a son and a grandson.

Surviving is her husband, PGP Paul E. Miller of East Brunswick Lodge #802, three sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by the Members of her Lodge and burial was held in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Tamaqua.



CLIFTON R. POIST

Past Grand Master/ Past Grand Patriarch
Maryland
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736 Associate
December 1, 2019

Brother Clifton R. Poist, 79, of Fort Howard, MD, was initiated into North Point Lodge #4, Fort Howard, MD, on November 13, 2002. He joined Mount Zion Lodge #74 as an associate on June 23, 2010 until 2018. He was an associate to Mount Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, having joined August 27, 2010. He served Maryland as Grand Patriarch from 2008 - 2009 and Grand Master from 2009 - 2010.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Nancy Lister. Surviving is one daughter and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted by members of his Jurisdiction and burial was held in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Baltimore, MD.

JANUARY OBITUARIES



PAULINE E. TROUTMAN

Past RA Inside Guardian
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
December 4, 2019

Sister Pauline E. "Polly" (Snyder) Troutman, 87, of Dornsife, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, as a Charter Member on February 12, 1958, and served as the first Recording Secretary. She became a Past Noble Grand in 1967 and was a former Delegate to the Rebekah Assembly. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in 1998 and served the Rebekah Assembly as Inside Guardian from 2000 - 2001. She was a member of the Tri-County Past Noble Grand Association. She received the Rebekah of the Year Award from Idella Rebekah Lodge in 2005 and from the Tri-County Rebekah Association in 2009. She served on numerous committees and held many appointed offices within the Lodge.

She was a member of Himmel's Church, Dornsife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Percy. Surviving are six children, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge and burial was held in Himmel's Cemetery, Dornsife.



WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, JR.

Alma Lodge No. 523
December 4, 2019

Brother William H. "Bill" Williams, Jr., 89, of Johnstown, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on March 20, 1987.

He was a U.S. Navy Korean War Veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church,

Johnstown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Leah Hunter. Surviving are three sons and five grandchildren.

Entombment was held at Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum, Johnstown.



MERVIN W. PETERS, SR.

Past District Deputy Grand Master
Jordan Lodge No. 192
December 8, 2019

Brother Mervin W. Peters, Sr., 87, of Walnutport, PA, was initiated into Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, PA on October 2, 1962, where he became a Past Grand on October 1, 1964 and received the Grand Lodge Degree March 13, 1976. He went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 1976 - 1978 and 1979 - 1982. He served as Treasurer of Jordan Lodge for many years and assisted on many installation and degree teams. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Conductor.

He was a U.S. Air Force Korean War era Veteran and a member of Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA.

He was preceded in death by a grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Emilie Schoener, four daughters, one son, nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Members of his Lodge and burial was held at Union Church Cemetery, Neffs, PA.

40 ATTEND TAMAQUA HOLIDAY GATHERING

A joint Christmas party was held between Harmony Lodge # 86, Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge # 86, Scott Encampment # 132, and Shenandoah Lodge # 591. There were 40 guests in attendance and a great meal was held at Basile's in Hometown. It was truly a special occasion as Harmony Lodge is celebrating 20 years of service after its reinstatement in 1999, and celebrating 10 years of service for Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge.

Honored were from Scott Encampment #132 - PCP Dennis Kamp for 25+ years of service. From Shenandoah Lodge #591 - DDGM Timothy Hahn for 20 years of service. From Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 - Justin & Kate Bailey for 10 years of service and PNG Ashley Guscott received a PNG Jewel. PG/PCP Nicole Inama received her PG/PCP Jewel and Ray "Bull" Boulanger received his Past Grand Chaplain Jewel. It has truly been a great and progressive year for Tamaqua, and Harmony, Lady Harmony and Scott all have applications to be acted on in 2020 for new members!



Pictured: Left to Right: Margaret Johnson, PN Coordinator Jennifer Wooster, PN Student Nelson Silverstrim, Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows



Members of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86 celebrating their 10th Anniversary

THE TREASURER'S TALES

JANUARY 2020

Winter is cold and snowy, the days are short and the night is long. In January 1925, winter in New Jersey followed the ancient pattern. Barney was tasked with operating a farm as well as educating the youth in high school English. Winter was not his favorite season. The cattle had similar feelings. Here is a traditional song to start the new year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFcSfqYqHs4>.

On January 1, 1925, Notre Dame defeated Stanford in the Rose Bowl. On January 5, Nellie Taylor Ross became governor of Wyoming, the first woman governor in U S history. On January 19 the state record cold temperature was set in Maine, -48! F. On January 24, the first moving picture of an eclipse of the Sun was taken from a dirigible over Long Island. On January 29, David Lloyd George became Prime Minister of Great Britain (another man with three first names). On January 6, famous automaker John Z. DeLorean was born, see <https://www.delorean.com/>. On January 26, actor Paul Newman was born.

Most of the local turmoil dealt with the bitter cold weather. Warden and Conductor were upset over the reduction in the size of their bathroom facilities, the tardiness with which their meals arrived, the frozen water bowls and Melchizedek attempting to "borrow" a dog house on frosty nights. Barney had to make accommodations by shoveling out the bathroom area around the dog houses and "flushing" the area for Warden and Conductor.

The farm operation had been successful in 1924 and Barney had butchered a fairly large hog in December. On January 1, 1925, the lodge held its first (and only) New Year's Day dinner. The entire hog was roasted, before removing the bones, the hog carcass weighed 188 pounds. One of the other members of the lodge who farmed, Jacob Shultz, brought in 50 pounds of homemade sauerkraut. There were 65 pounds of potatoes to be mashed, 25 pounds of beans and 25 apple pies. This was a feast by most standards of measure. Vic had made cider, filling a 50 gallon whiskey barrel for the occasion, but the cider was a bit old and bit too strong. Some of the members drank too much of the cider and the evening conversation got a bit rowdy. A few of the members were upset that Prohibition was in full force and they had been unable to have anything to celebrate the new year the night before, as a result they enjoyed more cider at the dinner. A story about hard cider can be found here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cider>. As with all lodge dinners, cleanup is the most important. As the leading lodge figure, Barney was in charge of cleanup. His help was wozy, making more work for him. The scraps were a welcome site for our furry friend, who visited the lodge garbage can after every meeting.

On January 2, school resumed. It was a Friday, so there was a one-day week with some absences and no one interested in school work. Barney had to give an assignment to keep his

students interested, so he asked the students to write a one-paragraph story on cold weather. The assignment did not generate a lot of interest, but the students were all negative. After listening to four classes of students condemn cold weather, Barney wanted to move to Florida himself.

When Barney got home from school, Conductor had slipped his collar and was lying in front of the door, hoping to go in. Barney might have left him in but Warden was barking his head off, thinking Conductor was getting special treatment. Barney brought them both over to the back porch and chained them to pillars so they couldn't run off. Elizabeth brought out old blankets and made beds for them. Barney arranged sheets of plywood to break the wind and put warm water in their bowls. Since the house wasn't all that well insulated, heat went out on the porch. The dogs still thought they were being discriminated against, especially when they looked in the window and saw Alice, the Pomeranian, curled up near the wood stove inside.

As the month dragged on, the cold weather depressed most of the students, so Barney had to keep coming up with new ideas to gain their interest. He decided that the students should write a play. He thought the best idea would be to start with a theme. Each student in each class was to come up with a theme. The students would then vote on the theme to be used. The most popular movie at the time was The Gold Rush starring Charlie Chaplin. See this clip on the movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDIEvaKBkhU> The students wanted to do a play on the gold rush. Barney accepted their theme choice. He then assigned parts to be put together after all the parts had been written.

The students wrote parts for different prospectors, store keepers and other characters. Some wanted to write about the less proper characters, such as saloon girls, but Barney would not allow that. The parts were then joined together and put into a play. The theme was constant, but the parts were quite uneven. Each class performed its own play. The interaction of the characters was amusing, but it just didn't click well enough for Barney to let the public see any of it. It kept the students occupied and that was the best you could say for it.

The students were occupied for most of the month with the play. Barney finished the month with a literature assignment. He assigned a different book to each student and required a written book report from each student. The exercise proved to occupy the students but didn't offer much humor. Barney decided book reports were the best way to occupy the students and with the least work for the teacher.

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.



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Student Nominee Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____

School Presently Attending _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Nominator Name _____ E-mail _____

**Nominator must be a member in good standing of any branch of the order.
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ PH. _____

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's time once again to remind you about the Odd Fellow-Rebekah of Pennsylvania Scholarship Program. Each year we provide young men and women the opportunity to apply for a \$500 scholarship toward their education.

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Yours in F.L.&T.

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM
 Chairperson

The nomination form can be found on page 11.