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## REBEKAH LODGE CONSOLIDATES

On January 15, 2020, Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233 of Waltersburg and Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82 of Finleyville consolidated. Along with Nadine Hager, President of the Rebekah Assembly was the Grand Master, David O. Whitlinger, and six Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly. Also taking part in the consolidation ceremony were Rebekahs from

Lady Worth Lodge #328 of Sandy Lake. Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233 was instituted on March 30, 1951. Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82 was formed June 5, 1982 through consolidation of Philathea Rebekah Lodge #527 of Gastonville and Sarah Ellen Rebekah Lodge #344 of Monongahela. Best Wishes to the new consolidated lodge.



Picture taken by the DGM.

### 2020 Spring Odd Fellows Rally

Hosted by Walker Lodge No. 306  
1290 Southampton Road, Philadelphia

April 4th beginning at 9:00AM

Bring your candidates and watch for your notice in your Lodge!

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

#### MARCH

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

#### 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

#### 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!

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

- MOUNT ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK**  
Lisa Krout – initiated January 6th
- LADY HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA**  
Nadine L. Dennis – initiated January 15th
- HARMONY LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA**  
Gabriel Gregoire – initiated January 8th  
Ashley R. Guscott
- LETITIA PENN REBEKAH LODGE NO. 173, PHILADELPHIA**  
William F. Hanby – initiated January 15th

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

### Grand Master's Message

As we move thru the dark months of the year, I have joyful anticipation as the days start getting longer. Spring will be upon us soon, and with that comes the emergence of nature's new life. My thoughts turn to be able to travel without worrying about inclement weather and unsafe roads.

In my travels, I have met so many wonderful brothers and sisters. It makes me proud to be a member of an order that practices what we preach. The kindness, generosity, and willingness to help each other has totally overwhelmed me.

We are in the process of planning a Spring Rally. This event proved to be quite successful when held last September at Alma Lodge # 523 in Johnstown. This is a time to renew friendships, initiate new members, and confer the Grand Lodge degree on past nobles. Several lodges have come forward to host this event. I have chosen Walker Lodge #306, in Philadelphia. That I feel will be the best for our order. Watch for details of the date, and other significant information as it becomes available.

Remember to always practice the Odd Fellow's creed. If we continue to offer help and assistance to those in need, and treat each other as we want to be treated, the world will be a much better place. I continue to ask God's grace in blessing each member of our beloved order.

Your Grand Master,  
*David C. Whitlinger*

## COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

3 - Middletown Encampment #10 OV  
- 7:00PM

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DGM

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hope all is well, and like the GM and I, are you all thinking.... SPRING!!!

As my year to be your Grand Master is rapidly approaching, the GM and I are finding that we are in a transitional period, from his year to mine. We are busy making our travel plans for visiting you, all the while, talking about our shared project for our Order.

I felt it necessary to give you some of my thoughts on Growth, a subject which our Order has been wrestling with for some time. The Grand Master had hoped to come up with a professional approach to exposing our order to all within our jurisdiction. To date, for reasons that are numerous, he was not able to realize his plan. My desire is to go forward with his plan but with some modifications. I feel that instead of an outside firm, we need to take a good look inwardly as no one will know Odd Fellowship like we do, but how do we proceed?

I believe one way to let all know that the Order is still around, is that we as Odd Fellows need to get active. Active within our lodges; active in our communities; active with a charitable organization. I would like to challenge every member to start a discussion in your lodge of a plan to seek not only new members but also ways to reach out in the communities. We must always consider communication as an important function of any new plan.

In the February magazine, Tyler M. Arnold, Social Media Coordinator, wrote a Social

Media Letter. Did you read it? I agree with Tyler, we need to start using today's tools of communication which are available to us. Would your lodge like to reach out in your area using social media? Let me know as I am looking for members of our Order who would like to be a part of a technical support team to help any and all lodges to set-up a social media communication.

In visiting lodges, we have seen lodge members coming to lodge in matching shirts with the three links logo, lodge's name and member's name embroidered. By wearing a lodge shirt to meeting; at community functions; or working with a charitable organization, I can't think of a better way to communicate to all that Odd Fellowship is alive and active!

For a job this big, I need your help!! With our state of Pennsylvania being so large, what works in one Odd Fellow District, might not work in another. This is the reason I feel communication is so important. Let's start now, let the GM and myself know your thoughts, on how we can promote growth in our jurisdiction; how your lodge can reach out in your community; and what the GM & DGM can help with in your lodge. By all of us working together, I know we can grow in number.

Until next month,  
Fraternally,

*Shirley*  
Shirley J. Whitlinger, DGM

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

7 - PA-5 Drill practice, Johnstown - 11:30AM

9 - Strasburg Lodge #361 OV - 7:30PM

14 - Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows, Philadelphia

20 - Grand Lodge Board meeting, Middletown - 5:00PM

25 - District #6 OV, Tamaqua - 7:00PM

28 - Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, Corning, NY

\*\* Note - The OV to Warren on March 17th has been re-scheduled until April 7th!

# LODGE #339 PINEWOOD DERBY WORKSHOP

Warren Lodge #339 has been resurrected as of November 2019. We currently have 8 3rd Degree members and 9 initiated member with several 1st degree. We also have several new applications to be voted on.

A clean up of the Lodge facility has been ongoing. There is a huge amount of work to be done and all members have been active in the projects.

Our first community service function was to create a space for the Boy Scout Chief Cornplanter Council. This space is being used by the Cub Scouts as an area for a Pinewood Derby workshop and test track facility. The space is also being set up as a meeting place for the Chief Cornplanter Venture Scouts. These are the older scouts and this group's main function is Ham Radio. They not only help out throughout the county for events requiring communications such

as bicycle races, triathlons, dog sled races, etc but also function as an emergency communications service for the county. In this capacity they are in the process of setting up an emergency communications facility in the Scout space to be used in the event of any disasters in the county.

Warren Lodge is proud to be able to provide this service for the Scouts as they previously had no permanent facilities. Not only are we providing a safe and secure facility for them but we are using this as a tool to expose the younger generations to the fraternity of Odd Fellows and hope that they will join our Lodge.

This is Girl Scout Abby McBride preparing her axles for her Pinewood Racecar and showing the car with her father Eric McBride.

~ Lou Dussia, Treasurer



# WALKER LODGE NO. 306 LOSES PROVERBIAL POWER AS IT HANDLES DEATH

The devastating news broke out on February 5th by Trustee Ron Boyle that a beloved icon of Walker Lodge No. 306 had gone to his heavenly home:

"It is my sad duty to report that Brother Robbie Raccoon passed away on February 2, 2020. His death was reported by the Peco repairman when he opened the transformer box outside the Lodge hall today on Wednesday February 5, 2020. No matter how many times we told him not to chew on the wires, he did not listen.

Odd Fellow services for Robbie will be held at Walker Lodge #306 on Monday, February 13, 2020."

Why did you have to chew on the wires Robbie! Why?! After speaking with longtime Scribe of Perseverance Encampment #135, Elliot Tenenbaum spoke out, "I used to come to Encampment early to meet with Robbie. Me and Robbie would sit there outside chewing wires until the Patriarchs



started showing up. I don't know what I will do without him." The cause may have been depression, as his cousin, Punxsutawney Phil, was getting all the attention that day. Maybe Robbie felt it was his time to shine.

\*\* DISCLAIMER No Elliot did not actually say that. No Elliot, you don't need to call me about it neither\*\*

# HABEL'S CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Above is a picture of John A. Habel, Jr. and his wife Ruth. John is a member of Charleroi Lodge. They were married March 26, 1970 in Cumberland, MD. They have two children and four grandchildren.

## SHAWN MILLER INSTALLED AS GRAND SENIOR WARDEN AND LONGTIME MEMBER RICHARD OAKS HONORED

Grand Patriarch and Alma Lodge member Laura Huchel installed Brother Shawn Miller as Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania. She also presented Brother Richard Oaks with his 50 year jewel. Congratulations to Grand Senior Warden Miller and congratulations to Brother Oaks on reaching 50 years of membership in the Lodge! On March 10th, GP Huchel will be officially visiting Middletown Encampment #10 to install Yvonne Calhoon as Grand Junior Warden



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

**25 YEARS**

Guy J. Snyder, III, #551

**30 YEARS**

Donald G. Davis, #86  
Thomas F. Oliver, #371  
John S. Cooper, Sr., #1030

**35 YEARS**

Larry E. Barnes, #371

**40 YEARS**

Roger L. Dirlam, #88  
Robert J. Hallinan, #306

**45 YEARS**

James D. Rockafellow, #447  
Everett W. Sechler, #1010

**50 YEARS**

Harold S. Davis, Jr., #211  
Irvin L. Roderick, #254

**65 YEARS**

David M. Harris, #87  
Dick F. Gambino, #438

### LODGE #1004 LIONEL TRAIN DISPLAY

Christmas is a magical time for young and old. One of the great memories for me is the train display which was found in so many homes when I was young. The traditional Lionel Train Display was a part of the Christmas decorations of so many homes. Brother William Ehmann, who is a 65 year member of Hampton Lodge #1004. with help from his wife, Geri, shares his love and hobby with all his family, friends and his Lodge Brothers. It was a special treat this Christmas as the display magically transported everyone back to that quaint English village. It has been a treat of this GM and DGM to visit each year with the Ehmann's and to enjoy the 4 to 5 trains which travel around the village created by the Bill and Geri. Thank you Bill for sharing you love and creating this great Christmas tradition for all.



### ARTHRITIS PROCLAMATION

To the Officers and Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by Arthritis. I along with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Pennsylvania Joint Arthritis Committee, in turn, are proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years.

Whereas, the Arthritis Committee of Pennsylvania, composed of members of all Five Branches of Odd Fellowship have been working diligently with the local Chapters of the Arthritis Foundation and Camp J.R.A., through various programs and projects.

Now, I, David O. Whitlinger, Grand Master, do proclaim the month of March as Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Month throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Further, request all Lodges to support this project by holding a money-raising event or a treasury donation and send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this 1st day of February, 2020, and in the 196th year of this Grand Body.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
David O. Whitlinger, Grand Master

Attest

Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Please fill out and return with your donation payable to "Grand Lodge of PA"

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ to this program. Please credit our donation to: (check one of the following)

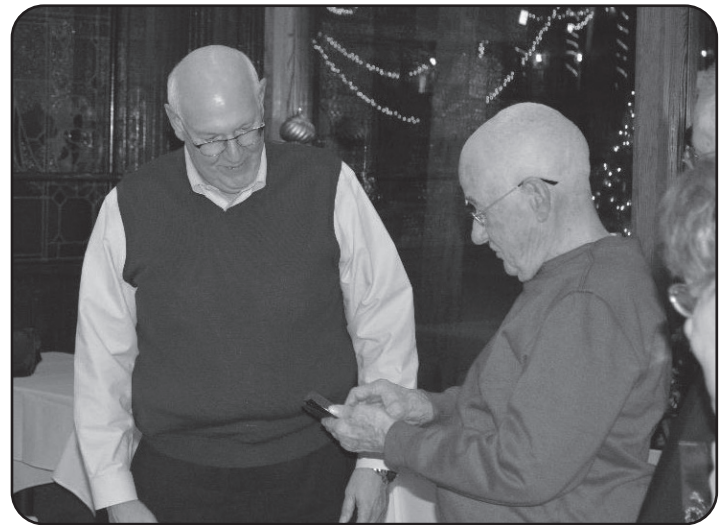
\_\_\_\_\_ PA Arthritis Committee - This is to be used for various projects and commitments by the committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Arthritis Foundation - This is sent to the Chapter from your area and used at the Foundation's discretion.

MAIL ALL CHECKS TO GRAND LODGE!!! NOT THE GRAND MASTER

### HAMPTON LODGE SERVICE JEWELS AWARDED

On December 10, 2019, Hampton Lodge #1004 celebrated the beginning of the Christmas Season with their annual Christmas Dinner at Hoffstot's Café Monaco in Oakmont, Pa. with approximately 40 members and guest. It was a great evening, great food and even better fellowship. As a member of Hampton Lodge #1004, Grand Master David O. Whitlinger presented two 25 year Service Jewels to members Mark Malley (bottom right) and to Jeffrey Held who was not presented. Also, the Grand Master presented a 65 year Jewel to Brother William Ehmann (bottom left). The highlight of the evening for the lodge was the presentation of the Meritorious Service Jewel to Brother Marc Rosenwasser, Past Grand Lodge Attorney. Past Grand Master, Robert G. Gumbert presented the Jewel. Marc served as Grand Guardian to PGM Gumbert from 1976 - 1977. (upper right) As the Grand Master would say, "It was a great night for Odd Fellowship!" Congratulations Marc!!



### WALKER LODGE HELPS THOSE IN NEED

On Monday, January 20, 2020, the Brothers and Sisters of Walker Lodge #306 prepared approximately 500 meals for the Caring for Friends charitable organization. These meals will be distributed to those who are not able to cook for themselves and also for persons recently discharged from a hospital that have no one at home to cook for them until they are fully recovered.

The Mary I. Clay Fund of Walker Lodge #306 also presented Caring for Friends a check for \$1,000.00 to help with their charitable work.



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

### BRADY LODGE HONORS MEMBERS DURING OFFICIAL VISITATION



At his Official Visit to Brady Lodge #116 of Muncy, on November 6, 2019, the Grand Master, David O. Whitlinger had the pleasure to present 3 Service Jewels. Brother James Bilger has been in the order for 48 years; Brother James R. Fetter, for 51 years; and Arthur M. Danley for 53 years. Congratulations Brothers!



Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328 of Sandy Lake, PA are collecting mens socks for Joshua's Haven, Sharon, PA until Feb.8 at McCullough's Kitchen Table, 4824 Sandy Lake-Greenville Rd, Stoneboro, PA. In picture left front Phyllis Shakley and Shirley Whitlinger V.G.-back row left Reba Kuhn R.S.to V.G., Susan Rodgers Secretary, Raymond Rodgers, Linda Garner N.G., David Whitlinger Chaplain, Mary Wilson Treasurer.

## MARCH OBITUARIES

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

### IRENE SIGLIN

Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497  
December 23, 2019

Sister Irene (Zitterman) Siglin, 98, of Cresco, PA, was initiated into Ladies of Paupack Rebekah Lodge #559, Newfoundland, PA, on September 21, 1972, where she became a Past Noble Grand in 1978 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on June 10, 1982. She held the position of Treasurer for many years. She became a member of Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, through consolidation on August 6, 2008. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was a member of the Canadensis United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey. Surviving are two sons, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



### GUY E. SCHREFFLER

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Mahanoy Lodge No. 551  
December 30, 2019

Brother Guy E. Schreffler, 88, of Rebuck, PA, was initiated into Eureka Lodge #260, Leck Kill, on January 24, 1950, where he became a Past Grand and received the Grand Lodge Degree. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1967 - 1968. He became a member of Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, through consolidation on August 8, 1991. At the time of the consolidation, he was Eureka Lodge's Noble Grand, and at the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Eureka Lodge #260 still affiliated with the Order.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Helen Oxenrider. Surviving is one son, one daughter, one stepson, one stepdaughter, four grandchildren, four step grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Leck Kill, PA.



### GEORGE J. MOLDEN, JR.

Hopkins Lodge No. 87  
January 2, 2020

Brother George J. Molden, Jr., 94, of Newtown, PA, was initiated into Hopkins Lodge #87, Bristol, PA, on December 2, 1943, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on March 14, 1961. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member by age and tenure.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bristol.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Virginia Boone. Surviving are two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Elan Memorial Park, Bloomsburg, PA.

### RICHARD R. WILLIAMS

Walker Lodge No. 306  
January 10, 2020

Brother Richard R. Williams, 88, of New Holland, PA, was initiated into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, PA, on September 11, 1967.

He was a U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Elfriede Heller, two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



### PAUL T. DAUBENSPECK, JR.

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278  
January 11, 2020

Brother Paul T. Daubenspeck, Jr., 93, of Grove City, PA, was initiated into Karns City Lodge #931 on June 4, 1951, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on September 21, 1953. He became a member of Miller-Karns Lodge #931 through consolidation on March 17, 1958, and finally Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, PA, through consolidation on January 28, 1992. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Karns City Lodge #931 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of East Main Presbyterian Church, Grove City.

He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Esther Saylor and the former Dorothy Fitzgerald. Surviving are two children, three step-children, five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Bear Creek Cemetery, Petrolia, PA.



### LEONARD R. BAKER

Newburg Lodge No. 562  
January 18, 2020

Brother Leonard R. Baker, 74, of Upper Strasburg, PA, was initiated into Letterkenny Lodge #663, Upper Strasburg, PA, on April 19, 1965, where he became a Past Grand. He withdrew from the Lodge in 1976 and reinstated in 2002. He became a member of Newburg Lodge #562 through consolidation on February 18, 2014.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Sally Ann Knepper, and one son. Surviving is one daughter and one granddaughter.

Burial was held in Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg, PA.



## MARCH OBITUARIES



### MARION L. SNYDER

Past District Deputy President  
Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202  
January 20, 2020

Sister Marion L. (Hausman) Snyder, 91, of Schnecksville, was initiated as a charter member into Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville, PA on May 7, 1955

and became a Past Grand, serving three times as Noble Grand. She served as District Deputy President from 1997 - 1998 and received the Decoration of Chivalry in 1998. She became a member of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth, through consolidation on April 19, 2018. At the time of her death, she was the last surviving charter member of Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222 still affiliated with the Order.

She was a member of Union United Church of Christ, Neffs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, two sons, and a granddaughter. Surviving is a daughter, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of Lady Hall and Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge and burial was held at Union Church Cemetery, Neffs.



### THOMAS R. HAHN

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Aluta Lodge No. 488  
Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202  
January 22, 2020

Brother Thomas R. Hahn, 96, of Bushkill Township, PA, was initiated into Aluta Lodge #488, Bushkill Center, PA, on

March 10, 1944, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on May 10, 1957. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1959 - 1960. He was a longtime Representative from his Lodge to Grand Lodge at Session and a member of the District Deputy Grand Master's Association. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member and the Right Supporter to the Noble Grand. He was initiated as a charter member into Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Bushkill Township, on May 26, 1945. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living member of the Rebekah Lodge.

He was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ, Moorestown.

Surviving is his wife, the former Pearl Nolf, also of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge, four sons, one being Thomas Hahn, Jr., also of Aluta Lodge, four daughters, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery, Moorestown, PA.



### DONALD R. MARGROUM

Alma Lodge No. 523  
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127  
January 23, 2020

Brother Donald R. Margroum, 76, of Duncansville, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, PA, on March 27, 2010, where he became a Past Grand, serving as Noble Grand in 2013 and 2016. He was initiated into William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown, on June 1, 2013.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and was of the Methodist faith.

He was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is his wife, the former C. Ann Hockenberry, also of Alma and William F. Packer, three sons and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Richland Cemetery, Johnstown, PA.



### JOHN A. BONANNO

Shillington Lodge No. 1175  
January 23, 2020

Brother John A. Bonanno, 82, of Reading, PA, was initiated into Shillington Lodge #1175 on April 4, 1989, where he became a Past Grand on October 16, 2018 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April

13, 2019.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Holy Guardian Angel R. C. Church, Laureldale, PA.

Surviving is his wife, the former Antionette Bianca, one son, and his brother, Joe, also of Shillington Lodge #1175.

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

## Thank You!

To the Brothers and Sisters, Thank you to those who sent cards and called during my hospitalization and recovery.

Fraternally,  
Raymond R. "Bull" Boulanger, Jr.

## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### MARCH 2020

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at March 1925. The big thing in March 1925 was St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17. March is still cold month, but warming up.

March 1925 marked a number of interesting events, on the 2nd, the U S began the system of numbering roads. On March 4, President Coolidge was inaugurated and it was broadcast nationally over the radio. Sun Yat-sen, the founder of Modern China died on March 12. John Erlichman, White House aide was born on the 20th.

Barney was trying to think of ways to amuse his students during the cold, gray winter months. He was inspired by a snowman he had seen coming home from church on March 1. An inventive child had used a cement trowel dipped in water to give the snowman a smooth surface, making it look almost like a sculpture. He thought of using novels about sculptures. After research in the library, he came up with Ovid's story about Pygmalion from Greek myth. "In Ovid's narrative, Pygmalion was a Cypriot sculptor who carved a woman out of ivory. According to Ovid, after seeing the Propoetides prostituting themselves, Pygmalion declared that he was "not interested in women", but then found his statue was so beautiful and realistic that he fell in love with it.

In time, Venus's festival day came, and Pygmalion made offerings at the altar of Aphrodite. There, too scared to admit his desire, he quietly wished for a bride who would be "the living likeness of my ivory girl." When he returned home, he kissed his ivory statue, and found that its lips felt warm. He kissed it again, and found that the ivory had lost its hardness. Venus had granted Pygmalion's wish." See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pygmalion\\_\(mythology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pygmalion_(mythology)).

This story intrigued Barney, but the best sources he found were to a play by George Bernard Shaw from 1913. As many of you may recall this was made into a motion picture, see: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmdPj\\_XbF30](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmdPj_XbF30) in 1938. The movie was remade in 1964 as "My Fair Lady" with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison see: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5fW7sERw7I&list=PLkG0FI90oL2m-MERgQGgDakW\\_\\_WbY9vqBt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5fW7sERw7I&list=PLkG0FI90oL2m-MERgQGgDakW__WbY9vqBt). This is the story of an Englishman of wealth and social position who takes a person of lesser social position and makes her a "lady." The current times would make such a movie unpopular because it would prove politically incorrect. We must recall the play was written in 1913 and we are reviewing it in 1925.

Barney decided he would have his English classes present Pygmalion. Barney had studied theater as part of his degree in English and was so interested that he always jumped at the chance to present a play. The scripts were paired with a licensing fee, which meant the class would have to charge for admission. There was a narrow window, since Easter was the first Sunday in April. The play was scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29. He cast the parts on Wednesday, March 4 and started rehearsal immediately. All the girls wanted to be Eliza, so he had to have duplicates, with a different Eliza in each show. The street scene (as well as other scenes) had to be built. Barney had the students (and shop teacher) make the props to save on costs. The flowers and some of the other items were paper, so the art teacher became involved. Most of the male roles called for older characters, so makeup was important as well.

He captured the imagination of the students and thought he had done well. The problem was that the students were so absorbed in the show that the entire school seemed to be a playhouse. The other teachers complained to Barney that all the students talked about was Pygmalion. This actually pleased Barney, but he tried to lend a sympathetic ear to the other teachers. He appointed two student directors (disappointed Eliza's) and made the final decisions on everything. When he would

get home at night, he had to milk the cow and feed the farm animals. This made his day long, since practice ran two or three hours later than classes. Elizabeth had to watch the children, but she managed to feed Warden and Conductor and collect and candle the eggs.

By the 25th Barney was looking tired and just wanted it to be over. But the 25th was the evening of the Rebekah meeting and Elizabeth was Noble Grand. Alice helped pull everything together since her other children were older and needed less care. As he dragged into the meeting, Barney noticed that one of the Eliza's was a Rebekah. This made him ill at ease. He had to treat each Eliza the same and let chance determine who had the choice spot of Saturday evening and who would be the Eliza of the Sunday matinee. He did not relax until the lots were cast on 26th and the Rebekah was the Friday evening Eliza (almost as good as Saturday).

When he shook the janitor's hand and left the school after the Sunday matinee, Barney breathed a sigh of relief. He had achieved his goal. He was almost cheerful when he entered the house, only to have Elizabeth tell him that one of the cows was in labor. Barney went over to Vic's house and they stayed up till 3:00 am when the calf arrived. Barney looked dead when he arrived in school on Monday, March 30. He looked forward to some peaceful time. Little did he think that Wednesday was April Fool's Day, stay tuned for next month's column.

*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.*

#### 49th ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2020

To All Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons, & Ladies Auxiliaries of Pennsylvania:

The 49th Unified Session of all Branches of our Order in Pennsylvania will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111 from Saturday, June 20th through Wednesday, June 24th, 2020, inclusive.

**Room Reservations:** Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The room rate is \$ 101.00 plus tax. Telephone 717-939-7841. Deadline for room reservations is June 5, 2020. When making your Room Reservation please tell the hotel representative that you are with the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows - Grand Lodge." (Limit 4 persons per room).

**PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ALL ROOM, BANQUET AND REGISTRATION RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 5, 2020. NO GUARENTEES OF ROOMS OR MEALS AFTER THE DEADLINE! PLEASE MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS PROMPTLY!**

**Session Registration:** Pre-registration is \$10.00 per person. Send all registrations by June 5, 2020. Send registrations to Cindy Shollenberger, 205 Ulrich Lane, Leesport, PA 19533. There will be a breakfast and lunch buffet offered each day to Session registered guests attending the Unified Session at \$9.50 each, plus tax and gratuity.

**Banquet:** The Banquet for all Branches will be held on Sunday, June 21st, 2020. The cost per person will be \$35.00. Choice of Dinner Entrees will be Stuffed Chicken Breast with Champagne Sauce or Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce. Reservations with remittance should be sent to Anna Smith, 203 S. Academy Street, Boalsburg, PA 16827-1438. Phone: (814) 466-6348

**2020 Program Booklet:** Please print or type all ads and booster names. Send with remittance to Thomas J. McHugh, PO Box 594, Pittston, PA 18640. **Deadline for all ads and boosters is June 1, 2020.**

Full Page B/W- \$30.00, Half Page \$20.00, Quarter Page \$10.00. No extra charge for pictures. Booster Names (No Titles) - \$1.00. Preferred format for ads submitted is PDF file format.

**Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets are available from John S. Cupp, P.O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445 ([jcupp275@gmail.com](mailto:jcupp275@gmail.com)), for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket. Send Money and ticket stubs to Mary DeLong, 311 Apt-6 Hilltop Ct., Hamburg, PA 19526.

**Special Function Meals:** Any group desiring breakfast, lunch or dinner arrangements should contact Sarah Baer, 115 N. Centre St, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone 610-916-1990.

**FUN NIGHT:** Fun Night will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 20th**. More information to follow.

**Flowers:** Anyone wishing to order Memorial Flowers or any flowers for Session should contact Sarah Baer, 115 N. Centre St, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone (610)-916-1990. Flowers-arrangements are priced at \$ 65.00

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "UNIFIED SESSION COMMITTEE"**  
Dale E. Binkley, Chairman      Mary D. DeLong, Co-Chair

## FOR PETE'S SAKE

On Monday, January 27, 2020, the Brothers and Sisters listened to a presentation by Cheryl Pompeo of For Pete's Sake, a charitable organization that helps to change the lives of hundreds of adult cancer patients (and their own caregivers) by creating joy through the transformative powers of respite. When anyone is diagnosed with this disease it is not only a struggle for the adult but also the family members that must struggle along with them. Our special

guests were Mr. Dan Dougherty, his wife and daughters who were the recipients of help from FPS. It gave Dan and his family time to forget about their problems and help rejuvenate their minds, bodies and spirits. It was a very special night for everyone. Many thanks to Cheryl and Dan and the people of FPS for all their hard work.

~ Ron Boyle, Walker #306



## END OF AN ERA

~ TAKEN FROM THE APPLE BLOSSOM, JANUARY 2020



**Along with Orchard Manor, the Grand Lodge would like to congratulate Sister Diane Robinson on her retirement and thank her for her years of dedication.**

Little did Diane (Hoffman) Robinson know that when she volunteered at Orchard Manor in 1978 for a gerontology class at Slippery Rock State College, now SRU, and then

started working as a Nurse's Aide in January 1979 during her senior year, that Orchard Manor would become her "home" until retirement forty-one years later! Diane, who was born in Phoenix, AZ and grew up in Erie, had decided while volunteering at nursing homes in Erie that she wanted to become a Nursing Home Administrator. While in school, Diane received a scholarship from the National Foundation for Long Term Health Care.

After graduating, Diane continued working in various positions at Orchard Manor, including Activity/Social Service Director, Payroll Manager and Assistant Administrator until assuming the position of Administrator in January 1991 when Charles Hughes retired. During that time, Diane was selected as an Alternate Delegate for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging for Mercer County. She attended the PA State Conference in Hershey, participating on the Housing Workshop, the Regional Conference in Butler, making a presentation on the Economic and Spiritual Wellbeing of the Elderly and the Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C., participating on the Health Care and Services Committee. During those years Diane was a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, serving as its

President for a term. She also made presentations to classes at Slippery Rock University, Grove City College, and other local nursing homes. Diane is a Rebekah, as she joined Judith Rebekah Lodge #264 (Grove City) in 1990, which has since consolidated with Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328 (Sandy Lake).

During that time, Diane was also married and had three children. Jeremy, Justin and Emily all volunteered at and worked for Orchard Manor over the years. Jeremy's two daughters, Kara and Kylee, and Emily's children, Noah, Jonah and Naomi have made Diane a proud grandma and she plans on spending lots of time with her grandchildren when retired. Justin, who was a veteran of the Army National Guard, passed away in 2016. Justin had worked at Orchard Manor for many years. While deployed with an Airborne Unit on his second tour to Iraq, Justin sent the flag that is framed in the Great Room to the Residents to thank them for all their letters, care packages and prayers. Diane is very proud of her children and, "the good, caring people with strong work ethics they have become."

When asked what she would miss most with her retirement, she immediately answered "the Residents." She also said the many families she has known over the years, as well as all the staff members. We are all just people, no matter our position at Orchard Manor, who want to take care of the Residents, their families and each other. Although many things have changed over the years, I know that the Orchard Manor team will continue to strive for perfection. When asked what she wouldn't miss, Diane replied she would not miss the stress or state inspections... and she laughed. We will all miss Diane's sense of humor and compassion.

Diane has a strong passion for dementia and hopes that when things "settle down," she can assist with training and maybe volunteer in Sunshine Way. She is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and in addition to inservices at Orchard Manor, she has also done a few speaking engagements in the community. Diane says she'll be "around" and that she's anxious to see the positive changes that are bound to be made at Orchard Manor.

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