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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO LONGTIME VINCENT MEMBER



Brother J. Glenn Dewane recently celebrated his 90th birthday this past September with a Covid 19 drive-by and a card shower. Counting all people that participated in some way there were 100. He was so pleased and he is still talking about it.

If anyone would like to contact him, his address is

120 W 8th Ave
Collegeville, PA 19426

Brother Glenn joined Economy Lodge No. 397, of Collegeville, on December 11, 1956, where he became a Past Grand in 1958. His Lodge then consolidated in 2004 with Vincent lodge #762 in Spring City. In the past, he was also a Rebekah of Perkiomen Rebekah Lodge #92 of Collegeville.

Glenn is one of Vincent Lodge's oldest members and has always been active in their Lodge. Happy birthday Brother!!

Happy Birthday, Glenn!

Places to Go... People to See

DECEMBER

6 / GL Board Meeting,
Middletown, 1:00PM

JUNE 2021

11 / Mt. Hor #736
150th Anniversary+ - rescheduled!

+ 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! – Due to COVID-19, these are on hold. Contact their Facebook page for more information

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



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

LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96, NEW COLUMBIA
 Abigail Skelton - initiated August 27th

OSAGE LODGE NO. 712, LEHMAN
 Joshua A. Miller - initiated September 30th
 James Lord - reinstated September 30th.
 Welcome back!!

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my Brothers and Sisters, We are certainly moving quickly through this year of 2020, our year of the pandemic, as we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in a few weeks. This has always been a special time for me to pause and to give thanks for all the good things which has been given to me. I have always felt blessed for the family and friends which has always surrounded me. This year, especially the last few months I am truly blessed by all the thoughts and prayers which we have felt from our Odd Fellows brothers and sisters.

I want to thank the lodges and members for all the good thoughts and prayers, and the cards of encouragement which I have received. The DGM and I appreciated each card.

As I told you all in last month's message, I have been dealing with Prostate cancer for many years. As I write this message, I have had my second treatment of my clinical trial October 2nd which I am in. For the last two months I have had no energy; no strength to do anything; and no appetite. I was in the hospital for two days as the medical team at Shadyside Hospital ran all the tests and scans to try to find an answer to my extreme tiredness.

I felt that I needed to tell you as I did not want my lodges, my brothers, and sisters, to think I was being negligence in my duties as your Grand Master. Until I can regain some of my energy, it will be necessary for me to remain at home. This is extremely hard for me, as I want to travel and be at lodge meeting with you. For the time being, I will be here at 208 Tyler Court, handling as much Grand Lodge business as I can, while the DGM and other staff members handle the lodge visits. I give thanks for my Odd Fellows and Rebekah's as you are what makes this Order special. You have always given of yourselves to those in need. I give thanks for all the support; the encouragement; the brotherly love you have given to me as your Grand Master.

Thanksgiving Day should not be just about a turkey dinner, we should make it a day of reflection and giving thanks for all the blessings, big and small, which surrounds us each day, making each moments of our lives special.

God Bless,
Your Grand Master
David O. Whittinger

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

J. Larry Adams, #254

40 YEARS

William R. Bair, #361

45 YEARS

Louis T. Corchiolo, Sr., #306

Joseph S. Graci, #306

Joseph E. Johnson, #306

Douglas B. Eaby, #361

55 YEARS

William F. Fluke, #562

60 YEARS

Joe A. Steele, #523

70 YEARS

Hugh F. Shields, #1128

DESK OF THE DGM

It hard each month, as I prepare to write, to gather my thoughts as time seems to be flying by. It is NOVEMBER and it is time not only to write this message but also to get "Team" Whittinger ready for **THANKSGIVING!!** 2020 has certainly been a challenging year. A year of "locking down" and practicing "social distancing" and "self-isolation" but by doing so, we are seeing our order, our lodges slowing coming back and reopening. Many of the lodges are keeping their officers in their chairs for another year foregoing the October installation but a few have decided to move forward. I have, as D.D.G.M. and as D.G.M. along with the Grand Warden and Grand Marshal have started visiting lodges and hopefully will continue as we slowly extend Odd Fellowship across our state.

Thanks to the Grand Master and to Lewisburg Lodge #96, the Grand Lodge's September Board meeting was held in New Columbia, Pa. As you may recall, Lewisburg Lodge has

been busy refurbishing the barn at their lodge. We were able to see their progress. That day, I shared in their excitement over the barn and their work. As we, the Grand Lodge Board conducted our board meeting, the Lodge was making final preparations for October was the month that Lewisburg Lodge and the New Columbia community was in "Search of the Ghost of REBECCA DAVIS" world Famous 1920's Medium. Good Luck Lewisburg, I cannot wait to visit with you again in my GM year!!!!

Thanksgiving, this year, might not look the same as it did in the past with smaller gathering around the table, but the spirit of Thanksgiving will always be the same. I know each year, each day, I have more and more blessings in my life. Family...friends...brothers and sisters...good health for all are at the top of my list. Although our day will be quiet this Thanksgiving, our thoughts and our prayers will always be with all those we love.

The LIGHTHOUSE, and its beam of light For me, it is guiding me in the right direction!! As we all prepare for our Day of Thanksgiving, please remember to stay well and safe. Remember those around us who need the helping hands of Odd Fellows. I know that the Grand Master and I miss seeing all our brothers and sisters throughout our state, and I also know that there are many who are in need. Until we can meet again, let us all be the beacon of light and hope as we continue our endeavors as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Until we can be together again, help me by reaching out to all the hands of **Friendship, Love and Truth.**

Always with God's guiding hand,

Shirley, DGM



DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Fraternal Greetings! Well, we still are under the scare of the COVID pandemic. I cannot believe how much time has gone by and this is still at our door. I know most Lodges have opened back up, and it's dependent upon demographics how active your Lodge is now and if they're meeting in person or by coming up with some other creative means. First and foremost, no matter what you are doing, chin up and keep pushing forward! Do not let this get the best of your Lodge. I have had several phone calls from members stating they are not sure what's going to happen. Remember, right now, we are all blanketed to not meet until your Lodge feels safe to do so. Several Lodges that rent a place are feeling the same issues. You can meet outside at a members house to conduct business (no ritual though!). We have to adapt to the everchanging guidelines.

Next, and again I cannot stress this enough, DO NOT GIVE UP THE GHOST! This past two years, we had two Lodges go defunct - Warren Lodge #339, a city Lodge, and Osage Lodge #712, a country Lodge. Both these Lodges claimed there was not enough interest in their area to continue. Both these Lodges were proved wrong and are active again! If you are having trouble, reach out to your DDGM or your Grand Lodge! Do not wait until everyone is exhausted and fried before you decide simply to consolidate. There is help and there is hope. It is shown through both these examples. The main issue that causes Lodges to close, and I have seen it first hand, is their attitude. I have been to a meeting where a Lodge was deciding their future, and as much help as we offered them, we were just answered by an "Oh yea, well what if..." every time we gave them a solution. That attitude, Brothers and Sisters, is why Lodges are shrinking. The world is changing. We are only fooling ourselves if we think we do not need to change with it. We can still respect our traditions, and still have a Lodge that is current with their community. People of all ages are trying to find a way to help out and be among a group of people, we just need to let these people know we are here.

Finally, and I touched a bit of this in my Grand Lodge report, remember, we are all Brothers and Sisters here. Election day is the beginning of November, and by the time you read this, it will probably be over, but remember, we are non-political, non-sectarian. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions, and just because someone doesn't have the same opinions you do, doesn't make them less of a person than you. Noble Grands, remember you are to have control over your Lodge and make sure no political or sectarian debates happen within those walls. We see it enough in our daily life to have it discussed at Lodge. Leave it out of the hall and let's treat each other with dignity and respect.

I hope to see you all soon and as always, if you need anything, never hesitate to ask.

See you on the road of Odd Fellowship.
Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPT. ADJUTANT

Chivalrous Greetings!

I am the new Department Council Adjutant and just wanted to reach out to introduce myself. This job is going to be an undertaking judging from the number of boxes I received from my predecessor John Cupp which he was more than happy to pass on. Thanks John!...I think. Anyway, I just wanted to let all the chevaliers in the jurisdiction know that they can feel free to contact me with any questions they may have. I may not know the answer right away but I can certainly find it for them. I do have a full time job so I may not be able to answer my phone or email right away but feel free to leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. My email address is inamanicole@gmail.com, and you can mail anything to 1001 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4848 c/o Department Council of Pennsylvania.

One order of business I did want to call your attention to is that I will be putting in an order with the SGL for Canton supplies before the end of the year. Please let me know if you need anything so I can put it all in one order and we can get every chevalier the items they need for their uniforms to be complete whether it be class A or B. I hope to keep this positive momentum going within the jurisdiction. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help!

Major Nicole Inama
Dept Adjutant

FINAL REMINDER

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA - 2020 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is accepting applications for their two - \$3,000 Graduate Scholarship Awards. A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the 2020 Graduate Scholarship Awards can be obtained by 1) contacting Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way; Charleroi, Pa 15022, or 2) emailing your request to "robagg@comcast.net" The "Rules" and an "Application" may also be downloaded by visiting our website: "www.glpaoof.org" during the September through late November time period.

Regarding the Graduate Scholarship Award, the applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and enrolled in a graduate program of an accredited college or university with an area of concentration in Music Education, Teacher Education, or a Health Related Field. Also, the applicant must be:

A) a college graduate continuing his/her education toward an advance degree (i.e. Masters in Education (M.Ed),

Masters in Music (MM), etc.) or

B) enrolled in a degree program requiring more than the usual four (4) years of undergraduate studies to complete (i.e. Physician Assistant (PA), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) etc.).

The application window will run from September through late November with the deadline for submitting applications for the 2020 Graduate Scholarship Award being November. 21, 2020.

LODGES IN PHILADELPHIA HAVE A LONG HISTORY

As the COVID pandemic has been plaguing Philadelphia, two Lodges have been moved out of their homes. Disston Presbyterian Church, at Tyson & Glenloch Sts., has closed their doors, forcing Henry Disston Lodge #8 to relocate temporarily to Walker Hall. Meanwhile, with the American Legion buildings not allowing any Lodges in, Mystic Lodge, of Holmesburg, found it necessary to move out of their hall, on the second floor of the American Legion, and relocate to Walker Hall also. Upon Mystic moving out, they found this heavy plaque. Out of the over 250 Lodges in Philadelphia, five remain. It is interesting to see of the five still left, and upon the 135th Anniversary of Henry Disston Lodge #8, that these two Lodges not only remain, but work so diligently together. Congratulations to both these Lodges for continuing to meet after all these years!



FREEDOM LODGE SUPPORTS THE LESS FORTUNATE



The first Saturday of each month members of the Lodge and their families help with the food distribution locally. During this Covid period, food is pre-packaged for a less contact distribution. Hopefully we will soon be able to get back into the kitchen to prepare hot meals!

Join the Brotherhood!

*Photo from left to right:
Doug Buchinski, Mike Kinzinger, Paul
Lautenschlager,
Sue Kinzinger*

OSAGE HAPPENINGS

On September 30th, a special meeting was conducted to confer the four degrees on a class of members. Brother Jim Lord was re-instated into Osage Lodge No. 712 of Lehman and the Initiatory Degree was conferred in full upon Brother Joshua A. Miller. After that, the three degrees were conferred upon six members of Osage Lodge and Thistle Lodge. Thanks to the Members of Freedom Lodge #88, Harmony Lodge #86 and Thistle Lodge #512 for coming to help confer the degrees. Osage Lodge recently had their roof replaced and is starting back off on their 150th year with 7 active members. They are enthusiastic and ready to keep this Lodge going again! Thanks to the following who have donated towards Osage's roof:

- Mystic Lodge #270, Philadelphia
- Perseverance Encampment #135, Philadelphia
- Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia
- Chosen Friends Encampment #88, Malvern
- Strasburg Lodge #361
- Brady Lodge #116, Muncy

KINGWOOD LODGE HONORS MEMBERS

Noble Grand Neil Bender presents John Kreger Jr. and Gary Compton with their 50 year IOOF medal.



Left to right: John Kreger Jr., Neil Bender & Gary "Doc" Compton.

VIENNA LODGE HELPS OUT DURING A TIME OF NEED

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FREEDOM LODGE 88 HOLDS FALL ROAD CLEANUP

Family members joined us for our Fall Road Cleanup. Although it was a cool morning it felt good to be outside together! We adopted a road segment a few years ago and pick up trash twice a year. Freedom Lodge meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.



Above Photo
Front Row: Mike Kinzinger, Dennis Buchinski, Lily Buchinski, Sue Kinzinger
Back row: Doug Buchinski, Todd Kinzinger, Charlie Knapp



VARIETY LODGE SHOWS THEIR SMILING FACES

For the first time since February, Variety Lodge #37, of Philadelphia, held an in-person meeting where some business was actually conducted.

All meetings since March 11th have been held via ZOOM. While we were disappointed that the normal 20 or more members who normally attend meetings, (pre-Covid); did not show up, the nine members who attended constituted a quorum, and had a pleasant time, as they wore masks and socially distanced, Everyone was gifted a beautiful Black facemask by Noble Grand Neil Shapiro; which is why they appear poised to rob a bank.

After dinner of assorted Hoagies, beverages and sinful desserts, the business meeting was held. Because we are not meeting in the lodge building, No regalia was worn and Rituals were not performed.

It was good to be back together, "Live", but we hope more Brothers and Sisters can join us next time.

The lovely backdrop is not the Caribbean island the lodge purchased with a raffle; it is the lovely pool area of NG Neil Shapiro's home, which he graciously allowed us to use for this event.

We never made it to the bank.

Brother Lanny Blyweiss



The smiling faces belong to the following:
Seated first row from left to right are: PDDGM Lanny Blyweiss, PG Mitch Edelman, COND. Lynne Edelman, VG Barry Steinbrecher, PG Phil Falkowitz, TREAS. Gene Dolnick, NG Neil Shapiro, PG Ron Chakler. Not shown is PG Byron Goldstein, who was the Photographer. (But, was wearing a Black mask)

PRESS RELEASE: ODD FELLOWS AWARD

The Odd Fellows Award is an award that honors the practical nursing graduates who displayed dedication and perseverance in completing the nursing program. The Odd Fellows presented awards for academic honors at the Practical Nursing Graduation on August 20, 2020. Nelson Silverstrim, Grand Noble of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox, PA Chapter presented the awards to Aarika Mancini, Julie Vargason, Taylor Decker, Jennifer Wooster and Francisca Nicolo.

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA is in its 38th 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: Nelson Silverstrim, Jennifer Wooster, Taylor Decker, Julie Vargason, Aarika Mancini and Francisca Nicolo

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Rebekah Lodges numbered around 1,000. Some of the numbers, you'll also see more than once, as some of these Lodges only lasted a few years.

How many Rebekah Lodges were in YOUR County??

Did you ever wonder if your town had a Rebekah Lodge?

Do you know where it was or do you even remember some of these Lodges?

If you can take a picture of the Lodge Hall that was once in your town and mail it in, we'd be glad to have it for our archives and it could perhaps end up in the magazine!

Next Month - Berks County. Get your pictures and articles in now!



WASHINGTON COUNTY:

Avella - Alberta Rebekah Lodge #483 - defunct 1921
 Beallsville - Lady Schenley Rebekah Lodge #121 - consolidated 1980
 Bentleyville - Narcissus Rebekah Lodge #305 - defunct 1932
 Burgettstown - Margaret Scott Rebekah Lodge #539 - consolidated 1978
 California - Araminta Rebekah Lodge #68 - defunct 1876
 California - Mary Ann Qualk Rebekah Lodge #489 - consolidated 1945
 Canonsburg - Lady Hope Rebekah Lodge #372 - defunct 1921
 Charleroi - Iris Rebekah Lodge #299 - consolidated 1986
 Claysville - Lady Myler Rebekah Lodge #65 - defunct 1916
 Claysville - Lady Clay Rebekah Lodge #584 - consolidated 1983
 East Bethlehem - Hadassah Rebekah Lodge #194 - defunct prior 1900s
 Eldersville - Eldora Rebekah Lodge #502 - defunct 1937
 Elrama - Sarah Simpson Rebekah Lodge No. 547 - defunct 1984
Gastonville - Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82 - instituted 1982
 Gastonville - Philathea Rebekah Lodge #527 - consolidated 1982
 Donora - Nora Rebekah Lodge #64 - consolidated 1972
 McDonald - Pansy Rebekah Lodge #592 - consolidated 1963
 Midway Valley - Ada Rebekah Lodge #127 - defunct prior to 1893
 Millsboro - Julia Horner Rebekah Lodge #223 - defunct 1964
 Monongahela - Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #25 - defunct prior 1900s
 Monongahela - Sarah Ellen Rebekah Lodge #344 - consolidated 1982
 Washington - Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge #102 - consolidated 2014
 West Alexander - Lady Lafayette Rebekah Lodge #372 - defunct 1937

23 Rebekah Lodges with 1 still active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #25 in 1869

32 Odd Fellow Lodges

WALKER LODGE CANCELLATIONS:

Please be advised that the children's Christmas party and the dinner for the members will be cancelled this year due to COVID.

Philip Muscarnero

EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH CHANGES:

All Odd Fellow Lodges and Cantons have received information concerning the 2021 EPY Pilgrimage Tour. Please note the change in schedule dates. Information has been updated on their site at ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com

Due to a scheduling conflict with our hotel in NYC we must change our dates for the 2021 Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. The new dates are:

June 29 Students will fly into Philadelphia

June 30-July 5 NYC

July 5-July 11 Road Tour {Watertown, Ottawa, Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, Washington. DC

July 12 Students return home via Philadelphia

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 304 369-2700 or by email.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
 Leonard Bolton

THE TREASURER'S TALES

NOVEMBER 2020

November is associated with Thanksgiving. On November 9, 1925, the existence of cosmic rays from outer space was confirmed. Louis Armstrong and his band began their recording career on November 11. NFL legend Red Grange played his final college football game on November 11. November 28 the Grand Ole Opry premiered as WSM Barn Dance. The following people were born, Doris Roberts (Everybody Loves Raymonf) on the 4th, Richard Burton on the 10th, Rock Hudson on the 17th, Robert F. Kennedy on the 20th, and William F. Buckley, Jr., (National Review and the Firing Line) on the 24th.

The turkey crop was not particularly strong in 1925 and turkeys were still quite costly. Barney was a farmer and did not raise turkeys in 1925. He raised chickens. Barney had a wife, two small children, two outside dogs, a Pomeranian inside dog, a barn full of cats and a raccoon who would tap on the kitchen window when he thought it might result in a free meal. With all these mouths to feed, Barney raised two very large white giant chickens for Thanksgiving, each weighing about 11 pounds, dressed.

Thanksgiving was late, November 26, 1925. Barney's 10th grade English classes were getting anxious to celebrate the holiday, or just get away from school for a while. This made keeping the attention of the students challenging. Barney wanted the students to write a story about the pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. Library passes were given to all the students and Barney was hopeful he had met the challenge.

The students were short on research and writing skills, but long on imagination.

Abraham Lincoln first declared Thanksgiving a federal holiday in 1863, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_(United_States)). This was a fact that could easily be found in the high school library. As a result, four students wrote that Abraham Lincoln was a pilgrim. The historical inaccuracies

became so comical that Barney could not determine how to grade the papers. He was more than aware that a Thanksgiving dinner was provided for servicemen at the end of World War I, since he had eaten the meal himself. Macy's had started the famous Thanksgiving Day parade in 1924, a year before. Several of the students had attended that parade and wrote that there were pilgrims in the parade.

The funniest descriptions were about the pilgrims. Some were fairly accurate, suggesting English seekers of religious freedom, others were not. Only one student wrote that pilgrims traveled to California for the 1849 gold rush, Barney thought the paper was very well written but couldn't give him higher than a C.

One student was a fan of Jules Verne and wrote that pilgrims came from outer space and were trying to escape a dying world. The only food they could carry on their space ship was canned and the favorite was canned turkey. The story described the perilous journey from many millions of miles away, passing through a gate in the universe and avoiding asteroids and comets. The ship landed on Earth near Salem, Massachusetts and the pilgrims were burned at the stake as witches. The residents of Massachusetts buried the space ship and burned all records of the event. It was so ridiculous, yet funny, that Barney had to give the student an A for originality. He read each paper with interest because each paper seemed to try to out-do the others. The best paper came from Brother Clancey's nephew. He couldn't have done any research but he started the story with the Indians waiting on the shore in Virginia to greet the Pilgrims. They were eager to trade with the new settlers and took them into a tent that was used as a real estate agency. They took the settlers straight off the boat and put them up in a tent set up like a hotel and gave them endless sales pitches about the suitability of the land for development. They offered

lease to own terms and sold them land that would flood in the spring. The sale was in the fall, so it wasn't completely obvious. By the time Thanksgiving came around, the pilgrims had given the Indians all their tradable goods and signed IOU's for future crops. The Indians, as a part of their sales operation, provided deer, and wild turkeys for the Thanksgiving feast. The name of the Indian chief was Ponzi. The pilgrim's later reaction to the fraud perpetrated on them became the basis for security laws and the cause of friction between the natives and the pilgrims. The Indians built a walled street to protect their tents from attack by the pilgrims. Barney was both amused and impressed.

There was no Encampment meeting on the Thursday of Thanksgiving. A cider drinking contest was scheduled for the Friday evening after. Barney, Vic and almost sixty Odd Fellows attended and drank a 50 gallon whiskey barrel full of cider that had been aged. Saturday morning came too early and many wives lectured their husbands on sobriety and other virtues. Alice and Elizabeth had prepared their lectures as a collaborative effort.

Barney and his whole family wish for each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you spend your time with family and friends around you and the raccoon outside. Go to this URL to hear a popular Thanksgiving song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpTmrrmIjpM> (pardon the commercial at the beginning.)

Next month will be December and we will celebrate one baby's second Christmas and a third Christmas for the other baby. Two babies make for a busy mother, and she seems to be putting on a little weight, perhaps something more to keep her busy.

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.

SOMERSET COUNTY LODGES INSTALL OFFICERS



Shown are members of Kingwood Lodge #1010 & Somerset Lodge #438 with D.D.G.M Shawn Miller and installation team from Alma Lodge #523



During a recent trip down south, Patricia Faustner, of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202 sent a picture of the Bayou La Batre Odd Fellows Cemetery in Alabama.

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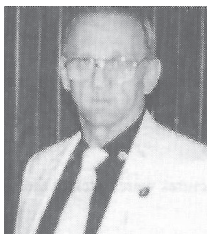
Due to publication time, we regret we cannot accept Obituaries older than three months.



WILLIAM SCHROCK
Somerset Lodge No. 438
July 24, 2020

Brother William "Bill" Schrock, 91, of Surfside, SC, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on November 5, 1951.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Patty Koontz. Surviving are two sons, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



JOSEPH W. CAMPBELL
Unified Lodge No. 2
Canton Pittsburgh No. 5
July 28, 2020

Brother Joseph W. Campbell, 93, of Clairton, PA, was initiated into Old Monongahela Lodge #209, Elizabeth, PA, on June 9, 1992, where he became a Past Grand in 1994 and received his Grand Lodge

Degree June 20, 1995. He was a former Associate to Peter Fritz Lodge #486, Pittsburgh, Nucleus Lodge #377, Finleyville, where he became a Past Grand April 30, 2009, and was currently an Associate Member to Hampton Lodge #1004, Allison Park. He was a former Past Chief Patriarch of Monongahela Encampment #109, Elizabeth, until they went defunct in 2012 and a former Rebekah of Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82, Finleyville, joining October 17, 2008 and withdrawing May 4, 2016. He was mustered into Canton Pittsburgh No. 5, Latrobe, in 1993, achieving the rank of Lieutenant(R).

He was preceded in death by his grandson. Surviving are five children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



DEBRA GOODWIN
Edinboro Lodge No. 510
August 28, 2020

Sister Debra (Beerbower) Goodwin, 67, of Lake City, PA, was initiated into Nickel Plate Lodge #1125, Lake City, on March 9, 2006, where she became a Past Grand October 28, 2009. She then became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on July 26, 2012. She was also an

associate to Conneaut Lodge #773, Ohio.

She was a member of Lake City Presbyterian Church.

Surviving is her husband, Paul "Duke," also of Edinboro Lodge.



PATRICIA A. SHEFFER
Past District Deputy President
Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175
September 2, 2020

Sister Patricia A. (Freer) Sheffer, 85, of Bradford, PA, was initiated into Maud Rebekah Lodge #175, Rew, PA, on June 3, 1970, where she became a Past Noble Grand October 4, 1978 and

received her Rebekah Assembly Degree October 3, 1980. She served as District

Deputy President from 1995 - 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul. Surviving are two daughters, two granddaughters, two step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandson.



SANDRA E. COTNER
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
September 12, 2020

Sister Sandra E. (Eyster) Cotner, 79, of Herndon, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Herndon, on June 12, 1996, where she became a Past Noble Grand in 2002 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 16, 2003. She was also a former Lady of Wilkes-Barre Auxiliary #31, L.A.P.M.

She was a member of St. Paul's U.C.C., Herndon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John. Surviving is one daughter and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held in St. Paul's U.C.C. Cemetery.



WILLIAM C. FALKENBERG
PDDGM/PDDGP
Edinboro Lodge No. 510
September 14, 2020

Brother William C. Falkenberg, 94, of Fort Collins, CO, was initiated into Kayaderoseras Lodge #270, Ballston, NY, on October 21, 1946, where he became a Past Grand June 30, 1948 and received the Grand Lodge Degree August 16, 1949. He transferred to Lake Shore Lodge #718, Erie, PA, on July 8, 1975. He served many years on the installation staff for PGM Ernest Nelson and served as DDGM from 1981 - 1983. He then became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on May 9, 1996. He was a Patriarch, having transferred into Heneosis-Adelphon Encampment #42, and serving as District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1986 - 1994. He held membership until the Encampment went defunct. At the time of his death, he was Edinboro Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Elizabeth Bense, and one great-granddaughter. Surviving are two sons, four grandchildren, one great-grandson and two step-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Erie, PA.



WILLIAM A. PFISTER
Unified Lodge No. 2
September 25, 2020

Brother William A. "Bill" Pfister, 91, of Sewickley, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, PA, on September 14, 2006, and received his three degrees in 2007.

He was a member of the Little Hill United Methodist Church, Sewickley, PA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlyn and one son. Surviving are three sons, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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Remember, October, the lodge's Annual Report was due. It is important if you do not want an interruption in your members receiving their monthly magazine.

AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION

With Thanksgiving just weeks away, and Christmas to follow, let us remember Angels of Christmas. This year especially, with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting so many, let's support our charity as they work to make sure that all children have a good Christmas this December.



Angels of Christmas are working to see that Christmas wishes are fulfilled and that families have the needed food for a bright Christmas holiday.

David
Your GM

2020 Charity

Our organization has been linked with charity giving since its beginning. Visual Research: Camp JRA, Prostate Cancer Research, just to name a few. With the pandemic, we could also add the aid to all the food pantries that lodges have helped.

This year we would like to help with the Angels of Christmas, a charity that is keeping the light of Christmas bright for children whose families have fallen on hard times. Another charity to help children especially during this pandemic.

Keep watching for future updates.



In

Friendship, Love & Truth



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And
Keep Well!