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Independent Order Of Odd Fellows Spring Rally

April 17th, 2021

Proudly held in Talbot Hall, Atlantic, PA



BRING YOUR CANDIDATES!

It's that time of the year to start getting your plans made for the Spring Rally! The location

is Talbot Hall, home of Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128, 10276 Atlantic Road, Atlantic, PA 16111 (corner of Atlantic Road and Mill Street). The hall is handicapped accessible and you will have to wear a mask unless restrictions ease up.

** There will be a registration of \$1.00 per person attending, including candidates.

In recent history at least, there was never a rally here at Atlantic. Please come out and support Odd Fellowship in the northwest, even if you don't have any candidates! It will be a day worth coming down and even brushing up on the degrees!

There are always a few parts of the Degrees that need to be filled. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with GW Carl George or the Grand Lodge Office as soon as possible. The better we as a Jurisdiction look, the more impressed the candidates will be. Also, do not forget your "Request for Degree" slips. If your Lodge does not have any, they are available at the Grand Lodge office. Try and get there earlier so we can get the candidates signed in and start on time.

Schedule

- 9:30AM: Lodge Will Open
- 10:00 AM: Initiatory Degree
- 11:30 AM: 1st Degree
- 12:30 PM: Lunch – TBA
- 1:30 PM: GL Degree
- 1:45 PM: 2nd Degree
- 3:00 PM: 3rd Degree
- 3:45 PM: Introduction of Dignitaries & Closing the Lodge

Places to Go...People to See

APRIL

17 / Spring Rally, Atlantic, PA (Cover)

JUNE

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

12 / Kingwood Lodge #1010 Chicken

Drive-Through BBQ 11:00AM

19-23 / 49th Annual Unified Session, Harrisburg

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Mid-Atlantic States Conclave have been cancelled!!

+ 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 iiofpaglscty@verizon.net or 717-944-7419

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

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 88, HONESDALE WARREN LODGE NO. 339

Chad D. Kilhullen - initiated February 17th
Gibsen F. Goodenough

Jennifer Fox - reinstated Welcome back!!
Tracy L. Tanner - reinstated February 2nd Welcome back!!
Russell Knight - initiated February 2nd

KINGWOOD LODGE NO. 1010 -

Jason Clevenger - reinstated January 7th
Tom Keller - reinstated January 7th
Welcome back!

Mary Louise Lupone
Kristie J. McCullough
John Bailey
Conny Elston
Daniel B. Swab

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Donald P. Smith, #201
 Gary P. Smith, #201
 Ronald W. Smith, #201
 Keith E. Matincheck, #307

35 YEARS

David R. Cliggett, #8

40 YEARS

Brian W. Beeghly, #438
 Joseph E. Delancey, #438

45 YEARS

Michael H. Gilbert, #708

55 YEARS

Martin S. Levit, #37
 Robert I. Wright, #562
 Raymond L. Smith, Jr., #1004

60 YEARS

Donald H. Leiby, #141

65 YEARS

Gene O. Brown, #523
 John R. Grumling, #523

130 YEARS

Hampton Lodge No. 1004,
 Allison Park

135 YEARS

Askam Lodge No. 899, Sugar Notch

DESK OF THE DGM



May the Lighthouse be your Guiding Light and the Fraternal Beacon of Friendship!!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,
 Although as I write

this message, we are still in the winter season, it will be SPRING when you receive this in our April magazine.... sooo, let me the first to wish you..... HAPPY SPRING!!!!

It has been a long winter and a much longer time since we have been together. Our world seems a little brighter as more and more of us receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Our lodges are starting up again and Odd Fellowship is coming alive with lodge meetings and activities.

As you read this message, take notice to the Spring Rally being planned for April 17th. As many lodges have new members in need of receiving degrees, also Past Noble Grands in need of their Grand Lodge Degree, Fallowfield Lodge #1128 in Atlantic, PA has graciously agreed to hold the one-day event. It has been a long time since we were together, so we hope you will join us on Saturday, April 17th as we conduct our Spring Rally.

The Unified Session Committee is also busy laying the groundwork for the long overdue

49th Unified Session to be held again at the Red Lion Hotel in East Harrisburg, June 19th–23rd. Watch the magazine and lodge correspondence for all the information needed to make your plans.

We are proud of the Lodges and their members this past year and a half as they found ways to conduct lodge business, staying in touch with each other, as they search for the ways to help the surrounding communities.

The D.D.G.M.s have been meeting via Zoom this past year. By communicating with one another, they are seeking ways for strengthening all our lodges as we begin to reopen.

It is our hope, to begin our traveling this spring. To be able to attend lodge meetings throughout Pennsylvania is on the top of our wish list as we have missed all of you.

As Odd Fellows, remember, that it will take all our members to get our lodges a long overdue “restart”. After this pandemic it will take all of us working together to get back to our meetings; back to the business on hand; back to lending the “hand of odd fellowship to those in need. I know, we can do it as together we have always accomplished great things in the name of Odd Fellows!

Always with God’s guiding hand,

David O. Whittlinger, G.M.E.

Shirley J. Whittlinger, D.G.M.

Thank You

A special thank you to my Sisters and Brothers from across the state who remembered me on my 80th (wow) birthday. Odd Fellowship has been a big part of my life and with the year we just experienced it is nice to know people care. Looking forward to Session. Again ~ thanks

Beverly Bowers



CANTON PHILADELPHIA NO. 1, P.M. MUSTERS CHEVALIER

At our recent meeting of Canton Philadelphia No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, we were honored to muster in as a Chevalier, Wilbert Lemuel. He's a member of Family Lodge #293 of Hammonton, NJ. We were also honored to have BG Bruce Torrence, Department Commander, and Maj Patricia Faustner, Department Chaplain. Shown here, left to right is Maj William Hanby, Commandant and Battalion Commander, Chev William Lemuel, and BG Bruce N. Torrence, Department Commander. Welcome Chevalier!



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Fraternal Greetings! As you see throughout the magazine, there is going to be a rally April 17th. This is a good thing that we are finally able to start getting back to work. Please know we will be using all precautions to keep everyone safe. It seems like a lot of Lodges feel the only time they need to attend a rally is when they have candidates, or if it's within a half hour drive. I cannot express to you the importance of attending rallies.

I'd like you to think back on your three degrees? Was it done at a rally? Was it a positive experience? Or did you just sit and watch tv or have a senior member just give you the signs or passwords? Our candidates deserve a positive experience! If the degrees are done with dignity, the candidates will get more out of it. What helps is that your Grand Lodge officers are not running all over the building changing from robe to robe. We need help! What always made the Allentown Rally a success was that we had several

degree teams willing to come together and make it work. If this rally is to be a success, we need your help. We have had several Lodges in the northwest - Alert, Falls Creek, Ridgway, Warren, Fallowfield. However, all these new members received the Degrees via DVD. Though the DVDs are nice in a pinch, we need to keep the live degrees from falling by the wayside. If you have never seen the degrees live, then I strongly encourage you to attend!

The Grand Lodge Degree will also be offered. Who is entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree? The answer is any Past Grand. I encourage all Past Grands to get this. It doesn't mean you have to do anything more than you are doing now, but it gives you the chance to be admitted to the Grand Lodge. It's a distinct honor you should have.

We will be looking for people to help with the degrees. Please if you are coming, reach out to myself or GW Carl George, as we really do need help

- speaking and non-speaking parts. Some parts, like the supporters, just need to sit there in a robe and look pretty (hey if I can try to look pretty, so can you!). If you're willing to help out, it would be appreciated.

In closing, come on out! Let's make April 17th the day we start bringing Odd Fellowship in the west back up. We can make it happen. We need your help though! Come be a part of our future. 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



DAYS GONE BY- SMETHPORT LODGE NO. 389 FOR THE AID OF THE ODD FELLOWS' BAND

Taken from THE MCKEAN DEMOCRAT
March 17, 1910 and smethporthistory.org

Excellent Organization in Need of Funds TO CIRCULATE PAPER

Money must be Raised to Prevent Smethport's Fine Musical Organization Disbanding after Reaching a Stage where it will be a Source of Much Enjoyment to Residents of Town-A Statement of Organization's Affairs.

In June, 1903, the Odd Fellows' Band was organized in this borough, an organization which has given a good account of itself under the skillful leadership of Mr. John E. Chadwick, than whom there is no more thorough bandmaster in this section of the State. This band was organized through the efforts of a few enthusiastic citizens of Smethport who on divers occasions had seen the need of a good band. The matter was presented to Smethport Lodge, No. 389, I.O.O.F., and the Lodge very generously, by an unanimous vote, advanced from its entertainment fund \$60 for the purpose of purchasing instruments, in addition to those on hand, to equip the band, and by reason of the Odd Fellows' Band, with the management consisting of members of the Lodge. S. R. Lindsley was elected Manager; Chas. Lemmler, Secretary, and E. W. Strong, Treasurer. This board of managers, up until Mr. Lemmler removed from Smethport, last fall, had entire charge of the financial end of the band, and we can assure the public that every dollar received was judiciously expended wholly in the interest of the band, and for no other purpose, as the only object in view when the band was organized was to place it on a self-sustaining basis, so that every citizen of this borough could find enjoyment in the music furnished by the organization. Along in November Mr. Lemmler resigned as secretary of the band, and by an unanimous vote of Smethport Lodge Mr. Guy McCoy was elected in his stead as secretary, with the other two officers the same as they were at the organization of the band.

As above stated, Mr. Chadwick was engaged as bandmaster, and by his untiring zeal he has brought the Odd Fellows' Band up to a state of efficiency that places it in the front rank of similar organizations in this section, and today Smethport has a band that no citizen has any reason to be ashamed of, as the band has worked hard during the winter in their rehearsals with most pleasing results to the management, and will give a most excellent account of itself when the weather conditions will warrant its public appearance.

Now, the facts of the case are, the leader of this superb organization has to be paid if the band is to be kept together, and the management are under moral obligations to see that he receives his pay. While Mr. Chadwick has always been fair with the management, we do not feel like putting off pay day too long, and as we owe this gentleman for services most efficiently rendered, it is nothing more than business that he should be paid in full for those services up to date. We fully realize that the citizens of Smethport have already contributed most liberally for the support of the band when they have been called on personally, and at a meeting of the officers held last Saturday evening it was decided to make one more appeal for funds, with the confident hope that sufficient money can be raised to pay Mr. Chadwick in full, and still leave sufficient funds in the treasury to meet incidental expenses that may have to be met in the near future, and to that end a subscription paper will at an early date be circulated among the citizens of the town.

The band management has endeavored to meet current expenses with dances and an entertainment. The first dance returned a very satisfactory revenue, but the other two, and the entertainment, barely met expenses. Early in the winter it was planned to give a home talent entertainment right after Easter, but when matters had been brought to a focus it was found that two or three other home talent entertainments, which will come close together, has been arranged for at about the time the band had decided on, and in the opinion of the management it was thought not advisable to try to give a home talent entertainment at this time, as it would be grouping too many home talent entertainments together, which could not help conflicting with each other in various ways. This state of affairs was a great disappointment to the

officers of the band, and it was then that they decided to try other means to raise the money to pay Mr. Chadwick for services rendered, and we are sure that the generous-hearted citizens of Smethport will agree with the management of the band that it would be a shame to allow the band to disband for lack of proper support, and we have an abiding faith that such will not be the case, when it is taken into consideration that the expense of maintaining the efficient organization will not much exceed \$20 a month.

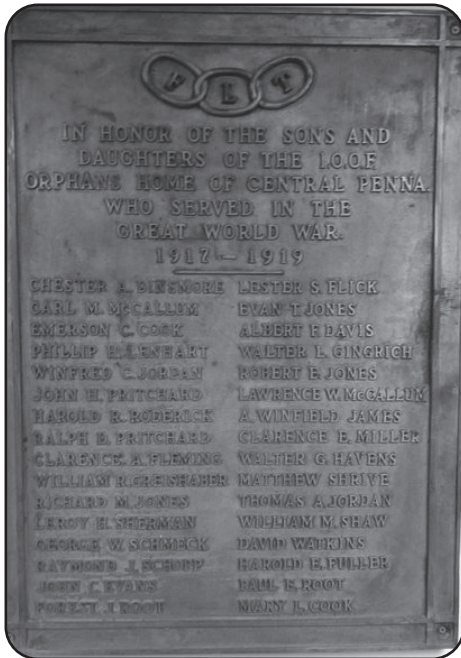
We want it distinctly understood that neither Smethport Lodge, No. 389, I.O.O.F., or Mesers, Strong, McCoy, or the writer, are to be benefited one penny by any moneys that go into the treasury of the band now, or at another time. The sole object of both the Lodge and the officers they elected to look after the affairs of the band was to make the band self-sustaining, and to see that all moneys was judiciously expended in the interest of the band, further than that their interest is in common with every other citizen of Smethport—that of having a first-class band organization, which we are proud to say we have.

In closing this article we urge upon our citizens to meet the solicitors, who will call upon them in a few days with a glad band, and at the same time show that they are heartily in favor of maintaining one of the best bands that Smethport has ever had. It is an organization that will benefit the town in many ways, and the cost of maintaining it has been placed on the very lowest outlay of money, and we believe the pleasure to be derived from it are too great to allow it to collapse at this time for the want of support.

Give the matter careful consideration, and be prepared to lend your aid when the subscription paper is presented to you.



ORPHANS HOME OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA IN SUNBURY



The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was finally able to hang the large plaque from the Orphans Home of Central Pennsylvania (Sunbury) who served in WWI. Special thanks to Phil and Nicole for helping to mount it and to Christine for shining it up! This now proudly hangs in our Board Room



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SOMERSET 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
Susquehanna County
 Get your pictures and
 articles in now!

SOMERSET COUNTY:

Addison - Wenonah Rebekah Lodge #348 - defunct 1947
 Berlin - Lady Berlin Rebekah Lodge #277 - consolidated 2008
 Boswell - Silver Ray Rebekah Lodge #454 - consolidated 1974
 Cairnbrook - Joanna Rebekah Lodge #543 - defunct 1933
 Confluence - Three Rivers Rebekah Lodge #61 - consolidated 2003
 Elk Lick - Delta Rebekah Lodge #494 - defunct 1936
 Holsopple - Adda Rebekah Lodge #340 - defunct 1934
 Holsopple - Bethel Rebekah Lodge #340 - defunct 1962
 Kingwood - Queen Victoria Rebekah Lodge #575 - defunct 2015
 Rockwood - Lady Rockwood Rebekah Lodge #256 - defunct 1975
 Salisbury - Gazella Rebekah Lodge #369 - defunct 1973
 Somerset - Wimodausis Rebekah Lodge #217 - defunct 1960
 Stoyestown - Queen Elba Rebekah Lodge #485 - defunct 1947
 Ursina - Fort Oak Rebekah Lodge #43 - defunct prior 1950
 Windber - Lobelia Rebekah Lodge #256 - defunct 1927

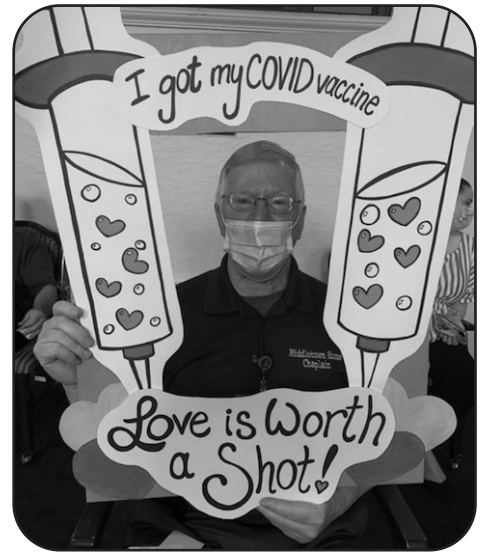
15 Rebekah Lodges with 0 still active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Lobelia Rebekah Lodge #256 in 1904

18 Odd Fellow Lodges

COVID VACCINES AT THE MIDDLETOWN HOME

This past month at The Middletown Home, we were thrilled to receive our second COVID vaccination! Both our staff and our residents were given this opportunity. We are so very grateful and excited to take this next step towards keeping everyone safe and healthy, for both our residents and our staff. Our theme was “love is worth a shot!” Thank you to everyone who made this possible and we look forward to getting back to our parties, trips, and visitors returning again soon!



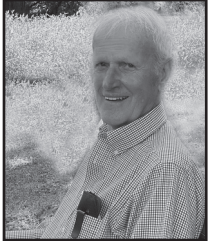
FREEDOM LODGE NO. 88 INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

This past month, Freedom Lodge No. 88 of Honesdale, was able to get back in their hall to initiate two new members, pictured from left to right in the collars are Gibsen Goodenough and Chad Killhullen. A contingent of Members from Harmony Lodge No. 86 of Tamaqua were also present and a great time was had by all.



APRIL OBITUARIES

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

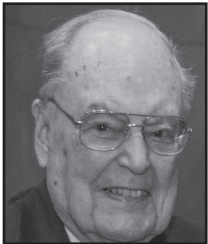


HAROLD S. DAVIS, JR.
York Springs Lodge No. 211
January 29, 2021

Brother Harold S. Davis, Jr., 76, of Dillsburg, PA, was initiated into York Springs Lodge No. 211 on March 19, 1970.

He was a National Guard Veteran and a member of the Red Mount United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Linda Stambaugh.



RICHARD G. WESTON
Walker Lodge No. 306
Perseverance Encampment No. 135
February 16, 2021

Brother Richard G. Weston, 101, of Hingham, MA, was initiated into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, PA, on May 8, 1950, where

he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 15, 1954. In the past, he served on the Walker Lodge Installation Team. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member by age and tenure. He was also a Patriarch of Perseverance Encampment #135, Philadelphia, having become a Past Chief Patriarch March 18, 1954 and receiving his Grand Encampment Degree September 17, 1954.

He was a WWII U.S. Navy Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, Harriet, two sons and two grandsons.

Burial was held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

LAMAR J. SCHREFFLER
Mahanoy Lodge No. 551
February 21, 2021

Brother Lamar J. Schreffler, 90, of Sunbury, PA, was initiated into Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, PA, on May 6, 1954, where he became a Past Grand.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Velmas Minnier, and two sons. Surviving are six children, 17 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Northumberland Memorial Park, Stonington, PA.

HAROLD L. WIKER
Strasburg Lodge No. 361
March 4, 2021



Brother Harold L. Wiker, 86, of Strasburg, PA, was initiated into Strasburg Lodge #361 on May 5, 1954, where he became a Past Grand.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg.

He was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is his wife, the former Beverly Eshleman, two daughters, one son and two grandsons.

Burial was held in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Neffsville, PA.

NAME WALKER'S INSTALLATION STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE FIFTIES CONTEST

Although I previously stated in the last RadioGram:

"It's as easy as counting one to seventeen. Correction: it's as easy as naming the 17 members of Walker's Installation Staff from the fifties. That's right. Just refresh your memories, name the members starting at the top row left to right. Then do the same for the middle row followed by the front row. Transmit your answers to Bob Smedley at iamsmed@aol.com. " Here are the names of the 1950's Installation Staff: Top Row (left to right): Walt Kessel; Unidentified; Harold Shomo; Adolf Kessel; George Daeche; Richard Curtis Middle Row (left to right): Earl Kitchen; Al Dache; Elmer Balmer; Joe jolly; Frank Cizewski; Wess Beard Bottom Row (left to right): Henry Houston; Roland Smedley; Herman Barton; Bill Connors; Dick Weston

But, it appears naming them was not an easy task. For example, one IOOF Brother named all but one of the 17 Installation Staff – but he (Bill Smedley) is not the winner because he is presently not a member of Walker Lodge. The next IOOF Brother named all but two of the Installation Staff – and that would be me, Bob Smedley,



but I am not a contestant. Therefore, the next contestant who named the most members is actually in the picture and is the only living member of the staff pictured. He is pictured in the bottom row – the last on the right.

ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania* will begin accepting applications on April 1, 2021 for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of four (4) \$3,000 scholarships. This will mark the 16th consecutive year that the Association has offered these Awards and having a distribution total, thus far, of \$153,000. The application deadline for the 2021 Scholarship Awards will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2021. An important reminder regarding three of the requirements for the Awards: 1) The applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania, 2) The applicant must have completed at least one year at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school, and 3) The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school.

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

GS BAILEY SPEAKS AT MASONIC LODGE

Grand Secretary Bailey gave a presentation on Odd Fellowship to Mozart Lodge No. 436, F&AM, who meet at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F&AM Temple, 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia. There was a great turnout present and a active Q&A session, as he discussed the history of Odd Fellowship, where we are today, and similarities and differences between the two Organizations. We're hoping to make some more "Odd-Masons" in Pennsylvania.



Pictured Above: Marvin Mandel DDGM (Left), PGM Justin Bailey, Grand Secretary (Center), and Ryan Valderrama WM

15TH ANNUAL I.O.O.F. GOLF SCRAMBLE

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

On Sunday, June 13th, 2021, our organization is sponsoring the 15th Annual I.O.O.F. Golf Scramble at Blackhawk golf course in Beaver Falls. Over the past thirteen years, we were fortunate to give \$3000, \$3500, \$5000, \$5000, \$1000, \$5000, \$5000, \$5000, \$5000, \$5000, \$5000, \$6000 and \$6000 respectively, in college scholarships. It is our hope that your donation can help make this year's event an even larger success.

For a \$100 donation (Silver Sponsorship), you can secure tee/green sponsorship signage on the golf course. Your logo may also be displayed on the sign provided a digital copy of such is provided.

For a \$300 donation (Gold Sponsorship), your sign will be displayed on a refreshment golf cart.

For a \$500 donation (Platinum Sponsorship), your sign will be prominently displayed on the pavilion where we will be conducting registration prior to the event and a dinner following the event.

Donations or gift certificates of less than \$100 will be provided in the form of prizes to the golfers.

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

We ask that you please consider providing us with sponsorship for this event. If you would like more information concerning the event, please feel free to contact Richard Shoup (724-561-6855), Dave Carlson (724-561-4679), Thomas Stachura (724-971-4989), Gerry States (724-513-8745), Carl George (724-601-8098) or Monica Griffiths (412-680-4159). You may also reach us via e-mail at richs112760@yahoo.com bruins83@comcast.net trs46@comcast.net gwstates@comcast.net quickcarl73@comcast.net or moeg4051@gmail.com respectively.

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

THE TREASURER'S TALES

APRIL 2021

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at April 1926. The big thing in April 1926 was Easter on Sunday, April 4. This year Easter is April 4th too. April is warming up and Easter Sunday was a beautiful spring day, I hope it will be for you in 2021.

April 1926 marked a number of interesting events, on the 3rd, the second flight of a liquid-fueled rocket by Robert Goddard; on the 13th, at the ripe old age of 38, Walter Johnson pitched his 7th opening day shutout; on April 27th, the Giants scored a 9-8 win over Phillies, with Mel Ott, 17, making his first appearance for the Giants; astronaut Virgil Gus Grissom was born on the 3rd; High Hefner was born on the 9th, perhaps he chose bunnies for his symbol since he was born in the same month as Easter; Elizabeth the second, Queen of England, was born on the 21st; Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*; was born on the 28th; and on the 11th famous horticulturalist Luther Burbank died.

Barney was having problems keeping his tenth grade English classes concentrate on their classwork, because of anticipation of the Easter recess. He always wanted to keep the student interested. He was able to assign research papers and have the students present them orally. This usually kept the students busy and oral presentations on the last day before a recess always worked. If the students were preoccupied with the impending holiday, they were ignoring their fellow student and not Barney. A paper with oral presentation seemed like the proper solution.

Barney opened discussion on topics for the paper around the 20th of March so that everything would be in place before Easter. Most of the students didn't want to do anything. Some wanted to do book reports. Others wanted to do projects similar to those they had done before. A group of seven boys in the back of the room all wanted to write a report on spring.

Barney thought he could garner some interest if he chose a topic that was interesting to most of the students, so he chose automobiles. Each student was assigned a make and model so that there would be limited copying. It was 1926, so there were lots of different car makers in the United States. You can find a list of defunct auto makers here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_defunct_automobile_manufacturers_of_the_United_States.

Ford was the easiest to research so Barney broke it down into Touring Car, Roadster, Roadster Pickup, Coupe, two-door sedan and four-door sedan. He assigned smaller brands as well as the large national brands. The Barley didn't generate much interest, but he had a student whose father worked for the Studebaker dealer and another whose father worked for the Essex dealer in Trenton.

The assignment was simple. The student had to research the brand he chose (Barney used a sign-up sheet). There were 270 brands in existence in 1926, so Barney only listed 100 brands and models (Ford alone had 5 models), giving each student a chance to have a different model. It was not hard to encourage 10th grade students to visit a car dealer and ask questions. The boys were a bit more anxious than the girls, but it wasn't hard to motivate the girls either.

Barney did not have a telephone, so no one called him to complain. Two different auto dealers contacted the principal. They both wanted to sell him a car. The Ford and Chevrolet dealers both offered to bring a car to the high school and let the principal drive it around the school. The Ford dealer even offered to dress up like the Easter Bunny when he brought the car around. The principal refused all offers. This did not completely blunt the sales blitz however. One student had an uncle who was a salesman for the Hudson https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_Motor_Car_Company dealer. He brought a car the day that student gave his presentation and Barney allowed the students to go outside and look at it. The rumor was that the Hudson salesman was an Odd Fellow and two of the graduating seniors bought Hudsons that summer. We will never know.

The day came to present that papers, April 1. Barney knew he was in for a surprise, but he didn't know what it would be. Students covered the walls with brochures and gave somewhat interesting talks about the different cars. There was some brand loyalty, with the student whose father was a mechanic at the Studebaker garage offering to take the student who gave the talk on Packard out in the parking lot. A niece of Walter Chrysler brought in an autographed photo and presented a bound, twenty-five page report (written by Chrysler's advertising department). Unfortunately her oral presentation was not quite up to some of the others.

The student who gave the talk on the Ford Model T touring car brought in a large Easter Basket with Ford brochures in it. Not to be outdone by anyone else, the Chevrolet dealer sent an Easter basket of bow-ties to distribute to the students. Advertising specialties were provided by most dealers, all hoping the students would bring their parents in to buy a car.

Over the years many automobile brands have changed their names and logos. The most popular automobile to change its name was the Oakland which became the Pontiac in 1931. The plant was in Pontiac, Michigan so the change of name reflected geography. The Oakland Dealer in nearby Trenton was the grandfather of one of Barney's students. The student wanted to make a big impression on his presentation, so he asked his grandfather for help. His grandfather had a one-eighth scale model of an Oakland open touring car. The engine was wood and didn't run, but it was painted to look real. The enterprising student had a chain mounted to the front axle so he could pull the car. After much coaxing and bribery, he was able to dress our favorite raccoon in a bunny costume. He started his presentation by going out in the hall and pulling the Oakland across the front of the room with Melchizedek in the driver's seat. Barney lost control of the class for ten minutes. He gave almost everyone an A. When he went home to help Elizabeth plan for Easter dinner, he wasn't sure whether he had come up with the best idea of his career or the worst.

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.

DAYS GONE BY

25 Years Ago - 1996

Walker Lodge #306 -

Odd Fellows Lodge, what does it do? The Lodge itself does not do anything, it's the members that attend most every meeting night helping to fulfill the true purpose of it's existence. Our Creed includes being of help to most anyone in need, visiting the sick, or ailing Brothers, burying the dead of our Order, and Educating the Orphan.

What's the use of wasting good time sitting in a stuffy Lodge Room? Let me tell you about my Lodge. Walker is the name, lots of people have heard of it, what it does, and who it helps. Since Brothers arrive early and play cards, shoot pool, throw darts, play shuffle board, or just converse. At meeting time seriousness sets in, and we begin to hear of the health of our Brothers, the appeals of various Organizations for financial assistance such as Meals on Wheels, Orphanages, Red Cross, destitute people, little league, and at times our down on their luck Brothers. It is a going thing that we help finance the education of worthy young. The Arthritis Foundation is also part of our deeds, the members give of their time every year and we help financially also.

There is a very lively Degree Team composed of our members who not only take care of our Lodge's new members, but of other Lodges in other Districts and States such as one in particular, California, where some Brothers took an extended vacation. We visited Nevada, Muir Woods, Alcatraz Island Prison, etc.

This is part of what we do. Oh yes we also have refreshments. What a group to be part of.

Yours Truly,
William Earl Marquett
Walker Lodge #306

75 Years Ago - 1946

Odd Fellows Lodge Pays Tribute to Its Veterans - Members of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 591, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with their wives and friends, March 19th honored fellow members of the lodge who have returned from the armed services, with a testimonial banquet.

The banquet table was spread in the social rooms of the First Methodist Church and 182 guests sat down to a well-prepared turkey dinner served by the ladies of the church.

Twenty-three of the 46 members of the Order who joined the armed forces were in attendance at the gathering and it was noted in remarks by various speakers that there was not one casualty in the group of 46.

The secretary of the Lodge, Phillip Gradwell, was called on to read the roll of the boys who were in the service, and each one was presented with a gift from the lodge. Where the member was not able to be present, the mother of the boy was invited to the affair and received the gift of her son. Rev. L. R. Klinger, of Mahanoy City, a member of the Shenandoah Lodge, made the presentation speech. In his remarks, he pointed out that it was well to have the boys back with us again and although the battle of war was over, there was still a greater fight to be won. A fight to build, that we may have a better brotherhood of men on earth. For this he was roundly applauded.

After the preliminary part of the program, was finished the toastmaster introduced Rev. D. Donald Peterson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, who was the principal speaker of the evening.

Rev. Peterson had as his topic for the occasion, "Democracy in the Bible." He stated in his opening remarks that there was no democracy without the Bible and referred to various parts of the Bible during his talk.

ITEMS FOR SALE

From the Three Links PHI, Quezon City, Philippines, Grand Lodge has purchased face masks and keychains. Contact the Grand Lodge for orders!

Mask: \$6.25 + tax and shipping

Keychain: \$7.50 + tax and shipping



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FEBRUARY DONATIONS - February Is Education Month

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Odd Fellows Home of w/ PA – Meadville	2,000.00
R110 Sharpsville – Rebekah Assembly	1,783.96
523 Alma	1,000.00
762 Vincent	500.00
1128 Fallowfield	500.00
E135 Perseverance	500.00
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562 Newburg	100.00
551 Mahanoy	75.00
211 York Springs	50.00
512 Thistle	50.00
658 Victory	50.00
847 Vienna	50.00
88 Freedom	25.00
E55 Bushkill	25.00
	<u>7,008.96</u>

SGL EDUCATIONAL FUND

512 Thistle	50.00
658 Victory	50.00
847 Vienna	50.00
E55 Bushkill	<u>25.00</u>
	175.00

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E135 Perseverance	500.00
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847 Vienna	50.00
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E55 Bushkill	25.00
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PA SPECIAL VISUAL

86 Harmony	20.00
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R110 Sharpsville – Rebekah Assembly	1,783.96
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Odd Fellows Home of w/ PA – Meadville	2,000.00
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