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## Grand Master David O. Whittlinger Called Home March 13, 2021



Brother David O. Whittlinger, 73, of Gibsonia, PA, was initiated an Odd Fellow into Hampton Lodge #1004 of Allison Park, of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on April 26, 2011 where he became a Past Grand October of

2015 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 3, 2015. At the time of his death, he was the Chaplain of Hampton Lodge #1004. He also held associate memberships in Freeport Lodge #379 and Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler.

Brother Whittlinger was made a Rebekah into Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328, Sandy Lake, on August 3, 2016, where he was holding the position of Chaplain. He received the Rebekah Assembly Degree on June 25, 2018.

He also held patriarchal membership in the Encampment, having joined Ambridge Encampment June 13, 2016. He became a Past Chief Patriarch in 2018 and received his Grand Encampment Degree June 1, 2019. At the time of his death, he was the current Junior Warden.

He was mustered in as a charter member of Canton Allegheny No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, Pittsburgh, where he was currently holding the office of Color Bearer. He was also a Samaritan of Persia Sanctorum #198, AMOS, Pittsburgh.

He held the position of Grand Conductor for PGM David Young from 2016 – 2017. He became our Grand Warden in 2017 and later was installed as our Grand Master to lead our Jurisdiction, in Harrisburg on June 19th of 2019. Due to the Covid pandemic, he was serving in his second term as our Grand Master. Serving alongside him was his wife, Shirley, Deputy Grand Master. Not only did David and Shirley hold down the Western Office, he was the unofficial Grand Chauffeur for a period of time, and Grand Editor. He and his wife joined all the Lodges and branches together as one, with exception of the AMOS, where Shirley lovingly waited for him to receive his degree. They were known throughout the Jurisdiction as "Team Whittlinger."

Grand Master David was a member of Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, Allison Park. He was active in the Masonic Branch, being a Past Worshipful Master of North Hills Lodge #716 F&AM as well as several other groups.

Surviving is his wife, the former Shirley Shumway, and their cat, Bailey, one brother and one niece. Odd Fellow Services were conducted by the Grand Lodge and he was laid to rest at Allegheny County Memorial Park, Allison Park.

In his ten years as an Odd Fellow, he held an incredibly active ten years, accomplishing more than many members have in decades. He was proud of his affiliation with the Order as a whole, and incredibly proud to be part of all the branches he was in. As he stated the evening he became our Grand Master, "a strong body is only healthy if its branches are strong and committed to supporting each other. He looked forward to his term of leadership, was enthusiastic on bringing in new members, "Approach your friends, neighbors and relatives. It's easier talking to people that you know. New members will be our first priority and they are the key to our continued growth." He was a fighter and never let his health bring him down. But there was a kind side to him also. When it comes to just being a good person and a good Odd Fellow, David shown us all by example how to be. His loss to us creates a void in our Order, so we must try to fill that void with good memories of him and work not only by remembering him, but by having faith in the future of our Order and working to ensure that future.

Farewell Grand Master, enter into the joy of thy Lord.



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

**KINGWOOD LODGE NO. 1010**  
 Robert M. Knepper - reinstated March 4th.  
 Welcome back!

**FALLOWFIELD LODGE NO. 1128**  
 Marshall Horne - initiated March 14th  
 Adam Horne  
 T. Seth Osborn  
 Griffen Osborn  
 Carter Osborn  
 Dawson Osborn  
 Owen Matola

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

John S. Fee, #1030

### 35 YEARS

Todd M. Wood, #457

Richard L. Bender, #562

Roger E. Byers, Sr., #562

Roger L. Coleman, #562

Larry D. Singer, #562

### 40 YEARS

Larry D. Ulrich, #192

### 45 YEARS

William G. Dunkleberger, #380

Brooks E. Reeder, #380

D. Neil Rotz, #773

### 50 YEARS

E. James Stutler, #74

Melvin C. Swendsen, #88

James C. Bilger, #116

Findlay C. Wylie, III, #1004

### 60 YEARS

Jay W. Hemminger, #438

Robert E. Hummel, #736

### 65 YEARS

Eugene C. Naugle, #438

### 95 YEARS

Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown

### 130 YEARS

Kingwood Lodge No. 1010, Markleton

Regina Rebekah Lodge #230, Shamokin

### 135 YEARS

Canton Ridgely No. 8, New Columbia

### 150 YEARS

Vincent Lodge No. 762, Spring City

Waterfall Lodge No. 773, New Grenada

## DESK OF THE DGM



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

### TRIBUTE to our PAST GRAND MASTER DAVID O. WHITLINGER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,  
It seems as through each time I write a message for our magazine there is a change by the time you receive the magazine. A change in our seasons; a change in our daily routine; a change in our status. The only sure thing in our life...the one thing we can count on...is CHANGE!! I am writing this message as your Deputy Grand Master and by the time you read this, I will be installed as your new Grand Master, carrying on for our PGM and the best half of "Team Whitlinger."

Our Odd Fellow journey began on April 26, 2011 when Dave & I were initiated into the Hampton Lodge #1004 and what a journey it has been!! We attended meetings, picnics, parties; visits to other lodges; and enjoyed going to Session. We continued our Odd Fellow journey by joining Ambridge Encampment #259, becoming a Rebekah by joining Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328; and being charter members of Allegheny Canton #3. We visited surrounding lodges in the west, then eventually going further throughout the state. With every visit and event, we made more and more friends.... good friends.... friendship that will last a lifetime.

David loved our Fraternal organization, and he was honored to serve the Odd Fellows as your Grand Master. He enjoyed traveling and visiting with his brothers and sisters in lodges throughout Pennsylvania. Up until his health started to decline, he was looking forward to the 49th Unified Session in June.

I honestly believe that friends and the friendships which are formed are gifts... gifts from God. Our heavenly Father never intended for us to go through life alone. On March 13th, change happened. Our Grand Master, my best friend passed into his eternal home. It was the love and support from our Odd Fellow family that has carried me through some very rough days. Seeing the tribute by his brothers and sisters will always remain in my heart.

We all grieve for those departed, whether it be a friend, family member, or a Grand Master, and we all do it in a personal way. David would not want tears, but rather smiles as we remember him. He would rather be remembered for all the good times spent with friends. Times we spent at a hilltop restaurant overlooking Johnstown enjoying specialty donuts before lodge; enjoying the fellowship at lodge picnics; side trips to historical landmarks and parks, getting lost while traveling to a lodge meeting (depending on a GPS for directions) .....

I will always miss our Grand Master, and our travels together, not with tears but with a smile in my heart. Thankful for the 50 years of memories.

As I move forward, April 17, 2021, I will be installed as your Grand Master. The remainder on David's year and my year will be dedicated to him and the work he started. I will be visiting lodges and will be looking for ways to tell David's message of Friendship, Love and Truth. I invite all to join with me in honoring David O. Whitlinger, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as we find ways to extend the hand of friendship.

Always with God's guiding hand,

*Shirley J. Whitlinger, DGM*

# 49TH ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2021

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 19th through Wednesday, June 23th, 2021, inclusive.

**Please Note: All Unified Session Functions (meals, events, etc.) are subject to COVID rules in place at that time. We will make you aware of any changes closer to the time of Session!**

**Room Reservations:** Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The room rate is \$ 105.00 plus tax. Telephone 717-939-7841. Deadline for room reservations is June 4, 2021. 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 4, 2021. 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 4, 2021. Send registrations to Paul Lautenschlager, 101 Maplewood Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431. 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. (Note: Restaurant meal specials subject to COVID & hotel decisions).

**Banquet:** The Banquet for all Branches will be held on Sunday, June 20th, 2021. 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

**2021 Program Booklet:** Please print or type all ads and booster names. Send with remittance to Thomas J. McHugh, 288 Church Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707. **Deadline for all ads and boosters is June 1, 2021.**

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), for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket. Send Money and ticket stubs to Mary DeLong, 307-6 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 19th**. We will have "A Night at The Ballpark". We will have a baseball night at the hotel; come dressed in your favorite team's colors, jersey, cap, etc. Details 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

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

**JUNE**

<p>11 / Mt. Hor #736 150th Anniversary+ - rescheduled!            12 / Kingwood Lodge #1010 Chicken Drive-Through BBQ 11:00AM            19-23 / 49th Annual Unified Session, Harrisburg</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Mid-Atlantic States Conclave have been cancelled!!!</p>	<p>+ denotes details to follow</p> <p>** 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</p>
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All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Grand Lodge at [iiofpaglssecty@verizon.net](mailto:iiofpaglssecty@verizon.net) or 717-944-7419

## VICTORY LODGE #658 HONORS MEMBER

Kenneth is at home taking care of his wife Elizabeth recouping from a hospital stay. He has been the Lodge's Sec'y in the past for 10 years.

Kenneth Knapp received his 45 year pin this week from DDGM Frank Hilt.



# Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for the notes and get well wishes while I was in the hospital and Rehabilitation Facility. I am now at home again and doing well. In Friendship Love and Truth,  
Raymond "Bull" Boulanger.



## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SUSQUEHANNA 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**  
**Warren County**  
Get your pictures and  
articles in now!

### SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY:

Auburn Centre - Buttercup Rebekah Lodge #338 - defunct 1976  
 Brooklyn - Lady Tewkesbury Rebekah Lodge #214 - defunct 1902  
 Brooklyn - Sunlight Rebekah Lodge #379 - defunct 1992  
 Forest City - Lady Forest Rebekah Lodge #181 - defunct prior 1917  
 Great Bend - Cypress Rebekah Lodge #78 - defunct 1942  
 Harford - Mabel Rebekah Lodge #181 - defunct 1899  
 Harford - Floral Rebekah Lodge #275 - consolidated 1967  
 Jackson - Lady Jackson Rebekah Lodge #261 - consolidated 1961  
 Lynn - Smilax Rebekah Lodge #214 - defunct 1911  
 Montrose - Mary Rebekah Lodge #7 - defunct 2004  
 New Milford - Lady Milford Rebekah Lodge #189 - defunct 2004  
**Rush - Ernestine Rebekah Lodge #548 - instituted 1923**  
 Springville - Vesta Rebekah Lodge #187 - consolidated 1994  
 Susquehanna - Dora Rebekah Lodge #95 - consolidated 1995  
 Susquehanna Depot - Victoria Rebekah Lodge #39 - defunct 1880  
 Thompson - Ruth Cleveland Rebekah Lodge #279 - defunct 1920  
 Thompson - Sunrise Rebekah Lodge #279 - defunct after 1950

17 Rebekah Lodges with 1 still active  
 1st Rebekah Lodge - Mary Rebekah Lodge #7 in 1869  
 15 Odd Fellow Lodges

## TUNKHANNOCK LODGE BACK IN ACTION

Tunkhannock Lodge #699 is back LIVE and in PERSON! On Tuesday, March 16, 2021 members of Lodge #699 met at West Nicholson United Methodist Church. There were eight members present and important business was resolved. The two items at the top of the list was the approval of Paul Lautenschlager as District Deputy Grand Master of District No 9 by all Past Grands present AND the Ceremony of Draping the Charter in memoriam, remembrance and honor of Grand Master David Whitlinger. Our sympathy and prayers go to Shirley Whitlinger and Family at this most difficult time.

FUN HISTORICAL FACT presented by Bob Schumacher - in 1894, Tunkhannock Lodge #699 had 96 members and \$4,210.74 in Assets. Overall, a great night of reconnecting and fellowship.

Pictured at the meeting - FRONT ROW - Bob Schumacher and Sherman Wooden. BACK ROW - Jim Lautenschlager, Andrew Kilmer, Noble Grand Delbert "Ike" Wooden, Paul Lautenschlager and Vice Grand Richard Lathrop. Picture taken by Forrest C. Goodenough



## ALMA LODGE ASSISTS POLICE



Before our meeting on March 12th, we welcomed Captain Mike Plunkard of the Johnstown Police Department who visited Alma Hall to speak with our members and accept a donation for the Johnstown Police K9 Fund.

The Lodge made a donation to the fund, which is being collected to purchase a new K9 officer for the department along with the costs of training this new community asset. This new K9 Officer will replace K9 Officer Titan who died in the line of duty in November 2020. Captain Plunkard explained the importance of the K9 Unit and their many functions in our community. He also thanked our Lodge for our continued support over the years.

We thank Captain Plunkard and the entire Johnstown Police Department for their service to the community. We also thank him for coming to visit our Lodge to learn more about our organization.

## FAUSTNER'S VISIT REBEKAH DURING VACATION

In March, while Steve & Patricia Faustner of Aluta Lodge #488 and Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202 were in Florida, they paid a visit to Charlotte Fritz of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge.



## MEMORIAL DAY

As we come into the month of May, we reflect on those Brothers and Sisters who have fought for our Freedom. May they rest in peace, and may they never be forgotten.

### **Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55, Glasgow**

- ★ PG William Oshall, U.S. Air Force Vietnam - February 15th
- ★ Richard N. Passmore, U.S. Army WWII - December 23rd

### **Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74, York**

- ★ PG Lorine E. Strickler, U.S. Army WWII - May 12th

### **Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua**

- ★ PDDGM G. Ralph Rodriguez, U.S. Navy - January 13th

### **Hopkins Lodge No. 87, Bristol**

- ★ PG George J. Molden, Jr., U.S. Navy WWII - January 2nd

### **Jordan Lodge No. 192, Schnecksville**

- ★ PG Curtis J. Frantz, U.S. Army Korea - May 25th

### **York Springs Lodge No. 211**

- ★ Harold S. Davis, Jr., U.S. National Guard - January 29th

### **Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge No. 254, Waltersburg**

- ★ PG Gary T. Glisan, U.S. Medic Vietnam - February 4th

### **Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278, Butler**

- ★ PG Paul T. Daubenspeck, U.S. Army WWII - January 11th
- ★ PG Richard A. Slausenhaupt, U.S. Army - June 20th
- ★ Pryor O. Berry, Jr., U.S. Navy WWII & Korea - August 9th

### **Paoli Lodge No. 290, Downingtown**

- ★ Robert A. Harris, U.S. Maritime - November 23rd

### **Walker Lodge No. 306, Philadelphia**

- ★ Richard R. Williams, U.S. Air Force Korea - January 10th
- ★ Frank M. Highley, U.S. Army Air Corps WWII - September 20th
- ★ PG Quince A. Hunt, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps - December 22nd
- ★ Edward J. O'Hanlon, Sr., U.S. Air Force Vietnam - December 25th
- ★ PG Richard G. Weston, U.S. Navy WWII - February 16th

### **Clover Lodge No. 348, Ambridge**

- ★ John E. Bandula, U.S. Army Korea - March 7th

### **Strasburg Lodge No. 361**

- ★ PG Jerre Groff, U.S. Navy - August 4th

### **Somerset Lodge No. 438**

- ★ Richard F. Gambino, Sr., U.S. Army WWII - June 18th
- ★ Robert S. Brant, U.S. Army Korea - December 8th

### **Aluta Lodge No. 488, Bushkill Center**

- ★ PG Leonard V. Siegfried, U.S. Army Air Force WWII - February 28th

### **Edinboro Lodge No. 510**

- ★ PG Donald G. McCartney, U.S. Army - April 20th
- ★ PDDGM William C. Falkenberg, U.S. Navy - September 14th
- ★ George R. Schoch, Jr., U.S. Air Force Korea & Vietnam - December 26th

### **Thistle Lodge No. 512, Pittston**

- ★ Henry L. Appenzeller, U.S. Army - March 6th

### **Alma Lodge No. 523, Johnstown**

- ★ Michael T. Gray, U.S. Army - April 2nd

### **Newburg Lodge No. 562**

- ★ PG Leonard R. Baker, January 18th

### **Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573**

- ★ PG Lawrence R. Williamson, U.S. Army WWII - April 20th

### **Warfordsburg Lodge No. 601**

- ★ PG Lee F. Lashley, U.S. Army Reserves - February 3rd

### **Askam Lodge No. 899, Sugar Notch**

- ★ PG Harry E. Worke, U.S. Air Force - February 5th
- ★ PG Robert J. Naugle, Sr., U.S. Army WWII - February 8th
- ★ PG Edward K. Brogan, U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam - December 14th

### **Ridgway Lodge No. 969**

- ★ PG Richard A. Strand, U.S. Navy - January 6th

### **Hampton Lodge No. 1004, Allison Park**

- ★ PG Glen D. Seifert, U.S. Army - March 20th

### **Charleroi Lodge No. 1030**

- ★ PG Leonard Santini, U.S. Army Korea - January 3rd
- ★ PDDGM Francis Watt, U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam - March 10th
- ★ NG Barry G. Brinker, U.S. Air Force - June 2nd

### **Lititz Lodge No. 1050**

- ★ PG Richard P. Wert, U.S. Army Vietnam - October 17th

### **Shillington Lodge No. 1175**

- ★ PG John A. Bonanno, U.S. Army - January 23rd
- ★ PG James S. Melcher, Sr., U.S. Navy Vietnam - January 7th

## MAY OBITUARIES

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



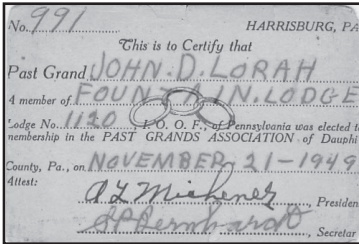
**LOU ANNA HARRIES**  
Alma Lodge No. 523  
February 12, 2021

Sister Lou Anna Harries, 94, of Johnstown, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on March 27, 2010.

She was a member of Memorial Baptist Church, Johnstown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley. Surviving are three daughters, six grandchildren, one being Christopher Stoner of Kingwood Lodge #1010 and seven great-grandchildren.

Inurnment was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Johnstown, PA.



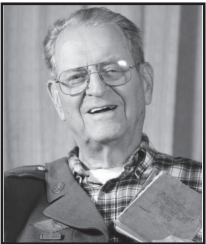
**JOHN D. LORAH**  
Vienna Lodge No. 847  
February 23, 2021

Brother John D. Lorah, 91, of Cincinnati, OH, was initiated into Fountain Lodge #1120, Harrisburg, PA,

on December 15, 1947, where he became a Past Grand. On November 21, 1949, he was admitted into the Past Grand's Association of Dauphin County, Harrisburg. He became a member of Harrisburg Lodge #68 through consolidation on October 11, 1957 and transferred on November 19, 1958 to Lehigh Lodge #83 of Allentown. He then became a member of Vienna Lodge #847, Allentown, through consolidation on January 18, 1967. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure, as well as the last surviving member of Fountain Lodge #1120 and Lehigh Lodge #83 still affiliated with the Order.

He was preceded in death by one daughter. Surviving is his wife, Marion, one daughter, one grandson and one brother, Robert, of Triune Lodge #307.

Burial was held in Woodland Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg, PA.



**LEONARD V. SIEGFRIED**  
Aluta Lodge No. 488  
February 28, 2021

Brother Leonard V. "Lenny" Siegfried, 95, of Hecktown, PA was initiated into Confident Lodge #1133, Hecktown, on February 22, 1946, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree October 23, 1950. He became a member of Aluta Lodge #488, Bushkill Center, through consolidation on June 8, 2001. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Army Air Force Purple Heart Veteran of WWII and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hecktown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Gloria Meese, and one grandson. Surviving is one son, one daughter and three grandsons.

Burial was held at Hope Cemetery, Hecktown, PA.

**CARL L. GRIMM**  
Freedom Lodge No. 88  
March 13, 2021

Brother Carl L. Grimm, 96, of Bethany, PA, was initiated into Freedom Lodge #88, Honesdale, on June 24, 1963, where he became a Past Grand. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a member of the Bethany United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Alyce Bates, and one son. Surviving is one son, four grandchildren, one great-grandson, and his brother, Charles, also of Freedom Lodge.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

**JOHN E. BANDULA**  
Clover Lodge No. 348  
March 7, 2021

Brother John E. Bandula, 88, of Aliquippa, PA, was initiated into Russell Lodge #1065, Aliquippa, on May 27, 1968. He became a member of Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, through consolidation on August 25, 1977. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Russell Lodge #1065 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Aliquippa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Belle.

Burial was held in Sylvania Hills Memorial Park, Rochester, PA.



**GLEN D. SEIFERT**  
Hampton Lodge No. 1004  
March 20, 2021

Brother Glen D. Seifert, 65, of Delmont, PA, was initiated into Brushton-Swissvale Lodge #1004, Pittsburgh, PA, on October 3, 1988, where he became a Past Grand October 19, 1995. He then became a member of Hampton Lodge #1004, Allison Park, through consolidation on September 27, 2016. At the time of the consolidation, he was Brushton-Swissvale's Vice Grand, a position he held for several years prior.

He was a United States Army Veteran.

Surviving are two children and several grandchildren.



**MINUTES OF THE ODD FELLOWS TEMPLE ASSOCIATION OF LANCASTER CITY  
PROCURING AN ODD FELLOW TEMPLE IN LANCASTER CITY, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Lancaster, PA. February 24, 1918

There was a meeting of a committee to consider the advisability of recommending to the various Lodges and Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows held on the above date in the room of the Three Links Association, No. 40 West King Street, the purchase of a property for the erection or remodeling into an Odd Fellows Temple. The property in question was a building No. 44 North Prince Street, now owned by Mr. Fred A. Wiker.

Those present at the meeting were:

Past Grand	Linville,	No. 67
Past Grand	J. F. Sweeton,	No. 242
Past Grand	I. D. Bair,	No. 1094
Past Grand	W. P. J. Sensenderfer,	No. 1104
Past Grand	H. O. Leachy,	No. 1104

An organization was formed to be known as the Odd Fellows Temple Association of Lancaster City. H. O. Leachy, District Deputy was elected Chairman and W. P. J. Sensenderfer, 1104, was elected Secretary. The Chairman announced that Mr. Wiker would be at the building in order that the committee may view the same so an adjournment was had to go there and return and reconvene afterwards.

The committee inspected the building which had a width of 29 feet and depth of main building of 32 feet, together with a wing on the north side of a width of 14 feet 7 inches and a depth of 41 feet. Total depth of the lot 93 feet. We found that none of the floors of the wing lined up with those of the main building, there being a variance at the ceiling of the first floor of 3 1/2 feet, the second floor about 4 feet and the third floor we found the rear room were cut so by a roof with a fall of about 30 per cent so as to render the third floor practically useless, for to raise the roof of the main building would make it very expensive.

The committee upon reconvening decided that they would not recommend to their lodges the purchase of the building as the alternative would be very expensive, and on an alley right, which had been exercised by the Lancaster Drug Co., would either have to be purchased or the building narrowed to possibly 26 1/2 feet,

The total assets of these Lodges are \$22,957.51 of which 77 per cent is invested in their Lodge Halls as follows:

Name	No.	Assets	No. members	Invested in Lodge Hall
Pequa	161	\$7,126.64	114	\$4,000.00
Strasburg	361	\$7,333.85	106	\$5,000.00
Kosciuscko	374	\$7,356.53	160	\$7,000.00
Drumore	509	\$6,115.58	138	\$5,000.00
Colerain	544	<u>\$5,024.91</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>\$3,983.00</u>
Total		\$32,957.51	601	\$24,983.00

made the purchase of the property a financial impossibility. In addition, the price \$12,000.00 at which the building was held was considered much too high. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Wiker at once of the action of the Committee.

Past Grand Linville, of No. 67, an architect, offered to make some sketches embodying the ideas of the Committee so that an approximation may be made of the cost of the alteration or erection of a building for a Temple.

An attorney, Mr. Charles Martin, a member of No. 242, made an offer to secure for the Committee and at no cost to them, an option for 30 days on a property which was not to be mentioned for business reasons, the same to be presented at a meeting of the Committee to be held on Sunday, March 3, 1918.

District Deputy, H. O. Leachy made a statement of the Lodges of the Southern District of the County. The combined membership of these Lodges is 601.

As compared with this showing there appears the ability of the Lodges of the City to enter into this matter and act in a manner that will not apparently jeopardize their financial standing.

The combined membership of the City Lodges is 1093. Their assets according to the reports of September 30, 1917 are \$82,968.09, held as follows:

Lancaster	67	\$13,820.17
Hersdrel	123	\$40,190.49
Monterey	242	\$12,836.38
Levengood	1094	\$ 2,373.25
Emanuel	1104	<u>\$13,748.80</u>
Total		\$82,968.09

There being no further business the Committee adjourned to meet on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

W. P. J. Sensenderfer, Secretary

## THE TREASURER'S TALES

MAY 2021

This month we will follow Barney's exploits for the month of May 1926. The world of 2021 is different from any other and makes comparison to 1926 difficult, 1919 would be more comparable. On May 1, Satchel Page debuts as a pitcher for Chattanooga. On May 9, Richard Byrd is credited for his first airplane flight over the North Pole (controversy exists as to whether he reached the North Pole, Santa Claus refused to comment). On May 12, Roald Amundsen, flew the airship Norge over the North Pole. It should here be noted that airships are balloons with rigid structures, and are lighter than air; airplanes are heavier than air.

On May 17, Chiang Kai-shek is made supreme warlord in China; on May 18, Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanishes in Venice, California She shows up a month later claiming she had been kidnaped; and on May 21, White Sox Earl Sheely hits a record 6th consecutive double.

The third birthday of Schuyler Colfax Wells occurred on May 17, 1926, and was celebrated with little fanfare. He was still not fully aware of what was going on. Born the same month as his third birthday were: Ann B Davis, American actress (Bob Cummings Show, Alice-Brady Bunch), born in Schenectady NY, (d. 2014); on May 8, Don Rickles, comedian (Don Rickles Show, CPO Sharkey), born in Queens, New York (d. 2017); on May 26, Miles Davis, American jazz musician, trumpeter and composer, born in Alton, Illinois (d. 1991); and on May 30, Christine Jorgensen, pioneer transsexual (born George William Jorgensen, Jr).

The top grossing movie for 1926 was Ben-Hur, a Tale of the Christ, which was initially released in December 1925 but played well into 1926 in Grovers Mill. You can read about it here, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben-Hur:\\_A\\_Tale\\_of\\_the\\_Christ\\_\(1925\\_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben-Hur:_A_Tale_of_the_Christ_(1925_film)) and see a clip of it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVMN82JAgD8>. Most of you are more familiar with the Charlton Heston version in 1959, a clip of which may be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDEbsqHU8kM>. The most popular book was The Sun Also Rises, by Ernest Hemingway. This was made into a movie, and a clip about that movie may be found here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S\\_PdU8eWRss](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_PdU8eWRss).

The last day of the school year was anticipated by all the students. The last day of school for Grover's Mill High School was May 21, with commencement that evening. Barney continued to increase the size of his herd of cattle and hogs. He found why his egg production faltered in late 1925, a propensity for a certain raccoon to raid the henhouse, and he stopped the problem by improving the chicken wire around the base of the coop (for those of you who are fussy over names, poultry netting is the accepted term in 2021, in 1926 and when I was young, it was called chicken wire.) He had much planting and other maintenance to perform, in order to have enough grain for animal feed. He spent every Saturday of 1925 servicing and rebuilding his farm machinery so that by February 1926, he was up to date.

The great depression had not yet arrived and the roaring 20s were in full bloom. The number of high school graduates in 1926 had gone up from 21 in 1925 to 30 in 1926. This trend would reverse in 1930 and remain depressed until 1940. One lucky teacher was chosen to plan and manage graduation and reception for seniors. If you recall, Barney was the lucky teacher in 1925. He should not have had to perform this task again for at least eight years. Barney was only asked to supply his time as chaperone, not planner. Easier job you might think. Dream on.

The year 1926 was the middle of prohibition. Prohibition was a

period in which commercially produced alcohol was not available. This was considered a major problem to high school students. You might recall that high school students should not be drinking alcohol. The senior, graduation reception is typically a place where misbehaving seniors "spike" the punch bowl with alcohol. Inventive students find moonshine. This is a given fact. There was always moonshine. In 1926 there were no cafeterias in high schools. Students either walked home or brought their lunches in bags. The reception was held in the gym, after commencement in the auditorium. The men's locker room was converted to an assembly area for refreshments. Late May is a warm period when windows are left open. This is especially necessary when a locker room is being used to assemble the refreshments before taking them to the gym.

The refreshments were punch and fruit salad. Nothing fancy. A cake was on a table in the gym and was cut in place. The male students were very familiar with their locker room. The plan was to hide several bottles of moonshine in a locker, sneak in and pour it into the punch bowls and put the empty bottles back in a locker. When the boys found the window open, it became quite easy to throw the bottles out the window. Since the gym was on the first floor, it was also easy for a raccoon to climb up the down spout and enter through the window. The smell of freshly cut fruit brought Melchizedek into the locker room.

As a chaperone, Barney was to keep students from engaging in adult behavior. It was the last night of the year and the seniors were no longer students, they had diplomas in their hands and were about to enter the world of adulthood. Their joy was attached to a certain loss of inhibition. Barney had to patrol the halls, enter empty classrooms, check restrooms and generally try to prevent unwanted coupling.

When Barney entered the locker, he thought he might encounter students kissing in the recesses of the locker room. He did not expect to see a drunken raccoon, sitting in the bowl of fruit salad, throwing pieces of fruit on the floor. After a loud exclamation by Barney, Melchizedek scampered from the bowl and ran to the open window. Once out the window, he headed across the parking lot, toward the woods. Fortunately there was enough punch in the bowl out in the gym, and another bowl of fruit salad there was well. There would be no leftovers. As Barney watched, Melchizedek wove side to side as he crossed the parking. When he reached the other side of the parking lot, Melchizedek grabbed the flag pole to steady himself. When he grabbed the flagpole, he spun around it like Gene Kelley, in Singing in the Rain. This ended the mischief for the night.

Barney patrolled the entire school and parking lot several times. He found several couples engaged in romantic activity and three boys smoking. No major problems seemed a blessing to Barney. He was fortunate the school had paid the janitor to stay on for cleanup. As Barney entered the locker room, the janitor was about to taste the fruit salad. Barney shouted and told him to throw it out and be careful with the grapes. Things may not be what you think they are.

There will be a June story that relates more to Barney's farming activities.

*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.*

## DAYS GONE BY

25 Years Ago - 1996

Judith Lodge #264 - (now part of Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328)

**Who are we?** Judith Rebekah Lodge 264 is a local Organization that has been in existence since April 13, 1918. We are a Branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

We are a Fraternity: a world-wide Sisterhood with members in 19 Countries.

We meet in groups or "Lodges" on a regular basis, twice a month.

We come from all walks of life and from different faiths. We do not, and should not, take the place of your Church or Synagogue.

We have in common a belief in a Supreme Being, a love and loyalty to our Country and a desire to aid and support each other and those around us in affliction or distress.

**What do we do?** We support each other emotionally, physically, if necessary, and even financially on occasion through special funds.

We work together to raise money through various projects, events or sales to support our benevolences, special projects and special activities.

Projects and benevolences supported by our world-wide order include Homes for the aged (ie: Orchard Manor), World Eye Bank & Visual Research, Arthritis Foundation and other health care agencies; Pilgrimage for Youth; IOOF Educational Foundation: Scholarship Programs: World Hunger and Disaster Fund and Rose Bowl Float.

**Why join the Rebekahs?** As a shield against loneliness, join to reap the benefits of Fraternity: group support, close friendships and the good feeling that comes from co-operative work. Be a part of a great Organization doing for others because we need and want you.

Our local Lodge meets at the Pine Grove Community Center on the Second and Fourth Thursdays of each Month. For additional information contact Marcia LaVan or Linda Dickson.

75 Years Ago - 1946

**Aluta Lodge #488** - This community can be better described as the "Hot Spot on the Map" in Odd Fellowship. If you want inspiration-drive to this small community and there you will find an over-abundance of enthusiastic fraternalists who have made their lodge an instrument for emphasizing the absolute need of Odd Fellowship everywhere.

With a membership of over 200 - and recording an increase in membership of 59 during past years, these Brothers have definitely proven it can be done. In fact, while others played the fiddle, they beat the drums and gathered the crowd for their Lodge.

A splendid meeting place, small illuminated lodge sign hanging from building-social quarters, an orchestra, and degree work every meeting brings an average attendance of 50 to 60 every week. (No meeting Good Friday - the members go to church).

In the near future it is expected a petition for an Encampment will be forwarded to the Grand Encampment office. It is rumored the petition will have the signatures of not less than one hundred fifty thereon.

It is amazing what leadership with vision can do and equally amazing to realize the lack of such leadership in subordinate units reporting a membership of 10 to 20. What causes such contentment in these small subordinate units?

On Friday evening, April 12, W.E. Preston Haas, Deputy Grand Master; Harry C. Stephens, P.G.M., P.G.P., G.R.; Kenneth A. Felker, D.D.G.P. District No. 10, and Walter W. Leibfried Grand Scribe, officially visited Aluta Lodge, No. 488, and they have promised a return visit. District Deputy William H. Gross was present.

Harold T. Fehnel, P.D.D.G.P., was chairman and lunch was served after the meeting.

W.W.L.

\* Editors Note : Aluta Lodge is still active, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 8:00PM. The Encampment mentioned is Bushkill Encampment #55, which was instituted later that year, in November. In recent years, they moved to Allentown, and now meet in Sellersville.

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

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is continuing to offer \$3,000 scholarship awards to a maximum of four (4) students who fulfill the specified requirements of the Award. The Scholarship Committee began accepting applications for consideration on April 1, 2021, thus marking the 16th consecutive year of the Award since its inauguration back in 2006. The application deadline for the 2021 Scholarship Awards will be **Wednesday, June 30, 2021**. Award chairman, Robert Grant, wants to remind individuals considering applying or those considering potential applicants, of three of the requirements in particular:

- 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.**
- 3) **The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college/university or recognized technical/trade school.**

A copy of the "Rules" and "Application" was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2021. It was requested that all secretaries and scribes relay the information received to their respective membership and make copies as necessary for distribution. Information regarding the 2021 Scholarship Award can also be found on our website: [glpaioof.org](http://glpaioof.org).

The Awards, of course, are being made to not only defray some of the cost associated with higher education, but also to help increase public awareness of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs organizations, and in turn, hopefully receiving petitions for membership to perpetuate or great Orders.

Periodicals

**MARCH DONATIONS - MARCH IS ARTHRITIS MONTH**

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
523	Alma	200.00
899	Askam	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
957	Falls Creek	50.00
R173	Letitia Penn	<u>25.00</u>
		425.00

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE		
E135	Perseverance CAMP JRA	10,000.00
270	Mystic CAMP JRA	700.00
523	Alma	200.00
762	Vincent	200.00
55	Fred R. Korman	150.00
116	Brady	116.00
899	Askam	100.00
R22	Lady Evelyn CAMP JRA	100.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	50.00
192	Jordan	50.00
207	Canawacta	50.00
471	Rush	50.00
957	Falls Creek	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
R182	Lady Colfax CAMP JRA	50.00
573	Sandy Lake	25.00
R328	Lady Worth In Memory of GM David O. Whitlinger	<u>25.00</u>
		11,966.00

PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
306	Walker	500.00
2	Unified	50.00
R22	Lady Evelyn	50.00
957	Falls Creek	33.00
573	Sandy Lake	<u>25.00</u>
		658.00

PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
306	Walker	500.00
736	Mt. Hor	50.00
C39	Canton Allentown	50.00
957	Falls Creek	33.00
R173	Letitia Penn	<u>25.00</u>
		658.00

SGL EDUCATIONAL FUND		
957	Falls Creek	33.00

VISUAL RESEARCH		
2	Unified	25.00

PA SPECIAL VISUAL		
2	Unified	25.00

ARTHRITIS DONATIONS	
JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2021	
VARIETY LODGE #37 IOOF	\$100.00
LADY SELLERS REBEKAH LODGE #558	\$100.00