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YORK SPRINGS #211 CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

York Springs Lodge #211 celebrated its 175th anniversary with a festive dinner ceremony. The occasion was well attended by Lodge members from York and Dauphin County Lodges and officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PG Harry Howe presented Grand Master, Shirley Whitlinger, with a pewter plate embossed with the York Springs Lodge home of 173 years. Noble Grand Brian Ecker accepted a citation from the Honorable Torren Ecker from the PA House of Representatives which states: York Springs I.O.O.F. Lodge #211 as being an organization which contributes to the benefit of their communities and ultimately to all the citizens of this Commonwealth. A history of the York Springs Lodge was delivered by PG Yolanda Howe, noting the Lodge was founded by 28 community leaders

with a charter awarded November 3, 1846 as the Petersburg IOOF Lodge #211. The Lodge history includes it being instrumental in establishing the first public school in York Springs and the First National Bank of York Springs. In the year 1863 the #211 Lodge participated in the dedication ceremonies of the first National Military burial grounds in Gettysburg marching in a procession with President Abraham Lincoln to the ceremony.

A Necrology service to honor departed members of Lodge #211 was led by Vice Grand, Stephanie Roelker, with Noble Grand Brian Ecker delivering the Address and brother Tom Gordon and Secretary Carolyn Gordon placing a wreath draped with black.

An open House of the new York Springs Lodge home was hosted by PG Darrell Ulsh.



Pictured is Harry Howe on the left, Shirley Whitlinger in the middle and Yolanda Howe observing on the right.



NG Brian Ecker receiving citation from the Honorable Torren Ecker



A few of the attendees from Mt. Zion Lodge #74 of York

Places to Go...People to See

NOVEMBER

6/ PM/LAPM Rally, Middletown

+ denotes details to follow

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

**HENRY DISSTON LODGE NO. 8,
PHILADELPHIA**
Thomas H. Hicks, Jr.
- initiated September 13th

**METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 150,
ROCKLEDGE**
Luis F. Rodriguez - initiated September 13th
Ian B. Forrester
Joe F. Cotroneo
Stephen P. Michalowski

**WALKER LODGE NO. 306,
PHILADELPHIA**
Laura L. Visco - initiated September 13th

DESK OF THE GM



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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, NOVEMBER – My hope is that all of you are enjoying what autumn has to offer... the changing colors of the leaves; the cool crisp days; pumpkin carvings; the ghosts, and goblins of Halloween; scarecrows; all the great Halloween treats (without the tricks, of course!) or just being able to come together safely. What fun we had in October!

My year as your Grand Master has been a busy one. Since July, I, along with my staff have visited one third of our lodges, crisscrossing Pennsylvania repeatedly.

As Grand Master, I enjoy being at lodges, being a part of the ritualistic work, hearing all the excellent work the lodge is doing in the community and knowing we are telling the story of ODD FELLOWSHIP to all.

In September, I attended a “School of Instruction” at Sandy Lake Lodge #573, Sandy Lake, PA. It was the first school in my GM term. Each time we come together either at a School or a Rally, we, as Odd Fellows, can learn something new,

either another fact or tradition of our fraternity. I know because I do!! Thanks to our Grand Warden and his committee for a job well done! Bob, I am looking forward to the next School. I hope it will be soon!

Two of our lodges celebrated milestones in their lodge history and I was honored to be with them. York Springs Lodge #211 and Mt Hor Lodge 736. York Springs Lodge #211, York Springs, Pa. celebrated their 175th Anniversary with a dinner and celebratory program at the Community Center for members of the York Springs community and surrounding lodges. This was a job well-done, informing all, the rich history and growth of York Springs Lodge!

Mt. Hor Lodge #736, in Cassville, Pa, celebrated its 150th Anniversary (actually, the lodge’s 151st, due to Covid postponement) with a well-planned weekend of activities. Again, well-done, Mt. Hor Lodge members for all your work, beginning with a picnic-dinner at the lodge, Friday, all the way to the boat ride on Raystown Lake and the train ride, on Saturday. Anytime Odd Fellows and Rebekahs can come together, great memories will happen. Thank you, York Springs, and Mt Hor for making great memories!!

Thank you to all who have supported my charity, Make a Wish. As of this writing I have over \$8,000.00 collected. It is never too late to donate, and you have two ways to do so. Either send the donation to me as I have a special saving account for Make a Wish or mail the donation directly to Make-A-Wish, Greater PA/WV with note to deposit under my name. Their address: Make-a-Wish, Greater PA/WV, The Gulf Tower, 707 Grant St., 37th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA. 15219. Thank you to all who help support this charity.

I wish all my brothers and sisters, and their families a “safe” Thanksgiving season. I hope you can be together with family to enjoy your Thanksgiving Day traditions. I invite you to join with me in taking the time this month to remember all the blessings which we received. I know, I have so much to be thankful this year. As I travel the road of Odd Fellowship as your Grand Master, I am never alone as I travel with you all! Thank you for your love and support! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

In Friendship, love, and truth
And, Always with God’s guiding hand,

Shirley J. Whittlinger.
Your Grand Master

DESK OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Greetings Patriarchs, I am writing you with good news and thanksgiving! While attending Sovereign Grand Lodge this past August in Cincinnati, Ohio, I met Encampment Representatives who were eager to keep our Encampments alive! Their diligent work defeated the Resolutions that were designed to end the Encampments! Our Sovereign Grand Master, Charles E. Lusk, also cares about our Encampments! His love for Odd Fellowship is very evident. My year is busy. In addition to being your Grand Patriarch, I’m also joining

our Grand Master as her Grand Marshal and provide music as needed. Since I’m working closely with the Grand Master this year, I decided to share the same charity, the Make-A-Wish Foundation. As a music teacher I have known students who have benefited from this great organization. I’ll tell you more about my charity and how your Encampment can continue to grow in Faith, Hope and Charity when I make a visit to your Encampment.

A special thank you goes out to Bushkill Encampment #55 and the degree team for an excellent Rally in Sellersville on

October 23. It always nice to see the degree work performed live.

I’m thankful for your prayers and support. Let’s continue to work at growing and strengthening our Encampments. Remember to walk by faith and not by sight.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

In Faith, Hope, and Charity!

Shawn E. Miller
Your Grand Patriarch

20 YEARS OF SOUP WITH MT HOR LODGE

Mt. Hor was very active over the past weekend. We just ended our 20th year of making soup for the Cassville Oktoberfest. We sold 640 quarts of soup between Sat, Sept 24th and Sunday, Sept 25th. This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year. Preparations begin months in advance as we freeze numerous vegetables and meats as they become available throughout the summer. Seventy-five dozen of sweet corn was processed in August for the chicken corn soup. Two bushel of green bell peppers was also cut up and frozen for the stuffed pepper soup. Fifty pounds of chicken were cooked and deboned for the corn soup. Eight hams were also cut up for the bean soup. Our great northern beans came in the nick of time (200 Pounds) as I ordered 2 months in advance and they came the week before the event. Everything came together in the end. The kettles, six in all, were taken over a few days before the event as well as some firewood. The tent was set up a few days ahead of time also. We make 4 different kinds of soup on Sat and 2 kinds on Sunday. Saturday consists of ham and bean, chicken corn, vegetable beef and stuffed pepper soup. Sunday, we do ham and bean and chicken corn. Our soup has become very popular over the past twenty years. We did 540 quarts of Saturday this year and were sold out

by 2;00 pm. Our day started at 5:30 am with the first bowl being served by 9 am. People come early to get their soup. Sunday we did 100 quart and were sold out in record time. We sold out by 11;15 am. Our day started about 8 am on Sunday. It was an exhausting weekend but it was a great day for Odd Fellowship. This event is great exposure for our lodge. We get so many comments on our ODD SOUP. People tell us that they wait all year to get a quart of our soup. It is a lot of work but it is worth it at the end of the day. They also ask us why we don't make more. Well, the answer to that is that we don't have any more room or kettles and the members are pretty well spent by midafternoon. We had a lady come up to us on Sunday as we were getting the soup ready. She declares that "you guys our having way too much fun in here" Well, we were joking around and laughing as we were working and basically being Odd Fellows. So, whenever you get a chance to set a good example to the public, our lodge highly recommends it. That is the only way you can grow and get new members. Most of all, get out there and have some fun while doing some good for your community.

FLT
Brother Scott Parks
Treasurer, Mt Hor #736



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THE FAUSTNER'S ARE ON THE MOVE

As the Faustner's spend time travelling across the country, they are always keeping Odd Fellowship in mind. As you can see, they have found Odd

Fellowship all over the country. We were spending time with Rebekahs in Georgia on our travel to Oklahoma.



Charlotte Fritz and Patricia Faustner of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202 of Nazareth with Sharon Waltz and Jim Fritz.



Sister Pat Faustner came across Odd Fellows Cemetery in Antlers, Oklahoma



Steve and Pat Faustner visiting Hot Springs, Arkansas (not sure who is standing on Steve's head)

TUNKHANNOCK LODGE #699 CELEBRATES LYMAN PALMER 25 YEARS!

On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, Tunkhannock Lodge #699 had a regular scheduled meeting that resolved two very important issues. First and foremost, the eleven Lodge members in attendance celebrated Lyman Palmer's 25 Years of Odd Fellows Service and a pin was presented to him. Second, it was the general consensus of this Lodge to keep meeting in person with the caveat that masks be worn. This motion was voted on in the affirmative and was unanimous. We encourage ALL Lodges take any necessary steps to keep meeting on a regular basis by any means possible to

keep this Fraternal Brotherhood strong and growing. Pictured members are as follows: Front Row left to right - Katherine Cuff, Paul Lautenschlager Grand Chaplain, Lyman Palmer and Sherman Wooden Jr. Past Grand Master. Back Row left to right - Forrest C Goodenough, Jim Lautenschlager Grand Conductor, Bob Schumacher, Delbert Wooden #699 Noble Grand, Andrew Kilmer and Richard Lathrop. Photo taken by visiting Freedom Lodge #88 Noble Grand Dennis Hiller.

~ Forrest Goodenough, Associate #699



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

30 YEARS

- David G. Richardson, #8
- Robert E. Raffensberger, #74
- Gary R. Hallock, #96
- James W. Abraham, Jr., #201

40 YEARS

- Steven W. Toll, #270

45 YEARS

- Terry L. Caldwell, #1004
- Ronald L. Erb, #1050

55 YEARS

- Arthur M. Danley, #116
- Frank D. Leslie, #290

65 YEARS

- Wesley F. Mikes, Sr., #150
- Robert C. Trill, Jr., #278
- Russell L. Pettyjohn, #1050

75 YEARS

- Arthur P. Martin, #125
- Bushkill Encampment No. 55

155 YEARS

- Shenandoah Lodge No. 591

175 YEARS

- York Springs Lodge No. 211

MIDDLETOWN HOME

Here is a story from one of our residents. We give the spotlight to one of our residents each month, and this month we got to hear the story of David Gilbert! David grew up in Green Lane in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He went to Perkiomen Prep High School.



David joined the Air Force and served for 20 years. He traveled to Canada, Germany, Alaska, North Dakota, Maine, Florida, Nebraska, and South Korea while in the service. He met his wife, Rosario, while he was stationed in Nebraska and they got married when he was 21 years old. David and Rosario were married for 43 years. They had four children together. They had two girls and two boys: David Jr, John, Betsy, and Roxanne. The entire family would travel with David during his time in the Air Force. David described the longest drive he's ever been on. David drove for 16 days! From Alaska, all the way through Canada, to Maine! It was over 6,900 miles. David drove his entire family in their van with their camper. He said it was neat to see the Rocky Mountains and some moose along the way. The longest airplane ride David went on was from Puerto Rico to Atlanta, to Seattle, to Japan, to Korea. He said it was too long!! After David left the service, he moved to Pottstown where he started his own Janitorial Business called "Gilbert Enterprises." After his wife passed away, David moved to Middletown. He worked at the Manheim Auto Auction, and then he worked at Sharp Shopper. In his spare time, David would enjoy fishing and camping. He was also a Boy Scout Leader for 14 years. David says: "I lived a full life and have no regrets!"

THISTLE LODGE HONORS VETERAN MEMBERS

Last night David McHugh, of Thistle Lodge No. 512, Pittston, had the honor as Noble Grand to present a Brother with his 40 year pin. He's brought our Lodge a long way from where it started as a couple of Coal Miners back in 1854. He goes by many titles, Past Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, Right Supporter, but above all Dad. Congratulations to Tom McHugh for the years of dedication!



We also had the pleasure of celebrating our Treasurer, Thomas Runcavage's 25 anniversary. The dedication and love for our Lodge and its brothers is awe inspiring.

SANDY LAKE LODGE #573 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

On Saturday, Sept. 18th, Sandy Lake Lodge #573, had the welcome mat and sign out, as they hosted the School of Instruction. Lodges were invited to attend. It was a perfect late summer day for traveling & for Odd Fellowship! Along with members from Sandy Lake were 14 brothers & sisters from Unified Lodge #2, Clover Lodge #348, & Alma Lodge #523. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together and to refresh our ritualistic work & traditions. Traveling with the GM was J. Carl George, DGM, Shawn E. Miller, Gr Marshal, James McMahon, Gr Herold, and Robert B. Ruff, Gr Warden, and this School's instructor. I believe that all in attendance enjoyed the time together with learning -proper procedures, running a meeting as NG, the charter draping ceremony along with answering general questions about Odd Fellowship. Also how to handle different situations in lodges that have different community settings, organizational skills and assets with membership, meeting attendance/

participation or fund raising in their specific lodges with solutions. All in attendance agreed that this should be offered more frequently and some even said it should be required of anyone progressing to the station of NG either the first time or as a refresher course for PG's in any case. The GM finished with some pertinent comments about ODES, the IOOF Valediction and our obligations and charges in the degrees and being an Odd fellow in our daily lives with our practices, not just claiming to be an Odd fellow with empty words and no actions. NOW if you know me this is one of my favorite parts of the day—a good lunch was enjoyed after a benediction from the GM, along with fine pastries left over from registration. After the morning session in the lodge room, Sandy Lake hosted a luncheon for all. Thank you, Sandy Lake Lodge, for all your work in this first, and I hope not the last, school of instruction. Picture taken by the Grand Warden.



INITIATORY DEGREE AT WALKER LODGE NO. 306

On Monday evening September 13, 2021 Walker Lodge held the Initiatory Degree and initiated six candidates into Odd Fellowship from Walker Lodge and two other Lodges from the district; Metropolitan No. 150 and Henry Disston Lodge No. 8. The new members were:

LAURA VISCO - WALKER LODGE # 306
STEPHEN MICALOWSKI - METROPOLITAN #150
LOUIS RODRIGUEZ - METROPOLITAN #150
JOE COTRONCO - METROPOLITAN #150
IAN FORREST - METROPOLITAN #150
THOMAS HICKS - HENRY DISSTON #8

Many of Walker's members that had been part of the Degree work that went onto the programming of our Fraternity's DVD Degree Rituals presently being used by Odd Fellowship took part on this September 2021 event. And sad to say, many had passed away that were part of the makings of the Fraternity's four DVD Rituals. Of interest, Courtney Franklin did a commendable job doing the Noble Grand part both in the Initiatory DVD and at the September 13th Initiatory Degree as well as me (Bob Smedley) remembered the Venerable Warden part. In addition to members from Walker, Degree Master Bruce Paynter recruited help from Brother Bruce Martin (Metropolitan No. 150) and Brother Dave Cliggett (Henry Disston No.8). Also, special thanks goes to Brother Justin Bailey (of Harmony Lodge #86 in Tamaqua and associate member of Walker Lodge) for filling in on several of the major speaking parts in the degree.

The following visiting members were present:

DAVID CLIGGETT - HENRY DISSTON #8
BRUCE MARTIN - METROPOLITAN #150
HARRY GLAESER - METROPOLITAN #150
GREGG CRAWFORD - METROPOLITAN #150
C. MICHAEL SCOTT - METROPOLITAN #150

Comments from the visiting members included those from Brother Justin Bailey who gave words of congratulations and a reminder of the opportunity for the new members and all to join the Canton - an active military branch of the Order.

Pictured below are of the six new members while receiving instructions from Noble Grand Courtney Franklin and another of the full membership in attendance (without Brother George Broll who was probably in the kitchen cleaning up from the earlier refreshments.)



TRIUNE LODGE #307

On September 21, 2021, the Grand Master along with J. Carl George, DGM, and Shawn E. Miller, Gr Marshal to Middletown for an Official Visit with Triune Lodge #307. Triune Lodge is also the home lodge of Seth Anthony, D.D.G.M. of District 12. It was a great evening for ODD FELLOWSHIP! Stacy Anthony, Noble Grand conducted a good meeting and as always, it was great being in lodge with brothers and sisters, renewing old friendship and making new.



Thank you, Triune Lodge for all your hospitalities and to the DGM who for taking this photo!!

JORDAN LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL ODD FELLOWS NIGHT

On August 12th, over 20 Brothers and guests gathered at Knepper's Inn at Snyders, PA, for their annual Odd Fellows Night. It had been skipped last year due to the pandemic.

It was held on the 12th due to the fact that Thursday is clam night and all the Brothers and most of the guests enjoy these shelled goodies. After the clams, we ordered from the menu and a delicious supper was enjoyed by all. The fellowship was also great.

Three of the Brothers were honored with service pins. Clint Bradney - 30 yrs, Larry Ulrich - 40 yrs and Larry Kuhns - 40 yrs. Larry Kuhns will receive his pin in the mail since he lives in West VA and was not present. Also David Wilson - 65 yrs and Randy Gross - 35 yrs were acknowledged, since they got theirs last year, when we had no dinner.

David J. Wilson, Fin Secy Jordan #192

NOVEMBER OBITUARIES

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



ROGER V. WIEST
Mount Tabor Lodge No. 125
June 19, 2021

Brother Roger V. Wiest, 80, of Sunbury, PA, was initiated into Mount Tabor lodge #125, Shamokin, PA, on August 24, 1970.

He was a member of First Reformed United Church of Christ, Sunbury.

Hew as preceded in death by his wife, the former Adeline Varano. Surviving are two children and seven grandchildren.

Entombment was private.



MARTIN A. QUINN
White Haven Lodge No. 457
August 13, 2021

Brother Martin A. Quinn, 101, of White Haven, PA, was initiated into White Haven Lodge #457 on November 21, 1997. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's

oldest living member.

He was a U.S. Marine WWII Veteran and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White Haven.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ruth Monk.

Burial was held in Laurel Cemetery, White Haven.



RICHARD C. ALBRIGHT
Mount Tabor Lodge No. 125
August 18, 2021

Brother Richard C. Albright, 83, of Coal Township, PA, was initiated into Mount Tabor Lodge #125, Shamokin, PA, on April 27, 1964.

He was a U.S. Army Reserves Veteran and a member of the Seventh Street Primitive Methodist Church in Shamokin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Patricia Miller.

Burial was held in Odd Fellow Cemetery, Coal Township, PA.



CHRISTIAN S. ERB, JR.
Triune Lodge No. 307
August 30, 2021

Brother Christian S. Erb, Jr., 90, of Hershey, PA, was initiated into Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, on December 6, 1966.

Surviving is his wife, the former Kathryn Peters, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Burial was held in Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown.



HOWARD M. BECK
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Hampton Lodge No. 1004
September 4, 2021

Brother Howard M. Beck, 96, of Leechburg, PA, was initiated into New Kensington Lodge #804 on January 17, 1980, where

he became a Past Grand October 6, 1983 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 25, 1985. He went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 1997 - 1998. He then became a member of Hampton Lodge #1004, Allison Park, PA, through consolidation on April 25, 2006. At the time of the consolidation, he was New Kensington Lodge's Treasurer. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche.

Burial was held in Forks-Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Gilpin, PA.



SHIRLEY L. MECK
Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182
September 8, 2021

Sister Shirley L. (Kelley) Meck, 86, of Leesport, PA, was initiated into Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport, on November 1, 1972, where she became a Past

Noble Grand on October 15, 1984.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stuart. Surviving is one son, two stepchildren, one granddaughter, five step-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Leesport Cemetery.



MICHAEL H. GENNARIA
Vincent Lodge No. 762
September 9, 2021

Brother Michael H. Gennaria, 74, of Spring City, PA, was initiated into Economy Lodge #397, Collegetown, PA, on February 20, 1968, where he became a Past Grand

October 7, 1975. He then became a member of Vincent Lodge #762, Spring City, through consolidation on February 26, 2004. At the time of the consolidation, he was Economy Lodge's Noble Grand. He held active membership in his Lodge, serving in the past as Chaplain, and at the time of his death, he was the Lodge's current Secretary.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He was preceded in death by two step sons and one step daughter. Surviving are two daughters, one step daughter, fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Limerick Garden of Memories.

NOVEMBER OBITUARIES

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

IRENE S. TAYLOR
Gladys Rebekah Lodge No. 103
September 16, 2021

Sister Irene S. (Sharp) Taylor, 78, of Dunbar, PA, was initiated into Gladys Rebekah Lodge #103, Brownfield, PA, on February 26, 1971. She left the Lodge and later reinstated on December 8, 2019.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of New Salem.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and two grandchildren. Surviving are four children, six grandchildren ten great-grandchildren and her sister PPRA Lee Etta Mansberry.

Burial was held in Maple Grove Cemetery, Fairchance, PA.

ROBERT D. BRIGGS
Walker Lodge No. 306
September 19, 2021

Brother Robert D. Briggs, 97, of Elkton, MD, was initiated into Kenderton-Elm Tree Lodge #297, Philadelphia, PA, on March 25, 1971. He then became a member of Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, through consolidation on March 13, 1989. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member.

He was a U.S. WWII Marine Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Frances Taggart, and four children.

Burial was held in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA.



ANTHONY P. GWIAZDZINSKI
Victory Lodge No. 658
September 30, 2021

Brother Anthony P. Gwiazdzinski, 84, of Sellersville, PA, was initiated into Victory Lodge #658, Sellersville, PA, on September 15, 1966, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree March 13, 1976. He held the position of Financial Secretary for many years and at the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joan Shive. Surviving are two children, one being Brian, also of Victory Lodge, and two grandchildren.

Burial was private at the convenience of the family.



RAYMOND R. BOULANGER, JR.
Past Grand Junior Warden
Harmony Lodge No. 86
Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86
Scott Encampment No. 132
Canton Allentown No. 39, P.M.
September 20, 2021

Brother Raymond R. "Bull" Boulanger, Jr., 54, of Tamaqua, PA, was initiated into Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua, on August 11, 2010, where he became a Past Grand on October 8, 2014 and received his Grand Lodge Degree October 3, 2015. He served on the District 6 installation team as District Deputy Grand Herald from 2010 to 2012 and 2016 to 2018. He went on to serve as Grand Herald for PGM David Young from 2016 - 2017 and Grand Chaplain for PGM Sherman Wooden from 2017 - 2019. He held associate membership in Shenandoah Lodge #591, becoming a Past Grand on October 22, 2018. He was initiated into Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86, Tamaqua, on September 18, 2013. He became a Patriarch of Scott Encampment #132, Tamaqua, on November 20, 2010, and after becoming a Past Chief Patriarch and receiving his Grand Encampment Degree, he was installed as Grand Junior Warden for the Grand Encampment in 2018. He was a past Treasurer of the Encampment and at the time of his death, he was Senior Warden. He also held associate membership in Calvin C. Halsey Encampment #32, Rush. He was made a Chevalier into Canton Philadelphia #1, Patriarchs Militant, and transferred membership to become a Charter Member of Canton Allentown #39 when they re-instituted on August 21, 2014. He maintained associate membership in Canton Philadelphia also and served as Commandant for both Cantons. He served as Battalion Commander for first Battalion from 2016 - 2019 and as Department Inspector. He was also an associate Chevalier to Canton Leesport #2 and was a recipient of the Department Commander Award. He held the rank of Major®. He also had a great time receiving the J.A. Degree and the Degree of Siam.

Brother Bull was an active member of all branches, having been a regular attendee to Unified Session and took an active part on all degree teams. He was known for the Herald of the First Degree and Chief Patriarch for the Golden Rule Degree. He also served as Lieutenant for the Decoration of Chivalry. He was also a Past President of the Odd Fellows Cemetery of Tamaqua, and a past representative to Middletown Home. He was Santa for several years for the Tamaqua Christmas Party. It is very difficult to write an obituary that will cover everything this Brother has done in his 10+ years of membership. They were active years and he loved the Order deeply. Every time there was an Odd Fellow event of any sort, you better believe Bull was there, normally with his trademark cowboy hat. He will be missed sorely among our ranks.

He was a proud U.S. Coast Guard Veteran.

Surviving is his parents, wife and sister.

THE TREASURER'S TALES

NOVEMBER 2021

November is the month of Thanksgiving, which took place on November 25 in 1926. On November 3, 1926, the legendary Ty Cobb resigned as manager of the Detroit Tigers. On November 11, 1926, Route 66 was established, the road that ran from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California and onto our TV screens; see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghPCL6cAj8>. On November 18, George Bernard Shaw accepted the Nobel Prize for Literature but refused the prize money, saying "I can forgive Alfred Nobel for inventing dynamite, but only a fiend in human form could have invented the Nobel Prize." On November 27, the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia began, see: https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwqeWKBhBFEiwABo_XBvv5gsYManhlpJmaLeaXBZ5KFda-cAK6ctr00kiDpdxi-vp1VJ9AyRoCCiYQAvD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds. On November 30, Richard Crenna was born, American actor (Real McCoys, Rambo, Summer Rental, Sand Pebbles), in Los Angeles, California (d. 2003). On November 3, Annie Oakley [Phoebe Ann Moses], American sharp shooter (Buffalo Bill's Wild West), died from pernicious anemia at 66. The era of the "talkies" began, see: <https://www.onthisday.com/articles/oh-kay>.

Barney was a farmer as well as an English teacher. He was assigned an eleventh grade English class in 1926, in addition to his tenth grade classes. Because it was a small school district, almost all of the students in his eleventh grade English class were taught by him in tenth grade during 1925-26. As you may recall he assigned papers on Thanksgiving in 1925, getting some amusing results. He tried to think of a timely topic that would be more directed. Since 1926 was to be the twilight of silent movies, Barney arbitrarily decided that books were better educational tools than movies.

Winnie-the Pooh, was a newly published book, see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winnie-the-Pooh>. Barney thought if he assigned the same book, to the entire class, there would be a similarity in the papers he received. He was wrong. He first assumed that since he had the library purchase a substantial number of copies, the students would take the book out and read it. Reading is a basic skill that high school students are unwilling to exercise. The fact that some of the students suggested that Winnie was a matronly woman who pooh-poohed everything is evidence to support the premise that they did not read the book. One student suggested that the bear attempted to eat Christopher Robin. The outlandish interpretations ranged from the ridiculous to the obscene.

After reading the first few papers, Barney thought there were two ways he could correct the problem. He could assign portions of the book to individual students and have them present the segments orally, in class; or he could give a multiple choice test on the book. He needed to fill class time for a couple days prior to the holiday, so he assigned parts of the book to each class member, allocating five minutes of presentation time to each student. He would cover the book in two days. This worked fairly well. All the students were required to present a section of the book with only two students calling off sick. The story went forward and the class learned of Pooh bear and the entire lot. Perhaps not timely for Thanksgiving but a learning experience anyway.

Barney managed to get a turkey from the stockyard and Elizabeth was planning a Thanksgiving for Barney, Schuyler, Rebekah and herself. She had gained weight over the summer, but nothing was thought of it. In 1925 she gained weight and all thought she would have another baby, but it did not materialize. Elizabeth's mother, Alice, and all the other family members just thought she had adapted well to married life. The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, she became ill. Vic thought she had appendicitis, but was unwilling to make such a diagnosis on a human, since he was a veterinarian. Barney and his mother, Rebekah, (note that daughter Rebekah was named after mother Rebekah) took Elizabeth to the hospital in Trenton at 10:30 pm on Tuesday. At 1:00 am on Wednesday a son was born to the Wells family. The small family Thanksgiving grew larger and more heterogeneous than originally thought. Barney, his parents and his in-laws all gathered to eat the turkey, with Elizabeth still in the hospital. Vic thought she should stay in the hospital till Friday afternoon, to avoid the noise and confusion of the larger, expanded group. Perhaps in December we will name the baby.

Barney took Vic and Alice to see Elizabeth and the baby after Thanksgiving dinner which ended around 3:00 pm. When they returned to Grovers Mills at about 7:00 pm, Vic suggested they drop Alice at home and stop at the lodge hall. He had planned the evening with Clancy several weeks before. Remember this is 1926, there is no broadcast television and radio doesn't run programs regularly. Entertainment is where you find it and the Odd Fellows was the major source of entertainment for Grovers Mills in 1926.

There was no Encampment meeting on the Thursday of Thanksgiving. Last year there had been an apple cider drinking contest scheduled for the Friday evening after. Barney, Vic and almost sixty Odd Fellows attended and drank a 50 gallon whiskey barrel full of apple cider that had been aged. Saturday morning came too early and many wives lectured their husbands on sobriety and other virtues. Brother Clancy, thinking he would be creative, found that early Americans also drank pear cider. He spent two months gathering, pressing and storing pear cider in his root cellar. He pulled out the 50 gallon whiskey barrel and filled it again. This year the Odd Fellows gathered for a pear cider drinking contest, after all it was still Prohibition. The alcohol content of pear cider is a bit less than apple cider. The alcohol content of Odd Fellows after two hours of drinking cider remains higher than the acceptable level for Rebekahs. As in 1925, lectures about the evils of alcohol were delivered Friday morning, although not by Elizabeth since she was still in the hospital. This event would be scrapped until 1933 when the Odd Fellows started a beer drinking contest with disastrous results.

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 God's untamed creatures outside. Go to this URL to hear a popular Thanksgiving song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpTmrrmljpm> (pardon the commercial at the beginning.)

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.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MONROE AND PIKE COUNTIES

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?

MONROE COUNTY:

Effort - Pohopoco Rebekah Lodge #560 - defunct 1963
 Mountain Home - Sarah Utt Rebekah Lodge #267 - defunct 1947
 Sciota - Sciota Rebekah Lodge # 22 - consolidated 1978
 Stroudsburg - Rachel Brodhead Rebekah Lodge #383 - consolidated 1994
 Tannersville - Elsie Longacre Rebekah Lodge #529 - defunct 1990

5 Rebekah Lodges with 0 still active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Rachel Brodhead Rebekah Lodge #383 in 1910
 Last Rebekah Lodge - Rachel Brodhead Rebekah Lodge #383 in 1994
 7 Odd Fellow Lodges

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!

PIKE COUNTY:

Milford - Prudence Rebekah Lodge #197 - defunct 1963
 Only Rebekah Lodge in the county!

1 Rebekah Lodge with 0 still active
 2 Odd Fellow Lodges

Next Month Indiana County.

Get your pictures and
articles in now!

OF SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's time once again to remind you about the Odd Fellow-Rebekah of Pennsylvania Scholarship Program. Each year we have been able to provide young men and women with help toward their education.

Enclosed is one (1) nomination form for your lodge. Please copy it for your members. No nominations will be accepted if not on this form. Please make sure you complete the nomination form correctly and meet all deadlines. Members of any branch of the order who are making the nomination MUST be members in good standing of their lodge. A member 25 and over must nominate themselves.

Last year we received nearly 80 nominations, and were able to award 35 scholarships of \$500 each.

Be sure to mail the nomination to the address on the form. DO NOT MAIL TO GRAND LODGE. The deadline for completing and mailing the nomination form is January 31, 2022, and is strictly adhered to. Upon receipt of the nomination form, the scholarship application will then be mailed directly to the nominee.

Remember, only children, grandchildren and step-children under the age of 25 are eligible to be nominated by members of the order. Nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, neighbors and friends are not. If these non-qualifying relatives or friends wish to apply, please suggest that either their parents or they themselves consider joining an Odd Fellow Lodge.



PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM - Chair

NOMINATION FOR THE YEAR 2022

Please Print Clearly

NOMINEE INFORMATION
NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Student Nominee Name _____ Age _____

Nominees age 25 & older must be a member of an Odd Fellow Order in their own right.

Address _____ City _____

Please use address where you are currently receiving mail

State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____

School Presently Attending _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Nominator Name _____ E-mail _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Relationship of Student to nominator _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Lodge # and Name _____

DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO GRAND LODGE.
NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE ON THIS FORM ONLY
NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2022

MAIL TO: Thomas J. McHugh, PGM
PA Odd Fellow Scholarship Fund
288 Church Road
Mountain Top, PA 18707
(570)793-3692

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SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

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2	Unified	25.00
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		80.00
PA SPECIAL VISUAL		
2	Unified	25.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
2	Unified	50.00
601	Warfordsburg	<u>25.00</u>
		75.00
PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
2	Unified	50.00

Reminder:

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Assoc. of W. PA 2021 Graduate Scholarship Awards

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania will continue accepting applications this month for their \$3000 Graduate Scholarship Awards. A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the 2021 Graduate Scholarship Awards can be obtained by emailing a request to Chairman Robert Grant at "robag@comcast.net." The "Rules" and an "Application" can also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaioof.org" during the September to late November time period. The deadline for submitting applications will be November 27, 2021.

Regarding the Graduate Scholarship Award, the applicant or a living relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and enrolled in the graduate program of an accredited college or university with all areas of concentration being eligible. Also, the applicant must be:

- A) a college graduate continuing his/her education toward an advanced 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.).

Note: Previous applicants/recipients of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of W. PA Scholarship Award (undergraduate) may apply for this scholarship award.