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## Pennsylvania Shines At SGL

This past August, we were fortunate to add to our ranks several of Pennsylvania's members that are now regarded on an international level. Appointed from the General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, as Bugler General, is Brigadier General Nicole B. Inama, who is also serving our Department

Council as Adjutant.

Following along with the musical theme, and noted for his musical abilities is our Grand Patriarch, Shawn E. Miller, who was appointed by SGM Chuck Lusk as Sovereign Grand Musician. Finally, being nominated

and elected as our Sovereign Grand Warden, is our very own Grand Treasurer, John S. Cupp, Jr.

As these three officers travel, and as Brother Cupp goes through the chairs of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we wish them all the best in health and safety! Congratulations to all!



Sovereign Grand Musician  
Shawn E. Miller



Sovereign Grand Warden  
John S. Cupp, Jr.



Bugler General  
BG Nicole B. Inama

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

#### OCTOBER

1&2 / Mt. Hor #736 150th  
Anniversary + - rescheduled!

16 / PGP Laura Huchel  
Testimonial, Pittsburgh

23 / Grand Encampment  
Rally, Sellersville

31 / Unified Session  
Committee, 1:00PM,  
Harrisburg Red Lion

#### NOVEMBER

6/ PM/LAPM Rally,  
Middletown (pg#12)+

+ 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

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- MT. ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK**  
 Ronald T. DeMent, Jr., - initiated August 2nd  
 Alana DeMent  
 Dayne A. DeMent  
 William G. Thiele  
 Joelene M. Thiele  
 Jonathan W. Paules  
 - reinstated August 16th Welcome back!!
- YORK SPRINGS LODGE NO. 211**  
 Connie A. Otto - initiated August 19th  
 Robert Otto
- OSAGE LODGE NO. 712, LEHMAN**  
 William A. Sorber, Jr. - initiated August 25th  
 S. Michael Kidd  
 Christopher Teetsel
- MON VALLEY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 82, FINLEYVILLE**  
 Shawn E. Miller - initiated July 7th

## DESK OF THE GM



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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, OCTOBER!! We are moving right through this year of 2021!! I must tell you it has been a great journey for me as your Grand Master! The past two...two and half months have been extraordinary! I have been on the road visiting lodges.... extending the hand of friendship to all. I have the pleasure of going to lodges this year which will be celebrating important anniversaries. It is so good to see our lodges reach these milestones and to be a part of their celebration. Let me share some of my adventures....

I had the honor to be a part of the tribute given to the fallen heroes of 9/11. Marking the 20th anniversary of one of the darkest days in our country's history. Twenty years

ago, do you remember where you were and what you were doing!!!

I, along with other Odd Fellows, walked from the Shanksville Fire House to the Flight 93 Memorial to honor Flight 93. The following week the Odd Fellows were asked to participate in the parade in Hershey, Pa., to remember all who tragically died in New York City and at the Pentagon in Washington DC. Remembering their supreme sacrifice, it was an honor I will long remember. There are pictures in our magazine for these events.

The one thought that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation had on their commemorative coin which I will pass along to all; was **"Let us do good"**. Remembering our Odd Fellow history, let us always strive to **DO GOOD**, for our brothers and sisters; our lodges; our neighbors; and our communities. We need to focus on what is ahead of us, not what is behind. Too many times we remember the past instead of seeing the future.

I want to thank all the brothers and sisters who have traveled from other lodges to be a part of my official visits. Can't tell you how awesome it is to see so many coming together for an evening of Odd Fellowship.

Also, as an update on my Charity, Make-A-Wish, using the \$4,400.00 as the average cost of a wish, I stated in June, that if I could give one child his/her ultimate wish, I would consider my year a success. Well, I'm glad to announce that as of this writing, we are now working on wish #2. A big THANK YOU to all, members and lodges who have supported "Make-A-Wish", making this year's priority - CHILDREN.

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

*Shirley J. Whitlinger.*  
Your Grand Master

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

Michael J. Parkes, #270  
Eugene T. Osmun, #361

### 30 YEARS

Paul Lapinson, #37  
John M. Gross, #1175

### 35 YEARS

M. Todd Gray, #523

### 45 YEARS

Andrew S. Farrow, #125  
Harold A. Boden, III, #150  
Benjamin T. Donahey, #523  
Anthony S. Gray, #523  
Robert S. Nester, #802  
Jesse M. Moore, #1010

### 50 YEARS

Marc Rosenwasser, #1004

### 60 YEARS

Derry L. Over, #523  
Stuart L. Reinert, #708

### 65 YEARS

Samuel W. Black, #87  
Samuel C. Brooks, #377

### 70 YEARS

Ronald Bernhard, #591

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Whitlinger has scheduled the following visits for October.

**I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.**

- 1 & 2 - Mt. Hor #736 150th Anniversary
- 6 - Freeport Lodge #379 OV & Installation - 7:30PM
- 7 - Kingwood Lodge #1010 Installation - 7:00PM
- 12 - Hampton Lodge #1004 OV - 7:00PM
- 18 - Sandy Lake Lodge #573 OV - 7:30PM
- 20 - Clover Lodge #348 Installation - 6:30PM
- 22 - GL Board meeting - 7:00PM / Middletown
- 23 - GE Rally - 9:00AM / Sellersville
- 25 - Connoquenessing Lodge #230 Installation - 2:30PM
- 25 - Fallowfield Lodge #1128 OV - 7:00PM

# ASKAM LODGE TAKES PART IN THEIR COMMUNITY

In an effort to build awareness of the lodge in their community, Askam Lodge #899 recently participated in the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Warrior Run Borough. The lodge set up a tent and banner at the two day event and spoke with visitors about the role of the IOOF in the community. They obtained printed info about the Odd Fellows from Grand Lodge and distributed the information. As a way of getting people to the tent, they purchased bikes and fishing pole sets to be raffled off to children. Of course, the kids pulled

their parents over to the tent to fill out the free raffle ticket and a great deal of local residents and visitors got to hear about the Odd Fellow. PG John Bath, NG Ed Slusarik and associate member, PGM Tom McHugh, are at the tent waiting to encourage people to become an Odd Fellow. The other photos show them getting ready at the band shell for the big drawing and with one of the lucky winners and his mother.



# MOUNT ZION LODGE #74



Above: August 7 lodge pulled pork and corn. Vietnam Vets joined us. Three became members of the lodge.



Right: New flagpole dedication May 15

## LEESPORT ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS HAVE GOOD TASTE

Leesport Lodge #141 and Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182 in Leesport participated in the 2021 Taste of Hamburg Hamburger Fest on Saturday, September 4, 2021. Thousands of people attended the event. Everyone had a great time and their hard work paid off for a very long day- for the third consecutive year they won Best Tasting

Burger, won Best Appearance, and won the Best Burger Grand Champion for an Organization 2021! Everyone was speechless to have three awards bestowed! Those who participated were Robert Jackson, Jim Blatt, John Leshner, Scott Huey, Jeff Lentz and Susie Allmendinger. Looking forward to defending these titles in 2022, everyone would like to extend

an invitation to all interested lodges and members to volunteer next year and be part of the fun! If interested, please email the lodge secretary, Jeff Lentz, at [jjlen11@outlook.com](mailto:jjlen11@outlook.com) so he can create a list for those interested! This is a wonderful example of teamwork and fellowship from our group.



## CONNOQUENESSING LODGE #278 ROLL CALL DINNER

On July 20, 2021, Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, PA held its annual Roll Call Dinner at Rachel's Roadhouse Restaurant, north of the city. Members came together with guests to enjoy dinner with fellow members. After an enjoyable meal and roll call, a moment of silent prayer was held for all the members who had passed. Noble Grand Daniel G. Veith, Jr., brought the members up to date on the happenings at the lodge. Telling about the many charities and community outreach projects which the lodge supports. The Lodge presented to the Grand Master, a check for her charity, Make-A-Wish. It is this meeting, that Service pins and special

awards are presented. As Grand Master, I was asked to present three such awards.

The first to Connoquenessing member, John M. Mahler who is the oldest lodge member at the young age of 102. John has been an Odd Fellow for 81 years. It was my honor to meet and talk with John.

The second award I was honored to give was to my friend, William (Bill) Watson. The lodge wanted to honor Bill for his many years of service as the lodge treasurer. Bill now serves as the chaplain.

The third award to be presented was to brother Alvin W. Walters, the Secretary of

Connoquenessing Lodge.

I was again honored to present Al with the Merit Jewel. The Odd Fellow's Merit Jewel is authorized and awarded to a brother or sister for outstanding or exceptional service performed by a member on behalf of the lodge. Al has not only served his lodge as Secretary for over 30 plus years, but he also has for as long as I knew him, was the one behind the scenes making sure that everything was ready no matter what the occasion was.

Thank you, Connoquenessing Lodge for this special honor.

Shirley J. Whitlinger, GM



# PENNSYLVANIA REMEMBERS SEP

## SHANKSVILLE – FLIGHT 93

Frank Siller, CEO of Tunnel to Towers Foundation and brother of Stephen Siller, a New York City Firefighter who died as he, along with other first responders, helped others on 9/11/2001. Frank began his 536 mile walk from the Pentagon in Washington DC to New York City by way of Shanksville, Pa. His walk was in honor and in memory of the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001, when many Americans were killed in the terror attack on our nation. The events at Shanksville began Friday evening, August 20, 2021, with a Reception at the Green Gables Restaurant in Jennerstown, Pa. It was a time for many reflections from family members of Flight 93.



Present for the reception, and shown with Frank Siller (center), were Frank Hilt, Past Grand Conductor and his wife, Eileen, and Shawn E. Miller, Grand Patriarch GE and Grand Marshal GL and his wife, Diane.



Saturday morning, the morning of the walk, we could not have asked for a more perfect day, Grand Warden Robert Ruff and Grand Master Shirley Whitlinger met Frank, Eileen, Shawn, and Diane at the Shanksville Firehouse. The New York City Firefighters were there, and they provided breakfast for all who were there ready to walk. After the beginning ceremonies, greetings from Frank Siller, the current and past fire chief from the Shanksville Fire Company, and prayer, approximately 60 walkers were ready to begin.

Our flag bearer, Robert Ruff, proudly carrying the Odd Fellow Flag, decided the reason they started out with this hill, was to weed-out

the weak. Although GM Shirley kept going, she decided she was the next thing (maybe borderline) to weak and totally out of shape!!! With the help of her dear friends, she kept on going, one step at a time!! Thanks to Diane for the pictures!

Oh, as you can see, we were at the tail-end of the walkers, but someone had to be last!! Tough job but we came through. After "heartbreak" hill and after everyone caught their breathe, and the route leveled off, walking was a lot better. A mile into our journey, an angel driving a pickup stopped alongside and offered some of the walkers a ride on the truck's tailgate. Along the way, they were able to pickup the Assistant Shanksville fire chief who had a bad knee, a

member of the fire company (she was walking in full gear (boots helmet and all!!) and a veteran who currently is waiting for kidney dialysis. What good friends were made and all shared great stories!!

This walk, which started out to be a 2.7-mile walk, next a 3.5-mile walk, ended this morning as a 5.5-6-mile walk. But no one is complaining, or even tired as it has been an honor to be in a small way, a part of this walk. After the Memorial Service, all were invited to take the final walk to the "WALL OF NAMES". Each walker was given a Red Rose to take to the wall and place at base of one of the names.

# SEPTEMBER 11TH 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## HERSHEY PARADE



proceedings to begin, I gave my Odd Fellows' pin, the Lighthouse, to Frank Siller. A true honor to know that he wore our pin throughout his walk in Hershey. It was also great to have Diane and Eileen close by to join in the picture. Following the parade was a bbq and service, where the Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania were recognized for being event sponsors.

At one point on the parade route, we walked beneath our American Flag which was supported by two ladder trucks of the Hershey Fire Company. I will never forget that moment..

It was remarked by one of the SGL webmaster's on social media that it has been decades since the Canton Banners were paraded. Shown here, along with the American Flag, IOOF Flag, PM Flags, are the banners for Canton's Allentown #39, Philadelphia #1 and York #14. Also marching with the PM Honor Guard were Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Tamaqua, Middletown, Sandy Lake and Sellersville. Shown in the background is the American flag we marched under.

Hershey, Pa. and the Odd Fellows are ready to take part in the parade to honor 9/11 and Tunnel 2 Towers Foundation. As Grand Master, I was honored to be a part of this group. Eileen Hilt and Diane Miller carried the Odd Fellows Banner and the PM's formed an honor guard with the Sovereign Grand Musician, Shawn E Miller on the drums keeping all on the right beat!! It was a hot, humid August morning, but again, no one complained. We were all glad to be here in Hershey. We were honored to have been asked to participate in the parade. While we waited for the start of the



## OCTOBER OBITUARIES

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

**JOHN WEAKLAND**  
Alma Lodge No. 523  
July 26, 2021

Brother John Weakland, 89, of Johnstown, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on June 21, 1974.

He was a U.S. Air Force Korean War Veteran and a member of Roxbury St. Paul UM Church, Johnstown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joan Hawthorne. Surviving are two sons, two grandchildren and three grandchildren.

Burial was private at the convenience of the family.



**JOANN FLAMGLETTI**  
Unified Lodge No. 2  
August 22, 2021

Sister JoAnn (Curcio) Flamgletti, 87, of Pittsburgh, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, PA, on October 3, 2015, where she received the three degrees.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R. Jack, and one son. Surviving is one daughter, one grandson, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

**MARGARET ZIEGLER**  
Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497  
August 23, 2021

Sister Margaret (Skelton) Ziegler, 88, of Sterling, PA, was initiated into Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, PA, on June 6, 2012.

She was a member of Sterling Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack. Surviving are three children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.



**THOMAS W. COOK, SR.**  
Nucleus Lodge No. 377  
August 24, 2021

Brother Thomas W. Cook, Sr., 75, of Connellsville, PA, was initiated into General Worth Lodge #386, Connellsville, PA, on March 23, 1994. He then became a member of Nucleus Lodge #377, Finleyville, PA, through consolidation on May 30, 2018.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War and a U.S. Army National Guard Veteran and a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Connellsville.

Surviving is his wife, the former Laurie Wilson, four children and eight grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Green Ridge Memorial Park, Connellsville.

## PM MUSTERING DEGREE CONFERRED AT CINCINNATI DRAWS LARGE CROWD

As you have seen peppered throughout the magazine, this year's SGL Session was a busy one! Coming off of missing last year due to COVID, there was a lot of major changes to work on. One of the biggest was approving the consolidation of the LAPM with the PM. What that means is the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant will be consolidating with the Patriarchs Militant, effective 31 December 2021. A formal consolidation of the Department Association LAPM with the Department Council PM, will be held 6 November following the PM Rally. Of the six official branches of Odd Fellowship, this is the first one to fall to the sands of time. The PM & LAPM worked together for almost 100 years in Pennsylvania, our LAPM recently turning 95 years old. This way, we will have a better chance to work together as one. Of the roughly 35 Auxiliaries that were once in Pennsylvania, two survive - Allentown Auxiliary #39 and York Auxiliary #14. President of the IALAPM Jami Rafter, of Iowa, wanted to be sure the Ladies joining the Patriarchs Militant had a memorable

Degree. She decided to use the lecture degree, with the dramatic work placed in it. With that, she used the help of Canton Allentown No. 39, of Sellersville, who hosted the degree, along with opening & closing the Canton. There was assistance from all over the Jurisdiction too, with several from Canton Pittsburgh #5, and Chevaliers from California and Iowa. All-in-all, 14 Chevaliers were mustered in that day. Of the 14 new Chevaliers, Yvonne Calhoon was mustered into Canton York #14 and Mary Landes, Linda Torrence, and Peggy and Katie Walters were mustered into Canton Allentown #39. It was the first step in what we hope will be a harmonious future.





## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CENTRE 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?

### CENTRE COUNTY:

Bellefonte - Crystal Springs Rebekah Lodge #25 - consolidated 2006

Bellefonte - Minerva Rebekah Lodge #53 - defunct 1879

Blanchard - Francis McGhee Rebekah Lodge #418 - defunct 1930

Boalsburg - Tussey Rebekah Lodge #66 - consolidated 2006

Centre Hall - Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge #263 - defunct 1973

Howard - Magdalene Rebekah Lodge #375 - defunct 1921

Lemont - Mount Nittany Rebekah Lodge #395 - consolidated 1981

Milesburg - Ellaeddy Rebekah Lodge #524 - consolidated 1930

Millheim - Valley Queen Rebekah Lodge #388 - defunct 1961

Phillipsburg - Sophie Phillips Rebekah Lodge #391 - defunct 1973

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!

Pine Grove Mills - Lady Ferguson Rebekah Lodge #137 - consolidated 1981

Port Matilda - Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452 - consolidated 2019

Rebersburg - Convallis Rebekah Lodge #504 - defunct 1947

Spring Mills - Lady Violet Rebekah Lodge #368 - defunct 1958

State College - Lady State Rebekah Lodge #322 - consolidated 1986

Unionville - Lady Union Rebekah Lodge #590 - defunct 1936

16 Rebekah Lodges with 0 still active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Minerva Rebekah Lodge #53 in 1871

Last Rebekah Lodge - Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452 in 2019

18 Odd Fellow Lodges

**Next Month Monroe County** Get your pictures and articles in now!

## SUMMER FUN



It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end! We are so grateful to have enjoyed such a beautiful summer full of activities, trips, and family time for our residents. Here are just a few of our summer highlights:

Many of our residents have visited Hershey Park in their younger years, and quite a few of them have even worked for the Hershey Company as well! One of our residents enjoys sharing stories about when he would get to meet Milton Hershey himself! Our trip to Chocolate World was our first big trip we had to kick off this summer. The residents really enjoyed going on the ride and learning about the chocolate-making process. The workers there were kind enough to send us home with a huge back of chocolates. What a great way to start the summer!



One of our residents' favorite trips is going fishing! Our go to spot is at the Limestone Springs Fishing Preserve. We love going here because of their great service and wonderful deals for our veterans! They clean the fish on location so that we can take them home and they're all ready to be fried up for dinner. Our residents are great fishers and we often come back with a fish story or two!



Something new that we got to do this year at the Middletown Home, was host a summer concert! If you're local, then you have probably heard of the Pentagon Band. This year they are celebrating 50 years together! We were honored to have them play for us here at the Middletown Home. The community came to support both the home and this amazing band. Many people there could reminisce about the times they have seen the Pentagon Band perform when they were young. We were all happy to celebrate the 50 years that the Pentagon Band has been together. Lots of residents and their families came to enjoy this fun evening. Some of our residents were dancing along to the toe-tapping music!

## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### OCTOBER 2021

October is most notably identified with Halloween. Trick or treat and spooky parties are standard for October. In 1926 Halloween was not as technologically advanced as it is today. Children were more creative, and, because it was a bit more crude than today, the humor and "tricks" were primitive. Much candy and other treats were made at home. This was prior to the Great Depression and people had some money for frivolity.

Every month has its share of activities and events, we delve into the events of October 1926 and find many important happenings. On October 1, Wiley Post loses his left eye in an oil field accident, he uses the settlement money to buy his first airplane. On October 6, Babe Ruth becomes the first major league baseball player to hit three home runs in a single game, Yankees versus Cardinals. On October 14, A.A. Milne publishes "Winnie the Pooh" and Walter Johnson retires as a baseball player to become a manager. On October 18, Chuck Berry (Charles Andersen) was born in St. Louis (died 2017). On October 28, Bowie Kuhn, baseball commissioner was born in Tacoma Park, Maryland (died 2007). How many of you can remember Bob Prince calling him "His Royal Kuhnship?" On October 31, Harry Houdini died from gangrene and peritonitis after a burst appendix.

Halloween is always October 31, and in 1926 this was on Sunday, but the celebrations and trick or treat was on Saturday. You may remember the pumpkin pie baking contest in 1925. Barney and Vic spent a week recovering and did not want anything that required them to eat anything. Melchizedek had a different recollection and was willing to help with any food contest, although his favorite was when they held fish fries.

Barney assigned a paper on Halloween for his tenth grade English classes. The results made him almost as ill as the 1925 pie eating contest. 1926 saw the publication of *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway. None of Barney's students had the skill of Hemingway. He graded the papers on a pass/fail basis, with ten failures. The only thing that intrigued Barney about the papers was one student's novel take on Halloween. He wrote a story about a real ghost who got mixed up with a group of trick or treaters and shocked the people who offered candy when it fell through the ghostly hands.

Since Barney did not believe in ghosts, he saw no way to use this story for a lodge function.

Barney and Vic planned a sit-down dinner for the local lodge and Rebekahs. The problem was getting cooks. If the members and their wives were to be the guests, who would cook? Catering wasn't big in 1926, and the economy wouldn't support any fancy party (people would pay \$1.50, but attendance dropped off after that). Keep in mind that \$1.50 in 1926 is equal to \$23.14 today.

Vic suggested they go to a restaurant for dinner. It would save a lot of cleaning up at the lodge hall and solve the cooking problem. North Brunswick had a fancy restaurant known as the Hunt Club. The Noble Grand of one of the other lodges in the district owned the restaurant and offered Vic a "deal" at \$2.10 per person. This was the same as \$32.39 in 2021 and cut the crowd down a bit. Vic couldn't rely on any other source and push it through. The Hunt Club was swank and offered a menu that began with oysters on the half shell and ended with a pumpkin cheesecake that was the modern rage of the restaurant community. The date was set for October 30.

Everything seemed to be going great, with 106 reservations for dinner. Elizabeth's younger sister Mary was babysitting her two children and she and Barney got in the

Model T touring car with Vic and Alice in the front seat. They thought they were being chauffeured. The true passenger of honor was sitting behind the spare tire in the back, awaiting his trip to the feast.

When Vic and Barney arrived, the Hunt Club was decorated for fall with lamp posts all around the lot. They arrived at 5:30 pm, the dinner was to start at 6:00 pm. The reception line was short and Barney tried to get everyone in and seated by 6:00 pm. As in all Odd Fellow events, the concept of time had not been instilled in the members. Eventually, the national anthem was played, and invocation given and all sat down to enjoy a warm welcoming speech from the Noble Grand. A five minute speech usually distracts people more than it enlightens them, it was a shame that the Noble Grand spoke for fifteen minutes.

When it came time to serve the appetizers, everyone was hungry and the oysters had started to warm. While the waiter was serving the oysters and fried cheese puffs, the cook let out a blood-curdling scream. Vic did not know whether this was a part of the program, after all the restaurant had provided a pianist (not very good though) or something off the program.

The cook came running into the dining room yelling that a monster was at the back door. Vic was still puzzled, so he sent Barney to investigate. As he looked out the window where he could view the door, Barney saw an animal with a garbage bag over his head, pulling on the door knob. Melchizedek had joined the party. Barney shouted out the window and Melchizedek recognized the voice and scampered off. Barney would find him curled up in the back seat of the Model T when he left the dinner to go home.

He tried to calm the cook, explaining it was just a raccoon, but she was fairly well rattled. After the appetizers, the waiters brought out consomme and wafers, setting generous

baskets of rolls on the table. The soup was followed by a salad of Bibb lettuce with hot bacon dressing. Next, the prime rib was served with mashed potatoes and gravy, lima beans and candied carrots. A cheese plate was passed and the pumpkin cheesecake was served, together with tea and coffee. Water was on the table from the beginning; recall this is prohibition, no wine.

Another speech followed dinner and Vic had eaten such a good meal, he was having trouble staying awake. When the benediction was given, all began to depart. The cook collared Barney before he could leave and dragged him to the back yard.

"Look what your pet has done!" she exclaimed.

Barney saw the contents of the garbage can spread over the entire yard behind the restaurant. Barney explained that it was not his pet, but a wild raccoon. He disavowed any control over Melchizedek and offered his apologies to the restaurant owner. The apology seemed to work, until Barney reached the car and yelled at Melchizedek in the back seat. The raccoon jumped out of the car and hid behind the spare tire, hissing at Barney when he followed him out of the car. The owner looked at Barney with disgust and told him to hold his banquets elsewhere.

Next month will be November and we will have a Thanksgiving theme.

*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.*

## UNIFIED LODGE #2 HONORS MEMBERS



15 Year pin Unified #2 Donna Faub, Linda Belford, Joan Bergfelt, Karen Kind, and Bill Kind. With Earlene McMahon N.G. at our picnic.



Ted Bergfelt 30 year member of Unified #2 with Noble Grand Earlene McMahon at this years picnic and his Great Granddaughter Aubree Frankert Bergfelt

## ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER SHIRLEY J. WHITLINGER



What a great day spent with the brothers of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55 of Fallentimber. As usual the fellowship was beyond compare. This is how a meeting should start, first welcoming the Grand Master and her traveling staff with a fantastic dinner. A homemade feast, fit for a king. And finally productive meeting following the ritualistic protocol. How nice to see the members dressed alike in respect for the Grand Master's official visit. Visiting dignitaries included DDGM Laura Huchel, GW Bob Ruff, DGM J. Carl George, GMA, Grand Patriarch and SGMu Shawn E. Miller accompanying GM Shirley J. Whitlinger.

GM and staffs visit to Latrobe lodge #541. Another night of Odd Fellowship. It was great to get a chance to visit with our brothers and sisters from Latrobe Lodge. Thanks to NG Barry Shirey and all the members of Latrobe lodge for the hospitalities extended to the GM. This was the first chance we had to officially extend congratulations to the newly installed Sovereign Grand Warden, our own John S. Cupp Jr., another hat for a man with too many hats already. photo by GW Ruff.



## WARREN LODGE WORKS THE FAIR

For those of you who didn't participate in the function at the Cornplanter Cafe you missed out on a really great time, and the Odd Fellows had a great presence at the Fair! The Cornplanter Cafe is the official Warren County Fair food booth. A World-famous food critic is going to be doing a feature spread in the "Carnival Foods" magazine of the best places to eat.

Noble Grand Mike McKarski was our grill man, making sure the wieners and burgers were cooked to perfection. Dan Swab and Dan Mechling on the fryers looked like they were destined for "Fast Food Quarterly." Lynette Swab has been offered a full time position at the soon to be erected Mexican restaurant for her fabulous "Walking Tacos" and Chicken Salads. Gary Landrio found his calling in life as Mr Clean. Unfortunately, his wife saw his cleaning

abilities and now he is in charge of all household cleaning. Addy Landrio decided she does enough cooking at home for Gary so she spent the evening making all the customers happy by giving them just what they had coming to them. John Bailey and Conny Elston are now planning on a career with the carnival as "The World's Greatest Ticket Seller". Come see them in action. Almost poetic. Dixie Fox got anxious to get to work and beat everyone there and worked the early shift. We also had huge help from our Scouts. Nevaeh spent the evening baking pretzels and Natalie was super busy at the Slushy Machine. The order taking and register operations were handled by two sisters from Ripley New York who needed a break from their draft horses. I initially started there and these two threw me out. They said they were faster. Sienna and Mercedes impressed me doing the register and getting the drinks. Thanks much girls.

Now I know you are all wondering. Seems like all the positions were filled. Just what did Lou do besides watch everyone? I had the MOST important position. I had to keep everyone supplied with trays, baskets, fries, burgers, drinks, etc. I had to keep the

slush machines full and to that end we went through about 12 gallons of slushy mix. I filled both of the Nacho cheese machines so we went through about 2 gallons of cheese. I kept the coolers filled with pop to the tune of about 6 cases. I wasn't keeping count on the fries, burgers and wieners but we went through a lot.



As you can see, we were busy but everyone was smiling the entire time. It was a lot of fun and I think everyone there would be willing to do it all again next year. It gave us some good exposure. Across the walkway, within eye shot, Russ and Lisa Bush and Al Webster were busy in the Boy Scout booth selling pop, Dominos Pizza and Dairy Queen Buster bars and other treats.

The ODD FELLOWS of Warren are alive and well.

~ Lou Dussia, Treasurer #339



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## AUGUST DONATIONS

### TUNNEL TO TOWERS

88	Freedom	515.00
74	Mount Zion	500.00
658	Victory	400.00
E127	William F. Packer	250.00
E55	Bushkill	200.00
201	Malvern-Pocahontas	100.00
307	Triune	100.00
361	Strasburg	100.00
E34	Valley	100.00
E88	Chosen Friends	100.00
C39	Allentown	50.00
573	Sandy Lake	<u>25.00</u>
		<b>2,440.00</b>

### VISUAL RESEARCH

1004	Hampton	50.00
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
		75.00

### PA SPECIAL VISUAL

2	Unified	25.00
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### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
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### PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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## PM "WHITE ROSE" RALLY NOVEMBER 6, 2021

The PM and LAPM Rally will be held on Saturday, November 6th, 2021 at the hall of Triune Lodge No. 307, 47 West Emaus Street, Middletown. All Ladies and Chevaliers are most cordially invited to attend. I encourage you all to attend! Some years it will be a longer drive; some years it will be at your back door. If you want Chevaliers to show up to your area, show up to everyone else! The schedule will be as follows:

- 12:00PM - Joint PM & LAPM Memorial Service
- 12:30PM - PM White Rose Rally
- 2:00PM - Department Council Board Meeting
- 3:00PM - Consolidation of the Department Association with the Department Council

\* The Lunch and Evening banquet has been eliminated  
Bring your candidates! Our officers, President, Lady Kate Walters, and Department Commander, Brig Gen Bruce N. Torrence, will be pleased to muster new members.

Please do what you can to attend and have a day of Chivalrous Odd Fellowship. After all, it is YOUR Rally.

We look forward to seeing YOU in Middletown on November 6th and having Sisters and Brothers become Chevaliers.

As you will note, a historic event will take place at 3:00PM, as we formally retire the colors of the Department Association after 95 years of service to the Odd Fellows. This will be a public event, so please spread the word. The PM Rally this year is so named the White Rose Rally in Honor of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.