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## SUMMER ODD FELLOWS RALLY A SUCCESS

On July 24th, Aluta Lodge #488 of Nazareth (Bushkill Center) hosted the Summer Odd Fellows Rally. We were pleased to initiate seven new members into Aluta Lodge, Shenandoah Lodge, Victory Lodge and Family Lodge (NJ). From there 13 members received the first and second degrees, 12 received the third degree and three members received the Grand Lodge Degree.

All in all, around 75 Odd Fellows were in attendance. A great lunch was provided by Aluta Lodge in their pavilion. We were honored to have Grand Master Shirley Whitlinger, Grand Patriarch Shawn Miller, Department Commander Bruce Torrence, Jr. Past President Nadine Hager, as well as a large array of officers representing the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Department Council. It was truly a great day for Odd Fellowship. Thank you to all who attended!



## 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

+ denotes details to follow

### NOVEMBER

- 6/ PM/LAPM Rally, York +

\*\* On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams! Please check their facebook first because there may be a scheduling conflict! - Due to COVID-19, these are on hold. Contact their Facebook page for more information

All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Grand Lodge at [ioofpagsecty@verizon.net](mailto:ioofpagsecty@verizon.net) or 717-944-7419

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

- UNIFIED LODGE NO. 2, PITTSBURGH**  
 Debbie Rae Slaney – initiated July 29th  
 Robert C. Loehr, Jr.
- ALUTA LODGE NO. 488, NAZARETH**  
 Bryan Appleby – initiated July 24th  
 Patricia Faustner  
 Dawn M. Fassl  
 Albert Smith
- SANDY LAKE LODGE NO. 573**  
 Robert Wilson – initiated July 19th
- SHENANDOAH LODGE NO. 591**  
 Kenneth Seay – initiated July 24th
- VICTORY LODGE NO. 658, SELLERSVILLE**  
 Avery J. Koser – initiated July 24th

## DESK OF THE GM



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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,  
SEPTEMBER!!! It is hard to believe that as you read this message, we will be replacing our summer adventures with raking leaves and pumpkin carving. My hope is that all my brothers and sisters in Odd Fellowship had a good summer and enjoyed reconnecting with all the fun things you enjoy doing with family and friends!

Travels this summer has been great, my staff and I have been busy visiting many lodges in the area. This past July, we traveled to Aluta Lodge #488 for a Summer Rally. At the rally, our degrees were conferred for 13 new Odd Fellows. The degree teams did an outstanding job, as David would say, "A great day for Odd Fellowship!" On my visit to Alma Lodge #523, I had the pleasure of meeting "BILLY the GOAT". The door at Alma Lodge is always open to visiting Odd Fellows so I urge all to stop by and visit. I have enjoyed each lodge visit, being a part of the meeting and enjoying the fellowship which always happens when Odd Fellows come together. If you have not

visited another lodge in your area, then I have to say, "you do not know what you are missing"!!

September 11, 2021, marks the 20th year anniversary for 9/11, a very tragic day in our country's history. A day when many Americans gave their lives for our country. In memory to 9/11, the Odd Fellows were asked to join the Tunnels-to-Towers. On August 21st, a solemn 3.5-mile memorial walk from the Shanksville Firehouse to the Flight 93 Memorial was held to honor those aboard Flight 93. This walk was just 3.5-mile portion of a walk which began at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Frank Stiller, brother of fallen firefighter, Stephen Stiller began his five hundred mile walk from Washington to Shanksville, then on to the World Trade Center, New York, the site where many perished on that tragic day. In Hershey, Pa. on August 28th the Odd Fellows participated in a parade to again honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. It was an honor to be at Shanksville and Hershey, to be able to represent our Order. As September 11th approaches there will be other community memorial services. As one who remembers that tragic day and where I was that morning, I hope that we all take time on September 11th to remember and to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sending out to all my lodges a huge THANK YOU for the support given to my charity, MAK-A-WISH. At my installation I said, "my Grand Master's year would be a success if I could raise the funds needed to give one child his or her ultimate wish." Thanks to my lodges, we have met the first wish and are now working for the second! Working together in Odd Fellowship we can accomplish great things!! Which benefit others. Also thank you goes out to our Grand Patriarch and friend, Shawn E. Miller who has joined me this year making Make-A-Wish his charity.

As we move forward into September, I urge all members to attend lodge meetings, to be a voice in your lodges. September is the month to elect your new officers as October will the month to install. Help make your lodge a stronger lodge by coming out to your meetings. What better way to help those in the surrounding communities than by have an active lodge of Odd Fellows? Help tell our Odd Fellow story to all!!

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

*Shirley J. Whitlinger.*  
Your Grand Master

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

Roger L. Brady, #254  
A. Lyman Palmer, #699

### 30 YEARS

Alvin W. Walters, #278  
Gary A. Gastemire, #1128

### 35 YEARS

Keith W. Ehmann, #1004

### 50 YEARS

Malcolm C. Farrow, IV, #125  
Edward G. Zimmerman, #306

### 55 YEARS

Robert G. Rahn, #141  
Anthony F. Visco, Jr., #306  
Anthony P. Gwiadzinski, #658

### 65 YEARS

Harold W. Love, #377

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Whitlinger has scheduled the following visits for September.

I am sure she would appreciate  
seeing you there.

- 2 - Warren Lodge #339 OV - 7:30PM
- 7 - Nucleus Lodge #377 OV & picnic -  
7:00PM
- 18 - Sandy Lake Lodge #573 School of  
Instruction
- 21 - Triune Lodge #307 OV - 7:30PM
- 22 - York Springs #211 Anniversary -  
6:00PM



## LODGE #254 CELEBRATES BROTHER SLAVIC

Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity #254 of Waltersburg met August 2nd. We celebrated the 90th birthday of member Steve Slavic. Brother Steve recently celebrated 40 years as an Odd Fellow also! Congratulations and happy birthday!



## ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA 2021 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania will continue their \$3000 Graduate Scholarship Awards program during the Fall of 2021. A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the 2021 Graduate Scholarship Awards can be obtained by 1) contacting Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way; Charleroi, Pa 15022, or 2) emailing a request to "robag@comcast.net" The "Rules" and an "Application" can also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaoof.org" during the September to late November time period. The deadline for submitting applications will be November 27, 2021.

## NORRISTOWN CELEBRATES SUMMER

On Monday, July 19, 2021, Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 of Norristown hosted a meeting and picnic in the Greenlane area. Our host, Jimmy Dimpter from Norristown Lodge along with the cook served a "FANTASTIC" meal, top off with large steaks. We were all "GLAD" to get back together again in person after the past year and half of being unable to meet. A "GOOD TIME" was had by all. We hope to be able to continue this I the future. ~ In FLT Frank Hilt, DDGM



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.

# SHENANDOAH LODGE GAINS LOCAL INTEREST

On July 26th, Shenandoah Lodge No. 591, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was presented with a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for being a member of the 100% Club for Visual Research. This award goes to any Lodge in the state that donates at least \$1.00 per member to Visual Research. The money is then split between Wills Eye Institute and the Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, as well as the Sovereign Grand Lodge Visual Research Fund. Pennsylvania also has a visual assistance fund where members, their spouses and dependent children can get help affording glasses, contacts, or eye related surgeries, etc. You can also view the wide array of programs the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has for visual research here: <https://odd-fellows.org/programs/visual-research/>

Shown in the picture is our newest member, Ken Seay, who was initiated in Aluta Lodge this past Saturday, Noble Grand Wilmer Quick and Secretary/District Deputy Grand Master Tim Hahn

Many Lodges are reading this, and thinking to themselves, "Yea we got one too. What's the big deal?" This article and caption appeared on several social media pages. From when it was initially posted, it was shared over 20 times, to various community groups in their area, and some of those groups shared it also, commenting they

were glad to see such positive things. Also in the article, it explains at least what we do with Visual research and assistance, a plug that might interest a prospective member. This is good publicity, and things that we should be advertising! Last year, we encouraged all Lodges (encampments, etc) to donate at least \$1.00 per member. Many groups stepped up! I am thankful for that, but do yourselves a favor and let your community know that you received a fancy certificate showing you did so.



Here's a quick numbers game so you can see how many groups donated:

	Total Lodges	Lodges Supported Visual
Odd Fellows	73	12
Rebekahs	22	4
Encampments	15	3
Cantons	8	2
Auxiliaries	2	0

Now you may feel these numbers are low. I will tell you the past 2 years, we had less than 15 groups donate, so at least it's a gain. Please consider donating and please show your community the groups you support!

# VINCENT LODGE SIGN TO BE RESTORED

Vincent Lodge recently recovered our sign from our old lodge. We plan to restore it to working order. ~ Chris Grumblatt, DDGM/NG





## GRAND PATRIARCH SHAWN E. MILLER VISITS PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT NO. 135



On July 15, 2021 Grand Patriarch Shawn E. Miller made an official visit to Perseverance Encampment No. 135, home Encampment of Past Grand Patriarch's Charles Danihel and Dorothea Oertel. The meeting was held at a regularly scheduled meeting of Perseverance Encampment at Walker Lodge No. 306 in Philadelphia.

Under introductions of visiting members Grand Patriarch Shawn and staff members (Grand Scribe, Sandy Huchel; Grand Treasurer, Jim Sellers; and Grand Jr. Warden, Tom Kutchner) were introduced to acting Chief Patriarch Mike Severson by Grand Outside Sentinel Courtney Franklin (Perseverance Encampment's actual Chief Patriarch). After official introductions and giving Honors of the Order, Courtney Franklin escorted Shawn to sit at the right of the Chief Patriarch. During Perseverance normal business Grand Patriarch Shawn made a request that he be provided time to install Grand Scribe Sandy Huchel into office in that she was not able to be installed at session. Permission was granted and Shawn installed Sandy with the aid of Jim Sellers investing Sandy with the regalia of her office. Note: Jim's son Patriarch David Sellers was also in attendance.

Upon completion of Perseverance's normal business Chief Patriarch Franklin recognized Grand Patriarch Shawn. Shawn introduced himself and mentioned about his roots in Odd Fellowship and vocation as a music teacher. (FYI: of course we know that Shawn is the Grand Musician at Grand Lodge – but perhaps you might not know he was asked to be the musician at Sovereign Grand Lodge). Shawn spoke about his goals and his targets while in office which include communicating information about Odd Fellowship in order to increase membership in the order. Shawn went on to provide detailed information about his charity program in office which is "Make A Wish Foundation." (The Make-A-Wish Foundation is nonprofit organization founded in the United States that helps fulfill the wishes of children with a critical illness between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 years old. Make-A-Wish was founded and is headquartered in Phoenix, has 59 chapters located throughout the United States and operates in nearly 50 other countries around the world.)

Displayed are pictures taken at the meeting of Shawn's very inspirational message and of Chief Patriarch Courtney Franklin expressing congratulations with an honorarium check. And a final group picture was also taken. (In FL&T Bob Smedley)

## WYSOX LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

Wysox Lodge No. 1152, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, have chosen Malissa Tice, a practical nursing student, to receive an Odd Fellows Scholarship for her second semester. The Odd Fellows are very supportive of the Practical Nursing Program and continue to give financial assistance to deserving students.

Nelson Silverstrim, Noble Grand, presented the Odd Fellow Scholarship to Malissa Tice.

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA is in its 38th year. It is a one-year program that qualifies graduates to apply for licensure in Practical Nursing. Practical nurses work in nursing homes, doctor's offices, hospitals and home health care as well as in other areas of health care.

For further information on the Practical Nursing Program, contact 570-265-8113.



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



On July 8th, the Grand Master continued her Odd Fellow journey to visit the members at Unified Lodge #2. As always, the evening was a great night of Odd Fellowship as we visited with friends. Noble Grand, Earlene McMahan conducted a good meeting. Traveling this evening with GM, Shirley J. Whitlinger were Robert B. Ruff, Grand Warden; Shawn E. Miller, Grand Marshal; James McMahan, Grand Herald; John S. Cupp, Grand Treasurer; and Emilie J. Cupp, PGM. Unified Lodge #2 is the home lodge of the Grand Herald and the Grand Warden, who was behind the camera.

Thank you, Unified Lodge for all the hospitality given and for the great evening of ODD FELLOWSHIP!!



The Grand Master and staff traveled to Clover Lodge on an official visit to DGM George's home lodge for a visit and to install PG David Carlson (shown lower left) as the new DDGM for district 20. A special thanks to the GM for allowing a relaxation of dress protocol. Now we know what the absence of Air Conditioning really feels like. Thanks goes out to Clover lodge for the hospitalities, another fine evening of Odd-fellowship.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Dave Carlson for accepting the District Deputy position.



Another fine night of Odd-fellowship at Alma Lodge. The Grand Master and some of her staff spent the evening in Johnstown with the members of Alma Lodge and visiting brothers from Fred R. Korman lodge and also from Kingwood lodge. And as always great food and fellowship thanks the members of Alma lodge for all the hospitalities. George would be happy to see our Grand Master ride the goat.



## SEPTEMBER OBITUARIES

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



**JOAN SCHLEGEL**  
Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202  
June 1, 2021

Sister Joan (Landrock) Schlegel, 87, of Nazareth, PA, was initiated into Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth, on September 1, 1985. In the past, she served as Outside Guardian

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace, and one son. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Forks Church Cemetery, Easton, PA.

**CLAIR C. BEAVER**  
Jordan Lodge No. 192  
July 24, 2021

Brother Clair C. Beaver, 86, of Slatington, PA, was initiated into Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, PA, on May 15, 1979.

He was a member of Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church, Orefield.

Surviving is his wife, the former Marilyn Kressly, one son, two daughters, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Egypt Cemetery, Whitehall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jordan Lodge #192, c/o Heintzelman Funeral Home, PO Box 196, Schnecksville, PA 18078.



**LEON I. WORK**  
Clover Lodge No. 348  
Ambridge Encampment No. 259  
August 1, 2021

Brother Leon I. Work, 87, of Conway, PA, was initiated into Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, PA on April 18, 1952, where he became a Past Grand in 1966 and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 26, 2019. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's current Chaplain. He was initiated into Ambridge Encampment #259 on February

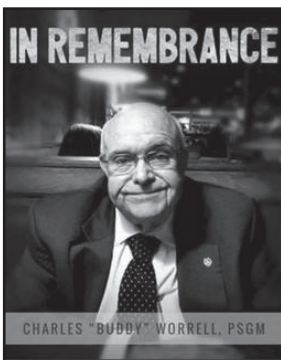
22, 1974 where he became a Past Chief Patriarchs. At the time of his death, he was the Encampment's Inside Sentinel. He was an active and dedicated member of our Order and will be sorely missed.

He was an Air National Guard Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, Dorothy, three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held at Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery.

We also extend our sympathies to the families of PSGM Worrell and Lohman, who have passed away in July



**PSGM CHARLES WORRELL, 78**  
July 17, 2021  
Sovereign Grand Master  
1993 - 1994



**PSGM HARRY V. LOHMAN, 78**  
July 30, 2021  
Sovereign Grand Master  
2001 - 2002  
*Buried in Port Carbon, Pennsylvania*

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR LAURA HUCHEL

TO ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

You are cordially invited to attend a Testimonial Dinner to Honor former Grand Patriarch, Laura L. Huchel.

The Dinner will be held in downtown Pittsburgh, PA at the HYP (Harvard, Yale, Princeton) Club located at 619 William Penn Pl, Pittsburgh, PA. Their website is: <http://alleghenyhyp.club>. The dinner was specially selected by Laura which the Chef will personally craft with seasonal ingredients. Tentatively the menu will be: squash and barley salad with peach and berry balsamic, beet root hummus with toasted naan and house pickled vegetable, vegan sausage and peppers over gluten free pasta, cauliflower wings, and crispy millet cakes with dairy free wild mushroom crême. Also, there will be live acoustic entertainment.

The price of the dinner is \$45 per person. Please remit names of all persons attending and send the remittance check in the Name of "The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania" to: Sandra L. Huchel, 1809 White Oak Dr., Sinking Spring, PA 19608, telephone number 484-794-6781. The deadline for reservations is October 1, 2021.

There are several nearby hotels. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel. There is no special rate so call the hotel that best meets your needs:

- The Omni William Penn Hotel, 412-281-7100, 530 William Penn Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- Double Tree by Hilton Hotel and Suites Pittsburgh Downtown, 412-281-5800, 1 Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- Embassy Suites by Hilton Pittsburgh Downtown, 412-338-2200, 535 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- Drury Plaza Hotel Pittsburgh Downtown, 412-281-2900, 745 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- Courtyard by Marriott Pittsburgh Downtown, 412- 434-5551, 945 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh Downtown, 412-281-5557, 250 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

There will be no program booklet but if you want to send Laura any well-wishes, please send that information to Sandra L. Huchel, 1809 White Oak Dr, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Email is [shuchel@hotmail.com](mailto:shuchel@hotmail.com). That information will be given to Laura at the dinner.





## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT TIOGA 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!

**TIOGA COUNTY:**

- Antrim - Ellen Rebekah Lodge #128 - defunct prior 1900
- Blossburg - Faith Rebekah Lodge #96 - consolidated 1984
- Covington - Emma Colfax Rebekah Lodge #15 - defunct prior 1900
- Covington - Lucy Rebekah Lodge #104 - consolidated after 1900
- Daggett - Geraldine Rebekah Lodge #141 - defunct 1927
- Daggett - Geraldine Rebekah Lodge #171 - consolidated 1968
- Elkland - Kathleen Rebekah Lodge #448 - consolidated 1934
- Fall Brook - Agnes Rebekah Lodge #126 - defunct 1899
- Gaines - Lady Gaines Rebekah Lodge #439 - defunct
- Hoytville - Stella Arminta Rebekah Lodge #100 - defunct 1927
- Keeneyville - Elnora Rebekah Lodge #28 - defunct 2010
- Knoxville - Galatea Rebekah Lodge #296 - defunct 2000
- Lawrenceville - Lady Lawrence Rebekah Lodge #349 - consolidated 2004
- Liberty - Goddess of Liberty Rebekah Lodge #234 - defunct 1919
- Mainesburg - Lady Curtis Rebekah Lodge #73 - defunct prior 1896
- Mansfield - Jennie Rebekah Lodge #100 - defunct 1879
- Mansfield - Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge #291 - defunct 1997
- Millerton - Bianca Rebekah Lodge #412 - defunct 1932
- Morris Run - Louisa Rebekah Lodge #105 - defunct prior 1900
- Nelson - Eugenia Rebekah Lodge #465 - defunct 2005
- Roaring Branch - Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge #34 - defunct 1879
- Roseville - Roseville Rebekah Lodge #357 - consolidated 1968
- Stony Fork - Marinda Rebekah Lodge #202 - defunct 1934
- Stony Fork - Marinda Rebekah Lodge #107 - defunct 2014
- Tioga - Lily Rebekah Lodge #131 - defunct prior 1900

- Tioga - Tioga Valley Rebekah Lodge #181 - consolidated 1967
- Wellsboro - Francelia Rebekah Lodge #166 - defunct 1916
- Wellsboro - Mary Packer Rebekah Lodge #594 - consolidated 1985
- Westfield - Lillian Rebekah Lodge #196 - consolidated 1983

29 Rebekah Lodges with 0 still active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Emma Colfax Rebekah Lodge #15 in 1869

Last Rebekah Lodge - Marinda Rebekah Lodge #107 in 2014

29 Odd Fellow Lodges



*Thanks to Brother Harold Arment of Earl Lodge #413 in New Holland for providing pictures of the former home of Middlebury Lodge #844, and Elnora Rebekah Lodge #28 in Keeneyville. Unfortunately, Tioga County is one of the counties in Pennsylvania with no Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodges. If anyone knows at least five people up on the northern tier, please let us know!*

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

### THE DONALD TRULICK FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

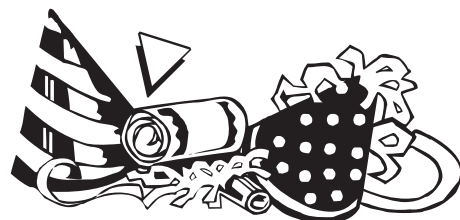
The Trulick fund was set up to send students on the Educational Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. We would like to keep the lodges and members informed that donations help us achieve this. If you would like to contribute you can make a check to the Donald Trulick Foundation and send it to Col John J. Dzyak Quartermaster 126 Hilltop Drive Scottdale PA. 15683.



When Brother Don Trulick passed unexpectedly, the Department Council of Pennsylvania wanted to do something to honor him that can be used on a year-to-year basis so his memory will never be forgotten. Due to COVID and other unexpected issues, it has been a few years since we were able to sponsor a student, but we're hoping we can for 2022! Help us be part of it and carry on his memory.

### CORONAFEST

On July 19th, Canton Allentown No. 39, Patriarchs Militant, gathered at their hall in Sellersville to have their annual Coronafest. There were 10 Chevaliers and their families present. There was a birthday cake for our Department Commander, Bruce Torrence, who celebrated his birthday on the 20th. A great time was had by all.



## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### SEPTEMBER 2021

September 1926 marked the return to school for Barney. The school year began the day after Labor day, which occurred on the 6th. Teachers did not work or get paid during the summer so Barney had to rely on farming. As in 1925, the year had been good and Barney had a number of hogs and steers. Hogs were so plentiful that Barney decided to donate two hogs for the District 6 IOOF hog roast on September 4th, the Saturday before Labor Day. This event shall form the body of our story a bit later on.

On September 9, 1926, the National Broadcasting Company was created by Radio Corporation of America. On September 16, the St Louis Cardinals beat the Phillies 23-3. On September 20, Bugs Moran attempted to kill Al Capone. On September 23, Gene Tunney beat defending champion Jack Dempsey in a 10-round unanimous decision at Sesquicentennial Stadium, Philadelphia for the world heavyweight boxing title. On September 25, Henry Ford announced an 8-hour, five day work week. On September 26, the shortest double header, Yanks lose 6-1 in 72 minutes & lose again 6-2 in 55 minutes to the Browns. The Yanks had already clinched the pennant. The Browns were an American League team in St. Louis, read more about them here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1926\\_St.\\_Louis\\_Browns\\_season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1926_St._Louis_Browns_season).

On September 30, 1926, Robin Roberts was born in Springfield, Illinois, American Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher (7 times MLB All Star; won 28 consecutive complete games 1952-53; Philadelphia Phillies),(d. 2010).

The district hog roast was one of the big events for Odd Fellows in New Jersey. There were six lodges in District 6 which is Mercer County. Barney had been District Deputy Grand Master twice before and Vic had been DDGM four times. Mercer County has three lodges in Trenton, two in Princeton and one in Grovers Mill. The District Picnic is in a different place each year, with Cadwalader Park in Trenton being the most popular location. In 1926 the picnic was to be at Grovers Mill, the DDGM was from a lodge in Princeton and his name was Wilson (not the former President). Brother Wilson was a second cousin of Clancey who belonged to the lodge in Grovers Mill.

Clancey, Barney and Vic were appointed to be the committee with each taking a different role. Barney donated two hogs, each weighing about 325 pounds, live weight. Butchering loses about 55% of the weight of a hog, so it wasn't as big as you might think. The picnic was attended by about 40 members and 60 family members from each of the six lodges, for a bit fewer than 600 people attending. This averaged more than half a pound of pork for each attendee. There was corn; Barney donated 100 dozen ears of corn. Everything else was covered dish style. Since Barney donated the hogs and the corn, Elizabeth didn't have to bake anything. She helped her mother, Alice, bake apple and peach pies. Clancey's wife was one of ten people who made baked beans, it took a lot for 600 people.

Barney held a committee meeting at the lodge hall and Clancey boasted that he had roasted many hogs in a pit with charcoal. We will find that this was an exaggeration. The picnic was to start at 12:30 pm. Barney and Vic met Clancey at the picnic grounds at 2:30 am the night before, to put the hogs in the ground. After digging the hole, starting the fire, wrapping the hogs with wet leaves, etc., the roasting began at 3:45 am. As we will see, this wasn't soon enough.

When 12:30 pm rolled around, Vic tested the hogs, not done. Clancey claimed he was an expert and the hogs had to be done. Vic pulled off a piece and gave it to him, still pink. Clancey went into the hog and pulled a piece himself, still pink. They covered the hogs up and began to boil the hot dogs supplied by the lodge. Barney announced that they would begin eating and have the hog later, around two in the afternoon. There were several huge pots

used to roast the corn, so it was no problem to put the hot dogs on to boil. Everyone was happy, although some wanted a chunk of roast pork. At 1:45 pm, Vic tested the hogs again, not quite as pink, but still not done.

Barney had planned to have the children bob for apples. He started the apple bobbing at 2:00 pm, with the hog to follow. He had a surplus of apples and this was a good way to dispose of some of them. One of the apples had a small piece of paper stuffed in a hole. The child who got the apple with the piece of paper in it would be given the honor of lighting the fireworks at dusk. This seemed like a good plan and a large watering trough was brought in and filled with water then several bushels of apples were floated on top. The children were blindfolded and had to keep their hands behind their backs. As Elizabeth was watching the contest, she called to her mother, Alice to come over. Elizabeth exclaimed, "I think that a child is cheating, I saw a little hand reach in the trough and grab an apple."

"Let's go look," replied Alice.

As they approached the trough, a raccoon scurried away with an apple in his mouth and one in each of his front paws, slowing him down considerably. Thinking the problem had resolved itself, Elizabeth settled down to watch the rest of the contest. After the apples were all removed from the trough, no one reported the slip of paper. Barney was sure he put the piece of paper in one of the apples. Elizabeth told him about the misadventures of Melchizedek, leaving Barney to try to figure out another way to choose a child to light the fireworks.

When apple bobbing was over, Barney went to test the hogs, they were finally done. About 50 people left early, so there was a lot of hog. Most of the picnic goers had filled up on corn, hot dogs and the covered dishes. Barney helped Clancey pull the hogs out of the pit and put each one on a separate picnic table covered with butcher's paper. Elizabeth had brought two gallons of barbecue sauce for those who wanted to put a bit of zing in their hog. Paper plates came out in 1904, so they were used to serve the pork on. Barney put a star on one plate and Clancey served the pork. It took an hour for everyone to get a piece of the pork, so eating didn't end till close 5:00 pm. Elizabeth's younger brother, John, had the star on his plate. When dusk came, he wandered over to the fireworks stand and met with the pyrotechnician. At the appointed time to start the fireworks, John noticed there was a small animal standing at the edge of the field watching. He swore the animal was holding a small slip of paper in his skinny, raccoon paw.

*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.*

# Thank You!

Dear Odd Fellow-Rebekah Education Committee,

I would like to personally thank you for your outgoing and continuing support of my college education. I will continue to put my full effort into school and preparation for life after school.

Thank you, Justin Koser, WE ARE

## ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF W. PA 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania recently announced the recipients of their "2021 Scholarship Awards." The Association's Award Committee (Chairman Robert Grant, George Hogan, John Rebar, & John Dzyak) presented their candidate recommendations to the Association's Board during their meeting on July 31, 2021. The six recipients, each having fulfilled the requirements of the Award, were unanimously approved by the Board. Each received a \$3,000 monetary award which was sent to their respective institution of higher learning. In addition, the recipients, along with their family members, were invited to attend the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2022 Annual Meeting which usually takes place in April at Orchard Manor, Grove City, PA.

**Jennifer LeSuer** – daughter of Michele and Kyle LeSuer, Edinboro, PA. Jennifer's grandfather, Dentcsil LeSuer, is a member of I.O.O.F. Fallowfield Lodge #1128 (Atlantic, PA). She will be entering her sophomore year at Penn State Behrend (Erie, PA) where she will be majoring in Nursing.

**David Stuebgen** – son of Kim and Jason Stuebgen, Freedom, PA. David's father is a member of I.O.O.F. Clover Lodge #348 (Ambridge, PA). David completed his freshman year at Westminster College where his major area of concentration is Market & Professional Sales.

**Katelyn Valla** – daughter of Mary and Joseph Valla, Charleroi, PA. Her father is a member of I.O.O.F. Charleroi Lodge #1030. Katelyn is a senior at Hood College (Frederick, MD.) majoring in Environmental Science & Policy.

**Megan Roche** – daughter of Kim Roche, Smithfield, PA. Her grandfather, Steve Slavic, is a member of I.O.O.F. Nathan Lewis – Fort Necessity Lodge #254 (Waltersburg, PA). Megan completed her sophomore year at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus (LeMont Furnace, PA) majoring in Nursing.

**Emma Valla** – daughter of Mary and Joseph Valla, Charleroi, PA. Her father is a member of I.O.O.F. Charleroi Lodge #1030. Emma is entering her sophomore year at the UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing (Pittsburgh, PA).

**Christian Workman** – son of Tyce Workman (Kingsville, OH) and Shelley Babic Williamsfield, OH). Christian's grandparents, Susan and Raymond Rodgers (Jackson Center, PA) are members of I.O.O.F. Sandy Lake Lodge #373 (Sandy Lake, PA). Christian is entering his senior year at Kent State University (Kent, OH) majoring in Architecture.

On behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania, the Award Committee wishes Jennifer, Megan, David, Emma, Katelyn, and Christian continued success toward the completion of their degrees and in all their future endeavors.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY

A Grand Encampment Degree Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021. The Rally will begin at 9:00AM in the hall of Bushkill Encampment No. 55, 203 North Main Street, Sellersville, PA 18960, with Bushkill Encampment No. 55 acting as our hosts for the Rally. A Grand Encampment Special Session and Board meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Rally.

Be advised there is a flight of steps you will have to take to get up to the Lodge. However, there will be Patriarchs there to help you if need be. Parking is in the bank parking lot next door. As we are coming out of the pandemic, please start trying to build up your Encampments and bring some candidates! Even if you do not have any, we are asking if anyone is willing to help out at the rally, whether it be speaking or non-speaking parts, we can really use the help. This way there aren't 4 or 5 people running around in different robes throughout the day. Spend the day out with your fellow Patriarchs and come to the rally as an Encampment! The more help we have, the easier it runs and the better experience the candidates will get. This only works if everyone works together. If you are willing to help, call Justin at 717-944-7419 or email at [ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net](mailto:ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net).

In Faith, Hope & Charity,  
Justin C. Bailey, PGMa, Chairman  
Grand Encampment Degree Work Committee

### The schedule for the Grand Encampment Class is as follows:

9:00a.m.	Opening the Encampment
9:30a.m.	PATRIARCHAL DEGREE
11:00a.m.	LUNCH <i>details and price to be determined</i>
12:00p.m.	GOLDEN RULE DEGREE
1:00p.m.	ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE
2:00p.m.	Introducing Dignitaries and closing the Encampment
2:45p.m.	Special Session for the admission of all eligible Past Chief Patriarchs
3:00p.m.	Grand Encampment Board meeting



Periodicals

**JULY DONATIONS**

TUNNEL TO TOWERS		
87	Hopkins	500.00
E135	Perseverance	500.00
1004	Hampton	250.00
86	Harmony	200.00
278	Connoquenessing	200.00
523	Alma	200.00
736	Mount Hor	200.00
R22	Lady Evelyn	200.00
PDC	Jim V. Keller	125.00
899	Askam	100.00
R86	Lady Harmony	100.00
55	Fred R. Korman	50.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	50.00
R173	Letitia Penn	50.00
R182	Lady Colfax	50.00
R202	Lady Hall	50.00
591	Shenandoah	25.00
847	Vienna	25.00
R328	Lady Worth	25.00
R586	Red Rose	<u>25.00</u>
		2,925.00

VISUAL RESEARCH		
899	Askam	100.00
1128	Fallowfield	61.84
2	Unified	25.00
R328	Lady Worth	<u>25.00</u>
		211.84
PA SPECIAL VISUAL		
899	Askam	100.00
2	Unified	25.00
R328	Lady Worth	<u>25.00</u>
		150.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
1128	Fallowfield	61.84
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		111.84
CAMP JRA		
899	Askam	250.00
PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
1128	Fallowfield	154.61
PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Department Association of PA, L.A.P.M.		1,500.00
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		1,550.00