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**MAE I. HAUSSLER, PAST PRESIDENT IALAPM**  
*Answers Final Call*  
**NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022**

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58  
 Mahanoy Lodge No. 551  
 Canton Ridgely No. 8

Sister Mae I. (Wolfgang, Schreffler) Haussler, 88, of Herndon, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, PA, on February 22, 1961, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 14, 1970, and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree in 1971. She held the position of Secretary for many years and held the office of District Deputy President from 1976- 1977 at the time of her death, she was Idella Rebekah Lodge's secretary.. She held associate membership in Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173, Philadelphia. She served the Rebekah Assembly several times: Rebekah Flag Bearer from 1977 - 78, Inside Guardian from 1983 - 84, Marshal from 2000 - 01, Left Herald from 2005 - 06 and was currently serving the Rebekah Assembly as Flag Bearer. She was initiated an Odd Fellow into Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, on February 28, 2019. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's Left Supporter to the Vice Grand.

She was very active in the Uniformed Branch of our Order. She joined Harrisburg Auxiliary #54, LAPM,

and later transferred to Wilkes-Barre Auxiliary #31, Shamokin. She held the position of Secretary for many years, as well as President. She became the President of the Department Association of Pennsylvania from 1996 - 97 and after that, served as Secretary for the Department Association from 1998 - 2007. She then served as Outside Guardian from 2008 - 2009. In 1997, she started attending IALAPM Session, serving as Representative, Honor Guard and various other committees. She was then elevated to serve as President of the International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant from 2010 - 2011. She presided over the seventy-third annual session, which convened August 15-18, 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC. She became a member of Philadelphia Auxiliary #1, LAPM, and later transferred to York Auxiliary #14, LAPM. After the LAPM merger, she became a Chevalier into Canton Ridgely No. 8, New Columbia, on January 13, 2022, with the rank of a Captain®. Lady Mae was one of two from Pennsylvania who made it to be President of the IALAPM, the first being S. Carrie Patterson, of Harrisburg, who presided for 2 years during WWII.

She was a regular attendee to Unified



Session and was very active in the Degree Teams, being proficient in the Noble Grand part. She was currently on the board of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Home in Middletown and in the past was the Secretary for the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows in Philadelphia. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in 1978. She was active in the Jurisdictional Planning board, the Lodge by-law Committee the Arthritis Committee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, PGR Christian. Surviving are two children, three step-children, 13 grand and step-grandchildren and 14 great and step-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Idella Rebekah Lodge, 4531 State Route 225, Dornsife, PA 17823.

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

**HENRY DISSTON LODGE NO. 8, PHILADELPHIA**

Joseph Fitzgerald – initiated November 7th

**FREEDOM LODGE NO. 88, HONESDALE**

Joseph Pochis – initiated August 3rd

**WALKER LODGE NO. 306, PHILADELPHIA**

Liesl Roth – initiated September 26th

Ryan Anderson

**NUCLEUS LODGE NO. 377, FINLEYVILLE**

Nanette Andre – initiated October 4th

Emma Andre

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DGM

Sisters and brothers,

I hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was filled with fun, family, friendship, fellowship and good times. Remember there is always someone not far away that is not as well off as you, so we should all be thankful for what we have. Well now that Thanksgiving is over we must now prepare for Christmas and Hanukkah. I am hoping we have a mild winter so that our travels may continue. I already have several Christmas parties on my calendar for this season and am extremely pleased and humbled at being invited. What does your Lodge have planned for Christmas are you having a get together, will you go visit your shut in members, will you do something in the community or will you visit a nursing home or what way are you going to do something for others? Show that we are grateful for what we have. Many of us do gift cards or food baskets and that is wonderful and to be commended, but I can tell you that does not make up for human contact. Although the pandemic was hard on all of us things are finally back to normal or as close as they're going to be so we all need to adjust what we must do to stay safe and still help others.

Congratulations to Lewisburg for their barn rally and I can't wait to get there and see the barn I have heard so much about it and I'm just thrilled at the way Oddfellowship is progressing there. November 16, we initiated five new members into the order at Freeport Lodge #379, congratulations to everybody that got their degree. Thank you to the degree team which traveled and set a fine example for what we should be doing in Odd Fellowship. It is imperative that we all come together and stop squabbling over differences that happened long ago or misconstrued ideas or just being unable to get along or be CIVIL to each other, it's not brotherly or sisterly and the improper conduct must stop or our fraternity is doomed for failure after a rich 200 year existence in America. We need fresh new blood in our midst to help with the new creative ideas and help us move forward and not go the way of the dinosaur. I've been pleased lately to see two fine young ladies both 16 years of age join our fraternity hopefully this will set the example for all of us to follow -we want to make these girls life experiences to be better through Oddfellowship and hopefully their friends will follow. I see many wonderful things starting to happen in our order -I hope it is not a flash in the pan but a version of things to come. We may never have the numbers we once had but we can stay young, healthy, strong and vibrant by keeping the same type of members amongst us. Once again if you haven't replaced yourself in Oddfellowship or you did a semi-good job and the new member is no longer with us for some reason are you still working to replace yourself or bring that member back?

I want to thank the Grandmaster at this time for what he's been doing for our order and continues to do, he travels a lot and his love for our order shows. Please remember next year is our 200th year anniversary in Pennsylvania, we have a committee working at this time on different projects and look forward to a fun and successful new year. Should you like to participate with some ideas please call Past Grandmaster Whitlinger and she will be able to direct you to the right place. Also we are looking for four or five lodges to contribute \$125 each to fun night at sessions, we've never done this before but it would be good advertising for your lodge and it would help out with some of the expenses to help keep cost down for all attendees. Please call the GRAND LODGE for instructions or you can send a check to the Unified Session Committee Marked fun night sessions. For participating the lodges will be represented in the annual sessions booklet at no cost.

Once again I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah and here's to a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year for you, your loved ones and our beloved fraternity.

Hope to see you soon at a meeting or event!

Bob Ruff, DGM

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 50 YEARS

Thomas J. Kiefaber, #125

### 65 YEARS

Paul L. Hildebrand, #74  
Edward O. Wehr, Jr., #278

### 70 YEARS

James H. Moser, #278

### 140 YEARS

Canton Philadelphia No. 1, P.M.  
Canton Leesport No. 2., P.M.

### 175 YEARS

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278, Butler

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

### JANUARY

15 / Unified Session Committee,  
Red Lion Hotel 1:00PM  
(snow date January 22nd)

27-29 / "Light in Odd Spaces",  
Meadville Orphanage (pg BC)

### MARCH/APRIL

31-2 / Mid-Atlantic States Con-  
clave, Swedesboro, NJ +

+ 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!

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

### FREEDOM LODGE 88 DONATES BENCH

Waymart Borough was the location of our second bench donation! We at Freedom are happy to provide benches to various entities in our area. Waymart counsel members appreciated the donation commenting that it will be put to good use on Main Street. We at Freedom have already collected enough plastic for a third bench and hope to place it in another useful place!  
Join the Brotherhood!



### SELLERSVILLE THANKSGIVING DONATION



Pennridge Fish Food Panty presentation of \$100 donation for the food pantry given to the Pastor of St. Stephen's UCC Church in Perkasie for Thanksgiving dinners. From right to left, Mary Landes, Robert Raffensberger, Pastor Jeffrey A. Wargo & Frank Hilt.  
~ FLT Frank Hilt

### DISTRICT 2 MEMBERS HONORED

This occurred during the installation under Good of the Order. The first is the presentation of the 20 yr Pin to Brother Al Johnson. The second is the presentation of the 40 yr Pin to Brother Mike Betts. Both are from Jamison Lodge #447. The Third photo is the presentation of the Merit Service Pin to Brother Bill Wurtz of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57. They all were shocked & surprised. It was a "Great" night, plus they all got installed.  
FLT Brother Frank



# GRAND PATRIARCH CALHOON VISITS

## SCOTT ENCAMPMENT #132

On November 4th, Grand Patriarch Yvonne Calhoon and staff paid a visit to Scott Encampment #132 of Tamaqua. There were 14 Patriarchs and several visitors present. Grand Patriarch Calhoon was presented with a Scott Encampment polo shirt and a check for her charity, Andrew's Gift. It was a great night of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship.



# FREEDOM LODGE #88 ROAD CLEAN UP

The members of Freedom Lodge #88 met at Honesdale High School on Saturday, October 15, 2022 to clean up trash along two miles of Terrace Street. Members present included Doug Buchinski, Bert Terysen, Andrew Kilmer, Jessica Kilmer, Nadine Hager and Dennis Buchinski JR. We also had help from possible future members Connor Buchinski, Lily Buchinski, Alyson Buchinski and Rylee Healey.



# GRAND PATRIARCH CALHOON VISITS CHOSEN FRIENDS ENCAMPMENT #88



On November 7th, Grand Patriarch Yvonne Calhoon and staff paid a visit to Chosen Friends Encampment #88 of Malvern. There were 8 Patriarchs and several visitors present. We had refreshments following the meeting, and then held Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201's meeting. A nice time was had by all.

# MAYOR PROCLAIMS MONTH FOR HISTORIC LODGE

At a recent meeting of the Borough of Saint Clair, Mayor, and Noble Grand of Mineral Lodge No. 285 of Saint Clair, proclaimed the month of December as "Mineral Lodge No. 285, I.O.O.F. Month. On November 22nd, the Lodge turned 175 years old. They were instituted by William Walker NG; Solm Seitzinger Sec; Jacob Metz VG and William Phillips and Anthony Mowery as assistant Secretaries. This past year, they initiated three new members and have been meeting regularly. Congratulations Mineral Lodge and here's to another 175 years!

## AMBRIDGE ENCAMPMENT 2022-2023



New Past Chief Patriarch Linda Belford with the installing team and new officers. Photo by the newly installed Warden of the encampment. Marie Harnett, NG #2

## ALMA LODGE TRUNK-OR-TREAT



On October 29th Alma Lodge #523, of Johnstown, participated in the Discover Downtown Partnership Trunk Or Treat event in Central Park. Members distributed over 450 Treat bags during this fun event. This was our first time participating and we thank everyone who puts these and other events in Downtown Johnstown together.



## 339 TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Warren Lodge #339, IOOF, is working diligently to get our name back out into the community and to also help with any youth programs we deem worthwhile. On Thursday Oct 20 the Rouse Home, the Warren County elderly and disabled care facility, held their annual Halloween Parking Lot Trick or Treat event. Several members took part in the event, attired as shown here, to pass out candy and toys to the young Halloweeners. The response was great, especially from the parents. We stood out in the crowd. We are attempting to participate in some special activity every month to raise awareness of our newly resurrected Lodge. What do we have planned for next month? I guess you will just have to await the next news letter.

Shown here are several of the members, Conny Elston, Jim Tellman and our Noble Grand Al Webster. Dan Swab and Lynette swab were also participants at the event.



# FREEDOM LODGE 88 PARADE FLOAT



The weather was perfect for Honesdale's annual Halloween Parade. The members of the Lodge and family members created this graveyard scene float! Our coffin lid opened and closed and the caretaker's arm swung back and forth with a lantern! Everyone enjoyed constructing and adding their own touches to it! Join the Brotherhood!

# RUSH LODGE #471



Members of Rush Lodge #471 of Montrose/Lawton take part in the local trunk or treat



# THISTLE LODGE #512



It was so great to have Trick or Treat Main St return to Pittston City right outside our front door. Each year Thistle Lodge 512 teams up with Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittston to bring awareness to their amazing cause. ~ PG David McHugh (left)



## NOVEMBER OBITUARIES

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



**GEORGE B. HANNA**  
Paoli Lodge No. 290  
September 9, 2022

Brother George B. Hanna, 86, of West Chester, was initiated into Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, PA, on December 6, 1956, where he became a Past Grand October 31, 1996 and received his Grand Lodge Degree

March 30, 1999. He was a former Past Chief Patriarch of Chosen Friends Encampment #88, Malvern. He was the Chester County Odd Fellow of the year in 1999.

He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Frazer.



**SHIRLEY M. SEILER**  
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58  
September 19, 2022

Sister Shirley M. (Kimmel) Kolva Seiler, 84, of Halifax, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on November 12, 2003.

She was a member of Halifax United

Methodist Church.

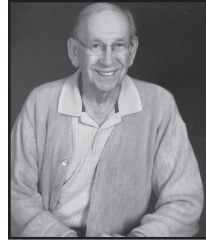
She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Seiler. Surviving is one daughter, three sons, three grandsons, two granddaughters and her sister, Eva Spotts, also of Idella Rebekah Lodge.

Burial was held in the Riverview Memorial Park, Halifax.

**SHIRLEY M. CASKEY**  
Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22  
October 16, 2022

Sister Shirley M. Caskey, 94, of Northumberland, PA, was initiated into Crystal Spring Rebekah Lodge #25, Bellefonte, on May 9, 1986, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 15, 1989. She was a Delegate to the Rebekah Assembly and a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in 1995. She was also on the Centre County Degree Team. She then became a member of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, through consolidation on May 22, 2006 and finally Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22, Cassville, through consolidation on July 9, 2019.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Bellefonte.



**ROBERT E. HUMMEL**  
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736  
October 24, 2022

Brother Robert E. Hummel, 91, of Port Richey, FL, was initiated into State College Lodge #1032 on May 6, 1961. He then became a member of Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, through consolidation on May 10, 2019.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the King of Kings Lutheran Church, Port Richey, FL.

He was preceded in death by one grandson. Surviving is his wife, Violet, one son, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Burial was held in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.



**RUSSELL L. PETTYJOHN**  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Lititz Lodge No. 1050  
October 27, 2022

Brother Russell L. Pettyjohn, 87, of the Odd Fellows Home of PA, Middletown, was initiated into Lititz Lodge #1050 on November 5, 1956, where he became a Past

Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree March 16, 1963. He went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 2005 - 2013. In the past, he also served as a director to the Odd Fellows Home of PA in Middletown. He was a former Patriarch, having become a Past Chief Patriarch of General Sutter Encampment #76, New Holland on September 17, 1964 and later of Uncas Encampment #144, Lititz, serving as Chief Patriarch of the Encampment when they went defunct on June 3, 2017.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Lititz. He served as the Mayor of Lititz for 16 years.

He was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is his wife, the former Irene Kreider, also of Lititz Lodge #1050, two daughters, one son, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Lititz Moravian Cemetery.



**JOHN S. FEE**  
Charleroi Lodge No. 1030  
October 29, 2022

Brother John S. Fee, 87, of Speers, PA, was initiated into Charleroi Lodge #1030 on May 27, 1996.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by one daughter. Surviving is his wife, the former Patricia Pellick, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Burial was held in Belle Vernon Cemetery.



## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JUNIATA & MIFFLIN 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.

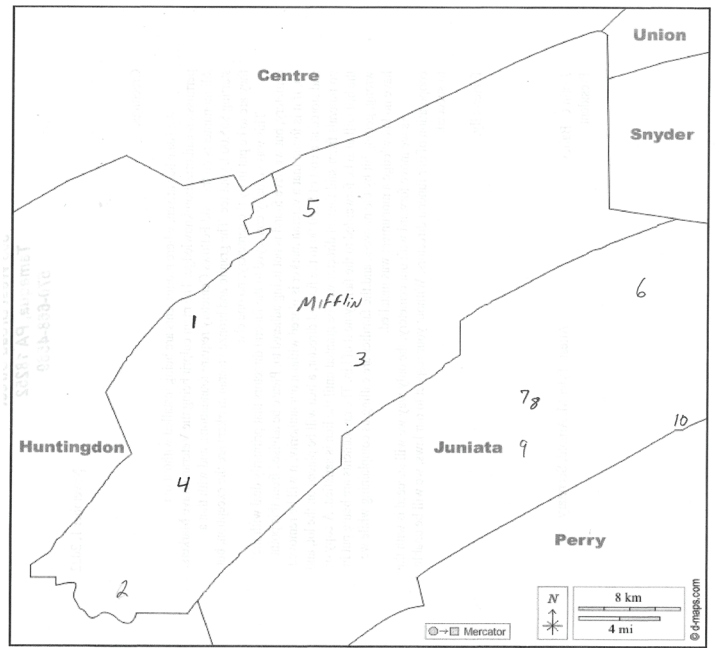
How many Rebekah Lodges were in YOUR County??

Did you ever wonder if your town had a Rebekah Lodge?

Do you know where it was or do you even remember some of these Lodges?

If you can take a picture of the Lodge Hall that was once in your town and mail it in, we'd be glad to have it for our archives and it could perhaps end up in the magazine!

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



### MIFFLIN COUNTY

- 1 Belleville - Lady Greenwood Rebekah Lodge #427 - defunct 1921
  - Belleville - Lady Greenwood Rebekah Lodge #308 - defunct 2008
  - 3 Lewistown - Bell Rebekah Lodge #141 - defunct prior to 1899
  - Lewistown - Kishocoquillas Rebekah Lodge #389 - defunct 1981
  - 4 McVeytown - Lady McVey Rebekah Lodge #460 - consolidated 1956
  - 5 Milroy - Butler Rebekah Lodge #306 - defunct 1919
  - Milroy - Lady Butler Rebekah Lodge #316 - consolidated 2003
  - 2 Newton Hamilton - Juniata Rebekah Lodge #185 - defunct 1915
  - 2 Newton Hamilton - Lady Hamilton Rebekah Lodge #330 - defunct 1960
- 9 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active
- 1st Rebekah Lodge - Bell Rebekah Lodge #141 around 1884
  - Last Rebekah Lodge - Lady Greenwood Rebekah Lodge #308 in 2008
  - 7 Odd Fellow Lodges

### JUNIATA COUNTY

- McAlisterville - Lady Lafayette Rebekah Lodge #384 - defunct 2005
  - Mifflin - Lady Orianna Rebekah Lodge #278 - defunct 1990
  - Mifflintown - Harriet Rebekah Lodge #130 - defunct prior to 1898
  - Port Royal - Earline Rebekah Lodge #445 - consolidated 1978
  - Thompsontown - Lady Greenleaf Rebekah Lodge #225 - consolidated 1974
- 5 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active
- 1st Rebekah Lodge - Harriet Rebekah Lodge #130 in 1881
  - Last Rebekah Lodge - Lady Lafayette Rebekah Lodge #384 in 2005
  - 10 Odd Fellow Lodges

## BRANCH HEADS PAY TRIBUTE TO FOUNDING FATHER



Yvonne M. Calhoon, Grand Patriarch. In the second picture is J. Carl George with the Maryland Grand Master, Jeff Teate. Also in attendance was PA Grand Scribe, Sandra L. Huchel and other officers and members of I.O.O.F. of MD.

Grand Patriarch, Yvonne M. Calhoon and Grand Master, J. Carl George participated in a beautiful memorial service for the re-dedication of Thomas Wildey's monument at the Greenmount Cemetery in Baltimore, MD. Our Grand Lodge purchased a wreath which our Grand Master laid at the tomb and our Grand Patriarch laid flowers. Out-of-state members were invited to the Maryland Grand Lodge office for light refreshments and a tour of their Grand Lodge before the service.

Thomas Wildey, as you may know, was the founder of the I.O.O.F. in North America. In the first picture are J. Carl George, Grand Master and



We enjoyed a great time of Odd Fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

In addition, we got to visit the grave of the creator of the OUJA Board who is buried not far from Thomas Wildey.

## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### DECEMBER 2022

December is the month for Christmas and December 1927 was no exception. No event in December ever compares to Christmas, but I will list some notable events. Pittsburgh Pirates' future Baseball Hall of Fame outfielder, Paul Waner, was awarded the National League Most Valuable Player award on December 4. On December 27, "Show Boat" premiered in New York City.

On December 3, singer Andy Williams was born in Iowa. On December 18, Ramsey Clark, Attorney General was born in Dallas, Texas. On December 1, Chinese political and military leader Chiang Kai-shek (40) weds Soong Mei-ling (28) in Shanghai.

Christmas was on Sunday and the students felt cheated that the holiday was on a weekend. The Christmas school vacation began on Tuesday, December 20, 1927. Barney was busy with farm activities during the Christmas vacation. He improvised an above-ground root cellar to store apples, potatoes and other vegetables. He had to manage his corn crib to facilitate feeding his growing flock of chickens and he had to move hay into the fields for the cattle. His dislike of cold weather was emphasized by an early snow.

There was snow and it was cold. Barney was expected to play Santa Claus for the children's party on December 24. He didn't like to hold the children's party so close Christmas, but the Odd Fellows had rented their hall for wedding receptions all the other Saturdays in December.

Since the only party in 1927 was the children's party, the adults all showed up for refreshments as well. By playing Santa, it meant that Barney would get the picked over sandwiches and cookies. Elizabeth had three small children to look after and wasn't able to do much to help, but her mother, Alice, managed the Rebekahs and provided a great luncheon. The lodge typically provided a candy for Santa to give to each child. As usual, someone left Melchizedek in and he raided the candy cane bowl. Elizabeth's sister Mary had to chase him out, but not before he grabbed a half dozen candy canes.

There was both punch and cocoa for the participants to drink. Since prohibition was still in force, the punch was non-alcoholic. Clancey had two gallons of cider in the kitchen that had been frozen and poured off, making it fairly potent.

Most of the children knew Barney was Santa. His own children were very young and they didn't catch on, but most of the other children were familiar with Barney. He had to use a pillow for a belly and a phony beard. Other lodge members had the gut, but most men were clean shaven in 1927 and white beards were rare. The Noble Grand's station was Santa's throne and the line to sit on Santa's lap was fairly long.

Odd Fellowship was still a big organization in 1927 and most of the members were young enough to have small children. It became a long stretch. The children started to arrive at 11:30 am and the line wasn't finished until 1:45 pm. There was a magic show in the social hall and there were rabbits coming out of hats and baskets. All the children wanted a rabbit for Christmas, none of their parents would oblige.

As Barney imagined, by the time he took off his costume and came down for lunch, the selection was sparse. He found one ham sandwich, a piece of cheese and half a cutout Christmas Tree cookie. The punch was gone and so was the cocoa. Clancey saved a large mug of cider for Barney. With little food, the cider was a bit potent for Barney.

Barney and Elizabeth got home at 4:30 pm, in time to change clothes for church that evening. Barney's church held services at 8:00 pm that evening. The children were too young to keep up late so Elizabeth gave them a light snack and took them to her mother's where her younger sister, Virginia, could watch them. There was a fair amount of snow on the roads, so Barney had his Model T "Snowmobile" out to go to church. Elizabeth's family met them at church, her sister Virginia out the children to bed at Vic's house while everyone else went to church. Alice had a meal prepared

and Virginia was supposed to put it on the table while the others were in church.

When they arrived at Vic's home at 9:30 pm, Barney noticed spots of red on the snow. He called this to Vic's attention and Vic thought an animal might have been hit by a car or shot, since there were tracks and a rut in the snow. The rut suggested the belly of an animal had been dragging in the snow. Vic went to the barn and retrieved a lantern. He and Barney followed the brilliant red spots and rut to a tree on the edge of the woods. A close look at the red spots suggested they were food coloring rather than blood. High up in a tree, with his belly sticking out, was Melchizedek, finishing his last candy cane.

When Vic and Barney went in the house, Virginia was sitting by the fireplace with her Spitz named Sinner. She had been feeding him ham scraps all night, while the others were in church. He was as full as Melchizedek and taking plenty of time to eat each bite. When they all gathered to eat, Sinner made his way around the table, begging (out of habit) from each of the children.

As it neared midnight, Barney and Elizabeth gathered their children and went out to the Model T snowmobile to go home. As he looked into the sky, Barney thought for sure he had seen a sleigh pulled by reindeer crossing the horizon.

I don't think I gave you as much humor as I try to offer, but more a reminiscence. Think of the holidays when you were young and try to appreciate a simpler time. Perhaps next year will be better.

I always like to offer a little entertainment to end my column, listen to these Christmas songs: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuBN3kp8\\_zc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuBN3kp8_zc) (ignore the commercials).

*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.*

## CANTONS GATHER FOR PM BARN RALLY

On October 29th, Canton Ridgely No. 8, Patriarchs Militant, IOOF, acted as host for the P.M. "Barn" Rally. Lewisburg Lodge #96 of New Columbia, PA, spent the last three years fixing up this barn for an event center, and now held our first Odd Fellows event! We welcome the three new Chevaliers, Jerry Loatman into Canton Philadelphia No. 1, Shawne Balash into Canton Allegheny No. 3 and Allen Smith into Canton Ridgely No. 8. We had over 30 Chevaliers in attendance and were honored to host a contingent from the Department Council of New York, consisting of Dept Commander Col. Richard Kellar, and Dept Adjutant Elia Faklis. We started out with a Memorial Service to pay tribute to Past Department Commander, BG(R) Leon Stamm of Canton Leesport No. 2. After that, we had our Chevalier degree conferred in full fashion. We had our Semi-Annual Department Council meeting

and then broke for lunch. After lunch, we held a school of instruction, breaking down how to open and close a Canton with only five Chevaliers present. Finally, we ended by breaking the Department up into two

groups, marching and sword work. It was a great day of Chivalrous Odd Fellowship and we look forward to continue growing the Uniformed branch of our Order.



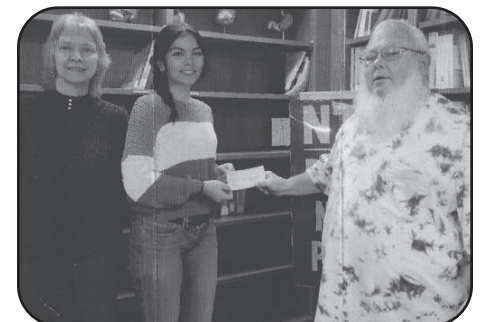
## WYSOX ODD FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Wysox Lodge No. 1152, I.O.O.F., have chosen Samarah Smith, a practical nursing student, to receive an Odd Fellows Scholarship for her first 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 Fellows Scholarship to Samarah Smith.

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, is in its 40th year. It is a one-year program that qualifies graduates to apply for licensure in Practical Nursing. Practical nurses work in nursing homes, doctors' 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.



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An original production, Light in Odd Spaces focuses on stories and interviews about the Oddfellows building. Did you know it was originally an orphanage? That many children, college students and local adults are a part of its history? The company of actors share those memories through movement, story-telling and song as they explore what a building can mean to the larger community. Join us as we shine some light into some very odd and intriguing spaces.

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