



PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH MAGAZINE



Vol. 97

March 2022

No. 3

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.glpaioof.org>
Follow us on Facebook at The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows
NEW You can also follow us on Instagram at @paoddfellows



BUSHKILL ENCAMPMENT #55 GRAND PATRIARCH OV

On February 1, the Grand Patriarch and staff traveled to Bushkill Encampment #55 of Sellersville on an official visit. First, we attend the Grand Masters official visit to Victory Lodge #658. After the lodge meeting we had a short intermission with good fellowship and a yummy cake. GP Miller had the pleasure of providing the music for both meetings on their outstanding upright piano! Traveling this evening with Grand Patriarch Shawn E. Miller, were Yvonne Calhoon, Grand Senior Warden; Sandy L. Huchel, Grand Scribe; James W. Sellers, Grand Treasurer; and J. Carl George, Grand Inside Sentinel. It was nice having our PM

Dept. Commander, Bruce N. Torrence as Chief Patriarch. What a great evening of Patriarchal Fellowship! Also in attendance were Grand Master, Shirley J. Whitlinger; G. Warden, Robert B. Ruff; G. Secretary, Justin C. Bailey; G. Chaplin, Paul E. Lautenschlager; and D.D.G.M. of District #2, Frank A. Hilt. Thanks goes out to Victory Lodge and Bushkill Encampment for all their great hospitalities! GP Miller can't wait to come back to Sellersville in the future to play that nice sounding piano again. Special thanks to our photographer, G.W., Robert B. Ruff!

Places to Go... People to See

MARCH

- 20 / GL Board meeting, Middletown, 10:00AM
- 20 / Unified Session Committee, Harrisburg, 1:00PM

APRIL

- 1-3/ Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, Washington, PA
- 23 / Arthritis Meeting, Middletown Home, after annual mtg
- 24 / DDGM Assoc. meeting, virtual, 6:30+
- 30 / Spring Rally, York, PA 9:30 (pg#10)

MAY

- 7-8 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA (pg#10)

JUNE

- 24 - Jul 1 / 50th Unified Session, Harrisburg (pg#5)

AUGUST

- 27 / PGM Whitlinger & PGP Miller Testimonial, Gibsonia+

SEPTEMBER

- 17 / Mid-Atlantic Division AMOS, Calvin

+ 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

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 or 717-944-7419

The Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine

(USPS 426-500)

Published in the City of Middletown, PA monthly by
THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
 1001 West Harrisburg Pike
 Middletown, PA 17057
 717-944-7419
ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net
<http://www.grandlodgeofpennsylvaniaioof.org>

JUSTIN C. BAILEY

Editor

1001 West Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057

Publication Number 426500
Periodical Postage paid at Middletown, Pennsylvania and additional offices.

** Postmaster **

Send change of address to:
Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine
1001 W. Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057

SUBSCRIPTION RATE

Subscription price \$10.00 per year
10 or more to one address \$9.00 each

Subscribers should be careful to give their correct post office address and when a change is necessary be sure to mention the former address.

Articles for publication must reach the office of the Grand Lodge in Middletown not later than the 5th of each month to insure their insertion in next month's issue.

In an effort to save money for the magazine, if you would like to receive this magazine via email instead of hard copy, please email the Grand Lodge at ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net with your name and Lodge and this will be done accordingly.



OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

- DAVID O. WHITLINGER GRAND MASTER
208 Tyler Court, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044 724-443-3012 whitx2@msn.com
- SHIRLEY J. WHITLINGER DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
208 Tyler Court, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044 724-443-3012 whitx2@msn.com
- J. CARL GEORGE GRAND WARDEN
225 Sunridge Drive, Freedom, PA 15042 724-601-8098 quickcarl73@comcast.net
- JUSTIN C. BAILEY GRAND SECRETARY
1001 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-7419 ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net
- JOHN S. CUPP, JR. GRAND TREASURER
P. O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445 724-437-4629 jcupp275@gmail.com
- WILLIAM L. RAMSEY, JR. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
16620 Trough Creek Valley Pike, Apt 1, Calvin, PA 16622 814-599-0617 wlr Ramsey0809@gmail.com
- DAVID A. YOUNG GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
20 Truman Road, Charleroi, AP 15022 724-344-7550 iamanoddfellow@comcast.net
- SHERMAN F. WOODEN JR PAST GRAND MASTER
1194 Wooden Road, Montrose, PA 18801 570-278-3199 shanks1@epix.net
- ROBERT B. RUFF GRAND MARSHAL
1819 Forbes Avenue, Apt 5A, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- FRANCIS A. HILT GRAND CONDUCTOR
1022 Patriots Way, Quakertown, PA 18951
- BRUCE N. TORRENCE GRAND CHAPLAIN
6695 East Passer Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036
- MICHAEL J. WALLIS GRAND GUARDIAN
1080 Ridge Road, Montgomery, PA 17752
- RAYMOND F. RODGERS GRAND HERALD
238 Stock Farm Road, Jackson Center, PA 16131
- SHAWN E. MILLER GRAND MUSICIAN
470 Southmont Boulevard, Johnstown, PA 15905
- MICHAEL D. BETTS GRAND LODGE ATTORNEY
887 West Bristol Road, Warminster, PA 18974
- PAUL L. MILLER GRAND MUSICIAN EMERITUS
1105 Stinson Drive, Leesport, PA 19533

OFFICERS OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

- A. NADINE HAGER PRESIDENT
940 Spring Hill Road, Sterling, PA 18463 570-676-3239 naner5145@yahoo.com
- JUDITH A. WERT VICE PRESIDENT
379 Kindt Corner Road, Leesport, PA 19533 610-926-1513 wertjudith@comcast.net
- SARAH M. BAER SECRETARY
115 North Centre Avenue, Leesport, PA 19533 610-916-1990 s.baer@baersservice.com
- MARY D. DELONG TREASURER
307-6 Hilltop Court, Hamburg, PA 19526 484-375-6440 shortygreatgma@gmail.com

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

- LAURA L. HUCHEL GRAND PATRIARCH
401 Park Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15902 484-333-1595 lhuchel@gmail.com
- CRAIG R. REINHART GRAND SCRIBE
1615 Locust Street, Reading, PA 19604 610-374-9005 creinhart@comcast.net

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

VICTORY LODGE NO. 658, SELLERSVILLE
Jonathan Bittner - initiated January 4th

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Martin J. Schieken, #37

30 YEARS

Richard T. Meagher, #306

Kerry R. Kreger, #1010

35 YEARS

Danny L. Cole, #523

John J. Knutelsky, #562

Edward A. Folk, Sr., #802

Kenneth J. Wiltz, #1030

William M. Purcell, #1175

40 YEARS

Lonnie W. Palmer, #601

Clarence O. Weicht, III, #601

45 YEARS

Louis C. Vitola, #306

Gerald A. Lentz, #523

50 YEARS

S. Carl Gladfelter, #74

Maynard E. Schreffler, #551

55 YEARS

Don M. Lapinson, #37

60 YEARS

Harold L. Knupp, #438

William D. Marteeny, #438

65 YEARS

Herbert L. Hartman, #211

70 YEARS

C. Kenneth Knouse, #348

130 YEARS

Falls Creek Lodge No. 957

DESK OF THE DGM



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

My Brothers and Sisters, GREETINGS to all!!!

We, as Odd Fellows will be celebrating two important milestones this year of 2022, Mid-Atlantic States Conclave in April and the 50th Anniversary of our Unified Sessions in June.

This year, April 1st, and 2nd, 2022 the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania will be hosting Conclave in our home state, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Washington, PA. With seven (7) states and Washington D.C. making up the Mid-Atlantic Conclave, Pennsylvania has this honor every eight years.

Have you, ever been to Conclave? I have, this will be my 3rd Conclave. We traveled to Delaware also to West Virginia. Mid-Atlantic Conclave is an enjoyable time, a wonderful experience, coming together from different states and all for the good of Odd Fellowship as we raise funds for scholarships. I, as your grand master, am excited to be a part of the hosting state. To be present on Friday evening when the states present their flags will be an honor. Then Saturday with a morning meeting and in the afternoon, the states will present their skits or drill teams, and it would not be an Odd Fellow gathering without a banquet in the evening. It will be a great weekend for ODD FELLOWSHIP. I urge you all to support Pennsylvania, by coming to Conclave in April.

Do you know about our PA-5 Marching Drill team? Have you had the opportunity to see the team in action? Mark your calendar for April 2 and come to

Conclave for the day as there will be States performing different skits and our PA-5 will be marching. Come not only to see but to support the team.

The second event in 2022, will be our Unified Session, June 25-29, 2022, as this will be our 50th Unified Session. It is so important for all lodges to have a representative at the June meetings. This is where, decisions are made and if lodges do not send their representative, then they lose their voice at session. The Unified Session Committee is busy to make this year's Unified Session special so mark your calendar and come to the Red Lion Hotel.

As your Grand Master, I will also urge all past Grands to attend their lodge meeting in March so that they can place their vote for our next Grand Warden. On December 5, 2021, a Special Session meeting was held to discuss the procedure for Pennsylvania to hold their elections. After a lengthy discussion, the lodge representatives decided that elections have been and will continue being held at the lodges and all present voted in favor. So please, the last scheduled lodge meeting, be at your lodge to vote!

Even though our famous groundhog saw his shadow and predicted 6 more weeks of winter, spring is not far off. There are events scheduled this spring in our jurisdiction that I, as your Grand Master will be planning to attend. Also, it is my hope and desire to travel and to visit as many lodges as possible, especially in the East.

Until then, stay warm, safe, and well.

In Friendship, love, and truth

And,
Always with God's guiding hand,

Shirley J. Whitlinger
Your Grand Master

SPRING 2022 RALLY - APRIL 30TH, 2022

PROUDLY HELD IN MOUNT ZION HALL, YORK, PA

BRING YOUR CANDIDATES! It's that time of the year to start getting your plans made for the Spring Rally! The location is Mount Zion Hall, home of Mount Zion Lodge No. 74, 525 Greenwood Road, York (West Manchester Twp), PA 17408. The hall is handicapped accessible.

**** There will be a registration of \$1.00 per person attending, including candidates.**

Lodge will open at 9:30AM

1st Degree – 11:30AM

GL Degree – 1:30PM

3rd Degree – 3:00PM

Initiatory Degree – 10:00AM

Lunch – 12:30

2nd Degree – 1:45PM

3:45PM Introduction of Dignitaries & Closing the Lodge.

Lunch will be provided by the Lodge at a cost to be determined.

It has been a long time since there was a rally in this region, so let's pack York's hall. Please come out and support Odd Fellowship. It will be a day worth coming down and even brushing up on the degrees!

Please, even if you do not have any candidates, support this by attending. There are always a few parts that need to be filled. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with the Grand Lodge Office as soon as possible. The better we as a Jurisdiction look, the more impressed the candidates will be. Also, do not forget your "Request for Degree" slips. If your Lodge does not have any, they are available at the Grand Lodge office. Try and get there earlier so we can get the candidates signed in and start on time.

THE TREASURER'S TALES

MARCH 2022

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at March 1927. The notable day in March 1927 was St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17; Easter was in April that year (check back next month). March is still a cold month, but warming up. Snow is a major topic of conversation.

March 1927 marked a number of interesting events, on the 4th, Babe Ruth became the highest paid baseball player in history at \$70,000 per year for three years. \$70,000 in 1927 is the same as \$1,121,617.24 in 2022. On March 11, the first armored commercial car hold-up in US, took place in Pittsburgh. On March 9, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper was born. On March 15, country singer Carl Smith was born. On March 19, Phillies star infielder and hall-of-famer Richie Ashburn was born. In March 1927, Fritz Lang's famous film Metropolis was released. Metropolis is an influential German science-fiction film that presents a highly stylized futuristic city where a beautiful and cultured utopia exists above a bleak underworld populated by mistreated workers. You can watch a trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j8Ba9rWhUg>.

Barney had converted his Model T to a snowmobile, as he always did, for the winter. He was always being "motivated" by his lodge brothers, i.e., he did the work and other members watched and said, "atta boy." This year the lodge wanted to do something for the St. Patrick's day parade in Trenton. The cost of a float and the perils of cold weather were considered and abandoned. Barney suggested the Canton could enter a mounted unit in the parade, but that was dismissed. It was decided to hold an event in Grover's Mill and forego traveling in the cold, snowy weather.

When Barney checked out available places, he found that there were more opportunities on Friday, the 18th than on Saturday the 19th. He was aided by Vic in planning, he and his father-in-law were quite close and did many things together. They considered having a corned beef and cabbage dinner, but Elizabeth did not like corned beef and Barney usually did what

she wanted. He blamed Vic for having spoiled her. The menu was set at baked ham, baked sweet potatoes, salad, several vegetables and cherry pie. The Elks had a larger lodge hall and a caterer who was available on Friday. A band was hired and the price for the affair was set at \$2.00 per person, the same as \$32.00 today. The affair was to be semi-formal.

Clancy was to hire the band. He hired a local group that included several high school students who were in Barney's class. This led to some apprehension on Barney's behalf, although no tricks on him appeared. In 1927 prohibition was still the order of the day. Barney was an Elk and knew there was a secret bar in the basement, but he never went there. Several of the other Odd Fellows knew about the bar because they had been there many times. The band leader and several of the band members (including high school members) went to the bar. It is probably a bad idea to have the band be idle while the meal is being served. This gave a great opportunity to the band, to check out the bar.

There was a state senator who belonged to the Order and Barney asked him to speak after dinner. This was another bad idea. The brief program and introductions was followed by a speech that lasted for almost an hour, with the band being in the basement all the time. When the speaking was done, the band crawled up the stairs and began to play. It would have worked better if the listeners had been drinking and the band was sober. Barney was sitting at the head table, as usual, and looked at the window behind him trying to locate a noise. There were two cats sitting on the window sill, attempting to sing to the music. Barney tapped on the window and successfully dispersed them. Clancy had paid for two hours of music, but he was glad to call it a night after one hour.

As the crowd started to head for the parking lot, it was obvious that a decent snow storm had hit while the dinner was going on. In 1927 there was no television, few radios and inaccurate weather forecasts in the newspapers (although this is not too different in 2022). About a fourth of the members walked

to dinner, making it a bit difficult to get home but no problem getting stuck. Barney had his Model T snowmobile and one other member had one also, they were prepared. A few members came in horse-drawn vehicles and one member had a sleigh. Most of the members had a torturous trip home, on snow covered streets.

When he arrived home, Barney had to check on Warden and Conductor to see how they were making out in the snow. He brought them on the enclosed back porch for the night.

Normally I would spin a tale about a raccoon at this time, this month will be different. Barney checked on the chickens, pigs and cows after he had taken care of the dogs. The cats were more self-sufficient than the other animals and had burrowed deep inside a pile of hay. He put a blanket on the horses and trudged through the snow to the house. Elizabeth had made a pot of hot cocoa and she and Barney sat before the fire and reminisced about the events of the evening. Elizabeth noted, "We should only use bands that are all tea-totalers. You know my mother belongs to the Women's Christian Temperance Union and so do many of the Rebekahs. Your crowd didn't like the off-pitch music."

Barney responded, "The two cats on the back window seemed to like the music."

Elizabeth said, "We don't have to pay money for cats to raise a fuss, I can get a few from the barn and step on their tails for that."

Barney thought and said, "Do you think we should have an Easter egg hunt in April?"

Elizabeth paused and said, "The children might like that."

Wait til next month and something might develop.

Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at jcupp275@gmail.com or conventional mail at P.O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445.

50TH ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2022

To All Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, & Cantons of Pennsylvania:

The 50th Unified Session of all Branches of our Order in Pennsylvania will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111 from Saturday, June 25th through Wednesday, June 29th, 2022, inclusive.

Come and celebrate our "Golden Anniversary" of working together in Pennsylvania

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ALL ROOM, BANQUET AND REGISTRATION RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 10, 2022. NO GUARENTEES OF ROOMS OR MEALS AFTER THE DEADLINE! PLEASE MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS PROMPTLY!

Room Reservations: Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The room rate is **\$107.00 plus tax**. Telephone **717-939-7841**. Deadline for room reservations is **June 10, 2022**. When making your Room Reservation please tell the hotel representative that you are with the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows - Grand Lodge." (Limit 4 persons per room).

Session Registration: Pre-registration is **\$10.00 per person**. Complete one Registration Form (see attachment) for each attendee and send all registrations by **June 10, 2022** to Paul Lautenschlager, 101 Maplewood Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431.

There will be a breakfast buffet (\$13.00 each, plus tax and gratuity) and lunch buffet (\$14.00 each, plus tax and gratuity) offered each day to Session registered guests attending the Unified Session.
(Note: Restaurant meal specials subject to hotel decisions).

Banquet for all Branches will be held on:

Sunday, June 26th, 2022 • Cost Per Person: \$35.00

Choice of 3 Dinner Entrees will be:

- 1) Bacon Wrapped Pork Filet
- 2) Broiled Old Bay Haddock or
- 3) Sliced Roasted Beef with Pan Gray on the Side

Reservations with remittance should be sent to: Anna Smith
203 S. Academy Street, Boalsburg, PA 16827-1438 • Phone: (814) 466-6348

Fun Night:

Fun Night will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 25th**
We will have "A Night at The Ballpark". We will have a baseball night at the hotel; come dressed in your favorite team's colors, jersey, cap, etc.
Details to follow. Note: Umpires allowed but not encouraged!

2022 Program Booklet:

Please print or type all ads and booster names. Send with remittance to:

Thomas J. McHugh

288 Church Rd., Mountain Top, PA 18707.

Deadline for all ads and boosters is June 1, 2022.

- Full Page (5 1/2" by 8 1/2 ") B/W- \$30.00
- Half Page \$20.00
- Quarter Page \$10.00.

No extra charge for pictures. Booster Names (No Titles) - \$1.00. Preferred format for ads submitted is PDF file format.

Flowers:

Anyone wishing to order Memorial Flowers or any flowers for Session should contact Sarah Baer, 115 N. Centre St, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone (610)-916-1990. Flowers arrangements are \$ 65.00

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "UNIFIED SESSION COMMITTEE"

Dale E. Binkley, Chairman

Mary D. DeLong, Co-Chair

Raffle Tickets:

Raffle tickets are available from John S. Cupp, P.O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445 (jcupp275@gmail.com), for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket. Send Money and ticket stubs to Mary DeLong, 307-6 Hilltop Ct., Hamburg, PA 19526.

Special Function Meals:

Any group desiring breakfast, lunch or dinner arrangements should contact Sarah Baer, 115 N. Centre St, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone 610-916-1990.

FREEDOM LODGE BUSINESS MEETING AND THEN...FUN NIGHT!

On Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7pm, Freedom Lodge #88 got together for their first scheduled meeting of the month. There was much business to resolve with two main goals of the night - Meat Platter Drawing and Cornhole Competition Social Night. After almost two months of selling tickets for a much anticipated Alpine Wurst and Meat House Platter, it was time to draw a name of the winner of this \$200 variety meat platter. The name drawn was Sam Fox Jr of Waymart, PA - CONGRATULATIONS! Following the drawing and the closing of the Lodge at 8pm, members went out to the Dining Room and set up Cornhole lanes to compete while enjoying food, drink and fellowship. Fourteen members were present for this first attempt at a Game Night. Freedom Lodge has many more ideas to get members more active at meetings and enjoying some fellowship time after rituals and business are resolved. Stay tuned!



Pictured during the Meat Platter Drawing from left to right - Jessica Kilmer, Secretary, Andrew Kilmer, Noble Grand, Steve Martin, Financial Secretary (drew winning ticket) and Paul Lautenschlager, Past Grand and Right Supporter.



Pictured during Cornhole set-up from left to right - Noble Grand Andrew Kilmer and Past Grand Todd Kinzinger.

CHRISTMAS VISITATION PROJECT

Vienna Lodge #847, of Allentown, partnered with the Emmaus Lions Club to visit families in the East Penn Area who has had a personal tragedy in their lives and how difficult it would be to provide for a nice Christmas. Vienna Lodge helped families this past holiday by having a Christmas visit. The visit provides a meal for the family to enjoy on Christmas day, as well as a few presents for their young children, including a visit from Santa Claus. Vienna Lodge is very proud of their community involvement.



DAYS GONE BY 75 YEARS AGO - 1947

Mount Hor Lodge Hold Banquet; Nearly 75 Attend
Mount Hor Lodge, No. 736, I.O.O.F., of Cassville, enjoyed the annual banquet on Saturday evening, February 15, at 6 o'clock, when about 75 men and women sat down to a sumptuous roast chicken dinner served by the ladies of the Beavertown Church of God. The affair was held at Green's Hall in Cassville.

H.E. Green, a member of the Cassville Lodge for almost 60 years, was the toastmaster for the occasion. He introduced the officers of the lodge: Duane Mansberger, Vice Grand; W.D. Greenland, Secretary; W.V. Mansberger, Treasurer, and several other persons.

He also called upon the Rev. Paul A. Milligan, a Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Huntingdon County, to speak concerning the several branches of the Order. The speaker referred to the Encampment Degree of Odd Fellowship, and the Canton Degree, and invited all Odd Fellows to become members of these branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and then appealed to the ladies present to become members of the Rebekah Degree. Members of the subordinate lodge of the Order may also join the Rebekah Degree.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Marlin Bottiger, Protestant Chaplain of the Pennsylvania Institute for Defective Delinquents, who gave one of the finest addresses on Odd Fellowship that the members of the Order in the county have been privileged to hear. The speaker stressed in a most original manner the principles of Odd Fellowship and his well informed mind and ready wit delighted his listeners.

VICTORY LODGE #658 & BUSHKILL ENCAMPMENT #55 JOINT MEETING - FEBRUARY 2022

On February 1, 2022, we were back on the road, traveling for a visit with members of Victory Lodge #658, and Bushkill Encampment #55. This was a joint meeting, planned by the Grand Patriarch, Shawn E. Miller and I, your Grand Master. Traveling with me and the Grand Patriarch who also serves as my Grand Marshall, were J. Carl George, DGM; Robert B. Ruff, Grand Warden; and Justin C. Bailey, Gr Secretary; and Frank A. Hilt, DDGM of District #2. It was a great evening of Odd Fellowship having two good meetings and dinner hosted by the lodge at R & S Keystone Restaurant.



It was an honor for me, as Grand Master to present to Brian Gwiazdzinski his 30-year service pin. In our February 2022 magazine, you will remember an article noting the celebration honoring Brian's father, Anthony, and his 55 years as a member of Victory Lodge #658. Thank you, Victory Lodge for giving me this pleasure in presenting this to Brian.

Between meetings, the Lodge and Encampment honored the GM and GP with a cake. Shawn and I were happy to take on the task of serving desert to all.



*Thank you all, at Victory Lodge and Bushkill Encampment for your hospitalities. Also thank you Grand Warden for the pictures!
SJW, GM*

ON THE ROAD WITH THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

On January 13th, Brig. Gen. Bruce Torrence and staff, made an official visit to Canton Ridgely No. 8, of New Columbia, PA. Along with him was BG Nicole B. Inama, Dept Adjutant and Bugler General; MG® Justin C. Bailey, immediate PDC; LTC William F. Hanby, III, Battalion Commander and Maj Michael J. Wallis, First Aid Officer. After opening, Canton Ridgely welcomed their two newest Chevaliers (seated) Arthur Danley and Mae I. Haussler PPIALAPM. The Chevaliers drilled on opening and closing and following their cantonment, Lewisburg Lodge #96 met. We were fortunate to be able to meet in the barn and things are coming along wonderfully! Keep up the good work!



MARCH OBITUARIES

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



LAURA H. SWIFT
Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128
December 22, 2021

Sister Laura H. Swift, 87, of Edinboro, PA, was initiated into Conneauttee Rebekah Lodge #324, Edinboro, on August 23, 1968 where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 25, 1974. She served many years as Musician. The Rebekah Lodge went defunct on December 12, 2003. She joined Edinboro Lodge #510 on April 10, 2008, where she became a Past Grand on October 27, 2011, and held the position of Musician for several years. She became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, PA, through consolidation on January 11, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil, one son and two grandsons. Surviving are two daughters, three sons, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Edinboro Cemetery.



JAMES M. MCCONNELL
Alma Lodge No. 523
December 24, 2021

Brother James M. McConnell, 65, of New Florence, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, PA, on October 1, 2016.

Burial was held in Germany Lutheran Cemetery, New Florence, PA.

EUGENE F. CONKLIN
Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
December 30, 2021

Brother Eugene F. "Beanie" Conklin, 95, of Woodland, PA, was initiated into Clearfield Lodge #198 on November 7, 1944, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a charter member of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, PA, through consolidation on August 23, 1997. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Veteran and a member of the Lake Street United Methodist Church, Woodland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Maxine Lonjin. Surviving are two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Bradford Cemetery, Woodland, PA.



ARTHUR E. YINGLING, SR.
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128
January 10, 2022

Brother A. Earl Yingling, Sr., 99, of Titusville, PA, was initiated into Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, PA, on February 5, 1947, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 10, 1963. He then served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1963 - 1964. He served as Financial Secretary for many years, and became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010. He finally became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, through consolidation on January 11, 2021. He was a former Patriarch of Petrolia Encampment #226, Titusville, becoming a Past Chief Patriarch on October 18, 1968.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Martha Bailey. Surviving are two children, seven grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery, Pleasantville, PA.



EARL L. SCHEERBAUM
Freeport Lodge No. 379
January 13, 2022

Brother Earl L. Scheerbaum, 82, of Sarver, PA, was initiated into Freeport Lodge #379 on February 23, 1968, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree September 21, 2013. He held active membership in his Lodge, serving in the past as Secretary, and at the time of his death, he was the current Vice Grand.

Surviving is his wife, the former Elaine Teeters, also of Freeport Lodge #379, two daughters, one stepson, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and memorial contributions can be made to Freeport Lodge #379, c/o 524 High St., Freeport, PA 16229.

MARCH OBITUARIES

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



JOHN C. MAURER
Connoquenessing Lodge #278
January 16, 2022

Brother John C. Maurer, 89, of Butler, PA, was initiated into Zelienople Lodge #1166 on March 5, 1962. He became a member of Ziegler Lodge #1039, Butler, through consolidation on May 12, 1973 and finally Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, through consolidation on June 7, 1977. He became a Past Grand on October 20, 1992 and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 24, 1996. He was a former Patriarch of Clement Encampment #238, Butler, having joined January 17, 1964. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Zelienople Lodge #1166 and Ziegler Lodge #1039 still affiliated with the Order.

He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Julie Stivenson and Jonelle Albert.

Burial was held in Crown Hill Cemetery, Prospect, PA.



EMMETT L. WENTZELL
Aluta Lodge No. 488
January 23, 2022

Brother Emmett L. Wentzell, 97, of Wind Gap, PA, was initiated into Aluta Lodge #488, Bushkill Center, PA, on November 4, 1949. He then transferred membership to Nazareth Lodge #1099 on May 13, 1955, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on September 28, 1963. He became a member of Confident Lodge #1133, Hecktown, through consolidation on January 12, 1970, and finally back to Aluta Lodge #488 through consolidation on June 8, 2001. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Nazareth Lodge #1099 still affiliated with the Order. He was also a former Rebekah of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Bushkill Center.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Pen Argyl.

Surviving is his wife, the former Kathleen Smith, of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, three children, one being Dawn Tanner, also of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Plainfield Cemetery, Plainfield Township, PA.



SAMUEL C. BROOKS
Nucleus Lodge No. 377
January 24, 2022

Brother Samuel C. Brooks, 91, of Connellsville, PA, was initiated into General Worth Lodge #386, Connellsville, PA, on October 27, 1956, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Nucleus Lodge #377, Finleyville, through consolidation on May 30, 2018.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of the Connellsville Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Norma Galiardi, and one son. Surviving are eight children, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Entombment was held in Green Ridge Memorial Park, Connellsville.

CYNTHIA SHOLLENBERGER
Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182
January 28, 2022

Sister Cynthia Shollenberger, 70, of Leesport, PA, was initiated into Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport, on October 30, 2010. She became a Past Noble Grand on October 21, 2019 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 22, 2021. She was an active Rebekah within her Lodge and community.

She is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren. She is the sister of Charlene Grieb and aunt of Rhonda Witwer, both belonging to Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182.



WILLIAM C. KNIGHT
Kingwood Lodge No. 1010
January 30, 2022

Brother William C. "Bill" Knight, 83, of Confluence, PA, was initiated into Confluence Lodge #814 on August 28, 1981. He became a member of Kingwood Lodge #1010 through consolidation on February 21, 2002, where he held the position of Inside Guardian for 9 years.

He was a member of the Confluence United Methodist Church.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Addison Cemetery.

88TH I.O.O.F. PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

MAY 6-8, 2022 • ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-eighth Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2022 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 8 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at **noon** followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. **Please note the dates and times the program will be held this year.** The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Charles E. 'Chuck' Lusk, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You **MUST** mention "Odd Fellows Pilgrimage" when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$125 single/double, \$140 triple, and \$150 quad. All room rates are subject to applicable hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations).

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM. (Advance ticket purchase required - see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable Charles E. 'Chuck' Lusk, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of Ohio, Sister Kathleen D. 'Kathy' Richen President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and General Michael L. Bowers, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Tennessee.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Hotel shuttle service may or may not be available depending on Covid restrictions that may be in place in May. Taxi service is available. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport.) Please note the event could be cancelled at the last minute by the military; therefore, travel arrangements should be made accordingly. In addition, masks will be required for all events.

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 6-8, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
Chuck Renninger, Chairman

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311
1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center is the headquarters hotel for the 2022 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. To receive the special rates of \$125, single/double, \$140, triple, and \$150, quad, plus hotel tax, available for the nights of May 5 -9, reservations must be made **no later than April 7, 2022.** You **must** mention the "ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE" when making your reservation in order to receive these rates and to obtain the specially reduced parking rate. The hotel will accept reservations **on a space available basis after April 7, 2022, but not at this reduced price.** Only telephone reservations are accepted 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

It is imperative that reservations are made as early as possible. Although the deadline to place a reservation is April 7, 2022, occasionally in past years the hotel has sold all the rooms set aside for the IOOF Pilgrimage at the reduced rate **BEFORE** the deadline. So, although a person may call to place a reservation before April 7, 2022, if there are no more rooms available **AT THAT RATE**, the person will be faced with a choice of **reserving a room at a higher rate**, if any are available, or seeking a room at another hotel. **If you have any problems with hotel reservations, please call Chuck Renninger at 1-301-350-4495.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 6, 2022

3:00-6:00 PM **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

Saturday, May 7, 2022

8:00 AM-4:00 PM **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5:45-6:45 PM **CASH-BAR SOCIAL HOUR**, hotel lower level

7:00 PM **PILGRIMAGE BANQUET**, hotel lower level. **Prepaid reservations required.** (See attached pre-registration form) Open seating. *Dress code for men* - tux, business suit, or military uniform; *Dress code for women* - formal dress, street-length dress, dress suit, or military uniform.

Please note times for all events

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00-10:00 A.M. **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

10:30 AM **BUSES LOAD-DEPART 10:45 AM promptly** from the hotel lobby entrance. *No cars or buses will be allowed in the cemetery. Commercial parking lot available. No exceptions!*

Noon Memorial Service followed by wreath laying after 1:00 P.M. changing of the guard.

NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR WOMEN IS PERMITTED FOR WREATH LAYING.

Dress code for men: business suit or military uniform
Dress code for women: street-length dress, dress suit or Lady's military uniform.
No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, open-toe shoes, etc.

Masks required for all events

DAYS GONE BY - 150 YEARS AGO

1872 - The first fraternal Home in the world is established. We bring to you the Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania, located in Meadville.

With excerpts from the 1927 "Album of Odd Fellows Homes" - Organized April, 1872, for the care and education of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows. This is the first orphans' home that was ever established by Odd Fellows, and as far as known, the first established by any fraternal society. The new fire-proof building (shown in the photo) was dedicated October 16, 1926, by Grand Master John N. Mark, who was a resident of the Old Home thirty-six years ago; and therefore has a heartfelt interest in the Home and its young charges.

50 years ago - 1972

Meadville Pioneer Odd Fellows Home celebrates 100 years of service - Many hundreds of Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Alumni of the Home, and many other interested people came to visit and help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the oldest Fraternal Home in the world, which was held Saturday, April 1, 1972, afternoon and evening. Some came as early as 8:30A.M. so that they would not miss a minute of the days' program. Leading the list of Worldwide Odd Fellow's Order were the main speaker of the evening, Samuel Patterson, Jr., Past Sovereign Grand Master, of Philadelphia, Pa., Lois Elmore, Past International President of the Rebekah Assemblies of the World; Earl Longstreth, Grand Master of PA, Mary Buckley, President of the Rebekah Assembly of PA; as well as the Grand Master of Rhode Island, Deputy Grand Master of Ohio, Warden of Ohio Rebekah Assembly, and many other present and past dignitaries from the IOOF. Also leading the list of important persons were: Congressman Joseph P. Vigority, Sate Representative David Hayes and



Jay Haskell, State Senator R. Budd Dwyer, Mayor of Meadville Francis T. Rice, The Reverent Herbert Ziegler, County Commissioner Oakley Lamb, and many other notables. Many letters and telegrams of congratulations were received; two of major importance from President Richard M. Nixon, and Governor Milton Shapp - in recognition of our continued service in helping mankind.

Following the reading of the resolutions and letters, entertainment was provided by Cussewago Lodge #108 in the form of a playlet; the Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #198 Drill Team made a very fine appearance, followed by The Sweet Adelines, the Arita Lee Kick Line, and a bass solo by Kenny Robertson.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BRADFORD 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!

BRADFORD COUNTY:

- Athens - Lady Griffin Rebekah Lodge #268 - consolidated 1984
- Austinville - Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge #118 - defunct prior 1900
- Austinville - Dolly Madison Rebekah Lodge #451 - consolidated 1978
- Barclay - Dinah Rebekah Lodge #74 - defunct prior 1900
- Bentley Creek - Lady May Rebekah Lodge #482 - defunct 1939
- Burlington - Lady Lynn Rebekah Lodge #259 - consolidated 1999
- Camptown - Lady Harriet Rebekah Lodge #121 - defunct 1903
- Canton - Lady Canton Rebekah Lodge #362 - defunct 2004
- East Smithfield - Lucy Webb Rebekah Lodge - defunct 1980
- East Troy - Arbutus Rebekah Lodge #97 - consolidated 1984
- East Troy - Golden Link Rebekah Lodge #384 - defunct 1916
- Gillett - Lady Gillett Rebekah Lodge #523 - consolidated 1981
- Granville Center - Golden Rod Rebekah Lodge #567 - consolidated
- Laquin - Laquin Rebekah Lodge #376 - defunct 1913
- Leroy - White Dove Rebekah Lodge #538 - defunct 1974
- Monroeton - Lady Marie Rebekah Lodge #599 - consolidated 1961
- New Albany - Nellie Rebekah Lodge #99 - defunct 1882
- New Albany - Azalea Rebekah Lodge #327 - consolidated 1961
- Rome - Lady Louise Rebekah Lodge #255 - consolidated 1965
- Rummerfield - Lady Clara Rebekah Lodge #555 - defunct 1963
- Sayre - Lady Willard Rebekah Lodge #131 - consolidated 1962

- Sheshequin - Maggie B. Rebekah Lodge #117 - defunct 1899
- Springfield - Estelle Rebekah Lodge #419 - consolidated 1999
- Sugar Run - Cleantha Rebekah Lodge #115 - defunct prior 1906
- Sylvania - Silver Link Rebekah Lodge #374 - consolidated 1985
- Towanda - Leah Rebekah Lodge #29 - defunct prior 1893
- Towanda - Towanda Rebekah Lodge #352 - consolidated 1989
- Troy - Golden Star Rebekah Lodge #462 - consolidated 2004
- Ulster - Lady Sheshequin Rebekah Lodge #300 - consolidated 1988
- Warren Centre - Santa Maria Rebekah Lodge #316 - defunct 1933
- West Franklin - Golden Seal Rebekah Lodge #381 - defunct 1951
- Wysox - Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 - instituted 1954**

- 32 Rebekah Lodges with 1 still active
- 1st Rebekah Lodge - Leah Rebekah Lodge #29 in 1870
- Last Rebekah Lodge - Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443
- 37 Odd Fellow Lodges

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

I.O.O.F. ARTHRITIS PROCLAMATION

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by Arthritis. I along with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Pennsylvania Joint Arthritis Committee, in turn, are proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years.

Whereas, the Arthritis Committee of Pennsylvania, composed of members of all Four Branches of Odd Fellowship have been working diligently with the local Chapters of the Arthritis Foundation and Camp J.R.A., through various programs and projects.

Now, I, Shirley J. Whitinger, Grand Master, do proclaim the month of March as Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Month throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Further, request all Lodges to support this project by holding a money-raising event or a treasury donation and send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this 7th day of February, 2022, and in the 198th year of this Grand Body.

Please fill out and return with your donation payable to "Grand Lodge of PA"

_____ Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program.
Please credit our donation to: (check one of the following)

_____ PA Arthritis Committee – This is to be used for various projects and commitments by the committee.

_____ Arthritis Foundation – This is sent to the Chapter from your area and used at the Foundation's discretion.

MAIL ALL CHECKS TO GRAND LODGE!!! NOT THE GRAND MASTER

Periodicals

JANUARY DONATIONS

PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE		
E135	Perseverance Encampment	\$2,000.00
VISUAL RESEARCH		
1128	Fallowfield	\$61.84
2	Unified	<u>\$25.00</u>
		\$86.84
VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
2	Unified	\$25.00
PA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Henry Elliot Trust Fund		\$409.95
2	Unified	<u>\$50.00</u>
		\$459.95
EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND		
1128	Fallowfield	\$154.61
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
1128	Fallowfield	\$61.84
2	Unified	<u>\$50.00</u>
		\$111.84

Pennsylvania Odd Fellow Roster changes from February:

Warren Lodge No. 339 meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00PM

York Springs Lodge No. 211 meets at 7:00PM

2021 Sovereign Grand Lodge updates are now available at the Grand Lodge Office

Cost	\$2.65
Tax	\$.18
Shipping	<u>\$1.18</u>
Total	\$3.99

Contact the Grand Lodge Secretary for orders