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MEMORIAL DAY

As we come into the month of May, we reflect on those Brothers and Sisters who have fought for our Freedom. May they rest in peace, and may they never be forgotten.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Past Grand Herald/Past Grand Chaplain Raymond R. "Bull" Boulanger, Jr. - U.S.C.G. - September 20th

Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55, Glasgow

• PG Eugene F. Conklin, U.S. Army Air Corps - WWII - December 30th

Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua

• PG Raymond R. "Bull" Boulanger, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard - September 20th

Freedom Lodge No. 88, Honesdale

• Melvin Swendsen, U.S. Army - November 24th

Brady Lodge No. 116, Muncy

• PG Martin G. Williams, U.S. Army - May 21st

Mount Tabor Lodge No. 125, Shamokin

• Richard C. Albright, Col U.S. Army Reserves - August 18th

Leesport Lodge No. 141

• PG Granville W. Sandridge, U.S. Army Korea - May 8th

Centre Lodge No. 153, Bellefonte

• PG Charles B. Anderson, Sr., U.S. Army WWII - August 30th

Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201, Malvern

• John N. Walker, U.S. Air Force - May 30th

Mineral Lodge No. 285, Saint Clair

• PG George W. Wolff, III, Secy, U.S. Army Korea - October 15th

Paoli Lodge No. 290, Downingtown

• B. Ira Needham, U.S. Army WWII - February 28th

Walker Lodge No. 306, Philadelphia

• PG Kenneth M. Strausser, U.S. Air Force Vietnam - April 27th
• Robert D. Briggs, U.S. Marines WWII - September 19th

Triune Lodge No. 307, Middletown

• Robert S. Hoch, Sr., U.S. Army - April 12th

Clover Lodge No. 348, Ambridge

• PG Leon I Work, Air National Guard - August 1st

Nucleus Lodge No. 377, Finleyville

• Thomas W. Cook, Sr., U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam & U.S. Army Nat'l Guard - August 24th
• PG Samuel C. Brooks, U.S. Army Korea - January 24th

Somerset Lodge No. 438

• VG Terry W. Bruggeman, Sr., U.S. Army - October 1st
• Ernest R. Stern, U.S. Army - March 4th

White Haven Lodge No. 457

• Martin A. Quinn, U.S. Marine Corps WWII - August 13th

Rush Lodge No. 471, Montrose

• PG Ralph R. Very, U.S. Navy - May 3rd

Aluta Lodge No. 488, Bushkill Center

• PG Emmett L. Wentzell, U.S. Navy WWII - January 23rd

Alma Lodge No. 523, Johnstown

• John N. Weakland, U.S. Air Force Korea - July 26th

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573

• Frank J. Spiegel, U.S. Army Korea - December 20th
• PG George K. Wilson, U.S. Navy - December 27th

Victory Lodge No. 658, Sellersville

• PG Anthony P. Gwiazdzinski, U.S. Air Force - September 30th

Port Matilda Lodge No. 733

• Arlan Rothstein, U.S. Army Korea - September 23rd

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville

• PG Eugene H. Barnes - April 20th

Vincent Lodge No. 762, Spring City

• PG Michael H. Gennaria, Secy, U.S. Air Force - September 9th

East Brunswick Lodge No. 802, New Ringgold

• PG Richard B. Brossman, U.S. Army WWII - December 12th
• PG Alfonso Martinez, U.S. Coast Guard - January 2nd

Hampton Lodge No. 1004, Allison Park

• PDDGM Howard M. Beck, U.S. Navy - September 4th

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030

• PG Khlar L. Price, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Korea - June 24th

Lititz Lodge No. 1050

• PG Kenneth R. Krumbine, U.S. Marine Corps Korea - December 20th

Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128

• PDDGM A. Earl Yingling, U.S. Army Air Corps WWII - January 10th

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

LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96, NEW

COLUMBIA

Jim Diehl - initiated March 24th
Gary Anspach - initiated April 7th

RUSH LODGE NO. 471, MONTROSE

Alison Roses - reinstated March 25th
Welcome back!

SANDY LAKE LODGE NO. 573

Susan Reppart - initiated April 4th

CHARLEROI LODGE NO. 1030

Jonathon Kiggins - initiated March 3rd

DESK OF THE GM



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

My Brothers and Sisters, GREETINGS to all!!!

As I write this message, SPRING is HERE, unbelievably. According to the calendar, it is springtime even though the weather this weekend is still winterlike!!

My term as your Grand Maser is quickly winding down, just about two ½ months until our 50th Unified Session and the installation of our new Grand Master. I cannot help but to take a moment to reflect on all the good memories from my term. I have so many good events that my GM's Journal is filling up fast. As I said in the past, my greatest joy was visiting our lodges, being with my brothers and sisters in ODD FELLOWSHIP. My only regret, I did not have the opportunity to visit all our lodges throughout Pennsylvania, like I wanted.

Highlights of my year, I was with lodges as they celebrated the important milestones, like lodge anniversaries. I was honored to be able to present members with service pins and especially two brothers with their merit jewels. There were rallies and school of instructions. I met Mr. Frank Siller, CEO of Tunnel to Towers Foundation in Shanksville and Hersey,

Pa. when he did his Memorial Walk honoring the memory of those who gave their lives for all on 9/11/2001. What an honor, knowing that as he walked in the Hersey Parade, he wore our "Light House" pin!!

Our Odd Fellow Fraternity has a strong history in Pennsylvania, two hundred years of history!! Two hundred years of dedication to the work of ODD FELLOWSHIP.

I have just returned from a weekend in Washington, PA. and what a great weekend it was as I was with Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from seven states and Washington DC. That is right, I was at Mid-Atlantic State Conclave. With Covid cancelling the last two years, it was a good to be able to come together again. For me, Conclave is a time of friendship... renewing old and making new and this year was no exception. This year, I was honored as your Grand Master to present the Pennsylvania flag on Friday evening along with our Rebekah Assembly President, Judith A. Wert. Saturday, after a productive and informative meeting, it was an afternoon of fun with different jurisdictions presenting skits and drill teams. Our own PA-5 drill team set the pace with their marching. Pennsylvania was the host-state, and the committee did an excellent job giving all who attended a memorable time in Washington, Pa. My GM Journal is getting quite full of all the visits and events that has made my

year great and to think, my calendar has more events to go. In three weeks, I will be traveling to Columbus, Ohio to attend the Ohio Grand Lodge Session. Then we will be off to York, Pa. for the spring rally. After which, we will be instituting a new lodge in Red Lion, Pa. I am so excited to welcome into our Order not only new members but also to be present in establishing a new lodge!! On May 7th I will going to Arlington, Virginia for the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown. That will be another entry in my journal as that will be another honor for this Grand Master.

It has been an honor to serve as your GM, an honor that I will always keep close to my heart. I am proud for the lodges and members of what they have accomplished this year. We began 2021, living with the fear of Covid and not being able to meet. The members found ways to get the job done, by meeting virtually; by meeting outdoor, weather permitting, of course; by telecommunication. They also found ways to keep the outstretched hand of friendship extended. It was not always easy, but I do believe, it made us stronger. Let us never stop reaching out our hand of friendship and never stop telling our story of Odd Fellowship.

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

Shirley J. Whitlinger.

Your Grand Master

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

James F. Rice, #361

60 YEARS

Francis A. Butkus, #141

140 YEARS

Smethport Lodge No. 389

30 YEARS

George E. Williams, #1004

75 YEARS

Paul W. Crosby, #1128

150 YEARS

East Brunswick Lodge No. 802,
New Ringgold

40 YEARS

Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No.
22, Cassville

105 YEARS

Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497,
Lake Como

Places to Go ... People to See

MAY

7-8 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA

JUNE

4 / Grand Encampment Rally,
Johnstown (pg#5)

24 - Jul 1 / 50th Unified Session,
Harrisburg

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

SGL MEMBERSHIP

Take a bow! The numbers are in for the Sovereign Grand Lodge membership committee. Pennsylvania has placed top in several branches:

Odd Fellows - second place with 94 new members. The first place was Oregon with 124

Rebekahs - **FIRST PLACE** with 10 new members

Encampment - **FIRST PLACE** with 13 new Patriarchs

Canton - third place with 8 new Chevaliers. New York was first with 12 and Ohio was second with 11

Congratulations to all branches!

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LUZERNE 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!

LUZERNE COUNTY:

Askam - Laverna Rebekah Lodge #106 - defunct prior to 1900
 Conyngham - Lady Conyngham Rebekah Lodge #404 - consolidated 1983
 Dallas - Lady Dallas Rebekah Lodge #513 - consolidated 1961
 Drums - Hannah Rebekah Lodge #44 - defunct 1877
 Drums - Ruth Klader Rebekah Lodge #481 - consolidated 1934
 Freeland - Mount Rose Rebekah Lodge #493 - consolidated 1956
 Harveyville - Ida White Rebekah Lodge #244 - consolidated 1935
 Hazleton - Tabitha Rebekah Lodge #10 - consolidated 1957
 Hazleton - Lady Jeremiah Rebekah Lodge #93 - defunct 1996
 Hobbie - Lady Hobbie Rebekah Lodge #273 - consolidated 1988
 Hunlock Creek - Lady Fame Rebekah Lodge #582 - defunct
 Luzerne - Lady Washington Rebekah Lodge #45 - defunct 1955
 Mountain Top - Lady Reinhard Rebekah Lodge #13 - defunct 1985
 Nanticoke - Lady George Rebekah Lodge #106 - defunct prior to 1917
 Nanticoke - Agnes Rebekah Lodge #107 - defunct 1878
 Nanticoke - Jean Rebekah Lodge #533 - defunct 1964
 New Columbus - Lady Marqueen Rebekah Lodge #311 - consolidated 1981
 Parsons - Sarah Parsons Rebekah Lodge #220 - defunct prior to 1917
 Pittston - Thalia Rebekah Lodge #116 - defunct 2014
 Plains - Frances Rebekah Lodge #54 - defunct 1916
 Plymouth - Saint Mary's Rebekah Lodge #81 - defunct 1879
 Plymouth - Lady Jefferson Rebekah Lodge #81 - consolidated 1936
 Shickshinny - Josephine Rebekah Lodge #6 - defunct 1882
 Shickshinny - Friends of Rebekah Lodge #458 - consolidated 1994
 Slocum Top - Blossom Rebekah Lodge #86 - consolidated 1963
 Taylorville - Gwendolyn Rebekah Lodge #42 - defunct 1880
 Toby Creek/Lehman - Lady Toby Rebekah Lodge #514 - defunct 2005
 Trucksville - Queen Olivia Rebekah Lodge #555 - consolidated 1039
 Wanamie - Gertrude Rebekah Lodge #102 - defunct prior to 1900
 Wanamie - Martha Liberty Rebekah Lodge #500 - defunct 1919
 White Haven - Queen Martha Rebekah Lodge #248 - defunct 1973
 Wilkes-Barre - Martha Rebekah Lodge #2 - defunct prior to 1900
 Wilkes-Barre - Sarah Bennett Rebekah Lodge #2 - consolidated 1951
 Wilkes-Barre - Sophia Rebekah Lodge #86 - defunct prior to 1900
 Wilkes-Barre - Eunice Rebekah Lodge #94 - consolidated 1939
 Wilkes-Barre - Goldie Rebekah Lodge #108 - defunct 1962
 Wilkes-Barre - Hoffnung Rebekah Lodge #142 - consolidated 1935
 Wyoming - Gertrude of Wyoming Rebekah Lodge #231 - defunct

38 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Martha Rebekah Lodge #2 in 1869

Last Rebekah Lodge - Thalia Rebekah Lodge #116 in 2014

63 Odd Fellow Lodges

Next Month Greene County.

Get your pictures and articles in now!

GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEGREE RALLY

TO ALL PATRIARCHS,

A Grand Encampment Degree Rally is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 2022. The Rally will begin at 10:30AM in the hall of our Grand Patriarch's Encampment - William F. Packer Encampment No. 127, 442 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901, with William F. Packer Encampment No. 127 acting as our hosts for the Rally. A Grand Encampment Special Session and Board meeting will be held prior to the Rally. Please show up to support your Grand Encampment and your Grand Patriarch at his home encampment!

This is YOUR Encampment rally. We have had issues in the past with poor attendance and the same 5 or 6 people running around trying to pull the degrees together. It seems the only time some Encampments show up is when they have a candidate. We need everyone's help. 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. 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.

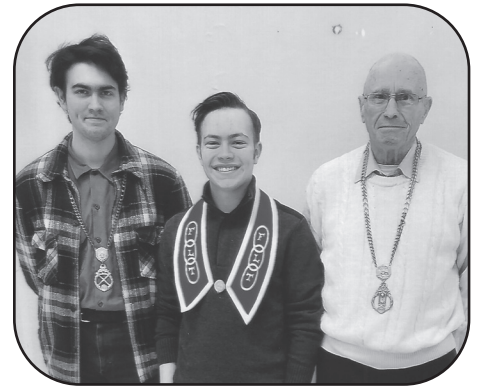
The Schedule for the Grand Encampment Class is as follows:

- 9:00a.m. Grand Encampment Board Meeting
- 10:30a.m. Opening the Encampment & PATRIARCHAL DEGREE
- 12:00p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00p.m. GOLDEN RULE DEGREE
- 2:00p.m. ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE
- 3:00p.m. Introducing Dignitaries and closing the Encampment
- 3:30p.m. Special Session for the admission of all eligible Past Chief Patriarchs

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Charleroi Lodge #1030 welcomed Jonathan Kiggins, its newest member, at their bi-monthly meeting on March 3, 2022. The Initiatory Degree was conferred upon Jonathan by following the procedure outlined in the Odd Fellows Lodge Ritual. Jonathan's brother, Sean Howells, is presently the NG of Charleroi Lodge #1030 and his grandfather, James Howells, is the VG of the Lodge. So, as a familiar saying goes, "The family that plays together, stays together."

Jonathan expressed his desire to his grandfather several times over the past year to become a member of the Odd Fellow's organization. Having recently turned 18 years young, and having earned the distinguished honor of Eagle Scout, Jonathan stated that he "wanted to once again join an organization that promoted a moral and helpful lifestyle." What a great choice he made, huh! The members of Charleroi Lodge were very pleased that he not only chose the Odd Fellows, but also at welcoming another YOUNG member to carry on the tradition of our fine organization for years to come.



(Pictured L-R: Sean Howells, Jonathan Kiggins, and James Howells)



NEW ITEM FOR SALE

GL officers Sporting their new IOOF clothing protectors. The Grand Warden is obviously the most in need. These are available to all for the mere price of \$10.00. One color only -IOOF logo included. To place orders, contact the GRAND LODGE office or Grand Warden Ruff, contact information is in the magazine. Stock is limited at this time.

On the Road with the Grand Patriarch

GENERAL WORTH ENCAMPMENT #188 GRAND PATRIARCH OV

On March 29, the Grand Patriarch traveled to General Worth Encampment on an official visit. The meeting was held at Nucleus Lodge #377. It was nice to see friends again and to share a good meal of delicious chili and corn bread. We had a good evening of Patriarchal Fellowship! The Chief Patriarch Les Salzman ran a good meeting. Traveling this evening with Grand Patriarch Shawn E. Miller, were David A. Young, Grand Marshall and J. Carl George, Grand Outside Sentinel. Thank you to General Worth Encampment for their hospitality! Special thanks to our photographer, J. Carl George!



MOUNT VERNON ENCAMPMENT #14 GRAND PATRIARCH OV



On March 21, the Grand Patriarch traveled to Mount Vernon Encampment on an official visit. The meeting was held at Mount Zion Lodge #74 in York, after the regular Lodge meeting. Upon arrival, he noticed the new siding outside and the beautiful flooring in the dining room. The Lodge Hall has a wonderful collection of IOOF history adorning their walls. We had a great evening of fellowship! Traveling this evening with Grand Patriarch Shawn E. Miller, was D.D.G.M. of District #3, Roger A. Calhoon. Thank you to Mount Vernon Encampment and Mount Zion Lodge for all their hospitality! Special thanks to our photographer, Bob Free!



On the Road with the Grand Master

MID-ATLANTIC STATES CONCLAVE • APRIL 1 -3, 2022

On April 1, 2022, the Middle Atlantic States Conclave was held at the Meadow Lands, Washington, Pa. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from seven states and the District of Columbia came together for a weekend, renewing old friendships and making new.

As Grand Master, I extend a huge thank you to our Conclave Committee for a job well-done. It was a great weekend; great accommodations at the Double Tree by Hilton; great entertainment; and with Conclave cancelled the last two year, a wonderful time for fellowship!!

I would like to share highlights from my Conclave weekend:

As you know the Odd Fellows has had the Arthritis Foundation as one of our Charities



for an exceptionally long time. Before our Conclave meeting, Saturday morning, I had the opportunity to meet Peter Knockstead from the Arthritis Foundation. Peter talked about the foundation and where our fundraising is being use. He shared information on the different programs which benefits those with arthritis such a JA Camp.

In the picture with me, are Charles E. Lusk, SGM; Peter Knockstead; John J. Dyzak; David A Young; and Bruce N. Torrence.

I know I will have opportunities to talk with Peter as he moved to PA and has petitioned to become an Odd Fellow.

Friday evening was the presentation of the Flags. It was an honor to be able to present our

Pennsylvania Flag. Accompanying me was our Rebekah Assembly President, Judith A. Wert.

Charles E. Lusk, Sovereign Grand Master, led the procession of flags by resending the Flag of our Country.

It was a good 65th Conclave. The meeting was informative as well as a productive one. The skits and drill teams did an excellent job entertaining all on Saturday afternoon. The Friday night buffet and the banquet Saturday night was great with impressive entertainment.

The committee did fantastic job making sure we all made a good Odd Fellow event. Until 2023, when the host state will be the state of New Jersey.

NATHAN LEWIS-FORT NECESSITY LODGE #254 • MARCH 21, 2022



On March 21, 2022, the Grand Master, along with the DGM J. Carl George and the Grand Warden, Robert B. Ruff traveled to New Salem, Pa to visit Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254 in their new lodge. It was a good evening as the Noble Grand, James Mardis conducted the lodge meeting.

Also with the GM was the DDGM for District 23 John J. Dyzak; John S. Cupp, SGW and Grand Treasurer; PGM.

The lodge provided lunch and a time of great fellowship before we began our homeward journey.

Best wishes Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge in your new home and again, thank you, for your hospitality.

THE TREASURER'S TALES

MAY 2022

May is the month in which we celebrate Memorial Day. In years gone by, Memorial Day was always celebrated on May 30, regardless of the day of the week.

When the school year hasn't been interrupted by show days, May marks the end of the school year. May is the time when the last planting gets finished, for those who are late at planting. Some crops, such as strawberries begin to bear fruit in May. For many years the Odd Fellows have used the last meeting in May to highlight the delicious crop of New Jersey strawberries. In 2022 lodges commonly use ice cream as an accompaniment to the berries, but a cake or biscuit was more common in 1927. We could retell the story of past strawberry festivals, of the long hours taken to prepare the berries and the pilfering by a notorious raccoon, but that would be tiresome. However the Odd Fellows did raise money by selling tickets and holding a strawberry social for the community on the first Saturday in June. We will diverge from that story line, at least temporarily, for this month.

Barney had to prepare and correct a "final" exam for his English classes. Since he had several tenth grade classes as well as one eleventh grade class, we will deal with the tenth graders only. In order to fill his schedule, there weren't enough tenth grade classes. The eleventh grade teacher had two sections of Latin, so there was a loose section of eleventh grade English. (Barney had been offered the Latin class, but he decided he would rather catch the section of English).

Barney had dealt with book and movie reviews in the past and decided he would see if the students had any creative streak. He thought about characters in ancient times, but thought this might encourage plagiarism and fail to measure creativity.

Always on the lookout for what his students were exposed to, Barney came across comic books. The prevalent theme was super heroes, so he decided he would ask them to create a super hero and write a two page essay as a "final" exam. He believed that un-timed creativity was better than one-hour question and answer tests. He discussed the assignment with his students and he was surprised with the response. One of the students challenged him to give them an example. Barney was a quick thinker and he had the example.

His hero was Linkman, who defended the principles of friendship, love and truth. He exemplified the virtues of faith, hope and charity and was always on hand to dispense universal justice. This seemed to be a good outline of a super hero. One of the students asked him to give an example of an exploit. Quick to oblige, Barney came up with the following tale:

As he was going about his normal business as a small farmer, Linkman witnessed an old woman driving a wagon down the road by his farm. The axle on her wagon broke and she was stuck. Linkman came to the rescue, emptying the wagon, removing and repairing the axle, reloading the wagon and helping her on her way. Barney gave a few more details but he thought he had given a decent example.

The assignment was now turned over to the students. Although many examples showcased vivid imaginations, some were too bizarre or bawdy to merit serious consideration, although most were awarded good grades because of their inventiveness.

Barney seemed most taken by the characters who were animals. The super-raccoon who liberated loose edibles from farmers' fields was an endearing character and all too reminiscent of fact rather than fiction. The super dog however received the best note. He was named Mighty Mutt. Mighty Mutt was a small dog with a big heart. He led old people to their homes, he carried things for people, he guarded small children and most of all he never abandoned an injured person. He was too good to be true and the story went on for four pages and ensnared Barney until the ending when it was revealed the Mighty Mutt was not house broken.

The ingenious characters were a good finish for a tiring school year. The Mighty Mutt character was a standout, but other characters were also memorable, such as mice and cats. Barney noted several of the students came too close to paralleling newspaper comic strips and he warned them about this.

Besides awarding the students with grades, Barney thought he might incite them to greater labor if he offered some prize. Money is always well received, but hard to come by in 1927. Since he was always interested in promoting the Odd Fellows, he thought he might give tickets to the strawberry social. He decided he would give two tickets to the first prize winner and one ticket each to the second and third prize winners. Despite the "surprise" ending, Mighty Mutt won the first prize. Iron Man (completely different from modern comics) won the second prize and the boater (named after the fashionable hat of the day) came in third.

Barney distributed the winning tickets with report cards on the last day of school. When he wished each of the students a joyous summer, he offered employment on his farm at the huge sum of \$0.50 per day. He did not have any takers.

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.

2022 UNIFIED SESSION FUN NIGHT • "A NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK"



"Take me out to the ballgame.... but guarantee me there will not be a rainout, sun in my eyes, parking fees or tickets costing me the price of a tank of gas."

Join us on Saturday, June 25, 2022 in the Harrisburg Amphitheatre of the Red Lion Hotel for an exciting baseball game with "expert" commentary, snacks and beverages.

The evening will feature a replay of an exciting Major League Baseball game. The evening will have a Philadelphia theme. The "gates" to the game will open at 6:30pm and the "game" will start at 7:00pm with some initial commentary followed by the National Anthem. We will also have occasional breaks and a 7th inning stretch with the traditional "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". The evening should be over by 9:30pm.

Price of Admission: FREE! Each person who signs up for Fun Night by will receive a FREE ticket for admission which entitles

them to some light snacks and a non-alcoholic beverage. The beverage station will have adult beverages available for your cash purchase.

If you do not sign up ahead of time, you are still welcome to attend but there is no guarantee of free snacks.

Sign up for Fun Night by contacting Dale Binkley with the names of your attendees by email (dbinkley1@verizon.net) or cell phone (484-643-0363 – please leave a message if I do not pick up the call). Please respond by June 12, 2022.

Dress Code: This is a casual evening. Feel free to wear ANY teams' jerseys or caps. Foam Fingers are welcome. Even umpires will even be allowed to attend! Dress to have a good time!

This Fun Night event has been funded by an anonymous sponsor. Please come out and support this event. Come dressed for fun and ready to have a good time. This is as close as you can come to attending a ball game without sitting outside!

MAY OBITUARIES

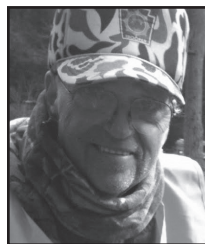
Due to publication time, we regret we cannot accept Obituaries older than three months.

JULIA W. BUSICK
 Gladys Rebekah Lodge No. 103
 March 3, 2022

Sister Julia W. (Walther) Busick, of 90, of Elkton, MD, was admitted to Gladys Rebekah Lodge #103, Brownfield, PA, as an Associate Member on June 27, 2003. She was a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Delaware and was a regular attendee to our Unified Session and Mid-Atlantic States Conclave. She was a member of Oriental Lodge #12 and Orpah Rebekah Lodge #12, Delaware, having joined the Rebekah Lodge February 28, 1973. She served the Rebekah Assembly of Delaware as President from 1980 - 1981 and 2010 - 2011.

She was a member of Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

Burial will be held in Head of Christiana Presbyterian Cemetery, Newark, DE.



KENNETH A. JONES
 Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
 March 22, 2022

Brother Kenneth A. Jones, 81, of Clark, PA, was initiated into Adoniram Lodge #739, Sharpsville, on November 9, 1962, where he became a Past Grand on April 6, 1984. He then became a member of Sandy Lake Lodge #573 through consolidation on July 7, 2008.

He was a member of the Clark Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Pauline Maybee, one son and two grandsons.

Burial was held in Glenwood Cemetery, Sharpsville, PA.



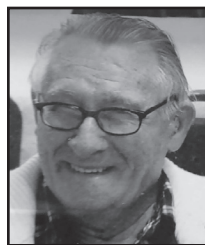
PATRICIA SWAB
 Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge No. 303
 March 9, 2022

Sister Patricia (Shope) Swab, 90, of Elliottsburg, PA, was initiated into Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303, New Bloomfield, PA, on April 9, 1996.

She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Elliottsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and one granddaughter. Surviving are three children, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial will be held at Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Andersonburg, PA.



RALPH R. EMERY
 Aluta Lodge No. 488
 Bushkill Encampment No. 55
 April 6, 2022

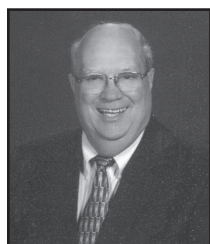
Brother Ralph R. Emery, 99, of Wind Gap, PA, was reinstated into Aluta Lodge #488, Bushkill Center, PA, on January 21, 2005, where he served several years as Vice Grand.

He became a Patriarch of Bushkill Encampment #55, Bushkill Center, on April 30, 2007. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a member of Bender's Mennonite Church, Pen Argyl, PA.

He was preceded in death by one daughter. Surviving is his wife, the former Janet Smith, one daughter, stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Burial was private.



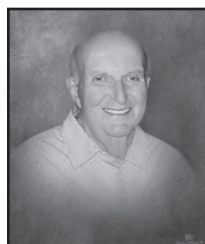
DENNIS O. NACE
 Mount Zion Lodge No. 74
 March 16, 2022

Brother Dennis "Denny" O. Nace, 82, of York, PA, was initiated into Mount Zion Lodge #74, York, on January 24, 1970.

Surviving is his wife, the former Carolyn Frey, four daughters, nine grandchildren and nine

great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Mount Rose Cemetery, York, PA.

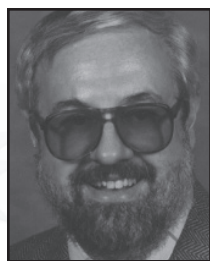


ROBERT R. FENIMORE
 Past District Deputy Grand Master
 Clover Lodge No. 348
 Ambridge Encampment No. 259
 April 8, 2022

Brother Robert R. Fenimore, 78, of Moon Township, PA, was initiated into Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, PA, on June 6, 1969, where he became a Past Grand in 2001 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 25, 2013. He then went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 2013 - 2016. He formerly held associate memberships in Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, and Freeport Lodge #379. He was a Patriarch of Ambridge Encampment #259, receiving his Royal Purple Degree March 23, 1973 and serving many years as Scribe and was a Past Senior Warden.

Surviving is his wife, Janet, two sons, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge.



KENNETH A. WISER
 Falls Creek Lodge No. 957
 March 16, 2022

Brother Kenneth A. Wiser, 75, of Falls Creek, PA, was initiated into Falls Creek Lodge #957 on February 11, 1969, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree May 12, 1981. He served many years as

Secretary. He was formerly an associate to Ridgway Lodge #969.

He was a member of the Falls Creek First United Presbyterian Church.

Burial was held in Beechwoods Cemetery, Falls Creek, PA.

GUINEA PIGS

This January, the Middletown Home welcomed two new residents into our home! We have adopted two guinea pigs for our residents. They are both girls and their names are Pumpkin and Bingo. From the first day they came, our residents have been completely in love with them. The guinea pigs have a beautiful cage down in the café. Many of our residents will stop by throughout the day to visit with the guinea pigs. Our staff have been taking the guinea pigs up and down the halls to visit with our residents and our residents have been delighted with them! When Pumpkin and Bingo first arrived, they were very frightened and timid. But now that it's been a few months, Pumpkin and Bingo have really adjusted to their new home. Instead of hiding when a resident walks up to the cage, now they will come up to them and sometimes squeak and squeal saying that they are happy to see them! We hope that Pumpkin and Bingo can live many happy years with us! If you would like to meet Pumpkin and Bingo, please stop down at the café and follow the sounds of the happy squeaking guinea pigs!



REMINDER: ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is accepting applications for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of six (6) \$4,000 scholarships. This will mark the 17th consecutive year that the Association has offered these Awards and having awarded a total, thus far, of \$163,000. The application deadline for the 2022 Scholarship Awards will be Thursday, June 30, 2022. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2022. All areas of concentration will be considered. An important reminder regarding three of the requirements for the Awards: 1) The applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania, 2) The applicant must have completed at least one year at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school, and 3) The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school.

If interested in obtaining a copy of the "Rules" and an "Application," this can be done by: 1) contacting your Lodge secretary, 2) emailing Chairman Robert Grant at "robag@comcast.net," or 3) downloading from our website: "www.glpaiiof.org" during the April through June time period.

VISUAL RESEARCH PROCLAMATION

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
Fraternal Greetings,

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of John Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision, and

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been assisting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families for years with help for glasses and examinations.

Now, therefore, I, Shirley J. Whitlinger, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do hereby proclaim that,

The month of MAY as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship

Further, this program needs our support through: Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations and Publicity. This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight Only a few have vision.

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

Please fill out the form below and return with your donation.

Checks should be made payable to Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF and sent to 1001 W Harrisburg Pike Middletown, PA 17057

_____ Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program.
Please credit our donations to (Please check one of the Funds below).

_____ PA Special Visual Fund - This is used to assist PA members and families who need assistance in the purchase of glasses or for examinations.

_____ IOOF Visual Research Fund - 25% of the contributions are forwarded to the SGL. The balance is distributed by our Joint Committee to various Eye-Banks throughout PA

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.

Periodicals

MARCH DONATIONS
MARCH IS ARTHRITIS MONTH

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		PA EDUCATION SCHOLARHIP FUND			
708	Boyertown	100.00	R110/Rebekah Assembly	1,986.38	
899	Askam	100.00	270	Mystic	300.00
348	Clover	50.00	658	Victory	50.00
847	Vienna	50.00	R198	Golden Rule	50.00
R198	Golden Rule	30.00	207	Canawacta	<u>25.00</u>
1030	Charleroi	<u>25.00</u>			2,411.38
		355.00	EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND		
PENNSYLVANIA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE		361	Strasburg	200.00	
E135	Perseverance CAMP JRA	10,000.00	512	Thistle	100.00
R110/Rebekah Assembly	CAMP JRA	1,986.38	201	Malvern-Pocahontas	50.00
306	Walker	750.00	573	Sandy Lake	50.00
270	Mystic CAMP JRA	700.00	658	Victory	50.00
278	Connoquenessing	200.00	R86	Lady Harmony	50.00
361	Strasburg	200.00	E88	Chosen Friends	50.00
55	Fred R. Korman	150.00	C1	Philadelphia	<u>25.00</u>
658	Victory	100.00			575.00
708	Boyertown	100.00	VISUAL RESEARCH		
899	Askam	100.00	899	Askam	100.00
573	Sandy Lake	50.00	R443	Wysox	<u>50.00</u>
847	Vienna	50.00			150.00
R182	Lady Colfax CAMP JRA	50.00	VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
R443	Wysox	50.00	899	Askam	100.00
88	Freedom	25.00			
207	Canawacta	25.00			
C1	Philadelphia	25.00			
C39	Allentown CAMP JRA	<u>25.00</u>			
		14,586.38			

**Changes to the
 Odd Fellow
 Roster:**

**NORRISTOWN
 ENCAMPMENT #37 - New
 Scribe: Louis A. Damiani,
 Scribe, 216 Allendale Road,
 King of Prussia, PA 19406**

**PHOEBE REBEKAH
 LODGE #123, Candace
 Walter-Bowser, new address
 for Secretary of P.O. Box
 102, Timblin, PA 15778.**