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MEMBERS INITIATED AT GM GEORGE VISIT

Grand Master Carl George is kept busy during his official visits! This one at Victory Lodge No. 658 of Sellersville was one of them. Roughly 30 Members were in attendance as we initiated four members into Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 of Norristown, Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua, Victory Lodge #658 and Vienna Lodge #847 of Allentown. Thanks to all who came out to help with the degree work. Along with the Grand Lodge officers, GM George, DGM Ruff, GW Lautenschlager, GS



Bailey, GMa Wallis and GCo Hilt, we were very fortunate to have several DDGM's in our ranks. DDGM's present were Chris Grumblatt #1, Michael Serverson #3 and Allen Smith #11.

Shown here at DGM Ruff, GM George and PG Robert Raffensberger

Places to Go... People to See

APRIL

- 1&2 / Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, Swedesboro, NJ
- 15 / Spring Rally, Warren - 9:00AM (pg #9)
- 16 / Unified Session Meeting, Red Lion, Harrisburg - 1:00PM
- 22 / Arthritis Committee Meeting, Middletown Home (after home mtg)
- 29 / Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Association of Western PA

MAY

- 5 - 7 / Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA (pg #9)

JUNE

- 2 - 4/ Canadian War Memorial Weekend, Ottawa, ON
- 24-28 / Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA +

JULY

- 22 / Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Assoc. of Western PA annual mtg, Fellowship Manor
- 22 / Orchard Manor Annual Meeting, Fellowship Manor
- 29 / Fun Day, Knobel's Grove, Elysburg

AUGUST

- 20 - 24/ International Session of the IOOF - Des Moines, IA

+ denotes details to follow

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COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Calhoon has scheduled the following visit for April. I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.
 1&2 - Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, NJ
 16 - Unified Session mtg, Harrisburg - 1:00PM

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Sisters and Brothers, welcome to spring. I hope to see more of you in these next few months as my schedule will be bringing me somewhere near you all. I would appreciate more Lodges meeting together to provide more opportunities for me and my staff to visit with you. Visiting each Lodge is more of a logistical issue than any other reason for not visiting as many lodges meet on the same days and times. If we can make an effort to combine with other Lodges in the near vicinity of one another it would help me in scheduling.

Along with Lodge visits there are several major events in the upcoming months. Most prominent is the Wreath Laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown, in D.C. the first weekend in May. There is also the Spring Rally in beautiful wild and wonderful Warren PA, on the 15th of April. Why not come out and share some true Odd Fellowship and help bring some new members into our fraternity? There is also the Annual Meeting of the Middletown Home, this is when your board of directors are elected. Come out and see what is happening at the Home. Lastly and by no means of least importance the Unified Session. Please make an extra effort to get your representative to the session meetings.

The wreath laying ceremony is so very important to our fraternity. I am truly humbled and honored to have the privilege to represent the jurisdiction of PA in placing the jurisdictional wreath at the base of the steps to the Tomb.

Warren Lodge #339 has graciously donated their lodge for a degree rally. The rally will be the first in that area in a long long time. There are several places to stay nearby and what a chance to see a beautiful lodge and see what they have been doing to increase membership. Come and see what they do to make their meetings more enjoyable. This lodge is on the move. They are increasing membership while so many

other lodges are losing membership. What are they doing that we are not? Make an attempt to get to the rally and ask them.

The Annual Meeting of the Middletown Home is the time to get your thoughts aired. Like most annual meetings this meeting is when the representatives are elected to the board and when the officers are elected. If your lodge does not send a rep or if you elect a rep who does not go, how can you be apprised of the goings on of the Home? The Annual Meeting requires a quorum to conduct an official meeting. This is when any motions are made and approved. This is when by-law changes are introduced and voted on. Open seats on the board are filled and the business of the board is approved. This important meeting needs our utmost attention. Please make an honest effort to get your rep there.

And I have saved my most important rant for last. The 51st annual Unified Sessions will be conducted the last full week of June. The schedule is from 24 June until the close of business on 28 June 2023. This year marks a special time for Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania, this is the 200th anniversary of the jurisdiction in PA. As such we the Grand Lodge are asking each district to come up with some way to celebrate this occasion. The grand lodge would like each lodge, district and or region to find a way to meet together with one another in fellowship. Perhaps a mutual picnic in a district? Other lodges outside of your region or district could be invited to share the experience. If we can come up with some mutual gatherings, the grand master could possibly help with some financial support if approved.

The DGM and myself have come up with an idea to try to increase travel for lodges and districts to become more involved with each other. The contest involves traveling to other lodges for their meetings as well as getting to sessions. Awards will be provided for several time lines, ie. quarterly, semi annually

and annually as well as session attendance. Getting new members, increasing member attendance and visiting neighboring lodges can garner an award for the best performance category. This is but a drop in the bucket as to what we can accomplish with a little effort on our part.

I am looking for volunteers to join a team of dedicated members to look over our current sessions schedule and see what can be done to reduce the total amount of days to complete our business at the annual meetings. I would like to see representation from all branches to assure there is no favoritism. This committee would review what is currently on the schedule and offer changes to the sessions committee. I personally envision a 3 day unified session, reducing the current schedule by 2 days and employing a Friday, Saturday Sunday event. All interested parties can email me to join.

I am looking to establish both an east and west school of instruction teams. There have been many inquiries into getting these schools for individual lodges. We will need to establish groups of members that would be willing to travel somewhat to conduct these classes. I would anticipate a 3 to 5 year commitment to get these teams up and running. All interested parties can contact me through email to get this started. As of now we are looking at some 6 - 10 lodges that are interested in schools. I feel that these schools are very much in demand due to such a turnover in lodge membership. Knowing how to correctly open and close a lodge is just a very small part of the process. Knowing the duties of each chair is imperative to getting everyone involved in the meetings. Ask yourself what it is that you, individually can do to help get the new members up to speed?

With our days getting longer and the weather getting nicer let us try to make each day a little better for each other. In Friendship, Love and Truth,
J. Carl G., GM

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

**MONTGOMERY-CURTIS-NORRIS
LODGE NO. 57, NORRISTOWN**

Sean W. Schaeffer - initiated February 21st

**VICTORY LODGE NO. 658,
SELLERSVILLE**

Lindsay Cheromcka - initiated February 21st

**ASKAM LODGE NO. 899, SUGAR
NOTCH**

Tyler Hanna - initiated February 20th

HARMONY LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA

Christopher Opresko - initiated February 21st

**VIENNA LODGE NO. 847,
ALLENTOWN**

Godstime O. Emonena - initiated February 21st

KINGWOOD LODGE NO. 1010

Paul Lytle - Initiated January 28th

Paul Woods
Jason Shroyer

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master George has scheduled the following visits for April. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 1&2 – Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, NJ
- 11 – Hampton #1004 OV – 7:00PM
- 14 – Ernestine Rebekah #548 OV – 7:00PM
- 14 – Rush #471 OV – 8:00PM
- 15 – Spring Rally, Warren #339 – 9:00AM
- 16 – Unified Session mtg, Harrisburg – 1:00PM
- 17 – Mt. Zion #74 OV – 7:00PM
- 20 – Paoli #290 OV – 8:00PM
- 21 – Aluta #488 OV – 8:00PM
- 22 – Middletown Home Ann'l Mtg – 10:00AM
- 24 – Fred R. Korman #55 OV – 7:00PM
- 25 – Leesport #141 OV – 7:30PM
- 27 – Mackinaw #380 OV – 7:00PM
- 28 – Mt. Hor #736 OV – 6:30PM
- 20 – Orchard Manor Mtg

FREEDOM LODGE #88 RAISES MONEY FOR WAYNE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY!

After another successful Super Bowl Meat Platter Raffle, Freedom Lodge raised \$600, which was donated to the local Wayne County Food Pantry! This money will go toward helping with monthly overhead expenses like rent of existing space which exceeds \$1,000 per month. Thanks again to everyone that participated in any capacity. If you would like to volunteer or donate directly to the Wayne Co Food Pantry Program, they are located at 323 Tenth Street, Honesdale PA 18431. You can also call Food Pantry Coordinate Clarissa Wimmers at (570) 253-5970 ext 3104.



Pictured from left to right: Dave Hartung, Wayne System of Care, PG Andrew Kilmer, Kim McGinnis Wayne Economic Development, Clarissa Wimmers Food Pantry Coordinator, Grand Warden Paul Lautenschlager and NG Bert Terysen.

NORRISTOWN MEMBERS HONORED

At a recent meeting of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 of Norristown PA, Robert S. Hinderliter was presented with the Combination Jewel for Past Noble Grand/Past Chief Patriarch. Brother/Patriarch Hinderliter is shown, center, receiving the Jewel from District Deputy Grand Master Frank Hilt on right while Lodge #57 Noble Grand James Dimpter on left is offering his congratulations. Congratulations Bob from Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 and Norristown Encampment #37.



Recently Montgomery-Curtis Norris Lodge #57 honored Past Grand/Past Chief Patriarch Douglas Emerson with the respective Jewel. Doug, at center, is shown receiving the Jewel from Noble Grand James Dimpter on the right and at left is District Deputy Frank Hilt of District #2. Actually, Doug's Jewel is long overdue. He has served both of these positions many times in his tenure as an Odd Fellow and as a Patriarch. Congratulations Doug.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

25 YEARS

James R. Pierson, #290
George Yasenchak, #562

30 YEARS

William Shannon Mooney, PGP#141
S. Dale Erwin, #736

35 YEARS

Brent E. Pfeiffer, #457
Ronald L. Ruediger, #573
Gregory A. Lambi, #1175
Neil B. Thomas, PGP, #1175

40 YEARS

Eugene R. Bennett, #153
Douglas R. Weimer, #438
DeWayne P. Horne, #1128
Dean D. Horne, #1128
Ivan V. Horne, #1128

45 YEARS

Kenneth J. Black, #278
Cecil V. Gallup, #389
Brian W. Peck, #601

50 YEARS

Paul D. Weaver, #290
William R. Hockensmith, #523

55 YEARS

Robert E. Milbrand, #125
W. Thomas Hindman, II, #523

60 YEARS

Bruce L. Lord, #148
Robert G. Gumbert, PGM, #1004

65 YEARS

Charles L. Cochran, #1128

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Sisters and Brothers,
Here it is April already and it doesn't look like the groundhog was accurate except for the calendar date— SPRING HAS ARRIVED! We have had a very mild winter here in Pittsburgh. The rest of the state is not that lucky I know. This has enabled the Grandmaster, and I to travel a little bit more and visit lodges, well at least as long as he is not in Florida. Hopefully you all had a great St. Patrick's day, most people like to celebrate even if they are not Irish. So April showers bring may flowers, it reminds me of the rose in the Initiatory degree lesson and what we are taught by it. Once full of life, young and blossoming, even the rose must succumb to time. Just like all of us- all that is born must die. As a nurse, people would ask me "am I going to die" and I would respond to them (if appropriate) we all started dying the minute we were born and nothing they can do will ever change that. Some quicker than others. So make the best out of each day live it to its fullest, be that person that shows friendship, truth, and love along with faith, hope, and charity. Anybody that tells you that age is just a number is not being realistic to themselves or just about our own existence. When is it

time to change for the future – for the better of something greater than ourselves? What are you doing to promote our fraternity and bring new and younger blood into it along with their ideas? What new members are you nurturing or programs or are you bringing to be given in your lodge?
Or are you a stagnant lodge with a dismal future and like the rose just waiting to depart. This month we have a rally coming up in Warren, Pennsylvania. At Warren lodge # 339 on the 15th of this month. I am bringing a candidate. How many are you going to bring? If you've never been to Warren, it is a beautiful lodge room and building. They have done a lot of work and are very active in their community. Please make every effort to come out and attend to support the new candidates and see old friends.
Finally, I am going to sponsor a contest at sessions. All the details will be in next months magazine. And one little clue- all the bakers in all the orders are invited to participate, brothers and sisters alike. Nothing like friendly competition for a great prize.
In FLT,
Bob Ruff, DGM

BRADY LODGE INITIATES MEMBERS

Brady Lodge No. 116, of Muncy, held degree work on February 11th, 2023 for new members. The degree work was performed by Grand Marshal Michael Wallis and District Deputy Grand Master Allen Smith.

Pictured are the four new members: Thomas Ritter, Charles Nelson, Brenda Kachmar & Gail Hampe.

Below pictured are the members in attendance with the 4 new members front row: Thomas Ritter, Charles Nelson, Brenda Kachmar, Gail Hampe, Donald Holdren. 2nd Row Roy Zeisloft, Dilip Elangbam, Noble Grand Donna Weimer, Kenneth Weimer, Dennis Caleuff. Back Row Grand Marshal Michael Wallis, District Deputy Allen Smith, Vice Grand James Bilger and Treasurer Arthur Danley.



SCOTT ENCAMPMENT NO. 132 CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Scott Encampment No. 132, of Tamaqua, recently celebrated their 161st Anniversary, at a recent meeting, March 3rd. Scott Encampment has been steadily growing, fortunately doubling their active membership. One of the things we have done to increase membership was embracing the idea of the Encampment being the “think tank” of Odd Fellowship. As there isn’t as much business in the Encampment as there is in the subordinate lodges, we have taken the “good of the Order” to be a small school of instruction. We have a different topic each meeting in hopes the Patriarchs can learn more about our wonderful order. This meeting discussed was the dress code from the inception of the Encampments to what we wear today. Shown here are some of the old style collars that Scott Encampment owns. Also shown is an Encampment apron, being modeled by PCP Nicole Inama. We also had a fez and are working on getting sleeve cuffs. We unfortunately only had



seven Patriarchs at our meeting due to the uncooperative weather.

Following the meeting we had delicious pork bbq made by Patriarch Andrew Kilmer. Unfortunately, we did not

have any brownies, but we’re hoping for them next meeting. Scott Encampment meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00PM. Visitors are always welcome!

339 HELPS THE SCOUTS

After two months of helping approximately 100 Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts design and build their Pinewood Derby racers it all came down to the final day of racing, Saturday Feb. 25th. There were 76 Cub Scout racers and 50 Girl Scout racers. There were trophies and awards given in each class. Here are the winners of the Total Scout Build Class, where each scout did all his own work, with guidance. No parental or other help was allowed and all work had to be done at the Odd Fellows Lodge under the supervision of one of the Pinewood Derby Committee. Pictured with the winners are Cub Pack Leader Emily Gausman and Warren Lodge Noble Grand Al Webster, who also happens to be the Pinewood Derby Committee Chairman. Other Lodge members who are also committee members are Lisa Bush, Jim Tellman and Lou Dussia. The Warren Lodge has a room that has been converted into a full wood working shop for the Pinewood Derby cars, equipped with three band saws, three jig saws, drill press, Dremel grinders, axle turning tools, a sanding booth and paint booths. Lodge member Jim Tellman is shown in the shop polishing axles for one of the racers.



200TH BOOKLET

2023 is a milestone in Pennsylvania. It marks our 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship, 200 years of Friendship, Love and Truth; 200 years of Brotherly love and support; 200 years of reaching out to those in need. What a rich history.....a legacy we have in Pennsylvania!! In honor of our 200th Anniversary, I, along with the Anniversary committee would like to compile as many histories as possible of the Pennsylvania lodges into a book, our Anniversary Book.

All the lodges have a story to tell. When was the last time you looked at your Charter? Does your lodge have old photos, maybe a picture of your Lodge Building? Have you ever reviewed the old minutes or lodge rosters? Now is the time, as I am asking for your help. Take time to write your lodge's history for the book. A few items to think about as you start your research:

- When was the lodge instituted?
- Consolidated lodges?
- Community Support or Fund-raisers?
- Interesting facts about the lodge

The size of the book will be 8 ½" x 11". We're asking that each lodge takes one page to tell their story, however they wish. It just needs to be ready for printing. I will help any lodge in any way I can, except for writing as this is YOUR lodge history, and it needs to be in your own words.

As a PGM, I enjoyed my travels and was happy to be able to visit members of our lodges, talking and listening to their stories, of the good work being done in their community, how the lodge received their name, and of members going the extra mile in odd fellowship.

Today, in our 200th year of Odd Fellowship, Pennsylvania has 71 lodges which have 71 stories to share. Let us take time to write those histories for our Anniversary book. If each lodge submits one article, just think of the history we would have to share, especially with the next generation of members.

Lodges, let's set May 31, 2023 as the date to have your articles sent to Thomas McHugh, 288 Church Road, Mountain Top, Pa. 18707 or email tmchgh@epix.net.

This book, our anniversary book of Pennsylvania history...a keepsake, is in the planning stage. It will not only have the lodge articles, but also a section for memorials, a booster page containing member's names and other interesting facts about Pennsylvania lodges. Any and all suggestions are welcome. Keep watching for further updates on this project in lodge communications and our monthly magazines.

It is my hope that you will be as excited as I am about this project. I am proud to have been a part of this remarkable story, one we can share with all.

MEGHAN SOLOMON IS INITIATED INTO LETITIA PENN REBEKAH LODGE NO 173

We had a great evening on February 23rd, as we held the Rebekah Degree on our newest member, Meghan Solomon. We also were fortunate to receive two other applications for transfer from Rhonda Williams and Wilbert Lemuel. Meghan was sponsored by her grandfather, Robert G. Smedley. We're hoping to continue to grow our Rebekah Lodge and give it a bright future!



PG ANDREW KILMER STILL LEADING FREEDOM LODGE #88 FORWARD

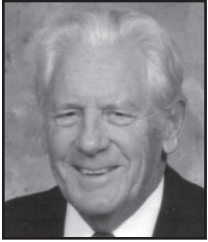
On Wednesday, February 1, 2023, Freedom Lodge #88 drew two raffle tickets to see who would receive the two \$100 Meat Platters from Alpine Wurst an Meat House in Honesdale, PA. This was the 2nd Annual Super Bowl Meat Platter Raffle, an idea presented to the Lodge back in 2021 by Andrew Kilmer when he was Noble Grand at Freedom Lodge. The lucky winners were Ed Hart, Honesdale and JR and Gina Mazza of Carbondale. Tickets were \$1 each or 6 for \$5 with proceeds going to support local Wayne County Food pantry. Thanks to EVERYONE that supported this effort!

The winners were presented their prize at the Alpine Wurst and Meat House, Honesdale, PA. Pictured from left to right is: Forrest C Goodenough, NG Bert Terysen, VG Doug Buchinski, WINNER Ed Hart, Alpine Owner Mark Eifert, Alpine Rep Diane Keen, PG Andrew Kilmer, Sec Jess Kilmer, Grand Warden Paul Lautenschlager and WINNERS Gina Mazza and JR Mazza.



APRIL OBITUARIES

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



R. William Spacht
Lititz Lodge No. 1050
November 30, 2022

Brother R. William "Bill" Spacht, 95, of Lititz, PA, was initiated into Lititz Lodge #1050 on February 8, 1954. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lititz.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ruth Steely. Surviving are two daughters, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Burial was held in Machpelah Cemetery, Lititz.



Charles T. Kaltwasser
Freeport Lodge No. 379
December 17, 2022

Brother Charles T. "Ted" Kaltwasser, 95, of Cabot, PA, was initiated into Freeport Lodge #379 in 1949, where he became a Past Grand. He later left the Lodge and reinstated on September 12, 1970. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by

age and tenure.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeport.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Janet Sell. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was held in Butler County Memorial Park, Butler, PA.



Lynn R. Harrison
Alma Lodge No. 523
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127
February 7, 2023

Brother Lynn R. Harrison, 83, of Johnstown, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on April 28, 1973, where he became a Past Grand on September 24, 1999. He was also a Patriarch of William

F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown.

He was a U. S. Navy Veteran and a member of Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren, Johnstown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane. Surviving are two brothers and his brother-in-law, William Hockensmith, Also of Alma Lodge and William F. Packer Encampment.



Gaylord R. Gardner
Past GL & GE Appointed Officer
Nathan Lewis - Fort Necessity Lodge No.
254
February 23, 2023

Brother Gaylord R. Gardner, 95, of Connellsville, PA, was initiated into General Worth Lodge #386, Connellsville, on November 4, 1967,

where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 6, 1971. He went on to serve as Grand Guardian from 1974 - 1975 for PGM C. Donald Murton. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1990 - 1996 and 1998 - 2001. He then became a member of Nucleus Lodge #377, Finleyville, through consolidation on May 30, 2018, and transferred to Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254, New Salem, on August 21, 2018. He was a former Patriarch of General Worth Encampment #188, Connellsville and a former Chevalier to Canton Robert E. Wright #21, Jeannette. He served as Grand Inside Sentinel from 1999-2001 for PGP's Herman Schlott and Charles Kelly. He was also a former member of Edna Rebekah Lodge #32, of Connellsville.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Otterbein UM Church, Connellsville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette. Surviving is one daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, John Dzyak, of Nucleus Lodge #377, two granddaughters and several great and great-great-grandchildren.

AMBRIDGE ENCAMPMENT BRINGS IN A NEW PATRIARCH



Welcome Shawne Balash (lower left) to Ambridge Encampment No. 259! She is excited to belong to a wonderful fraternity and is enjoying her journey along the way!

YORK SPRINGS LODGE OFFICIAL VISITATION



Thanks for a great night of fellowship and camaraderie to the Sisters and Brothers of York Springs Lodge #211. I received a gracious welcome.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania

Spring 2023 Rally • April 15th, 2023

Proudly held in Warren Hall, Warren, PA

Greetings,

BRING YOUR CANDIDATES! It's that time of the year to start getting your plans made for the Spring Rally! The location is 210 Hickory Street, Warren. **Street parking is available around the Lodge Hall. The Lodge is on the third floor, but there are chair lifts, as well as heating/air condition if need be. There will be a registration of \$1.00 per person attending, including candidates. Proceeds will go to Warren Lodge #339 to help defray expenses. There will be a continental breakfast and a lunch provided by Warren Lodge at a cost of \$12.00 for both. If paying by check, make check payable to "Warren Lodge #339."

Please, even if you do not have any candidates, support this by attending. This is the first time in decades that Warren Lodge is hosting a rally. On your bucket list of Lodge Halls, this is one you must see. So what a better time than to fill this hall and help bring in new Brothers and Sisters. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with me 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. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to call me at 570-449-5617 or email at ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net and I'll be more than glad to work with you!

Finally, there are some hotels available:

- Quality Inn and Suites, Struthers St, Warren 814-723-8881 about two miles from Lodge
No dining facilities, close to Mama Janes Restaurant (similar to Perkins), Close to Lawsons West End Pizza
- Days Inn, 210 Ludlow St, Warren, 814-726-3000 about two miles from Lodge
Mexican Restaurant in house • Close to Mama Janes Restaurant, (similar to Perkins), close to Lawsons West End Pizza
- Hampton Inn and Suites, 3291 Market St, Warren Pa 814-723-2722 about 4 miles from Lodge
Continental breakfast, No dining • Close to Bob Evans, Applebees, Arbys, Taco Bell, Burger King
- Hazeltine Boutique Hotel Hazeltine Boutique Hotel - Warren, PA Very unique and nice place. Three blocks from Lodge. Walking distance. 710 Pa Ave W., Warren • 814-730-8708 Breakfast included • *Close to Snuffy's Restaurant, Plaza Restaurant, N. Y. Deli*

Schedule:

9:00 AM - Lodge will open	1:45 PM - 2nd Degree
9:30 AM - Initiatory Degree	3:00 PM - 3rd Degree
11:00 AM - 1st Degree	3:45PM - Introduction of
12:30 PM - Lunch	Dignitaries &
1:30 PM - GL Degree	Closing the Lodge

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-ninth 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 2023 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 7 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 Michelle L. Heckart, 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 \$127 single/double, \$142 triple, and \$152 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 6, 2023, 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 Michelle L. Heckart, Sovereign Grand Master, Independent Order of Odd Fellows from the Jurisdiction of Iowa, Sister Ruth A. Earle, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Michigan, and General Earl F. Wys, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Illinois.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. 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. Metro now serves Dulles. Please note the event could be cancelled at the last minute by the military; therefore, travel arrangements should be made accordingly.

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 5-7, 2023, in Alexandria, Virginia.

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



THE TREASURER'S TALES

APRIL 2023

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at April 1928. The big thing in April 1928 was Easter on Sunday, April 8. The weather in April is warming up and Easter Sunday was a beautiful spring day, I hope it will be for you in 2023.

April 1928 marked a number of noteworthy events, on the 9th, Mae West debuted in New York City. On April 16, the Boston Marathon was won by Clarence DeMar. On April 26, Madame Tussaud's famous wax museum in London re-opened after being closed by fire. On April 28, RCA and GE installed three experimental home television sets, the screen was 1.5 inches and reception was poor.

There were a number of important births in April 1928. On April 3, NBA player Earl Lloyd was born. On April 4, poet Maya Angelou was born. On April 7, James Watson, the discoverer of the structure of DNA was born. On April 7, James Garner of Maverick TV fame was born. On April 11, Ethel Kennedy was born. On April 23, America's sweetheart, Shirley Temple, was born. Miss Temple had a long and famous career in movies, beginning as a child star. In later life Shirley served as United States Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia, and also served as Chief of Protocol of the United States.

Last year we discussed the Easter Egg hunt and Barney's involvement therein. This year we are going to discuss the first day of trout season. Last year we discussed the mischievous involvement of a certain raccoon and his penchant for raiding the area where the Easter eggs were hidden, before the children got to them. As you may suspect, raccoons will rob the fishing baskets and lines of unsuspecting anglers.

The lodge decided to hold a breakfast on April 14, so that fishermen could get off to a good start before hitting the streams. Buckwheat flour from Eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland was readily available. The lodge planned a big breakfast with buckwheat cakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fried potatoes and apple sauce. It should here be noted that all these things were on the menu for Melchizedek. It was not lost on the members that the trash cans were always much lighter the next morning.

Barney, Vic and several other members were up at 5:00 am, so that they could start serving at 6:00 am. Many of you know that dairy farmers have to milk in the morning, so Barney imposed on his brother-in-law, Woody, to milk that Saturday. Woody wanted a free breakfast after the milking was done. When Woody arrived at 8:45 am, there was almost no crowd and Woody ate for two (Woody was 19).

As many of you know, buckwheat cakes need to rise over night. At 7:00 pm the night before, Barney and Vic started the batter. They started with a pound of yeast, 1/3 cup of salt and 8 gallons of warm water. After the yeast bloomed, they added forty pounds of buckwheat flour, and left it rise overnight. This took five large crocks and by morning the batter had risen to the top of each crock. Enough batter was put in a bowl to fill the griddle and it was mixed with water and a teaspoon of baking soda. If they got too aggressive with the water, they added a little more buckwheat flour. (As an aside, this recipe has MANY variations, so check out the recipes on the bags of flour and internet before you try this at home. If you never had a buckwheat cake, you haven't lived).

They were expecting about 100 local and out-of-town fishermen to flock to Gordon Pond for trout fishing. They prepared food accordingly. With twenty dozen eggs, 25 pounds of sausage, 40 pounds of potatoes and six gallons of apple sauce. The price, you ask? Remember money in 1928 was worth much more than 2023, so \$0.60 was about the same as \$10.00 today. The price of \$0.60 was a bit steep for the children, so those under 12 were only charged \$0.25. The assumption that a growing child would eat less than half the amount of an adult, is probably wrong.

The line proved steady, but all too soon, they noticed they did not order enough honey or maple syrup. Barney went to the back of the kitchen and made simple syrup, sugar and water that was cooked for a short period. It looked to anemic, so Barney added a little coffee to give it color. His syrup could easily pass for a thick maple syrup by appearance, but not by taste. Complaints were few, but the reaction to the coffee flavored syrup was not good. The crowd was there at 6:00 am, but by 8:00 am the cooks were taking

turns eating themselves. Barney could hear a rustling in the trash can after many partially eaten meals were thrown away. He was too tired to go out and yell at the little raccoon who amused him.

They cleared over \$30.00, which seems like nothing today, but was the equivalent of \$525.00 in today's money. The treasury had received a bump.

The remaining food was cooked up and breakfast was sent to about fifteen lodge members who were shut-ins. The scraps were being cleaned up as fast as they were put in the garbage cans. Melchizedek had invited his entire family to join in the festivities.

Barney went out to the pond to see how the fishing was going. Not well. Many fishermen said that the buckwheat cakes were the high point of the day. Several mentioned that there were many paw prints around the edge of the pond and it looked like raccoons or some other animals had been fishing in the relatively shallow pond.

Woody had made it to the pond at 11:00 am and was disappointed, so he followed the creek for over a mile to get to another small pond. There he found an abundance of native trout. Native trout are smaller and have flesh that looks more like salmon. Woody filled his creel and went home by 4:00 pm. Alice fried fish that evening and used up the last of the potatoes Vic had brought from the lodge.

The idea of feeding fishermen during trout season seemed to profit the lodge and at least one new member joined because of the event. Keep in mind that every time you open your lodge hall, you are given a sales opportunity.

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

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ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA

2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania will begin accepting applications on April 1, 2023 for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of six (6) \$4,000 scholarships. This will mark the 18th consecutive year that the Association has offered these Awards and having awarded an undergraduate total, thus far, of \$164,000. The application deadline for the 2023 Scholarship Awards will be Friday, June 30, 2023. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2023. 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 "robagg@comcast.net," or 3) downloading from our website: "www.glpaiiof.org" during the April through June time period.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT DAUPHIN COUNTY

Interesting Facts:

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.

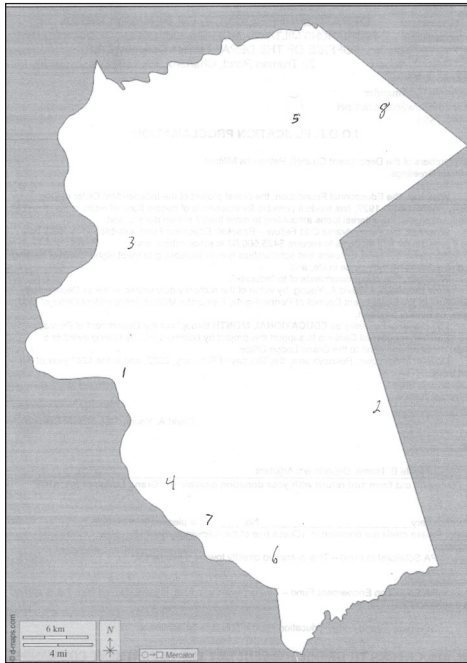
How many Rebekah Lodges were in YOUR County?!

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!



DAUPHIN COUNTY

- 1 Dauphin - Mineola Rebekah Lodge #20 - defunct prior to 1900
- Dauphin - Kittatinny Rebekah Lodge #65 - defunct 1959
- 2 Grantville - Martha R. Parry Rebekah Lodge #417 - consolidated 1969
- 3 Halifax - Hildegard Rebekah Lodge #88 - defunct prior to 1900
- Halifax - Odell Rebekah Lodge #550 - defunct 1957
- 4 Harrisburg - Miriam Rebekah Lodge #12 - consolidated 1963
- Harrisburg - Brown Rebekah Lodge #155 - consolidated 1983
- Harrisburg - Susannah Rebekah Lodge #247 - defunct 2011
- 5 Lykens - Estella Rebekah Lodge #19 - defunct 1945
- 6 Middletown - Hannaretta Rebekah Lodge #57 - defunct prior to 1900
- Middletown - Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586 - instituted 1926**
- 7 Steelton - Evangeline Rebekah Lodge #163 - consolidated 1961
- 8 Williamstown - Amanda Rebekah Lodge #157 - defunct 1919
- 13 Rebekah Lodges with 1 active
- 1st Rebekah Lodge - Miriam Rebekah Lodge #12 in 1869
- Last Rebekah Lodge - Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586
- 23 Odd Fellow Lodges

Next Month - Jefferson County. Get your pictures and articles in

SECOND SATURDAYS AT THE LODGE!

(All Area Lodge Members are Invited - bring a friend!)

Mt. Zion Lodge #74
525 Greenwood Road
York, PA 17408

Mark your calendars - each month - for a casual gathering at the Lodge...

...Second Saturdays....(next one on April 8, 2023)

This will be a time for lunch and conversation...a time for fellowship of Odd Fellows brothers and sisters...bring along a friend...

Bring your own lunch and beverage...

In case of any snow, sleet or ice on the ground or predicted that day, the event is automatically cancelled. Even if the main roads look fine, back roads may still need to be cleared. There will be a sign-up sheet at the first event asking for phone numbers so attendees can be reached - any questions about if the event is still on that date, please call Ellen Graham - 717-606-4807.

START TIME: 12 Noon

Saturdays can be busy, so stay as long as you would like, up until 4 p.m.!

END TIME: 4 p.m.

Game Room will be available or bring along a board game or puzzles!

See you at our first "Second Saturday at the Lodge", March 11th at 12 Noon.

Periodicals

FEBRUARY DONATIONS

FEBRUARY IS EDUCATION MONTH

PA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

RA/R110	Sharpsville	2,041.78
97	Lewistown	500.00
306	Walker	500.00
E135	Perseverance	500.00
55	Fred R. Korman	300.00
523	Alma	300.00
762	Vincent	300.00
254	Nathan Lewis – Fort Necessity	100.00
379	Freeport	100.00
899	Askam	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	50.00
562	Newburg	50.00
207	Canawacta	25.00
699	Tunkhannock	25.00
847	Vienna	<u>25.00</u>
		4,966.78

SGL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

97	Lewistown	500.00
379	Freeport	100.00
1128	Fallowfield	100.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	<u>50.00</u>
		750.00

PA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

97	Lewistown	500.00
306	Walker	500.00
E135	Perseverance	500.00
512	Thistle	250.00
86	Harmony	100.00
379	Freeport	100.00
899	Askam	100.00
R86	Lady Harmony	100.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	50.00
211	York Springs	50.00
847	Vienna	<u>25.00</u>
		2,275.00

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E135	Perseverance Encampment	2,000.00
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VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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VISUAL RESEARCH

2	Unified	25.00
C8	Canton Ridgely	<u>20.00</u>
		45.00

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
562	Newburg	<u>50.00</u>
		100.00

CAMP JRA

RA/R110	Sharpsville	2,041.78
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