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THISTLE LODGE SHINES IN PITTSTON

Thistle Lodge #512 was recently recognized by Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittston during their annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. MOW is celebrating the 20th year in their current location which is provided to the organization, rent free, by Thistle #512. The lodge provides the entire first floor of their building on Main Street to assist them in their mission. The space, which includes an office area, kitchen, canned goods warehouse and multi purpose room allows Meals on Wheels to provide a hot lunch and light supper to over 60 elderly residents on a daily basis. The lodge is also involved in many of the fundraising activities that help support the organizations mission.



Picture (L-R) Linda Falzone (at podium) MOW coordinator; Dave McHugh, secretary Thistle Lodge; Doreen Reese, President on MOW; Thistle Lodge members Tom Orth and Jim Falzone.

Places to Go... People to See

MARCH/APRIL

11/ GL Board Meeting, Middletown, PA - 10:00AM
31-2 / Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, Swedesboro, NJ +

APRIL

15 / Spring Rally, Warren - 9:00AM+
16 / Unified Session Meeting, Red Lion, Harrisburg - 1:00PM
22 / Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Home of PA, Middletown Ann'l mtg
29 / Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Association of Western PA

MAY

5 - 7 / Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA+

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

** On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams! Please check their facebook first because there may be a scheduling conflict!

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

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

- BRADY LODGE NO. 116, MUNCY**
Thomas P. Ritter - initiated January 18th
- SMETHPORT LODGE NO. 389**
Sunny Frey - initiated January 3rd

- ALMA LODGE NO. 523, JOHNSTOWN**
Joshua Lytle - initiated January 28th
Vincent Vibostok
Olivia Oaks
Nicholas Gregorchik

- LADY HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA**
Gene Blaukowitch - initiated January 18th

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Greetings my Sisters and Brothers, it's been a long winter for me so far. There's been too much time entrapped by the weather and winter blahs. Things are starting to look up as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer.

I have many travel plans for the coming months. I am trying to get visits to as many lodges as will accept me and any of my staff that can attend. I would love to come to your lodge if not on my schedule just drop me a text or an email. Weather permitting and an open schedule date is all that is needed. I would like to continue with weekly travel plans as this is the most prudent way for the Grand Master to travel. I am making plans to travel from one lodge to the next while staying in a hotel as near to the center of the lodges. This reduces the mileage and toll costs. I would love to have multiple lodges meet in one place when possible.

I am working on a few projects that I could dearly use some help with.

As this is the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania I would like to see numerous celebrations throughout the commonwealth. Wouldn't a picnic be a great way to celebrate with the lodges in your district? I would like to see every district get together to commemorate this great anniversary. Why not talk to the lodges in your nearby area to join in some kind of

gathering to celebrate. This would be a great time to extend an invitation to your family and friends to break bread and learn about our order. Maybe a trip to the local putt putt golf course or perhaps a date at the bowling alley to share with the neighboring lodges.

I am looking for assistance in compiling a commemorative booklet for each lodge to have in recognition of the anniversary. The booklet would consist of the history of our Lodges with pictures of IOOF buildings and any old photos that might hold some significant. These books would be for sale to any Odd Fellow or Rebekah who wanted one at the published price and each lodge that would participate would get one free. Additionally sponsor pages would be available for lodges as well as individuals to help defer the cost. Volunteers to help gather the information for the booklet and help with the publishing of the material would be greatly appreciated. Contact me or the Grand Lodge to sign up.

I would like to get a rally or two this spring. Is there any interest? Rallies require member participation. The live form of the degrees is in my opinion the most meaningful and lasting impressions instilled upon our newest members. It is also a way to reinvigorate older members who may have forgotten when they were going through the degrees. Volunteers are desperately needed to

perform the work.

Also on my agenda is to establish annual or semiannual schools of instructions. These can be done in a single lodge, a district, region or anywhere we can drum up a crowd. I envision a basic guide of the ritualistic work and also to expand upon that to include more detailed information as to the correct way to set up the meeting room and the responsibilities of each elected and appointed chair position. Roberts rules of order are used as a guide for protocol in our meetings, this does not mean that all proceedings need to be that rigid, adjust the meeting to the benefit of the members present. One major concern that seems to be missed in some lodges that would be in the school of instructions is the proper way to record and disperse the meeting minutes. We would go over the duties and requirements of the lodge secretary as well as the treasurer and the trustees. I believe with a little guidance our meetings will become more meaningful and beneficial to the membership. Consider sponsoring a school of instructions or a rally. Please don't forget June is the time for the Unified Sessions, hope to see everyone there. Let us go forward with the hopes of better times ahead, in Friendship, Love and the truth of our convictions,
J. Carl George, GM

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Sisters and Brothers, Here we are it is March already and no matter what the groundhog said or what your sweetheart told you on Valentine's Day - spring will come the 20th of this month. Speaking of spring, the seasons all bring us change for one reason or another. The spring for things to start fresh and a new after a cold winter. The cold winter comes to kill the bugs and viruses, give the trees and plants some rest, and most important of all it is the time when the Lord came to us in a cold dark world to bring light. The fall that turns into the winter brings us the harvest and bounty of our world that we have been blessed with. In the summer that follows us now is when the seeds that we sew will start to take hold, and grow to maturity. Much like in our fraternity we need to take the new, the youngest members and nurture them -help them to grow and understand what

our fraternity is about in the message we try to convey to the world. The world is a much darker place now than I remember from years ago, but we can still be the shining light to show the rest of humanity, how people should treat each other and at least be civil and charitable no matter who you are. Is your Lodge cold and dark like the winter or is it warm and welcoming like the sunshine of summer? That will determine if your lodge is successful or not, at least in part.

With that congratulations to the newest members of the fraternity from Alma lodge #523 and Kingwood lodge #1010 who got together at Alma and did the initiatory degree for several candidates. This helps promote what we have been wanting to do as far as lodges helping each other in the districts/ regions and lodges growing stronger together instead of separately. Keep up the good work!!! REMEMBER THE

BUNDLE OF STICKS. Several things coming up. If you haven't reserved your place on the Riverboat hurry up tickets are going fast. Don't miss a good time. Also, we are scheduling a school of instruction with Mount Zion #74 lodge in York for sometime this spring. As well as traveling with the Grandmaster for official visits, the conclave and the laying of the wreath at the tomb of the unknowns is coming soon. All wonderful events to attend. And let's not forget about sessions —what about a great turnout this year and show the grandmaster what a good job we're trying to do for him and our order. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you have or questions concerning the good of the fraternity.

In FLT,
Bob Ruff, DGM

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND WARDEN

I hope everyone had the opportunity to read the article in the February magazine, and like me, took time to reflect on what kind of member I am.

We can use this inner reflection and renewal to help our Lodge seek ways to increase our membership.

Once we have initiated our new Brothers or Sisters, we need to assign a mentor to teach them the works of our order and to prepare them to attain the Three Degrees. We have at our disposal the following teaching tools: The Ritual, The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code Of General Laws, the Constitution By-Laws Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Membership Handbook and our Senior members. Use these guides to teach the works of the order. Take time after a meeting to hold a social time, which can be used as a question and answer period. Also, use this social time for FUN. Have a corn hole contest, play cards, play pool or even come up with a trivia game using the information about our Order. Let's get all of our members involved in the social time.

Remember, with good mentorship comes retention. Let's work together toward this goal.

The Membership Handbook states: "The moment our Members, Lodges, Grand Lodges and The Sovereign Grand Lodge stop striving for excellence in the field of brotherhood, sisterhood and leadership development is the moment we start failing to become one of the best and oldest fraternal organizations in the world. Do not just get members; get quality members who can be good leaders in our Lodges and in the community. Don't just make someone a member. Educate them of our wonderful fraternal history. Impress to them the practical principles of our fraternity and get involved in lodge positions, community projects and social events. In this way we can be assured there are still wonderful people who can continue hundreds of years of Odd Fellowship." Let's work to make it grow for another two hundred or more years. Fraternal Friendship,
Paul E. Lautenschlager, GW

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master George has scheduled the following visits for March.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

2 – York Springs #211 OV – 7:00PM

3 – Port Matilda #733 OV – 7:30PM

6 – Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity #254 OV – 7:30PM

9 – Mahanoy #551 OV – 7:30PM

11 – GL Brd Mtg & PA-5 Practice – 10:00AM

15 – Brady #116 OV – 7:30PM

16 – Paoli #290 OV – 8:00PM

17 – Aluta #488 OV – 8:00PM

18 – Vienna #847 OV – 10:00AM

20 – Askam #899 OV – 6:30PM

21 – Jordan #192 OV – 7:30PM

22 – Osage #712 OV – 7:00PM

30 – Unified #2 OV – 7:30PM

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Jack D. Laing, #55

Vincent A. Panvini, Jr., #306

Anthony F. Visco, III, #306

30 YEARS

Kenneth D. Allshouse, #523

35 YEARS

Jeffrey L. Annan, #8

Lee P. Schleicher, #192

40 YEARS

Jonathan R. Barron, #523

William W. Hartland, #523

Richard B. Robertson, #523

Charles L. Robertson, #523

45 YEARS

L. James Van Ness, #1152

Terrance J. Rearden, #1175

50 YEARS

William G. Meier, #306

Philip A. Muscarnero, #306

John A. Redfoot, #1128

60 YEARS

William E. Whiteside, #601

65 YEARS

Larry C. Peterman, #116

70 YEARS

Donald M. Sechler, #438

John K. Mohney, #573

75 YEARS

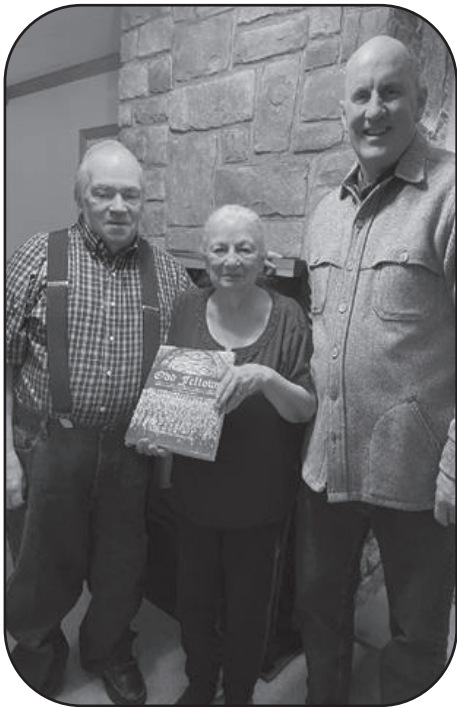
William H. Watson, #278

175 YEARS

Walker Lodge No. 306, Philadelphia

**SMETHPORT LODGE
#389 HONORS
ASSOCIATE
MEMBERS**

Noble Grand David Ball (right) presented Bill and George Ann Hubbs with an Odd Fellows history book and two 1925 Smethport Lodge membership cards and by-law books. He did this in honor of their loyal service driving over 80 miles round-trip through the Pennsylvania wilds to come to their Lodge meetings. Bill and George Ann are both Past Grands of Unified Lodge #2 of Pittsburgh, and hold Associate membership in Smethport Lodge.



**COME VISIT THE
GRAND PATRIARCH**

Grand Patriarch Calhoon has scheduled the following visit for March. I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.

**3 – Kossuth #98 OV –
7:30PM**



On Wednesday, June 28, 2023, in celebration of our 200th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge has reserved the Pride of the Susquehanna for a 3-hour riverboat cruise (from 6-9pm) on the Susquehanna River.

The cost per person is \$50.00 which includes Appetizers & Hors Oeuvres. A cash bar will be provided.

Mark your calendar, save the date, and plan to attend to mark our 200th Anniversary. Come and be a part of the celebration and fellowship as we enjoy a relaxing river cruise. Due to the limited capacity, this is open to all Odd Fellows and one guest, 16 or over.

The capacity of the riverboat is 100, so be sure to send in your reply early, kindly RSVP by March 31, 2023. Checks are to be made payable to the Grand Lodge of PA and mailed to Shirley Whitlinger, PGM at 208 Tyler Court, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044. Any concerns or questions, feel free to contact her at whitx2@msn.com or 724-443-3012.

In F. L. & T.
Anniversary Committee



Planning to attend:

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

Check included



RSVP by March 31, 2023.

Checks are to be made payable to the Grand Lodge of PA and mailed to Shirley Whitlinger, PGM at 208 Tyler Court, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044.

ALMA LODGE #523 RECENT ACTIVITIES



On Saturday January 14, some of the members of Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, made the short trip from Alma Hall to 1st Summit Arena at Cambria County War Memorial to cheer on our hometown Johnstown Tomahawks to a 4-3 victory against the Maine Nordiques. It was a fun night out for the members and their guests.

Our Lodge reinstated a longtime tradition during the recent holiday season, as we took a day staffing one of the Salvation Army Red Kettles at the Johnstown Galleria. We thank the Salvation Army for all they do for our community. (Pictured are Noble Grand Rich Horner and member Meghan Young)



DEGREES CONFERRED IN JOHNSTOWN

On January 28th, Alma Lodge No. 523, of Johnstown, held a Degree Day. They welcomed four new members to their Lodge and their friends at Kingwood Lodge #1010 welcomed three new members. The members also enjoyed a delicious lunch together.

Thank you to the members of Alma Lodge and Kingwood Lodge who helped make the day a huge success. A special thank you to Bill Young for his hard work organizing everything. Bill and his wife Nancy also did a great job preparing a great meal for everyone.

Congratulations to all the new members and we look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting!



PENNSYLVANIA JOB WELL DONE!

The membership totals for the Sovereign Grand Lodge have been calculated. Out of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Odd Fellows are number two of bringing in the most members at 64, only second to Oregon, who initiated 76. The next closest was Ohio with 55. The Cantons were number one, bringing in 6 Chevaliers! Second place was Oregon with 4. Congratulations to the Odd Fellows and Patriarchs Militant. In 2022, the Rebekah Lodges initiated 4 and the Encampment initiated 3.

Keep up the good work and let's continue to grow in 2023

LETITIA PENN REBEKAH LODGE HONORS MEMBERS



On January 26th, members of Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173, of Philadelphia, gathered together for their meeting. Under Good of the Order, Brother Bob Smedley read a certificate for the Early IOOF Application Award, to be given to Sister Katie and Brother Justin Bailey, Associate Members of Letitia Penn, for their most recent unexpected blessing. Katie is the

Secretary and DDP of District #1. As Katie was at home with baby Jackson, Justin was present to accept this. Also presented to him was a 1922 Liberty Peace Dollar, 100 years from when Jackson was born. Katie's family has a longstanding tradition of holding a Liberty dollar, or other silver piece, during New Year's, so this was a very fitting gift that Jackson will certainly use

for future New Year's celebrations. Thank you to Brother Smedley and the members of Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge for the thoughtfulness! During this meeting, we also proposed Megan Solomon for application into the Rebekah Lodge, and we will be initiating her later in February. We hope for a bright future at Letitia Penn!

I.O.O.F. ARTHRITIS PROCLAMATION

To the Officers and Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs 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, J. Carl George, 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 [j]th day of February, 2023, and in the 199th 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

MARCH OBITUARIES

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



Helen L. Pfunke
Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge No. 558
December 11, 2022

Sister Helen L. (Nickel) Pfunke, 95, of Telford, PA, was initiated into Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558, Sellersville, PA, on May 19, 1984, where she became a Past Noble Grand. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member of Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge. She

was also a former Lady of Philadelphia Auxiliary No. 1, L.A.P.M., being initiated May 23, 1990.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Winston. Surviving is one daughter and two grandchildren.

Burial was held in Whitemarsh Memorial Park, Ambler, PA.



Larry T. Kuhns
Jordan Lodge No. 192
January 4, 2023

Brother Larry T. Kuhns, 77, of Bridgeport, WV, was initiated into Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, PA, on February 17, 1981, where he became a Past Grand on October 20, 1987. He was a former Patriarch of Pleasant Corner Encampment #54, Schnecksville, being initiated

on October 21, 1987 and becoming a Past Chief Patriarch on September 27, 1990. He served several years as Treasurer of the Encampment and held membership until the Encampment went defunct in 2012.

Surviving is one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



George F. Morrow
Unified Lodge No. 2
January 6, 2023

Brother George F. Morrow, 74, of Gibsonia, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, PA, on August 11, 2011.

Surviving is his wife, Marlene, and two daughters.



Sandra I. Bohner
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
January 6, 2023

Sister Sandra I. (Harris-Maurer) Bohner, 73, of Dalmatia, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, PA on April 27, 1977.

Surviving is her husband, James, one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Lazetta I. Sidwell
PDDP/Past RA Appointed Officer
Gladys Rebekah Lodge No. 103
January 15, 2023

Sister Lazetta I. (Silbaugh-Lincoln) Sidwell, 96, of Connellsville, PA, was initiated into Edna Rebekah Lodge #32, Connellsville, on November 1, 1986, where she became Past Noble Grand on October 2,

1992. She served as Noble Grand from 1991 - 1997. She became a member of Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233, Waltersburg, through consolidation on May 22, 2006, and later transferred to Gladys Rebekah Lodge #103, Brownfield, on October 9, 2009. She was a charter Matriarch of Monongahela LEA #109, Elizabeth, PA, on May 23, 1998, being their Senior Warden. She became a Past Chief Matriarch on November 28, 2001 and served several years as Treasurer. She served as District Deputy President from 2002 - 2004 and was a regular attendee to Unified Session. She served the Rebekah Assembly in many capacities over the years, starting with Marshal from 1999 - 2000 and 2008 - 2009, Color Bearer from 2004 - 2005, Inside Guardian from 05-06, Conductor from 07-08, Left Herald from 09-10 and Right Herald from 12-13 and 14-15. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member of Gladys Rebekah Lodge.

She was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Connellsville. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Charles Lincoln and William Sidwell. Surviving are daughters, two grandsons and one step-granddaughter.

Burial was held in Green Ridge Memorial Park, Connellsville.



Robert D. Piper
Latrobe Lodge No. 541
General Worth Encampment No. 188
January 28, 2023

Brother Robert D. Piper, 87, of Latrobe, PA, was initiated into Moss Rose Lodge #350, Mount Pleasant, PA, on April 7, 1960. He later transferred to Latrobe Lodge #541 on June 24, 1989 and became a

Past Grand on April 28, 1994. He held the position of Treasurer for many years, a position he was holding at the time of his death. In the past, he held associate membership in Jeannette Lodge #701. He was initiated a Patriarch in John E. Nace, Sr. Encampment #199, Latrobe, and became a Patriarch of General Worth Encampment #188, Finleyville, through consolidation on April 30, 2014. He held the position of Chief Patriarch of John E. Nace, Sr. Encampment #199 for many years. He was a former Chevalier of Canton Pittsburgh No. 5, P.M., Finleyville, having been mustered in July 12, 2018 and being honorably discharged several years later. At the time of his death, he was the oldest tenured member of Latrobe Lodge #541. He served for several years on the Orchard Manor Board.

He was a U.S. Army Reserve Veteran and a member of the Latrobe United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Ellen French, five children, eight grandchildren, and seven grandchildren.

Burial will be held in Lycippus Community Cemetery, Unity Township, PA.



Gary S. Bradbury
Thistle Lodge No. 512
January 29, 2023

Brother Gary S. Bradbury, 80, of Pittston, PA, was initiated into Thistle Lodge #512, Pittston, on August 25, 2014.

He was a member of Elm Park United Methodist Church, Scranton.

Surviving is his wife, the former Anne DelMonte, one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.

UNIFIED LODGE #2 OF PITTSBURGH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

I would like to thank the unified lodge #2. I attend Penn State Dickinson Law and will graduate to take my bar exam in 2 and a half years. I will be using the money to fund housing and books for this semester. I appreciate the Unified Lodge and everything it does for people to be successful. I have a 3.55 gpa and am number 19 out 102 in my class. I will continue to represent unified lodge in the best way possible. Thank you, again.



Best,
Miyah Kureishy
Penn State Dickinson Law
Class of 2025 | J.D. Candidate

I am both humbled and honored to have received the scholarship award, in memory of Kenneth Faub and Wally Grossett. Your generosity will be incredibly helpful in me achieving my goal of my Bachelor's Degree and I am truly looking forward to what the future has in store for me!



With deepest thanks,
Amanda Freiss

Hello. I would just like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the Ken Faub/Wallace Grossett Scholarship from the United Lodge No.2 for the year of 2023. It will be applied to my tuition at Chamberlain University, and I cannot thank you enough. This will allow me to get off to a great start this year and hopefully allow my studies to be completed by the end of this year. Thank you again for helping me to continue my path to be a nurse practitioner.



Thanks again,
Aliya Okey

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to receive this award. I am grateful to be receiving help in order to fulfill my dream of becoming a physician. I will use it to help apply to my away rotations for my fourth year of medical school as well as housing for the said rotations. I want reiterate my appreciation for the odd fellow unified lodge no 2 and everything they do to help aspiring young adults.



Sunna

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LAWRENCE 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.

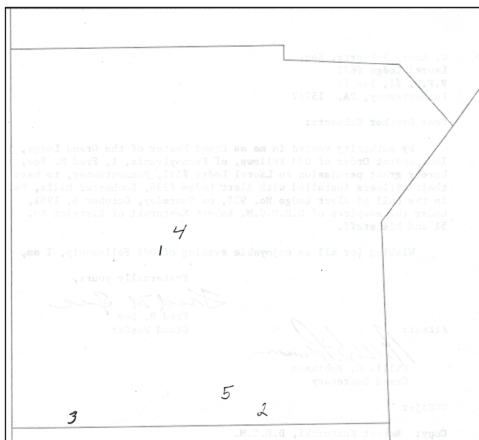
How many Rebekah Lodges were in YOUR County??

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!



LAWRENCE COUNTY

- 1 Clinton - Margaret Sovina Rebekah Lodge #228 - consolidated 1960
- Clinton - Sarah Mills Rebekah Lodge #537 - defunct 1935
- 2 Ellwood City - Peninnah Rebekah Lodge #59 - defunct 1913
- Ellwood City - Alfarata Rebekah Lodge #317 - defunct 1993
- 3 Enon Valley - Arwilda Rebekah Lodge #556 - defunct 1986
- 4 New Castle - Frances Rebekah Lodge #31 - defunct 1878
- New Castle - Rachel Rebekah Lodge #40 - defunct 1973
- New Castle - Emeline Rose Rebekah Lodge #37 - defunct 1989
- 5 Wampum - Jemimah Rebekah Lodge #264 - defunct 1914

9 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

- 1st Rebekah Lodge - Frances Rebekah Lodge #31 in 1870
- Last Rebekah Lodge - Alfarata Rebekah Lodge #317 in 1993
- 15 Odd Fellow Lodges

Doing this research, I found there is a town of Frizzleburg in Lawrence County. We need to get a Lodge instituted there!

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

THE TREASURER'S TALES

MARCH 2023

We have been following Barney, Melchizedek and a group of fictitious New Jersey Odd Fellows' exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at March 1928. The notable day in March 1928 was St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 17; Easter was in April that year (check back next month). March is still a cold month in New Jersey, but warm in Florida.

March 1928 marked a number of interesting events, on the 1st, Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra record "Ol' Man River" for Victor Records featuring Bing Crosby. On March 15 (the ides of March) Mussolini did away with free choice in elections in Italy. On March 19, the radio show Amos and Andy premiered. On March 12, American playwright Edward Albee (Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?), was born in Virginia. On March 14, American astronaut Frank Borman (Gemini 7, Apollo 8) and CEO of Eastern Air Lines (1975-86), was born in Gary, Indiana. On March 20, Fred Rogers, American children's TV host (Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood), and Presbyterian minister, was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. On March 31, Gordie Howe, Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame right wing (23-time NHL All Star; NHL: Detroit Red Wings; WHA: Houston Aeros), was born in Floral, Saskatchewan.

Barney was well back in the swing of teaching tenth grade English. He had spent most of January diagramming sentences and his students had the bored stare of someone on a bad drug trip. Because the English department had many varieties of presentation, he thought that theater might arouse the youth. He had relied on Shakespeare in years gone by, but that did not always shake the winter doldrums from the students. The Racket ended its run on Broadway in March 1928. It was a crime play that was popular, and it attracted Barney because of its popularity. It was also made into a popular movie. After some consideration, Barney decided a play about organized crime might not get the highest approval ratings for a high school setting. The highest rated movie was The Passion

of Joan of Arc, which would not be suitable for a high school audience. This left Barney with a dilemma. Would a play be the answer?

Barney decided he would have the class members assemble in small groups and write their own plan. He did not give them any guidelines, but he told them he wanted dialogue and simple props, so that they could produce their own play.

Small groups of four were chosen by Barney, trying not to put members of the same clique in the same group. It started out slow but picked up. Most of the students had seen movies and were writing scripts about topics covered by current film. Movies were in the middle of transitioning from silent to talkies. Most students were into the modern sound pictures, while a few sentimentalist believed the silent films presented the true artistry.

World War I was a topic explored by several groups of students. This was an area where Barney was very familiar and held a few misgivings. The harshness of trench warfare and emotional connections to real events, dampened Barney's ardor for such plays. Later in the year, Steamboat Willie, became iconic with Mickey Mouse, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steamboat_Willie.

There were other ideas, but the one that struck Barney the most was a play about animals. One of the students was a great fan of a certain raccoon that was the unofficial mascot of Grovers Mills. She and her group came up with the story of a poor little raccoon, abandoned by his mother, who was captured by a circus and forced to travel around the country, doing tricks for peanuts.

The lions and tigers and bears refused to associate with the raccoon and threatened to eat him when he came close. The monkeys told him he was stupid and would never amount to anything. The keeper ridiculed him because he could only do a couple tricks. He would go to his cage and cry himself to sleep at night. He continued his wretched existence until he spotted a fire and alerted

the elephants. He rode one of the elephants while it used its trunk to spray water on the fire and saved the circus and the other animals. He became a hero of the circus community and had an act named after him. Melchizedek the Magnificent. Before this, the circus was known as the Pachyderm and People Show. After this it was referred to as the Ring-tailed Rounders. Melchizedek formed a lasting friendship with the elephants and they sprayed water on a small fire in the circus ring as part of the show (a controlled fire of course). A small fireman's hat was made for Melchizedek to wear. The crowd loved the show. People lined up after the show to feed apples and other fruit to Melchizedek.

Barney went with the play about the animals. The play was presented on a Saturday, and the students were admitted for free, with the general public paying \$0.15. The Glee Club sold popcorn in the back of the auditorium. He managed to get a few animal costumes and had all the animal parts played by students. One student suggested he invite the inspiration for the play to participate. Barney wasn't sure how Melchizedek would react if a large crowd started to clap or move from their seats, but he acquiesced and brought in the live raccoon for the finale. Melchizedek was contented as any experienced actor, sitting on the stage eating apples and bananas, until he smelled the popcorn. He jumped from the stage and ran in front of the popcorn stand, begging like a dog. The crowd went wild and he was given his own bag of popcorn.

So long till April.

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.

WARREN LODGE ACTIVITIES

Warren Lodge #339 has been abuzz all through the month of January and February. It's Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby time. Warren Lodge has a dedicated workshop specifically designed for pinewood car building. Shop setup with three band saws, three jig saws, Dremel tools on stands, drill press, sanding booth and paint booth. Then the dining room is turned into a design studio where the scouts can design and decorate their cars. Well over 100 cars were designed, shaped, cut and finished to prepare them for the races. Lodge members Al Webster, Lisa Bush, Jim Tellman and Lou Dussia have been there every evening for most of January and February with occasional help from other members. The races were held each Saturday through the month of February. We will have pictures of the track and winners next month.



This is one of the Girl Scout Troops who are participating in the Pinewood Derby Powder Puff races. Shown here are the girls with the race cars that they built in the Odd Fellows Work Shop with the assistance of the Odd Fellows Crew. Shown here with Race Coordinator and Noble Grand Al Webster

51ST ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2023

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

The 51st 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 24th through Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, inclusive.



PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ALL ROOM, BANQUET AND REGISTRATION RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 9, 2023. 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 \$ 110.00 plus tax. Telephone 717-939-7841. Deadline for room reservations is June 9, 2023. 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).

All guests at the Red Lion Hotel will be able to take advantage of a breakfast buffet and a lunch buffet in the hotel restaurant. No special ID is required for this price.

Session Registration: Pre-registration is \$10.00 per person. Send all registrations by June 10, 2023 to Paul Lautenschlager, 101 Maplewood Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431. Any lodge or person wanting to make a donation to the registration handout bag should contact Brother Paul at (570) 877-5925 for details.

Banquet for all Branches will be held on:

Sunday, June 25th, 2023 • Cost Per Person: \$37.00

Choice of 3 Dinner Entrees will be:

- 1) Sliced London Broil with gravy (on the side)
- 2) Broiled Old Bay Haddock or
- 3) Chicken Breast with sauce

Reservations with remittance should be sent to: Ella Lee Trulick 161 Stover Road, Bellefonte, PA 16827 • Phone: (814) 383-4476. Please contact Ellie with any dietary concerns for this meal.

Fun Night:

Fun Night will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 24th** 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.

2023 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, 2023.
• 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 Avenue, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone (610)-916-1990. Flowers arrangements are \$ 65.00. The deadline for ordering and paying for flowers is June 10, 2023. 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 (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 Avenue, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone 610-916-1990.

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Saturday, July 29th

Details on meals & prices
to follow!

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IOOF Rally and Special Session in
Warren, PA. Saturday April 15th
beginning at 9AM. More details in next
months magazine!