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## Bicentennial Rally a Success



Pennsylvania went back home to Philadelphia, the birthplace of Pennsylvanian Odd Fellowship, to admit new members and advance candidates through the degrees. We were honored to have the Grand Warden of New Jersey in attendance, along with roughly 10 candidates and several other visitors. We initiated 7 members into 6 different Lodges, and took 23 Members through the three degrees.

Special recognition goes to District's 1 & 2 for their help in the second degree: Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Paoli Lodge #290 and Vincent Lodge #762 for stepping up and helping out.



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## Places to GO - People to See

### NOVEMBER

- 4 / PM Rally, York+
- 5 / GL Board meeting, Middletown - 10:00AM
- 5/ Unified Session Meeting, Red Lion Hotel - 1:00PM

### AUGUST 2024

15 - 22 / SGL Session, Pittsburgh

+ denotes details to follow

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

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



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

### VARIETY LODGE NO. 37, PHILADELPHIA

Vincent Sabatino, Jr. - initiated September 9th

### HARMONY LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA

Carson W. Curry - initiated September 9th

### LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96, NEW COLUMBIA

Peggy A. Diehl - initiated September 9th

### PAOLI LODGE NO. 290, DOWNINGTOWN

Patricia F. McKee - initiated September 9th

### CLOVER LODGE NO. 348, BADEN

Clarence Singleton - initiated September 6th

Dawn Singleton

### TUNKHANNOCK LODGE NO. 699, WEST NICHOLSON

Donald Church, Jr - reinstated September 5th

Donald Church, Sr - reinstated September 19th

Welcome back!

### VINCENT LODGE NO. 762, SPRING CITY

Ivan Fokin - initiated September 9th

Jamiee Stoker

## FREEDOM LODGE HONORS LONGTIME MEMBERS

At their meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, Deputy Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager had the honor of presenting brothers Steve Martin and Forrest Goodenough of Freedom Lodge #88 with their 30 year membership pins. Congratulations to both Steve and Forrest.



From Left to right: PVG Forrest Goodenough, DGM Paul Lautenschlager, PG Steve Martin

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

Donald L. Gabrielson, #55

David F. Lambie, #270

### 30 YEARS

William Tarutis, #512

Larry T. Miller, #523

James M. Howells, #1030

### 40 YEARS

Terry L. Zimmerman, #148

Gerald C. Berger, #192

### 50 YEARS

John J. Jacyszyn, #306

Theodore J. Quillen, #762

David B. Hamilton, #936

### 60 YEARS

Ronald L. Stern, #413

Lynn R. Kinzey, #523

Frank A. Treece, #523

### 75 YEARS

Charles W. Rohrer, #1030

### 135 YEARS

Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge No. 173

Philadelphia

### 160 YEARS

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573

### 180 YEARS

Hopkins Lodge No. 87, Bristol

# FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brothers and Sisters of this great Fraternal Order,

The month of October has gone by rapidly. The District Deputy Grand Masters worked diligently to complete the installation of the Lodge officers in their district. Our Grand Secretary, Justin C. Bailey anxiously awaits the September 30, 2023 Annual Reports to be properly completed and returned. (The District Deputy Grand Master should have received the report before installation of officers.) Grand Master Robert B. Ruff was working to have all installations done in October, hoping that he would not have to issue a dispensation for a Lodge to have an installation in November. WOW, what a great achievement that would be.

All Noble Grands should have their goals for the year ready to be presented at their first meeting in November. They should have their list of committees ready to appoint for the new term. The members of the Lodge need to be ready to support the new officers for the term and to work with them to move their Lodge forward. Remember to use the Ritual to open, conduct and close your meetings. Follow the Rules and Regulations and By-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in conducting your meetings. Try something new in your Lodge such as visiting other Lodges to see how they conduct their Lodge. You may learn something new from them, and they may learn something from you. Remember, like a " bundle of sticks", we can accomplish more with many Lodges than with just one Lodge or member to move our Order forward as we perform our duties to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan."

May the Lord Bless us as we work in our Lodge and our community to build a better world. May we all work together in Peace and Harmony.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Deputy Grand Master

## NATHAN LEWIS-FT. NECESSITY LODGE #254



At the Nathan Lewis - Ft. Necessity Lodge #254 New Salem, PA last meeting in September 2023. The lodge was honored to have two of our influential members in the lodge tonight. Welcome home to **Sovereign Grand Master John S, Cupp Jr.** and his lovely wife **Emilie Cupp**. We also welcome a visitor **Blanche Corey** from her home lodge.

## 116 TRAVELS



Late but Great. Brady Lodge #116 of Muncy invited all the Lodges of their district as guests for a picnic dinner and a boat ride on the Susquehanna River on the Hiawatha Paddle Boat. Celebrating their 175 years as a Lodge 3 years late due to the Coronavirus. Great time of Fellowship had by all.



John S. Cupp Sovereign Grand Master & Grand Treasurer; Robert B. Ruff Grand Master; Arthur Danley Past District Deputy Grand Master; Allen Smith District Deputy Grand Master; and Mike Wallis Grand Conductor and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania assisted in a Degree Rally at Walker Lodge in Philadelphia on September 9,2023.





## FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Sisters and brothers,

The fall season is almost passed, and if the snow has not started to fly in your part of the jurisdiction, it won't be long. Where are you in terms of your life journey and where is your Lodge? If you look around your Lodge room and don't see people in the spring and summer of their journey here there is obviously a problem. What are you doing to change things? If you don't do things differently or continue to do things because "we've always done them that way" how do you expect things to change? Where will our order be in 10 years, I know five years ago I was worried about when we would drop under 2000 members while we have exceeded my wildest nightmares and expectations and stand at around 1500 to 1600 right now. ALL Organizations and fraternities are experiencing the same thing. We all need to keep persevering though and trying different things, or reinvigorating some of the old things we have previously done. All it takes is that one person and I have seen that in lodges. I am happy and proud to say our order has so much to offer. We just need to let the world know. It's truly odd being an odd fellow, it is a belief that there is something better than yourself in life that you can contribute to make a difference in the future.

I am also happy to say that almost half of the lodges have been visited now, so if I have not visited your lodge yet, I'm looking forward to it in the future.

In FLT Bob Ruff, GM

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master George has scheduled the following visits for November.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 5 - GL Board Meeting - 10:00AM
- 5 - Unified Session Committee - 1:00PM
- 6 - East Brunswick #802 OV - 7:30PM
- 7 - Shillington #1175 OV - 7:30PM

## PATRIARCHS MILITANT RALLY NOVEMBER 4, 2023

The PM Rally will be held on Saturday, November 4th, 2023 at the hall of Mount Zion Lodge, 525 Greenwood Road, York. All Chevaliers are most cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Some years it will be a longer drive; some years it will be at your back door. If you want Chevaliers to show up to your area, show up to everyone else's! The schedule will be as follows:

- 11:00 AM - Lunch at a cost of \$5.00 per person
- 12:00 PM - PM Memorial Service
- 12:30 PM - PM Rally & Board Meeting

Bring your candidates! Our Department Commander, Brig Gen David A. Young, will be pleased to muster new members.

Please do what you can to attend and have a day of Chivalrous Odd Fellowship. After all, it is YOUR Rally.

I would appreciate each canton reaching out to me and letting me know if you have any candidates and how many from your canton are attending. Feel free to contact me at [inamanicole@gmail.com](mailto:inamanicole@gmail.com) or by phone at 570-778-6211.

We look forward to seeing YOU in York on November 4th and having Patriarchs become Chevaliers.

Chivalrously, Brig. Gen.<sup>®</sup> Nicole B. Inama,  
Department Adjutant

## 88 BENCH

Pictured from Back left to right: Karina Pittenger, Nakomis, Taylor Burleigh, Nakomis, Jessica Kilmer, Canton, Paul Lautenschlager, Deputy Grand Master, Bert Terysen, Freedom, Dennis Hiller, Freedom, Eric DeYoung, Freedom, Forrest C Goodenough, Freedom and Andrew Kilmer, Grand Guardian. ~ Forrest Goodenough



# ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



Sandy Lake Visitation



Jordan Lodge Visitation



The sisters and brothers at Brady Lodge always provide a good time. Thanks to Osage and Lewisburg Lodge for visiting. That is exactly what we were promoting in the order. Once again, great job Brady!!



**White Haven Visitation**  
First two ladies attending a meeting in the lodge EVER! Congrats guys now get those in your community to join.



Mahanoy Visit



# ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER

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**Mt. Hor Dual Visit**

Open house dual visitation, no signs or secrets just fundamental IOOF. I believe that they received petitions.  
GREAT JOB - MT. HOR!



**Shenandoah Visitation**



**Askam Lodge**



**Tunkhannock Lodge #699**

## NOVEMBER OBITUARY

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



### Gary P. Smith

Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201  
Chosen Friends Encampment No. 88

Brother Gary P. Smith, 89, of West Chester, was initiated into Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201 on April 11, 1991, where he became a Past Grand on April 16, 2007 and received his Grand Lodge Degree May 19, 2007. He was initiated into Chosen Friends Encampment #88, Malvern, on September 1, 2008. He held active membership in his Lodge and Encampment, currently holding the offices of Inside Guardian and Sentinel. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a member of Christ Community Church of West Chester. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Thelma Williams. Surviving are two sons, Donald and Ronald Smith, both of the same Lodge and Encampment, one step-grandson, two step-great-grandchildren and his brother, Jay, also of the same Lodge and Encampment.

Burial was private at the convenience of the family.

## NEWBURG LODGE ASSISTS GROUP



Members of Newburg Lodge No. 562 and Valley Encampment No. 34 recently donated \$1,500.00 to the Shippensburg American Legion Minutemen Unit. This donation is towards new uniforms for the unit. Receiving the check for the Minutemen is President of the Minutemen Unit, Curtis Lamar Cramer. Giving the check of behalf of the Lodge and Encampment is Noble Grand/Chief Patriarch Ed Chamberlin

## JURISDICTIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE NEWS

Many lodges have expressed interest in starting a Youth Group. Here are a few things to keep in mind and some fun activity ideas. Remember parents do not have to be Odd Fellow members. The thought is to get the kids involved and hopefully the parents will follow.

First, generate interest. Have activities the kids will find fun and interesting.

**November:** Collect food for the local food bank. Have a neighborhood cleanup or rake leaves for senior citizens. Save some of the colorful leaves, lay them on wax paper and shave some crayons on them. Cover with another sheet of wax paper and a towel and iron on low setting for a colorful Autumn picture. Collect pinecones, smother them in peanut butter and dip them in bird seed. Hang them from trees for our feathered friends.

**December:** Collect or buy large print puzzles and fiction books. Dollar Tree always has these. Have the kids deliver them to the local senior center. Spend some time there reading to the adults. Make Christmas cards or cookies to take with you. Have a Christmas party. Show a holiday movie, such as, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, etc. Invite families and serve popcorn, cookies and hot chocolate.

Whatever you hand out or do, make sure to have a card or note saying courtesy of...so the word gets out that the Oddfellows love their communities! Take pictures and send them to me. The Jurisdictional Youth Committee will reimburse you \$50 toward a pizza or holiday party.

IOOF Members involved should have their Pennsylvania State Police and Child Abuse clearances. These are free online just check the volunteer box.

The next IOOF Jurisdictional Youth Committee meeting will take place via Zoom on Saturday, December 2nd at 11AM. Everyone is invited to attend, just make sure I have your email address. Knoebels note: We have a tentative date of Saturday, July 27, 2024. **Save the date!**

Have a great holiday season!

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## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### NOVEMBER 2023

November is the month of Thanksgiving, which took place on November 29 in 1928. On November 1, the Graf Zeppelin set the airship distance record. On November 4, American gangster Arnold Rothstein is shot at a business meeting for reputedly refusing to pay gambling debts (died 6th November). On November 6, Colonel Jacob Schick patented the first electric razor. On November 17, Notre Dame finally loses a football game at home after 23 years of winning. On November 18, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie" released, it is first Mickey Mouse sound cartoon. On November 30, Vladimir K. Zworykin received a patent on Iconoscope (scanning camera tube) TV system.

On November 3, Japanese manga artist (Kimba the White Lion), born in Toyonaka City, Japan. You can watch the cartoon here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_tHt3igRO1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_tHt3igRO1A). On November 15, C. W. McCall (William Dale Fries, Jr.), American country singer (Conway), was born in Audubon, Iowa.

We always associate November with Thanksgiving and a big turkey dinner. Turkeys were costly to produce in the 1920's and 30's because of their susceptibility to diseases that were carried by chickens without killing the chickens.

School was in full swing in November and Barney tried to use plays to keep his students interested. When appropriate, he used popular plays that were a couple years old, thereby having to pay lower royalties for performing them. Barney got a decent deal on Rain or Shine and decided to use it. A description of Rain or Shine may be found here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rain\\_or\\_Shine\\_\(musical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rain_or_Shine_(musical)) And a video of the title song can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9JlhmJf4c>.

November is a difficult month to keep the students interest because of the approaching holidays. Barney thought a light-hearted musical could keep their interest and give them some exposure to musicals. Many of you have done amateur theater while in school and understand that it can be a wonderful motivating factor if done properly.

Costumes and props can be rented from the road companies that have stopped performing and by November these were becoming available, since the first run was over. Barney assembled a working group of several student directors and began auditions in early November, hoping to present the play on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving.

The students were interested in playing the parts on stage and several students were attracted to the costumes and props. Human activity attracts attention. The local residents were interested in the evening rehearsals and activity at the high school. Where people are found, there is commonly food. Sometimes animals are smart enough to make this connection. So it would go that a refreshment stand in the lobby would bring in more money than the tickets for the play.

In a tree, 75 feet away from the high school parking lot, there sat a furry raccoon, observing all the activity. Melchizedek had long studied human activity and was preparing his thesis for his master's degree in human psychology from Raccoon University. He knew that he had more than wit going for him. He was cute. People, especially teenage girls, would stop and throw food at him. He learned that certain movements, like dancing at a high school musical, brought great rewards. Melchizedek, at his prime, was the fourth heaviest raccoon in New Jersey. Because this was not well studied, he did not get an entry in any record books.

As Barney got out of his car, he would see the raccoon, watching the parking lot. As the teacher in charge of all student productions, Barney had to supervise all aspects of the play. He ordered the supplies and supervised the students who set up the stage and managed the costumes and ordered all the stock for the refreshment stand. He learned long ago, that when he arrived with the refreshments, he had a crew of students carry them into the school like an assembly line. If the car were left unguarded, "shrinkage" would occur. Raccoons were not the only pilferers. Once he had everything in place, he discussed a final dress rehearsal with the students. Much to his surprise, they wanted to rehearse the day before Thanksgiving. A few wanted a final rehearsal on Thanksgiving day itself. Wednesday, November 28, was the last rehearsal. The students would return to school at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 30, to get ready for the 6:30 pm opening night.

On November 29, Barney spent the day at home with his family. As the sun began to set, he looked out his window and saw the raccoon who had been his nemesis and his companion for more than five years. He took out the bones and scraps that had not already been fed to the dogs and put them on a tin plate behind the equipment shed. Melchizedek came in for his Thanksgiving dinner.

Friday started out well. The students arrived on time and began putting things together for opening night. It was warm and the

students left a couple doors open to get air in the theater. As you know, Melchizedek believed an open door was an invitation to come in. The students were starting to put on their costumes when Barney heard a scream. One of the dresses was moving across the floor. Barney picked up a broom and lifted the dress. Inside was Melchizedek. Barney chased him out the door and closed it behind. This would have worked, if one of the students hadn't opened the door an hour later. As they were getting ready to start, one of the students running the refreshments stand told Barney there were only two large bags of popcorn and the inventory sheet listed three. Barney told the students they would be ok for Friday night, but would need to go to the store the next morning because the Saturday matinee would be a time for big popcorn sales.

After the play was over, many of the attendees told Barney how wonderful the show was. The students got resounding ovations and it looked like a success. As he was getting ready to shut the school down, a female teacher approached and told him there was a student in one of the stalls of the ladies room eating popcorn and some of it was spilling out on the floor. He asked the teacher to return with him to ladies restroom. He could hear someone eating popcorn in the stall, but the door was locked and he couldn't see any legs. After yelling for several minutes, Barney got a thin ruler and flipped the bolt that secured the door. Sitting on top of the water closet was Melchizedek, almost through with the missing bag of popcorn. He was so bloated, he could barely move. Barney picked Melchizedek up and carried him outside and told him not to come back. We all know, he will come back.

Next month is December and our story will probably surround Christmas or something else seasonal. I will try to incorporate Melchizedek in my Christmas story. He likes candy canes and always wants to check out the Christmas cookies.

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

## FINAL REMINDER:

### ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA 2023 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is continuing to accept applications for three - \$4,000 Graduate Scholarship Awards for the Fall of 2023. A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the 2023 Graduate Scholarship Awards can be obtained by 1) contacting Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way; Charleroi, Pa 15022, or 2) emailing a request to "robagg@comcast.net." The "Rules" and "Application" may also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaoof.org" during the September to late November time period. The deadline for submitting applications will be November 18, 2023.

Regarding the Graduate Scholarship Award, the applicant or a living relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and enrolled (full/part-time) in the graduate program of an accredited college or university with all areas of concentration being eligible. Also, the applicant must be:

- A) a college graduate continuing his/her education toward an advanced degree (i.e. Masters in Education (M.Ed), Masters in Music (MM), etc.) or
- B) enrolled in a degree program requiring more than the usual four (4) years of undergraduate studies to complete (i.e. Physician Assistant (PA), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) etc.).

Note: Previous applicants/recipients of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of W. PA Scholarship Award (undergraduate/graduate) may apply for this scholarship award.



### LADY HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE OFFICIAL VISIT



On September 6th, the Rebekah Assembly, headed by President Anna Smith of Boalsburg, visited Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 of Tamaqua. There was a great turnout of members, 20 in all. Thanks to all who came out!

### FREEDOM LODGE #88 HONESDALE COMPLETES FALL 2023 HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP



On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Freedom Lodge #88 had nine (9) Brothers and Sisters meet at 8:30am in the Honesdale High School Parking Lot for the Fall 2023 Highway Cleanup. The clean-up route starts at the foot of Terrace Street (by REMAX Honesdale Office) and continues up the hill, past the Wayne Highlands Elementary, Primary, Middle and High School area and beyond Tick-Tock's Restaurant towards Cherry Ridge. Once the areas were divided up between the available helpers, this effort took about an hour. This is just one more way that Freedom Lodge #88 takes part in the Greater Honesdale Community effort. Pictured from left to right: Jessica Kilmer, Andrew Kilmer, Nadine Hager, Forrest C. Goodenough, Doug Buchinski, Mike Kinzinger, Noble Grand Bert Terysen and Tom Burke. Freedom Lodge conducts this road clean-up gathering twice a year, each Spring and Fall. ~ Forrest Goodenough

### LODGE NO. 254 SUPPORTS COMMUNITY



Nathan Lewis - Fort Necessity Lodge #254, New Salem, Pa Summer Outreach Program, was to support the Fayette Friends of Animals Center. The Lodge collected a few hundred pounds of dog and cat food, litter, pet bowls, animal toys, treats, cleaning supplies and many other items for the animal center. We want to thank each of our Lodge members for a very successful summer project. Pictured below are members of our Lodge showing a few of the items that were collected and a picture of the truck load of items presented to the animal adoption and rescue center.



Periodicals

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

GM RUFF PROJECT – ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

74	Mount Zion	500.00
306	Walker	341.00
116	Brady	250.00
361	Strasburg	250.00
254	Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity	200.00
658	Victory	200.00
2	James & Earlene McMahon	100.00
R497	Nakomis in Honor of Joyce Nyberg	100.00
192	Jordan	75.00
333	Foster	<u>25.00</u>
		2,041.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

PPRA Barber RA Project		390.33
1004	Hampton	50.00
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
		465.33

VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

PPRA Barber RA Project		390.33
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EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2	Unified	50.00
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS

During this season of Thanksgiving please remember the children & adults who suffer with the many types of Arthritis. Your donation of participation with a contribution of your monies to the PA Joint Arthritis Committee **DOES** make life better.

So the Odd Fellow's and Rebekah's can keep an accurate record of your donations,

The Pennsylvania Jurisdictional Arthritis Committee is asking you to:

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