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

MOUNT ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK
 Scott Glace - initiated July 3rd
 Tracey Glace

CHARLEROI LODGE NO. 1030
 Thomas Picinotti - initiated August 17th

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Sisters and brothers,
Happy Bicentennial - I never get tired of saying that. So the Sovereign GRAND LODGE was a good event. It was nice to support the new sovereign grandmaster John Cupp, also a wonderful learning experience. So as I drive over the Commonwealth, I have much time to think about things. Looking over our beautiful landscape in this great country, I cannot help, but think the founding fathers might be disappointed in what we are doing to our pristine country. The biggest offenders I believe are these wind turbines, not only are they ugly but mostly ineffective. Much more time not working, than working at least on those here in Pennsylvania. I also think about those lodges that refuse to except either men or women to the Rebekah's or Oddfellows respectively. I find that unbrotherly or unsisterly like in these modern times. I believe at a time when we are all struggling, we all need to help each other. I am proud to report that Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328 is one of the more progressive lodges. Not only do we get out 15 members approximately to every meeting, but we also have the distinct honor of having the current GM and the past three Grand masters from our Lodge also. How many lodges can

boast that? But then I have been in lodges that have had "sisters" scratched out of the ritual - how petty, offensive and unprogressive can that be? But also, not very becoming of an odd fellow's oath(s) and obligation(s) that we have all taken. I can say one thing for my visitations is the lodge that accepts women as equals in the lodge seem to be doing very well for some reason. And the same thing goes for the Beckys and male members.

It all goes back to us, helping each other out. In the military they teach you it doesn't matter what your color, religion or beliefs are. You were all united in the same mission. We all took on obligations in this fraternity, and now more than ever we need to pull together (Michelle PSGM) and help each other out if we wish to continue into the future promoting the good works of the order. Remember your installations need to be done by the end of October which will give everybody plenty of time to gear up for the holiday season. Hopefully I will see you soon in my travels and please feel free to reach out and contact me anytime with questions.
In FLT,
Bob Ruff, GM

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

- 1 - GL Board Mtg, Middletown - 12:00PM
- 2 - Askam #899 OV - 6:30PM
- 3 - Tunkhannock #699 OV - 7:30PM
- 4 - Freedom #88 OV - 7:00PM
- 18 - Freeport #379 OV - 7:30PM
- 19 - Warren #339 OV - 7:00PM
- 20 - Ridgway #969 OV - 8:00PM
- 21 - Vienna #847 OV - 10:00AM
- 21 - PGP Calhoun Testimonial, Shartlesville - 6:00PM
- 25 - Pine Grove #148 OV - 7:30PM
- 27 - 29 - SGM Cupp Testimonial, Coraopolis
- 31 Hampton #1004 OV - 7:00PM



FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Greetings and happy fall to all of my Brothers and Sisters,

October, the month of changes, when leaves are turning bright and show beautiful colors for us to enjoy.

Let's take this time of change to reflect on the accomplishments of our Lodges. Take time to think about the direction your Lodge is going. Did each member make the effort to get new members? Did you attend all of your meetings? Did you step up to help with a project or fund-raising event?

Did you help organize an event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania? Did you help your District plan an anniversary event? These questions can only be answered by you.

By the second meeting night of September, your Lodge should have held election of Officers. Your Lodge secretary should have

received the forms and paperwork to be completed for the end of the year, September 30, 2023.

These annual reports should be completed, signed and sealed, ready to be handed to your District Deputy Grand Master on the night of installation of officers. You should make sure that all of your Rituals are in possession of the Lodge. Your Blue book, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Rules and Regulations and By-Laws, your Green book, Sovereign Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations and By-Laws should be up to date and ready to hand to your District Deputy Grand Master for examination. You also need the paid receipt showing that the Lodge dues to Grand Lodge are paid.

Your District Deputy Grand Master should have set up a date with your Lodge secretary to install your new officers. If your secretary needs help completing the reports, please

contact your District Deputy Grand Master. They are capable and willing to assist your Lodge. Work with your District Deputy Grand Master to make a smooth transition of your new officers on the night of installation. Welcome your new officers and thank your outgoing officers for their work and dedication to your Lodge. Remember, if there is a problem getting the tasks done for installation and a problem occurs in setting up an installation date, please contact me, the Grand Master or Grand Secretary and we will assist you. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of each Lodge. May your Lodge have a harmonious and prosperous year.

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

PRIDE OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BOAT CRUISE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA CELEBRATION

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania kicked off the celebration of its 200th Anniversary in Pennsylvania with a River Boat Cruise on the "Pride of the Susquehanna" on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. This was the first official event attended by our newly installed Grand Master, Robert B. Ruff.

Approximately 50 Odd Fellows and guests gathered for the event, embarking on a 3-hour tour of the Susquehanna River in the Harrisburg vicinity. The group boarded the river boat at City Island in the shadows of the baseball stadium.

Sister Shirley J. Whitlinger did a fantastic job of booking the vessel, securing a caterer to feed the group and also arranged for wonderful live entertainment to provide dancing music on the cruise. Other members of the committee for the event were PGM J. Carl George and Deputy Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager.

The weather was wonderful in spite of the overcast skies affected by the smoke from the Canadian wildfires. We were treated to a wonderful bright red sunset as the evening on the river progressed.

The group enjoyed this opportunity to gather together and relax after the recently completed Grand Lodge Session. The 2 lodges with the largest groups attending the cruise were Lititz Lodge #1050 and Vincent Lodge #762. As the evening progressed, the guests were able to mingle and observe the river scenery. The music provided by the Spring Hollow Band was wonderful and gave anyone so inclined opportunities to dance. The catered snacks were well beyond what we expected and were enjoyed by all.

As we departed at the end of the evening, there were many thanks offered for the opportunity to relax and enjoy the friendships of all who attended this cruise. We could not have asked for a nicer evening on the river to begin the celebration of the 200th year of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania.



GW HILT FINDS IOOF ARTIFACTS

No matter where GW Frank Hilt travels, he seems to find Odd Fellowship. Last year, he found Burlington VT Lodge Hall. Recently, while at Prince Edward Island, Canada, at the Potato Museum in the town of O'Leary, he found a charter dated August 19, 1916 and signed by Grand Master WB Belyran.

He then went to the Anne of Green Gables Museum, Kensington, Canada, and found the "Our Father Prayer" lithograph surrounded by IOOF symbols. The Author of the book series was Lucy Maud Montgomery.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH

As your newly installed grand patriarch, I have the pleasure and the responsibility to lead Pennsylvania encampments over the next year. While I happily except this charge, I realize that leaders are only successful when they have a vision and effectively communicate that vision to their members. Encampments across the commonwealth, our great country, and the world, are all faced with the specter of declining membership. This places a greater burden on those who remain to continue the works of our order. While we all work to build our membership base, we need to stay vigilant not to let the works of our order erode. It is said that Friendship, Love and Truth are stronger when supported by Faith, Hope and Charity. My charity for this year is Feeding America. Feeding America is the largest charity working to end hunger in the United States. They partner with food banks, food pantries, and local food programs to bring food to people facing hunger. They advocate for policies that create long-term solutions to hunger. In the United States, 1 in 11 face hunger and, 1 in 8 of those are children. Feeding America keeps administration costs under

1%, so 99% of donations fund the vision of the organization. Food banks in Harrisburg, Westmoreland, Erie, Nazareth, Ducane, Philadelphia and several others across Pennsylvania support local community programs. \$2.5mm are distributed through SNAp generating 4mm in overall effectiveness. It is challenging to believe that we have people going hungry when we waste Billions of poundspounds of food every year. I believe when we find solutions to hunger, we create a stronger community. This environment is conducive to building our membership. How you ask. When people don't have to worry on where their next meal is coming from, they are able get involved. They can participate in organizations like odd fellows because it is these organizations that have helped them. While this may not be a direct membership drive, it is my hope, my fellow patriarchs and odd fellows will support my vision. I have faith, that together, we can make hunger a topic of the past while supporting and growing our great fraternity. Thank you. Thomas J. Kutchner

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

James V. Keller, PDC #74

35 YEARS

Richard J. Pasinski, #1004

45 YEARS

Charles J. Balmer, #306

John T. Perry, #306

50 YEARS

Joseph C. Phillips, #125

55 YEARS

Jack H. Lentz, #541

William F. Wylie, #1004

70 YEARS

Kenneth M. Daugherty, Jr., #377

180 YEARS

Freedom Lodge No. 88, Honesdale

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Kutchner has scheduled the following visit for October. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

14 - GE Board meeting and rally, Sellersville - 9:00AM

18 - Perseverance #135 - 8:00PM

Places to GO - People to See

OCTOBER

1 / GL Board Meeting - Middletown, 12:00PM

7/ Arthritis Meeting - Leesport, 9:00AM

14 / GE Rally & Brd Meeting - Sellersville+

21 / PGP Calhoon Testimonial - Shartlesville+

27-29 / SGM Cupp Testimonial - Coraopolis

NOVEMBER

4 / PM Rally, York+

5/ Unified Session Meeting, Red Lion Hotel - 1:00PM

+ 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

VICTORY LODGE NO. 658 PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY

Victory Lodge No. 658, of Sellersville, participated in the Richland Township Community Day. Shown on right is Bruce Torrence & on left Frank Hilt, on Saturday, August 26th.



VINCENT LODGE CELEBRATES THE SUMMER



Vincent Lodge #762 of Spring City recently hosted a barbecue for their lodge members at the Brown Street Park in Spring City. Invitations were extended to all lodges in our area. Along with great food, we had a corn hole tournament, swimming at the Spring City Pool and the best musical entertainment provided by our brothers from the Boyertown Lodge #708. A great time was had by all who attended.

in F,L&T Sue Grumblatt, Secretary

523 MONUMENT



At around 235 acres, Grandview is one of the largest cemeteries in Pennsylvania. Members of Alma Lodge and William F. Packer Encampment, of Johnstown, place IOOF Flags and holders in this cemetery, as well as the marker shown, placed by Conemaugh Lodge before they consolidated with Alma Lodge. Among those who placed flags were PGP Laura Huchel, GScr Sandy Huchel, PG Richard Oaks and PNG Bobbie Johnson. Photo by PGIS Jim Kuntz. PGP Huchel started the initiative with Alma Lodge's financial support to increase their visibility and the visibility of the restoration Alma Ldodge did on the monument a number of years ago.

There are eight burials at the monument; five of them are victims of Johnstown's 1889 flood, with the most recent burial in 1994. Flags are placed at five other cemeteries, with the list continuing to grow, several of them Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Patriarchs.

~ Jim Kuntz & Laura Huchel

BRADY LODGE RECENT TRAVELS



Members of Brady Lodge #116 Independent Order of Odd Fellows enjoyed a picnic luncheon and a day of fun with other Odd Fellows from Pennsylvania at Knoebels Amusement Park yesterday. A great time and fellowship was enjoyed by all. ~ PDDGM Arthur Danley



Members of Brady Lodge #116 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows went to Lehman, Pa. for an official visit at Osage Lodge #712. Pictured from left is Don Holdren, Glen Temple, Lucy Temple, Donna Weimer, District Deputy Grand Master Allen Smith, Arthur Danley, Grand Conductor Michael J. Wallis and the Grand Master of Pa., of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Robert Ruff. It was a great night of Fellowship. ~ PDDGM Arthur Danley

SEPTEMBER OBITUARIES

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



Richard G. English
Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
August 1, 2023

Brother Richard G. "Dick" English, 85, of Harrisville, PA, was initiated into Grove City Lodge #910 on March 14, 1966. He ran the Odd Fellows Farm in Grove City

for three years. He became a member of Sandy Lake Lodge #573 through consolidation on May 6, 1996. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Grove City Lodge #910 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Phyllis Knight, one son, one daughter, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Burial was held in Prairie Cemetery, Harrisville.



Mildred H. Silfies
Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202
August 15, 2023

Sister Mildred H. (Muschlitz) Silfies, 96, of Danielsville, PA, was initiated into Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Bushkill Center, PA, on December 6, 1945, where

she became a Past Noble Grand on October 3, 1968 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on November 4, 1969. She also held the position of Noble Grand from 1994 - 1995. She served many years as Right Supporter to the Vice Grand. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member, by age and tenure.

She was a member of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church of Moorestown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell. Surviving are three children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial as held in Fairview Cemetery, Moorestown.



Margaret R. Matinckek
Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586
August 22, 2023

Sister Margaret R. (Fullerton) Matinckek, 88, of Elizabethtown, PA, was initiated into Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown, PA, on June 1, 1995.

She was a member of Seven Sorrows BVM Catholic Church, Middletown.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter. Surviving is her husband, Frank, of Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Jack D. Laing
Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
September 6, 2023

Brother Jack D. Laing, 64, of Coalport, PA, was initiated into Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, PA, in March of 1998.

He was a member of Coalport First United Presbyterian Church.

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

Laura J. Locke
APP LAPM/ Past RA Secretary
August 28, 2023

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania would also like to acknowledge and mourn the passing of Laura Locke.

She joined Sharpsville Rebekah Lodge #110 on January 27, 1955 where she became a Past Noble Grand in 1978, and then received her Rebekah Assembly degree in 1979. For several years, Laura served as District Deputy President. In 2002, she was elected by the Rebekah Assembly to the Office of Assembly Secretary and worked for the lodge in that capacity until her husband's passing, PGM William Locke, in 2013. She held numerous other elected and appointed offices with the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania. In June of 1993, Laura was awarded the Decoration of Chivalry, the highest award given to a Rebekah. She also served as President of the Department Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

MORE FOOD FOR THOUGHT ????

Well, I finally got around to replying to Byron Goldstein's article in the August issue of this magazine in which he states that scholarships, grants, awards, etc. that students receive and are NOT sent directly their respective colleges, universities, and schools of trade, causes him distress.

He sites a sound example of a student who qualifies for \$15,000 in financial aid from a college. He states that if a lodge or group sends the college an award check on behalf of the student, for let's say \$1,500, the college will, in just about every case, deduct the \$1,500 from the financial aid the college provides. So, the award does not really benefit the student because of the negative affect resulting from the reduction of the financial aid.

Mr. Goldstein, being an independent college admissions counselor for over 20 years, probably deserves to be called an "expert" when dealing with such matters. In fact, we spoke many years ago about this same issue, and he strongly encouraged me to follow his suggestion(s). I told him, at the time, that I would present the Board of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania with his suggestion at our next meeting. Several weeks later, and after some discussion among the Board members, it was unanimously decided that we continue with the procedures that we have followed since the inception in 2006 of our awards, that being to send our scholarship award checks directly to the schools, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

This issue has been discussed by our Board several times over the past 10 years or so, and the discussions always ended with the "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" decision.

Our policy is to make contact with the Financial Aid Office/ Bursar's Office/ Student Accounts Office prior to sending the school an award check. In only ONE instance, over the past 18 years, did an official from an office as such indicate that a particular student was close to the threshold for an award to have a negative affect on the financial aid the student was scheduled to receive. In that particular case, a check was sent directly to the student.

In notifying and congratulating the student that he/she has received an award, they are also informed that their award check was sent to their college/university and placed into their account in such a manner as to supposedly not affect any financial aid, grants, scholarships, or awards that they may have already received. It is requested that if the student becomes aware of any changes in the financial aid they were to receive, to please contact us immediately so that we may hopefully remedy the situation. "Knocking on wood," this has not happened with either the undergraduate or the graduate scholarship (instituted in 2016) programs.

In our correspondence with each of the schools receiving the award checks, we specifically request that the check be "placed in the student's account in such a manner as to not affect any financial aid, grants, scholarships, or awards that the student may have previously received." If there is a possibility that our request can

not be honored or that an award check will be jeopardized in a negative manner, the check is to be returned and a new check would be issued directly to the student. If I may take this opportunity to enlighten the reader as to a few incidents which have occurred over the past few years that justifies why we send our award checks directly to the recipient's schools.

A student received a \$4,000 award for a school year and dropped-out completely after the first semester of his junior year. The school had a policy of dividing the award amount evenly between two semesters, fall and winter/spring, unless otherwise specified. A \$2,000 refund was issued to the Association midway through the 2nd semester. Had a check been sent directly to the student, I doubt it if any refund would have been considered.

Another student who received a \$4,000 award was involved in a program of studies which required her to take the 1st semester of her sophomore year for on-the-job training to make sure her decision to enroll in such a program was to her liking. She would not be enrolled as a full-time student during her semester of training, therefore having no required tuition payment. She continued with the program the 2nd semester of that school year. We received word of such from the Director of Financial Aid and a refund of \$2000 was issued.

An incident, not school related, occurred several years ago regarding our local IOOF lodge. We received word that a young lady from a nearby town was seriously injured in a sled-riding accident and medical bills were mounting. Our lodge decided that it would be an excellent idea to make a monetary donation of \$2000 to be used toward her medical bills. Several months after such a donation was made and acknowledged, and an almost complete recovery for the young girl, we heard "through the walls" that the girl's parents supposedly used the donation money for a trip to Disney World.....and did not take the daughter with them! Hearing this left a bad taste in our mouth regarding giving donations directly to individuals. (We did not follow-up on the situation because a denial would have been undoubtedly expected.)

So, with all due respect to Mr. Goldstein, I understand his reasoning regarding the sending of award checks to the directly to the student or family, but our Association feels comfortable and justified that our "way" of handling award checks benefits each student as intended and we will continue to do so until the need to change may come about. Hope this article does not cause him, or any one else, any more distress and I wish him the best and continued success as a college counselor.

Note: We are "fortunate" to only have the small number of recipients like we have had over the years because I don't know how Mr. & Mrs. McHugh, in running the outstanding Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of PA Scholarship Program, would be able to handle all the student & school correspondences with the large number of awardees that they have every year.....but I am sure they would be able to figure out a way!!!! And, yes, their scholarship checks go directly to the students.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



Leesport Lodge #141



Osage Lodge #712

THE TREASURER'S TALES

OCTOBER 2023

October is commonly identified with Halloween. Those of you who are attending the Sovereign Grand Master's testimonial this month will find a Halloween party. Because it is harvest time, many farm products become available. Pumpkins are not only used for Jack o'Lanterns but also for pumpkin pie, although the variety used for carving does not make the best pies. Typically the weather gets a bit colder and the old saying, "the frost is on the pumpkin" indicates the end of summer weather.

Every month has its share of activities and events, we delve into the events of October 1928 and find many important happenings. On October 1, the Soviet Union launched its first five year plan. On October 9, NY Yankees beat St. Louis Cardinals, 7-3 in the World Series at Sportsman's Park to become first to sweep consecutive World Series; Babe Ruth hits 3 home runs for Yanks. On October 15, the German dirigible "Graf Zeppelin" lands in Lakehurst, New Jersey, starting the age of dirigible balloons.

On October 1, 1928, George Peppard, an American actor, was born in Detroit, Michigan (d. 1994). On October 2, George "Spanky" McFarland, American child was born in Dallas, Texas (d. 1993). On October 21, American Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Whitey Ford (NY Yankees), born in NYC, New York.

Halloween is always October 31, and in 1928 this was on Wednesday. The usual trick or treat takes place on a weekend. With Halloween in the middle of the week, things happened both the weekend before and weekend after. In advance of the rock group, people were smashing pumpkins for several weeks. Although the Model A was out, most people still owned Model T's and other "open" cars. It became necessary to check your car seat before you sat down. A familiar sight was a raccoon feasting on pumpkins along the side of the road.

Elizabeth's younger sisters, Mary and Virginia, were still interested in trick or treating, and went on Wednesday, October 31. Vic had managed to put a collar on Melchizedek. Mary and Virginia were dressed as Arabs and, after a few bites and a little fighting they got Melchizedek into what, more or less, looked like a camel costume. They started out the evening with a saddle bag on the raccoon, to carry the treats. After about three stops, they found he was eating the treats as fast as they could gather them. Mary and Virginia reverted to carrying their own bag, but they had to give bits of cookie to Melchizedek to keep the camel from running off.

Vic had been a man of many talents and photography was one of them. He thought his daughters looked too cute, he took several pictures (back and white, on film) as they started going through the town of Grovers Mill. The whole town was amused and Mary and Virginia were rewarded with many treats. Their brother John was dressed as a lion tamer and had a lion outfit on the Spitz dog. The camel was more successful than the lion.

The Odd Fellow Lodge had arranged for hot chocolate and cookies for the trick or treaters on Wednesday. Barney and Elizabeth had been assigned the job of making the cocoa and keeping order. This was not difficult till the raccoon and dog both arrived

and were competing for treats. You probably know what a raccoon looks like. A Spitz is a white dog and a picture can be found here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spitz>. The Spitz was about the same size as Melchizedek. Because they were both on leashes, they were kept apart.

Children like to get treats. Sometimes they become demanding. Dogs and raccoons are more difficult than children. When Vic came to collect his children at 8:30 pm, he was surprised at the barking. What made him more surprised was that some of the children had poured bowls of cocoa and the raccoon and dog (named Sinner) were lapping them up. Vic tried to explain to the children that it was unwise to give chocolate to raccoons and dogs. He finally got the kids home.

The lack of wisdom in giving hot chocolate to the dog was found on the floor the next morning. Alice, mother of Elizabeth, Mary, John and Virginia, made Mary, John and Virginia clean up the floor. Sinner's tummy didn't react well to the hot chocolate. By some measure they were luckier than Barney. Barney got the camel costume off Melchizedek and took him back to the woods. There was a nip of frost in the air and Melchizedek was feeling a bit off from drinking the hot chocolate. He decided it would be more comfortable if he slept in Barney's Model T. It took Barney 20 minutes to clean the inside of his car before he could go to school.

The trick or treat activities were the talk of the school and especially in the teacher's room. One of the female teachers was a bit upset. She said she was passing out candy to the children dressed as Arabs when the camel started to grab everything in her candy bowl. She thought perhaps it was a monkey in camel costume.

The lodge got great publicity from the open house. Two parents who picked up their children at the lodge hall picked up applications. The newspaper ran pictures of the Arabs and the camel, the lion and lion tamer, a hobo, Zorro, a rabbit and numerous other children. The picture was taken with an Odd Fellows Banner in the background. Vic had his photos developed and mounted them on the wall of his veterinary practice with a sign under them reading, "We care for camels and lions too."

The next weekend the lodge celebrated Halloween with a costume party for members and wives (adults) and the normal refreshments, punch, cookies, popcorn balls and apples. Some of the members noticed a small face cautiously looking in the window and observing the refreshments. The next day, the garbage had been taken out of the can and strewn all over the parking lot.

Next month will be November and we will have a Thanksgiving theme.

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.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



Strasburg Lodge #361



Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge No. 328 President Smith Official Visit

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CRAWFORD 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!

Next Month – Montgomery County. Get your pictures and articles in now!

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Atlantic – Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #198 – instituted 1928

Beaver Centre – Ola Dell Rebekah Lodge #354 – defunct 1918

Cambridge – Lady Haworth Rebekah Lodge #121 – defunct prior to 1900

Cambridge Springs – Lady of the Springs Rebekah Lodge #295 – consolidated 1987

Centreville – Madena Rebekah Lodge #446 – defunct 1927

Cochranon – Flora Rebekah Lodge #155 – defunct 1919

Cochranon – Virginia Dare Rebekah Lodge #511 – consolidated 1969

Conneaut Lake – Rebekah of the Lake Rebekah Lodge #142 – defunct 2002

Conneautville – Irene Rebekah Lodge #98 – consolidated 1984

Deckard – Lady Deckard Rebekah Lodge #219 – defunct 1912

Evansburg – Jennie Rebekah Lodge #135 – defunct prior to 1900

Guy Mills – Daisy Rebekah Lodge #277 – defunct 1917

Hartstown – Lillian Augusta Rebekah Lodge #472 – defunct 1923

Hydetown – Mary Brown Young Rebekah Lodge #265 – defunct 1965

Lincolntown – Lenora Rebekah Lodge #461 – defunct 1923

Linesville – May Flower Rebekah Lodge #97 – defunct prior to 1896

Linesville – Phyllis Rebekah Lodge #455 – consolidated 1989

Meadville – Myrtle Rebekah Lodge #60 – defunct 2001

Meadville – Lucille Rebekah Lodge #138 – defunct 1913

Meadville – Alethea Rebekah #468 – consolidated 1964

New Richmond – Lady Pansy Rebekah Lodge #364 – defunct 1918

Riceville – Blanche Rebekah Lodge #233 0 defunct 1902

Saeagertown – Harriet Rebekah Lodge #130 – consolidated 1979

Spartansburg – Lady Morton Rebekah Lodge #453 – consolidated 1963

Springboro – Valona Rebekah Lodge #136 – defunct 1933

Titusville – Leona Rebekah Lodge #149 – defunct 1913

Titusville – Lady Drake Rebekah Lodge #301 – defunct 2001

Townville – Sadie Rebekah Lodge #129 – defunct 1927

Townville – Sadie Rebekah Lodge#580 – consolidated 1985

Venango – Sylvia Rebekah Lodge #122 – defunct prior to 1880

Venango – Leila Rebekah Lodge #158 – consolidated 1946

Woodcock – Ladies of Gravel Run Rebekah Lodge #363 – consolidated 1958

32 Rebekah Lodges with 1 active

1st Rebekah Lodge – Myrtle Rebekah Lodge #60 in 1871

Last Rebekah Lodge – Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge No. 198

31 Odd Fellow Lodges

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

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania will again be offering three - \$4,000 Graduate Scholarship Awards during 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 "robag@comcast.net." The "Rules" and "Application" may also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaioof.org" during the September to mid-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 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) may apply for this scholarship award.

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AUGUST DONATIONS

GM RUFF PROJECT – ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

899	Askam	400.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	200.00
488	Aluta	200.00
55	Fred R. Korman	100.00
88	Freedom	100.00
201	Malvern-Pocahontas	100.00
307	Triune	100.00
PGM	Sherman F. & Cynthia A. Wooden	100.00
1030	Charleroi	50.00
471	Rush	25.00
PPRA	Doris Goerlitz	<u>25.00</u>
		1,400.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

C8	Canton Ridgely	22.00
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Thank You!

Dear Odd Fellows, Thank you for choosing me to be a 2023 scholarship winner. I appreciate your generosity and it will greatly help me at the University of Tennessee. - Toby Kitay