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PGM Thomas J. McHugh honored for his service

It is a great thing to be able to honor members for their decades of work in our communities and in our Order. This year, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had the privilege to bestow PGM Thomas J. McHugh with the Meritorious Service Jewel. This is voted upon by the Grand Lodge board, and then the Grand Lodge as a whole at Session.

Joining in 1980, Brother McHugh has been a staple in his Lodge, his district and his state. He served on numerous committees, and continues to do so. He served our beloved Jurisdiction as Grand Master from 2004 – 2005. He is our “AV Guy” and is responsible for many of the videos you see today. He does many of our booklets and most recently spearheaded the 200th anniversary book (perhaps you heard of it). His full list of achievements will be shown in the 2024 Grand Lodge Journal.

Tom has become a beloved and valuable asset to Odd Fellowship, and we were happy to honor him! Congratulations Brother!!!



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Places to GO...People to See

AUGUST
 4 / Tri- State Rally, Canfield OH, 7:30AM
 15 - 22 / SGL Session, Pittsburgh+
 31 / PPRA Smith Testimonial Boalsburg, 5:30PM

NOVEMBER
 2 / PM Rally, York+

+ 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 iooofpaglsecty@verizon.net or 717-944-7419

GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

GREETINGS TO ALL,

The Unified Session concluded on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, which was a week of challenges and changes. Your delegate should make a full report to your lodge. I was publicly installed on Tuesday evening, June 25, 2024 and installed at the Wednesday Grand Lodge Session. The installations for Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania are very humbling and to me, a very proud moment in my journey to this destination. I am sure that when all of the Past Grand Masters stood and took their oath, they felt as I did. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters for having the confidence and trust in me to serve as your Grand Master.

I am confident that with the help from all our lodges working with me, we will bring our Fraternal Order back as one Brotherhood and Sisterhood. There has been, and will be decisions handed down by Sovereign Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge with which we will not be in complete agreement. As with all things in life, we should accept those decisions. We need to set aside some of our differences and personal feelings in order to work together. The chief concern shall be to follow the spirit of the law for the

good of Odd Fellowship. We are after all, Brothers and Sisters connected by the three links of friendship, love and truth. My pin is an anchor, bearing the three links of Odd Fellowship and the pink stars of the Rebekah Assembly. I am happy to be sharing this pin with Kate Walters, President of the Rebekah Assembly to show and grow the harmony and love between these two organizations. We must work together to be the anchor of our lodges, bringing us back to our rituals and our degrees. The pins will be used to raise funds for my charity, Suicide Prevention. I have partnered with the National Suicide Prevention Initiative, a non-profit, volunteer group. Each volunteer is trained in helping young school students, teenagers, young adults, the elderly, everyday workers and our returning military. Suicide affects all parts of our families, communities and everyone who may have had a connection with those who chose this path. Suicide IS preventable, and with your donations and purchase of my pins, you will be helping suicide prevention in Pennsylvania.

I encourage and challenge all members to
BE THE ANCHOR OF YOUR LODGE.

Fraternally,
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Grand Master

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Chevaliers, Brothers and Sisters -

As I begin my two-year term as Department Commander, I am commencing with a project to honor our twenty-one deceased Past Department Commanders of the Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant. Many have been forgotten but all gave significantly of their time and effort for the benefit of our Order. To do so I am planning a trip to the final resting place of each man. There, I will hold a small memorial, place a flag, perhaps joined with family and descendants if I can locate them. As I do so, I will reach out to Odd Fellows in each respective area. Perhaps you will join me in this effort. I will keep the Jurisdiction informed of my progress through this newsletter and visits. Uniform facts: Odd Fellow veterans of the Armed Forces - did you know that Chevaliers of the Patriarchs Militant may wear their Armed Forces Ribbons, Badges, etc. on their Patriarchs Militant Uniform? You will enjoy taking the awards that you so justly earned out of storage and once again wearing them with pride. Get back in uniform and join the many veterans that belong to the Patriarchs Militant! We welcome your military experience as our structure and ceremonies follow the military model. Contact any of our Officers so that we can tell you more about what we do, how you can join or even how to start your own Canton.

BG William F. Hanby
Department Commander

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Lautenschlager has scheduled the following visits for August.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 3 - OF & Reb Assoc of w/PA ann'l mtg
- 4 - Tri State Rally, Canfield, OH - 7:30AM
- 5 - Sandy Lake #573 OV - 7:30PM
- 6 - Nucleus #377 OV - 7:00PM
- 7 - Clover Lodge #348 OV - 6:30PM
- 8 - Latrobe Lodge #541 OV & Initiation - 7:00PM
- 16 - 22 - SGL Session, Pittsburgh

THE TREASURER'S TALES • AUGUST 2024

August is a hot month in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In August 1929 it was a hot month. Barney continues as a tenth grade (sometimes 11 or 12 too) English teacher and a farmer. School was scheduled to start in September, so Barney did some planning for the fall semester, but his greatest efforts in August were toward farming.

In the 1929 June session, he had been appointed District Deputy Grand Patriarch. In this capacity, he was required to plan the district picnic. He booked several pavilions at Grand View Park. You can read and see pictures of Grand View Park here: <http://lostamusementparks.napha.org/Articles/NewJersey/GrandviewPark.html>. I will set the perspective for 1929 in the next paragraph, then we will more fully explore the picnic.

On August 2, Philadelphia 1st baseman Don Hurst sets the National League record of 6 consecutive games with a HR in the Phillies' 2-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates. On August 7, New York Yankees slugger Babe Ruth ties Major League Baseball record by hitting grand slams in consecutive games for the second time in a 13-1 win v Philadelphia A's. On August 10, Grover Cleveland Alexander beats Phillies 7-1 for his 373rd and last NL win. On August 11, Babe Ruth becomes first Major League Baseball player to hit 500 home runs (this one off Willis Hudlin) in a 6-5 loss to the Indians in Cleveland. On August 29, Aviator and Author, Anne Morrow Lindbergh makes her first solo flight.

On August 7, 1929, Don Larsen, American MLB pitcher (only perfect game in World Series history, Game 5 1956; World Series MVP 1956; NY Yankees), was born in Michigan City, Indiana. On August 13, Pat Harrington Jr, American actor (Danny Thomas Show, 1 Day at a Time), born in New York City. On August 17, Francis Gary Powers, American spy captured by the USSR after his U-2 spy plane was shot down in 1959, born in Jenkins, Kentucky. On August 23, American Actress Vera Miles was born in Boise City, Oklahoma. On August 24, Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, 1st President of the Palestinian National Authority (1994-2004) and 1994 Nobel peace prize winner, born in Cairo, Egypt.

There were a number of prominent books published in 1929, including A Farewell to Arms, by Ernest Hemingway; The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner; and A High Wind in Jamaica by Richard Hughes. You may recall the New American Library rated the 100 best pieces of fiction in the twentieth century some time ago (see: <https://thegreatestbooks.org/lists/2>). There were at least three written in 1929.

People always wonder about old movies. In August 1929 The Cocoanuts was released. It starred the Marx brothers and was a comedy. You can watch it on Youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wkVWYj2qg>. This version is colorized.

Barney was well-known in local lodge circles and much was expected of the picnic at Grand View Park. This park is too far for Melchizedek to stray, so we will have to have a stand-in. I thought about a local raccoon, but I am sure this would offend Melchizedek. Stay alert, we may have a non-Odd Fellow picnic crasher. Most of the rides were ten cents. This seems quite cheap today, but ten cents in 1929 was the same as \$1.78. Still not too much for a five minute ride.

The Grand Encampment rented the picnic area, but did not supply food. The park had a decent restaurant, but most people brought baskets of things they fixed. Barney thought about a sharing arrangement with some families bringing vegetables and others bringing a protein dish. This did not prove attractive, so each family brought its own food.

Elizabeth wanted to co-ordinate her basket with her mother, Alice. Alice had four children at

home, who went to the picnic (Elizabeth and her older sister Alberta were married and out of the house). Elizabeth had three children. Barney had butchered a hog a couple weeks before the picnic, so Elizabeth baked a ham. Vic had provided services to a local dairy and he was given half a steer in return. Alice baked a large beef roast. The mother/daughter team baked for almost a week before the picnic. It was a chore to carry all the food to the picnic area. Barney would have liked to have help, since Vic was getting older and he had to carry the heavier items. As luck would have it, he didn't have to take much back to the Model A.

Before lunch, the family went to the Caterpillar ride. Virginia was too young for the Caterpillar and all three of Elizabeth's children were too young, so Elizabeth stayed back while the others all went to the ride. Some of you may think Barney should have stayed with the children. As time passed, Elizabeth thought that too. About twenty minutes after the bulk of the crowd went to the caterpillar ride, Elizabeth heard young Virginia calling "here kitty, kitty, kitty." Investigation confirmed Elizabeth's worst fears. The black "kitty" with a white stripe on its back was approaching. Elizabeth told Virginia to stop calling the cat and take the three smaller children over to the bath house area. Elizabeth then cut off a small piece of ham and began laying a trail to lure the skunk into the woods that surrounded the park. As she crossed the parking area, Elizabeth thought she had succeeded. Then brother Clancey's grandson ran out from behind a parked car and wanted to pet the kitty. The kitty did not want to be petted. Clancey's grandson and Elizabeth spent some time in the bath house, showering.

Vic and Clancey both thought the matter was amusing. Alice wasn't amused. Elizabeth wasn't amused. Barney started to laugh, but was threatened with unspeakable torture if he laughed at Elizabeth.

Elizabeth sat alone at another picnic table. Barney brought food to her. The shower did a lot, but not quite enough. Young Schuyler wanted to know why his mommy smelled bad. Barney thought of several things he could say, but decided to tell him to ask his grandmother. Barney had been married long enough to know when humor would not be appreciated. Elizabeth was compelled to wear her bathing suit until she got home. Her clothes had to be burned. Look <https://www.thevintagenews.com/2016/09/26/priority-spruce-girls-ladies-wearing-spruce-veneer-bathing-suits-1929-2/> for pictures of 1929 bathing suits. Nothing like today, and comfortable on a hot August afternoon. Many people in the park were similarly dressed so it wasn't too big a problem till she left for home. People looked at her after she left the park. The park maintenance people removed the skunk. Clancey made his grandson ride on the spare tire mount.

Everyone except Elizabeth had a big picnic meal. She was a little despicent and nibbled on celery and deviled eggs. When they got home, Young Rebekah asked her mother if she could bring a kitty in from the barn. Barney had to restrain Elizabeth from hitting her daughter. Barney told her that it would be a good idea if she went up to bed and read a book till it was time to go to sleep.

Barney knew that next year another lucky, distinguished Odd Fellow would have the duty of organizing the picnic. He knew that the rotation of District Deputy Grand Patriarch would save him for at least six years. Grand View Park closed a few years later and Barney never had the picnic planning duties again.

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.

TAMAQUA ODD FELLOWS HOST 5K

For those who have been following facebook, and noticing recent articles of the 5K, we are happy to report of its success! We had 41 participants sign up for the 3 mile, 5k run. The weather cooperated very nicely and the runners/walkers had a great time dealing with running through the hilly Tamaqua Odd Fellows Cemetery. The first-place runner made it in under 20 minutes! A great time was had by all! Thanks to all who came out, all who volunteered, and all who made it a success! A lot of participants asked when the next one will be. Roughly \$2,000 was raised towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

The next day was Tamaqua's Summerfest, where Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 sold cotton candy. Thanks to Sisters Nicole Inama and Michelle Wagner and PDDGM Jerry Guscott Sr. for helping out!



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTHAMPTON 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!

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

- Bangor - Lady Sophia Hammond Rebekah Lodge #422 - consolidated 1967
- Beersville - Lady Moore Rebekah Lodge #540 - defunct 1959
- Bethlehem - Elmira Rebekah Lodge #49 - defunct 1880
- Bethlehem - Lady Bethlehem Rebekah Lodge #149 - consolidated 1977
- Easton - Charity Rebekah Lodge #3 - consolidated 1973
- Easton - Mary Alice Adam Rebekah Lodge #484 - consolidated 1941
- Hecktown - Lady Ida Rebekah Lodge #446 - consolidated 1966
- Hellertown - Bethesda Rebekah Lodge #28 - defunct prior to 1890
- Mount Bethel - Celia Rebekah Lodge #553 - defunct 1937
- Nazareth - Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202 - instituted 1945
- Nazareth - Elizabeth File Rebekah Lodge #570 - defunct 1972
- Northampton - Lady Lillian Rebekah Lodge #79 - defunct 1960
- Pen Argyl - Lady Argyl Rebekah Lodge #475 - defunct 1954
- Wind Gap - Lady Wagner Rebekah Lodge #457 - defunct 1956

14 Rebekah Lodges with 1 active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Charity Rebekah Lodge #3 in 1869

Last Rebekah Lodge - Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202

23 Odd Fellow Lodges

**Next Month -Beaver County.
Get your pictures and articles
in now!**

HOPKINS LODGE NO. 87 REACHES MILESTONE

Photos from visit to Hopkins Lodge #87 of Bristol. I presented the lodge a certificate for 180 years anniversary. See below. Left to right: Albert Lalli, Vice Grand, Kermit Serfass, Treasurer, Mike Severson, DDGM, Salvatore P Arena Jr, Noble Grand, George J Shackett, Secretary, Frank Hilt, Penna. Grand Warden. ~ Frank Hilt



CANAWACTA CONTINUES TO EDUCATE

Canawacta Lodge #207, of Hallstead, donated two scholarships of \$500 each to two Blue Ridge School Seniors. Noble Grand Nadine Hager presented to Sophia Bianchi and Deputy Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager presented to Leigha McCain.

~ Jessica Kilmer

THANK YOU!!



Thank you to all the lodges for donating snacks to the session bags. Special Thank you to Rebekah President Kate Waters and Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager and Past Grand Master Ruff. Thank you to Unified Session Committee members who put bags together. ~ Andrew Klimer



2024 UNIFIED SESSION SPONSORS

“Thank You” to all the lodges and individuals who have donated to the 52nd Unified Session. Your generosity has helped to maintain an affordable Session to all the Brothers, Sisters and guests who are attending this year. On behalf of the Unified Session Committee and my co-chair, Sister Mary D. DeLong, I thank you once again.

Dale E. Binkley, PGM, PGR, 2024 Unified Session Chairman

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- Mt. Zion Lodge #74
- Walker Lodge #306
- Aluta Lodge #488
- Vincent Lodge #762
- Vienna Lodge #847

Sponsors

- Fred R. Korman Lodge #55

CHANGE OF COMMAND



Officers at the Change of Command for the Department Council of PA. From left to right GC® Jack Roberts, assoc to Pittsburgh #5, outgoing Department Commander David A. Young, Cpt® Dorothea Oertel of Philadelphia #1, VP J. Carl George, Department Commander William F. Hanby and GC® Joseph Strausser. Photo taken by Will Oertel ~ Dorothea Oertel

LEWISBURG LODGE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY



Shown are a couple photos from our 180th Anniversary celebration of Lewisburg Lodge No. 96, New Columbia
 Front row L-R: Treasurer Gary Hallock; Inside Guardian Gary Ansbach.
 Back Row L-R: NG Shane Womer; PG/Chaplain Dale Ruhl; VG Jim Diehl.
 ~ Peggy Diehl, Secretary



SULLIVAN COUNTY ODD FELLOWSHIP

Though Sullivan County no longer has any Odd Fellow Lodges, the heart of Odd Fellowship is still beating here. I was contacted earlier this year by the Sullivan County Historical Society concerning a few boxes of books that came from the Forksville Post office (former Lodge hall - pictured), and have moved from place to place until they ended up in the Sullivan County Historical Society. They called the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who eventually got them to me. The Sullivan County Historical society is about the same travel time as it is for me to get to the office, and it's a very beautiful commute, my first time getting to see Sullivan County at it's best. Sullivan county is a very small county by population, with no cities or towns, and only four boroughs, 9 townships, and many cdp's. After talking to Melanie Norton of the Historical Society, she asked if there were any Lodges left in the county. I knew there weren't but PG Fred Fiester of Brady Lodge #116 used to be a member of Sonestown. Sonestown Lodge #221 consolidated in 1960 with Hughesville Lodge #331, and Hughesville Lodge consolidated in 1985 with Brady Lodge. Not only is he the last surviving member of 221 and 331, he's the last living Odd Fellow from Sullivan County and the historical society knew him very well!

The Sullivan County Historical Society is one of the few County Historical Societies that is free admission, and run by volunteers. They had a deep knowledge of not only Sullivan County, but the Lodges that once ran the villages. I spent a couple hours getting to learn of the county, and talking to Brother Fred about his tenure in the Odd Fellows. He received his Grand Lodge Degree in Mansfield in 1959. I knew at one time Mansfield and Tioga County were hotbeds for Odd Fellowship, but now nothing remains. He actually told me where the old Sonestown Lodge was, and the picture is attached. One of the volunteers actually purchased the gavel block for Sonestown Lodge in Pottsville, and it, along with many of the Lodge ribbons, are proudly displayed in the historical society.

If anyone is looking for a fall trip, the historical society is behind the courthouse. I got there in the middle of the day, and could not find any signs of life! It is such a quiet area; I saw no businesses in the community. The county seat of Laporte, in the 2020 census, was just over 300 people. The "big city" in Sullivan County is Dushore, with 450 people. The Historical Society has published two articles about my trip, and there has been some interest. It would be so neat to get Odd Fellowship back. For more information on the county, check out the new Pennsylvania 200 year book!

~ Justin Bailey



PG Fred Fiester of Brady Lodge and GS Bailey holding Sonestown's Gavel block



AUGUST OBITUARIES

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



Jay W. Hemminger
Somerset Lodge No. 438
May 14, 2024

Brother Jay W. Hemminger, 87, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on May 8, 1961, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on April 26, 1968.

He was a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Somerset. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Myra Long, and one son. Surviving are two children, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Burial was held in Somerset County Memorial Park.

Eugene C. Naugle
Somerset Lodge No. 438
May 18, 2024

Brother Eugene C. Naugle, 97, of Del Mar, CA, was initiated into Holsopple Lodge #583 on May 15, 1956, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Somerset Lodge #438 through consolidation on September 28, 1968. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living and tenured member, as well as the last surviving member of Holsopple Lodge #583 still affiliated with the Order. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Mary Barron. He was a member of the Clarksburg Community Church, Clarksburg, CA.



Nellie E. Beer
Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22
June 4, 2024

Sister Nellie E. (Cowan) Beer, 99, of Dubois, PA, was initiated into Rhoda Rebekah Lodge #347, Curwensville, PA, on April 28, 1984, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 12,

1992. She became a member of Aster Rebekah Lodge #177, Allport, through consolidation on November 13, 2000. At the time of the consolidation, she was Rhoda Rebekah Lodge's Noble Grand. She then became a member of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, through consolidation on December 12, 2011, and finally Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22, Cassville, through consolidation on July 9, 2019. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member and the last surviving member of Rhoda Rebekah Lodge and Aster Rebekah Lodge still affiliated with the Order. She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dubois. Surviving is her husband, David. Burial was held in Roseville Bethel Cemetery, Roseville, PA.



George P. Fletcher, Sr.
Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
June 6, 2024

Brother George P. Fletcher, Sr., 86, of Flinton, PA, was initiated into Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, PA, in October of 2007, where he became a Past Grand October 24, 2011 and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 9, 2012.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the United Christian Church, Beaver Valley.

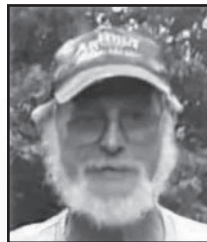
He was preceded in death by two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. Surviving is his wife, Gail, nine children, 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Beaver Valley Cemetery, Flinton, PA.

Brian W. Peck
Warfordsburg Lodge No. 601
June 9, 2024

Brother Brian W. Peck, 65, of Warfordsburg, PA, was initiated into Needmore Lodge #458 on April 5, 1978. He became a member of Warfordsburg Lodge #601 through consolidation on November 15, 1990.

Surviving is his wife, the former Debra Younker, one daughter and one grandson.



Samuel E. Armolt
Mackinaw Lodge No. 380
June 27, 2024

Brother Samuel E. Armolt, 73, of Shermans Dale, PA, was initiated into Mackinaw Lodge #380, Landisburg, PA, on November 8, 2021. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Inside Guardian.

Surviving is his wife, Bobbi, also of Mackinaw Lodge, three children and four grandchildren.

Burial was held at the convenience of the family.

Kathleen Hunt
Walker Lodge No. 306
July 5, 2024

Sister Kathleen "Kathy" Hunt, 78, of Horsham, PA, was initiated into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, on September 11, 2006, where she became a Past Grand on April 13, 2009, and received her Grand Lodge Degree on October 3, 2009. She was active in her Lodge and in the Walker Lodge Degree Team. She was preceded in death by her husband, Quince, Jr. Surviving is one son and two granddaughters. Burial was held in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA.

762 SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC



Vincent Lodge #762 recently held our second annual Picnic in the Park at Brown Street Park in Spring City. We had members from Malvern, Boyertown and the Grand Lodge join us for great food, swimming, music and a cornhole tournament. We all enjoyed the festivities but more important was the fellowship we shared.

In FL&T,
Sue Grumblatt, Secretary, Vincent Lodge #762



MT. VERNON ENCAMPMENT SHOWS CHARITY

On Monday April 04, 2024 Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 hosted the York City Police Department and White Rose FOP #15. The evening was topped off with Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 donating \$2,000.00 to the Department and FOP #15 for their fallen officers memorial being erected at York City Police Headquarters.



Pictured right is Jonathan Paules, Treasurer of Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 with York City Police and White Rose FOP #15 guests.

On Monday April 04, 2024 Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 hosted Grand Patriarch Thomas Kuchner to present him with the donation to his charity. Pictured, left to right, Jonathan Paules, Treasurer of Mt. Vernon Encampment #14, Grand Patriarch Thomas Kuchner, and Chief Patriarch Ellen Graham of Mt. Vernon #14.

~ Jonathan Paules



VIENNA LODGE CELEBRATES FLAG DAY

Vienna lodge #847, IOOF of Allentown, partnered with the Emmaus Rotary Club to invite local residence, friends, veterans, scout troops and area dignitaries to gather Friday 6/14/2024 at 6:00 to present THE BOUROUGH OF EMMAUS FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE. Students in the 5TH grade and 8TH Grade read their winning poetry & essays about "What the American Flag means to them". Vienna lodge #847 are proud sponsors of the programs, songbooks, trophies and refreshments to all. This is a yearly tradition for Vienna #847 and we look forward with continuing into the future. ~ Rory king



PGP CALHOON HONORED FOR SERVICE



Middletown Scribe, PGP Yvonne Calhoon at the Triune Lodge Hall with her newly bestowed Sovereign Grand Lodge Medallion. She was presented with this Medallion by IARA President Ellen Jean Whited. At last Year's Rebekah Session she was presented a Certificate in honor of going from Grand Patriarch to Rebekah Assembly Warden ~ Roger Calhoon

DEGREE OF LOVE CONFERRED AT TAMAQUA

We continue our travels of Schuylkill and Berks County as the second Degree was conferred at the Hall of Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua, as 7 candidates received the degree. Thanks to all who came out. Lodges were represented from Tamaqua, New Ringgold, York Springs, Sellersville, and Shenandoah. Over 25 members were in attendance.



SHENANDOAH LODGE KEEPING BUSY

Since recently bringing in several new members, Shenandoah has been getting some great turnouts not only at meetings, but social events too! In May, we tried our hand in Kielbasa Fest in Shenandoah. It was a miserable, rainy day, but we had a great time (even though Tim/Tom/Julie broke the wall). On July 3rd, we had our table at the Frackville Fireworks, where we have been a staple for many years. We use a cotton candy machine from Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge of Tamaqua, and for Frackville, Tom & Linda Dargis and their family made and donated 72 candied and caramel apples. They were a hit! It truly does good to get out in the community, not only to show people who we are, but it helps us to get to know each other better. Though our membership is around 15, we had 8 out to both events. We are small but mighty and look forward to what the future holds!



FREEDOM LODGE #88 PRESENTS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS!

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Brothers and Sisters of Freedom Lodge #88 gathered at Central Park in Honesdale to present three \$500 scholarships to local 2024 Wayne Highlands High School Graduates. Pictured from left to right: Steve Martin, Gibsen Goodenough, Eric DeYoung, Jessica Kilmer, Paul Lautenschlager (PA Deputy Grand Master), Scholarship Winners Carter Kennedy (Penn State), Miranda Roegner (Lackawanna JC), Nathaniel Greene (Susquehanna University), Andrew Kilmer (PA Grand Guardian), Forrest C Goodenough and Bert Terysen (Freedom Lodge #88 Noble Grand). Thanks to all that supported Freedom Lodge #88 over the last year with our various Fundraisers and Raffles! You all helped the future of each of these young adults when they needed it most! ~Forrest Goodenough



JAMISON LODGE HONORS LATE MEMBER

Jamison Lodge No. 447 recently gave \$300.00 to the Williams Syndrome Association (W.S.A.) for their annual Walk for Williams in Philadelphia on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Shown is PG Michael Betts giving a check to a representative of the WSA. He, along with his daughter participated in the walk. Danny Betts, of Jamison Lodge had Williams Syndrome and passed away in 2020.

Williams Syndrome is a rare genetic condition characterized by physical traits, cognitive delays and heart abnormalities.



MEMBERS VISIT HAWAII

Aluta #488 Odd Fellows, Pat & Steve Faustner and Shawn Snyder of Nazareth visiting Hawaii. This is Excelsior Lodge #1 of Honolulu.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

James M. Barnhart, #377

30 YEARS

Ira W. "Skip" Seaton, Jr., #254

40 YEARS

Steven R. Mundell, #1175

50 YEARS

Henry G. Dickman, #306

55 YEARS

Mark E. Shenk, Jr., #1050

Periodicals

JULY DONATIONS

VISUAL RESEARCH				ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
377	Nucleus	50.00	2	Unified	50.00	
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>				
		75.00				
VISUAL ASSISTANCE				PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
74	Mount Zion	1,000.00		PPRA Nadine Hager in Honor of PPRA Carolyn Barger		
1050	Lititz	250.00			25.00	
254	Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity	200.00	2	EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
R198	Golden Rule	100.00		Unified	50.00	
377	Nucleus	50.00				
2	Unified	25.00				
R182	Lady Colfax	<u>25.00</u>				
		1,650.00				
GM RUFF PROJECT - ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION						
762	Vincent	202.00				
GM Robert B. Ruff		102.00				
708	Boyertown	<u>40.00</u>				
		344.00				