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Earl Lodge Honors Longtime Member

Members of Earl Lodge No. 413 of New Holland met to honor their senior Brother, Ronald Stern, who celebrated 60 years of Odd Fellowship. Brother Stern was initiated into Earl Lodge on November 22, 1963 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 15, 1970. He served as Grand Chaplain for PGM Robert Derr from 1975 to 1976. He was a former Rebekah of Lady Alice Dunn Rebekah Lodge #280, New Holland, joining on November 15, 1969, and a former Patriarch of General Sutter Encampment #76. Congrats to Brother Ron on 60 years of membership!



Left to right- Secy Ralph Hess, Past Grand Ron Stern, Noble Grand Kyle Stern. Ralph is presenting a citation from the State of Pennsylvania from State representative Keith Greiners office



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Places to Go...People to See

JANUARY

21 / Unified Session Committee, Red Lion, Harrisburg – 1:00PM (snow date 1/28)

JUNE

22 – 26 / Unified Session, Harrisburg+

AUGUST

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 iooofpaglsecty@verizon.net or 717-944-7419

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

MOUNT ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK

Kenneth L. Bair - initiated October 2nd

HARMONY LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA

Jody L. Kellner - initiated November 29th

LEESPORT LODGE NO. 141

Mary D. DeLong - initiated November 28th

Sarah M. Baer

Judith A. Wert

ALUTA LODGE NO. 488, NAZARETH

Shawn R. Snyder - initiated November 29th

Micah P. Snyder

SHENANDOAH LODGE NO. 591

Linda M. Fritz - initiated November 27th

Julie A. Stokes - initiated November 29th

OSAGE LODGE NO. 712, Lehman

Michael Dobinick - initiated November 8th

Robert D. Baran

FALLOWFIELD LODGE NO. 1128, ATLANTIC

David Gray - initiated November 13th

Earl Corp III

Isaac Matola

SHILLINGTON LODGE NO. 1175

Edward Straka - initiated November 28th

Sean Geltz

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

James G. Pfadt, Sr., #1128

30 YEARS

David J. Harte, #306

40 YEARS

Jerry L. Seyler, #74

Michael J. Mitchell, #306

John M. Bodie, #523

45 YEARS

John R. Stober, #1050

50 YEARS

Ronald P. Boyle, #306

Thomas H. McGruddy, #306

David J. Zaritski, #1128

55 YEARS

Dayne P. Morgan, #306

Richard H. Oaks, #523

70 YEARS

Robert D. Lorah, #307

130 YEARS

Phoebe Rebekah Lodge #130, Rimersburg

"SOCKS FOR VETS"

Vincent Lodge #762 concluded our "Socks for Vets" collection by donating 2,000 pairs of new socks to the Veterans Multi Service Center to be used for homeless veterans.

Our lodge in conjunction with both Malvern and Boyertown lodges, set up collection boxes in various locations in the area for donations of socks.

The campaign was spearheaded by our member Steve Boyko with many members participating in the collection.

Included in the photo are Vincent Lodge members Sue Downes, Noble Grand Don Shaner, Past Grand Chris Grumblatt and Steve Boyko along with members of the Veterans Multi Service Center accepting the many boxes of socks we collected.



THREE LINKS ODD CAST CELEBRATES 25,000 DOWNLOADS
 SHOW CONNECTS CURRENT MEMBERS AND ATTRACTS NEW ONES

THREE LINKS ODD CAST 3LINKSODDCAST@GMAIL.COM

Graham, WA: Odd Fellowship continues its advance into the future of communications as the Three Links Odd Cast celebrates over 25,000 downloads since its launch in July 2020. Hosted by Past Sovereign Grand Musician Toby Hanson, SGL Webmaster Ainslie Heilich, and Grand Secretary of West Virginia, Mike Duminiak, the Three Links Odd Cast has become a fixture on the landscape of Odd Fellows communication. In the first three-plus years the podcast has featured discussions of various topics of interest to Odd Fellows including history, origins, traditions, current events, and more. Some of the highlights have included an interview with the historian of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library, stories from new and re-invigorated lodges, a discussion about the demographic shift in Odd Fellowship with an eminent Canadian academic, a Christmas message from then-Sovereign Grand Master Michelle Heckart, and an assortment of episodes talking to new members about their experiences.

As the Three Links Odd Cast surpasses 25,000 downloads, it has several accomplishments. Those downloads have come from all across the world, with 20% of those coming from outside North America, from every continent except Antarctica. Listeners in all Canadian provinces and US states have downloaded and listened to the podcast. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment is that many listeners report having joined lodges as a result of finding and listening to the podcast. For the general public, the Three Links Odd Cast has become an important way of discovering Odd Fellowship. For current members it has become a vital communications link, sharing news in Odd Fellowship including the formation of new lodges and the revitalization of older ones.

The Three Links Odd Cast is available for free on all major podcast distribution platforms including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon, iHeartRadio, Spotify, TuneIn, Pandora, Podchaser, Deezer, and Podcast Addict. To find the podcast, visit one of the aforementioned podcast sites and search "three links odd cast" to find a link to download and subscribe. The podcast is also available for download from Buzzsprout at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1179644>. More information is available on the Three Links Odd Cast website at <http://www.threelinksoddcast.com>.
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The Three Links Odd Cast
 Toby, Ainslie, Mike

<http://www.threelinksoddcast.com>

Three Links Odd Cast Website



Telling the stories of Odd Fellowship

762 CHRISTMAS



Vincent Lodge #762 celebrated the season by hosting a holiday dinner honoring all area lodges along with 200 years of Odd Fellowship. Members and family from the Grand Lodge, Malvern, Boyertown and Paoli Lodges attended along with Vincent Lodge and 2 of our candidates for the annual pilgrimage.



We held a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Foundation along with great food and music. We are honored that we were able to bring so many lodges together to celebrate the past 200 years and look forward to the next 200.

512 HAPPENINGS



Thistle Lodge 512 of Pittston was gearing up for another busy Holiday season recently by welcoming several area community groups into our Lodge.

First the lodge presented a \$500 check to the Downtown Pittston Partnership representing their annual Shop with a Cop event. The program this year paired 30 members of various law enforcement agencies with over 200 children to help them shop for loved ones at various local vendors. Each child also had a visit with Santa and received a special gift. The Mayor Pittston is seen receiving the check.

Next the lodge members went out shopping to fill the Christmas wish lists of local kids and purchased over \$1000 in toys which they donated to the Greater Pittston Santa Squad. This year the Santa Squad is on track to help over 1500 needy children. Both great causes are literally our neighbors across the street!

Finally, Thistle 512 teamed up with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and Steamtown National Historic Site to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Santa Train. We had the privilege of welcoming Santa who arrived in style on a 1929 Baldwin Steam Locomotive. Over 300 children were given cookies and candy canes by lodge members.



NEW MEMBERS IN OUR ORDER

The week after Thanksgiving was a busy one in Pennsylvania! On Monday, two separate initiations were conferred, one at Strasburg Lodge No. 361 for a member into Lititz Lodge No. 1050, and the shown picture here at Shenandoah Lodge No. 591. On Tuesday, many members from Berks County, as well as several Grand Lodge officers, went to Leesport to confer the initiatory degree on three members into Leesport Lodge No. 141 and two members into Shillington Lodge No. 1175 as shown on the Grand Master's travels. On Wednesday, the initiatory degree was conferred on a class of four members at Harmony Lodge No. 86 in Tamaqua. What a busy and fulfilling week of Odd Fellowship!



Shenandoah Lodge welcomes Sister Linda Fritz. From left to right: DDGM Sharon Stokes, Sister Linda Fritz, Grand Secretary Justin Bailey, Noble Grand Wilmer Quick, Treasurer Robert Briggs, Secretary Tim Hahn and Vice Grand Kenneth Seay. Not pictured, photographer PG Nicole Inama.



Four Candidates welcomed into three Lodges at Harmony Lodge, Tamaqua, on November 29th. We welcome (seated left to right) Jody Kellner into Harmony Lodge No. 86, Julie Stokes into Shenandoah Lodge No. 591 (standing behind Jody), and Micah and Sean Snyder into Aluta Lodge No. 488 of Nazareth.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



Vienna Lodge
No. 847 Visitation

East Brunswick Lodge
No. 802 Visitation



Shillington Lodge
No. 1175 Visitation

5 New initiates. Leesport
and Shillington Lodges
participants/new members



CHARLEROI LODGE NO. 1030 PARTICIPATES IN HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES



Charleroi has a Halloween celebration and parade each year. This year, our first time, Charleroi Lodge No. 1030 participated. We raised money for the Harvest Bounty program. Harvest bounty provides food for Charleroi students daily, including weekends. We are trying to let the community know who we are and what we are about. Members donated treats to hand out to kids. Lodge will match money collected.



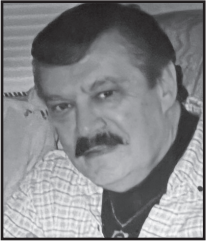
116 CHRISTMAS DINNER

At their annual Christmas party, Brady Lodge #116 of Muncy, Noble Grand James Bilger presented membership jewels to Past Gand Donna Weimer 5 years, Past Grand Larry Peterman 65 years, Ron Dunkleberger 5 years, Mike Shipman 5 years.



JANUARY OBITUARIES

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



Sheldon J. Plam
Variety Lodge No. 37
October 28, 2023

Brother Sheldon J. Plam, 83, of Southampton, PA, was initiated into Variety Lodge #37, Philadelphia, PA, on November 9, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joan Drachman and one son. Surviving is one daughter, two grandchildren and his sister and her husband, Sharon & Edward Kanfer, also of Variety Lodge. Burial was held in King David Memorial Park, Bensalem, PA.

Beverly Hoffman

Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 15
November 4, 2023

Sister Beverly Hoffman, 78, of Mifflinburg, PA, was initiated into Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge #15, Mifflinburg, on November 12, 1997, where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree May 25, 2010. Surviving is her husband, Gary, one daughter and two grandchildren.



Rocco Santilli
Leesport Lodge No. 141
November 7, 2023

Brother Rocco Santilli, 97, of Leesport, PA, was initiated into Leesport Lodge #141 on November 22, 1949, where he became a Past Grand. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member by age and tenure. He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ginny Cramer. Burial was held in Leesport Cemetery.



Robert R. Pyle
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Paoli Lodge No. 290
November 8, 2023

Brother Robert R. Pyle, 80, of Waterfall, PA, was initiated into Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, PA, on October 16, 1967, where he became a Past Grand March 27, 1986 and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He then went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 1992 - 2010. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Wells Valley Presbyterian Church, Wells Tannery, PA. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Judi. Surviving is his wife, the former Florence Mosebey, one son, Brian, also of Paoli Lodge #290, three step-children and five grandchildren.

Edward Accor

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57
Norrstown Encampment No. 37
November 9, 2023

Brother Edward Accor, 41, of Norristown, PA, was initiated into Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Norristown, on February 26, 2018. He was also a Patriarch of Norristown Encampment #37, having joined October 13, 2018.



Molly M. Criswell
Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah
Lodge No. 15
November 28, 2023

Sister Molly M. Criswell, 84, of Mifflinburg, PA, was initiated as a charter member into Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge #15, Mifflinburg, PA, on October 12, 1991, where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 21, 1999. She served several years as Secretary. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member and the Lodge's current Vice Grand. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Lewisburg. Surviving is her husband, William, one son and one grandson. Burial was held in Grace United Church of Christ Cemetery, Mill Grove, PA.

JANUARY OBITUARIES

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Jearldean M. Losiewicz
Past RA Officer/ PDDP
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
November 21, 2023

Sister Jearldean M. Losiewicz, 100, of Coal Township, PA, was initiated into

Regina Rebekah Lodge #230, Shamokin, PA, on May 2, 1960, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 8, 1962 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on October 7, 1963. She served as Secretary of Regina for decades. She served as District Deputy President from 1990 - 1992 and went on to serve the Rebekah Assembly as Canadian Flag Bearer from 1992 - 1993 for PPRM Mary Delong. She became a member of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, through consolidation on June 9, 2021. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She became a Lady of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant in June of 1977. She was a member of Wilkes-Barre Auxiliary #31, of Conyngham, then Shamokin, where she was a Past President and secretary. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in 1988. She served the Department Association, LAPM, as Chaplain from 1999 - 2000 and Right Supporter to the Chaplain from 2000 - 2001.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony, and one grandson. Surviving are four sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Coal Township, PA.



Glenn S. Minick
Past GL Chaplain & Herald/ DDGP
Newburg Lodge No. 562
Valley Encampment No. 34
Lois Elmore Jurisdictional Rebekah
Lodge No. 11
November 28, 2023

Brother Glenn S. Minick, 90, of Chambersburg, PA, was initiated into Newburg Lodge #562 on November 25, 1952, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 1, 1993. He served Newburg Lodge as their Treasurer for over 50 years, since 1971, until his death. He was a regular attendee to Unified Session and served the Grand Lodge and Chaplain to PGM Morningstar (1992-1993) and Herald to PGM J. Cupp (2006-2007). He was also active in the Pennsylvania-5 Drill Team. He was a Past Chief Patriarch of Valley Encampment #34 of Newburg. He served as District Deputy Grand Patriarch since 2007, an office he was also holding at the time of his death. He was a charter member of Dessie Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #100, Newburg, when the Lodge reinstated on June 23, 1987. He later reinstated into Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303, New Bloomfield, on June 17, 2018 and was a member of Lois Elmore Jurisdictional Rebekah Lodge #11, when the Rebekah Lodge went defunct. At the time of his death, he was Newburg Lodge and Valley Encampment's oldest living and tenured member.

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

Surviving is his wife, Susan, also of Rebekah Lodge #11, one daughter and one son.

LEESPORT LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Here are pictures of our Christmas party on December 12th at Leesport's lodge hall. Everyone had a good time and one member said with all these goodies who would not want to be an Odd Fellow and a Rebekah.



THE TREASURER'S TALES

JANUARY 2024

Winter is cold and snowy, the days are short and the night is long. In January 1929, winter in New Jersey followed this ancient pattern. The snow and cold sometimes makes going to meetings difficult and causes gaps in lodge activity. Sometimes we try to compensate for a break in meetings with individual contacts.

On January 7, 1929, Buck Rogers and Tarzan first appeared in the comic strips. On January 8, the CBS radio network bought WABC in New York City. On January 17, Popeye made his first appearance, in the comic strip "Thimble Theater." On January 26, Rube Goldberg's "The Inventions of Professor Lucifer Gorgonzola Butts, A.K.," cartoon series first published in "Colliers Weekly." On January 31, Leon Trotsky expelled from Russia to Turkey.

On January 15, Martin Luther King, American clergyman and leader of the Civil Rights Movement (Nobel 1964), born in Atlanta, Georgia. On January 13, Brother Wyatt Earp, an Odd Fellow, American frontiersman and marshal who participated in the gunfight at the OK Corral, died at 80.

While sitting in his rocking chair by the fire, Barney began to think how he could improve the experience of the members of his lodge. He decided there needed to be a training regime for new members. The first thing was to assign a mentor or guide for each new member. Normally this would be the person who proposed the new member. If the sponsor was unwilling or unable to act as a mentor, the Noble Grand would appoint a Past Grand to perform the task.

The first thing the mentor would do, is take the new member to meetings. He would sit with the new member and explain what was taking place in the lodge. Before entering the lodge hall, he would rehearse the signs and passwords with the new member. After taking the new member to a few meetings, the mentor would take him to degree conferrals so that he could see the degrees again, without being required to take part. He would provide a ritual for the new member, so that become familiar with it.

After viewing the lodge meetings, the mentor would take the ritual and go over it with the new member, explaining the notes so that the new member understood the floor work. He would review the jewels on the collars, helping the new member learn what symbols represented what offices.

The mentor would next teach the odes and the valediction to the new member so that he would have all these committed to memory. Barney would volunteer to be the first mentor, since the program was his idea. Barney wanted his new member to feel at ease and ask for his help for anything. Barney was paired with new member Edward Blake.

In late January, on a cold night, Brother Blake called Barney on the telephone and told him his wife was having a baby and his car wouldn't start. Barney managed to get his Model A running and went over to Blake's house. He took Elizabeth with him. The roads were too bad to drive anywhere and the town doctor's telephone went unanswered. Blake and his wife Susan were having their first child and were inexperienced in these matter. Elizabeth had three children and knew a little but told Barney to get her parents who were two doors away. Alice had six children and had helped at the birth of many others. Vic had probably delivered hundreds of babies, but none human.

After four hours the baby came and was healthy and robust. Brother Blake thanked the crew profusely for coming to his aid. Barney Wells now knew that being a mentor meant getting involved in the life of his charge and offering friendship, love and truth as well as other services when called upon.

We should always be ready to extend the hand of friendship to a brother. Be willing to help the newer members learn about our Order and teach them friendship first hand.

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.

FREEDOM 88 CHRISTMAS



On Wednesday, November 29, 2023 Freedom Lodge #88 gathered at the Clubhouse at Woodloch Springs in Hawley for the Annual Christmas Party. At 5:30pm, Brothers, Sisters and Family Members gathered for Cocktail Hour and Fellowship. By 6pm, everyone took their seats and we had a brief presentation explaining all of our 2023 accomplishments. PA Deputy Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager then presented Noble Grand Bert Terysen with a Special Recognition Award from the Sovereign Grand Master John S. Cupp Jr.. Shortly after dinner orders were taken, salads were served and a warm-hearted

Grace was given by Past Grand Todd Kinzinger's wife Sharon. By 6:30pm dinner was served, all the while everyone had laughs and great conversation. By 7:15pm, cake and coffee were served and afterwards we took a Total Group Photo in the Clubhouse lobby by the Christmas Tree. Everyone was then welcome to head over to the Nightclub for the Woodloch Review Show. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2024 to Brothers and Sisters of ALL Lodges!

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT WESTMORELAND 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!

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

- Adamsburg - Serepta Rebekah Lodge #323 - defunct 1937
- Adamsburg - Ethel James Rebekah Lodge #515 - defunct 1999
- Derry - Rosalia Rebekah Lodge #499 - consolidated 1960
- Greensburg - Catharine Rebekah Lodge #236 - defunct 1973
- Greensburg - Lady McKiveen Rebekah Lodge #438 - defunct 1961
- Jeanette - Ida McKinley Rebekah Lodge #345 - consolidated 1969
- Irwin - Chrysanthemum Rebekah Lodge #336 - consolidated 1963
- Irwin's Station - Eva Rebekah Lodge #55 - defunct 1877
- Latrobe - Annie Rebekah Lodge #134 - defunct 2005
- Ligonier - Lady St. Clair Rebekah Lodge #314 - consolidated 1992
- Madison - Lady Emma Rebekah Lodge #323 - defunct 1911
- Manor - American Beauty of Manor Rebekah Lodge #319 - consolidated 1991
- Monessen - Necessity Rebekah Lodge #300 - defunct 1930
- Mount Pleasant - Vivian Rebekah Lodge #244 - defunct 1902
- Mount Pleasant - Julia Rebekah Lodge #353 - defunct 1975
- New Alexandria - Lady Taylor Rebekah Lodge #479 - consolidated 1944
- New Florence - Florence Given Rebekah Lodge #519 - defunct 1938
- New Kensington - Mary Belle Rebekah Lodge #326 - consolidated 1992
- Penn - Priscilla Smith Rebekah Lodge #565 - defunct 1941
- Penn Station - Norah Rebekah Lodge #91 - defunct prior to 1900
- Pleasant Unity - Lady Gibson Rebekah Lodge #490 - defunct 1930
- Scottdale - Iola Rebekah Lodge #503 - defunct 1981
- Smithton - Marguerite Rebekah Lodge #168 - defunct 1911
- Smithton - Georgia Rhodes Rebekah Lodge #558 - defunct 1930
- Suterville - Sarah Jane Rebekah Lodge #376 - defunct 1938
- Tarr's Station - Naomi Rebekah Lodge #234 - defunct prior to 1900
- Trafford City - Louisa Rebekah Lodge #346 - defunct 1945
- Vandergrift - Althea Rebekah Lodge #294 - consolidated 1976
- West Newton - Barbara Goetsche Rebekah Lodge #321 - consolidated 1948
- Yohoghany - Dora Rebekah Lodge #95 - defunct 1877
- Youngwood - Lady Young Rebekah Lodge #320 - defunct 1930
- Youngwood - Lady Blanche Zeck Rebekah Lodge #480 - consolidated 1981

32 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active
 1st Rebekah Lodge - Eva Rebekah Lodge #55 in 1870
 Last Rebekah Lodge - Annie Rebekah Lodge #134 in 2005
 33 Odd Fellow Lodge

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Thomas Wildey Day Proclamation

To all Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

Fraternal Greetings:
 Whereas, pursuant to a dream, Thomas Wildey founded an Order that in time would influence men and women of every walk of life, and
 Whereas, it is appropriate to remember the founder of our Order who through his vision, determination, wisdom and talent saw the culmination of his dream, which resulted into the priceless heritage, we enjoy today.
 Now therefore, I, John S. Cupp Jr., by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,
 That January 15, 2024, the anniversary date of the birth of our founder be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.
 Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Wildey with special ceremony on or as near the 15th of January as is possible, and
 Further, all Units of the Order are encouraged to initiate a Wildey Class in celebration of the occasion, and
 Further, that the month of January be Thomas Wildey Museum Month in which members are encouraged to contribute to the museum, either monetarily or with items for display.
 Contributions should be sent to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., Thomas Wildey Museum, 422 Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830.
 Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 1st day of November 2023, and in the 205th year of our Order.
 Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ John S. Cupp Jr.
 Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:
 /s/ Terry L. Barrett
 Sovereign Grand Secretary

I herewith transmit to you the proclamation issued by John S. Cupp, Jr., Sovereign Grand Master, calling upon all Odd Fellows to officially observe the birthday of Thomas Wildey, the Founder of our Great Order on the North American continent, and trust that favorable action will be had by all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, as we celebrate 200 years of its founding.
 Done at the city of Middletown, Pennsylvania, this twenty-eighth day of November, 2023, and in our 200th year of our Order.

Robert B. Ruff, Grand Master

Attest: Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

BOYERTOWN LODGE HONORED FOR ANNIVERSARY

On November 21st, Grand Warden Frank Hilt visited Boyertown at their meeting to present them with their 120-year anniversary certificate from Sovereign Grand Master John S. Cupp. They were very appreciative with it. The photo from left to right. Mike Gilbert Secretary, GW Hilt, Vice Grand Steve Boyko, & Dave Ditter. Boyertown Lodge was instituted December 19, 1903. It was a good time.



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