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

VARIETY LODGE NO. 37,
 PHILADELPHIA
 Kristin Arniotis - initiated May 13th

SANDY LAKE LODGE NO. 573
 Lou Ann Miller - initiated May 22nd
 Darlene J. Bullock
 Candace A. Omlor

MYSTIC LODGE NO. 270,
 PHILADELPHIA
 Anthony F. Coco - initiated May 13th

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Greetings from the Grand Master!

All Brothers and Sisters,
I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master.

Summer is in full bloom: BBQ's, picnics, trips to the beach or pool, or just lying back and enjoying a relaxing day with our families. This is also a good time to bring your lodge family together for some summer fun activities, such as planning a picnic, having an open meeting in the cool evening hours, inviting your friends and neighbors to join in playing horseshoes, softball, cornhole or other games. You can make it a contest, or just have some old fashion fun. We should use these activities to bring in new members and promote harmony among our members. These activities not only will serve as a tool to bring in new members, but also to help retain our members. Let's take this one step further. Invite other lodges in your district to join in your activities and bring a guest or two. We do not know what a small step like this will do, but we may be surprised.

My project this year will be three-fold: first, building harmony among all our Brothers and Sisters and lodges; second, working to find ways to increase membership and third, finding ways to retain these members. We have just completed our 200th year celebration, and now we all need to work to ensure that

we will be around for another 200 years. We should all remember that the first tenet of the Order is **purity** of life and conduct; the three golden links, **friendship, love** and **truth** weld us together-- the foundation of our Order. The three pillars of **faith, hope** and **charity**, staunchly support us through the journey of life. As a final crown, our Order teaches **universal justice** for one and all.

True fraternity is of the spirit. If you have true spirit of fraternity, you will live and promote the principles of Odd Fellowship.

Thomas Wildey had a great ambition to bring Odd Fellowship to America. His hard work and faith in mankind made us what we are today. We all must work together to ensure that we will celebrate another 200 years.

“Only one life, so live it well,
Keep thy light trim and bright:
Eternity, not time, will tell
The worth of that Life's light.”

BE THE ANCHOR!

I am excited to work with all the Brothers and Sisters and the lodges of this great Fraternal Order. Have an enjoyable summer. ☺

Fraternally,
Paul E. Lautenschlager
Grand Master

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Lautenschlager has scheduled the following visits for July.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

8 - Thistle #512 OV - 7:30PM

10 - Harmony #86 OV - 7:00PM

15 - Canawacta #207 & Tunkhannock #699 OV @ #207 - 7:00PM

16 - Wysox #1152 OV - 7:30PM

17 - Freedom #88 OV - 7:00PM

20 - Annual Clam Bake #512; Dist's 8, 9 & 10

24 - Osage #712 OV - 7:00PM

26 - Rush #471 OV @ #699 - 7:00PM

27 - IOOF Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove, Elysburg

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Ralph F. Dussia, #969

Craig F. Tutton, #969

Places to GO... People to See

JULY

14 / IOOF Golf outing, Beaver Falls, 12:00PM

27 / Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove, Elysburg

AUGUST

4 / Tri-State Rally, Canfield OH, 7:30AM

15 - 22 / SGL Session, Pittsburgh+

+ denotes details to follow

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

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



THE TREASURER'S TALES • JULY 2024

Session at Middletown will be over by the time you read this. If you were there, I probably ran into you. Hopefully you enjoyed your session and are planning on going to Sovereign Grand Lodge in Pittsburgh in August. You won't get it any closer.

We find our hero, Barney Wells at home in Grover's Mill, New Jersey for the summer of 1929. His last trip of any distance was in 1917 when he was sent to France to protect democracy around the world.

Many things happened in July 1929. On July 3, foam rubber was invented. On July 6, St. Louis Cardinals set baseball run record with 28 runs on 28 hits (28-6 v Phillies). On July 10, the Pittsburgh Pirates outthit Philadelphia Phillies, 15-9 at the Baker Bowl; 9 home runs hit, 1 in each inning - unique in Major League Baseball history. On July 24, US President Herbert Hoover proclaims the Kellogg-Briand Pact which renounces war.

There were births too. On July 2, Filipino politician and First Lady of the Philippines (1965-86) who famously collected over 1,000 pairs of shoes, born in Manila, Philippines. On July 4, Chuck Tanner, American baseball manager (World Series 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates; Chicago WS, Oakland A's, Atlanta Braves), born in New Castle, Pennsylvania (d. 2011). On July 11, Pat Cooper [Pasquale Caputo], American stand-up comedian and actor, born in Brooklyn, New York (d. 2023). On July 20, American businessman Mike Ilitch (founded Little Caesars Pizza, owner Detroit Red Wings, Tigers), born in Detroit, Michigan. On July 28, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, American First Lady (1961-63), born in Southampton, New York.

The biggest July event in Grover's Mill was the Fourth of July picnic. I have written several times about this picnic in years gone by. I generally come up with some cute story about Melchizedek disrupting the picnic. I promised myself I would do something different this July. So I will.

The Fourth of July picnic was not the only July event in Grover's Mill. Little things happened in 1929 that aren't as familiar in 2024. We were still a rural country and much had to do with farming. The last week of July 1929 was the county fair. Although there was still a good month to go in the growing season, many things were readily available for exhibit, including livestock. The fair began on Tuesday, July 30, 1929. Exhibits were marked and judging took place on July 31. The fair ran through Sunday, August 4, when everything went home.

Barney had several animals he wanted to show. He had a young steer, a heifer, a couple hogs, a beautiful rooster and cabbage, corn and a variety of other fruits and vegetables. Elizabeth made several quilts and always submitted a peach pie. She didn't submit other baked goods, since her mother Alice was the master at pies, cakes and other goodies. For those of you who have been keeping track, Elizabeth had two Pomeranian house dogs. She named one Alice

after her mother and the other Rebekah, for reasons I should not need to explain. Elizabeth thought that she would like to enter the Pomeranians in the dog show on Friday, August 2, 1929. Her father, Vic, was the judge and he thought that would be a problem for judging. Her brother John, had set a trap for Melchizedek and was going to enter him as a dog. Vic put an end to that idea very quickly.

The heart of the fair was the midway. It contained a number of concession stands, carnival rides and games of chance. As you may expect, the Odd Fellows ran one of the concession stands. Hot dogs, corn on the cob, French fries, hamburgers, homemade root beer, and pies and cakes were on the menu. It was Barney's job to pick the corn and bring it to the fair where he would husk it just before putting it in the kettle to boil. He had planted 27 acres of field corn and 6 acres of sweet corn. His mother and wife both canned corn and he sold some. The field corn was fed to the animals. Husking the corn was a big job and took a lot of time. Barney enlisted the aid of two of the younger members to husk corn while he went back to the farm to pick more corn.

Upon return to the fair, Barney was amazed at how well the new members did husking the corn. Elizabeth and her sister Mary were cooking the corn and putting it out for sale. They said they were running out of corn. Barney did not think this was possible because of the amount of corn that was husked. Barney was confused until he heard a noise from under the pile of corn husks. I told you I wouldn't have a cute raccoon story, I lied. Melchizedek and his whole family had been pilfering the husked corn as it was put in a large tub and hid in the husk pile to avoid being caught. Barney yelled almost loud enough to scare the horses on the other side of the fairgrounds. There was a race across the parking lot and into the woods. The line of raccoons was 11 long, with all Melchizedek's cousins there to help.

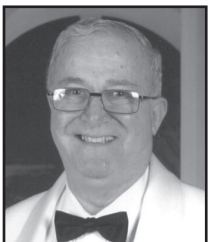
Despite the loss to raccoons, the fair booth made money. The Odd Fellows were able to fund a few activities in the fall. The evening of Monday, August 5, 1929, was a meal with leftovers at the lodge hall. The members who had worked the fair, 11 in total, were there to clean up the unsold food. As the chaplain was about to return thanks, he saw a face at the window in the dimming light. After blessing the food, Barney went out to see who was looking in the window. It was Melchizedek, with two of his relatives. Although a bit angry, there was too much food left from the fair. Each raccoon got an ear of corn and a hot dog (no bun).

The lodge hall was filled with joy and laughter. Everyone agreed that the fair should be an annual project of the lodge.

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.

JULY OBITUARIES

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



Vito A. Urso
Unified Lodge No. 2
May 21, 2024

Brother Vito A. Urso, 88, of Allison Park, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, on March 11, 2010, along with his wife, the former Marilyn Griffiths. He became a Past Grand on October 13, 2016, and received his Grand Lodge Degree October 15, 2016. He served as Representative to Grand Lodge and at the time of his death, was a trustee to Unified Lodge.

He was a U. S. Army Veteran.

Surviving with his wife are five children and five grandchildren.

VICTORY LODGE NOBLE GRAND HONORED



10 year presentation to Brother Bill Hanby, Noble Grand of Victory Lodge No. 658 in Sellersville. He joined the Odd Fellows in Maine and when he moved back down to Pennsylvania, he transferred his membership. On the left is Brother Bill Hanby, Noble Grand and on the right is Brother Bruce Torrence, Treasurer.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BLAIR 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!

BLAIR COUNTY

- Altoona - Eleanor Rebekah Lodge #21 - defunct 1965
- Altoona - Amelia Rebekah Lodge #76 - defunct prior to 1895
- Altoona - Eudora Rebekah Lodge #87 - consolidated 1962
- Altoona - Isabelle Rebekah Lodge #302 - consolidated 1952
- Altoona - Doreen Rebekah Lodge #318 - defunct 1966
- Bellwood - Angelina Rebekah Lodge #232 - defunct 1968
- Claysburg - Fannie Crosby Rebekah Lodge No. 474 - defunct after 1920
- Hollidaysburg - The Universal Rebekah Lodge #71 - defunct 1967
- Hollidaysburg - Irene Rebekah Lodge #98 - defunct 1880
- Juniata - Tillie Gehrett Rebekah Lodge #600 - defunct 1966
- Martinsburg - Ellen Rebekah Lodge #509 - defunct 1939
- Roaring Spring - Winona Rebekah Lodge #174 - defunct 1990
- Tyrone - Lady Viola Rebekah Lodge #213 - consolidated 1970
- Williamsburg - Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #517 - defunct 1962

14 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Eleanor Rebekah Lodge #21 in 1869

Last Rebekah Lodge - Winona Rebekah Lodge #174 in 1990

18 Odd Fellow Lodges

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

TRI-STATE RALLY, CANFIELD, OH



I.O.O.F. Tri-State Degree Rally - Canfield, Ohio - Sunday, August 4th, 2024

Whether you're a new member in need of degree work, or a 30-year member, there is something for you at this Full-Day Odd Fellows Event!

Where: Canfield High School
100 Cardinal Drive, Canfield, Ohio 44406

When: Sunday, August 4th, 2024 8am-5pm

Cost: \$38.00 per member
Includes All Degrees, Master Classes
Breakfast & Lunch

Sponsor: IOOF Canfield Lodge #155

Contact: Roger Parson, Deputy Grand Master
rparson155@gmail.com

What's this about:

Older members will remember back in the day we had Degree Rallies and Odd Fellow Conferences every year. This Rally is a throwback to a better time in Odd Fellowship where we came together to bring in new members and celebrate old ones.

We will be putting on all four degrees and offering two great Master Classes and hopefully, create some lasting memories with good friends. So don't show those video tapes this year! Bring your new members and have them experience degree work the way it was intended!

This event is for initiated Odd Fellow Members or those waiting to be initiated. Non-members will not be allowed in the degree room.

Registrations must be received by all members who wish to attend.

Rally Day Schedule

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| 7:00 - 7:30
7:30
7:30 - 8:30
8:30
9:00
10:00

11:00
12:30 - 1:30
1:30
2:00
2:30

3:30
5:00 | Sale Table Set Up
Doors Open, Sales Tables Open
Registration & Breakfast
Opening Ceremony & Introduction of Dignitaries
ODD FELLOWS INITIATORY DEGREE
ODD FELLOWS NOBLE GRANDS MASTER CLASS
ODD FELLOWS FIRST DEGREE
Lunch Break
Rally Group Photo
ODD FELLOWS 2ND DEGREE
Reaching New Members & Staying Relevant Master Class
ODD FELLOWS 3RD DEGREE
Closing Ceremony & Farewell |
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Everything Odd Fellows Sale - Rent a table for \$25 along with your registration fee and sell or swap your items!

Noble Grand Master Class - Two -hour class for current and future Noble Grand. Discussion and guidance on what all Noble Grand's deal with... How to conduct meetings, Energize you members, The power of committees, Balancing rituals, rules and fun, Communication is KEY, don't miss the bus.

Reaching New Members Master Class - Declining Membership, lodge closures and lodge consolidations, learn from other lodges how to stay relevant and build interest and excitement by breathing new life into your lodge.

It has been a long time since we have had a Tri-State Rally. Thanks to Ohio for stepping up and getting it started again! Canfield Ohio is close to the PA border. Please consider attending! Also, Pennsylvania is tasked to confer the First Degree (Degree of Friendship). If you would like to help, please reach out the Grand Lodge Office! This rally hopefully will rotate from State to State; if we want people to show up in Pennsylvania, we need to show up for everyone else!

LODGES HONOR THE DEAD FOR MEMORIAL DAY

CANTON ALLENTOWN HONORS THE FALLEN



On Memorial Day, Chevaliers of Canton Allentown No. 39 took part in the annual Tamaqua Memorial Day Parade. This year, we were fortunate enough to have two more volunteers, Past Grand Joshua M. Guscott of Harmony Lodge No. 86, who is a member of the PA Army National Guard, and LTC Michael J. Wallis, 2nd Battalion Commander and clerk of Canton Ridgely No. 8. The weather held out for the parade, but the service at the Odd Fellows Cemetery was moved indoors. However, the Canton did appear at the Soldier's Circle monument and had honors for the wreath laying.

We had a picture on the front cover of the Times News and we were even featured on the local news stations! Afterwards, a picnic was held at Harmony Hall. A nice time was enjoyed by all.



(Brothers in photo (L to R): Dave Hanks, Jim Manton, Dale Binkley, Fred DaLauro, Jr. & Jim Rice).

STRASBURG LODGE #361 – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FLOAT

Strasburg Lodge #361 participated in the 2024 Memorial Day Parade in Strasburg PA on Monday, May 27, 2024. Brother Brian Barr has served as Parade Chairman for several years and Brother Bill Koch assists in lining up the parade participants. This year lodge finally decided to make the leap and enter the parade as a lodge. None of our current attending members can recall the last time the lodge participated in the parade.

We sweated out the weather forecast which for several days had been calling for rain the morning of the parade. At 6:00am the decision to hold the parade was finalized. Brothers Jim Rice, Jim Manton, Dave Hanks, Fred DaLauro, Jr. (the unofficial "Mayor of Strasburg") and Dale Binkley met at the lodge hall at 7:00am to assemble the float. They were assisted by Mary Jo Potts (candy tosser) and Linda Binkley (parade float driver).

The parade gave us an opportunity to put the name of the lodge in front of the community. We were all surprised at the number of kids and adults that waved and shouted "hello" to Brother Fred. Fred is still a school bus driver and must know every child in Strasburg.

Our float was well received, most likely due to the candy that was tossed to all kids along the route as we travelled through town. At the end of the parade, we began discussing ideas to participate in the Halloween Parade in October. We are looking forward to participating in more local community activities in the future.

Dale E. Binkley, Secretary



LODGES HONOR THE DEAD FOR MEMORIAL DAY

SELLERSVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

See below for 2 photos of are participation in the Sellersville parade. The parade is held the Saturday before Memorial Day and alternates between Sellersville and Perkasio. This year was also Sellersville’s 150th anniversary. Of note, Victory Lodge is OLDER than the borough of Sellersville by five years! Perkasio Lodge #671 consolidated in 1945 with Victory Lodge.



Left to right: Brother Bill Hanby, Noble Grand Victory Lodge #658, Brother Jim Dimpter, Noble Grand, Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 of Norristown & Frank Hilt, Grand Warden of Penna.

YORK SPRINGS LODGE #211 HONOR VETERANS



The annual Memorial Day observance sponsored by the York Springs Lions Club was supported by fourteen members of York Springs I.O.O.F Lodge #211. The members placed red poppies on each of 234 crosses that represent local Veterans who have passed away. Lodge members also unfurled a 15x25 foot flag while the National Anthem was being presented. The main presentation for the service was researched, written and directed by PG Yolanda Howe. It showcased the story of a flag flying over the town of York Springs during all of the country’s disputes and how the citizens

of the small town laid down their plows and went to protect the freedoms of America. PG Darrell Ullsh participated in the presentation as a visitor while an older citizen told him the stories of the different battles. A wreath was placed by VG Robert Otto to honor the members of the Odd Fellows who helped protect our county. The York Springs Odd Fellows Lodge sponsored the first local Memorial Day observance after the Civil War and Lodge #211 continues to honor veterans today. A crowd of 300 attended the service.



MALVERN LODGES ASSIST MEMBERS

On May 11th Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201 and Chosen Friends Encampment #88, both of Malvern, organized our first Will & Estate Planning event. The event was hosted by a local Estate Attorney, Beth Rondinelli. There was a lively turnout at the Lodge while we had an informational session on the laws surrounding topics related to Wills, Power of Attorney, A Medical Directive, and other critical estate documents. The members in attendance were able to spend one on one time with Ms. Rondinelli during the event to prepare their documents.



Having our Will and Estate affairs in good order will save our family and loved ones from such things as delayed procedures from the State, unanswered questions, and can help them to avoid making sensitive decisions for us at the end of life.

We are hopeful to host this event and offer this to our members next year at a discounted price!

NAKOMIS REBEKAH LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Before our meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, presented two (\$500) scholarships to two Honesdale High School Seniors. Present for the check presentation were Noble Grand Nadine Hager, Vice Grand Jessica Kilmer, Secretary Andrew Kilmer and Inside Guardian Paul Lautenschlager. Kayla Benson will be attending Davidson University and Carter Kennedy will be attending Penn State Main Campus.



CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 HONORS

CHARLEROI AREA HIGH SCHOOL • STUDENTS FOR 2024

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), Charleroi Lodge #1030, honored four Charleroi Area High School senior students during the school’s Class of 2024 “Salute to Scholars” evening award presentations on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Each of the recipients was presented a plaque to serve as a remembrance of this special evening in recognizing their outstanding achievements during their academically successful years at CAHS. A \$1,500 monetary award was also sent to each student’s university and placed into their respective account.

Pictured (from L-R) are Dennis Caldwell (committee member), award recipients Laura Hermann, Dominic McKita, Arlo McIntyre, Kenley Dorzin, and Joseph Valla (committee member). Laura, daughter of Tracy and Philip Hermann, will be attending Point Park University to major in Theatre Production and upon graduation, pursuing a Masters Degree in Business. Dominic, son of Mishelle McKita, is presently undecided in his college/university choice; however, he has chosen accounting as his field of study. Arlo, son of Keely and Kasey McKita, will be attending Millersville University majoring in Sports Administration. Kenley Dorzin, son of Jeannine and Vanel Dorzin, has chosen Washington and Jefferson College to pursue a degree in Business Administration.

On behalf of the I.O.O.F. Charleroi Lodge #1030, the Scholarship Awards Committee wishes Laura, Dominic, Arlo, and Kenley many happy, healthy, and educationally fulfilling years at their respective institutions of higher learning.



WARREN LODGE NO. 339 CAR SHOW

It was a great day for a car show. Perfect weather. Our car count was down a little that I attribute to so many other activities in the area that have sprouted up after we started using the 1st Saturday in June for our show.

Winner of the Milwaukee Tool set raffle is Jim English.

Here are the winners from the car show.

MOTORCYCLE CLASS

- 1st Place Cheryl Burgess 1996 Harley Davidson
- 2nd Place Toby Wolfe 2008 Harley Davidson
- 3rd Place Toby Wolfe 2019 Harley Davidson



TRUCK CLASS

- 1st Place Abe Blöse 1950 Chevrolet 3100 (pictured)
- 2nd Place Travis Taraska 1972 Ford F100
- 3rd Place Wilson Abbott 1936 Dodge Pickup



CAR CLASS

- 1st Place Tom Sturgis 1988 Suzuki Samari Street rod (pictured)
- 2nd Place Gary Bjorkquist 1970 Chevrolet Camaro
- 3rd Place Earl Hartman 1957 Chevrolet Belair

Special thank you to all of the members who helped with the car show setup and at the show.

Dan M, Jon M, Dan S, Al, Troy, Roger, Jim, Shawn, Darryl, Lou, Gary, Connie, Kate, Wendi, Jenn, Ed, Mike Crone and a couple wives and boy friend and a special thanks to our annual registrar, three years running, Miranda Estes. John Bailey was there but recovering from surgery I forbid him to do any work.

The Scouts did a fantastic job with the food. The Lions cancelled on us on Thursday because they didn't have enough people to run the Weenie Wagon. So Wendi picked up the ball and added hot dogs to their offerings. Between Wendi and I in just a few hours Thursday we came up with a charcoal grill (thanks to Mike Crone) and had the ball rolling to weenies. The scouts sales were so good they had to run to Aldi's for more weenies and burgers.

DEGREE OF FRIENDSHIP CONFERRED AT NEW RINGGOLD



Over 25 Odd Fellows converged in New Ringgold to the hall of East Brunswick Lodge No. 802 to confer the first degree in full form. Lodges present were Harmony #86 of Tamaqua, Leesport #141, York Springs #211, Shenandoah #591 and East Brunswick #802 of New Ringgold. There were a total of 9 candidates and the chairs were full! A delicious spaghetti dinner was provided by the members of East Brunswick Lodge and a great time was had by all.

Lodges Step Out into the Community

LODGE #1050 SPONSORS LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Lititz Lodge #1050 sponsored a Warwick Little League Team this Spring. Our team was call the "Oddballs" and proudly displayed the three links on their jersey sleeves. We provided snacks to them after a game winner, May 29, 2024, where they won 13-3! We will be providing Pizza for them at their end of season celebration this Friday, June 7, 2024. The team was very appreciative of our

sponsorship and have told us they have a recognition gift for our Lodge. It was fun!

On May 29, 2024 Lititz Lodge Vice Grand, Foster Lobb, and head of our scholarship Committee, presented 4 scholarships to graduating Warwick High School Seniors in the amount of \$750 each. Our newest member, Debbie Ibach was co-chair of the Scholarship Committee. The students will be invited to



our July meeting where they will introduce themselves and their families. We will have light refreshments and invite prospective new members and have an open meeting.

We are hoping to vote on 4 new members in June and July. We are working hard to rebuild Lititz Lodge.

CLOVER LODGE NO. 348 SOAP BOX DERBY

Winnie Wagner, niece of Clover Lodge #348 member, Jason Stuebgen, competed in her very first Soap Box Derby on Saturday June 1, 2024 in Ambridge. With the help of her father, Matthew Wagner and her Uncle Jason, she placed 5th in the Super Stock division. Winnie will be in 4th grade this fall at Economy Elementary School. Winnie is already looking forward to racing next year and thanks the Odd Fellows for sponsoring her in this race.



SPRING CITY COMMUNITY DAY

Vincent Lodge #762 recently attended Spring City Community Day to hand out free soft pretzels and water. We had a great time meeting people and informing the community who we are and what we do. We also were able to collect \$61 for the Grand Master's Alzheimer's campaign which our lodge will match.



Lodges Step Out into the Community

88 FOOD PANTRY

HONESDALE MEAT RAFFLE HELPS THE COUNTY

After another successful meat raffle, Freedom Lodge #88 took a portion of the proceeds and purchased Ten (10) \$25 Food Vouchers from a Honesdale Supermarket named DAVE'S SUPER DUPER and donated to a local food pantry. On this occasion, the Food Pantry was The Salvation Army Honesdale Service Center located on 231 Sunrise Avenue, Honesdale, PA 18431 ((570) 352-3435). We spoke to some of the Staff present and their pantry is open to anyone in need in our local area, no questions asked and no participant cards required as in most other food pantries that are government run. They were very thankful for our donation as their needs never end. In addition to food items, this pantry takes donations of clothing as well but must be brand new with tags. Used clothing in our community is still welcome at the Salvation Army Store located on 206 Willow Avenue in Honesdale. Thanks to ALL that helped us by purchasing Super Bowl Meat raffle tickets this past Winter!



Pictured from left to right: Rebecca Lawrence, Case Worker, Sherry Mihalik, Case Manager/Office Coordinator, Paul Lautenschlager, Deputy Grand Master of PA, Bert Terysen, Freedom Lodge #88 Noble Grand and Andrew Kilmer, Grand Guardian of PA.

FREEDOM LODGE HELPS FAMILIES IN NORTHERN WAYNE COUNTY!

The Super Bowl Meat Raffle Fundraiser put on by Freedom Lodge #88 produced some extra funds that all members wanted to spend locally. Noble Grand Bert Terysen, a Northern Wayne County native heard of a need for support of the Food Pantry held each month in Damascus. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, volunteers gather at the Damascus Township Building on 60 Conklin Road, Damascus, PA 18443, and serve non-perishable food items to locals in need. Brother Bert did just that as he and Brother Paul visited the facility and presented them with a \$250 check to help with expenses. Thanks again to everyone that supported this effort by buying tickets!



Pictured from left to right is Paul Lautenschlager, Deputy Grand Master of PA, Michele Galloway, Damascus Site Coordinator and Bert Terysen, Freedom Lodge Noble Grand. As you are all aware of by now, Freedom Lodge holds a Meat Raffle each year, selling tickets from November through January. This is done strategically so the WINNERS can enjoy their prize on Super Bowl Sunday with Friends and Family. This year the main focus of directing funds earned for the raffle went to Food Pantries in Wayne County. The Wayne County Food Pantry is headquartered in Honesdale and hosts a food pantry on the second Tuesday of each month at the Tri-County Beverage Building located at 214 Willow Avenue, Honesdale, PA 18431. Thanks to ALL that purchased tickets from a Brother or Sister of Freedom Lodge. Now you know that you helped a Family in need of Food.



Pictured at the Wayne County Food Pantry Headquarters in Honesdale from Left to Right: Forrest C. Goodenough, Dennis Hiller, Bert Terysen, Freedom #88 Noble Grand, Clarissa Wimmers, Food Pantry Coordinator, Kim McGinnis, Food Pantry Coordinator, Mike Kinzinger, Gibsen Goodenough and Paul Lautenschlager, Deputy Grand Master of PA.

Periodicals

MAY DONATIONS
MAY IS VISUAL MONTH

VISUAL RESEARCH						
306	Walker	500.00	•	658	Victory	50.00
87	Hopkins	250.00	•	1030	Charleroi	50.00
116	Brady	116.00	•	2	Unified	25.00
307	Triune	100.00	•	96	Lewisburg	25.00
86	Harmony	50.00	•	207	Canawacta	25.00
1004	Hampton	50.00	•	591	Shenandoah	25.00
1030	Charleroi	50.00	•	699	Tunkhannock	25.00
	Sarah M. Baer		•	847	Vienna	25.00
	In Memory of PPRA Marcia LaVan	50.00	•			2,100.00
2	Unified	25.00	•	GM RUFF PROJECT - ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION		
207	Canawacta	25.00	•	601	Warfordsburg	100.00
591	Shenandoah	25.00	•	ARTHRTIS FOUNDATION		
		1,241.00	•	2	Unified	50.00
VISUAL ASSISTANCE						
270	Mystic	750.00	•	PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
306	Walker	500.00	•	254	Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity	200.00
87	Hopkins	250.00	•	EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
762	Vincent	200.00	•	2	Unified	50.00
55	Fred R. Korman	100.00	•			
86	Harmony	50.00	•			