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## MEMORIAL DAY

As we come into the month of May, we reflect on those Brothers and Sisters who have fought for our Freedom and have passed away within the last year. May they rest in peace, and may they never be forgotten.

### Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

★ PGCh/PGHe Glenn S. Minick,  
U.S. Army Reserves - November  
28th - Newburg Lodge No. 562

### Triune Lodge No. 307, Middletown

★ PG Frank E. Matinchek, U.S.  
Army Korea - March 31st

### Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573

★ Richard G. English, U.S. Army -  
August 1st

### Mount Zion Lodge No. 74, York

★ PG Wayne S. Fair, U.S. Navy,  
WWII - July 3rd

### Clover Lodge No. 348, Baden

★ PVG Frank D. Hughes, Jr., U.S.  
Navy - October 25th

### Charleroi Lodge No. 1030

★ Charles W. Rohrer - February  
19th

### Leesport Lodge No. 141

★ Rocco Santilli, U. S. Navy,  
WWII - November 7th

### White Haven Lodge No. 457

★ PG J. Richard Barry, Jr., U.S.  
Marine - December 27th

### Lititz Lodge No. 1050

★ PG Ronald L. Erb - U.S. Air  
Force - October 27th

### Jordan Lodge No. 192, Schnecksville

★ PG Theodore C. Rothrock, PA  
National Guard - June 22nd

### Aluta Lodge No. 488, Bushkill Center

★ PG Franklin J. Albert, U.S.  
Marine & Air Force, Korea -  
November 30th

### Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128, Atlantic

★ William C. Goodwin - U.S.  
Navy Korea - January 24th  
★ PG Robert C. Lindstrom -  
WWII - January 30th

### York Springs Lodge No. 211

★ PG Herbert L. Hartman, U. S.  
Army - March 28th

### Thistle Lodge No. 512, Pittston

★ Francis R. Ankenbrand, U.S.  
Navy - May 5th

### Wysox Lodge No. 1152

★ PG L. Jim Van Ness - U.S. Navy  
Korea - June 30th  
★ PG George H. Smith - U.S.  
Army Air Corps - November  
25th

### Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278, Butler

★ Jacob L. Detrie, U.S. Army  
Vietnam - February 5th

### Alma Lodge No. 523, Johnstown

★ Ronald E. Rudge, U.S. Navy -  
April 1st  
★ Clarence Horner, Jr., U.S. Army  
- April 23rd  
★ Paul G. Faint, U.S. Army -  
December 29th

★ PG Paul D. Hitchcock - U.S. Air  
Force - December 1st

### Paoli Lodge No. 290, Downingtown

★ PDDGM Robert R. Pyle, U.S.  
Army - November 8th

### Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175, Smethport

★ PGW George R. Tufts, Jr., - U.S.  
Marine Corps Vietnam - May  
28th



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

**UNIFIED LODGE NO. 2, PITTSBURGH**

John Mignacca - initiated March 14th  
Emily Ward

**MT. ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK**

Linda Bean - initiated January 9th  
Mary A. Landsperger - initiated March 4th  
Gloria M. Reedy

**FALLS CREEK LODGE NO. 957**

Steve Shick - reinstated January 16th.  
Welcome back!  
Arnie M. Brodie - initiated January 16th  
Roger J. Mikulec

## FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Sisters and brothers,

Hopefully everybody got a chance to see the solar eclipse on April 8. On to May now and my next to last months article. My has time flown by! Most important is please make sure to have your reservations for sessions in sometime this month. Do not wait until the last minute. For fun night this year will be games of bingo and prior to that a surprise which I will reveal in my June article but you must be registered and attend fun night to participate. It is extremely important that your lodge is represented for the good of oddfellowship in Pennsylvania. I am looking forward to the weekend of the 11th and 12th of May when I will join the sovereign grandmaster and the other jurisdictions in laying wreaths at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Being ex-military I cannot tell you what a privilege and honor this will be for me to do, twice as much so being the Grandmaster of Pennsylvania IOOF. As well as also not forgetting Memorial Day or if you were old enough to remember decoration day.

It was started after the Civil War to honor the union soldiers that had died. It was inspired by the way, the southerners honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all that had served in any war or military conflict. The term memorial day came into use more after the second world war. In 1968 the uniform holiday BILL was passed. And in 1971 the date was officially moved to the last Monday in May. Prior to that it had been on the 30th of May, no matter when it fell on the calendar. So if you have a chance go to a cemetery plant a flag or just stand there in silence and maybe say thank you for what they did for us and our country. Remember – All gave some and some gave all.

May you and your family and Lodge have a wonderful Memorial Day, be careful with fireworks we don't want any accidents and I hope to see everybody in June at the red lion hotel.

In FLT,  
Bob Ruff, GM

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

### **25 YEARS**

Mark A. Millin, #1010  
Ryan M. Sechler, #1010  
Joshua C. Sechler, #1010  
Gerald W. Wilson, #1152

### **30 YEARS**

Jeffrey R. Boyle, #306  
Brian P. Corchiolo, #306  
Richard M. Luna, #306  
Alex T. Frantz, #348  
David L. Hanks, #361

### **35 YEARS**

Leslie A. Furlow, II, #361

### **55 YEARS**

Allen P. Long, #773

### **60 YEARS**

James M. Dockey, #74  
Daniel G. Albright, #523

### **70 YEARS**

Merle E. Wood, #1128

### **135 YEARS**

Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175, Smethport

## *Places to GO...People to See*

### MAY

3 - 5 / Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA

### JUNE

1-2 / Canadian War Memorial, Ottawa, ON+  
1 / Warren Lodge #339 car show  
15 / Three Links 5K run/walk, Tamaqua, 9:00AM+  
22 - 26 / Unified Session, Harrisburg

### JULY

14 / IOOF Golf outing, Beaver Falls, 12:00PM  
27 / Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove, Elysburg (pg 11)

### 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 [ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net](mailto:ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net) or 717-944-7419

## THE TREASURER'S TALES

### MAY 2024

May is the month in which we celebrate Memorial Day. In years gone by, Memorial Day was always celebrated on May 30, regardless of the day of the week. In 1929, it was on Thursday. The school year ended May 29.

On May 4, Lou Gehrig hit three consecutive home runs. On May 8, NY Giants pitcher Carl Hubbell no-hits the Pittsburgh Pirates, 11-0 at the Polo Grounds. On May 11, the first regularly scheduled TV broadcasts began, 3 nights per week. On May 16, the first Academy Awards were presented, "Wings", Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were the winners.

Famous births in May 1929 include May 1, Sonny James [James Loden], country music singer-songwriter (Young Love), born in Hackelburg, Alabama. On May 4, British actress Audrey Hepburn was born, famous for Breakfast at Tiffany's. On May 19, Curt Simmons, American baseball pitcher (3 time MLB All-Star; World Series 1964 with St. Louis Cardinals; Philadelphia Phillies), was born in Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania.

The era of the Academy Awards is now full on us. There were almost no television sets and radios weren't universal in 1929. It was till the roaring twenties and the most popular form of entertainment was the motion picture. We mentioned that "Wings" won the award for best picture. This movie is about two World War I pilots who have a rivalry for the affections of the same woman. It wasn't a "talkie" and was fairly long. You can watch the entire movie on YouTube here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Jf7Qn1IJsY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Jf7Qn1IJsY). You will start to see more movie information in this column. Americans were reading Hemingway's Farewell to Arms, Faulkner's Sound and the Fury, and other books that made the top 100 for the twentieth century.

Although signs of economic turmoil were evident in Europe, the United States was still doing fairly well. Because of prohibition, there was no alcohol for drinking in the United States. The Odd Fellows and other fraternal societies prospered because Americans had few options and sufficient funds to participate in fraternal activities. There was no network of government agencies to provide for those who did not have the necessities of life, and private charity was more personal. In short, life was very different. Since the time period is 95 years ago, almost none of you will have a personal recollection of the era.

Barney had to prepare and correct a "final" exam for his English classes before the year ended. Since he had several tenth grade classes as well as one twelfth grade class, we will deal with the tenth graders only. In order to fill his schedule, there weren't enough tenth grade classes. The twelfth grade teacher had two sections of French, so there was a loose section of twelfth grade English. (Barney had been offered a French class, but he had a bad experience trying to speak French when he was in World War I,

and believed he would be incompetent to teach French).

Barney had dealt with book and movie reviews in the past and decided he would see if the students could write a paper that would show their talents. Barney toyed with idea of having the students do some research before they wrote a paper. He thought about a number of topics and discussed the idea with his classes. One of the students thought they could write about humorous events that took place in the area. One girl, who was fond of animals, suggested they all write stories about the humorous antics of a special raccoon who pestered everyone in the community and the topic was set.

The students were each to write an original story, two pages in length, about Melchizedek, with no requirement for truthful reporting but with the idea of humor and well constructed sentences and paragraphs being the requirement. Barney needed the papers by May 16, in order to grade them. Over ninety percent of the class knew Melchizedek and had seen him do things around the school and parking lot. Almost half the students took food to him at lunch time. He was a bigger celebrity than Lou Gehrig at the Grovers Mill High School.

The topic was well received and a number of different stories unfolded. Most of the stories were about the attendance of Melchizedek at a picnic or function of the Odd Fellows. He was a prominent figure and his exploits were well known. A few students did not know who he was and one student wrote about the biblical Melchizedek. The best paper was pure fiction and entertained us and indulged our fantasies. The story from that paper follows.

Melchizedek was an agent for the United States government, FBI. He was hired to track down German spies. His assignment was possible sabotage at a steel mill in Pittsburgh. He built a nest in a tree near the window of a rooming house and watched the two men who lived there. They were German immigrants, worked in the mill and were engaged in suspicious activity. They carried bottles of liquid with their lunches and gave them to other steel workers. Melchizedek thought they were explosives. He watched them mix the liquid in the bathtub at the rooming house. After several weeks of keen observance, he wrote a report to the FBI in Washington. The rooming house was raided the next day. The men weren't engaged in sabotage at all, but were making beer and selling it in the factory. They were charged with violations of the Volstead Act, the implementing legislation for prohibition, and jailed. Melchizedek was rewarded with a large basket containing salami, hot dogs and pecan pie. Barney couldn't keep a straight face when he read the part where the FBI agents broke down the door of the room where the two men lived. The part when Melchizedek held on to the window sill and watched through the crack in the window blinds was funny too. He gave the student an "A" and a homemade certificate of merit.

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

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SNYDER & SULLIVAN COUNTIES

### 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!

### SNYDER COUNTY

Beaver Springs - Lady Beaver Rebekah Lodge #67 - defunct 1939

Freeburg - Lady Salvia Rebekah Lodge #542 - defunct 1948

McClure - Annabel Rebekah Lodge #464 - defunct 1938

Middleburg - Lady Linda Rebekah Lodge #410 - consolidated 1974

Selinsgrove - Lady Selin Rebekah Lodge #378 - consolidated 2008

5 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st and last Rebekah Lodge - Lady Selin Rebekah Lodge #378 - instituted 1910 and consolidated 2008

5 Odd Fellow Lodges

### SULLIVAN COUNTY

Bernice - Lady Nicholson Rebekah Lodge #143 - defunct 1900

Bernice - Lady Davis Rebekah Lodge #39 - defunct 1948

Dushore - Du Thouars Rebekah Lodge #569 - defunct 1941

Sonestown - Lady Meryl Rebekah Lodge #562 - defunct 1964

4 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Lady Nicolson Rebekah Lodge #143 around 1885

Last Rebekah Lodge - Lady Meryl Rebekah Lodge #562 in 1964

6 Odd Fellow Lodges

**Next Month - in honor of the incoming President, Kate Walters, Bucks County!  
Get your pictures and articles in now!**

### ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF WESTERN PA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania* has begun accepting applications for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of six (6) \$4,000 scholarships. This will mark the 19th consecutive year that the Association has offered these Awards and having awarded an undergraduate total, thus far, of \$196,000. The application deadline for the 2024 Scholarship Awards will be **Friday, June 28, 2024**. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2024. All areas of concentration will be considered. An important reminder regarding three of the requirements for the Awards:

- 1) The applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania,
- 2) The applicant must have completed at least one year at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school, and
- 3) The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college/university or technical/trade school.

If interested in obtaining a copy of the "Rules" and an "Application," this can be done by:

- 1) contacting your Lodge secretary,
- 2) emailing Chairman Robert Grant at "robag@comcast.net," or
- 3) downloading from our website: "www.glpaiiof.org" during the April through June time period.

### LODGE ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

The following Lodge information from last month's magazine was incorrect. Sorry for the inconvenience!

Glasgow - Fred R. Korman Lodge #55 meets at 7:00PM, not 7:30PM

Lititz - Lititz Lodge #1050 meets the 2nd & 4th Monday, not Thursday

Norristown - Norristown Encampment #37 Scribe is William Wurtz, 16 Pawlings Circle, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Pittsburgh - Unified Lodge #2 meets at 7:00PM, not 7:30PM

York Springs - York Springs Lodge #211 meets at 7:00PM, not 7:30PM

York - Mt. Zion Lodge zip code is 17408. Secretary address is: Nancy Wagner, 1620C Scenic View Lane, Spring Grove, PA 17362

York - Mt. Vernon Encampment PO Box is 7258 and they meet the 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00PM

# UNIFIED LODGE NO. 2, PITTSBURGH



Welcome to our newest members Emily Ward and John Mignacca!! Thanks for the help from Clover Lodge and Sandy Lake Lodge also. ~ GM Ruff



# GM PRESENTATION



GM presentation to Brother Earl R. Ruff, Jr. for best advisor to the Grand Master during the bicentennial year.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy spring, and as the saying goes, April showers, bring May flowers. This year we had some unusually warm days, followed by cold nights with snow overnight. We even had a solar eclipse for everyone to enjoy. The Northeast had overcast skies, and many only saw a small portion of the eclipse. The I.O.O.F., like the spring weather and changes of the seasons, will become more active by planning fund raising events and visits to other lodges. Scheduled on the calendar are the ninetieth Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the laying of the memorial wreath, a school of instruction at Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74 York, PA, and the Unified Session planning committee meeting. The lodges should have received all of the pertinent information concerning these events, and should be making sure that their Representatives are making their reservations to attend. Time is running short to do so. I urge all Representatives and District Deputy Grand Masters to attend. The Grand Lodge meetings are the source for each lodge to express their concerns, bring new ideas and participate in discussions on the direction they feel that the I.O.O.F of the Jurisdiction of PA should be moving. We all should be concerned that we follow the principals of odd fellowship. We, all brothers and sisters, must make a joint effort to keep our Order going for another 200 years and beyond. Pennsylvania was second in the growth of membership for 2023. We need to keep this growth going for 2024. If each lodge brings in just two new Brothers or Sisters, we would have over 100 or more new members. Thomas Wildey would be proud. We are not just a state-wide Fraternal Order, but a country-wide, as well as a world-wide Fraternal Order which needs our support. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Unified Session this June.

Fraternally,  
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Deputy Grand Master

**Avery Koser**  
FOOTBALL & MEN'S GOLF

FRESHMAN QB

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE TO FUTURE DIVISION III ATHLETES?

"COMING IN AS A FRESHMAN YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WHEN IT GETS HARD. YOU ARE A COLLEGE ATHLETE FOR A REASON SO WHEN IT GETS TOUGH, REMEMBER YOU BELONG."

NCAA  
DIVISION III  
WES

From Moravian College - Brother Koser is a member of Victory Lodge #658 in Sellersville and grandson to Bruce & Linda Torrence.

# MYSTIC LODGE NO. 270 WELCOMES VISITING MEMBERS FROM MINNESOTA



Displayed are pictures taken at the meeting: (1) during introductions of visiting members; (2) the three visiting members together; and (3) a group pic of those in attendance.

On March 21, 2024, Mystic Lodge #270 held at a regularly scheduled meeting at Walker Lodge No. 306 in Philadelphia. Under the introduction of visiting members Noble Grand Courtney Franklin introduced three visiting members from the Jurisdiction of Minnesota. They were: (1) Amanda Robinson - Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota who is a member of the subordinate lodge of Mapleton #101; (2) Isobelle Robinson (Amanda's Daughter) also a member of Mapleton Lodge #101; and (3) John Sonnek - Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. John is also from Mapleton Lodge #101. Both Amanda and John live in Madison Lake Minnesota.

(See picture below of John's arm motions probably when discussed about the Slacker issue.) It was a great evening of fun and camaraderie as all interacted on a common thread of Odd Fellowship.

Upon completion of Mystic's normal business Noble Grand Courtney changed to Good of the Order which provided a more social dialogue for interactions between the lodge and the visiting members. It was learned that Isobelle Robinson currently lives in Philadelphia attending school and Amanda and John (her long-time escort and companion) flew in to visit Isobelle. It was later learned that John and Amanda had been dating for over 10 years and John has yet to make a move. During refreshments, Isobelle mentioned that she had written a proposal speech for John to make his move, but he has yet to use it. Thus, it might be true that John's nickname in Minnesota is "Slacker."



# TAMAQUA HOSTING 5K

Harmony Lodge No. 86, of Tamaqua, is hosting their first ever 5K run/walk. The event will start at the entrance to the cemetery at 9AM, and will wind through the many miles of roads in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Since a 5K is 3.1 miles, there will be three legs to the race, namely "Friendship, Love & Truth." We are calling it the "3 Links 5K." For those who can't run, it is a run/walk.

[runsignup.com/Race/PA/Tamaqua/ThreeLinks5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Tamaqua/ThreeLinks5K), or on our facebook page IIOF Harmony & Lady Harmony Lodge Tamaqua PA. We are going out of our comfort zone and trying something new. Here's hoping it works!

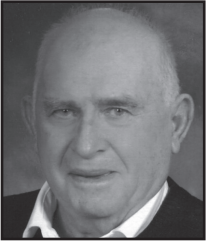


Prizes will be awarded to the first three winners and a party with free snacks, drinks and music will follow the events. If you would like to donate to this, please contact Justin Bailey at the Grand Lodge office. The event's proceeds will go to support the Odd Fellows Cemetery of Tamaqua. To sign up, please visit <https://>

If anyone would like to make a weekend of it, the next day is Tamaqua's Heritage festival, where Harmony Lodge and Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge will also be participating! The main focus on Lodges, where we all should be focusing, is having a community presence. If you have that, it certainly makes recruiting easy!

## MAY OBITUARIES

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



**William C. Goodwin**  
Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128  
January 24, 2024

Brother William C. Goodwin, 91, of Lake City, PA, was initiated into Nickel Plate Lodge #1125, Lake City, on June 5, 1951. He became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on July 26, 2012, and finally Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, PA, through consolidation on January 11, 2021.

He was a U.S. Navy Korean War Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Arleen Eastman. Surviving is one daughter, two sons, one grandson, and two brothers, one being Paul Goodwin, also of Fallowfield Lodge.



**Robert C. Lindstrom**  
Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128  
January 30, 2024

Brother Robert C. Lindstrom, 103, of Bluffton, SC, was initiated an Odd Fellow on November 19, 1947 into New York. He transferred to Jonathan Lodge #685 of Corry, PA, on May 15, 1960. He became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on January 13, 2000, and finally a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, through consolidation on January 11, 2021. He was a Past Grand and at the time of his death, the oldest living member of Fallowfield Lodge and the last surviving member of Jonathan Lodge still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marie Anderson. Surviving are three daughters, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery.



**Marion I. Green**  
Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge No. 198  
February 10, 2024

Sister Marion I. (Courtney) Green, 88, of Atlantic, PA, became a member of Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #198, Atlantic, on March 9, 1955, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 14, 1970 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 14, 1971. She held various appointed offices during her membership.

She was a member of Fallowfield United Methodist Church, Atlantic.

Surviving is her husband, Karl, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Wilma Ferguson, also of Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge.

Rebekahs held a memorial service for Marion on February 15, 2024 and she was been laid to rest in Rocky Glen Cemetery, West Fallowfield Township, PA.

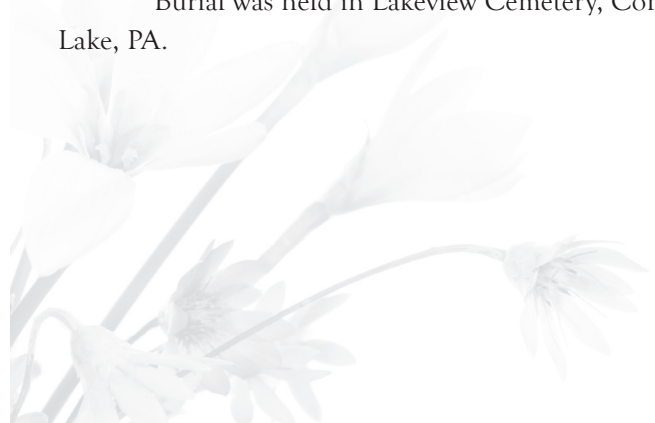
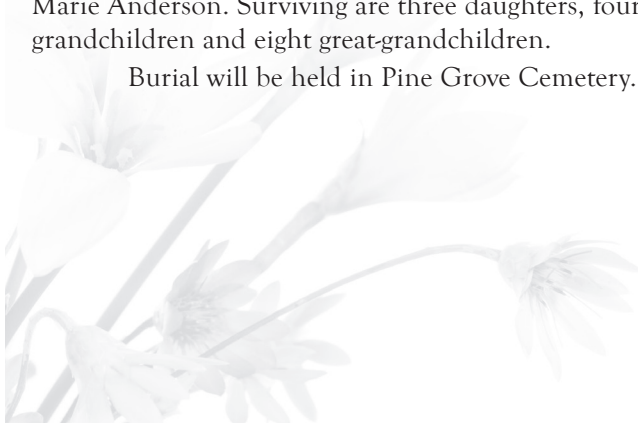


**C. Sherman Allen**  
Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128  
February 12, 2024

Brother C. Sherman Allen, 69, of Conneaut Lake, PA, was initiated into Conneaut Lake Lodge #980 on February 24, 1977. He became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128 through consolidation on November 19, 2002. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Inside Guardian.

Surviving is his wife, the former Arvilla Baird, one stepdaughter and one granddaughter.

Burial was held in Lakeview Cemetery, Conneaut Lake, PA.





## MAY OBITUARIES

### Esther E. Watson

Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443  
February 24, 2024

Sister Esther E. Watson, 94, of Gillett, PA, was initiated into Lady Gillett Rebekah Lodge #523, Gillett, on March 28, 1960, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 21, 1963, and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She became a member of Golden Star Rebekah Lodge #462, Troy, through consolidation on January 13, 1981, and finally Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 through consolidation on September 20, 2004. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member, and the last member of Lady Gillett Rebekah Lodge #523, and Golden Star Rebekah Lodge #462 still affiliated with the Order.

Burial was held in Gillett Cemetery.



### Herbert L. Hartman

York Springs Lodge No. 211  
Middletown Encampment No. 10  
March 28, 2024

Brother Herbert L. "Herb" Hartman, 89, of Dillsburg, PA, was initiated into Bowmansdale Lodge #1179 on March 2, 1957, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree October 19, 1963. He then became a member of York Springs Lodge 211 through consolidation on June 3, 2019. He was an associate member of Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, having joined July 27, 2009. He became a Patriarch of Wildey Encampment #29, Bowmansdale, on April 16, 2001, where he held the position of Scribe for several years, until they consolidated with Mt. Vernon Encampment #14, York, on December 22, 2008. He then transferred to become a charter member of Middletown Encampment #10 on August 6, 2019. He was very active in the Order, and was instrumental in Bowmansdale Lodge, and more recently in the work of York Springs Lodge. At the time of his death, he was York Springs Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Mt. Pleasant Church of God, Dillsburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Deanna. Surviving are four children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



### Frank E. Matinчек

Triune Lodge No. 307  
Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586  
March 31, 2024

Brother Frank E. Matinчек, 90, of Middletown, PA, was reinstated into Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, on May 17, 1983, where he became a Past Grand April 9, 1985 and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 6, 1985. He became a member of Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586, Middletown, on October 17, 1985.

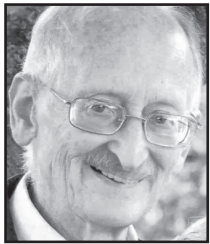
He was a U.S. Korean War Veteran and a member of Seven Sorrows BVM Church, Middletown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Margaret Fullerton, and one granddaughter. Surviving are four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Middletown Cemetery.

### John K. Dugan, Sr.

Assoc., Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity  
Lodge No. 254  
March 18, 2024

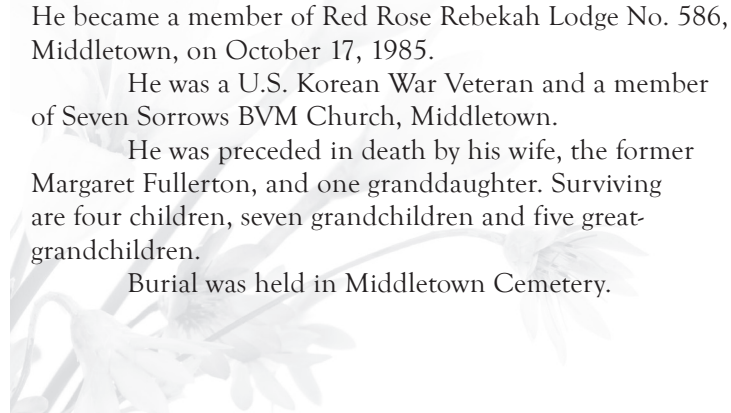


Brother John K. Dugan, Sr., 79, of Morgantown, WV, was initiated into Monongalia Lodge #10, Morgantown, WV, on April 1, 1984. He was also a member of Orphans Friend Encampment #14, Mountaineer Rebekah Lodge #10 and Canton Monogahela #3 of West Virginia. He joined Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254, New Salem, PA, as an associate on November 6, 2006, and became a Past Grand on October 17, 2011.

He was a member of Pisgah United Methodist Church, Fairmont, WV.

Surviving is his wife, Helena, two children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with one more on the way.

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



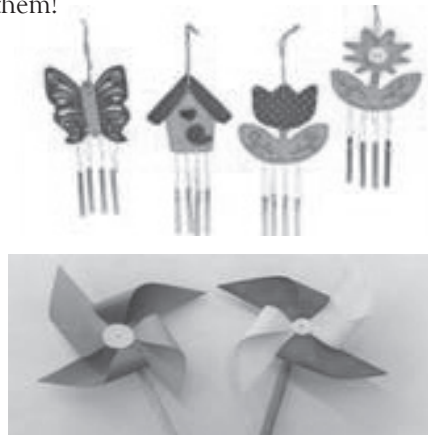
## JURISDICTIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE NEWS SPRING 2024

I hope everyone had a great and blessed Easter. As spring arrives it is time to foster new life. What better way than to start a youth group.



April: April showers bring May flowers so go jump in some rain puddles. Paint some rocks! Materials Required & directions: Smooth rocks, paint (preferably waterproof), brushes, water, & a clear sealant to protect the artwork. Collect smooth rocks, clean them, & let them dry. Paint the rocks with your favorite designs. Once dry, apply a clear sealant to protect the paint. Decorate your garden or give as gifts. DIY Rain Gauge Materials Required & directions: A clear plastic bottle, scissors, a ruler, and a waterproof marker. Cut the top off the plastic bottle. Use the ruler to mark off inches or centimeters on the side with the marker. Place the bottle outside in an open area. After it rains, check how much water is collected to learn about precipitation. Measure how much rain falls with your homemade rain gauge. This activity combines outdoor spring activities with a bit of science & teaches about weather patterns.

May: Make a wind chime for Mother's Day. Collect old keys, earrings, beads, etc. & string them from a picture you drew for Mom. Make a mini-wind mill. Materials Required & directions: Paper, straws, a pin, a pencil with an eraser. Cut out a square from the paper & fold it diagonally to make cuts towards the center, but not all the way through. Attach the corners to the straw's end using a pin. Insert the pin into the pencil's eraser to stand. Watch the windmill spin in the wind, showing how wind energy works. Visit a senior center & start an indoor garden. Decorate a paper cup & poke a few holes in the bottom. Fill it with potting soil & plant some seeds. Go back weekly to measure their growth. Transplant them outside the windows so the seniors can enjoy them!



June: For Father's Dad take Dad on an Insect Safari! An insect safari adventure is an exciting way to explore nature's smaller inhabitants. This is one of the spring activities for kids that promotes curiosity & respect for the environment. Materials Required & Directions: Magnifying glasses, notebooks, pencils. With magnifying glasses in hand, guide the kids through your garden or a park, searching for insects. They can observe, draw, & learn about each insect's role in the ecosystem. If you find any worms take Dad fishing on his special day! Take a trash bag with you to collect any trash you find & recycle it! June 14th is Flag Day. Make and/or display your American Flag! Go watch the parade.

July: Make it a Family Day! Join us at Knoebels on Saturday, July 27th for our annual IOOF Knoebels picnic. Bring a friend & teach them about Odd fellowship!

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

Mary Giebel  
IOOF Jurisdictional Youth Committee Secretary  
PO Box 49, Cassville, PA 16623 • (814) 305-2011 • mcgiebel@msn.com





# IIOOF Knoebels Picnic

## July 27, 2024 • Pavilion "Q" Lunch at Noon

There will be gifts for all kids 12 and under!

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The following person will be responsible to pick up meal tickets and pre-ordered ride tickets at our Pavilion for distribution to their lodge members.

Lodge Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Meal: Choice of: Chicken Tenders (3), Hamburger (cheese), or hotdog and Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit Salad & drink. \$15.00

Kid's Meal: Choice of: Chicken Tenders (2), Hamburger (cheese) or hotdog and Mac & Cheese, Apple Sauce and drink. \$7.00

Number of Adult Meals # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kid's Meals # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books of Ride Tickets # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Payment to: IOOF PA Jurisdictional Youth Committee

Mail to: Mary Giebel JYC Secretary  
PO Box 49  
Cassville, PA 16623

Please call if you have any questions:  
1-814-305-2011

Order and Payment must be received no later than July 12th. • NO EXCEPTIONS!

### VISUAL RESEARCH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of John Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision, and

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been assisting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families for years with help for glasses and examinations.

Now, therefore, I, Robert B. Ruff, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do hereby proclaim that,

The month of MAY as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship

Further, this program needs our support through: Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations and Publicity.

This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight .... Only a few have vision.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this eighth day of April, 2024 and in the 200th year of this Grand Body.

**Please fill out the form below and return with your donation.**

Checks should be made payable to Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF and sent to 1001 W Harrisburg Pike Middletown, PA 17057

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ to this program.  
Please credit our donations to (Please check one of the Funds below).

\_\_\_\_\_ PA Special Visual Fund – This is used to assist PA members and families who need assistance in the purchase of glasses or for examinations.

\_\_\_\_\_ IOOF Visual Research Fund – 25% of the contributions are forwarded to the SGL. The balance is distributed by our Joint Committee to various Eye-Banks throughout PA

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### MARCH DONATIONS

#### March is Arthritis Month

##### ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

E135	Perseverance Encampment*CAMP JRA	10,000.00
270	Mystic *CAMP JRA	700.00
512	Thistle	500.00
278	Connoquenessing *CAMP JRA	300.00
488	Aluta	300.00
658	Victory *CAMP JRA	250.00
55	Fred R. Korman	150.00
969	Ridgway	125.00
88	Freedom	100.00
377	Nucleus	100.00
R497	Nakomis Rebekah	100.00
192	Jordan	50.00
847	Vienna	50.00
957	Falls Creek	50.00
207	Canawacta	25.00
R328	Lady Worth Rebekah	25.00
		<u>12,825.00</u>



##### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

Boyertown	300.00
Brady	250.00
Vincent	200.00
Ridgway	125.00
York Springs	100.00
Lititz	100.00
Newburg	50.00
Vienna	<u>25.00</u>
	1,150.00

##### PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Harmony	100.00
Jordan	50.00
Lady Colfax Rebekah	50.00
Canton Allentown	<u>25.00</u>
	225.00

##### EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Nucleus	300.00
Canawacta	<u>75.00</u>
	375.00