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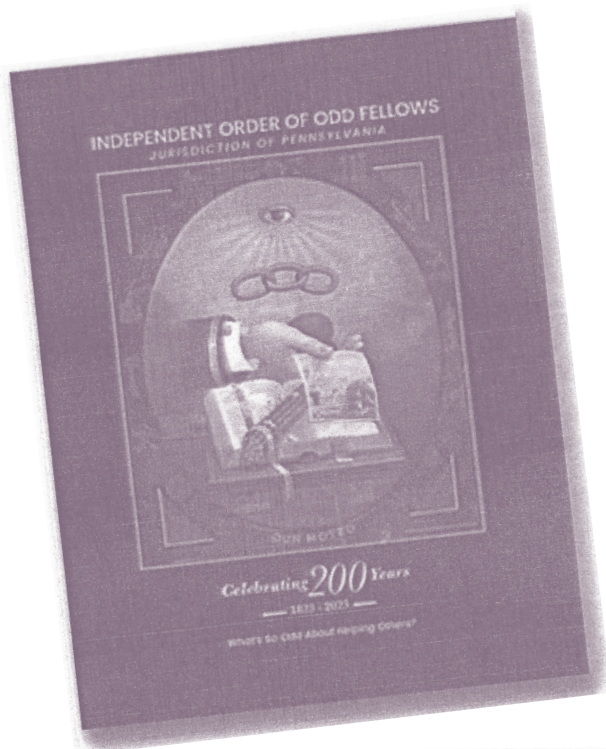
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THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

BRADY LODGE NO. 116, MUNCY
 Susan E. Little - initiated May 11th

MON VALLEY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 82, FINLEYVILLE
 Blanche A. Miller - initiated June 5th
 Debbie R. Slaney

LADY HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 86, TAMAQUA
 PGM Dale E. Binkley - reinstated June 19th
 Welcome back!

GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Brothers and Sisters, Greetings,

August was a very busy month. My visitations to the lodges were centered around the Pittsburgh area. I attended the Tri-State Rally in Canfield, Ohio, as well as the Sovereign Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Brothers and Sisters, along with Grand Lodge Officers, conferred the Initiatory Degree to 7 members, and the First, Second, and Third Degrees to 12 Brothers and Sisters from Ohio and Pennsylvania. Ohio was an exceptional host for this rally, and all the participants will always remember this exciting day. Thank you, Ohio, and congratulations to all the new members who received their degrees. I think Roger Parson, Deputy Grand Master of Ohio, stated it very well, "When Odd Fellows gather together, Friendship, Love, and Truth is elevated to great heights and forges the unbreakable links of our fraternal bonds." These words are so true, and the rally brought the spoken words to life.

I have received questions regarding my charity, so, I will give you some information about it and how to handle your contributions. I chose Suicide Prevention as my charity, and I have partnered with the National Suicide Prevention Initiative, a non-profit 501(C) (3) all volunteer task force. The task force trains volunteers to work with school children, teenagers, young adults, everyday working people, elderly, and our returning vets. Suicide is not just a city problem, it is a society problem which has reached our rural area schools and small communities.

I have asked Justin to handle all the funds raised through the sale of my pins and any other contributions. All checks should be made out to **Grand Lodge of PA**, and put in the memo line **Grand Master Paul's Charity**. It is my goal to raise \$20,000 to prevent suicide in Pennsylvania.

Fraternally,
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Grand Master

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Bruce J. Paynter, #306
Chris P. Shields, #306

30 YEARS

George F. Rumbaugh, #1128

35 YEARS

Mercer A. Napper, #2
Thomas R. Stachura #348
James J. Doughty, #361
Cary A. Phillippi, #1010

40 YEARS

Joseph M. Strausser, PGM/GC® #306
Walter J. McClelland, Jr., #523

55 YEARS

Allan R. Burnworth, #1010

70 YEARS

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge
No. 57, Norristown

175 YEARS

Nucleus Lodge No. 377, Finleyville

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

FALL 2024 RALLY • SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

PROUDLY HELD IN WARREN HALL, WARREN, PA

Lodge will open at 9:30AM

1st Degree - 11:30AM

GL Degree - 1:30PM

3rd Degree - 3:00PM

Initiatory Degree - 10:00AM

Lunch - 12:30

2nd Degree - 1:45PM

3:45PM Introduction of Dignitaries & Closing the Lodge.

Lunch will be provided at a cost to be determined.

This area is growing with Odd Fellowship; let's support this growth and pack Warrens Hall. Please come out and support Odd Fellowship. It will be a day worth coming down and even brushing up on the degrees!

Please, even if you do not have any candidates, support this by attending. There are always a few parts that need to be filled. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with the Grand Lodge Office as soon as possible. The better we as a Jurisdiction look, the more impressed the candidates will be. Also, do not forget your "Request for Degree" slips. If your Lodge does not have any, they are available at the Grand Lodge office. Try and get there earlier so we can get the candidates signed in and start on time.

THE TREASURER'S TALES • SEPTEMBER 2024

September sees the end of summer and beginning of fall. In September 1929 it was a warm month with a few days still hitting 80. The biggest event in the early twentieth century was next month and our October and November columns will refer to it.

Many things happen all over the world, every day. Turning our attention to September 1929, we find that it was no exception. On September 3, the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches all time high of 381.17, (today it is 39,737.26) to be shortly followed by the Crash of 1929. On September 18, the Pirates' loss to the Braves allowed the Cubs to clinch the NL pennant. On September 24, James Doolittle (of Tokyo raid fame) guided a Consolidated N-Y-2 Biplane over Mitchell Air Force Base in NY in the first flight to use only instrument guidance to take off, fly a set course and land.

1929 was a popular year to be born, on the 5th American Grammy Award-winning comedian and Emmy Award-winning actor Bob Newhart was born; (Newhart; The Big Bang Theory), born in Oak Park, Illinois. Arnold Palmer was born on September 10, American golfer (7 major titles; US Masters 1958, 60, 62, 64), in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Stirling Moss, September 17, British auto racer (16 x F1 Grand Prix; World F1 Drivers C'ship runner-up 1955-58; 12 Hours of Sebring 1954) and broadcaster (ABC F1, NASCAR), born in London, England. Barbara Walters was born September 25, American broadcast journalist and 1st female nightly network news anchor (Today; 20/20; ABC-TV; The View), in Boston, Massachusetts. Died on September 25, Miller Huggins, American Baseball Hall of Fame manager (World Series 1923, 27, 28; 6 AL pennants for the NY Yankees), died of pyaemia at 51.

The school year began on Wednesday, September 11, 1929 in Grovers Mill. It should be noted that there was a Friday the 13th in this month. The warm weather and recent, extended vacation had the students overactive as the school year began. The average school year in the United States was 153 days, compared to the 180-day school year we have now. Grovers Mill had a 165-day year and was considered progressive. The students did not think the longer year was progressive, they thought it was oppressive. Barney had to get the students reading and writing, the basic tools in the English curriculum. He asked the students to tell him what they expected to get from 10th grade English. He was not surprised when most of them answered "a passing grade" without explaining what material that entailed.

Because of waves of immigration, literacy and citizenship were the major influences on education in the 1920's. Grovers Mill was a rural community with very few immigrants, so the emphasis was not the same as in the larger cities. English was taught as a literature course. In prior decades, the high schools were mostly private and had courses in Latin and Greek as core to learning. Many schools were using classic English literature from the nineteenth century. Barney was a modernist and tried

to use twentieth century literature whenever he could. Since the student inquiries did not guide him well, he had to determine how to start.

He thought Agatha Christie's The Seven Dials Mystery might be interesting to the class. You can get an audiobook version, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-no67a1poU>. This did not go well, so Barney decided to retreat into the classical hot spot for tenth grade, Shakespeare. The Merchant of Venice is a standard in high schools, so Barney went with it. He passed out copies of the play, told students to spend 10 minutes looking over the play and then close their books. He told the students he wanted them to write a one-paragraph description of what the play was about based on their brief overview. He collected the papers, took them home and read them and used what he read to guide Thursday's lesson. He had a variety of poor to mediocre summaries. The best written was from a student who either did not pay any attention to the play or became very inventive with his writing assignment. He told Barney the play was about an intergalactic trader who came to Earth from Venus and was selling gold in exchange for food items. This was funny, but inaccurate. Thursday was another day when Barney had the students read different parts of the play aloud in class. Nothing really interesting here.

Friday was the thirteenth and several students had pranks in mind. The most ingenious students thought they could create turmoil by bringing a wild animal into the classroom. Of course, the wild animal was Melchizedek. They thought he would run around the room, do bad things on the floor and generally misbehave. He was semi-tame and could be picked up if you were careful and wore leather gloves to avoid being bit.

The students got their first lesson on wild animals when they brought Melchizedek into the school. He had been in the school several times before and knew where the lockers were that held the student lunches. There were no locks on most of them. They brought Melchizedek in the room and waited for Barney. When he opened the door to his classroom, a brown flash went past him and he wasn't sure it was a raccoon. He spent ten minutes lecturing the students about pulling pranks on the teacher and then went out looking for Melchizedek. He was sitting on the floor, in the hallway, next to the water fountain, eating a sandwich. Barney managed to get him cornered and chased him out the front door. When lunchtime came, five students found out that Friday the Thirteenth was unlucky for them. Barney assigned parts to the students for the Monday class and each student had to copy his part onto notebook paper so he could learn it. The assignment covered much of the free time the students had planned for the weekend.

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.

Places to GO...People to See

SEPTEMBER

28 / IOOF Western Rally, Warren (pg#3)

NOVEMBER

2 / PM Rally, York+

+ denotes details to follow

** On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year-round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams! Please check their facebook first because there may be a scheduling conflict! All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Grand Lodge at ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net or 717-944-7419

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BEAVER COUNTY

Interesting Facts:

The Rebekah Lodges numbered around 1,000. Some of the numbers, you'll also see more than once, as some of these Lodges only lasted a few years.

How many Rebekah Lodges were in YOUR County??

Did you ever wonder if your town had a Rebekah Lodge?

Do you know where it was or do you even remember some of these Lodges?

If you can take a picture of the Lodge Hall that was once in your town and mail it in, we'd be glad to have it for our archives and it could perhaps end up in the magazine!

Next Month – Cumberland & Perry Counties. Get your pictures and articles in now!

BEAVER COUNTY

Ambridge – Agnes Fern Rebekah Lodge #397 – consolidated 1982

Beaver – Lady Bonnar Rebekah Lodge #226 – consolidated 1988

Beaver Falls – Melvina Rebekah Lodge #18 – consolidated 1968

Beaver Falls – Ella Rebekah Lodge #84 – defunct 1880

Freedom – Ada Dever Rebekah Lodge #281 – defunct 1993

Homewood – Louisa Thompson Rebekah Lodge #157

– consolidated 1963

Monaca – Mary A. Carey Rebekah Lodge #280 – defunct 1926

New Brighton – Ruth Rebekah Lodge #1 – consolidated 1977

Rochester – Winifred Rebekah Lodge #169 – consolidated 1989

Smiths Ferry – Maid of Indian Rock Rebekah Lodge #525

– consolidated 1974

West Bridgewater – Fidelia Rebekah Lodge #26 – consolidated 1956

11 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge – Ruth Rebekah Lodge #1 in 1869

Last Rebekah Lodge – Ada Dever Rebekah Lodge #281 in 1993

18 Odd Fellow Lodges

2024 UNIFIED SESSION REGISTRATION DONORS – "THANK YOU"

On behalf of the 2024 Unified Session Committee, I want to thank the donors of all the items that were placed in the bags for all who registered as a Session attendee. The bags were provided by GM Robert Ruff. The Registration Committee headed by Andrew Kilmer with help from Jessica Kilmer and Monique Lautenschlager did a wonderful job to secure the following donations:

Canawacta Lodge #207 • bottles of water

Tunkhannock Lodge #699 • Apple sauce

Freedom Lodge #88 • Famous Amos cookies

Brady Lodge #116 • Sweet & Salty snack

Victory Lodge #658 • Peanuts

Mt. Zion Lodge #74 • Pens

Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497 • Popcorn

Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558 • Pretzels

Lady Colfax Lodge Rebekah #182 • Crackers

Scott Encampment #132 • Oreo's

Canton Northeast #9 • Nutri-grain Bars

Anna Smith, Pres. Of R.A. • Pretzels

Paul Lautenschlager, D.G.M. • Goldfish & Lollipops

Nadine Hager, Andrew & Jessica Kilmer • Cheeze Its

Sharon & Julie Stokes • Harbi Bear, Fruit snacks, Fruit rollups

Kate Walters, V.P. of R.A. • Cookie Cutters

Paul Lautenschlager, D.G.M. • Cookie Cutters



DEGREE OF TRUTH CONFERRED IN LEESPORT

On July 9th, we finally finished conferring the degrees in different Lodges throughout Berks and Schuylkill Counties. We conferred the third degree on three Members from East Brunswick Lodge No. 802 of New Ringgold and two Members from Shenandoah Lodge No. 591. There were Lodges represented from Leesport, New Ringgold, Tamaqua, Allentown, Sellersville and York Springs. Thanks to all who helped and welcome to our new third degree members!

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



On Wednesday, July 10th, Grand Master Paul E. Lautenschlager and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, held an official visit at Harmony Lodge #86 in Tamaqua. Members from Pine Grove Lodge #148 were also in attendance. From the Grand Lodge was PGM Thomas McHugh, DDGM Sharon Stokes, Grand Guardian Dave McHugh, Grand Conductor Nicole Inama, Grand Secretary Justin Bailey, Deputy Grand Master Frank Hilt and Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager. It was nice having a full Lodge room and thanks for everyone who attended!

YORK SPRINGS BROTHER RON NELSON RECEIVES 60 YEAR PIN

York Springs Lodge 211 recently presented Brother Ronald Nelson his 60 year membership pin at their annual picnic. His pin was presented by Noble Grand Brett Otto. Brother Ron was also presented with a Lodge tee shirt. We would like to thank Ron for his many years of service and his dedication to Odd Fellowship. Pictured are Ron receiving his pin from NG Otto plus members and friends enjoying themselves at the picnic.



FREEDOM LODGE #88 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FLOAT

Throughout the month of May, Brothers and Sisters of Freedom Lodge, Honesdale PA gathered at Sunrise Service (Brother Mike Kinzinger, Proprietor) in Honesdale where all the accessories for a float were located. The Goal was to have a float ready for the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2024 in Honesdale AND the Pride and Patriotism Parade on June 8, 2024 in Waymart. The float depicted a

widow sitting at a dinner table alone grieving as her husband will never be returning home from battle. Thanks to all that helped in any way possible to prepare the float, be a passenger on the float and/or help breakdown the float

as it will next be reconstructed for Halloween. If ever anyone reading this newsletter is in the Honesdale area during Memorial Weekend or in Waymart on the second weekend of June, these parades are a must see!



FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Honoring Major General H. Frank Stanley, PDC

On a recent warm July evening I visited the final resting place of a respected and well-liked Past Department Commander, Halsey Frank Stanley. H Frank, as he was known to his Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters, served as our Fourteenth Department Commander (1980-1986). Born in 1919 in Chester County, Frank enlisted in the Army in February 1941 and served until October 1945. Much of his service was overseas. Mr. Stanley then worked for the PA Turnpike as a supervisor of toll collections before entering into a 30-year career with the Postal Service. He was a 50-year member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern.

Brother Stanley's contributions to Odd Fellowship are numerous. He joined Paoli Lodge No 290, Downingtown, in 1946 at the age of 26. He was a member of Chosen Friends Encampment No 88, Malvern, and the former Lady Paoli Rebekah Lodge and Canton Malvern. He received his Grand Lodge Degree in 1960 and he became Department Commander, Patriarchs Militant in 1980. Major General Stanley served in this capacity for six years and successfully led our Department at a time when it held Division status (meaning 16 or more Cantons). He is still well remembered by some members of our Jurisdiction as a friendly Brother and an excellent leader of our Department.

After 54 years as a dedicated Odd Fellow,

Major General H. Frank Stanley was laid to rest in the veteran's section of Philadelphia Memorial Park, Frazer, PA. He was joined by his wife Dorothy, herself a past Department Association President LAPM, in 2008. Frank and Dorothy have no surviving children or grandchildren. I was able to speak with a niece in Florida and a nephew in California who expressed their gratitude that their Uncle Frank was remembered by his Odd Fellows fraternal family.

Joining me for a solemn graveside service and representing Frank Stanley's Lodge and Encampment were Brother Ron Smith from Malvern Pocahontas Lodge #201 and Patriarch Michele Matherly of Chosen Friends Encampment #88. During the ceremony, Odd Fellows memorial flags were reverently placed for both Major General and Lady Stanley by Brother Smith. Prayer was offered by Patriarch Matherly.

Of note is information from General Joseph Strausser, General Commanding Retired, who knew Major General Stanley quite well. General Strausser reports that Major General Stanley was laid to rest in his Patriarchs Militant uniform - one final statement of his eternal dedication to the Patriarchs Militant. May the memory of Past Department Commander H. Frank Stanley and his wife Dorothy live on



among their I.O.O.F. Brothers and Sisters.

BG William F. Hanby
Department Commander

Uniform Facts:

Brothers and Sisters, did you know that from the moment you get your Patriarchs Militant Degree you are authorized to wear our unique uniform? You will be immediately entitled to wear various patches, pins and a citation cord on your uniform as well as our distinctive cap, sword belt and sword. You may also wear I.O.O.F. jewels awarded to you for your various achievements (Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch, for example). It is a great way to show the awards for which you worked so hard. We also have numerous Patriarchs Militant specific jewels and decorations, from basic swordsmanship all the way up to our highest honor, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry. If you prefer, there is the option of wearing a much simpler uniform - a white shirt and black slacks with our Patriarchs Militant ball cap is all that you need!

Our Cantons have many extra uniform components, swords, etc. to help get you started. We have Officers designated to help you pull together the version of our uniform that you feel most comfortable with. Whether you want to go full dress or keep it simple we would like to see you in uniform as a fellow Chevalier in the Patriarchs Militant.

762 BREAKFAST AT DINER

Members of Vincent Lodge #762 recently enjoyed a great breakfast at the Spring-Ford Diner.

Some of our lodge members had a fun time taking part in the Odd Fellows picnic at Knoebel's.

In F L & T, Sue Grumblatt, Secretary, Vincent Lodge #762



SEPTEMBER OBITUARIES

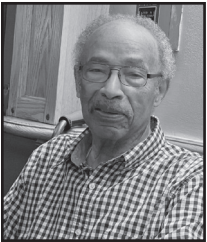
Due to publication time, we regret we cannot accept Obituaries older than three months.



Randy S. Gross
Jordan Lodge No. 192
May 15, 2024

Brother Randy S. Gross, 64, of Orefield, PA, was initiated into Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, PA, on October 1, 1985.

He was a member of Christ's Church at Lowhill, New Tripoli.
Burial was held in Lowhill Church Cemetery, New Tripoli, PA.



Charles Blakemore
Variety Lodge No. 37
June, 2024

Brother Charles Blakemore, 83, of Philadelphia, PA, was initiated into Variety Lodge #37, Philadelphia, on December 8, 2010. He completed all his degrees in quick order.

Following movement through the chairs of leadership, Charlie became Noble Grand of Variety Lodge in 2015.

He spent over 42 years of his career with the Social Security department, retiring as Manager of Tele-Services. PG Charlie Blakemore was a kind, quiet spoken man who brought dignity to his time in Odd Fellowship.

Charlie leaves behind no survivors, but he will be missed by his Brothers and Sisters of Variety Lodge.



Janet M. Mansberry
Past RA Appointed Officer/ PDDP
Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge No. 82
July 24, 2024

Sister Jane M. (Showalter) Mansberry, 75, of Brownfield, PA, was initiated into Gladys Rebekah Lodge #103, Brownfield, on April 26, 1968, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 9, 1970 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree March 17, 1971. She served as District Deputy President from 1974 - 1976. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in 1997. She went on to serve the Rebekah Assembly from 2001 - 2002 as RA Outside Guardian. She became a member of Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82, Finleyville, through consolidation on November 15, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Surviving are three daughters, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and her sister-in-law, PPRA Lee Etta Mansberry.



Adam W. Kerns, PGM
Assoc to Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge
No. 254
July 30, 2024

Brother Adams W. Kerns, 44, of Morgantown, WV, was initiated into Monongalia Lodge #10, Morgantown, on May 7, 2010. He served the Jurisdiction of West Virginia as Grand Master from 2018 - 2019. He was a Patriarch of Orphans Friend Encampment #14, Rebekah of Shinnston Rebekah Lodge #47 and later Mountaineer Rebekah Lodge #10. and a Chevalier of Canton Monongahela #3, of WV. He was an associate member of Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254, New Salem, PA.

Surviving is his parents, step-mother, brother, PGM Alan Kerns, also Associate of #254, and significant other, Jennifer Wilmouth Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, WV.



Richard C. Wagner
Shillington Lodge No. 1175
Earl R. Leiby Encampment No. 106
August 12, 2024

Brother Richard C. Wagner, 72, of Mount Joy, PA, was initiated into Oley Lodge #218, Reading, on March 18, 1986. He became a member of Shillington Lodge #1175 through consolidation on May 8, 1988. He became a Past Grand on October 19, 1989. He became a Patriarch of Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106, Leesport, on July 10, 1997, where he became a Past Chief Patriarch. At the time of his death, he was Earl R. Leiby Encampment's High Priest.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Surviving are two sisters, and his cousin, PGP Jim Sellers, also of Shillington Lodge.

Burial was held in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in his memory to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1001 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.



Kenneth J. Wiltz
Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
August 14, 2024

Brother Kenneth J. "Ken" Wiltz, 79, of Charleroi, PA, was initiated into Charleroi Lodge #1030 on March 10, 1987.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and a member of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Charleroi.

He was preceded in death by an infant son. Surviving is his wife, the former Linda Black, one daughter, one son and four grandchildren.

Burial was held in Monongahela Cemetery, Monongahela, PA.

EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH • RAYNE SHELLHAMER

This year, the Department Council of Pennsylvania, Patriarchs Militant, through the Donald Trulick Fund, sponsored Rayne Shellhamer as our delegate to the Educational Pilgrimage for Youth. Cpt Sharon J. Stokes of Canton Allentown No. 39 was the sponsor. Rayne had a great time and met many new friends. When she came back from the trip, she filled out an application, and at the time of you reading this, she is now a member of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86! Below is her speech, the topic was to make your own slogan for an organization, and she chose the Odd Fellows.

Written by a high school student here; please take the time to read it. A lot of Lodges feel the way to bring members is to throw hundreds of thousands of dollars at random organizations in hopes to let the community know what we're all about. Who we are, and who we should be, are friends. Friends to each other, friends to the world around us. From there, we bring a positive light into our community, and more will want to be part of that. I encourage you all to take a page out of Rayne's book, and see what we can do to make our community, and the world a better place!

~ Justin Bailey

2024 I.O.O.F Youth Pilgrimage Speech

Written by: Rayne Shellhamer, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania

By being a friend and treating each other with kindness, we could change the world.

That's what the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) believe in. The Odd Fellows organization have been striving to support and give back to the community any way they can since 1819. According to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, they improve and elevate human character by exploring the importance of friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity, and universal justice. This is why their focus group is everyone and they don't discriminate against age groups. The I.O.O.F improve society by providing support to the community, less fortunate youth, the elderly, and the environment. The I.O.O.F also promote good will and harmony amongst people and nations through the principal of universal fraternity. The Odd Fellows hold the belief that all men and women, regardless of race, nationality, religion, social status, gender, and rank are brothers and sisters despite the differences. These facts are fit for this position by saying that giving back and showing support to the communities can bring people together as one and create a harmonious and better community and world. Staying dedicated to these principals is very important for the Odd Fellows. It is what they are all about. These principals help extend sympathy and aid to those in need making their burdens lighter while influencing the good of humanity.

By displaying and using kindness our world could change for the better. This is why the slogan "Changing the World with Odd Fellowship" proves that if everyone would treat each other with kindness and respect, our community and our world could be a better place.



ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA 2024 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is presently offering three - \$4,000 Graduate Scholarship Awards during the Fall of 2024. A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the 2024 Graduate Scholarship Awards can be obtained by 1) contacting Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way; Charleroi, Pa 15022, or 2) emailing a request to ".robag@comcast.net." The "Rules" and "Application" may also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaiiof.org" during the September to late November time period. The deadline for submitting applications will be November 30, 2024.

Regarding the Graduate Scholarship Award, the applicant or a living relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and enrolled in the graduate program of an accredited college or university with all areas of concentration being eligible. Also, the applicant must be:

- A) a college graduate continuing his/her education toward an advanced degree (e.g. Masters in Education (M.Ed), Masters in Music (MM), etc.) or
- B) enrolled in a degree program requiring more than the usual four (4) years of undergraduate studies to complete (e.g. Physician Assistant (PA), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) etc.).

Note: Previous applicants/recipients of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of W. PA Scholarship Award (undergraduate) may apply for this scholarship award.

LITITZ LODGE #1050 PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

A few shots of our scholarship, meeting/presentation of the scholarships. This was our "picnic" - we had about 16 people present.



ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF W. PA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania recently announced the recipients of their "2024 Scholarship Awards." The Association's Award Committee (Chairman Robert Grant, George Hogan, John Rebar, and Debbie Young) presented their eight candidate recommendations to the Association's Board during their Grove City meeting on August 3, 2024. The candidates, each having fulfilled the requirements of the Award, were unanimously approved by the Board. Each received a \$4,000 monetary award which was sent to their respective college/university.

Luke Federici – son of Mary Anne and Mark Federici (Eastlake, OH). Luke's grandfather, Thomas Stachura, is a member of Clover Lodge #348 (Ambridge, PA). Luke received one of the 2023 Association's Scholarship Awards. Luke will be entering his junior (3rd) year at Youngstown State University (Youngstown, OH) majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Allison Harrold – daughter of Jennifer and James Harrold (Markleton, PA). Allison is the granddaughter of James B. Harrold, Sr. (Kingwood Lodge #1010). She will be entering her sophomore (3rd) year at Garrett College (McHenry, MD) where her major course of study is Business Administration.

Garret Holzapfel – son of Christi Jo Bush-Makin and Bradley Holzapfel (Port Matilda, PA). Garret is the grandson of Jessie Holzapfel (Golden Rule #198). He received one of the 2022 Scholarship Awards. Garret will be entering his senior year at the University of Pittsburgh – Johnstown where he is majoring in Justice Administration and Criminology.

Alexander Irwin – son of Pamela and David Irwin (Erie, PA). Alexander's grandfather, Merle Wood, was a member of Presque Isle #107 and is presently a member of Fallowfield #1128 (Atlantic, PA). Alexander will be entering his junior year at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he is majoring in Biology.

Toby Kitay – son of Rachel Stone and Doug Kitay; Brad Stone -stepdad (Gibsonia, PA). Toby is the grandson of Marc Rosenwasser (Hampton Lodge #1004). He will be entering his sophomore year at the University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN) where he is majoring in Finance.

Cameron Oaks – son of Jaime and Craig Oaks (Murrysville, PA). Cameron, his father, and sister are members Alma Lodge #523 (Johnstown, PA). He received one of the 2022 and 2023 Association Scholarship Awards. Cameron will be entering his senior year at Seton Hill University (Greensburg, PA) where his major area of concentration will enable him to become a Physician Assistant.

Olivia Oaks – daughter of Jaime and Craig Oaks (Murrysville, Pa). She is a member of Alma Lodge #523, along with her father and brother. Olivia completed her freshman (1st yr.) at Seton Hill University (Greensburg, PA) where she is majoring in a course of study to become a Physician Assistant.

Jillian Warner – daughter of Barbara and Matthew Warner (Erie, PA). Jill is the granddaughter of Merle Wood, a member of Presque Isle #107 and is presently a member of Fallowfield #1128 (Atlantic, PA). Jill completed her sophomore year at Penn State University-Behrend Campus (Erie), where she is majoring in Biology.



On behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania, the 2024 Scholarship Award Committee wishes Luke, Allison, Garret, Alexander, Toby, Cameron, Olivia, and Jill, continued success toward the completion of their degrees and in all their future endeavors.

NORRISTOWN LODGE ASSISTS IN PARADE



Venturing Crew 7155 participated in the Trappe/Collegetown Memorial Day parade again this year. This is the group that Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 and Norristown Encampment #37 have made several financial contributions towards helping with program costs and registration fees. Participating this year was Crew President Mary Jane B., and Crew Member Tyler, Laura Wright, (Committee Chair), Carol Hinderliter, (Committee Member) and Robert S. Hinderliter, PG/PCP, (Crew Advisor). I thought maybe

you'd like to see a few pictures in the community. Also participating as in the past was Brother Doug Emerson driving Navy Veteran Arnold Mann in his 1928 Ford Roadster.

Fraternally yours,
Bob S. Hinderliter



MEMORIAL FLAG DONATION

Brady Lodge #116 donated cemetery memorial flags and holders to the Wildwood Cemetery of Williamsport to be placed on the graves of our past brothers. All the Lodges of Williamsport are now defunct. Pictured is Donna Weimer, Ron Dunkleberger, Art Danley, Brenda Kachmar, and Noble Grand Jim Bilger.

WARREN LODGE ASSISTS THE COMMUNITY

Each summer the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center holds an event called "Touch a Truck". This is an event where local businesses bring wreckers, dump trucks, fire trucks, excavators, cranes and many other vehicles to the town park where kids are invited to crawl in, on and around the vehicles. Warren Lodge #339 donated a new bicycle and helmet for the giveaway drawings. The bike was won by Anika Scutella of Warren, shown in the picture.



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PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Odd Fellows Home of Western PA, Meadville	2,000.00
Unified Session Memorial Service Collection	179.00
1128 Fallowfield	<u>162.33</u>
	2,341.33

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Odd Fellows Home of Western PA, Meadville	2,000.00
2 Unified	<u>50.00</u>
	2,050.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

348 Clover	50.00
2 Unified	<u>25.00</u>
	75.00

VISUAL ASSISTANCE

1128 Fallowfield	64.93
2 Unified	<u>25.00</u>
	89.93

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128 Fallowfield	64.93
2 Unified	<u>50.00</u>
	114.93

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July 15, 2024

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We deeply appreciate your donation of \$11,000.00 received on 07/09/2024. With your support, the Alzheimer's Association® is committed to changing the course of Alzheimer's as quickly as possible for millions of Americans and their families affected today and the millions more who face this devastating disease in the coming years.

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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Independent, thank you for making a difference in the lives of the more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and the over 11 million family members and friends providing their care.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Greater Pennsylvania Chapter

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