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## Mount Vernon Encampment Activities



In the photograph are the attending members of Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 and our honored guests representing our adopted charities.

A meeting was held February 10 where the Patriarchs enjoyed dinner and a visit with GP Michael Serverson and PGP Thomas Kutchner. Everyone is in the photo, but Sr. Warden Howard Tendler who very graciously took the pic.



On Sunday February 02, 2024 Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 celebrated its 180th Anniversary with our annual dinner. In conjunction with the dinner Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 also distributed their annual donations to local charities which they have adopted.

This year's charities and guests included:

Pennsylvania Grand Patriarch Charity - Angels Flight East

September House Senior Center

Northeastern Senior Center

Bell Socialization Center

Pinckney's Vineyards of Faith Ministries

YWCA of York

Human Life Services

First Capital EMS

Children's Aid Society for the Lehman Center at Cornerstone Youth Home

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc.

Salvation Army of York



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## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Lautenschlager has scheduled the following visits for April.  
 I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 3 - Centre #153 OV - 7:30PM
- 7 - Lewistown #97 OV - 7:30PM
- 12 - Spring Rally, Bushkill Center - 9:00AM
- 17 - Cantons #2 & #9 Inspection, Leesport - 7:00PM
- 24- Hopkins #87 OV - 7:00PM

## GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters,

Happy spring, and for all those Irish, Happy St. Patrick's Day. Remember to turn your clocks one hour forward, Spring ahead!

All the lodge secretaries should have received the Semi-Annual Report from the Grand Lodge Secretary, Justin Bailey, the first week in March. The report covers the period from October 1 last year to March 31 this year. This is probably the simplest report to complete. I have put together a small committee to review our "Suggested Manual for Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies in Pennsylvania." This is a blue paperback manual that lodge secretaries have been, or should have been using for many years. The committee took our current report form and updated the instructions that are in the manual, to conform with our current report. The secretaries and District Deputy Grand Masters were sent the revised instructions for completing this year's report. The

report should be completed for the first meeting night in April. The secretary and the Noble Grand should sign and seal the report at that meeting, and then mail it to Grand Lodge. The report must be received in the Grand Lodge Office no later than May 15, 2025. Please contact me, Grand Secretary Justin Bailey, or your District Deputy Grand Master for your district, if you have any questions. I am confident that the reports will be completed and sent to the Grand Lodge by the due date. Please keep the new instructions in a file so that as we make changes to the Manual, you will have them for future reference. In the near future, we will have a three-ring binder for each Secretary and District Deputy Grand Master in which to keep the updates as they are completed. Remember if we all work in harmony, we will accomplish great things. Be the Anchor.

Fraternally,  
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Grand Master

## PA GRANGE CONFERENCE ON THE MOVE

If you have seen in last month's magazine, the Grange is going to be on the move with the quilt for the America 250 project. They are taking our IOOF information across the state! They are looking for help, and this is a good way for your Lodge to get out and help. Please find below the locations they will be at. If you can help out, please contact Lizzie Bailey (again, no relation) and help man the booth! Or go up and sew a few stitches in to the quilt. She will also be coming to our session one of the days to show us what they're working on. Here's the dates what she has so far:

Wolf's Corner Fair (119 Fairground Lane, Tionesta, PA 16353) July 4 & 5  
Franklin County Fair (Chambersburg) July 6-8  
Lycoming County Fair (1 East Park Street, Hughesville, PA 17737) July 9-16  
York State Fair (York) July 18-27  
Elk County Fair (316 Dietz Rd, Kersey, PA 15846) August 5-9  
Perry County Fair (Newport in Perry County) August 12-16  
Centre County Grange Fair (Centre Hall) August 15-23  
Allentown Fair (Allentown) August 27-Sept. 1  
PA Farm Show January 10-17, 2026

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## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

Scott R. Parks, #736  
James T. Hepp, #1152

### 30 YEARS

George B. Kupec, Jr., #278

### 40 YEARS

Richard E. Grumbine, #307  
Allen J. Cushey, #377  
Philip P. Garman, #523  
James W. Sellers, PGP, GTGE #1175

### 45 YEARS

John P. Murphy, #270  
Reid D. Coyle, #361  
Ted D. Fay, #361  
James I. Johnson, #361  
Ronald E. Longenecker, #361  
Bruce A. Rineer, #361  
Richard C. Rineer, Jr., #361  
Howard C. Rineer, #361  
Dale K. Vorous, #573

### 50 YEARS

William C. McElwain, #74  
John S. Cupp, Jr., GT, PSGM #377  
Michael W. Wright, #562  
Scott E. Burnworth, #1010

### 55 YEARS

Bruce N. Torrence, PDC #658

### 60 YEARS

David L. Shellong, #141

### 80 YEARS

Robert V. McClelland, #2  
John W. Lackey, #573

### 135 YEARS

Aluta Lodge No. 488, Bushkill Center

## THE TREASURER'S TALE • APRIL 2025

April is spring. The days are warming, crops are planted, animals that hibernate are awakening and life begins anew. For those of you who are poetry buffs, T. S. Elliot wrote a poem entitled *The Waste Land*. This poem contains a line that proclaims "April is the cruelest month." This poem was a lament to spring rebirth that follows the death of winter. The poem was written in 1921 and was inspired by the events that followed World War I. Barney's class will read the poem.

The biggest day in April is Easter Sunday, which occurred on April 20, the same date as Easter 2025. Easter traditions have changed over the years, but 1930 was a time when religious observance was more important than today.

On April 1, 1930, Chicago Cubs catcher Leo Hartnett broke the altitude record for a catch by catching a baseball dropped from the Goodyear blimp 800 feet over Los Angeles, California. On April 3, the second academy awards took place with Mary Pickford winning best actress and Warner Baxter winning best actor. On April 6, the Twinkie was invented and packed lunches have never been the same. On April 21, the movie version of "All Quiet on the Western Front" premiered. You can view a more recent version of the movie here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPKeYhkBt5A>. On April 27, Chicago White Sox first basemen Bud Clancy never handled the ball in a 9-inning game against the St. Louis Browns.

On April 3, Helmet Kohl, German Chancellor under a united Germany was born. April 9, John Bartholomew Tucker, American TV host (*Candid Camera*, 1974-75; *Treasure Island*, 1967-68), and author, was born in Pennsylvania. On April 12, Johnny Antonelli, baseball pitcher for the Giants was born. On April 15, Vigdis Finnbogadottir, was the fourth president of Iceland and the first woman democratically elected, was born. On April 19, Dick Sargent, American actor (*Bewitched*), was born in Carmel, California. On April 28, Carolyn Jones, Morticia on the Addams Family, was born.

April was a very busy month for Barney. He had to plan the final two months of school, do most of his planting (some was done in March) and supervise the farm. The most daunting task was planting potatoes. As many of you know, a seed potato or piece of one, containing an "eye" or sprout is buried in the ground. The problem arises when planting is observed by a hungry raccoon. The night after planting, some of the seed potatoes are unearthed and eaten. This causes some irritation to Barney. The real problem is that Barney has become sympathetic to the culprit and is unwilling to trap or shoot him. Melchizedek prospers.

Chickens were getting cheaper, but had not bottomed out. Barney did an analysis of eggs and chickens and decided to rebuild his

flock in early 1930. He had over 120 laying hens and 40-50 roosters. He was averaging 100 eggs every day. Retail price on eggs in 1930 averaged \$0.44 per dozen, this is equal to \$8.22 today. He was only getting about \$0.15 per dozen from stores. It was decided Barney would supply the eggs for the Easter egg hunt. The hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 1930, at the IOOF hall.

Barney collected eggs for about a week prior to the hunt. He had accumulated 650 eggs of high quality. On Good Friday, after church at noon, Elizabeth, her mother Alice and sisters Mary and Alberta, spent the remainder of the day boiling and coloring eggs. Commercial egg dye was available, but costly. Natural colors were used, onion skins for red-brown, Alder catkins for yellow, coffee and walnut shells for brown and madder root for red. Read this article on Easter during the depression: <https://findingmymom.wordpress.com/2020/04/06/depression-era-ideas-for-easter/> This was a big job that took hours.

Early Saturday morning, Vic and Barney went to the lot behind the IOOF hall and hid eggs. They knew that hiding them the night before would lead to many missing eggs. Melchizedek loved to celebrate Easter with an egg hunt. All the children of the Odd Fellows had a great time and by 1:00 pm, most of the eggs had been found. Barney noticed movement behind the outhouse and went to investigate. Elizabeth's youngest brother and sister, John and Virginia were peeling eggs and feeding them to Melchizedek. Barney now knew how the wily raccoon had learned about hard boiled eggs. There was no use in scolding them, so Barney went to his car and took out the eggs that broke during the boiling process and feed them to Melchizedek as well.

When Barney asked his class to read *The Waste Land*, he thought he could get some stimulating conversation. He asked why April was cruel and the answer from most of the students was that they had to be in school when the weather was getting nice. He gave up and moved on to a discussion of the academy awards. The full story of the 2nd Academy Awards is here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd\\_Academy\\_Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Academy_Awards). The silent films were still bigger than talkies, but change was in the air. Happy Easter!!

*Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer and Past Sovereign Grand Master. You can contact him by email at [jcupp275@gmail.com](mailto:jcupp275@gmail.com) or conventional mail at P O Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445-0275.*

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

#### APRIL

12 / Spring IOOF Rally, Aluta, PA

#### MAY

2 - 4 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA

30 - Jun 1 / Canadian War Memorial Weekend, Ontario

#### JUNE

21 - 25 / Unified Session, Red Lion Harrisburg (pg#)

#### JULY

26 / Fun Day, Knoebel's Elysburg+

\*\* 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.

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ALLEGHENY COUNTY – PITTSBURGH PROPER

### 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!

### ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Aliquippa – Lady Russell Rebekah Lodge #54 – consolidated 1976  
 Allegheny – Deborah Rebekah Lodge #27 – consolidated 1953  
 Allegheny – Ida May Rebekah Lodge #14 – consolidated 1981  
 Allegheny – Caroline Rebekah Lodge (German) #43 – consolidated 1931  
 Allegheny – Catherine Rebekah Lodge (German) #71 – consolidated 1904  
 Allegheny – Glendora Rebekah Lodge #92 – consolidated 1936  
 Allegheny – Laura Vane Rebekah Lodge #138 – defunct prior 1890  
 Allegheny – Isabell Hooton Rebekah Lodge #330 – consolidated 1915  
 Allison Park – Lady Hampton Rebekah Lodge #408 – consolidated 1981  
 Bellevue – Elizabeth Barrett Rebekah Lodge #469 – consolidated 1981  
 Birmingham – Henreitta Rebekah Lodge #17 – defunct 1873  
 Blawnox – Emma Boyd Blackham Rebekah Lodge #188 – defunct 1938  
 Braddock – Jane Horton Rebekah Lodge #126 – defunct 1997  
 Bridgeville – Jane Gilmore Rebekah Lodge #185 – defunct 1973  
 Carnegie – Margaret Morrison Rebekah Lodge #425 – defunct 1973  
 Clairton – Annie E. Holland Rebekah Lodge #290 – consolidated 1953  
 Clairton – Amy Rebekah Lodge #343 – consolidated 1960  
 Coraopolis – Nellie Rebekah Lodge #31 – defunct 1985  
 Crafton – Edith Cavell Rebekah Lodge #399 – consolidated 1931  
 Dormont – Amaryllis Rebekah Lodge #37 – defunct 1935  
 Duquesne – Magnolia Rebekah Lodge #260 – consolidated 1970  
 East Pittsburgh – Jane D. Wiley Rebekah Lodge #270 – consolidated 1970  
 Elizabeth – Marguerite M. Oakley Rebekah Lodge #545 – consolidated 1969  
 Etna – Ethel Rebekah Lodge #228 – consolidated 1960  
 Etna – Philippina Rebekah Lodge #238 (German) – consolidated 1940  
 Franklin – Lady Samaritan Rebekah Lodge #414 – consolidated 1984  
 Freeport – Eire Rebekah Lodge #117 – defunct 1919  
 Glassport – Lucy W. Beach Rebekah Lodge #311 – defunct prior to 1900  
 Glassport – Star of Glassport Rebekah Lodge #563 – defunct 2006  
 Hays – Margaret Jane Rebekah Lodge #328 – defunct 1917  
 Hazelwood – Mary-Glen Rebekah Lodge #251 – consolidated 1958  
 Homestead – Arabella Rebekah Lodge #218 – consolidated 1970  
 Homestead – Star of Homestead Rebekah Lodge #407 – defunct 1968

Knoxville Boro – Mary Lincoln Rebekah Lodge #243 – defunct prior to 1900  
 Manchester – Ida May Rebekah Lodge #14 – defunct 1882  
 McKees Rocks – Carnation Rebekah Lodge #240 – consolidated 1961  
 McKeesport – Annie B. Cogswell Rebekah Lodge #285 – consolidated 1954  
 Monroeville – Anna J. Cline Rebekah Lodge #481 – consolidated 1998  
 Oakland/West Elizabeth – Alfarata Rebekah Lodge #63 – defunct 1905  
 Oakmont – Mary Hamilton Rebekah Lodge #361 – consolidated 1964  
 Pitcairn – Fannie-Francis Rebekah Lodge #211 – consolidated 1959  
 Rosedale – Princess Hope Rebekah Lodge #437 – consolidated 1971  
 Sharpsburg – Rosamond Rebekah Lodge #221 – defunct 1904  
 Sharpsburg – Minnie A. George Rebekah Lodge #551 – consolidated 1953  
 Springdale – Elizabeth Wilson Rebekah Lodge #589 – consolidated 1945  
 Stoops Ferry – Lady Amelia Rebekah Lodge #541 – consolidated 1964  
 Swissvale – The Signal Rebekah Lodge #315 – defunct 1997  
 Tarentum – Eleanor May Rebekah Lodge #128 – defunct 1983  
 Temperanceville – Hope Rebekah Lodge #40 – defunct 1879  
 Turtle Creek – Florence Nightingale Rebekah Lodge #153 – consolidated 1965  
 Turtle Creek – Clara Barton Rebekah Lodge #432 – consolidated 1939  
 Unity – Plum Creek Valley Rebekah Lodge #11 – consolidated 1953  
 Verona – Lona Patterson Rebekah Lodge #387 – consolidated 1951  
 West Elizabeth – Mary E. Wilson Rebekah Lodge #587 – consolidated 1978  
 Wilkinsburg – Myrtle Cress Rebekah Lodge #176 – consolidated 1963  
 Wilmerding – White Rose Rebekah Lodge #390 – defunct 1971

Interesting fact – Temperanceville – was absorbed into Pittsburgh in 1872, 2 years after the Rebekah Lodge was founded. It is now considered West End Village. Boroughs such as Hays and Knoxville were incorporated into Pittsburgh in the 1920s.

56 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge – Ida May Rebekah Lodge #14 in 1869

Last Rebekah Lodge – Star of Glassport Rebekah Lodge #563 in 2006

70 Odd Fellow Lodges

Next Month – As we close of the Rebekah listings, we battle the biggest – Philadelphia. Unfortunately, by the time you read this, we will lose the last Rebekah Lodge in Philadelphia County – Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge. We will focus on the list of what made up Letitia Penn. Get your pictures and articles in now!

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

NADA, BROTHERS & SISTERS!

After the new year’s pop, things have died down. It’s my hopes Lodges are holding off candidates until the Spring Rally! Never fear though! To jump outside of PA, and even outside our country, here are some Lodges, etc, that have instituted or re-instituted in the last several months:

- Halifax, Nova Scotia – Halifax Encampment No. 3
- Iverness, Florida - Citrus Lodge No. 118
- Wimauma, Florida – Suncoast Lodge No. 69
- Miami, Florida – Manuel Bosakewich Lodge No. 70
- Washington – Richmond Loge No. 338
- Watseka, Illinois - Iroquois Lodge No. 74
- Clarksburg, West Virginia – Vandalia Rebekah Lodge No. 9
- Tazewell, Tennessee – Concordia Lodge No. 383
- Durant, Oklahoma – Durant Lodge No. 57
- Heber Springs, Arkansas – Heber Springs Lodge No. 17
- Tanzania – Tanzania Lodge No. 1
- United Arab Emirates – Dubai Lodge No. 1

**UNIFIED LODGE #2  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN MEMORY OF  
KENNETH FAUB AND WALLACE GROSSETT**

Each was presented with a \$1000 scholarship.

**Recipients for 2024**

- Connor Gregory, sponsored by Gail Gregory (Grandson)
- Caroline Liptak, sponsored by James McMahon (Niece)
- Emma Luther, sponsored by Earlene McMahon (Niece)
- Riley Habel, sponsored by Donna Faub  
(Granddaughter of Ruth Habel.)
- Annabella Held, sponsored by James McMahon,  
(Granddaughter of Jeff Held.)



**WELCOME TO THE ORDER!**

Freedom Lodge #88 of Honesdale with their two new members from the February 5th initiation. Welcome to the Order!



## 100TH ANNIVERSARY – ARE YOU A BUILDER?

Again, we face the same problems today that we have 100 years ago. From the September 1925 magazine: This is a longer article, but having received reports from Lodges, there's always such a large amount of people being suspended. Compared to deaths, here's the total from the last 3 years' reports:

2022 – died 71, Suspended 40

2023 – died 45, Suspended 52

2024 – died 61, Suspended 59

This is something each Lodge needs to work on. Here's a good article to send to each member of your Lodge. Though they receive the magazine, impress upon them how important it is to pay your dues, and if they decide to leave, at least do it in a respectful way.

### THE SUSPENSION PROBLEM

One of the questions which confronts us semi-annually, and which for several years has been given consideration by our leading men, is the suspension of members. This can be placed under three separate headings or causes, the Order continues to steadily decrease membership. First, the weeding out of undesirable members, who should never have been allowed to affiliate themselves with us. Second, members who do not want to longer retain their membership; and, third, those who have allowed themselves to drive to a position where they are liable to suspension for non-payment of dues.

The remedy of the first condition is in the hands of the officers of the lodge, who ought to insist that men be put on investigating committees who will do their full duty and report the conditions as found to the proper officers. This class is small, but when they are accepted as members and found undesirable, the lodge should be guided by the laws provided for the removal of undesirables.

The second condition is easily met. The lodge should present the matter to these brothers from a business standpoint and insist upon them paying all arrearages and taking a withdrawal card, or by resigning from membership. This is the only honorable position to take.

The third class presents more of a difficult proposition, but can be handled by a competent committee, if the first two candidates are properly cared for. This class embraces persons who are desirable as members, who fully appreciate what Odd Fellowship teaches and who are persons of such character that the lodge was willing to accept them into membership. The financial demands of the lodge should be impressed upon all new members and they should be made to feel that it is a part of their duty as members to accept a part of the financial responsibility of the lodge. That they should make proper payment of such obligations when they are due, just as they would pay their landlord, grocer or taxes. The dues assessed against the individual members of a lodge are the result of much study and foresight, taking into consideration all those obligations which must be considered, as weekly sick and funeral benefits to members, taxes on property, taxes and assessments levied by higher branches of the Order and the current running expenses of the lodge. All of these constitute the legitimate expenses which the lodge is legally bound to pay, and the brothers who assume membership are morally bound to contribute their proportionate share of the expense. We believe it to be one of our paramount duties to go on record that no member may ever be induced to believe that the usual, legal or decent way to get out of the Order is through being suspended for non-payment of dues, and thereby violating a solemn pledge. We believe that if this question was brought fairly to the minds of the members our suspensions would become almost nil. Instruction of members in the pro rata expenses of the lodge might cause some of the brothers to open their eyes and feel the responsibility personally of keeping their dues paid to date. This could be done by any brother who would care to take the annual report and analyze it upon the basis of membership. At any rate, we would like to see such a plan tried out in a thorough manner and find whether or not it would stop the leak which was been depleting our membership yearly – suspension for non-payment of dues.

## MEAT RAFFLE

The members of Freedom Lodge #88 of Honesdale (led by Warden Andrew Kilmer) began selling raffle tickets last Fall for an Alpine Meat Platter which would award two (2) winners a \$100 Meat Tray from the Alpine Wurst and Meat House, 1106 Texas Palmyra Highway, Honesdale, PA 18431. This prize is always coveted by members of the local community and this year was another success. Pictured from Right to Left are as follows: Jessica Kilmer, Freedom #88 Secretary, Mike Kinzinger, Freedom #88 Past Grand, Paulie DePaulie - WINNER, Dan Gallik - WINNER and Alpine Associate. A huge thanks to all that helped out Freedom Lodge with this effort - please know this Super Bowl Meat Raffle will happen again this coming November 2025! FLT, Freedom Lodge Brothers and Sisters ~ Forrest Goodenough



# GRAND MASTER PAUL VISITS HENRY DISSTON LODGE NO. 8

On March 3, 2025, Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager made an official visit to Henry Disston Lodge No. 8 located in Philadelphia. Grand Master Paul was accompanied by his staff members Frank Hilt (Deputy Grand Master) and Andrew Kilmer (Grand Marshal). Before the meeting visitation, dinner was enjoyed at the "Dining Car", a local restaurant near the lodge meeting location.

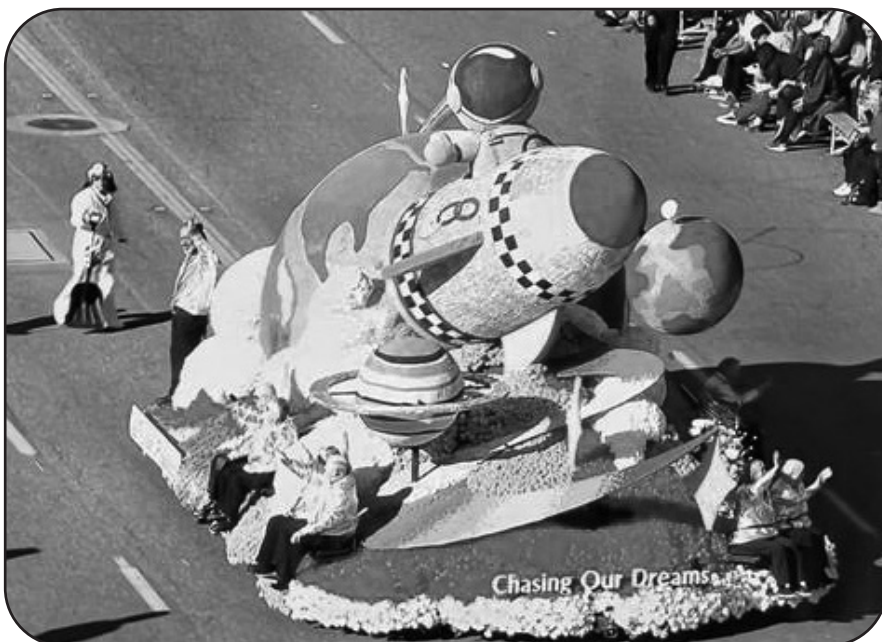
The meeting was opened by Noble Grand Tom Hicks who proceeded to "Order of Business - Introduction of Visiting Brothers and Sisters" at which time Grand Marshal Kilmer requested the visiting Staff and District Deputy Mike Serverson (the Secretary of Disston Lodge) to exit the lodge room and re-enter to be officially recognized. Pictured below is Grand Master Paul and his visiting staff which upon their reentering, received "Honors of the Order" and Grand Master Paul was seated to the right of Noble Grand Hicks. After completing normal lodge business, NG Tom provided GM Paul with the floor at which time the Grand Master gave a very inspiring talk of the need to encourage people to join the Order (to fill the ranks) and in doing so provide much needed aid and assistance to the general populous in the area. On a personal note, he told of multiple instances of people he knew that had committed suicide. These examples led him to select "NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE" as his charity in office. Finally, GM Paul gave out some of his pins and explained the meaning of the anchor on the pin and thanked the lodge for the opportunity to visit.

After closing the rather lengthy and informative lodge meeting, the Grand Master received a check for his charity from Noble Grand Tom and Treasurer David Cliggett - pictured right. Also pictured below are photos taken at the meeting. (In FL&T: Brother Smedley)



# FROM THE DESK OF DOROTHEA OERTEL PGP

Greetings to all Members in all Branches of the Order. Wishing you all Happy, Healthy, and Safe Year.



In my area the Rose Bowl Parade was on ABC and NBC. The website from Sovereign has expired. Search Rose Bowl Parade 2025. Then You Tube Live Now from Fox. It is 2 hrs. and 9 mins. A shorter way is moving the red line to about 1 hr. and 46 mins. The I.O.O.F. float 'CHASING OUR DREAMS' is right after Blue Shadow Mountain Drill Team.

On the float was: SGM Gerald V. Workman, I.A.R.A. Pres. "Mira" Pittman, Ret. GMC Dr. Howard G. Malin, PSGM John Cupp, standing Nela Luta. The Odd Fellow and Rebekah float has been in the parade for 74 years. The float has 16,000 flowers on it. Many of the volunteers devoted 7 to 10 days working on the float. Thank you for your devotion.

In FLT, Dorothea Oertel PGP



## STRASBURG LODGE NO. 361 OFFICIAL VISIT



On February 24th, Grand Master Lautenschlager and staff paid a visit to Strasburg Lodge No. 361 and District 5. Earl Lodge No. 413 and Lititz Lodge No. 1050 will both be in attendance. Also with the Grand Master was Grand Secretary Justin C. Bailey, Grand Marshal Andrew L. Kilmer, Grand Conductor Nicole B. Inama and Grand Herald/DDGM Brian L. Barr, Deputy Secretary. A great time was had by all.

## WARREN PINEWOOD DERBY

Every year during January and February the Warren Lodge converts the dining room into a design studio for Pinewood racers and the work shop is open 7 days a week to help the scouts build their racers. Band saws, jig saws, drill presses, sanding booth, paint booths are all busy almost every evening and weekends. All that to see who is the fastest come race day.

There was a full slate of Pinewood Derby Races on Saturday Feb 22nd. The morning saw 70 Cub Scouts competing for the Council Championships. After the Cub Scouts the Modified classes were run with 12 competitors, including a special race with the Committee Members competing for bragging rights. In the afternoon 30 Girls Scouts competed for their championship.



Pictured are the Cub Scout champions along with Lodge and Committee members Jim Tellman, Lisa Bush and Roger Gausman. The Pinewood Derby Committee also includes Wendi Donachy, Lou Dussia, Al Webster and Vern Flinn.

P.S. Al Webster took 1st Place in the Committee race with Lou Dussia 2nd and Lisa Bush 3rd. Al now has a whole year to brag about his accomplishment.

~ Lou Dussia

## VICTORY LODGE #658 MEETING: THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE 2023 MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL AWARD



Frank Hilt, Deputy Grand Master, presented to Bill Hanby, Noble Grand, and Bruce Torrence, Treasurer, of Victory Lodge #658, Sellersville, with The Sovereign Grand Lodge 2023 Membership Honor Roll Award, dated August 19, 2024, for recruiting the most members in 2023.

*Pictured from left to right is Bruce Torrence, Bill Hanby and Frank Hilt. Photos by Steve Nathan, Secretary*

## SANDY LAKE INITIATES NEW MEMBERS



Congratulations to Sandy Lake Lodge #573 and the new members on joining the Order! Keep up the good work

## APRIL OBITUARIES

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

**Martin S. Levit**  
Variety Lodge No. 37  
January 31, 2025

Brother Martin S. Levit, 80, of Philadelphia, PA, was initiated into Menorah Lodge #144, Philadelphia, on April 26, 1966, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 14, 1970. He became a member of Bridesburg-Menorah Lodge #37, through consolidation on January 13, 1985 and finally a member of Variety Lodge #37, Philadelphia, through consolidation on January 14, 1988. He was a former Patriarch of Kensington Encampment #18, Philadelphia.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Mary Archambault and two sons. He was preceded in death by his father, PGM Sam Levit.

Burial was held in Lawnview Cemetery, Rockledge, PA.



**Doris S. Stober**  
Lititz Lodge No. 1050  
February 11, 2025

Sister Doris S. Stober, 85, of Ephrata, PA, was initiated into Lititz Lodge #1050 on November 8, 2004. She formerly served as Chaplain and was a member of the scholarship committee.

Surviving is her husband, Paul, and three children.



**Lillie Mae Panichelli**  
Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge No. 173  
February 14, 2025

Sister Lillie Mae (Strausser) Panichelli, 78, of Deptford, NJ, was initiated into Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge No. 173, Philadelphia, PA, on June 2, 1975, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 17, 1986.

Surviving is her husband, Carmen, five children, ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving is her brother, PGM Joseph Strausser.

Burial was private.



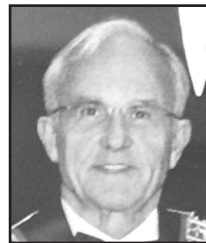
**Paul L. Hildebrand**  
Mount Zion Lodge No. 74  
February 14, 2025

Brother Paul L. Hildebrand, 86, of Red Lion, PA, was initiated into Dallas Lodge #1017, Dallastown, PA, on December 26, 1957, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 12, 1966. He became a member of Dallas Katahdin Lodge #1201, Red Lion, through consolidation on June 23, 1973, and finally Mount Zion Lodge #74, York, through consolidation on October 1, 1984. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Dallas Lodge #1017 and Dallas Katahdin Lodge #1201 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his son. Surviving is his daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, York, PA.



**John A. Roman**  
Walker Lodge No. 306  
February 16, 2025

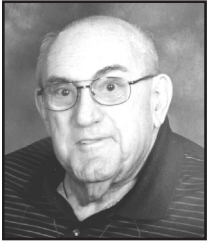
Brother John A. Roman, 95, of Wyndmoor, PA, was initiated in Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, PA, on June 5, 1972, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on April 20, 1981. He was the Recording Secretary of the Walker Lodge Installation team for many years and was active in the Degree Team. He was part of the "kitchen crew." He was a former Patriarch to Perseverance Encampment #135, Philadelphia, from November 20, 1980 to June of 2008.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Patricia Smith, five children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in George Washington Memorial Park, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

## APRIL OBITUARIES



**John A. Redfoot**  
**Past District Deputy Grand**  
**Master**  
 Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128  
 February 24, 2025

Brother John A. Redfoot, 89, of Clarks Mills, PA, was initiated into Sheakleyville Lodge #592 on March 26, 1973, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on September 29, 1979. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1979 - 1981. He became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, PA, through consolidation on November 19, 2002. He held active membership in his Lodge, and at the time of his death, he was the Right Supporter to the Noble Grand.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Clarks Mills Community Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Alberta Peterson, and a granddaughter. Surviving are four children, eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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



**Henry L. Lesh, Sr.**  
 Mineral Lodge No. 285  
 Scott Encampment No. 132  
 March 2, 2025

Brother Henry L. Lesh, Sr., 78, of Pottsville, PA, was initiated into Mineral Lodge #285, Saint Clair, PA, in March of 2000, where he became a Past Grand on October 2, 2017, and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 7, 2018. He held the position of Treasurer for many years and was active in the Schuylkill County Degree Team, serving as Chaplain. He was the longtime Secretary for the Odd Fellows Cemetery of Saint Clair. He also held associate membership in Pine Grove Lodge #148. He joined Scott Encampment #132, Tamaqua, on June 8, 2018, where he served as Senior Warden.

He was a U.S. Air Force Vietnam Veteran and a member of Grace Evangelical Free Church, Orwigsburg.

Surviving is his wife, the former Kathleen Felker, two sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren.

Burial was held in Schuylkill Memorial Park, Schuylkill Haven, PA.

## ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W. PA 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Spring has once again arrived and with it comes the news that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania will once again begin accepting applications for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of six (6) \$4,000 scholarships. This will mark the 20th consecutive year that the Association has offered these Awards and having awarded an undergraduate total, thus far, of \$224,000. The application deadline for the 2025 Scholarship Awards will be Saturday, June 28, 2025. A copy of the "Rules," along with an "Application," was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District

on April 1, 2025. 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 (formerly know as the Western District, 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.glpaioof.org" during the April through June time period.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER... HONORING MAJOR GENERAL OLIVER O. KING, PDC

All deceased Past Department Commanders of Pennsylvania are buried in our State except for one - Major General Oliver O. King, our eighth Department Commander, who rests at the place of his retirement, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Because I am, over my two year term in office, visiting the graves of all deceased Pennsylvania Past Department Commanders, I have been committed to make this journey. I am sure that all Pennsylvania Brothers and Sisters of our Order would agree, February is a good month to choose for a flight to the "Land of Enchantment". And so I did for what would turn out to be a very memorable Graveside Service with descendants of Major General King and New Mexico Odd Fellows attending.



Oliver Othello King was born on September 25, 1908 in Pittsburgh to Leroy and Mabel King. He was one of seven children - four brothers and two sisters. Raised in the Methodist faith he later moved to Coraopolis. Mr. King followed in the footsteps of his father and owned his own plumbing business. In 1930 he married Elizabeth Ann (Fielding) King in West Virginia and with her raised two children, Frances and Oliver Jr.

In March of 1944 Oliver King entered the United States Army and bravely served our nation with distinction during World War II. The March 5, 1945 edition of The Pittsburgh Press newspaper lists him as being injured on the battlefield in Germany. Due to these injuries he was awarded the Purple Heart. In the Patriarchs Militant, we are permitted to wear our Armed Forces awards and decorations on our uniform. Pictures of Mr. King wearing our uniform show that he continued to wear his Combat Infantry Badge as well as other awards earned during World War II service. In October 1945, after over a year in Germany, he was discharged from the Army with the grateful thanks of our nation - one of the men of "The Greatest Generation" who helped save our country and the free world.

Mr. King first joined the I.O.O.F. in 1941 by becoming a Brother of Dexter Lodge #723 where he eventually became Lodge Secretary (Dexter Lodge merged with Coraopolis Lodge #429 which merged with Clover Lodge #348). He was Exalted to the Royal Purple Degree as a member of F.M. Rea Encampment #148 of Pittsburgh (merged with Ambridge Encampment #259) where he became Past Chief Patriarch by 1946. He received the Grand Encampment Degree in 1948.

Patriarch King was then conferred the Chevalier Degree and thus became a member of Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant Canton Pittsburgh #18. He steadily rose through our ranks until, in 1958, after serving as Commander of the Fourth Regiment, Department of Pennsylvania, Colonel Oliver O. King received our highest award, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry. The award is based on service to Country, Community and the I.O.O.F. and entitles him to forever use the prefix "Sir" within our Order. As we know, this award is rarely given - only two Chevaliers currently wear the Grand Decoration of Chivalry in Pennsylvania. Finally, in 1962, then Brigadier General King was elected by the Chevaliers of the Department of Pennsylvania to be their eighth Department Commander for a two year term (1962-64). Officially titled Department Commander Major General Sir Oliver Othello King, he was awarded his two star rank because of the 16 or more Cantons under his Departmental Command. In researching Major General King's term as Department Commander I was at a loss to explain why he cut short his term as Department Commander by six months. Our archives give no reason and by all accounts he was an effective and popular leader. Consultation with one of his grandchildren provided the answer to this mystery. In mid-1964 Major General King's children moved to Arizona and in the interest of family unity he and Mrs. King followed. Thus he served an abbreviated one and one-half year term as Department Commander. This appears to have been a difficult decision for him, but one which was based on something that I am sure we all agree with - family first.

We also want to remember and honor Mrs. Elizabeth King, for she too was an Odd Fellow and dedicated many years to the good works of the Rebekahs. She was a long time member of Nellie Rebekah Lodge #31 of Coraopolis. I have seen numerous pictures of Mrs. King accompanying Major General King while attending to his official duties in the Patriarchs Militant. They were an important couple in Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship in their day.

In 1971 Major General and Mrs. King relocated from Arizona to Albuquerque, New Mexico, again to be with family. After being a resident of that place for three years, Major General King died in September of 1974. Sadly he was only 66 years old - his fraternal family and his own family lost a good man way too soon. He was survived by his wife Elizabeth, children Frances and Oliver Jr., three brothers and two sisters. In Pennsylvania, Arizona and New Mexico he was a respected and well liked man who had many good friends. Major General Oliver King was joined in Eternal Rest a short four years later by his beloved wife Elizabeth. And thus they rest together today, as we honor and remember them in their Odd Fellow Family. At their graveside we prayed that Major General and Mrs. King would know that the great Fraternal Order that they so selflessly committed much of their lives to will always cherish their memory.

I was joined at the beautiful and sacred grounds of Fairview Memorial Park in Albuquerque by the King's Grandchildren - Karen with husband Paul, Katie, and William with wife Debi. This was an emotionally touching gathering with the King's three grandchildren in that they hold such fond and loving recollections of their Grandparents but have not had the opportunity to come together in this way to remember them. Some wept when memories were shared during our service. Grand Daughters Karen and Katie held pictures of their Grandparents - Mr. King in his Patriarchs Militant Uniform and Mrs. King in her beautiful Rebekah gown. Grandson William brought a family heirloom treasure to the memorial - Major General King's white handled Patriarchs Militant Officer's sword. It has been and always will be kept in the family as a fond remembrance of his Grandfather and the



important role that the Patriarchs Militant played in Major General King's life. I enjoyed being with this family as we honored the Kings.

We were privileged to have Past Grand Master of New Mexico Ernie Cloud join with us and participate in the King Memorial Service. He spoke on the significance of the teachings of Odd Fellowship, informed us of the state of the local Lodges and invited those present to join our Order. Brother Cloud also presented a solemn reading of a prayer taken from our Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant Memorial Service. His presence was greatly appreciated on this day.

Such was the spirit of goodwill at this service that as we concluded I found myself compelled to spontaneously say that the eternal watchwords of our sacred Order - Friendship, Love and Truth; Faith, Hope and Charity; and Universal Justice - were with us on that day, guiding us in our relations to one another just as they did when Major General and Mrs. King walked this earth.

Uniform Facts:

In the Patriarchs Militant we commonly wear our Class A (Full Dress), Class B (Field) or Class C (Social) Uniform. Because these uniforms have a variety of optional component choices (e.g., hats, belts, decorations) we see Chevaliers with many slight uniform variations. Still, they are virtually identical uniforms within each class. There are however a handful of obscure and unusual uniforms authorized for wear in the Patriarchs Militant Army. The following five such uniforms are some that you will rarely if ever see worn.

1. Tropical Variant Uniform: This was introduced just a few years ago to give a more comfortable option for those living in certain hotter climates. The rules regarding its use are unusual and even confusing. According to our manual this uniform is intended to replace our Class A (Full Dress) Uniform under specific circumstances. Even though it is a replacement for Full Dress, the manual calls it the "Field Uniform - Tropical Dress Variant". Field Uniform is how we refer to our Class B uniform, thus the confusion. The best way to describe the Tropical Variant is the Class A (Full Dress) uniform without the coat. The shirt is switched to short sleeves worn with all three of our sleeve patches and no Jewels or shoulder cord. All other components remain as with Class A (Sam Browne belt, cap, tie, etc.). I have never seen this uniform worn correctly. Many confuse it with a class B uniform and in fact think that the Class B is the Tropical Uniform. It is actually a replacement for the Full Dress Class A Uniform and a Department wearing it would still wear their Class B when appropriate. A Department must apply annually to the General Commanding for a Dispensation to wear this uniform. The average temperature of the coldest month of the year in that particular Department must exceed 59 degrees, so it is limited to only a few states. In the short time that this uniform has been available I am not aware of it having ever been properly administered and worn. The average high temperature for our coldest month in Pennsylvania is less than 31 degrees so for this reason we will never see this uniform worn by a Chevalier of our Department.

2. Bandsman Uniform: Hidden deep in the General Military Council Bylaws is a provision allowing for the wear of a uniform from the past. APPENDIX III, SEC. 2 of the General Military Council Bylaws lists "Bandsman" as an authorized uniform. Our uniform manual does not provide any guidance on the specifications of this uniform. There was a time however when the Bandsman Uniform was commonly worn by Chevaliers. For many years military style marching bands were a big part of the Patriarchs Militant where they provided patriotic and martial music for our huge parades, assemblies and reviews. Of course part of the show was their own unique style of uniform that set them apart from the squads of Chevaliers that they were marching with. I do not believe that the Patriarchs Militant have had a band anywhere for many years, but the uniform remains authorized for wear. Since no new description of a Bandsman Uniform exists in our current Uniform Manual by default it remains as was worn by Patriarchs Militant Bandsmen of the past. I have seen these old uniforms in the far recesses of some of our Lodge storage closets - grey with upright collars, concealed buttons and large metal PA insignia. It is nice to think that they will be put back to use but the Bandsman Uniform is one that we will probably never see worn again.

3. Kilt Uniform: Actually listed in the Uniform Manual as an optional garment as part of the Class C Mess Dress Uniform, the Kilt is therefore not really a uniform unto itself but a version of Class C Mess Dress. This leads to some interesting gaps in the uniform manual as regulations regarding the distinctive hose and flashes, sporrans (satchel), and belt among other accessories that commonly go with a kilt are not specified. More importantly, we have no regulation Tartan, meaning that right now the Chevalier may choose whatever Tartan he or she wishes. There has been discussion on the need for a standardized Patriarchs Militant Kilt Tartan or design, preferably utilizing the signature black and gold colors of our branch of the Order. However for practical purposes the Kilt Uniform as a version of the Class C Mess Dress is almost never seen - I know of only two Chevaliers who wear it, and they do so rarely.

4. White Uniform: This uniform was removed from the manual after August 2022 but grandfathered so that those who owned it at that time may still wear it. Best described as the all white Navy style Officer uniform often seen in movies, it has an upright collar and requires white cap, belt and shoes. To own one would be expensive and even if you did it would be rarely worn and information on it was so scarce in the prior Uniform Manual that it simply says "if wearing consult Adjutant". I have never seen it worn and have anecdotally heard that someone might have had one many years ago. Because only Chevaliers that owned this uniform before 2022 may wear it and because it has not been seen in recent memory I think it safe to say that although still authorized we will never see it worn again.

5. Military Advisor USA Uniform: This, to me, is the most interesting of our list of obscure authorized Patriarchs Militant uniforms. The General Commanding appoints the Military Advisor USA with a rank of Major General each year. The appointed Officer must by code be a military veteran. According to the General Military Council Bylaws this Officer has the unique authorization to wear his/her Armed Forces Uniform that they last wore when separated from service. The uniform may be worn for the Military Advisor's one year term in office. Wearing the service uniform is optional and I have never seen it done. Interestingly, due to the six branches of the Armed Forces each with their own uniforms and with each branch themselves having a variety of uniforms it is unlikely that we would ever see two veterans serving as Military Advisor USA wear the same outfit, so it is truly a one of a kind uniform option. The question is - how many of us could still fit in our old service uniform?

BG William F. Hanby  
Department Commander



Patriarchs Militant Band

## NORRISTOWN LODGE RECEIVES CERTIFICATE



On behalf of the Grand Master, I presented on Monday, March 10th at the Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, a certificate of Honor for Membership from SGL, etc. Present from left to right, Bill Wurtz, Financial Secretary, Sean Shaffer, Vice Grand, Frank Hilt, DGM, on the tablet, John Lazowicki, Treasurer, also on the Tablet, Jan Boggess, Robert Hinderliter, Jr, Secretary, Jimmy Dimpler, Noble Grand, and Robert Hinderliter, Sr.; Chaplain.  
~ Frank A. Hilt, DGM

## DELEGATE REFLECTS ON PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

Recently, Nick Manton, son of Jim and Martine Manton, gave a presentation on the Educational Pilgrimage for Youth. He was sponsored by Strasburg Lodge No. 361



## 53RD ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2025

To All Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges,  
Encampments, & Cantons of Pennsylvania:

The 53rd Unified Session of all Branches of our Order  
in Pennsylvania will be held at the:

**Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey**  
**4751 Lindle Road**  
**Harrisburg, PA, 17111 from**  
**Saturday, June 21st through**  
**Wednesday, June 25th, 2025, inclusive.**

**Room Reservations:** Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The room rate is \$119.00 plus tax. Telephone 717-939-7841 or toll free 1 (800) 637-4817. Deadline for room reservations is June 1, 2025. When making your Room Reservation please tell the hotel representative that you are with the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows - Grand Lodge." (Limit 4 persons per room).

**PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS  
JUNE 1, 2025.**

**NO GUARANTEES OF ROOMS OR MEALS  
AFTER THE DEADLINE!**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS PROMPTLY!**

**Session Registration:** Pre-registration is \$10.00 per person. Every person must complete a separate registration form. Any lodge or person wanting to donate \*to the registration gift bags should contact Andrew Kilmer at (570) 892-0997 for details (leave message if no answer).

**Banquet:** The Banquet for all Branches will be held on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025. The cost per person will be \$40.00. Choice of Dinner Entrees will be London Broil (with brown gravy on the side) or Broiled Herb Buttered Haddock. Please contact Ellie Trulick with any dietary concerns for this meal. Phone: (814) 383-4476 2025 Program Booklet: Please print or type all ads and booster names. Send with remittance to Tom McHugh, 288 Church Rd., Mountain Top, PA 18707. You can email the ads to tmchugh@epix.net.

- Full Page (5 ½" by 8 ½ ") B/W-
- \$30.00, Half Page \$20.00,
- Quarter Page \$10.00. No
- extra charge for pictures.
- Booster Names (No Titles) -
- \$1.00. The preferred format
- for ads submitted is PDF file
- format.

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- **Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets
  - are available from John S.
  - Cupp (jcupp275@gmail.
  - com), for a donation of \$1.00
  - per ticket. Send Money and
  - ticket stubs to Mary DeLong,
  - 307-6 Hilltop Ct., Hamburg,
  - PA 19526.

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- **Special Function Meals:** Any
  - group desiring breakfast,
  - lunch or dinner arrangements
  - should contact Sarah Baer,
  - 115 N. Centre Avenue,
  - Leesport, PA 19533.
  - Telephone 610-916-1990.

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- **FUN NIGHT:** Fun Night will take
  - place on SATURDAY, JUNE
  - 21st. It's "BOOMER" BINGO
  - Night with cash prizes, basket
  - raffles, and lots of fun and
  - surprises. Free snacks and
  - a cash bar. Ticket for 1 free
  - water or soda per person.
  - \$1.00 per Bingo Card per
  - game.

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- **Flowers:** Anyone wishing
  - to order Memorial Flowers
  - or any flowers for Session
  - should contact Sarah Baer,
  - 115 N. Centre Avenue,
  - Leesport, PA 19533.
  - Telephone (610)-916-1990.
  - Flowers arrangements are
  - \$65.00.

**ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM.  
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "UNIFIED SESSION COMMITTEE"**

**2025 REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unified Session**  
**June 21-25, 2025**



**ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER**  
 (one form per attendee please)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit Attending    GL    RA    GE    DC    Guest    (Please Circle all that apply)  
 MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE /PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Registration for 2025 Unified Session (Harrisburg, PA)    \$10.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday All-Branches Banquet (Formal Attire)    \$40.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Select your meal option)  
 London Broil (brown gravy on the side)  
 Broiled Herb Buttered Haddock

I would like to place an ad in the Program Booklet  
 (Please enclose content for the ad or email pdf file)

Full-Page Ad (5 1/2" X 8 1/2")	\$30.00	\$ _____
Half-Page Ad (5 1/2" x 4 1/4")	\$20.00	\$ _____
Quarter-Page Ad (2 3/4" x 2 1/4")	\$10.00	\$ _____
Booster Names (No Titles)	\$ 1.00 ea	\$ _____

**(Check Payable to Unified Session Committee)    TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Saturday - Fun Night – “Boomer Bingo” (Casual Attire)     I Plan on attending  
*No entry charge / Free Snacks / Cash Bar / \$1.00 per bingo card*  
 Sunday - Memorial Service (Formal Attire)     I Plan on attending  
*A goodwill offering will be taken*  
 Monday - Decoration of Chivalry (Business Casual Attire)     I Plan on attending  
 Tuesday – Joint Installation & Reception (Formal Attire)     I Plan on attending

**PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM, ADS and CHECKS TO:**

**THOMAS J. McHugh**  
**288 Church Rd.**  
**Mountain Top, PA 18707**  
 (570)793-3692    [tmchugh@epix.net](mailto:tmchugh@epix.net)

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNIFIED SESSION COMMITTEE**

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## FEBRUARY DONATIONS

### FEBRUARY IS EDUCATION MONTH

PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
306	Walker	500.00
E135	Perseverance	500.00
361	Strasburg	300.00
86	Harmony	100.00
658	Victory	100.00
E88	Chosen Friends	100.00
R182	Lady Colfax	50.00
E132	Scott	50.00
847	Vienna	25.00
C9	Northeast	25.00
C39	Allentown	<u>25.00</u>
		1,775.00
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
523	Alma	1,000.00
306	Walker	500.00
E135	Perseverance	500.00
270	Mystic	300.00
762	Vincent	300.00
55	Fred R. Korman	200.00
658	Victory	100.00
1004	Hampton	100.00
1030	Charleroi	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
847	Vienna	25.00
C9	Northeast	<u>25.00</u>
		3,200.00

### PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE

E135	Perseverance	2,000.00
87	Hopkins	200.00
141	PG Walter R. Adams	120.00
E88	Chosen Friends	100.00
E132	Scott	50.00
		2,470.00
SGL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE		
C9	Northeast	25.00
VISUAL RESEARCH		
2	Unified	25.00
C39	Allentown	20.00
		50.00
PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
2	Unified	25.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
116	Brady	250.00
2	Unified	50.00
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris	50.00
562	Newburg	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
88	Freedom	25.00
		475.00
ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE		
57	Montgomery-Curtis-Norris CAMP JRA	200.00
55	Fred R. Korman	150.00
192	Jordan	50.00
562	Newburg	50.00
		450.00