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Happy 100th Birthday!!

The Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine celebrates it's 100th year.

"I have seen years, and many changes have passed before me." If you have not noticed over the past months, *volume #* has been ever so slightly increasing until now we hit our 100th year. Throughout this year, I intend to place many different items in the magazine celebrating 100 years of getting information out to the membership of our beloved order. A few items you may find interesting.

The magazine was re-started in July of 1925 as the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow. There was a Pennsylvania Odd Fellow magazine prior to it, with Volume I, Issue 1 in August of 1912 being published as the same name, but listing "For twenty-six years published under the title *Odd Fellows' Siftings*. Prior to that, I am not sure what was around. There have been many other magazines published. One of our older listings is that of *The Odd Fellows Star* from Philadelphia, 1894. The magazine was then "Entered as second-class matter June 20, 1925, at the Post Office at Philadelphia, Pa., under Act of August 24, 1912.

The first several magazines of *the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow* show a picture of the branch head (GM, RA, GE & DC respectively) and an article of what their branch was about. By resolution at 1925 session, each Lodge was provided 2 magazines, each Rebekah Lodge and DDGM one magazine for free, with anyone else who wanted one to pay \$1.00 a year. The magazine grew rapidly, with receiving 5,000 subscriptions after the first month. In a year, their goal was 50,000 subscriptions. There was an entire staff who maintained the magazine; there was a



room in the Odd Fellows Temple specifically for the magazine. The magazine was run solely by subscriptions with many members contributing their thoughts to how Odd Fellowship was running. There are a lot of great thoughts here, and I hope to put on the back cover one from 100 years ago every month this year. Please read them and get something out of it.

The first magazine focused much on the newly built "Home for Aged Odd Fellows and their wives at Middletown," as they are coming into their centennial year also. Each page was focused on different groups: the magazine, Odd Fellows, Patriarchal, Rebekah, Patriarchs Militant, and Past Grand's Association News. Past Grands Associations were very strong during this time, and unfortunately, I think none of them exist anymore. This first magazine focused on Associations from Luzerne County, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Bradford County, the third District of Chester County and the PG's Association of Lehigh, Carbon and Northampton counties.

Consolidations and Institutions were listed. In the Rebekah news for the first magazine, five Rebekah Lodge's were instituted: Caroline Troxell Rebekah Lodge #576 in Glasgow (attn Korman), Mellesena Rebekah Lodge #577 in Numidia, Francis Rebekah Lodge #578 in Three Springs, Lady Sherman Rebekah Lodge #574 in Blain and Letitia Bailey Rebekah Lodge #579 in Dudley.

In 1977 under the leadership of then Grand Master Robert Gumbert, coming out of our American bicentennial year, the magazine was then renamed "The Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine" which is where we are today. This was also where the other emblems - Rebekahs, Encampment, PM and LAPM were added. The Three Links were always on the cover. Throughout the year, I will use different covers from the different years so you can see how things have changed.

The magazine now is run out of the office here in Middletown, with the Grand Lodge Board as the manager, and myself as the editor. The Grand Lodge puts roughly \$20,000 into running the magazine annually. Special thanks go out to Perseverance Encampment #135 of Philadelphia for their Annual Donation to help us defer costs. Please submit articles; let me know what's going on with your Lodge or one of your members. Keep the magazine relevant and use it to promote your Lodge, and the Order. The need for this magazine is needed more now than ever!

~ Justin C. Bailey, PGM, editor

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

- LEESPORT LODGE NO. 141
Charles Henn - initiated November 12th
Armani J. Rodriguez
- ALMA LODGE NO. 523, JOHNSTOWN
Ezekiel Thomas - initiated October 5th
- SHENANDOAH LODGE NO. 591
Mitchell J. Hubler - initiated November 25th

GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Happy New Year to all Brothers and Sisters.

The new year begins with parties, music, celebrations and the usual new year's resolutions. Some people make a long list of resolutions, some only make one or two. Resolutions are challenges we try to achieve over the new year. Some resolutions are for health reasons, personal growth or making ourselves a better person.

I have looked back over the past year to review the accomplishments of our Order. We were able to reinstitute or rebuild lodges that were failing. This took much determination and hard work.

I have seen many lodges working with brother lodges to help them grow. They have been visiting and helping them with our ritual work, running a meeting, and how to work with their community in promoting odd fellowship.

With that being said, I also have found that our lodges have not done their duty. At the time of this writing, I am advised that we still have lodges that have not completed their annual reports. This

is concerning to me as Grand Master that we still have this problem. We have many Grand Lodge officers that can help do these reports. These reports are not new. Lodges have been completing them for many years. It would make me very proud to have all of our lodges get these reports done and sent in to Grand Lodge on time. I, therefore, at this time, challenge each lodge, Brother and Sister, to make a new year's resolution. The resolution is this: "My lodge will complete our annual (September) report, semi-annual (March) report, update our roster and pay our dues before or at the time of Installation of Officers (October) for this year and every year going forward." I have great faith in our lodges and know that we can work in Friendship, Love and Truth through Harmony to achieve this resolution. Be The Anchor of your lodge and help your Secretary and Treasurer to complete this important duty.

Fraternally,
Paul E. Lautenschlager
Grand Master

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Robert G. Werner, Jr., #736
Monte L. Hughey, #1152

35 YEARS

Gerald W. States, #348
Donald T. Malley, #1004

40 YEARS

Edward P. Frigo, #306

50 YEARS

James L. Rittle, #1050

55 YEARS

Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge
No. 182, Leesport

70 YEARS

Fred L. Fiester, #116
David J. Wilson, #192

75 YEARS

John Robinson, #88

155 YEARS

Tunkhannock Lodge No. 699,
West Nicholson

175 YEARS

Kossuth Encampment No. 98

180 YEARS

Mount Vernon Encampment
No. 14, York

Places to GO...People to See

FEBRUARY

15 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns, Biloxi, MS

MARCH

28 - 30 / Mid Atlantic States Conclave, Rehoboth Beach, DE+

MAY

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

JUNE

21 - 25 / Unified Session, Red Lion Harrisburg +

** 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

NINETY FIRST I.O.O.F. PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS MAY 2-5, 2025, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Ninety First Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2025 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 4 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at noon followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. Please note the dates and times the program will be held. The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Gerald V. Workman, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You **MUST** mention "Odd Fellows Pilgrimage" when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$136 for up to four (4) in a room. All room rates are subject to applicable hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations).

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM. (Advance ticket purchase required - see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. After the banquet, all present

will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable Gerald V. Workman, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of West Virginia, Sister C. A. 'Mira' Pittman, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Colorado, and General G. L. 'Jeff' Lasswell, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Illinois.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The hotel no longer offers shuttle service. However, other transportation services are available from the airport. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. Metro subway service is now available from Dulles with several stops in Northern Virginia from which you can get transportation to the hotel. Please note the event could be cancelled at the last minute by the military; therefore, travel arrangements should be made accordingly. In addition, masks may be required for events if circumstances warrant it.

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event. Additional information is listed on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 2-4, 2025, in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
Chuck Renninger, Chairman

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center • 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311
1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible.

The **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** is the headquarters hotel for the 2025 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. To receive the special rate of \$136 for up to four (4) persons per room plus hotel tax, available for the nights of May 1-5, reservations must be made **no later than April 1, 2025**. You must mention the "**ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE**" when making your reservation in order to receive this rate and to obtain the specially reduced parking rate. The hotel will accept reservations **on a space available basis after April 1, 2025, but not at this reduced price**. Only telephone reservations are accepted 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

It is imperative that reservations are made as early as possible. Although the deadline to place a reservation is **April 1, 2025**, occasionally in past years the hotel has sold all the rooms set aside for the IOOF Pilgrimage at the reduced rate before the deadline. So, although a person may call to place a reservation before April 1, 2025 if there are no more rooms available **AT THAT RATE**, the person will be faced with a choice of **reserving a room at a higher rate**, if any are available, or seeking a room at another hotel. ***If you have any problems with hotel reservations, please call Chuck Renninger at 1-301-350-4495.***

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
for the Pilgrimage to the
Tomb of the Unknowns**

Friday, May 2, 2025

**3:00-5:45 PM PILGRIMAGE
REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper
lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark
Center

Saturday, May 3, 2025

**8:30 AM-4:00 PM PILGRIMAGE
REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper
lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark
Center

**5:45-6:45 PM CASH-BAR SOCIAL
HOUR**, hotel lower level

7:00 PM PILGRIMAGE BANQUET, hotel
lower level. **Prepaid reservations required.**
(See attached pre-registration form) Open
seating. Dress code for men - tux, business
suit, or military uniform.; Dress code for
women: - formal dress, street-length dress, dress
suit, or military uniform.

Please note times for all events

Sunday, May 4, 2025

**8:00-10:00 AM PILGRIMAGE
REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper
lobby foyer of the Hilton
Alexandria Mark Center

**10:30 AM BUSES LOAD-DEPART
10:45 AM promptly** from the hotel lobby
entrance.

No cars or buses will be allowed in the cemetery.
Commercial parking lot available.

No exceptions

**Noon Memorial Service followed by
wreath laying after 1:00 PM changing of
the guard.**

**NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR WOMEN
IS PERMITTED FOR WREATH LAYING.**

Dress code for men: business suit or military
uniform

Dress code for women: street-length dress,
dress suit or Lady's military uniform.

No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, open-toe shoes, etc.

**FREEDOM LODGE NO. 88
REACHES OUT**

In the spirit of helping out the community and a way of spreading the word about the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Brother Connor Buchinski contacted his High School Principal Mr Paul Gregorski. During Connor's conversation, the school was very happy to help with the Trex Bench Program and



accept a 200th anniversary Book for Western Wayne High Schools Library.

Picture from left to right, Noble Grand Doug Buchinski, Brother Connor Buchinski, and Western Wayne High School Principal Mr. Paul Gregorski with plastic bin for Trex Bench Program and 200th anniversary book of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for High School Library.

**THE DONALD TRULICK FUND
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

The Trulick fund was set up to send students on the Educational Pilgrimage for Youth Tour. We would like to keep the lodges and members informed that donations help us achieve this. If you would like to contribute you can make a check to the Donald Trulick Foundation and send it to Col John J. Dzyak Quartermaster 126 Hilltop Drive Scottsdale PA. 15683.



We want to thank those who have donated thus far to the foundation!
Those who donated until October 1st were:

PGM Thomas J. McHugh, #512	\$500.00
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville	\$300.00
Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua	\$100.00
Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua	\$100.00
Port Matilda Rebekah Lodge No. 733	\$50.00

CHARLEROI VETERANS DAY PARADE



Picture is NG Jim Howells with his two grandsons. Sean Howells conductor with his wife, Natalie, and Jon Kiggins financial secretary.

FREEDOM LODGE #88 TEAMS UP WITH WAYNE COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Freedom Lodge had another successful Gun Raffle in 2024 and the Brothers and Sisters of the lodge unanimously voted to donate \$500 to the Wayne County Emergency Food Pantry (P. O. Box 14, Honesdale, PA 18431) for Thanksgiving. This effort will help offset expenses at this most busy time of the year. Brothers went down to deliver the check personally and view the current set up of the Food Pantry. Pictured from left to right - Sharon Herzog, Director, Doug Buchinski, Noble Grand, Linda Grandquist, Volunteer, Mary Lou Murray, Volunteer, Bert Terysen, PG and Forrest C Goodenough, Freedom Brother. We wish you ALL a Great Holiday Season and Best of Luck for a Happy New Year 2025!

~ Forrest Goodenough, PVG



WALKER 306 FLAG DEDICATION



Thanks to Perseverance Encampment #135, an Odd Fellow Flag was also purchased. Walker Lodge #306 had a flag dedication ceremony and recited the Pledge of Allegiance after the flags were flown. Thanks again to Charles and Judy Balmer! Hopefully the light stays lit!

VINCENT LODGE #762 HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



A few of our lodge members represented the Odd Fellows in Spring City's first Trunk and Treat.

~ Sue Grumblatt, Secy

GRAND PATRIARCH MIKE SERVerson VISITS PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT NO. 135

On November 7, 2024, Grand Patriarch Mike Serverson made an official visit to his home Encampment of Perseverance No. 135, which is also the home Encampment of Past Grand Patriarch’s Tom Kutchner, Charles Danihel and Dorothea Oertel. The meeting was held at a regularly scheduled meeting of Perseverance Encampment at Walker Lodge No. 306 in Philadelphia.



Upon completion of Perseverance’s normal business Chief Patriarch Courtney recognized Grand Patriarch Mike. Mike introduced himself and spoke about his goals and targets while in the office with emphasis on the importance of understanding and living out the core values of our motto Friendship, Love and Truth in Odd Fellow Encampments and Lodges. He emphasized the point that there is, at times, too much animosity toward members which is not in concert with who and what we are as an organization, noting that continuation will only lead to negative results both for members and the organization. With great inspiration, Mike went on to provide information about his charity program – Angels Flight East. This organization utilizes volunteer pilots to fly children and their families for medical treatments in places they may not have been able to travel.

Under introductions of visiting members Grand Patriarch Serverson was introduced by Chief Patriarch Courtney Franklin (who is also the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment). After official introductions, Honors of the Order were given, Courtney escorted Grand Patriarch Mike to sit at the right of Chief Patriarch Courtney.



Displayed are pictures taken at the meeting: (1) during introductions of visiting members; (2) of Mike during his very inspirational message; (3) a group picture of those in attendance; and (4) noting that missing in the group picture is Patriarch Bob Smedley who took the pictures. (In FL&T Bob Smedley)

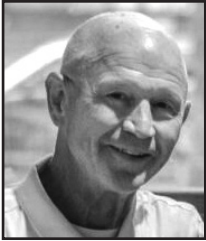
CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 MAKES THANKSGIVING DONATION

Charleroi Lodge #1030 presented a \$500 check to CAMA (Charleroi Area Ministerial Association) to be used for their annual Thanksgiving meals distribution. CAMA is composed of 5 churches: Charleroi First Christian, Speers United Methodist, Mount Sinai Baptist, St. John’s Lutheran, and St. Mary’s Anglican. Members of the Association, along with Charleroi Lodge #1030 members, helped to prepare 650 turkey dinners for those alone or those in need. The meals were prepared at the Charleroi First Christian Church on the Wednesday evening before and the morning of Thanksgiving. The meals were then either picked-up or distributed by volunteers during the morning and early afternoon hours. CAMA is also involved in offering scholarships annually, hosts Baccalaureate and Lenten Services, and conducts a ecumenical Thanksgiving service on the Sunday evening of Thanksgiving week. Pictured is Joe Valla, VG of Charleroi Lodge #1030 presenting the \$500.00 check to Ms. Cora Russell (CAMA officer).



JANUARY OBITUARIES

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



Robert L. Derr, Jr.
Lititz Lodge No. 1050
November 11, 2024

Brother Robert L. "Bob" Derr, Jr., 75, of Lititz, PA, was initiated into Lititz Lodge #1050 on October 23, 1974.

He was preceded in death by his parents, longtime members PGM Bob & Dottie Derr. Surviving is his wife, Kathy, and three children.



Sherwood W. Altemose
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Aluta Lodge No. 488
November 17, 2024

Brother Sherwood W. Altemose, 87, of Nazareth, PA, was initiated into Aluta Lodge #488, Nazareth, PA, on December 4, 1954, where he became a Past Grand

and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 12, 1970. He served as DDGM from 1970 - 1972. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a member of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nazareth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, PGP Vincent & Mae Altemose, and one son. Surviving is his wife, the former Jane Steward, of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth, three sons, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery, Nazareth.



Theodore J. Quillen, II
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Vincent Lodge No. 762
November 21, 2024

Brother Theodore J. "Ted" Quillen, II, 95, of Spring City, PA, was initiated into Economy Lodge #397, Collegetown, PA, on November 12, 1973, where he became a

Past Grand on October 27, 1987 and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1995 - 1997. He was also active in the Chester County Odd Fellows Association. He became a member of Vincent Lodge #762, Spring City, through consolidation on February 26, 2004, where he was Economy Lodge's Noble Grand at that time.

He was a Merchant Marine Veteran of WWII, and a US Army Veteran of the Cold War.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Bonnie Hinsdale. Surviving are two sons, one daughter and three grandchildren.

Inurnment was held in Valley Forge Memorial Garden, King of Prussia, PA.



Sending a HUGE "Thank you!" to our friends at Pittston's Thistle Lodge Hall of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows for their generous support benefitting our Shop with a Cop Holiday Program ❤️ 🚔 ❄️



CHARTER DAY PROCLAMATION

Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy two hundred and six years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

Therefore, I, Gerald V. Workman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim

That the month of January be declared Odd Fellows Celebration Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed,

That 15 January 2025 be known as Celebration Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the forming of The Sovereign Grand Lodge [Grand Lodge of the United State, having separated from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States] of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera. [See ceremony attached.] Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of December 2024 and of our Order the 206th year.

Yours in F, L & T,

s/ Gerald V. Workman Sovereign Grand Master

THE TREASURER'S TALES - JANUARY 2025

Winter is cold and snowy, the days are short and the night is long. In January 1930, winter in New Jersey followed this ancient pattern. The snow and cold sometimes makes going to meetings difficult and causes gaps in lodge activity. Many hours were spent in a chair by the fire, while the younger and more energetic sought outside diversions.

On January 5, 1930, Bonny Parker meets Clyde Barrow. On January 7, French physicist Marguerite Perey discovers francium (Fr), the last naturally occurring element to be found. On January 13, "Mickey Mouse" comic strip first appears. On January 20, first radio broadcast of "Lone Ranger" (WXYZ-Detroit). On January 31, first US glider flight from a dirigible, Lakehurst, New Jersey.

On January 1, Ty Hardin [Orison Hungerford Jr.], American actor (Riptide, Bronco), was born in New York City (d. 2017), you can read about the TV show here: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0051261/>. On January 2, Julius La Rosa, American singer (fired by Arthur Godfrey on the air), born in Brooklyn, New York (d. 2016). On January 3, Edward "Eddie" Egan, American actor (The French Connection, Joe Forrester), born in New York City (d. 1995). On January 4, Don Shula, American Pro Football Hall of Fame coach (Super Bowl 1972, 73; Miami Dolphins; Baltimore Colts; NFL Coach of the Year 1964, 67, 68, 72), born in Grand River Ohio. On January 11, Rod Taylor, Australian actor (The Birds, Time Machine), born in Sydney, New South Wales. On January 12, Tim Horton, Canadian ice hockey player and co-founder of the Tim Horton's restaurant chain, born in Cochrane, Ontario; Tim died in 1974. His donut holes, called TimBits are excellent. On January 20, Buzz Aldrin, still living at this writing, American astronaut & fighter pilot (Gem 12, Ap 11), born in Montclair, New Jersey. On January 30, Gene Hackman, still living, American actor (Bonnie & Clyde; The Conversation; The French Connection; The Birdcage), born in San Bernardino, California.

While sitting in his rocking chair by the fire, Barney would read and try to stay awake. The newspaper contained mostly bad news in January 1930, so Barney read the comics. The comics contained such classics as *Gasoline Alley*, *Popeye*, and *Krazy Kat*. There was no need to concentrate or try to find hidden meaning in the comics. Today we look for objects, characters, or actions that seem to carry significance beyond their literal meaning. We try to consider the broader context of the story and the themes the author is exploring. This leads us to create different meanings in our minds from the intent of the author. Daydreams on cold winter nights can lead to fantasies untold.

The first thing each year was a New Year's Eve Party. Barney and Elizabeth had returned from just such a party and Elizabeth had put the children to bed and retired herself. Barney was sitting in his chair and looking at the December 31 edition of the local newspaper. Against his own wishes, he fell asleep.

This was prohibition and the eggnog was completely non-alcoholic, but the cocoa, cookies, sandwiches and other treats filled Barney to the rim and made staying awake a chore like no other. As he drifted off, Barney's mind wandered. He was in the mine with Buck Rogers. He was experiencing the gas and became comatose. (If you never read the original Buck Rogers comic strip, Rogers was a mining engineer who fell asleep and awakened in the future, see Wikipedia article, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buck_Rogers). As Buck stirred, he awakened Barney. Soon he was on a rocket ship, then an acorn exploded and he awakened. He stirred and thought of going up to bed when he fell back asleep.

The second round of dreaming was less exotic. He was back in the trenches in World War I and the shells were falling around him, thick and fast. He felt a sting on the back of his hand, was it shrapnel from an artillery shell? No, it was a spark from the fire, and he stirred again. Again he tried to shake off his slumber, but it was too much for him.

He fell back to sleep and began to dream about the feast Elizabeth was going to prepare the next day. It would be a large family celebration with pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, succotash, mincemeat pie and a big cake. Just as he was ready to take a bite of the roast pork, he was awakened by a tapping at the window. A shivering raccoon on the window sill was trying to get his attention. He went in the kitchen, located a little week-old turkey and threw it out the back door so that Melchizedek could celebrate the new year. He drank a small glass of hard cider and climbed the stairs to bed.

We should remember our little friends in the woods. There is a unity in nature that started with creation and continues to this day.

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. In January you will find him on the IOOF float at the Rose Bowl Parade and later in Florida.

100TH ANNIVERSARY PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH MAGAZINE PROCLAMATION

To All Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine, the pride of Pennsylvania, is celebrating their 100th anniversary of it's re-founding. All Odd Fellows receive a copy in hopes we can continue to maintain this magazine. It costs the Grand Lodge roughly \$20,000 a year to maintain it.

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine has also worked hard to keep the single subscriptions to Rebekahs and others for \$10.00 annually.

Whereas, this is your Lodge's magazine and a portal to get out into your community, we must all strive to keep this going.

Now there fore, I, Paul E. Lautenschlager, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby proclaim,

The month of January as PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH MAGAZINE MONTH throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Furth reqer, uest all Lodges to support this project by holding a money-raising event or a treasury donation and send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this fourth day of December, 2024, and in the 201st year of this Grand Body.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Please fill out form and return with your donation payable to "Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF"

_____ Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow & Rebekah Magazine.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER... HONORING GENERAL RUSSELL K. PATTERSON, PDC

One could write a book on Past Department Commander General Sir Russell Kuhns Patterson, GDC, GCR and his involvement with the Patriarchs Militant. He was our Department Commander for an unprecedented seventeen years, making him the longest serving Department Commander in Pennsylvania history. He served as General Commanding (our National Commander), one of only two Chevaliers from Pennsylvania to have done so. He presided during a time of many changes in the Patriarchs Militant and guided us with steady leadership and unparalleled respect.



Equally impressive are the accomplishments of Lady S. Carrie Patterson. Both she and General Patterson were members of Susanna Rebekah Lodge #54, where she joined in 1922. Mrs. Patterson was elected President of the PA Department Association from 1930-1940 and became President IALAPM in 1941, one of only two Pennsylvania Ladies that have served in this highest office. We also honor and remember her great contributions to our Order. In 1970, Lady Carrie Patterson joined General Patterson in eternal rest, and thus they are today, at historic Prospect Hill Cemetery in Harrisburg.



Russell Patterson was born in 1893 in Harrisburg. He was a 48 year employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, retiring in 1959 as supervisor of Equipment Maintenance. Mr. Patterson was a long time member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. He married the former Sarah Carrie Miller with whom he had two children. In 1915, at the age of 22, Russell Patterson joined Harrisburg Lodge #68. By 1921 he was Captain of Canton Harrisburg #54. In 1935, age 42, he had risen to be the fifth Department Commander with a rank of Major General. He served in this capacity for six years until late 1941, at which time he resigned his position as Department Commander in order to accept an appointment by Grand Sire Lynn J. Erwin to serve as the seventeenth General Commanding of the World. He and General Joseph M. Strausser are the only two from the Department of Pennsylvania to have served in this prominent position. In a testament to the respect earned by his fellow Pennsylvania Chevaliers, General Patterson was re-elected as Department Commander in 1947 and served through 1958. With a combined total of seventeen years in office, General Patterson is our longest serving Department Commander. He was, of course, awarded the Grand Decoration of Chivalry.

General Patterson was a member of Harrisburg Lodge #68 (consolidated with Triune Lodge #307), Dauphin Encampment #10 (now with Middletown Encampment #10) and Canton Harrisburg #54 (now with Canton York #14). He was a member of many other fraternal organizations and served as a volunteer firefighter. As if this and a forty-eight year career was not enough, General Patterson was also involved in politics. He was elected Jury Commissioner for Dauphin County and held that office for the last fourteen years of his life. One marvels at the time and energy that he dedicated to this long list of achievements. Our Order and many other noble organizations lost one of their great leaders when Russell Patterson died in 1965 at the age of 71. He died while on a trip to Baltimore - how fitting that he should spend his last days in the City where American Odd Fellowship was founded, for he dedicated much of his life to our Order and its advancement.



Joining me for a very special graveside memorial service fitting for Lady and General Patterson were General Joseph M. Strausser GCR, Major General Sir Justin Bailey GDC, PDC and Brigadier General Bruce Torrence PDC. During the ceremony, Odd Fellows flags were reverently placed for General and Lady Patterson by General Strausser as he personally paid respect to the only other Four Star General from Pennsylvania. In a moment of historic significance, BG Bruce Torrence offered a prayer from our Department Council Memorial service. BG Torrence is the grandson of BG William Torrence who was appointed as Chaplain General of the World by General Patterson in 1941. Taps were sounded by MG Bailey. As we concluded our service we prayed that General and Lady Patterson will always be remembered by the Brothers and Sisters of our Order. To that end I have been in contact with Great-Grandson Christopher Patterson who has expressed interest in joining us and carrying on the remarkable legacy of the Patterson family name in Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship.

Uniform Facts:

In our 140 year history the Patriarchs Militant have worn only two versions of our full dress (class A) uniform. The old version (1885-1937) was influenced by the Civil War veterans who were the founding core membership of the Patriarchs Militant Army.

In 1937 the General Military Council adopted a wholly new uniform.

General Russell Patterson was serving as Department Commander of Pennsylvania when this change took place. He undoubtedly took part in this momentous decision and was tasked with its implementation in our Department. There were two dramatic differences between the old and the new uniform. The first was the hat. Chevaliers originally wore a plumed chapeau style cap. This was replaced by our current Pershing style cap. The look is completely different. The second major change was the length and style of the jacket. It was originally knee length with long rows of buttons up to the collar with no lapel or tie. It had an upright collar and used epaulets. This was replaced by the modern military style uniform coat that we wear today. It is shorter, has lapels and uses fewer buttons. We now wear a tie. The old style uniform did use a Sam Browne style belt as we do today. It was different in that it was made of a patterned fabric (with ornate metal fittings), rather than being made wholly of leather as is our current Sam Browne belt. High ranking officers wore a different belt appearing much like our present day social belt.



Old style uniform

So what was carried over from the old uniform? Black dress shoes, black socks, white gloves are still part of the uniform. The old belt buckle is worn by some of us on our social dress belt. Some jewels and badges from those days are still worn. But the greatest similarity is the continued use of our trademark sword, hung on the left side from clip and chain. In fact most of the swords currently in use date from the days of the old uniform.

I speculate that the uniform change was an attempt to bring new strength to our Order by modernizing the look and thus making more relevant the appearance of the "Show Piece of Odd Fellowship", as the Patriarchs Militant has long been designated. By the 1930's the older uniform, with its 1800's appearance, was antiquated and a new updated look for new generations was called for. We have now worn the new style uniform for almost 90 years. While there have been some small changes it is essentially the same uniform that was introduced in 1937. Interestingly, a 1937 newspaper article states that continued use of the old uniform was allowed by those who already owned it. Thus, for a period of time, both old and new uniforms were being worn in our ranks. It would be interesting to know who was the last Chevalier to have worn the old uniform and on what date that very last old style uniform was finally retired from use.

BG William F. Hanby
Department Commander

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ARMSTRONG 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!

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Apollo - Bertha Rebekah Lodge #335 - consolidated 1981

Brady's Bend - Marietta Rebekah Lodge #61 - defunct 1876

Bradys Bend - Queen Valley Rebekah Lodge #581 - defunct prior to 1948

Cowansville - Lady Cowan Rebekah Lodge #487 - consolidated 1968

Craigsville - Lady Craig Rebekah Lodge #8 - defunct after 1911

Dayton - Daytona Rebekah Lodge #588 - defunct 1960

Elderton - Silver Star Rebekah Lodge #67 - defunct 2009

Elderton - Silver Star Rebekah Lodge #228 - defunct 1932

Ford City - Lady Francis Rebekah Lodge #518 - consolidated 1978

Freeport - Eire Rebekah Lodge #117 - defunct 1919

Freeport - Lady Freeport Rebekah Lodge #117 - defunct 1997

Kelly Station - Lady May Rebekah Lodge #249 - consolidated 1993

Kittanning - Columbine Rebekah Lodge #229 - consolidated 1984

Lawrenceburg - Matilda Rebekah Lodge #79 - defunct 1876

Leechburg - Oria Rebekah Lodge #226 - defunct 1920's

Leechburg - Wanda Rebekah Lodge #430 - consolidated 1983

Manorville - Lady McCain Rebekah Lodge #310 - defunct 1989

Parkers Landing - Lady Leah Rebekah Lodge #420 - defunct 1944

Putneyville - Queen Faith Rebekah Lodge #564 - defunct 1939

Rural Valley - Zipporah Rebekah Lodge #402 - defunct 1972

Sagamore - Beloved Rebekah Lodge #443 - defunct 1935

21 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Marietta Rebekah Lodge #61 in 1871

Last Rebekah Lodge - Silver Star Rebekah Lodge #67 in 2009

21 Odd Fellow Lodges

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THE SUBORDINATE LODGE IN RELATION TO THE COMMUNITY

By Norval R. Daugherty, P.G.

A Lodge, like an individual, establishes a reputation and builds a character in the community in which it is located. People soon begin to reckon a fraternal organization by the activities in which it engages and the causes which it espouses, just as they judge a man by the company he keeps.

The numerical strength of a Subordinate Lodge clothes it with power, and often tempts it to aspire to leadership. This is the point of greatest danger in the contact between the Lodge and the community. The subtle and crafty human traits of petty jealousy and selfishness among the individual members are often set in motion at this juncture, and, as a consequence, the future influence of the Lodge is greatly lessened and often totally destroyed. Harmony and good will within the Lodge therefore are the essential antecedents to confidence and trust by the community.

Each Subordinate Lodge should strive in some practical way to ingraft its name, and thereby its good will, upon the community. Any attempt to do this may at first be misunderstood and criticized, but if persisted in, the genuine motive which prompts the effort will finally come to be fully appreciated. There are numerous ways in which this can be done, and each Lodge must undertake for itself the task for which it is best fitted. ...

...The Lodge is fundamentally a fraternal body. Its duties lie in the field of idealism and moral uplift. Because of this fact it must not become involved in factional disputes. It must avoid being drawn into sectarian and partisan arguments. It must hold itself aloof from the petty bickerings that often disrupt the peace of the community. In the performance of its duties, however, the paramount importance of stressing the value of citizenship and its proper use will at once suggest itself to the wide-awake Lodge. In fact, no Lodge can default in this essential requirement and expect to be regarded as having performed its full duty.

The principles of patriotism and loyalty to the country's institutions are inherent elements in fraternalism and the insidious encroachment of any opposing influence will meet with instant opposition by any Lodge worthy of the name.

Note: I take you now to May 18th, 1875, in the Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"No Lodge has surrendered its charter during the year, or ceased to work; but it is hoping too much to expect that some Lodges, that will not listen to the voice of experience, can maintain an existence many years longer, unless they take vigorous measures to retrieve the errors of the past." Pay attention to this article and read it until it makes sense.

Norval Daugherty of Hazel Glen Lodge #1043, ended up serving as Grand Master from 1933 to 1934. He died in 1938 and is buried in Waynesburg, PA.