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As Summer leaves to fall, some Lodges are still enjoying fellowship!

VINCENT LODGE ANNUAL PICNIC

Vincent Lodge #762 of spring City recently held our annual picnic and corn hole tournament.

We were joined by members from Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201, Boyertown Lodge #708 and the Grand Lodge.



It was a perfect day filled with great music, food and most importantly fellowship.



Places to Go... People to See

+ denotes details to follow

OCTOBER
25 / PM Rally, York PA

30 - 11/1 - SGM Calabrese testimonial,
Atlantic City, NJ

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

Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua
Andrew C. Kemmerer – initiated
September 10th

Lewisburg Lodge No. 96, New
Columbia
Vincent Fowler, PG – reinstated
September 10th Welcome back!
Emanuel Geiswite – initiated
September 10th

Nucleus Lodge No. 377, Finleyville
Timothy M. Prince – initiated
August 4th

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
Marco A. Silva – initiated August
4th
Gloria Da Silva
Jose DiCervo
Jana DiCervo

GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The seasons come and go quickly. The nice warm sunny days are gone, and now we get to enjoy the beautiful colored leaves on the trees and cooler evenings. It is the time for the final harvest, fresh apples off the trees and crisp clean air. This is the month that we celebrate the favorite holiday of Past Sovereign Grand Master John S. Cupp, Jr., Halloween. Happy Halloween to all of my Brothers and Sisters. Here is a brief history of Halloween, or as it is traditionally known, "All Hallow's Eve". All Hallow's Eve is celebrated on the evening before the Christian Holy Day of All Hallows Day or All Saints Day (November 1). Halloween can be traced back to the ancient festival called Samhain, which means summer's end or the end of the harvest and start of a new year. Our Odd Fellows calendar for the month of October is also the beginning of our lodge year. We start with the installation of officers for the new term. The District Deputy Grand Master for your region will install your officers. During the installation, the District Deputy Grand Master will ask the members of the lodge:

"Brothers and Sisters, are you content with the choice you have made of officers?" Members respond, "We are". The installation of officers continues and each officer repeats their oath or obligation of office. To all newly installed officers: your lodge has elected you to a position of leadership. Congratulations. May peace, harmony and prosperity be with your administration. May you lead your lodge in Harmony, Friendship, Love and Truth. You are now the anchor of your lodge.

Fraternally,

Paul E. Lautenschlager
Grand Master

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

George J. Shackett, #87
Fred C. Roth, #306

45 YEARS

James F. Blatt, #141
H. Glenn Cockerham, #201
James R. Logan, #348
Ross G. Walker, III, #1004
Robert L. Willison, #1004

50 YEARS

Willis E. Ide, #471
James R. Kuntz, Jr., #523
Daniel J. Murton, #523

55 YEARS

Gary L. Compton, #1010
John W. Kreger, Jr., #1010
Eugene W. Sechler, #1010

60 YEARS

David E. Mensch, #96

75 YEARS

Charles W. Anchors, #1004

140 YEARS

Henry Disston Lodge No. 8,
Holmesburg

155 YEARS

Port Matilda Lodge No. 733
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Lautenschlager has scheduled the following visits for October.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

**2 – Alma #523 OV &
Installation – 7:30PM**

**8 – Variety #37 OV &
Installation – 7:30PM**

**13 – Strasburg #361 OV &
Installation – 7:30PM**

**16 – Paoli #290 OV &
Installation – 8:00PM**

**17 – Port Matilda #733 OV &
Installation – 7:30PM**

25 – PM Rally, York – 10:00AM

COME VISIT THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

LTG Hanby has scheduled the following visits for October and November.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

**25 OCT – PM board meeting & Rally,
York – 10:00AM**

**27 OCT – Canton Northeast #9
OV – 7:30PM**

**13 NOV – Canton Philadelphia #1
OV – 7:30PM**

**17 NOV – Canton Allentown #39
OV – 7:30PM**

**19 NOV – Canton York #14
OV – 7:30PM**

THE TREASURER'S TALES - OCTOBER 2025

October 1930 is the real beginning of fall. The weather has started to turn cooler and the last of the crops needs to be harvested. Barney had taken his corn to a mill to be mixed and ground for animal feed during the coming winter. All his vegetables were picked and Elizabeth spent the first two weeks of the month canning every day. Barney sold his extra hogs and butchered one. He would butcher two more in late November and Elizabeth would do a lot of canning with the pork. The finished part of the basement in his farm house had a series of shelves like a library, filled with canned goods.

There were few events and activities in October 1930. On October 4, Philadelphia Athletics' Jack Quinn age 47, oldest player in a World Series; pitched 2 innings in Game 3, 5-0 defeat to St. Louis; A's win the series, 4-2. Irish actor Richard Harris was born on October 1. On October 10, Adlai Stevenson, III, was born in Illinois and British playwright Harold Pinter was born in London. On October 17, Jimmy Breslin, American investigative journalist, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and novelist (The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight), was born in New York City. On October 24, the Big Bopper [Jiles Perry Richardson], American radio disc jockey, singer and songwriter (Chantilly Lace; White Lightning), born in Sabine Pass, Texas. The Bopper died in a plane crash with Ritchie Valens and Buddy Holly. On October 30, Japanese Industrialist Sakichi Toyoda died, his company makes the Toyota automobile.

The motion picture academy awards will take place next month and may form a part of next month's column. The big hit is *All Quiet on the Western Front*. A movie about World War I. You can watch the remake here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrANB6MNVB8>.

Barney depended on his teaching salary to make ends meet, but he had expanded his

farming operation. He had previously raised three or four steers, but the oncoming depression caused many farmers to sell their calves at bargain prices. Barney increased his herd to fifteen steers and four cows. This made for a lot of work and beef prices were somewhat depressed. Barney planted more corn and alfalfa and had little invested in the beef. He butchered two steers a year, enough for himself, his family and his parents. He supplied some to his father-in-law Vic as well. He had been building up his farm equipment and he owned a TT Ford truck as well as a pickup, several tractors and other assorted equipment.

Since we are in October 1930, we are in the early stages of the great depression. The effects were still months to years away. By this time, some of the negative aspects of the period are starting to affect ordinary people. Unemployment started at about 7% in January and rose to 15% by the end of the year. The overall unemployment rate in 1929 had been 3.2%. This rate would peak in 1933 at around 25%. These rates are regional and some places experienced much more difficulty than others. In order to remember much of this, you would have been born before 1935 and would be 90 years old.

Grovers Mill was rural and had a fair number of farmers as well as people who traveled to work in other areas. We have already noted that Barney was increasing his farming activity. Farm products always generate a market, although that market may shrink with the lack of prosperity and the prices may drop. As a last resort, you can eat what you produce.

Barney was always pestered with shrinkage. Shrinkage is when the goods you produce are reduced in quantity while in storage

or transportation. In many socialist countries, shrinkage was a common result pilfering by the starving masses. In Grovers Mill, it was the result of an ambitious and over fed raccoon. Barney was able to sell his cattle to a slaughterhouse and occasionally butcher a hog or chicken for his family, but he could never bring himself to shoot Melchizedek. A strange bond existed between them.

Halloween was on Friday, the 31st. Barney was chaperoning his children and several of the neighborhood children. As they went door-to-door, one of the children remarked that a small child in a raccoon outfit was following them and picking up any candy that was dropped. Barney looked back and saw Melchizedek. He was inspired to start an anti-littering program.

When he returned to school, he discussed littering in all his classes. He encouraged his students to go out and pick up garbage that was thrown in the streets and along the highway.

Barney directed his students to draw posters to discourage littering and encourage community cleanliness. The students plastered the walls of the high school with the posters. The principal suggested to Barney that the posters might be considered litter. Barney promised that the posters would be removed before the Christmas break.

In one of the last warm days of fall, Barney sat on his back porch and looked out into the woods, on the other side of the field. He saw a raccoon, stuffing posters down the hollow tree to use for bedding.

Next month will be November and we may have a Thanksgiving theme or the academy awards, or both.

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 or conventional mail at P.O. Box 275, Hopewood PA 15445.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY – SAD – BUT TRUE

From the November 1925 Pennsylvania Odd Fellow:

Behold! The lodge lodgeth together and they eat. The club clubeth together and they eat. The business men take counsel and they eat. The Church hath a social and they eat. And even when the missionary society meeteth together they eat. But this latter is in good cause because they “eat in remembrance” of the poor heathen who have not much to eat.

Behold! Hath man’s brains gone to his stomach and doth he no longer regard intellectual dainties that thou can’st no longer call an assembly or get together a quorum or even a “baker’s dozen” except thou hold up the baker’s dainties as a bait? Be it true, that the day cometh, that, to get a crowd at prayer meeting the preacher must hold up a biscuit?

Yea, verily, though has heard of the child races of the world. But behold it is nigh the even at the door. For as one calleth unto the child and sayeth, “Come hither, sweet little one, and I will give thee a stick of candy,” even so must thou say to his grownup papa and mama, “Assemble ye together and we will serve refreshments.” And, lo, they come like sheep in a pen. Ain’t it so? Ain’t it so? Amen. – *The Covenant*

~ Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR YOUR CURRENT TERM

This month, your Lodge should be installed. Some District Deputy Grand Masters do a great job with that; some leave more to be desired. Whatever kind of installation you had, please re-read over your oath you have taken. Understand what all you are obligating yourself to do. After that, please re-read over your charge that you were given; understand what it is you are supposed to do. Many times, calls are received at the Grand Lodge office with members not sure how to handle something. 90% can be found in your ritual. Read it carefully; look at what you should do. With this new year, let’s start off on a good foot. Hold full, regular meetings. Do the opening, closing and every thing in between. We’re losing members because they don’t want to give up their evening otherwise spent with their family, to pay a PPL bill and complain about Grand Lodge. Take your oath seriously! Do your job and grow your Lodge again. It can be done!

~ Grand Lodge Education & Instruction Committee

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GL 2025 Code update - \$1.00 + tax and shipping

PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTED WELL AT GMC

This past August, Pennsylvania was very well represented at the Session of the General Military Council in West Virginia. Several Chevaliers took part in many of the actions of the GMC. For the first time since Covid, a sword spelldown competition was given where BG Nicole Inama won for this year. Seven Chevaliers took part forming the Honor Guard for the Change of Command on Tuesday evening (MG Justin Bailey #39, LTG William Hanby #1, BG Nicole Inama #39, BG Jami Rafter #39, BG® David Young #5 Col J. Carl George #3 and LTC Paul Lautenschlager #9). Following that, Gen Marion F. Owens from Ohio assumed command of the Patriarchs Militant. Pictured are two of our very own, LTG William F. Hanby, who was installed as Chief of Staff, and BG Nicole B. Inama, who was installed as Chaplain General. Congratulations on these officers. Taking the picture was MG Justin C. Bailey, aide to the GMC Executive Officer



VICTORY LODGE KEEPING BUSY!

Victory Lodge No. 658, of Sellersville, donated the 200 year anniversary book to the Bucks County Library at Menlo Park. Left to Right: Victory Lodge Vice Grand, Robert Raffensberger, Librarian, Daisy & Frank Hilt, Grand Herald.



August 23rd, Brother Bruce Torrence and Brother Frank Hilt attended the Richland Township Community Day. It was a "Great Day."



FREEDOM LODGE NO. 88 SUPPORTS THEIR COMMUNITY



Another donation made today at Ladore Lodge are some of our Lodge members as well as staff from Ladore Lodge.

Lt to right Doug Buchinski Noble Grand, Mark Scott Operations Manager at Ladore Lodge and Conference Center, Diane Richner Program Director at Ladore Lodge and Conference Center, Mike Kinzinger Past Grand, Sister Alyson Buchinski, Brother Dennis Buchinski, Brother Connor Buchinski.

Check for \$500 was donated to Ladore Lodge and Conference Center earmarked for the Program Department. A bench was also donated to the Lodge.

Sister Alyson Buchinski works at Ladore and noticed a need for that Department. The Program Department at Ladore Lodge and Conference Center does activities with senior citizens.

MALVERN LODGE RECEIVES DONATION FROM VERMONT

Here is a picture of Teppi Zuppo and Ryon Frink of Vermont presenting robes to Dmitri Panchenko of Malvern Lodge. These were presented to Malvern because when Teppi previously visited she was told that the Lodge needed robes and Vermont had extras so she and Ryon stopped on the way back from SGL to drop them off. Thank you for the generous donation! (left to right: Teppi, Dimitri and Ryon)



CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 DONATES \$5,000 TO THE HARVEST BOUNTY PROGRAM

Charleroi Lodge #1030 recently welcomed Kathy Franks from Harvest Bounty to share the wonderful work the program is doing for our community!

Harvest Bounty is a fantastic weekend and summer food distribution initiative run through the Charleroi Area School District, serving students in grades K-8, and occasionally high school students as well. It has been making a positive impact for 11 years, ensuring that our kids have access to nutritious food, which helps them thrive academically. The program started when a welfare check revealed a home with only ketchup and rice in the pantry, highlighting a significant need in our community.

Franks, a recently retired reading specialist, helps organize this program along with approximately 10 dedicated teachers throughout the year. She shared that around 60% of the elementary students in our district come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. These kids rely on school breakfast and lunch during the week, but there's often a gap on weekends. "While we may not be able to change their home situations, we can definitely send them home with a bag of food every weekend to help bridge that gap!" Franks said, emphasizing the importance of community support.



Around 20 higher-level life skills students in the district, with the help of their teacher, pack bags of food every week containing shelf-stable items such as peanut butter, fruit, cereals, microwavable foods, and more. Franks says it is essentially two breakfasts, two lunches, and a couple of snacks/fruits. Last year, they sent home more than 7,500 bags of food, going out every single weekend, with larger bags distributed for longer breaks. Franks said, "Even though we're providing food, we're also providing the life skills kids some really neat opportunities to do things they need to be able to do. We have fundraisers, the biggest one being a vendor

show in the spring, but that doesn't cover the \$35,000 a year needed to sustain the program.

Members and guests present for the evening's presentation all agreed, "It was heartwarming to see such efforts being made to ensure our children have the nourishment they need." The program concluded with a surprise donation of \$5,000 from Charleroi Lodge #1030 to the Harvest Bounty program. Franks thankfully responded by saying, "This donation just means the world to us."

Submitted by Bob Grant, secy
Charleroi Lodge #1030

100TH ANNIVERSARY – A GOOD CHANGE

From the November 1925 Pennsylvania Odd Fellow

I wonder if some time we could not change the tome of the instruction of the Noble Grand to the Warden when he says, "Warden collect the rituals." Why not change this from the closing of the Lodge to the opening, when the Noble Grand says, "Guardians, secure the doors," then have him follow up with, "Warden, collect the rituals," and have them locked up so that our officers will be compelled to know their work, - *Oklahoma Odd Fellow*

* Food for thought – How many Lodges still have the Noble Grand request the Warden to collect the rituals? I know of one (Mahanoy). How man members memorize their charge??? ~ Justin Bailey

Thank You

Thank you for awarding me the PA Odd Fellows – Rebekah Education Fund Scholarship to assist me in supporting my academic goals at Moravian University. I am now entering my junior year in Marketing Management, and continue to be a wide receiver on the football team and also on the golf team. Thank you so much. GO HOUNDS! Avery Koser, Member of Victory Lodge No. 658

OCTOBER OBITUARIES

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



Donald C. Church, Sr.
Tunkhannock Lodge No. 699
July 10, 2025

Brother Donald C. Church, Sr., 78, of Tunkhannock, PA, was initiated into Tunkhannock Lodge #699, West Nicholson, PA, on June 17, 2008, where he became a

Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 24, 2024, where he was representative to Grand Lodge. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Right Supporter to the Noble Grand.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Tunkhannock Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Eppie Castanares, three children, one being Donald Church Jr., also of Tunkhannock Lodge, and four grandchildren.



Warren E. Robinson
Mystic Lodge No. 270
August 9, 2025

Brother Warren E. "Rob" Robinson, 92, of Sarasota, FL, was initiated into Mystic Lodge #270, Philadelphia, PA, on January 5, 1953.

At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's

oldest member, by age and tenure.

Surviving is his wife, Julia, two sons and two grandchildren.

Burial was held at Whitemarsh Memorial Park, Ambler, PA.



Kathryn E. Sandvik
Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497
August 23, 2025

Sister Kathryn E. (Backstrand) Sandvik, 69, of Pleasant Mount, PA, was initiated into Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Honesdale, PA, on April 6, 1988.

Surviving his her husband, Carl, her mother, two children and three grandchildren.



Dennis W. Dendler
Mount Zion Lodge No. 74
August 30, 2025

Brother Dennis W. Dendler, 88 of Elizabethtown, PA, was initiated into Mount Zion Lodge #74, York, PA, on May 4, 1955, where he became a Past Grand. He shared the position of longest tenured member of Mt. Zion Lodge, recently celebrating 70 years as a member.

He was a member of Advent Lutheran Church in West Lawn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Bonnie Miller. Surviving is his wife, the former Carolyn Kirlin, three children, one stepson, 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

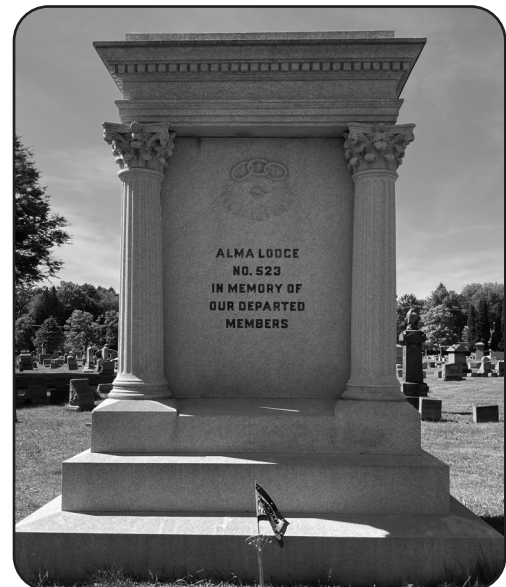


James T. Hepp, Sr.
Wysox Lodge No. 1152
September 19, 2025

Brother James T. Hepp, Sr., 81, of Herrickville, PA, was initiated into Wysox Lodge #1152 on April 4, 2000.

He was a member of the Camptown Methodist Church. Surviving is his wife, the former Donna Knolles, three children and two grandchildren.

ALMA LODGE MONUMENT



This monument is located in the Grandview Cemetery in Southmont a suburb of Johnstown.

In F.I. & T
Fraternally,
Jim Kuntz

HARMONY LODGE ACTIVITIES



Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua have been keeping busy during the summer months. We recently initiated Andy Kemmerer as shown in this "foggy picture." Also, several members of Harmony Lodge & Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge were present at the Schuylkill County Liberty Tree Planting in Tamaqua. We're getting ready for our Tamaqua Heritage Festival on October 12th



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER KILMER RECEIVES COMMISSION



On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Freedom Lodge held its meeting in the Lodge located at the Masonic Hall on 9th Street, Honesdale, PA 18431. During the meeting, Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager presented and read District Deputy Grand Master Andrew L Kilmer's Commission before the Freedom Lodge Members present. Pictured from left to right is Andrew L Kilmer and GM Paul E Lautenschlager. Reminder to ALL Odd Fellows - Freedom Lodge meet every first and third Wednesday of the month and Visitors always welcome. Friendship, Love and Truth from Freedom Lodge #88. Happy Summer 2025!

BRADY LODGE CELEBRATES MILESTONE

Brady Lodge #116, Muncy had a dining out on September 6th to celebrate 180 years as a lodge. They invited the Grand Master of Pennsylvania along with his team to help them celebrate. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

~ PDDGM

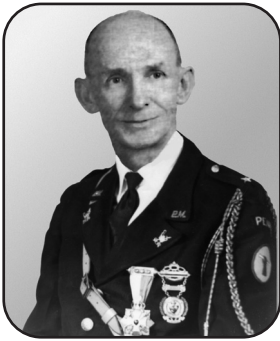
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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER...

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM R. PERRY, PDC

The final week of August brought us cooler weather allowing me to join with a group of Odd Fellows for a pleasant visit to the beautiful and historic grounds of Great Valley Baptist Church Cemetery in Devon, Chester County to honor our ninth Department Commander, Brigadier General William R. Perry - an Odd Fellow that holds a unique place in our history. Brigadier General Perry led the Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant in 1964 and we gathered on this day to honor his dedication to our Order.



William Robert Perry was born in Stafford in 1901. His parents were from England. Mr. Perry was the Radnor Postmaster for 30 years until retiring in 1967. He lived in the Wayne and Charlestown area and was well known in his community through his work in the Postal Service.

Not much information on his early life is available. He graduated from Berwyn High School and was a long time member of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Devon. He had no children and his two brothers died young, also without children. He had a

sister who was his only sibling to outlive him. It appears that he spent his life focusing on his church, career and being a dedicated Odd Fellow.

Brother Perry became one of us in 1940 with his initiation into Paoli Lodge #290, where he eventually became Treasurer (1974-84) and Representative to the Grand Lodge (1980-84). In 1941 he was Exalted to the Royal Purple Degree, entering into Chosen Friends Encampment #88, where he served as Scribe from 1964 to his death. He served as Degree Master and led a proficient Patriarchal Degree team for many years. Patriarch Perry was elected Grand Patriarch (1961-62) and then served as Grand Treasurer from 1969 until retiring due to health, receiving the honorary title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus. He took the Chevalier Degree and joined Canton Pottstown #6 (now consolidated with Leesport #2). On the Department level he served as Military Advisor, Chief of Staff and by 1963 rose to be Commander, 1st Brigade. In 1964 Brigadier General Perry was chosen to fill the term of Department Commander Major General King, who relocated to the southwestern states. Brigadier General Perry was appointed in March of 1964 and served for a mere six months, the shortest serving Department Commander in our history. It is unclear why he did not remain in office after this six month appointment. Perhaps he did not want to run for Department Commander and was simply fulfilling his duty during a difficult time. Maybe he lost an election to his successor, Major General Evan W. Reese. Also a mystery is why he was not promoted to Major General at the time of his appointment as Department Commander. Due to our status as a Division our Department Commanders were Major Generals (two stars) but Brigadier General Perry retained one star. Maybe in those days one had to be elected to Department Commander to be promoted to Major General. In any event, his six month appointed term in office entitles him to be known as our ninth Department Commander.

There are few pictures of Brigadier General Perry in uniform. He is shown wearing the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, our highest honor, although we have no written record of this. It does not seem out of place though, due to the tremendous contributions that he made to our Order.

At Eternal Rest with Past Department Commander Brigadier General Sir William Robert Perry is his wife Louise, herself an important member of the Rebekah. Mrs. Perry was a member of Lady Paoli Rebekah Lodge #136 where she and Brigadier General Perry were charter members in 1945. By 1967 Sister Louis was State Flag Bearer for the Rebekah Assembly of PA, and was awarded the Decoration of Chivalry in recognition of her many years of dedication to the good works of the Rebekahs. She was laid to rest in 1985 with a beautiful service provided by Paoli Rebekah Lodge #136. We respect the many years that she dedicated to our Order and the faithful assistance that she gave to Brigadier General Perry in the carrying out of his duties as a Chevalier.



Brigadier General Sir William Robert Perry, PGP, PDC died in January 1990 at the age of 88. Fifty Odd Fellows attended his funeral with Paoli Lodge #290 conducting I.O.O.F. services. At our gathering to remember the Perrys we envisioned that large group of Odd Fellows, way back in 1990, standing at that very spot. Joining me at the ceremony were Patriarchs Michele Matherly and Tim Wilwohl PCP, both of Chosen Friends Encampment #88. Patriarch Michele offered the prayer and provided photography. Representing Paoli Lodge #290 was Lodge Secretary Lori St. George. Sister Lori reverently placed Odd Fellows and Rebekah flags and generously donated a beautiful stainless steel Odd Fellows flag holder courtesy of Paoli Lodge #290. A very special feature of this ceremony was the display of the historic Canton Malvern #59 parade banner. It was nice to see it put to use and made us think of how many times Brigadier General Perry laid eyes on that very banner - now back with him for this short moment in time.

In his obituary, Brigadier General Perry's nephew described him as "quiet and reserved with a wry sense of humor". One of our few current Brothers who personally knew him is Past Grand Master Dale Binkley. Brother Dale was a Patriarch in Chosen Friends Encampment #88 with Patriarch Perry. PGM Binkley also describes Brigadier General Perry as quiet, sincere and knowledgeable. In keeping with his quiet nature I have found that he lived a reserved and private life. There is little to be found of his activities outside of career, church and Odd Fellowship. In researching and getting to know Brigadier General Perry I got a sense that in his quiet life, a proportionately large part of it was dedicated to our Order. So too is his memory within Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship a quiet one. My customary sources shed little light on this interesting and dedicated Odd Fellow. He was our Department Commander for only six months and then he quietly exited the spotlight. We have few pictures of him. He had no children and tracking down extended family has been virtually impossible, with only one very distant niece found. I therefore feel that I hold a special responsibility to ensure that his name will be remembered in Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship. We were privileged to gather at the Perry family plot in the beautiful and historic Great Valley Baptist Church Cemetery to pray that past Department Commander Brigadier General and Mrs. Perry forever rest in peace, knowing that we do remember and respect their time as leaders of our great fraternal organization. We will not forget them.

Lieutenant General William F. Hanby
Department Commander

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOC. OF W/PA 2025 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is offering up to three Graduate Scholarship Awards during the Fall of 2025. The exact amount of the award will be determined based on whether the applicant is full-time or part-time, as well as the number of credits completed and currently in progress.

For the Graduate Scholarship Award, we extend a warm welcome to all applicants who are either a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania or have a living relative who is a member. We believe in the potential of every individual and encourage all eligible candidates, regardless of their background, to apply. These awards, with a maximum value of \$4,000 each, are designed to support students in their pursuit of higher education.

We understand the challenges of pursuing higher education, and we are here to support you. We value the commitment and dedication of our previous applicants and recipients of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of W/PA Scholarship Award (undergraduate and/or graduate). We encourage you to continue your educational journey.

To apply, you can obtain a copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" for the 2025 Graduate Scholarship Awards by contacting Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way, Charleroi, PA

15022, or by emailing a request to "robag@comcast.net." The "Rules" and "Application" may also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaoof.org" during the period from September to mid-November. The application form should be completed and submitted along with all the required documents. Please note that the postmark deadline for submitting applications is Saturday, November 15, 2025.

The applicant must be enrolled in the graduate program of an accredited college or university, with all areas of concentration being eligible. Also, the applicant must be: A) a college graduate continuing their education toward an advanced degree, such as a Master's in Education (MEd), Master's in Music (MM), or other similar degrees, or B) enrolled in a degree program requiring more than the usual four (4) years of undergraduate studies to complete (e.g., Physician Assistant (PA), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), etc.).

Note: We recognize the dedication of our previous applicants or recipients of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of W/PA Scholarship Award (undergraduate and/or graduate). Your commitment to your education is commendable. We want to remind you that if you are eligible to apply for this scholarship award, we look forward to seeing your continued success.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC LODGE 562



Newburg Lodge 562 held its annual summer picnic. Good time was enjoyed by all.

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AUGUST DONATIONS

PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE	
270 Mystic	1,000.00
306 Walker	<u>1,000.00</u>
	2,000.00
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88 Freedom	25.00
VISUAL RESEARCH	
C8 Canton Ridgely	20.00
PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND	
88 Freedom	25.00

