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Charles H. Bailey,  
Past Grand Master/Past Grand Secretary  
Harmony Lodge No. 86  
Called Home  
July 12, 2025

He served many committees and many years as Representative to Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment. He served as installing officer for Grand Lodge several times, notably for his son, Justin, when he was de-throned as youngest Grand Master, and assisted many Grand Masters through Unified Sessions. He was the third oldest tenured living PGM. He was a Turtle from the Finleyville Pond and helped bring the Degree of Siam back to Tamaqua. A title close to his heart, he was the Vice President of the Committee on Moral Decay.

He was an associate member of Mineral Lodge #285 in Saint Clair, for over 30 years. He was a former associate member of Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, from 1994 - 2015, serving and traveling with their degree team. He knew all his degree parts by memory, and though he wasn't in some of the branches in decades, he remembered all of his charges.

He also held former membership in all the other branches. He joined Constance Rebekah Lodge #161, New Ringgold, on November 15, 1986. He transferred to Hester Rebekah Lodge #29, Tamaqua, then to Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558 and finally became a charter member of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86, of Tamaqua, when they instituted June 12, 2010.

He was a former Patriarch of Scott Encampment No. 132, serving as District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1989 - 1995 and serving as Grand Marshal for PGP Howard Chew from 1993 - 1994. He was active on the Royal Purple Degree Team.

He was a LT® of Canton Leesport No. 2, and placed the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. He received several Medallion Awards and was given the Merit Award from Harmony Lodge. In 1992, he was awarded the Decoration of Chivalry. He was a member of the DDGM Association and served as 2VP to

the Odd Fellows Home of PA, as well as serving several years on the jurisdictional planning board. He was the main proponent to the Knoebel's Fun Day.

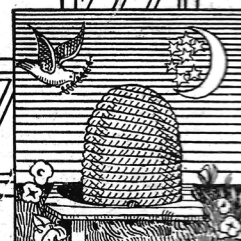
Brother Charlie was a member of Christ Church in McKeesburg.

Born in Pottsville, PA, to Lloyd and Reta (Smith) Bailey, he was one of three brothers. Surviving is his wife of 42 years, Laura, PDDP of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge, one son, GS Justin and his wife Kate, one daughter, Ashley, wife of Stephen Pliska, six grandchildren, and one brother.

Odd Fellow services were conducted by Harmony Lodge.

As we close Charlie's Odd Fellow life, we go back to his installation night. "My main goal will be to improve our buildings and meetings. I ask all of you to think about how you are conducting meetings and ask yourself, 'Is my lodge worthwhile to bring members into?' if they are, then you should have no problem with membership. We are competing with so much these days, and if you are going to ask someone to join a group that sits around a circle, pays a couple bills and has a few snacks, that person will much rather spend the night home with his family. So therefore, you see, if we conduct ourselves according to our laws, usages and principles, membership truly will take care of itself. Once we get up to snuff, we must then sell our treasured product. This organization prospered when the government didn't have education loans, when there weren't insurance companies and when the only homes for the aged or orphans were terrible asylums. Today with the cutbacks we are again facing, less government for the youth, major cutbacks in the county and state homes, the ever rising costs of medical expenses and burying the dead, I truly believe our products are once again needed, but it is up to us to make the public aware.

Brother Charles H. Bailey, 61, of Tamaqua, PA, was initiated an Odd Fellow on December 20, 1983 where he became a Past Grand on October 28, 1988 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 19, 1989. He then became active with the Grand Lodge, serving as Grand Guardian to PGM Clyde Barger from 1991-1992. He then went on to lead the Jurisdiction as our Grand Master from 1996-1997 as the youngest Grand Master at 32 years old. At his session, all living Past Grand Masters except for one was in attendance. On December 11, 1999, he transferred membership to become the Charter Noble Grand to Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua. He served then several years as Secretary and served as Secretary to the Odd Fellows Cemetery Inc., of Tamaqua for over 30 years, as well as many years as caretaker. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1990 - 1994 and 1999 - 2000. After that, he served as District Deputy Grand Marshal. He served as Grand Secretary from 2000 - 2002 and 2012 - 2014. When he was not Grand Secretary, he worked in the Grand Lodge office several years under PGS William L. Locke. He was degree master of several degree teams, primarily the Harmony Lodge Degree team, notably as Noble Grand and venerable warden.



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

**Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua**  
Kenneth CJ Bailey – initiated July 23rd

**Strasburg Lodge No. 361**  
Mickayla Conlin – initiated July 23rd

**Alma Lodge No. 523, Johnstown**  
Madelyn Oliver – initiated July 12th  
David Robertson  
Cassidy Polacek

**Vienna Lodge No. 847**  
Raymond E. Rosenberger – initiated  
July 23rd

**Hampton Lodge No. 1004,**  
**Allison Park**  
Daniel Ertle – initiated July 8th  
Toby Kitay



## GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Grand Lodge Unified Session was held in June, and by this time your Grand Lodge Delegate/ Representative should have made his/her report. We are now in September. All lodges should be looking forward to completing their Annual Report. Election of officers should be held in September and installed in October. The next question is, will all of the lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania have all of their officers installed in October? This should be the goal of all lodges and every District Deputy Grand Master.

This past month, I received information on new members. We always say the Odd Fellow membership is often made up of family members, and it is very true. Two lodges had grandsons join this great fraternal order: Hampton Lodge No. 1004 and Harmony Lodge No. 86. What is unique to one of the lodges is that I think it shows how we, as a fraternal order, come full circle. I was able to take part in an initiatory degree, bringing in a son and grandson. The sad part of that night was that we also draped the charter for a Past Grand Master. The full circle of life is: a Past Grand Master passed, his son, also a Past Grand Master is a member, and his son is now a new member of the same lodge.

I know that we may have had other lodges that had sons or grandsons join of whom I may be unaware. Congratulations to all of our lodges that have taken in new members, who also may be related. This is how we grow our order. The lodges in Pennsylvania are growing slowly. Each step we take to move our order forward is a giant step. We are all Brothers and Sisters, being the anchor of our lodge and community, working together in Harmony, Friendship, Love and Truth.

Fraternally,

Paul E. Lautenschlager, Grand Master

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

- 3 – Freedom #88 OV – 7:00PM**
- 6 – Brady #116 180th Anniversary Dinner**
- 15 – Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity #254 OV – 7:30PM**
- 16 – Falls Creek #957 OV – 7:30PM**
- 17 – Freeport #379 OV – 7:30PM**
- 18 – Kingwood #1010 OV – 7:00PM**
- 22 – Fred R. Korman #55 OV – 7:00PM**
- 23 – Foster #333 OV – 6:00PM**
- 25 – Unified #2 OV – 7:00PM**
- 27 – IOOF Rally, Warren – 9:30AM**

*\*\* Note OV to Hampton #1004 on 9/30 cancelled*

## Thank You

Dear Pennsylvania Odd Fellow-Rebekah Education Fund,

I am sincerely grateful to be selected as a recipient of your scholarship. As a recent member of the Odd Fellows, I appreciate the opportunity to be part of an organization dedicated to the principles of faith, love, truth, charity, hope, and friendship. Your support will greatly assist me in pursuing my educational goals, and I am eager to uphold the values of the organization.

Thank you for your generosity and for contributing to my future success. I look forward to representing the ideals of the Odd Fellows as I continue all my future endeavors and aspirations.

With many thanks and appreciation. Philippians 4:13  
Luke Bowers, Kingwood Lodge #1010

## Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for the calls, texts, love and care that we have received this past month. Charlie "Dad" cared about the Order so deeply. He was such a proud Odd Fellow and that shined through in his degree work and the work he put in to the Odd Fellows. To get all the cards, and even pictures of the Lodge's charters draped, showed that he made a lasting impression on this Order. It felt good to see a large turnout at the IOOF Fun Day, something he worked on putting together. It means a lot knowing that so many are praying for us. Thank you again.

In Friendship, Love & Truth, Laura M. Bailey, Justin C. Bailey, Kate L. Bailey, Steve and Ashley Pliska and grandchildren

## Thank You

Thank you for your support in getting my degree and college education. This scholarship has been a great help.

Cole Byerly

## Thank You

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship. I greatly appreciate it. This scholarship will help me afford college with less debt.

Sincerely, Taryn Seidel

## Thank You

Odd Fellows,  
Thank you so much for awarding me the Education Scholarship so I can continue my education in the bio medical field at Widener University. Thank you again. I appreciate it!

In friendship, love & truth,  
Sadie Schaffer

## MT. ZION LODGE SUPPORTS YOUTH

Photos of the West Manchester Township T-Ball team that the Odd Fellows sponsored for the season. After their game, the Odd Fellows treated them to some ice cream sandwiches!!



## FOSTER LODGE #333

Foster Lodge #333, of Rew, set up an info table and a prize wheel at the Bradford Pa Farmers Market on July 19th. Prizes and applications were given out!



Treas Mary Schultz and NG Russ Knight



Sec & Grand Chaplain Tracy Knight



## JOHNSTOWN INITIATES MEMBERS

Alma Lodge #523 in Johnstown, PA has initiated three new members on Saturday July 12, 2025. A breakfast and lunch were served.

The names from left to right are: Madelyn Oliver, David Robertson, and Cassidy Polacek

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY – PHILADELPHIA BASEBALL LEAGUE

From the October 1925 Pennsylvania Odd Fellow:

Each month, I have tried putting something from 100 years ago for you to deeply consider as WE are acting as Odd Fellows. This month, I have decided to put something else in; something else that was active 100 years ago, and it's pretty fascinating. At this time, we have Odd Fellow Lodges (meeting weekly), Rebekahs, Encampments, Cantons and Auxiliaries. We also have the various Past Grand and three link clubs, degree teams, county associations, picnic associations, committees. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were busy seven days a week! Here's another thing I really didn't consider we had, but go to Walker Lodge, and look in their social hall behind their hockey table – the baseball trophies.

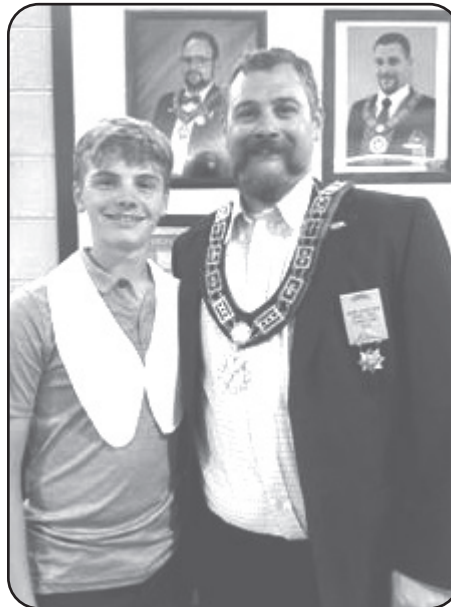
"The baseball season for the league of Philadelphia Lodges closed on September 26th, with Orphans' Rest Lodge, No. 132, of Darby, finishing first place, not having lost a game during the season. Elm Tree Lodge, No. 297, of Philadelphia, finished second with a loss of two games. The championship cup, together with a silver-mounted gavel presented by the Grand Master, are the trophies contested for this year, and will probably be presented during this month. Interest in lodge teams is hard to keep up, as many players worth while play with independent clubs. Next year there will probably be fewer clubs, and a greater activity is hoped for. Bowling teams are now being formed and a schedule lasting all winter is being arranged. Young men of the Lodges today demand something besides the routine business and degrees of the lodge, and the athletic committees are a valuable asset. Get your young men interested and hold them as valuable members."

~ Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

## HARMONY LODGE #86



Last Wednesday, my Lodge, Harmony Lodge No. 86 conferred the initiatory degree. We had a candidate from Strasburg Lodge 361, Vienna Lodge 847, and my very own Kenny Bailey in to Harmony Lodge. We had 29 Members in attendance, several of them from New York. It was a rough night, as we also draped the charter for our Charter Noble Grand, and my dad, PGM Charlie Bailey. He tried so hard to hold on until Kenny was initiated, but I know he was there with us that night. Mom gave Kenny one of Dad's IOOF rings that night, and it fit him perfectly. Kenny held up pretty good! He only had to ride the goat only a little. Welcome to the Odd Fellows Kenny. I'm proud of ya!!  
~ A proud papa, Justin



## Places to GO...People to See

+ denotes details to follow

### SEPTEMBER

27 / Live music to benefit Malvern-Pocahontas #201 / Phoenixville  
27 / IOOF Rally, Warren PA - 9:30AM (pg #8)

### OCTOBER

25 / PM Rally, York PA  
30 - 11/1 - SGM Calabrese testimonial, Atlantic City, NJ

\*\* 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

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

Justin C. Bailey, PGM#86  
Randy L. Gormley, #86  
Walter W. Felix, #306  
Troy M. Herzog, #389  
Gary Yerger, #762  
Henry J. Mullen, Sr., #1175

### 30 YEARS

W. Leroy Fitzgerald, #0  
Thomas R. Wertz, #361  
Robert C. Brinker, #488

### 55 YEARS

Paul R. Girvin, #413  
John D. Keith, #523

### 135 YEARS

Alert Lodge No. 936,  
Rochester Mills

## Thank You

Dear Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Pennsylvania Scholarship Committee,

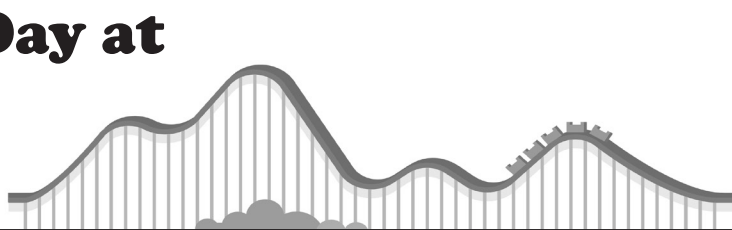
Thank you for awarding me this scholarship. I'm truly grateful for your support. I'm excited to start my senior year at Penn State to continue pursuing my degree in supply chain.

I'll be using this scholarship money to help cover tuition and books, which brings me one step closer to achieve my educational goals.

Once again, thank you very much  
Sincerely, Haley Himmelreich



# IOOF Fun Day at Knoebel's, Elysburg



## FUN DAY WITH THE HILT FAMILY

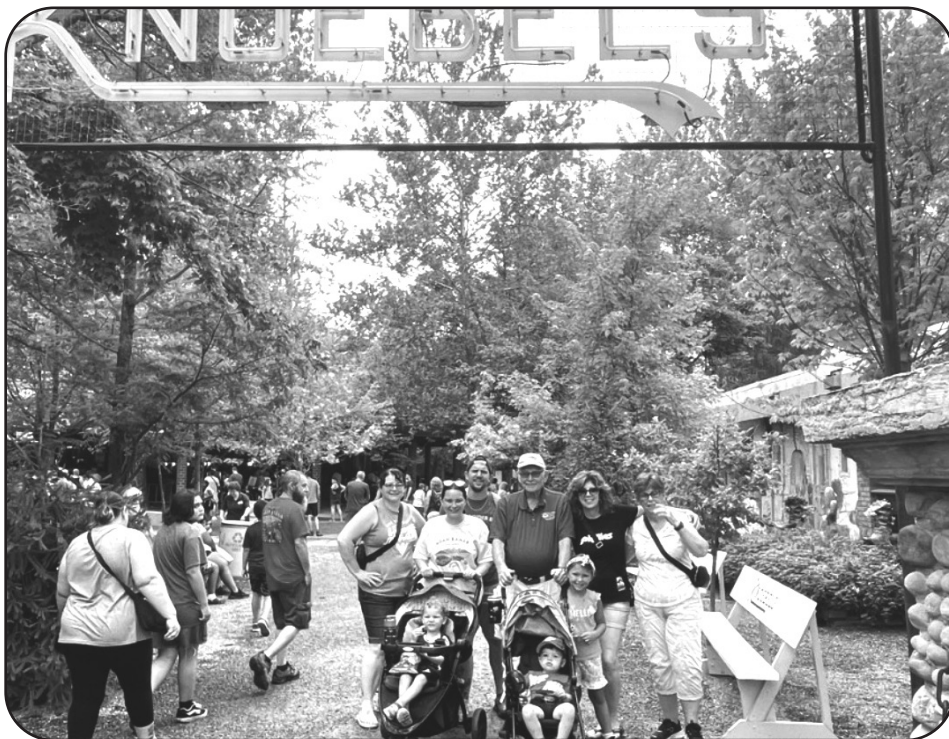


Photo above: (left to right): Daughter, Charlene Hilt, Granddaughter, Taylor Hilt, Middle Frank Hilt, Daughter, Jennefer Weber, Wife, Eileen Hilt, Great Grandkids, Paxton, Odin & Elsie.

Top right photo (left to right): Wife, Eileen Hilt, Great Grandsons, Paxton & Odin, & Great Granddaughter, Elsie, and Frank Hilt,

3rd photo: Frank Hilt & future Son-In-Law, Nick Lamone.

The Hilt Family had a "GREAT DAY."

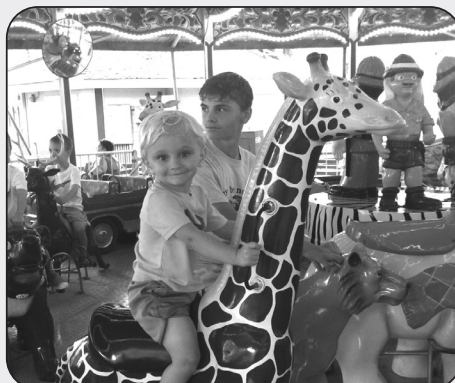


### PHOTO CAPTIONS:

LEFT: Jack & Kenny - Since Kenny "rode the goat" earlier this month, Jackson wanted to ride the giraffe (or as he pronounces it G-raf)

RIGHT: Jack & Kenny car - as you can see, Harmony's newest Odd Fellow "Kenny" got his driver's permit - Jackson is showing him the ropes

**MEMBERS OF  
HARMONY &  
LADY HARMONY  
MAKING SURE  
THE "KIDS" ENJOY  
IOOF FUN DAY**





# IOOF Fun Day at Knoebel's, Elysburg

## MALVERN AND SPRING CITY ENJOY A DAY OUT

On Saturday, a group of brothers and sisters from Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201 joined the annual IOOF Fun Day picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park. After a hearty meal and great conversations with Odd Fellows from other lodges, we teamed up with Vincent Lodge No. 762 and hit the rides together.

The pleasantly cloudy weather made it comfortable to walk around, and the occasional rain showers didn't slow us down at all. We managed to try a bunch of rides, including a couple of log flume runs for those who needed to cool off. By the end of the day, everyone left in high spirits.

On our way out, some of us were already making plans for next year's picnic. It was a fantastic day of fun, fellowship, and making memories!



LEFT: Youngest member of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86, Rayne Shellhamer, and her sister Em Stokes having fun on the merry mixer.



## SEPTEMBER OBITUARIES

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



**Nancy D. Benson**  
Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22  
July 2, 2025

Sister Nancy D. (Shives) Benson, 86, of Mapleton, PA, was initiated into Maple Glen Rebekah Lodge #392, Mapleton Depot, PA, on September 3, 1971, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 4, 1975 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree November 20, 1976. She held active membership in her Rebekah Lodge and when Maple Glen Rebekah Lodge #392 went defunct in 2008, she transferred membership to Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22 of Cassville, PA.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Mapleton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, one son and one grandson. Surviving are two children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in the Mapleton IOOF Cemetery.



**Henry J. Jablonski**  
Askam Lodge No. 899  
July 15, 2025

Brother Henry J. Jablonski, 78, of Hanover Township, PA, was initiated into Askam Lodge #899, Sugar Notch, on March 1, 2010, where he became a Past Grand on October 3, 2011 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 7, 2018. He served in the past as Secretary and at the time of his death was Color Bearer.

Surviving are members of Askam Lodge, his son, Michael Sr., and grandson, Michael Jr.



**Robert J. Irvine**  
Wysox Lodge No. 1152  
August 1, 2025

Brother Robert J. Irvine, 86, of Towanda, PA, was initiated into Wysox Lodge #1152 on May 11, 1971. He withdrew from the Lodge on July 8, 1975, and reinstated on September 13, 2002, where he became a Past Grand on October 20, 2005. He maintained the Odd Fellows building and the Macedonia Cemetery for over 20 years. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Vice Grand.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Marion Miller, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Burial is private at the convenience of the family.

## STRASBURG LODGE ON THE MOVE AGAIN!



We would like to make a warm welcome to our new sister to the lodge, Mickayla Conlin! The first woman to be admitted into Strasburg Lodge 361.

Did any other Lodge take part in the National Night out??? Strasburg Lodge No.

361 NG William Koch, Bro Bill Conlin and Sis Mickayla Conlin (and other little Odd Fellow) set up a booth!



## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF PENNSYLVANIA FALL 2025 RALLY

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Proudly held in Warren Hall, Warren, PA

Greetings,

**BRING YOUR CANDIDATES!** It's that time of the year to start getting your plans made for the Fall Rally! The location is Warren Hall, home of Warren Lodge No. 339, 208 Hickory St., Warren, PA 16365.

**\*\*** There will be a registration of \$1.00 per person attending, including candidates.

Lodge will open at 9:30AM

GL Degree - 1:30PM

Initiatory Degree - 10:00AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree - 1:45PM

1<sup>st</sup> Degree - 11:30AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - 3:00PM

Lunch - 12:30

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

Lunch will be provided at a cost to be \$12.00. Menu TBD. Please e-mail Al Webster @ albertlwebster@gmail.com with any dietary restriction.

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

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



## THE TREASURER'S TALES - SEPTEMBER 2025

September sees the end of summer and beginning of fall. In September 1930 it was a warm month with a few days still hitting 80. The biggest event in the early twentieth century was in October 1929. The market crash is starting to affect many people and industries. The Great Depression is starting to be felt everywhere. Lodge dues collection is down fewer people go out. Once you pay your dues, lodge is still free. You can go to lodge and play cards and shoot pool without paying anything.

Many things happen all over the world, every day. Turning our attention to September 1930, we find that it was no exception. On September 6, the Brooklyn Dodgers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 22-8, a real pitching duel. On September 8, we see the first appearance of comic strip "Blondie". On September 16, cross-state rivals have a slug-fest, with the Phillies trailing 10-5, they score 5 in 9th, then Pirates score 4 in top of 10th, so Phillies score 5 in bottom of 10th to win 15-14. On September 18, NY Yankee future Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Red Ruffing hit 2 home runs to beat St Louis Browns, 7-6 at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis. On the same day, Philadelphia A's win AL championship for 2nd year in a row. On September 27, Chicago Cub's Hack Wilson's 2 home runs give him the NL record 56 home runs in a season. On September 28, Lou Gehrig's errorless streak ends at 885 consecutive games.

1930 was a popular year to be born, on the 16<sup>th</sup> Anne Francis, American actress (Honey West, Forbidden Planet, Pancho Villa), was born in Ossining, New York (d. 2011). On September 19, Bob Turley, American baseball pitcher (World Series 1956, 58 [MVP] New York Yankees; 3 times MLB All-Star; Cy Young Award 1958), was born in Troy, Illinois. On September 23, Ray Charles, American singer and pianist who pioneered soul music ("Georgia On My Mind"; "Mess Around"; "Hit The Road, Jack"), was born in Albany, Georgia.

The school year began on Wednesday, September 10, 1930 in Grovers Mill. The warm weather and recent, summer vacation had the students overactive as the school year began. The average school year in the United States was 153 days, compared to the 180-day school year we have now. Grovers Mill had a 165-day year and was considered progressive. The students did not think the longer year was progressive, they thought it was oppressive.

Barney had to get the students reading and writing, the basic tools in the English curriculum. Last year he asked the students to tell him what they expected to get from 10<sup>th</sup> grade English. He was not surprised when most of them answered "a passing grade" without explaining what material that entailed. Having become an experienced teacher, he didn't ask the same question. He ordered a supply of four recent novels, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Gone with the Wind*, *The Maltese Falcon* and *The Hobbit*. He assigned one fourth of the class to each book. This was a semester project and we may hear the results of it in December.

Barney was the sponsor of the school newspaper in 1930-31. He had a group of over a dozen students who wanted to be on the newspaper staff. He assigned each student a topic and asked them to bring in an article of one typewritten page for him to review. Some topics were given to more than one student. The topics were celebrating Labor Day, the county fair, the autumnal equinox, the stock market, motion pictures, comic books, and new cars for 1931.

On the first Monday after Labor Day, the students met after class. Barney was overwhelmed by the responses. Celebrating Labor Day had several students assigned to it. He thought perhaps one of them would write about the social and economic contributions of American Workers and how labor had driven industry to new heights. No!! One of the students wrote about parades. She was in the band and her story detailed all the instruments, the songs, the beat of the drums and

other marching units. She detailed the fact that she disliked following a mounted horse unit. The other student who was assigned to Labor Day was a slightly overweight boy. He wrote about picnics. He was particularly proud that he was the winner of a hot dog eating contest.

The county fair was a little better. Barney expected the students to write about the animals and farm product displays. He assigned this topic to three students. Two of them were true to Barney's anticipation. The wrote about the cattle judging, the vegetable anomalies (a four pound potato), large chickens and turkeys and other farm related events. They were better writers than the Labor Day students. The third student wrote about the midway, the food concessions, rides and peep shows. The peep shows got a bit out of hand, but Barney was introduced to ribbon fries. If you have never eaten ribbon fries, go to a fair and try them. They are a cross between a potato chip and a French fry, *bon appetit*.

One science oriented student was assigned the autumnal equinox. He did a great job explaining the reasons for equal periods of day and night.

The stock market was a disaster. Two students were given this topic and they copied each other's work. Worse, they copied one on the students who wrote about the county fair. The stock market was all about the livestock auction. Barney had purchased a calf at the auction. He was there. He knew what happened. These students weren't there and didn't know how auctions worked. If they didn't do better for the next paper in two weeks, they were going to be dropped from the staff.

One girl was assigned to motion pictures. She looked at every fan magazine on the news stands. Although she was more interested in Emil Jannings than the movies themselves, she did a credible job. She reviewed *The Blue Angel* and several other current shows. Barney might let her do a column.

Several students were assigned to comic books. As you might guess, they liked comic books better than *The Grapes of Wrath*. The Shadow was a comic book hero of the era and everyone wrote about him. He used the name Lamont Cranston. There was a movie in 1994 and you can get more on the Shadow movie, here: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0111143/>.

New cars of 1931 came out in fall 1930. Every boy wanted to write about the new cars. He had two boys who went to every dealership in northern New Jersey. He had stories about Fords and Chevrolets, but 1930 had a lot of car brands. The Ford Model A was the best seller, followed by Plymouth and Chevrolet. The 1930 Buick Series 40 Phaeton turned heads (a phaeton is a 4-door convertible). Duesenberg was producing its J-series. Pierce Arrow and Morgan were other brands. If you want to investigate 1930's automobiles, go here: <https://www.supercars.net/blog/cars-by-decade/1930s-cars/>.

Barney got his newspaper going and enjoyed being the sponsor. He would do this for several years until his farm took too much time. I know I have been wordy, but I hope you find this column enjoyable.

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, Hopewood PA 15445.

## GL COMMITTEE EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION

Greetings to all Odd Fellows:

We the GL Committee on Education & Instruction wanted to decide how to be able to educate the entire organization and feel the best way is to have it published in the PA Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine. Hopefully, we will have to opportunity to place one in each month if possible. We urge you to take into consideration what is stated and try to learn something!

We figured the best thing to do is start simple - we are now in the month of September. For those who have been active in the Odd Fellows know the term of the Lodges run from October through September (GL Code - Article IV, Section 1). It has been like this for eons. For some reason, the past several years, this has been confusing Lodges, secretaries, Noble Grands, and even District Deputy Grand Masters. Lodges MUST be installed in October (GL Code - Paragraph 21 a). This is not new; by now, every Lodge should have had a personal visit by their DDGM. If your Lodge did not, contact the Grand Lodge immediately.

Elections are held the last meeting in September; nominations are held the meeting prior. For 98% of the Lodges, who meet twice a month, this means your first meeting in September, under new business, your Noble Grand will open up nominations of officers for Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary (Recording & Financial if applicable), Treasurer, Grand Lodge and Alternate Grand Lodge reps, Trustee, Home Reps, and others as your specific by-laws may require. All offices must be gone through! The Noble Grand will then declare nominations closed until the next meeting.

At the last meeting in September, under unfinished business, Noble Grand will again re-open nominations and ask if there are any other nominations. If there are none, they are again closed. Under new business, your election will then be held. Many Lodges don't have contention, and can just have a motion passed

that since there is one nominee for each office, that the secretary cast a single ballot and the officers are nominated by acclamation. If you need to hold an election, refer to GL Code - Article IV, Section 2, how to properly hold an election.

Finally, this is the most important part - Odd Fellows CANNOT be elected or appointed to ANY office until they have the Third Degree. If they just have the initiatory, or first or second, they can temporarily fill an office for the evening, but they cannot be elected, nor appointed to an office. In order to be nominated as Vice Grand, the member must have served TWO TERMS as an appointed officer (GL Code - Article IV, Section 6. b.) In order to be nominated as Noble Grand, the member must be a Past Vice Grand, meaning they must have served as Vice Grand at least thirteen meetings in the preceding term (GL Code - Article IV, Section 6. a.). We are glad there are new, excited members joining; that doesn't mean you need to immediately make them leader. They need to learn the laws first. This has been a severe detriment to our Order recently. DDGM's make sure the people you're installing are legally allowed to be installed in to that office!!!

During September, make sure you contact your DDGM, if they have not contacted you, and make sure they have a date set for installation in October. If you want it done as a joint installation, or done during a different night and time, you need to request a dispensation. FINALLY - make sure your annual report is done prior to installation. Your DDGM cannot install you if your report is not complete and dues are not paid.

We hope this helps! Please take the time to work with this.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Thomas J. McHugh, PGM#512 | David M. McHugh, GW#512 | Justin C. Bailey, GS #86

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER...

### HONORING MAJOR GENERAL EARL R. LEIBY, PDC

A large group joined me under scorching July skies at the beautiful and sacred grounds of Pleasant View Cemetery in Sinking Spring to honor and remember our sixteenth Department Commander, Major General Earl R. Leiby, who led the Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant from 1986 to 1988.



Earl Rudolph Leiby was born in Harrisburg in 1905, the son of John and Helen Leiby. Earl worked as an electrician for 32 years at Atlantic Pipeline Company until retiring in 1967. He lived in Sinking Spring for much of his life and contributed greatly to his community. With what seems like limitless energy, considering his career, raising a family and being the consummate Odd Fellow, Mr. Leiby was also an active member of the NRA, local rod and gun clubs and numerous other community and service groups.

Brother Leiby became one of us in 1926. He was a member of Wernersville Lodge #835,

Sinking Spring Lodge #660 and Leesport Lodge #141. He was an active member of Hamburg Encampment #106 and Conrad Weiser Encampment #214. Hamburg Encampment moved to Leesport in 1996, and upon doing so was renamed the Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106. He was elected Grand Patriarch in 1963-64 and then became Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for more than 20 years. He was a member of Patriarchs Militant Canton Reading #2 in Hamburg (now Canton Leesport #2). After rising through the ranks of the Department Council and taking on the difficult task of Department Director of Works, Chevalier Leiby was elected in 1986 to be our sixteenth Department Commander, with the rank of Major General, serving from 1986-88. Major General Leiby was awarded our highest honor, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry. This honor entitled him to be officially known as Major General Sir Earl Rudolph Leiby, GDC.

Major General Leiby also served as President of the Jurisdictional Planning Board in the 1960s and Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic States Conclave during the 1970's. As DDGM he was an active and proficient leader of installation teams and was an outstanding Degree Master for the Third Degree. Countless other committees and initiatives were given his full attention over his many years as an Odd Fellow. For example, Brother Leiby undertook the formation of a tri-county Odd Fellows organization for Schuylkill, Berks and Lebanon counties. Called the Blue Mountain Odd Fellowship Association, it was formed in the 1950's and included all branches of Odd Fellowship. The purpose was to strengthen weaker Lodges and perform degree work. They also provided pocket prayer books to Odd Fellows serving in the Armed Forces. Projects like this helped preserve the Order which we are so fortunate to be part of today.

We also took time to remember Mrs. Emily Leiby, for she dedicated many years to the good works of the Rebekahs. She served as Noble Grand of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182 where Earl was also a member. Sister Emily died 1986. She and Earl shared 52 years of marriage together. We respect the many years of her life that she dedicated to our Order and the faithful assistance that she gave to Major General Leiby in the carrying out of his duties.

Major General Earl R. Leiby died in 1995 at the age of 89, following his beloved wife Emily into the glorious presence of Our Lord. They were a true Odd Fellows couple, dedicated fully to our Order. We observed our sacred symbolism



permanently cast in bronze upon their marker, both the Three Links and the Rebekah Dove, showing their eternal commitment to our principles. After his death, Major General Leiby's grieving fraternal family expressed their respect and gratitude by naming his former Encampment the Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106 and designating our Jurisdictional Canton as the Earl R. Leiby Canton #1, thus ensuring that his name will forever be spoken by the Brothers and Sisters of Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship.

I was deeply honored on this day to be joined by three generations of the Leiby family. Son Don and his lovely wife Esther bravely endured the heat and humidity as we honored Don's parents. Their children, Mark and Adonna (with husband Steven) attended as well. Adonna's children Parker and Sedona (Earl Leiby's great Grandchildren) were also there. They were impressed with the achievements of their Great Grandfather and learned about our ancient Fraternal Order that still reveres his name. We in turn were privileged to hear the family's stories about Earl's love of hunting, fishing and fluency in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect.

The Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106 was represented by Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment Jim Sellers and Dave Sellers. Patriarch Jim gave a moving prayer and Patriarch Dave assisted me in reverently placing Odd Fellows and Rebekah memorial flags. In attendance from Canton Leesport #2 were Capt. (R) Leshner and Lt.(R) Blatt. Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182 was represented by Rebekah Assembly Past President Wert. Brother Walter Adams of Leesport Lodge also attended.

We congregated under the shade of a nearby pine tree for our service, agreeing that the Leibys would have wanted us to do so for our comfort while our large group of family, both fraternal and biological, gathered to pay our respects. As we moved into the hot sun for one final group picture in front of the Leiby gravesite we felt the spirit of Earl and Emily join with their extended family in Friendship, Love and Truth. May Past Department Commander Major General Earl and Mrs. Leiby forever rest in peace, knowing that we will always remember them.

BG William F. Hanby  
Department Commander

## Thank You

I wanted to reach out to sincerely thank you and the rest of the Odd Fellows Scholarship Committee for this award. It has substantially assisted my ability to afford higher education and overall pursuit to improve the lives of others through my career as an aspiring physical therapist.

Thank you again; I sincerely appreciate it!  
All the best, Zac Runkle

## Thank You

Dear Odd Fellow-Rebekah Education Program,

Thank you very much for awarding me such a meaningful scholarship. I greatly appreciate your generosity, and am very honored to have received such an award. I will use this money toward my education at UVM.

Thank you! Jack Raebner



## ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF W. PA 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania recently announced the recipients of their "2025 Scholarship Awards." The Association's Award Committee (Chairperson Robert Grant, George Hogan, John Rebar, Robert Ruff, and Debbie Young) presented seven candidate recommendations to the Association's Board during their meeting at Grove City on August 26, 2025. These candidates, each having fulfilled the requirements of the Award, were unanimously approved by the Board. The selection process was conducted with utmost fairness and transparency. Each recipient received a \$4,000 monetary award, which was sent to their respective college/university.

Luke Bowers, a member of Kingwood Lodge #1010 (Marketon, PA), is the son of Kristy Bowers from Confluence, PA. He will be entering West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV) as a sophomore (2nd year) majoring in Sport Management and Physical Education, a testament to his dedication and passion.

Luke Federici, the son of Mary Anne and Mark Federici from Eastlake, OH, is the grandson of Thomas Stachura, the secretary of Clover Lodge #348 (Ambridge, PA). Having received one of the 2023 and 2024 Association's Scholarship Awards, Luke is now ready to enter his senior (4th) year at Youngstown State University (Youngstown, OH), majoring in Mechanical Engineering, with a bright future ahead.

Tobias Kitay, the son of Rachel Stone and Doug Kitay from Gibsonia, PA, is the grandson of Marc Rosenwasser from Hampton Lodge #1004. His stepfather, Bradley Stone, and his uncles, David Rosenwasser and Steve McKenna, are all long-standing members of the IOOF. Toby's hard work and dedication as a 2024 Scholarship recipient will now be continued as he enters his junior (3rd) year at the University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN), where he is majoring in Finance.

Lydia Kovach, the daughter of Lisa and Tim Kovach (Baden, PA). Her father is a member of Clover Lodge #348 (Baden, PA). Lydia will be a senior at Carlow University (Pittsburgh, PA), where she is pursuing a degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Olivia Oaks is the daughter of Jaime and Craig Oaks (Murrysville,

Pa). She is a member of Alma Lodge #523, along with her father, grandfather (Richard), and brother (Cameron). Olivia completed her sophomore (2nd) year at Seton Hill University (Greensburg, PA), where her primary area of concentration will enable her to become a Physician Assistant.

Mason Oliver, the son of Melissa and Michael Oliver (Johnstown, PA). His grandfather, Joseph Oliver, is a member of Alma Lodge #523 (Johnstown, PA). Mason will be entering his sophomore year at Saint Francis University (Loretto, PA), where his primary course of study is Physical Therapy.

Samantha Stachura (Eugene, Oregon) is the daughter of Renee and Thomas Stachura (Parker, CO). "Sam" is the granddaughter of Thomas Stachura, secretary of Clover Lodge #348 (Ambridge, PA). She will be entering her junior year at the University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), where she is majoring in Human Physiology.

On behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania, the 2025 Scholarship Award Committee extends our heartfelt thanks to Luke B., Luke F., Toby, Lydia, Olivia, Mason, and Samantha for their dedication and hard work. We wish them continued success in completing their degrees and in all their future endeavors.

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The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is committed to supporting education and will continue to offer the OFRA of W/PA Scholarship Award (undergraduate) in the coming years. An "Application" and "Rules" for the scholarship are sent to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in W. PA at the beginning of April each year. Notification of this Award is also sent to our monthly magazine, the *Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine*. The application window typically runs from April to June, with a submission deadline usually around late June of the same year. The recipients are then notified before the beginning of their fall semester.

Submitted by Bob Grant, Scholarship Chairperson

## 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. A maximum award of \$4,000 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 to apply.

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" can also be downloaded from our website: "www.glpaioof.org" during the period from September to mid-November. Please note that the postmark deadline for submitting applications is Saturday, November 15, 2025.

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/graduate) and encourage you to continue your educational journey.

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

Submitted by Bob Grant, Scholarship Chairperson

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### ***AN APPEAL ...To all Pennsylvania Odd Fellows:***

Have you considered taking our highest degree - the Chevalier Degree? The Patriarchs Militant will exemplify the **full** Degree in October. *No matter where you live or what your background is,* I cordially invite you to join us and continue your Odd Fellow journey. We need **YOU** in the ***Patriarchs Militant!***

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