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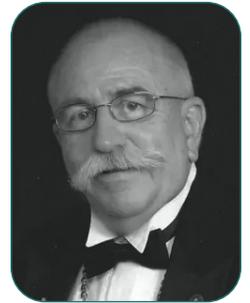
Pennsylvania was well represented this year on the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Rose Bowl Float. I, Debra B Young, Past Sovereign Grand Musician, PA Grand Musician and Warden-Elect to the Grand Lodge got to ride on the float this year. The 2026 float was entitled Community Garden, Together We Grow. The float won the Golden State Award.



I was so honored and humbled to get to work on the float as well as ride on the float. My husband and I got to reconnect with friends from California, New Jersey, Texas, Iowa, Colorado and New York. We spent several days cutting flowers, gluing flowers onto the float, working with buffalo grass on the raccoon and most importantly placing the roses on the float. I can not express my thanks enough to Roberta and JR Prosk and the committee for selecting me to ride. I will never forget it.

This is an important avenue for our order to get more interested in what we are about and what we do. Please remember to support this wonderful float. Anyone can go and help decorate the float, it is alot of work and alot of fun. The best part is meeting other Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. They are still paying for this year's float, so please consider sending a donation so we can pay off this float and look forward to next year's float.

Answers
Final Call



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MOONEY**

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No. 106
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GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Friendly greetings, brothers and sisters,

March 2026, what will this month be like? Will it come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? I only hope this month will be nicer, not the freezing cold and 12 inches of snow we had in February. The month of March this year has a Friday the thirteenth. Will you have good luck or bad luck? I guess it would depend if you are superstitious or not. The good side of all of this is: on March 8, we turn the clocks forward one hour, giving us longer days of sunshine, and March 20, the first day of spring. This is the month that all lodges receive their semi-annual report. I know, another job to be done.

As in the past, I am requesting that all lodges complete this report and return it to the Grand Lodge. The report is to be completed up to the last meeting night in March, then on the first meeting of April, the Noble Grand and Secretary sign the report, place the lodge seal on page two, and mail the report to Grand Secretary, Justin Bailey. All lodges should complete their report and return it to Grand Lodge, no later than May 15.

The completed Annual and Semi-annual reports are a labor of love: the love of our order, the love of friendship and truth, and our love for our brothers and sisters and our communities. Love is the

second link in our three links: Friendship, Love and Truth. Love teaches us the ability to achieve goodness, to be self sacrificing and to promote good will. A smile is a way of showing love and understanding. Odd fellows practice this grand principal in our every day life through our actions and our lodges. It is through this love that we support all of the charities of Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Lodge, such as Visual Research, PA, Special Visual Assistance, Arthritis Foundation, Arthritis Foundation, PA, Educational Scholarship, Educational Endowment Fund, The Living Legacy Program and Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth and others. All lodges should be raising funds or donating from their treasury to provide revenue to all of our charities. We are taught in the initiatory degree that, "In the practice of friendship, love and truth will be found the best safeguard against the ills of life." Our world today needs the hand of friendship, the love and understanding of each other, and the truth which will secure a peaceful and safe place to reside. It is our mission to make the world a better place to live.

BE THE ANCHOR

In Friendship Love and Truth,
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Grand Master

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

John J. Delach, #348
Alan K. Johnson, #447

35 YEARS

Edward E. Mioduski, #1004

45 YEARS

Roger J. Browning, #523
William A. Hudak, #523
Darren R. Oaks, #523

50 YEARS

Paul E. Lautenschlager, GM#88
Larry L. Bernet, #141
Richard A. Arnold, #471

55 YEARS

Eldon L. Sechler, #1010

65 YEARS

Darwin F. Bradley, #1128

135 YEARS

Hampton Lodge No. 1004, Allison Park

140 YEARS

Askam Lodge No. 899, Sugar Notch

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Lautenschlager has scheduled the following visits for March.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

3 - Triune #307 OV - 7:30PM
9 - Lititz #1050 OV - 7:00PM
16 - Lewistown #97 OV - 7:30PM
23 - Mont-Curtis-Norris #57 OV - 7:30PM

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

Harmony Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua

Nicky L. Leisner-Myirski - initiated January 14th
Keith D. Marks, Jr.

Brady Lodge No. 116, Muncy

Kimberly Price - initiated December 17th
Mason Price
Keith W. Webster
Eric Dieterle

Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128, Atlantic

Justin Horne - initiated October 13th
Daryl Horne

CHARLEROI LODGE HONORS VETERANS

2025 Veterans Day Parade on the Pittsburgh Mon Valley area. This is our second year participating and we plan on making it an annual event. Picture left to right is. Conductor Sean Howells, Vice Grand Jonathon Kiggins, Noble Grand Joe Valla, Financial Secretary. Jim Howells.



FREEDOM LODGE #88 ANNUAL BACKPACK DONATION

On Friday, January 16, 2026, Freedom Lodge #88 delivered twelve Backpacks loaded with school supplies to the Wayne Highlands Middle School. This has become an annual donation on behalf of our Lodge and it is always well received. Dr. John Kretschmer, Principal, was very thankful for our efforts and assured us they are given to only those students that are in need. Pictured from left to right: Forrest C. Goodenough, Mike Kinzinger, Dennis Hiller - Freedom Lodge #88 Vice Grand, Dr. John Kretschmer - WHMS Principal, Paul Lautenschlager - PA Grand Master, Bert Terysen - Freedom Lodge #88 Noble Grand, Andrew Kilmer - PA Grand Marshal and Gibsen Goodenough. Thanks to all of those people that bought and/or sold Gun Raffle and Meat Raffle Tix - that support makes things like this happen!



Places to GO... People to See

+ denotes details to follow

MARCH

14 / OF & R Assn of Western PA meeting
27 - 29 / Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, Roanoke, VA

APRIL

11 / Spring Rally, Nazareth, PA

MAY

1 - 3 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns,
Arlington, VA

JUNE

5-7 / Canadian War Memorial, Ottawa
20 - 24 / Unified Session, Harrisburg (pg #)

JULY

25 / IOOF Fun Day, Knoebel's, Elysburg+

AUGUST

14 - 20 / SGL/GMC/IARA Session, Frisco, TX+

SEPTEMBER

19 / PGM Lautenschlager Testimonial, Dunmore+

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

SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF KENNETH FAUB AND WALLACE GROSSETT

Scholarships awarded to 7 students from Odd Fellow Unified #2

Five were family-related to members, and 2 were from the Community.

Each student received \$1000.00

5 Family members of Unified Lodge #2

1. ARABELLA GILANSAH, Sponsor James A McMahon
2. DOUGLAS SUDOR, Sponsor James A McMahon
3. BRAIDEN SUDOR, Sponsor James A McMahon
4. CAROLINE LIPTAK Sponsor James A McMahon
5. EMMA LUTHER, Sponsor Earlene McMahon

2 Are from the Community

6. RILEY HABEL. Sponsor Donna Faub
- BRANDON BURNS Sponsor James A McMahon

TREASURER'S TALES - MARCH 2026

We have been following Barney, Melchizedek and a group of fictitious New Jersey Odd Fellows' exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at March 1931. The calendar in March 1931 looks just like the calendar in March 2026. There is a Friday the 13th. As many of you know, every Friday the 13th, the Independent Order of Raccoons holds a special meeting, that will be the main subject of my column, but we must recap other events first.

Many great and memorable events took place in March 1931. On March 3, President Hoover signed a congressional act that made "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem. On March 5, Ghandi signed a pact with Britain ending the civil disobedience movement. On March 18, the first electric shaver was sold in the US, made by Schick. On March 19, Nevada legalized Gambling.

Many notable people were born in March 1931. Mikhail Gorbachev the last Soviet leader was born on March 2. Also born on March 2, was Tom Wolfe, famous American author. On March 11, Rupert Murdoch, journalist and owner of Fox News Chanel was born. On March 20, Hal Linden was born. Hal was famous for his portrayal of Barney Miller on TV; his real name was Harold Lipshitz. On March 22, William Shatner was born. This was a good month for Star Trek enthusiast, Leonard Nimoy was born on March 26.

Some notable persons passed in March 1931. On March 28, Ban Johnson died, he was the founder and president of the American Baseball League and is honored in the MLB Hall of Fame. On March 31, Knute Rockne was killed in a plane crash. Knute was the famous football coach at Notre Dame.

Barney was busy with English classes and the St. Patrick's day dance at his high school. We are going to give him a rest this month and let Melchizedek carry the load.

On Friday, March 13, 1931, the Independent Order of Raccoons held a regional meeting near Nazareth, Pennsylvania. An explanation is in order to describe the Order. The Independent Order of Raccoons is open to all raccoons of either sex who are living independently. Zoo animals are not permitted to join. Zookeepers have suppressed any organization of animals which would support independent action. There is a clandestine Raccoon Knights for Freedom, but it will not be discussed here.

The Independent Order of Raccoons wear collars with jewel pendants attached. The jewels are all in the shape of a garbage can with different symbols on them, designating the office. The ceremony begins with a traditional banquet at the best restaurant in town. At 1:00am, the members gather at the garbage cans behind the restaurant and enjoy remnants of steak, lobster, pork chops and other fine dining subjects.

Most raccoons are nocturnal and meet after dark. In the woods closest to the best hotel in town, the lodge gathers at 3:00am to begin the ceremony. Melchizedek has been grand master for four years and must surrender his post. After the traditional ceremony of reading a poem honoring the garbage can, the raccoons sing an ancient ode honoring their past as woodland creatures. The business meeting follows, with lengthy reports from the committee chairs and speeches by the two living past grand masters. The speeches are almost too much for some of the older members who begin to snore before the speakers finish.

Melchizedek has learned how to control elections. His nephew, Saul, is his trusted follower and ally. All the raccoon delegates from New Jersey and Pennsylvania are committed to electing Saul the new Grand Master. Maryland and Connecticut have candidates to offer, but they do

not have enough delegates to carry the election. A few don't like the fact that Melchizedek is promoting one of his relatives to replace him. The bylaws committee had proposed a clause prohibiting electioneering, but the proposal failed. Saul had brought a whole carton of moldy doughnuts and was entertaining the delegates at the back of the woods, asking for their vote. When the vote was taken, it wasn't close. Saul was elected on the first ballot.

Installation took place immediately and collars were exchanged. It was decided that the next regional meeting, which would not occur till 1932, would take place at the large garbage dump on Long Island. There was a garbage can manufacturing facility in Wilkes-Barre and a tour was arranged for 2:00am the following night. The delegates all retreated to nearby trees to sleep through the daylight hours of the thirteenth. At 2:00am they assembled to tour the factory and then went to the local Howard Johnson's restaurant to sample the leftovers from the fish fry of the previous day.

After the closing dinner, Saul spoke for ten minutes, realizing that the delegates wanted to go home. His uncle, Melchizedek, took him through the woods, back to New Jersey, to begin his term.

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.

DAYS GONE BY



From not that long ago - early 1990s era. The installation staff of Chosen Friends Encampment No. 88 of Malvern. DDGP H. Frank Stanley and team, equipped with the old style collars and white gloves. Does anyone look familiar here??

Back row (L to R): Robert Swinehart, Robert Vaughn, Taylor Stauffer.

Front row (L to R): Jacob Hannah, J. Raymond Howe, H. Frank Stanley, Dale Binkley, Edward Binkley.

~ Photo & names submitted by Dale Binkley

SPRING CITY CELEBRATES IN STYLE



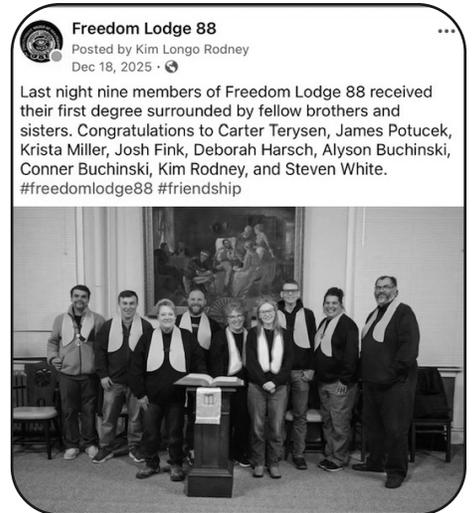
Vincent Lodge #762 hosted our annual holiday dinner. We had representatives from the Grand Lodge, Malvern, Boyertown and Paoli lodges join us for a fantastic night of friendship, food and great music.

We were also grateful for our Educational Pilgrimage for Youth student, Annie, who spoke to us about her life changing experience on the Pilgrimage for Youth trip. \$330 was raised from their basket raffle for the Grand Master's project, suicide awareness, which the Lodge will match.

Fraternally
Sue Grumblatt , Secretary



Freedom Lodge 88
Posted by Kim Longo Rodney
1h · 🌐
Conferring the second degree. Thank you to all our Lodge members that were present. A special thanks to Paul Lautenschlager Grand Master of PA.



Freedom Lodge 88
Posted by Kim Longo Rodney
Dec 18, 2025 · 🌐
Last night nine members of Freedom Lodge 88 received their first degree surrounded by fellow brothers and sisters. Congratulations to Carter Terysen, James Potucek, Krista Miller, Josh Fink, Deborah Harsch, Alyson Buchinski, Conner Buchinski, Kim Rodney, and Steven White.
#freedomlodge88 #friendship



Freedom Lodge 88 is at Western Wayne School District.
Posted by Kim Longo Rodney
Dec 22, 2025 · 🌐
Freedom Lodge #88 Donated a second bench to the Western Wayne School District today. Accepting bench for Western Wayne High School was Principal Paul Gregorski.
#freedomlodge88 #makingadifference

NORRISTOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY



The photo are from the Montgomery Curtis Norris Lodge #57 Christmas party which was held Sunday, January 11th at the Washington House, Sellersville. The photo on left is the entire party that was present. The photo on the right was our presentation of (2) 20 year pins.



From right to left is Jim Dimpfer, Noble Grand, Doug Emerson, Jan Boggess, and Frank Hilt, DDGM.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Greetings from your Grand Chaplain,

As our Unified Session grows closer, I am asking all lodges for help with this year's memorial service. This year I would like to add a different touch to the service by having picture boards with our departed members involved in lodge activities.

These pictures can be any form of activity from just hanging out at the lodge to parades to clean up days and etc!!

Please send copies of photos either by mail or email.

Mailing address is:

Tracy Knight
747 Main Street
Duke Center, PA 16729

Email address is: tracylynn665@gmail.com

Please indicate what type of activity is happening, the person being remembered, their rank and their location in the photo. Please submit photos no later than June 5th 2026. If any lodge would like to sponsor a photo boards (regular office cork board), let me know by June 5th also.

Thank you!
Grand Chaplain
Tracy L. Knight

WARREN ODD FELLOWS LODGE 339



Warren Lodge 339 had to postpone the Christmas Party until January 18th but the wait was well worth it. The array of food brought by the members was outstanding and the meats were prepared by a local master chef, Frank Chiodo. The evening began with a lot of pool playing and stimulating conversation and culminated in a dining experience that would make a five-star restaurant seem mediocre. After dinner and cleanup, the dining room was transformed back to the Pinewood Derby design and construction studio so that members could get back to work on the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby cars. The workshop runs through January and February.

EARL LODGE MAKES DONATION

Earl Lodge #413 made a \$10,000 donation to the Welsh Mountain Community center. The community center maintains an outdoor park and also an indoor meeting room open to the public. The organization is completely funded by donation and no government or tax dollars are used.



MARCH OBITUARIES

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



W. Leroy Fitzgerald

Grand Jurisdictional Lodge No. 0
December 31, 2025

Brother Wallace Leroy Fitzgerald, 99, of Pottstown, PA, was initiated into Manatawny Lodge #214, Pottstown, on September 29, 1995, where he became a Past Grand on October 12, 1998 and served several years as Secretary. He became a member of Grand Jurisdictional Lodge #0 when Manatawny Lodge went defunct on November 25, 2006. He was a Rebekah of Lady Wittenmeyer Rebekah Lodge #20, of Pottstown, having joined March 11, 1998 until they went defunct on November 25, 2006. He was a Past Junior Warden and former Scribe of Excelsior Encampment #85, Pottstown, having joined November 1, 1995 until their closure in October 2006, and was a former Chevalier of Canton Pottstown No. 6, having served as Clerk and Ensign, and receiving an honorable discharge in 2003. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Manatawny Lodge still affiliated with the Order.

He was preceded in death by his son.

Burial was held at Highland Memorial Park Mausoleum, Pottstown, PA.



Elwood W. Krodel, Jr.

Triune Lodge No. 307
January 6, 2026

Brother Elwood W. Krodel, Jr., 82, of Big Lake, MN, was initiated into Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, PA, on January 7, 2008. He was an electrician and did much of the work in the Grand Lodge office.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and one great-grandson. Surviving are two daughters, two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown.



Kermit W. Serfass

Hopkins Lodge No. 87
January 9, 2026

Brother Kermit W. Serfass, 85, of Levittown, PA, was initiated into Hopkins Lodge #87, Bristol, PA, on September 25, 2004, where he became a Past Grand. He served as Treasurer for several years, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was a U.S. Navy Cold War Veteran and a member of Emilie United Methodist Church, Levittown, PA.

Surviving is his wife, the former Carole Davies, two children and two grandchildren.

Burial will be private.

John K. Mohney

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
January 26, 2026

Brother John K. Mohney, 97, of Transfer, PA, was initiated in to Lowango Lodge #1022, New Hamburg, PA, on March 11, 1953. He became a member of Adoniram Lodge #739, Sharpville, through consolidation on May 31, 1985 and finally Sandy Lake Lodge #573 through consolidation on July 7, 2008. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Peg Davis, and one daughter. Surviving is one daughter, one son, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Riverside Cemetery, Sharpville.



Hervey M. Painter

Paoli Lodge No. 290
January 26, 2026

Brother Hervey M. Painter, 101, of New Holland, PA, was initiated into Pilgrims Lodge #455, Lionville, PA, on December 3, 1951. He became a member of Brandywine Lodge #388, Downingtown, through consolidation on November 9, 1974, where he became a Past Grand on September 15, 1981. He became a member of Star of Hope Lodge #199, Coatesville, through consolidation on February 19, 2001, and finally Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, through consolidation on November 17, 2005. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member by age and tenure, as well as the last surviving member of Pilgrims Lodge #455 and Brandywine Lodge #388 still affiliated with the Order. He was also an associate member of Earl Lodge #413, New Holland.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester.

Surviving is his wife, the former Mary Pearson, one stepson one stepdaughter, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service for Terry Fritz:

It will be held: May 2, 2026 @ 11:00 am
Jordan United Church of Christ
1837 Church Rd., Allentown, PA 18104

A Rebekah Service will be held after the Memorial Service

Any questions or concerns you can reach
Charlotte Fritz 484-597-0035

MARCH OBITUARIES



Robert C. Trill, Jr.
Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278
December 12, 2025

Brother Robert C. Trill, Jr., 88, of Parker, PA, was initiated into Lawrenceburg Lodge #782, Parkers Landing, PA, on November 2, 1956. He became a member of Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, PA, through consolidation on September 12, 1978. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Lawrenceburg Lodge #782 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Parker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Nancy Ashbaugh, one son, and one infant grandchild. Surviving is one daughter, one son, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Parker Presbyterian Cemetery.



Kenneth L. Groff
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736
January 14, 2026

Brother Kenneth L. Groff, 89, of Calvin, PA, was initiated into Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, PA, on October 15, 2016.

He was a U.S. Army Cuban Missile Crisis Veteran and a member of Bellevue Presbyterian Church in Gap.

Surviving is his wife, the former Nancy Brubaker, also of Mt. Hor Lodge, two sons, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Sadsbury Friends Burial Grounds, Gap, PA.

William S. Mooney
Past Grand Patriarch
January 29, 2026

Brother William Shannon Mooney, 77, of Centre Twp, PA, was initiated into Leesport Lodge #141 on May 22, 1993, where he became a Past Grand on October 10, 1995 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 13, 1996. He went on to serve as Grand Conductor of the Grand Lodge from 2015 - 2016 for PGM Emilie Cupp. On March 25, 2013, he became an Associate member of Strasburg Lodge #361.

Patriarch Mooney's efforts were shown in full force in the Encampment branch. He became a Patriarch of Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106, Leesport, on November 12, 1994. He served as District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1999 - 2000. He served as Grand Outside Sentinel for

PGP Reinhart from 2005 - 2006 and then went through the chairs to serve our Jurisdiction as Grand Patriarch from 2009 - 2010. Following that, after a year of serving as Grand High Priest, he went on to serve as Grand Marshal of the Grand Encampment for four years (2011-12 PGP Miller, 12-13 PGP Thomas, 13-14 Sellers and 14-15 Calhoun). He also served for several years as the Grand Encampment representative to the Odd Fellows Home of Pennsylvania.

He served the Patriarchs Militant faithfully, mustering into Canton Leesport on December 1, 1995. He left the Canton in 2004 and reinstated on November 30, 2010. He served several years as clerk. He was a Rebekah of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182, Leesport, being initiated November, 2009.

Surviving is his wife, the former Jean Beyerly, two sons, one daughter and two grandsons.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

Barbara W. King
Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
January 30, 2026

Sister Barbara W. (Willson) King, 93, of Wysox, PA, was initiated into Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 on September 5, 1959, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 3, 1966. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

She was a member of the Wysox Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas.

Surviving are two sons, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge.



Eugene F. Shaffer
Mahanoy Lodge No. 551
February 4, 2026

Brother Eugene F. Shaffer, 90, of Millersburg, PA, was initiated into Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, PA, on January 31, 1963, where he became a Past Grand.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, Shirley, two sons, one daughter, two granddaughters and four grandsons.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER... HONORING MAJOR GENERAL HARVEY MEADOWS, PDC

Last fall I gathered with fellow Chevaliers at Catlin Hollow Cemetery near Wellsboro to honor our fourteenth Department Commander, Major General Harvey Meadows and his wife Rosamond - Odd Fellows that are very special to our history in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Major General Meadows led the Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant from 1976 to 1980 and we came together to recognize his dedication to our Order.



Harvey Vernon Meadows was born 1913 in West Virginia to Thomas and Hattie Roby Meadows. The family soon moved to Wellsboro where he spent the rest of his life. Mr. Meadows worked at Corning Glass for 34 years where he received many awards for innovations promoting increased efficiency and productivity. He also owned and operated a dairy farm. In 1933 he married Mary Rosamond Bailey of Wellsboro, and had a family of three daughters. Mr. Meadows was a member of Catlin Hollow Church and was very active in Methodist Church programs. He was Master of Charleston Union Grange and a charter member of Wellsboro Moose. In his spare time Harvey enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Brother Meadows came to our Order in 1956 by joining Tioga Lodge #230 (consolidated with Carbon Lodge #489 in 1988, defunct 2007). He was a DDGM for many years. Patriarch Meadows was Exalted to the Royal Purple Degree as a member of Wellsboro Encampment #78 (consolidated with Tioga Valley #319, defunct 1998). After many years of outstanding Encampment work Patriarch Meadows was elected Grand Patriarch in 1975. He was active in the Tioga County Association of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and also A.M.O.S. of East Troy, for which he often hosted events at his home.

A member of Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant Canton Tyco #10, Chevalier Meadows served in various Department Council offices until 1976 when he was promoted to Major General and assumed the office of Department Commander of Pennsylvania, Patriarchs Militant - our fourteenth such Commander, serving until 1980. Although this was a period of declining numbers in Odd

Fellowship, Major General Meadows kept the Department stable and was able to pass on Division status (meaning 16 or more Cantons) and thus the two star rank of Major General to his successor, Major General Frank Stanley.

One of Major General Meadows' greatest contributions was his role as a Director of the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows Orphanage in Sunbury. He served many years there as the Chairman of the Farm Committee, managing the orphanage farm. Throughout the 1960's Meadows made improvements to the farming and dairy operations, increasing profitability and teaching valuable life lessons to the residents. The Meadows held annual picnics for the orphanage in the 1960's at their home. Newspaper articles of the day state that it was a highly anticipated event and was always a great success. What good Odd Fellows the Meadows were, so generously and faithfully carrying out the stated principles of our Order.

Serving as a Director of the Orphanage with Major General Meadows was his wife, Mrs. M. Rosamond Meadows, a nurse by profession. She too was an Odd Fellow and dedicated many years to our Order with much distinction. She was a long time member of Mary Packer Rebekah Lodge #594 (consolidated with Miranda #107). She served as a District Deputy, was elected President of the Board of the Rebecca Home and undertook many other leadership positions. Most notably she was very active in the L.A.P.M. where she received the Decoration of Chivalry and was elected Department Association President for 1982-84. We respect the many years that Lady Meadows dedicated to our Order and the faithful assistance that she gave to Major General Meadows in carrying out his duties as a Chevalier. She and

Major General Meadows were a great Odd Fellows couple that generously gave to our jurisdiction.

Major General Harvey Vernon Meadows sadly died in 1990 at the age of 76. His fellow Chevaliers honored him with our sacred ceremonies at his funeral. His daughter said of him, "He was a positive take charge type. If he had a job to do he went ahead and did it. There wasn't too much he couldn't do or fix". Past Department Commander Bruce Torrence knew Brother Meadows well, and says of him "He was a person who wanted to help - any time someone needed help with anything Harvey was there for them". There are still quite a few Odd Fellows with us that knew the Meadows and all that I have spoken to have fond memories. Major General Meadows' beloved wife Rosamond died in 1996. She joined Harvey in Eternal Rest and is buried with him at Catlin Hollow, near their church and home.

I was joined for a solemn graveside memorial service by Major General Bailey who sounded taps and Brigadier General Inama who led us in prayer. We noted our Odd Fellows symbolism carved upon the Meadows stone, thus signifying their eternal dedication to Odd Fellowship and their fraternal Brothers and Sisters. We came to the final resting place of Major General and Lady Meadows in the spirit of F, L & T to affirm our commitment to carry on their good work, to honor and remember them. We pray that they know that the great Fraternal Order that they so selflessly committed so much of their lives to will always cherish their memory as they continue to rest in peace together.

Lieutenant General William F. Hanby
Department Commander



54TH ANNUAL PA IOOF UNIFIED SESSION 2026

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

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

Banquet: The Banquet for all Branches will be held on Sunday, June 21st, 2026. The cost per person will be \$50.00. Choice of Dinner Entrees will be Braised Beef Short Rib with Port Wine Semi-Glaze or Chicken Lemon Artichoke Bruschetta (Gluten Free). Please contact Ellie Trulick with any dietary concerns for this meal. Phone: (814) 383-4476

Program Booklet: Please print or type all ads and booster names. Send with remittance to Tom McHugh, 288 Church Rd., Mountain Top, PA 18707. You can email the ads to tmchugh@epix.net.

Full Page (5 1/2" by 8 1/2") B/W- \$30.00, Half Page \$20.00, Quarter Page \$10.00. No extra charge for pictures. Booster Names (No Titles) - \$1.00. The preferred format for ads submitted is PDF file format.

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

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

FUN NIGHT: Fun Night will take place on SATURDAY, JUNE 20th. It's "MUSIC" BINGO Night with cash prizes, basket raffles, and lots of fun and surprises. Free snacks and a cash bar. Ticket for 1 free water or soda per person. \$1.00 per Bingo Card per game.

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

The 54th Unified Session of all Branches of our Order in Pennsylvania will be held at the:

**Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111 from
Saturday, June 21st through
Wednesday, June 24th, 2026, inclusive.**

Room Reservations: Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The room rate is \$119.00 plus tax. Telephone 717-939-7841 or toll free 1 (800) 637-4817. Deadline for room reservations is June 1, 2026. When making your Room Reservation please tell the hotel representative that you are with the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows - Grand Lodge." (Limit 4 persons per room).

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 1, 2026.

NO GUARANTEES OF ROOMS OR MEALS AFTER THE DEADLINE!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS PROMPTLY!

2026 REGISTRATION FORM
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
54th Annual Unified Session
June 20-24, 2026



ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER
(one form per attendee please)

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for 2026 Unified Session (Harrisburg, PA) \$10.00 \$ _____
Sunday All-Branches Banquet (Formal Attire) \$50.00 \$ _____
(Select your meal option)

Braised Beef Short Rib with Port Wine Semi-Glaze
Chicken Lemon Artichoke Bruschetta (Gluten Free)
Chicken Fingers (Children 10 and under) \$ 20.00 \$ _____

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

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday - Fun Night - "Music" Bingo (Casual Attire) I Plan on attending
No entry charge / Free Snacks / Cash Bar / \$1.00 per bingo card

Sunday - Memorial Service (Formal Attire) I Plan on attending
A goodwill offering will be taken

Monday - Dept. Council change-in-command (Formal Attire) I Plan on attending

Tuesday - Joint Installation & Reception (Formal Attire) I Plan on attending

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM, ADS and CHECKS TO:

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

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNIFIED SESSION COMMITTEE

Periodicals

JANUARY DONATIONS

GRAND MASTER'S PROJECT – SUICIDE PREVENTION			PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
2	JrPGM Robert B. Ruff	100.00	488	Aluta	100.00
			1128	Fallowfield	67.15
			1004	Hampton	50.00
PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE			2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
74	Mount Zion	500.00			242.15
R30	Beverly Bowers	<u>5.00</u>	2	Unified	25.00
		505.00			
PA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND					
1128	Fallowfield	167.88			
PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
	Henry Elliot Trust	1,590.92			
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>			
		1,640.92			
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION					
1128	Fallowfield	67.15			
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>			
		117.15			